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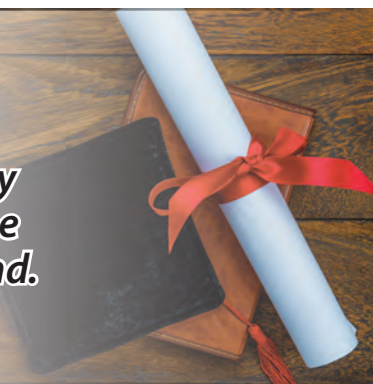
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“Terrible blow” to Lake Winnipeg commercial fishery salvaged by Liberals

By Patricia Barrett

Some Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers are breathing a sigh of relief after provincial Liberal Party Leader Dougald Lamont (St. Boniface MLA) worked on their behalf to get Manitoba’s inland fishery included in a federal emergency food program that was originally introduced in May.

The department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced June 15 that the \$50-million Surplus Food Rescue Program will now include fish and seafood in addition to items such as meat.

The federal government is buying up perishable food stocks to help producers cope with market impairments caused by COVID-19, and distributing them to food banks and vulnerable Canadians.

Lake Winnipeg fishers suffered a major setback after COVID wiped out their restaurant and hospitality markets and high value pickerel market in America. The virus wreaked havoc just as freezers at the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation – which buys and sells most of Manitoba’s fish – filled to capacity at the tail end of the winter fishing season.

With nowhere to sell, FFMC had to drastically curtail buying. That in turn effectively shut down the spring fishing season. Only a handful of fish-



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Dougald Lamont gets some tips from fisher Robert T. Kristjanson

ers went out to catch species such as whitefish, which is sold primarily to retail stores.

Realizing fishers had no one fighting their corner, Lamont said he met with FFMC to gauge the situation then asked the federal government for assistance.

“We told the feds this is an extremely urgent issue and, basically, the federal government expanded its program,” Lamont told the *Express* last week. “I think the federal government has done a good job of being flexible and recognizing there are gaps that need to be filled.”

There are about 2,000 fishery jobs at stake plus all the jobs at FFMC’s

processing plant in Winnipeg, said Lamont, and it’s important to get people back to work. The fishery provides “good jobs” to rural people and that in turn helps drive the provincial economy.

“When we talk about jobs and economic development, we want to make sure we’re helping people grow economies locally, whether that’s in Gimli or elsewhere in the Interlake,” said Lamont. “We can’t take it for granted that some foreign corporation is going to come in and be helpful. This entire crisis has shown the importance of self-reliance and that’s something we really want to build on.”

Lamont said he’s optimistic FFMC’s backlog will be cleared in time for the fall fishing season. The details of what the assistance will look like are expected in the next few weeks.

As for assistance from the provincial Conservative government, Lamont said it “just wouldn’t” help despite his party having written letters suggesting it buy some of the frozen fish and distribute it to Manitobans who are food insecure.

Lamont, along with his daughter Freya, learned first-hand how hard fishers work when Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers Robert and Chris Kristjanson took him on the lake to pull up nets a few weeks ago.

And anybody that can figure out a way to “keep our fishery going during this pandemic” is welcome aboard his skiff to learn how commercial fishers work, said Chris Kristjanson, who fishes off Hecla and has been in the business for over 40 years.

Calling COVID a “terrible blow” to his industry, he said hardly anyone fished the spring season because there was nowhere to sell their fish.

“Dougald knocked on my door, saying ‘Chris, what can we do to help?’ Nobody else came to my door during this crisis,” said Kristjanson.

The pandemic came on the heels of turbulent changes made over the past three years by the provincial Conser-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS KRISTJANSON
Dougald Lamont and his daughter Freya leaving Hecla with fisher Chris Kristjanson.

vatives, said Kristjanson. The party axed the province’s contract with FFMC, allowing private fish buyers to set up shop, mandated two mesh size changes for a fishery that demands “flexibility on mesh” in order to meet changing population and species movement, and bought quota to reduce the number of fishers on the lake.

Coupled with the loss of pickerel markets and a frozen-fish backlog, the stress on the industry is enormous, he added. The fishers are fighting for their industry during a worldwide health crisis and their own province is trying to get them off the lake.

“I’m worried we’re losing our industry. If we don’t have a place to sell our fish, then why would anybody go out and catch fish?” said Kristjanson. “And if nobody’s going to catch fish, what’s going to happen to our industry?”

Kristjanson said he took Lamont on a “three-minute” car tour of Gimli’s Industrial Park to show him “failed” private fish-buying operations. Donald Salkeld, who Lake Manitoba and northern fishers say scampered off with \$1 million worth of their fish, has an empty lot on which nothing was ever built, and the Arctic Blue facility across the road hasn’t opened.

The province was tasked by the federal government in the 1930s with managing the commercial fishery, and Kristjanson said he wants to know where it is as fishers “sit on shore” unsure of their future.

“Where in the hell is the management on this lake? It’s a bad enough thing when you’re on your knees then you get kicked in the head,” he said. “Right now, we have a really big issue. The lake is absolutely teeming with fish and the freezers are full at the marketing board. Does this sound like sustainability?”

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Drive-in and drive-thru diplomas for AEMS Grade 8 and kindergarten students

By Patricia Barrett

It wasn't just Evergreen School Division's high school students who worked hard to earn their diplomas. Kindergarten and Grade 8 students at Arborg Early Middle School did too, and their teachers and parents pulled out all the stops to safely celebrate their respective milestones.

Students had successfully worked their way through the curriculum after the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of classes in March and students were forced to study from home.

AEMS held two outdoor graduation ceremonies on June 22 in order to keep everybody within a two-metre distance of one other as required by public health.

The Arborg recreation centre's parking lot was transformed into a splashy graduation venue for the Grade 8 class's evening ceremony, and family and friends were able to watch from their cars or beside their cars.

"Cars came into socially distanced spots at the rink parking lot that were already marked out, and families were able to stand outside their vehicles on their left-hand side," said guidance counsellor and physical education



Benjamin Timchishen, with teacher Desiree Johnston, holds up his kindergarten diploma.

teacher Rachelle Burak.

A number of Grade 8 students earned awards for outstanding academic and athletic performances. Sydney Burak was named Female Athlete of the Year while Sawyer Zuk picked up the Male Athlete of the Year award. Alliana Rempel and Brooke Barylski both earned an Award of Excellence.

For the socially distanced "drive-thru" grad for kindergarten students, Burak said the celebration took place in the morning in front of the



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF RACHELLE BURAK
AEMS Principal Brad Harding and kindergarten teachers Kathleen Charrier and Desiree Johnston congratulated the grads.

school where teachers held signs and cheered as cars made their way up the drive.

"Teachers were all lined up along the driveway into the school, while parents drove their child up to their

teacher," said Burak.

Teachers then presented their students with a diploma as principal Brad Harding and other staff congratulated them.



Sydney Burak, shown with her mom Rachelle, was named Female Athlete of the Year.



Sawyer Zuk was named Male Athlete of the Year.

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MP Bezan advocates for local military hero for \$5 bill

By Evan Matthews

An Interlake politician has put a name forward to the re-design of the \$5 bill in Canada.

James Bezan, Shadow Minister for National Defence and Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman, is calling for local military hero Sergeant Tommy Prince to be the next face on Canada's \$5 bill.

"I am proud to advocate with the Manitoba Conservative caucus to have Sergeant Tommy Prince as the next face on Canada's \$5 bill," said Bezan, noting he is working alongside fellow Conservative MP Marty Morantz (Charleswood—St. James—Assiniboia—Headingley).

Morantz formerly served as a councillor for the City of Winnipeg (Charleswood-Tuxedo-Whyte Ridge).

"Sergeant Prince, who grew up on the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, is Canada's most decorated Indigenous veteran.

"He was a founding member of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion and the Devil's Brigade during the Second World War. He went on to contribute to the stalwart defence of Hill 677 in the Battle of Kapyong during the Korean War," he said, adding Prince has 11 war medals to his name.

Prince was a direct descendent of Chief Peguis, for which the Peguis First Nation is named after. Chief Peguis led his band of 200 Ojibwa from the Sault Ste. Marie region to the Red River in the 1790s, according to the Department of National Defence (DND), and the Library and Archives of Canada. Prince is also a direct descendent of Chief William Prince, who headed the Ojibwa-Manitoba team of Nile Voyageurs, according to Canadian Archives.

One of the more well-known stories about Prince while he was a part of the Devil's Brigade in World War Two, according to the DND, was on Feb. 8, 1944, near Littoria, Italy.



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Tommy Prince, second from the right taken Oct. 14, 1952. The photo was taken at an Investiture located at Buckingham Palace; an Investiture is a day in which someone has been awarded an hour and receives their award in-person from the Queen.

Reconnaissance Sergeant Prince was spying on German forces. An abandoned farmhouse 200-metres from the enemy was his observation post, and 1,400-metres of telephone wire connected him to the allied force. DND, as well as archives, show he had a clear view of the enemy's artillery emplacements and was reporting them to the allied force.

During what would become a 24-hour solo watch, the Germans severed Prince's communication line by shelling, according to DND.

DND called Prince "unfazed", as the sergeant donned civilian clothing, grabbed a hoe and—in full view of German soldiers—acted like a farmer weeding his crops. He slowly inched his way along the communication line until he found the damage, and then, pretending to tie his shoelaces, rejoined the wires, according to DND.

His reporting continued along with the damage to enemy artillery posts.

But, according to Bezan, the end of Prince's story is not a happy one.

"Sergeant Prince was proud to serve and sacrifice for Canada, but as an Indigenous veteran, he was discriminated against by the federal government who failed to provide him the same post-war support as other veterans.

"Tragically, Sergeant Prince died alone and homeless at a Salvation Army shelter in 1977," said Bezan.

"In the spirit of reconciliation, putting Sergeant Tommy Prince on Canada's \$5 bill in place of Sir Wilfred Laurier would be deserved retribution.

In 1907, Prime Minister Laurier forced the illegal surrender of St. Peter's Reserve north of East Selkirk and marched the community 100 miles north to the new reserve of Peguis First Nation. St. Peter's Reserve is the mother reserve to Sergeant Prince's Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, and, Tommy Prince is a direct descendant of Chief Peguis," he said.

Bezan encouraged all Canadians to visit www.honour-tommyprince.ca to show gratitude for Prince's service and sacrifice, by recommending him as the next face of the \$5 bill.

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How to spend a day at the berry farm

Are you planning to visit a nearby berry farm? If so, here's how to make the most of your experience.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Once you decide which farm you want to visit, call or check their website or Facebook page to find out when you can pick the fruit and whether it's ready to be harvested. You should also determine what types of payment are accepted since some smaller producers only accept cash.

Write down the address and double check the route so you don't get lost. If you plan to pick your own fruit, be sure to protect yourself from the

sun by wearing sunscreen and a hat.

WHEN YOU GET THERE

If you want to pick your own berries, head straight to the booth to pay and find out how it works. An employee should be on hand to show you where to find the ripest ones. Pick all the good fruit you see before trying another spot. This way, you'll fill your container quickly and the next person can continue where you left off.

At the vendor's kiosk, take the opportunity to stock up on a variety of berries. Raspberries, blueberries, strawberries, blackberries and lesser-known types like sea buckthorn berries and black currants are perfect for snacking, making jam or topping yogurt,



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Nice al fresco eats

Getting outside doesn’t mean you need to be super active. Drivers or walkers can pick a neighbourhood like Corydon or Academy Road rimmed with nice patios or small shops to breeze in and out of.

Eating outdoors reveals Winnipeg at its casual best whether at an outdoor market, food truck



Left: Enjoy one of the many patios in the Exchange District. (William Au) Bee2Gether Bikes is a great way to see the sights at The Forks or Assiniboine Park. (Mike Peters)



or one of dozens of open-air patios, from CIBO Waterfront Café to the shaded riverside tiers of 529 Wellington.

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Keen to paddle

It’s a joy to see the city from the water in Winnipeg, a city with two major rivers and offshoots to change your perspective.

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Flood memories not so fleeting

By Evan Matthews

The Assiniboine River near Brandon is up 10 feet, and could get as high as 13 feet above normal levels by July 8, according to media reports.

The heightened levels have prompted city officials to ask residents to stay away from the river and off the dike, and officials have gone on record with media saying the city has done all it can do to prepare for flooding. No Brandon residents have been asked to evacuate just yet.

But recent heavy rains have sounded flash flood alarms elsewhere, with communities in southwest Manitoba—Minnedosa, Rapid City and Rivers (Little Saskatchewan River starts in Riding Mountain National Park at Lady Audy and runs 105 kilometres south through Minnedosa, Rapid City, and Rivers, and intersects with the Assiniboine River, west of Brandon)—evacuating as a precautionary measure.

Rivers Provincial Park is closed through July 9 as a result, and so too

was Kiche Manitou Campground at Spruce Woods Provincial Park.

The Red River also continues to rise, with experts saying the river shouldn't exceed its banks, but the province has issued a high-water advisory anyway.

RMs of Riverdale and Whitehead also evacuated close to 100 people as a precautionary measure.

The flooding in other locations should remind us of the not so fleeting memories of summer 2011.

It was reported at the time that over 700 properties were damaged in the RM of St. Laurent after the 2011 flood, with residents displaced for over half a year in some cases. Some residents shut down local businesses, and at one point even the golf course had been put up for sale.

In the same year, media reported the RM of Woodlands issued mandatory evacuation orders for 68 of its properties.

While some ratepayers may question why the RMs of Armstrong, Bifrost-Riverton, Coldwell, Fisher,

Gimli, Grahamdale, St. Laurent, West Interlake, Woodlands, and even the Town of Winnipeg Beach would spend upwards of \$150,000, respectively, on flood preparedness equipment, the rationale should be clear.

Of note, the funding for each RM has come from the Provincial 2020 Flood Preparedness Program.

In addition to the proactive flood preparedness spending, many RMs have placed emphasis in 2019 on training staff for emergency response situations.

While rain in the Interlake can be spotty, reading the current headlines brings us back to difficult times. We live in a fragile ecosystem, a place where we can so quickly be at mother nature's mercy.

The Interlake region's leaders deserve immense amounts of credit for getting ahead of flood-related issues, natural and man-made disasters, and preparing for the worst.

As the current headlines remind us, it's better to prepared for the worst and hope for the best, than it is to not be prepared at all and be in the midst of mother nature's wrath.

Winnipeg Beach councillor resigns, citing concerns with respect and fiscal management

By Patricia Barrett

Winnipeg Beach councillor Frank Masi resigned a few weeks ago, citing concerns with the overall leadership of the small Lake Winnipeg resort town.

The first-time councillor told the *Express* on June 26 that he gave a lot of thought to the matter before he came to his decision.

"After many attempts to express my displeasure with council's inability to govern the town with fairness and equality for all people, I just felt I had to resign," said Masi. "I feel the absence of leadership and lack of respect for the common good of the town and its future have resulted in a

divided township."

Masi added that he also has concerns over the handling of revenues, but did not go into detail.

"I feel they've not been fiscally responsible," he said. "There have been a number of poor decisions that I've lost sleep over."

There were many people in town that had "high hopes" for this new council, which was elected in 2018, said Masi, but the past two years didn't go the way people were hoping it would.

Masi and Coun. Larry Banks were newcomers in 2018. Tony Pimentel was acclaimed mayor when no one ran against him, and Pat Green and Darryl Carry were re-elected.

Masi is a long-time seasonal resident of Winnipeg Beach and said he has lots of love for his town, making his decision to step down that much harder.

"This year marks 50 years we've been residents in Winnipeg Beach. It's a milestone. My parents purchased our cottage in 1970," he said. "There's a lot of history and nostalgia and a lot of great memories here. That's where my love of the town came from."

Although the decision to resign was difficult, Masi said he felt he had no other option in keeping with his personal values. And there's much more

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Adaptable, ambitious graduates persevere through “strange times”

By Patricia Barrett

Fisher Branch Collegiate’s Class of 2020 graduates were celebrated for their ambition and for persevering through the COVID-19 pandemic during an outdoor ceremony held June 28 in front of the school.

Students were called up one by one to the graduation stage as friends and family watched from a distance.

Thea Dotig, class valedictorian, said the grads grew as individuals as well as a class, and they built friendships that went beyond the boundaries of class time. She thanked teachers, staff and parents for showing “continuous support” and “unconditional love.”

“We wouldn’t be here if not for all of you who helped us to become who we are today,” she said.

Calling the graduation ceremony a new beginning rather than a farewell, Dotig said she was excited for their future.

“Just how a painter paints on a blank canvas, I hope that each one of us will be able to fill our own canvases with everything that makes us happy, successful and contented,” said Dotig. “I can’t wait to see whatever life has in store for all of us.”

Lakeshore School Division trustee Darcy Plett noted how the pandemic had made for “strange times” and caused all sorts of disruptions to the grads’ routines. Students had to complete their school work at home, communicate with their teachers through apps and avoid getting together with friends. But they persevered with help from their teachers and parents.

“You have experienced a Grade 12 year like no other class in your generation. You survived this year because you adapted to the changing times,” said Plett. “An incredible life lesson was learned this year. It was the lesson of adapting to a changing world and preserving though unknown and unpredictable times. It was also a lesson in re-evaluating what’s really important in life ... your friends and family and community.”

Principal Shaun Lindal said the Grade 12 students will go down in history as trendsetting “COVID-19



Valedictorian Thea Dotig



Reanna Moore earned the Governor General’s academic medal.



Emily Mazur was presented with the General Proficiency award.

grads” and despite some challenges ahead, they’ll be successful in their future endeavours.

“What I’ve learned from these students is that even though we refer to them as a class, they are not just a group but more so a bunch of personalities who have found ways to work together and excel separately,” said Lindal. “[They] will have some uncertainty about how their future will play out. Stay positive; things will work out. Just look how far we came in a short time.”

Teacher Kyler Nottveit said this group of grads was the “most ambitious, driven and involved class.” He singled out each student, praising them for their commitment to sports and schoolwork, their artistic creations, volunteerism, and participation in extra-curricular activities such as cadets, curling and school council.



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Fisher Branch Collegiate class of 2020 put on their masks for their group photo.



Graduates tossed their caps to finalize their high school careers.

“You now get to utilize this ambition to pursue your passions in the next phase of your life. Utilize your strengths and face your weaknesses. Don’t run from them. This is how we grow,” said Nottveit. “You’ve all been given the skills to bless the people around you and make your community a better place as you have here at Fisher Branch Collegiate.”

Before the students were awarded their diplomas, teachers spoke about their accomplishments, unique skills and strengths and futures plans.

Along with their diplomas, grads received packages containing time capsule letters they had written to themselves in grades 1 and 8, as well as congratulatory messages from dignitaries. It also included letters of advice from Grade 1 students in the Fisher Branch Early Years school.

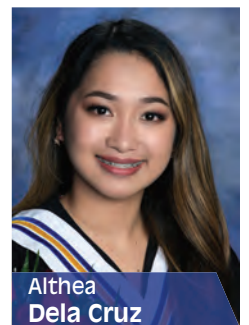
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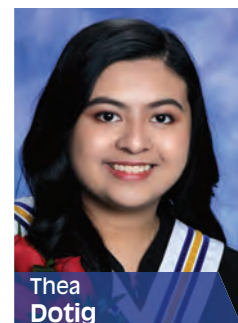
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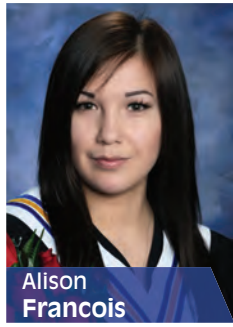
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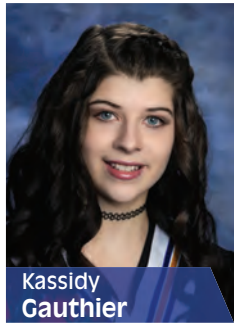
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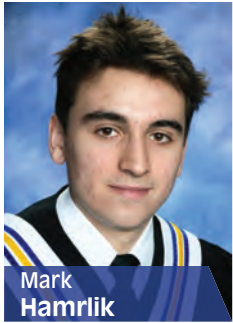
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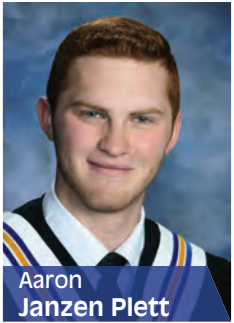
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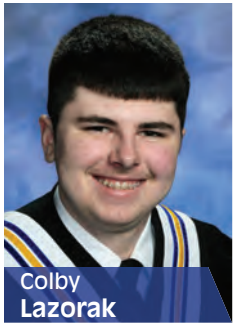
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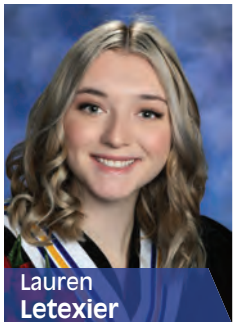
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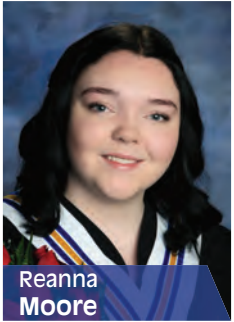
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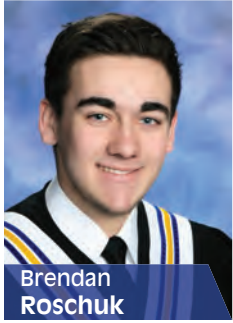
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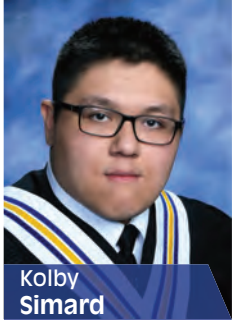
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Interlake Mennonite Fellowship School has record number of grads

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake Mennonite Fellowship School and the Okno community celebrated the achievements of their high school graduates at the end of May after students took on the challenge of completing their courses at home as the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools across the province.

The tight-knit farming and manufacturing community of Okno, about 20 kilometres north of Arborg, had a record number of graduates this year, with 10 students completing the requirements for a high school diploma.

Rynelle Penner, Jasper Dueck, Carla Reimer, Kenley Reimer, Evangelyn Reimer, Justin Sawatzky, Jennifer Kornelsen, Trevon Penner, Walter Wieler and Jeremy Klippenstein received their diplomas May 29, along with recognition from the community for their hard-earned achievement.

Because of public health orders restricting gathering sizes, the ceremony was livestreamed at the Interlake Mennonite Fellowship Church. Dueck and graduation organizers allowed the parents of each student to be present at the moment their child received his/her diploma.

During the ceremony, graduates shared their thoughts on 12 years of dedicated effort to achieve one of life's early milestones.

"If my goal is to leave school a wiser, more equipped, more mature person than I was when I entered school, [then all the effort is worth it]," said Rynelle Penner.

Trevon Penner acknowledged the support he received from friends and teachers over the course of his schooling.

"Graduation is definitely the completion of the largest project in my life so far," he said. "My incredible friends and capable teachers have made my school years educational and enjoyable."

Dueck also spoke during the ceremony, recognizing the pandemic's affect on the students and their ability to overcome its challenges, as well as noting the large number of graduates.

"Grads, you always knew it would be significant to



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From left Rynelle Penner, Jasper Dueck, Carla Reimer, Kenley Reimer, Evangelyn Reimer, Justin Sawatzky, Jennifer Kornelsen, Trevon Penner, Walter Wieler, Jeremy Klippenstein are the Interlake Mennonite Fellowship School's graduating class of 2020.

be the Class of 2020," said Dueck. "You're the record largest graduating class for IMF School. But never did you expect that your distinctions would also include finishing high school at home."

Calling the youth "leaders of tomorrow," Dueck said he's not worried about the future of the Okno community because it will be in "good hands." Some of graduating youth are highly skilled in mechanics, singing and artistic expression while others are athletes and committed book readers.

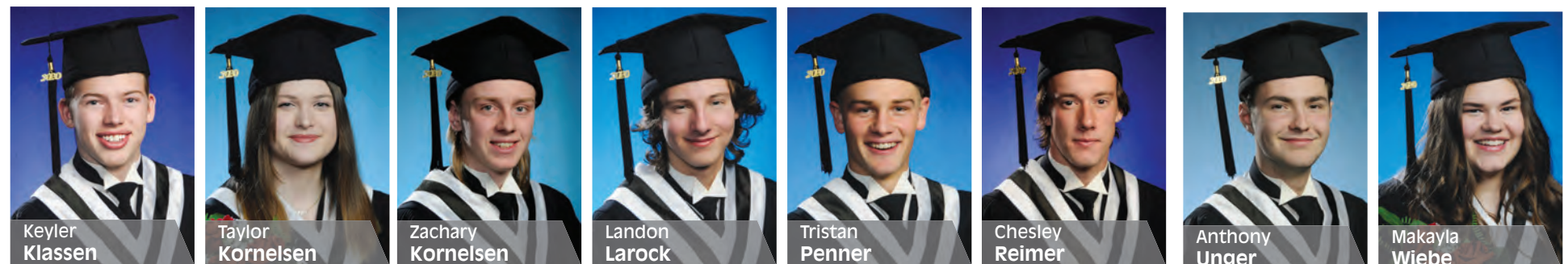
"This is a very outstanding group of students that have, by the blessing of God, already made many

good choices in life and are well on their way towards many years of faithful service in God's Kingdom. There are very capable leaders," said Dueck.

"These are positive young people who have a passion to live, who encourage their comrades and who tackle challenges. They are tenacious in the daily grind and courageous in the face of huge obstacles. Most importantly, these are young people who have clearly chosen to live godly lives. They demonstrate and testify of personal walks with Jesus and it is this that, ultimately, will make them highly effective servants."

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Arborg Collegiate 2020 graduates a driving force

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg Collegiate's graduating class of 2020 achieved many accomplishments over the course of their last year and were noted as a positive driving force for the school.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic having closed their school in March, depriving students of sports competitions, music and artistic performances, and a chance to hang out with their friends, the graduates remained resilient. In addition to completing their studies at home, they took online courses and completed apprenticeships.

The school held three outdoor ceremonies on its sports track June 27 in order to accommodate small groups of graduates and their immediate families.

Brianna Oliver and Hannah Pearce delivered the valedictory address in a pre-recorded video.

Oliver said the grads created "beautiful friendships" despite the large number of students in their class, and thanked teaching staff for making their high school years "one heck of a ride."

Pearce noted the variety of personalities that were able to work together cooperatively.

"Our differences bring us closer together," said Pearce. "We know how to work together to be successful."

Principal Randy Semenek noted that their year was definitely "different" because of the pandemic, but the grads, as in previous years, accomplished many great things.

"I have been so impressed with you during your time spent at ACI.

Your class has been a driving force in the success of so many things in our school," said Semenek, listing a number of endeavours including fundraising for vital causes and standing up for human rights. "Your contributions to the school and the community will be greatly missed, but the leadership you showed throughout your years at school was noticed by others and you set a great example for your younger peers to follow."

The grads chose two guest speakers, teachers Debbie Morency and Rachelle Burak.

Morency fondly singled out each grad, noting their unique strengths. Some were a role model for other students while others were dedicated to their studies. She also paid tribute to their special skills, artistic flair and fashion sense.

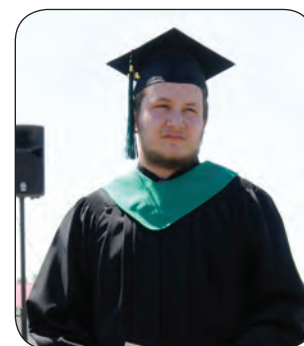
"From the first time I met all of you, whether on the bus or in the classroom, you have all grown to become amazing young adults," said Morency. "It has been my pleasure to follow you all through your growing pains, through laughter and sometimes tears. We've had some great times together and I know that you will have many more once you leave here."

Burak, who taught the graduates at Arborg Early Middle School, said she was sad when they left Grade 8.

"You were one of those classes and students that left a lasting impression in my mind. Not only were you kind and considerate, but you were very athletic, determined and definitely never backed down from a challenge," said Burak. "Yes, you drove me crazy -



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Arborg's graduating class of 2020.



Zachary Friesen



Brianna Oliver



Hannah Pearce

and I won't name names - but you were a fun group to be with."

Superintendent Roza Gray offered grads a few words of encouragement on how they might want to look back on the pandemic.

"You might remind yourself that during the uncertainty it was easy to feel low, but many things worked out better than you thought they would. In the absence of answers, our minds may race off to dark places, but things rarely turn out as badly as we first think," said Gray. "Looking back, you

might see that many of your worries were not useful. In the future, when your life takes an unexpected turn, and you are left with broken plans and a heavy heart, I hope you'll keep faith that in the end, everything will be ok."

Community organizations, businesses and individuals provided scholarships and bursaries to several students to help them with post-secondary studies. Zachary Friesen earned the Governor General's Academic Medal for outstanding achievement.

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Noah Johnson	Noventis Credit Union Award
Damon Sigurdson	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161 Award
Zachary Friesen	Governor General's Academic Medal



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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.

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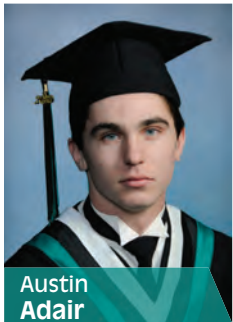
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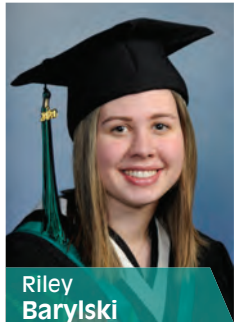
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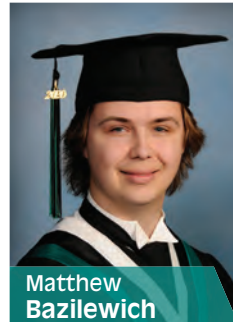
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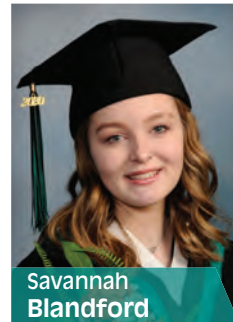
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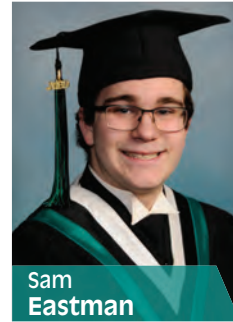
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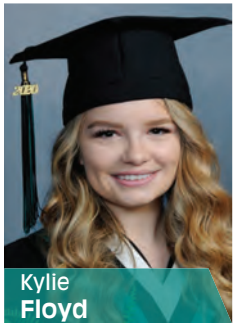
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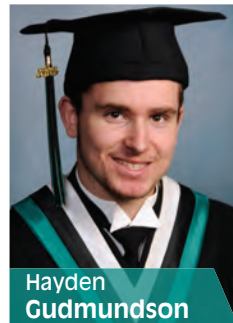
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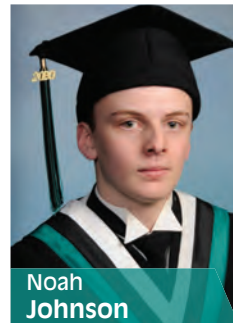


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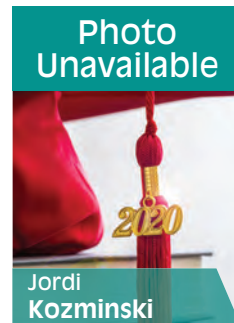
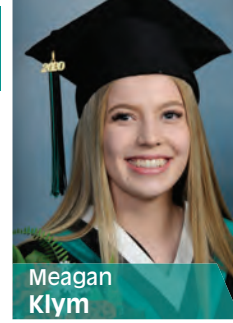


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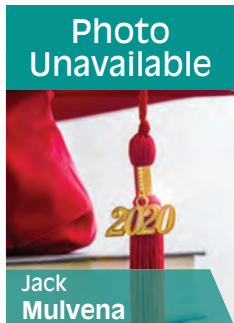


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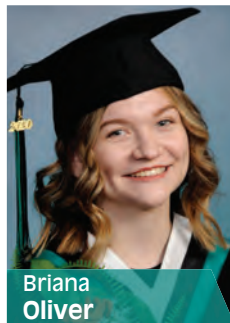
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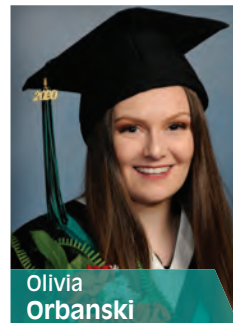
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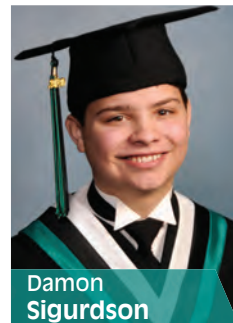
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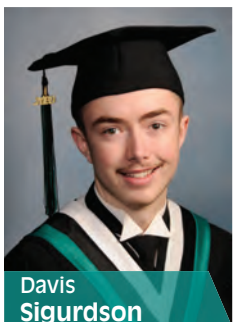
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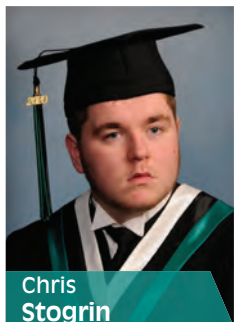
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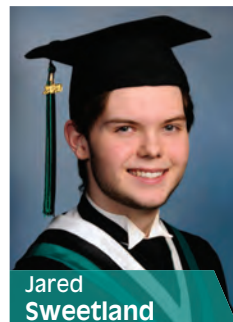
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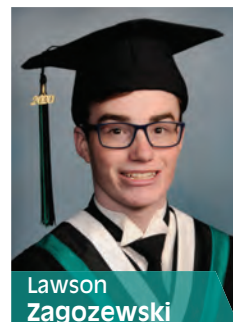
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Lundar Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Recipient	Name
Drake Gleich	Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship, Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation's Cal & Dorothy Bennett Memorial Scholarship, David Sigfusson Memorial Scholarship
Hailey Thorgilsson	Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship, Brendan Moman Memorial Scholarship, Lakeshore Teachers' Association Scholarship, ELA Comprehensive, Essential Math
Melissa Johnson	Al Hummel Memorial Scholarship, Lundar Elks Scholarship, Lundar Legion Scholarship
Austin Hanslip	Chown Centennial \$1000 Entrance Scholarship, Eriksdale Legion Scholarship And Bursary, Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship, Interlake Co-Op Scholarship
Emily Sigfusson	Coldwell Community Foundation Inc. Scholarship, Grettir Co-Operative Amateur Athletic Association Scholarship, Gudjon Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Ladies Aid Bjork Scholarship, Family Studies
Ethan Spalding	David Sigfusson Memorial Scholarship, Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship, Eriksdale Legion Scholarship And Bursary, Governor-General's Bronze Medal Award, Lundar School Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union Scholarship, One Insurance Bursary, Rubicon Pharmacy Awards, Physics, Wood Working
Dawson Torgerson	Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship
Samantha Bennett	Fjola Johnson Scholarship, Lundar Elks Scholarship, Taylor Joseph Christensen Memorial Scholarship
Morrigan Miller	Little Lady's Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union Scholarship, One Insurance Bursary, Rubicon Pharmacy Awards, ELA Transactional, Pre Calculus
Deryk Lynch	Lundar Legion Scholarship
Jesse Lestrat	Lundar School Scholarship



Grads leave Lundar High School

By Evan Matthews

COVID-19 has created difficult challenges for everyone, so in comparison, the 29 degrees Celsius heat was a breeze for Lundar High School 2020 graduates.

On June 26, just behind the high school, three rows of cars with parents, family members and friends adhered to social distancing to honour and celebrate Lundar's 19 graduates.

"As teachers, and adults in the building, we have one singular goal that unites us: you. Our goal is your education, and your growth as a human being," said Lundar High School Principal Lawrence Grzenda to his former students.

"As you move on to the next phase in your life, I hope you choose to take a chance; to do something and not wait for something to happen to you.

You have the chance to make your life the one that you want to have... So please, try something," he said.

The ceremony was emceed by Vice Principal Amy Tycoles, who shared many personal stories over the years.

Many of Tycoles stories were tied to sporting events and trips around the province; whether it was one of her



Ethan Spalding took home the Governor General Medal for Lundar High School, however, due to COVID-19, presentations of the medals have been delayed until September.

volleyball girls getting sick during a game and the important lesson to follow (don't drink an Tim Horton's Iced Cappuccino before a game); or a stu-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY EVAN MATTHEWS

Austin "Dimples" Hanslip gives his valedictorian address, speaking to his friends about their many shenanigans over the years. Fellow valedictorian Emily Sigfusson seen behind.



At the end of the ceremony, graduates threw their caps high in the air, signifying the end of an era.

dent who would stock up on Tim Horton's muffins when possible because Lundar doesn't have a Tim's.

Graduates Emily Sigfusson and Austin "Dimples" Hanslip gave the 2020 valedictorian address, speaking about the many parties together, embarrassing moments, and expressing

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Emily Sigfusson smiles while addressing her classmates during her valedictorian address; capturing the moment with many specific memories.

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Best wishes to our graduates as they continue their journey to make the future a brighter place, one step at a time.


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Jaxon Pilon, Samantha Bennett and Deryk Lynch enter the graduation ceremony, with the boys carrying their suit jackets on the way in. Their former principal, Lawrence Grzenda, is seen behind.

> LUNDAR GRAD, FROM PG. 16

the hope that no matter what happens in the future, the class will always remain friends.

The full list of Lundar High School graduates included Samantha Bennett, Connor Bindle, Drake Gleich, Carson Gudmundson, Austin Hanslip, Melissa Johnson, Kalysta Ketler, Michael-Landon Lamoureux, Adrien Lawrence, Jesse LeStrat, Deryk Lynch, Morrigan Miller, Jaxon Pilon, Emily Sigfusson, Ethan Spalding, Kianna Sweetland Laughlin, Hailey Thorgilsson, Dawson Torgerson, and Meagan Unrau.

The monetary amount of awards and bursaries presented to the 2020 class totalled \$13,300, with the most going to Samantha Bennett and Ethan Spalding, who took home \$2,750 and \$2,550, respectively, in scholarship money. Spalding also took home the Governor General's Bronze Medal Award.

Twelve graduates in total won awards or bursaries.

Local award and bursary donors included the Allan Forsyth Foundation, Al Hummel Memorial, Brendan Moman Memorial, Chown Centennial, the Coldwell Community Foundation, the Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation Cal and Dorothy Bennett Memorial, David Sigfusson Memorial, Derek Johnson, the Eriksdale Legion, the Eriksdale

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Following the ceremony, graduates walked around the perimeter of the crowd in their formal wear, and eventually met at the Lundar Museum, before proceeding down Main Street in parade fashion.



Congrats All Around!

We wish each and every one of you a happy graduation!



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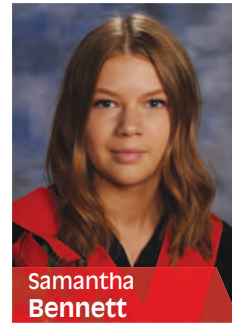
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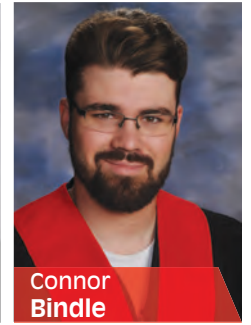
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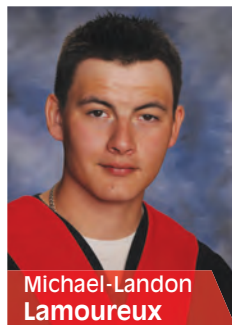
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You've come a long way, and we're very proud of your achievements. Keep up the great work, and we know you'll go far. Best wishes today and always!

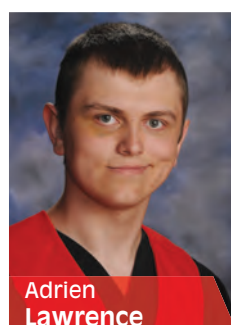
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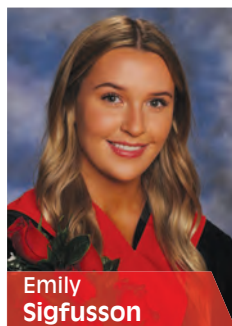
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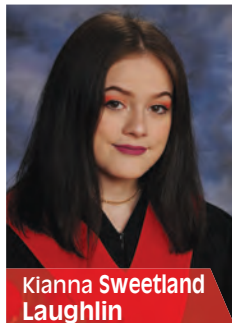
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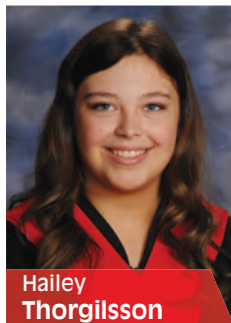
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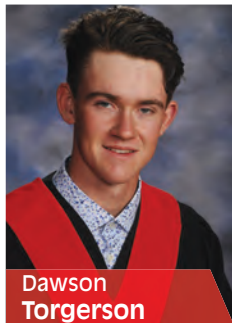
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Gimli High School's 2020 gradation the most "unorthodox" ever

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli High School's graduating class will likely never forget their 2020 graduation after the COVID-19 pandemic turned their school year sideways, but they celebrated, nevertheless, after completing their studies through remote learning.

Graduation was staged outdoors over three days, from June 23-25, with roughly 10 students attending each ceremony plus their immediate families.

Class valedictorian Maggie Michaluk, who spoke to grads with fellow valedictorian Tyson Groot via a pre-recorded message, called it the "most unorthodox" grad ever.

"I remember many of us at one point saying, 'Wow 2020, what a cool year to graduate, it has such a nice ring to it, the Class of 2020,'" said Michaluk. "Well, aren't we regretting saying that now?"

Reflecting on their high school years, the valedictorians covered the highlights, including a trip to Europe, skiing trips and band performances, as well as how they stuck together through trying times. They thanked teachers for enhancing their learning and parents for motivating them.

Tyson Groot, who played on many sports teams, thanked the school's coaches for encouraging them to be better athletes.

"I learned to lose with pride in



Tyson Groot, left, and Maggie Michaluk were the class valedictorians.

Grade 10 when our basketball team lost in the provincial finals," said Groot. "And this year when provincials were cancelled entirely, through it all our teams stayed strong and together."

Principal Leona Groot inspired the grads to celebrate the good things in life.

"Although these unique and trying times are tough right now, and it is certainly a time when starting out as young people may feel like a challenge, we know that tough times do not last," said Groot. "We need to make occasions to celebrate, such as this event today, in order to get through these tough times."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY ANDERS KUUSSELKA AND PATRICIA BARRETT Kimberly Becker, who teaches at Dr. George Johnson Middle School, congratulated her daughter Johi Becker and Rheanna Desrochers.



Dr. George Johnson teachers, who taught the students in grades 5-8, flag down the grads for a photo.

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Gimli High School grad parade.

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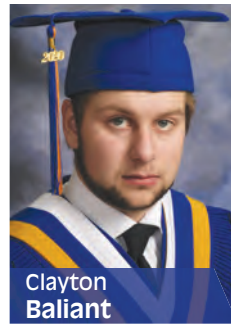
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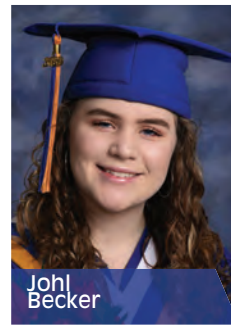
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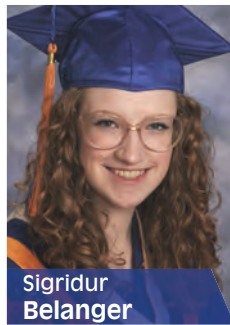
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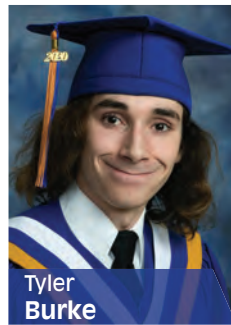
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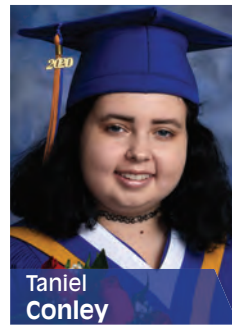
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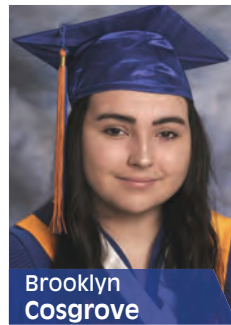
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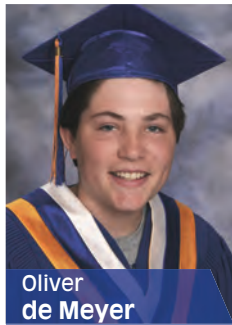
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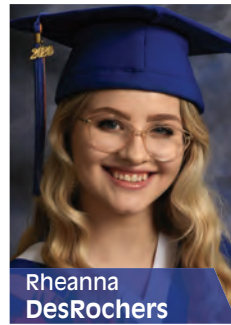
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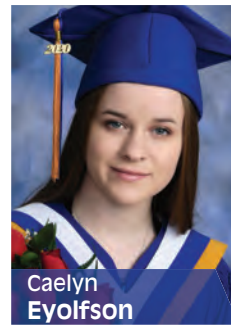
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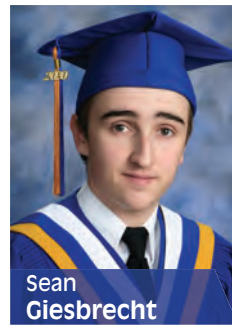
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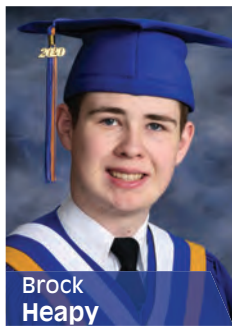
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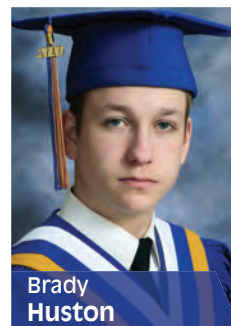
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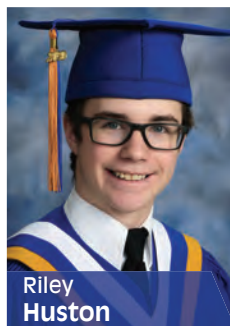
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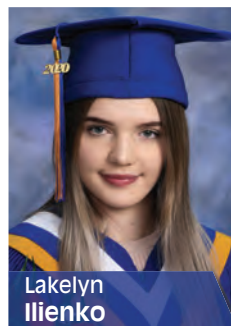
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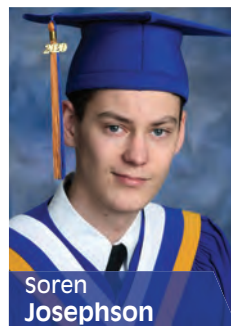
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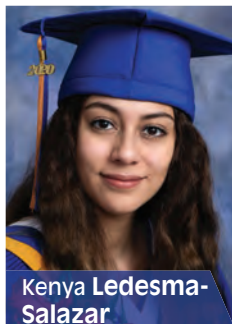
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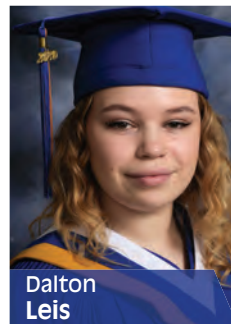
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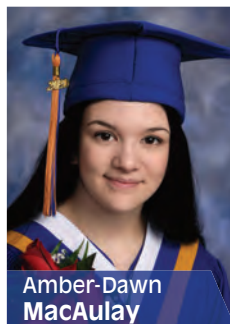
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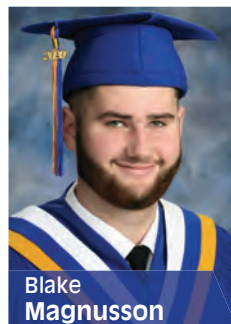
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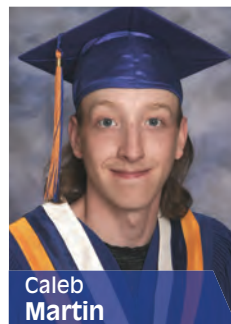
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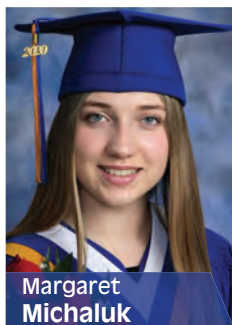
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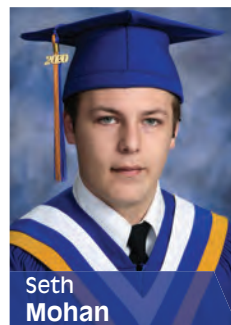
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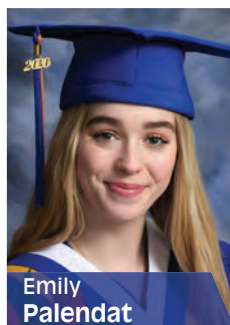
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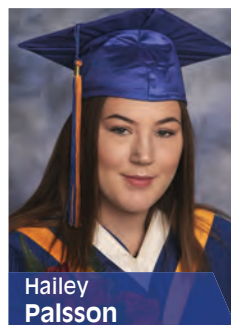
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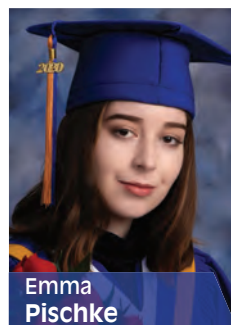
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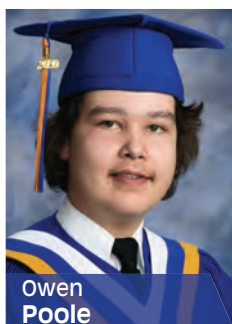
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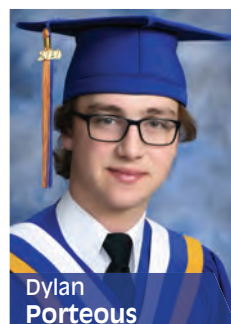
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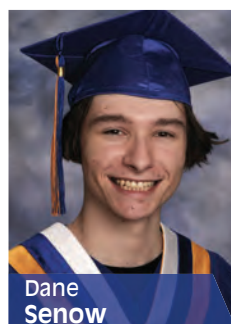
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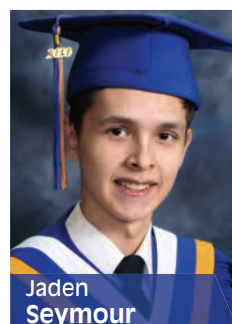
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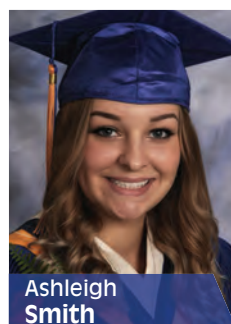
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Evergreen School Division Superintendent Roza Gray said the last few months did not unfold as planned, and that students missed out on many moments because of the pandemic. But when they look back, they'll remember the good times.

"Although it seems we have been in a COVID holding pattern forever, this too shall pass. Everything does. One day, this will be over, and you will be left with the memories you made and the lessons you learned," said Gray.

Several students earned awards from community organizations, individuals and businesses, whose representatives were unable to attend graduation in person because of provincial public health restrictions.

Guidance counsellor and teacher

Shalyn Noble said the school is very grateful for the scholarships and awards.

"Even during uncertain times, they continued to support, invest, and instill hope for the future through the gift of post-secondary education," said Noble.

Johl Becker earned the Governor General's Academic Medal. Maggie Michaluk earned the Female Athlete of the Year award and Blake Magnusson earned the Male Athlete of the Year award.

In the spirit of previous ceremonies, the grads and their parents organized a parade through town on June 26, making several stops, including at Betel Home to wave at grandparents, the nursery school and the early and middle years schools.

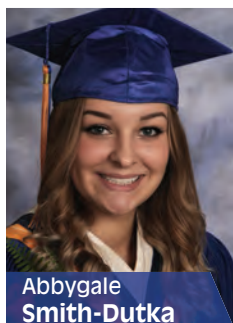
Vivian Leduchowski, grandmother

of graduate Alyssa Gard, was on the street waiting patiently in the heat for her granddaughter to drive by so that she could cheer her on.

"We're very proud of her," said Leduchowski. "We look forward to her future and what she will become with all the good things that she's done and all the scholarships she's received."



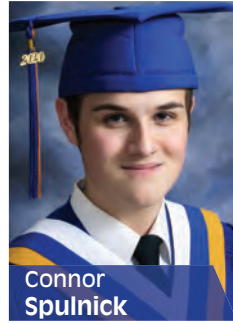
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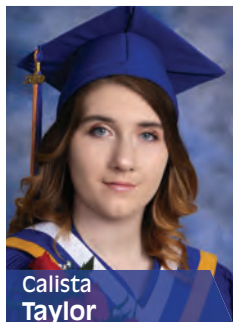
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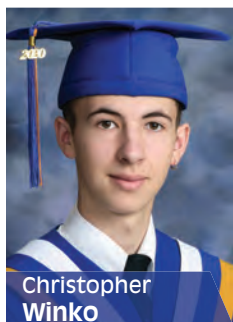
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| Ian Lim | Nicholas Melnychuk Scholastic Scholarship |
| Hailey Paulson | University of Winnipeg – Entrance Award |
| Johl Becker | Evergreen School Division Award |
| Ty Burke | Peter Froese Legacy Fund |
| Taniel Conley | Brandon University – Entrance Award, Gimli District Health Auxiliary Bursary, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship, R.M. of Gimli Award |
| Austin Geirnaert | R.M. of St. Andrews Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Entrance Award, University of Manitoba – Sigurbjorg Stefansson Memorial Award |
| Emma Walashek | Interlake Communications Co-op Inc. Scholarship |
| Oliver De Meyer | Royal Canadian Legion – Winnipeg Beach Branch #61 Scholarship, R.M. of Gimli Award, University of Manitoba – Chown Centennial Scholarship |
| Tyson Groot | Evergreen Band Boosters Scholarship, Gimli Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Lifetouch Canada Inc. Award, University of Manitoba – Entrance Award, University of Manitoba – Harold A.C. Johnson Chemistry Award, University of Manitoba – Skuli Johnson Mathematics Award |
| Kennedy Kowalski | Evan David John King Memorial Scholarship, Evergreen School Division Award, Lifetouch Canada Inc. Award, Noventis Credit Union – Gimli Bursary, Westshore Community Foundation Inc. Scholarship |
| Blake Magnusson | Evergreen School Division Award, Hnausa Harbour Authority Bursary, Kristine Kristofferson Memorial Scholarship, Royal Canadian Legion – Gimli Branch #182 Scholarship |
| Maggie Michaluk | Lifetouch Canada Inc. Award, Noventis Credit Union – Gimli Bursary, R.M. of Gimli Award, South Interlake 4-H Area Council Bursary, St. Michael's Catholic Church Women's League Scholarship, Ted Jaremy Memorial Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Entrance Award, University of Manitoba – Skuli Johnson English Award, University of Winnipeg – Entrance Award, Westshore Community Foundation Inc. Scholarship |
| Jon Peterson | Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship, Everett Lloyd Memorial Scholarship |
| Justin Steinmetz | Automobile Services of Gimli – Power Mechanics Award |
| Sigrid Belanger | Albert Kristjanson Music Scholarship, Kiwanis Mel Osborne Scholarship |
| Alyssa Gard | CUPE Local #3164 Scholarship, Gimli District Health Auxiliary Bursary, Larry & Helen Kristjanson Family Bursary, Rotary Club of Gimli Award, University of Manitoba – Entrance Award |
| Lakelyn Iienko | Camp Morton Ladies Aid Scholarship, Evan David John King Memorial Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union – Winnipeg Beach Bursary, Town of Winnipeg Beach Scholarship |
| Connor Spulnick | Evergreen Band Boosters Scholarship, Evergreen School Division Student Voice Award, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship, Royal Canadian Legion – Winnipeg Beach #61 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Entrance Award |
| Thor Dalzotto | University of Winnipeg – Entrance Award |
| Brock Heapy | Hannes Kristjanson Memorial Scholarship, University of Winnipeg – Entrance Award |
| Kenya Ledesma | Evergreen Basic Needs Community Achievement Award, M.A.S.T.A.R.S. Victor P. Thiessen Memorial Award, R.M. of Gimli Award |
| Dalton Leis | Gimli Art Club Award |
| Wade Waskul | B.B.P. Music Scholarship, Evergreen School Division Award, Evergreen Teachers' Association Bursary |
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Ashern grads honoured and onward

By Evan Matthews

A set of twins led the way for the Ashern Central School's 2020 graduation.

With temperatures in the high 20s and the sun beating down, Chelsea and Korissa Gasper were the first of 19 graduates to walk the stage on June 24 behind ACS in order to accommodate COVID-19 social distancing.

Emceed by Principal Bobby Ellis, the graduation ceremony saw a parental address from Helen Webster, and a teacher address from Jennifer Bjornson.

"One of the biggest challenges each and every one of us have gone through has been all of these impeccable changes during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Ellis.

"Nothing has been normal, and we have all had to turn our lives upside down. This 2020 graduation could not be traditional, but we made it work, and it'll never be forgotten.

"You should all be very proud," he said.

Clay Paterson and Alyssa Tritthart gave the 2020 valedictorian address, speaking of many memories and optimism for the future; saying that no matter where the future takes each individual graduate, they will have a connection to one another forever.

The full list of ACS graduates included Chelsea and Korissa Gasper, Calley Halldorson, Sydney Kehler, David McQuigge, Andrea Meisner, Hope Murdock, Clay Paterson, Catherine Price, Travis Shorting, Carmen Shorting, Chavez Sinclair, Lily Smith,



Tansy Tober was the big winner on the day, taking home \$4,800 in scholarship money; including the Governor General Medal and the Lakeshore Proficiency Award.



Lily Smith smiles proudly, as she enjoys her ride through town.

Keanna Stagg, Seth Stark, Tansy Tober, Alyssa Tritthart, Dylan Webster, and Emily Westfall.

"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes," said Bjornson during the teacher address, quoting the famous Dr. Seuss.

"You can steer yourself any direction you choose," she said.

Seth Stark's father, Kurt Stark, received ACS' Appreciation Award for his many years of volunteer service in the building.

The monetary amount of awards and bursaries presented to the 2020 class totalled \$12,350, with Tansy Tober taking home her fair share of the scholarship money: \$4,800.

All 19 graduates, however, managed to take home an award or bursary of some kind by the days' end.

Local award and bursary donors included Derek Johnson, Noventis



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Ashern Central School graduates move the tassels on their caps from left to right to symbolize their newfound graduate status.



Ashern grads were all loaded up onto two separate flatbed truck and driven through town, as they smiled and waved to proud family members, loved ones and guests.



Andrea Meisner, along with her diploma, won the \$250 Second Highest Academic Award.



Seth Stark's father, Kurt Stark, left, received an ACS' Appreciation Award for his many years of volunteer service in the building.

Credit Union, the ACS band program, the late Eric and Hilda Hjartarson in memory of Linda Fletcher, the White-tail and Walleye Game and Fish Association, Rhoda Freeman, the Ashern Elks, Lifetouch, KCL General Repair, Graymont Western Canada, Bumper to Bumper, Ashern Subway, Ashern Petro, Ashern Insurance Agencies, Sharptail Motor Inn, 431 The Wedding Company, the Lakeshore School

Division, the Lakeshore Teachers Association, Ashern Esso, Moosehorn Consumers Co-op, A.M. Bruce Drilling, the Moosehorn Community Club, Carl Szczerski and family, the Lakeside 4-H Beef Club, the Alf Cuthbert Parent Advisory Council, Ashern Tim Hortons, the Ashern Legion, Roadrunners Auto, and the Vocational Teachers' Association of Manitoba.

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Alyssa Tritthart and Clay Paterson spoke of many memories, and optimism for the future; saying no matter where the future takes each individual graduate, they will be connected forever.

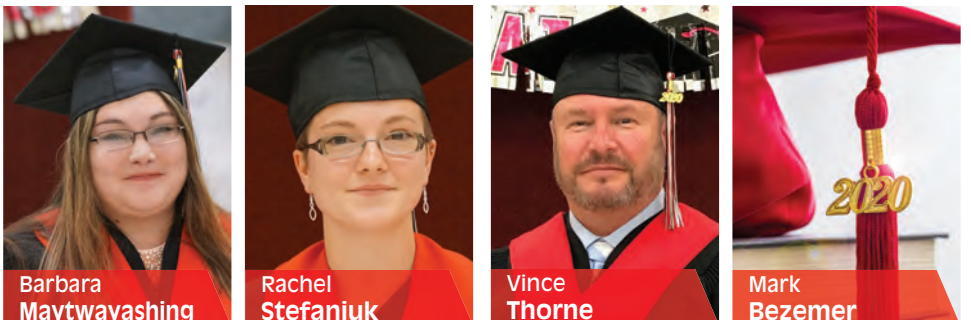
Ashern Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Graduate Name	Award	Donor
Kurt Stark	ACS Appreciation Award	Ashern Central School
Halle Meisner	Chemistry 40S	Ashern Pharmacy
Casey Keeley	Ashern Chicken Chef	Applied Math 40S
Faith Nickel	Life/Works 40S	Rhoda Freeman
Rayanne Nickel	Life/Works 40S	Rhoda Freeman
Chelsea Gasper	Derek Johnson Citizenship Award	MLA Derek Johnson
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Korissa Gasper	Entering University/College	Noventis Credit Union
Calley Halldorson	Arts Achievement	ACS Band Program
Sydney Kehler	Drug & Alcohol Abuse Awareness Award	The late Eric & Hilda Hjartarson
	Deserving Student	In Memory of Linda Fletcher
David McQuigge	Applied Diagnosis Strategies 40S	Whitetail & Walleye Game & Fish Association
Andrea Meisner	Second Highest Academic	Rhoda Freeman
Hope Murdock	Merit Award	Rhoda Freeman
Clay Paterson	Valedictorian	Ashern Elks
	Valedictorian	Lifetouch
	Vehicle Systems Part 1	KCL General Repair
	Entering University / College	Graymont Western Canada
	Automotive Technology	Bumper to Bumper
	Deserving Student	
Catherine Price	Music: Band 40S	ACS Band Program
	Drug & Alcohol Abuse Awareness Award	The late Eric & Hilda Hjartarson
Carmen Shorting	Excellence in the Arts	Ashern Subway
Travis Shorting	Foods & Nutrition 40S	Rhoda Freeman
Chavez Sinclair	Most Deserving	Ashern Petro
Lily Smith	Arts Achievement	Rhoda Freeman
Keanna Stagg	Visual Arts 40S	Rhoda Freeman
Seth Stark	Top Male Athlete	Ashern Insurance Agencies
	Citizenship Award	Sharptail Motor Inn
	Entering a business	431 The Wedding Company
Tansy Tober	Lakeshore Proficiency Award	Lakeshore School Division
	Entering University/College	Lakeshore Teachers Association
	Highest Academic	Rhoda Freeman
	Biology 40S	Ashern Esso
	ELA Comprehensive 40S	Moosehorn Consumers Co-op
	ELA Transactional Focus 40S	Ashern Elks
	Essentials 40S	A.M. Bruce Drilling
	Woodworking 40S	Rhoda Freeman
	Musical Achievement Award	Moosehorn Community Club
	Scheske Family Award	Carl Szczerski & Family
	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Award	
	University of Toronto – National Book Award	
	4-H Scholarship	Lakeside 4-H Beef Club
	Governor General Award	
Alyssa Tritthart	Valedictorian	Ashern Elks
	Valedictorian	Lifetouch
	Top Female Athlete	Alf Cuthbert Parent Advisory Council
	Citizenship & Athletic Award	Ashern Tim Hortons
	Most Congenial	Ashern Legion
	4-H Scholarship	Lakeside 4-H Beef Club
Dylan Webster	Automotive Electrical Systems 40S	Roadrunners Auto
	Automotive Technology	Bumper to Bumper
	Deserving student	
	Vocational Excellence	Vocational Teachers' Association of MB
	Entering a business	431 The Wedding Company
Emily Westfall	Entering a helping profession	In Memory of Linda Fletcher



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Riverton's Class of 2020 graduates just rolled with it: resilience praised

By Patricia Barrett

Riverton Collegiate's Class of 2020 was praised for its resilience and determination to graduate after the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the last leg of their final school year.

Students were lauded by teachers during an outdoor ceremony at the school on June 25. Because of public health restrictions, only immediate family members were allowed to sit on the school grounds, but scores of friends and family members watched from cars lining Thompson Drive, and they honked and cheered when the grads were given their awards and diplomas.

Kyra Sigurdson, class valedictorian, said her fellow classmates considered the pandemic a downer and may be feeling cheated that they couldn't celebrate their grad properly after "working so incredibly hard."

"I want the grads to embrace their recent accomplishment and turn the anger or disappointment they may feel into motivation as we focus on our futures and the next accomplishment that we will make that hopefully isn't during another pandemic," said Sigurdson.

With such a small class of graduates, Sigurdson said they were able to make "meaningful" connections with each other and life-long friendships.

"I know we will always be able to come back to this small group of ours and pick up where we left off," she said.

Because it was an abundantly hot day,



Kyra Sigurdson earned the Governor General's Academic Medal along with several other bursaries and awards.



Principal Erin Furgala

principal Erin Furgala provided the 13 grads with paper fans. And each fan contained a word starting with "R" on one side and "Just Roll With It" on the other side.

In order to earn their diplomas, Furgala told her grads they had to pay attention to her 13-words-of-advice



EXPRES PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Riverton grads toss their caps.

speech on how to go forward through life and hold up their fans when their word came up.

Furgala's advice included showing respect for people, even if they don't deserve it, as that's a reflection of one's own character rather than someone else's, maintaining deep roots so that they'd never have to fear the wind, re-trying if they failed and having the resilience to overcome the unexpected. Furgala's 13th piece of advice came from Dr. Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go," she said, encouraging the grads to adopt life-long learning habits.

Teacher Rob Jantz, who taught them for four years, said he was really going to "miss this crew" and lauded each student for overcoming, in his/her own unique way, the pandemic and other of life's "slings and arrows." "Life is full of uncertainties. This group of 'apandemics' knows that all too well. Along with their families, they have had many unknowns to deal with over the last few months,"

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Curtis Green



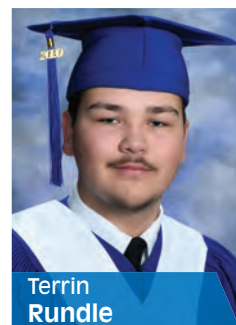
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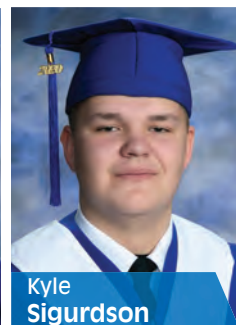
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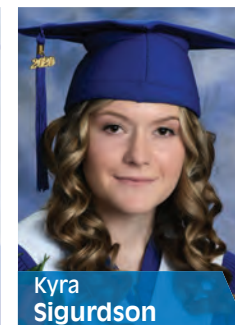
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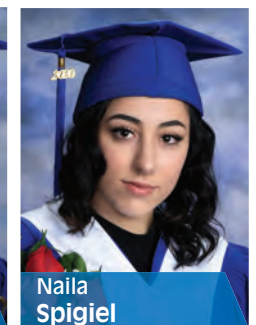
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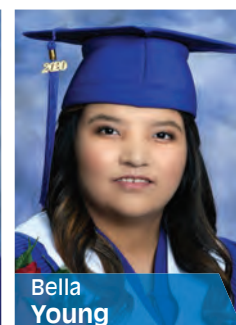
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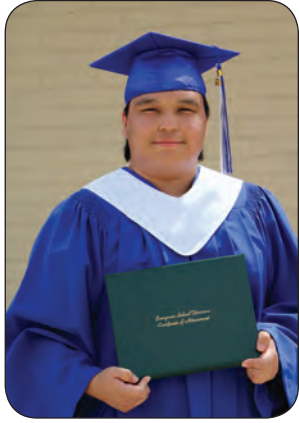
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- Kyle Sigurdson** Jarred Gislason Award for Sustainable Development
- Trevor Kehler** The ECBVerydol Award
- Bella Young** Noventis Credit Union Scholarship, Riverton Elks #530
- Keegan Johnson** Evergreen School Division Award
- Terrin Rundle**

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Bella Young earned Devon Green from the The ECB Verydol Poplar River earned banner on Main Street. Award. his diploma.

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said Jantz, citing the possibility of their getting sick or a loved one fall-

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ing ill and not being able to see their classmates again. "No other RCI graduation class in recent memory has had to face these uncertainties." Evergreen School Division superintendent Roza Gray, who spoke via a pre-recorded message, told the grads she was proud of their achievements. "I hope you remember that you are capable, and you can do hard things.



Grads lined up along the school's drive as friends and family cheered from afar.

Every day since the day you were born, you have been learning and adapting and getting stronger," said Gray. "The path ahead of you will be windy, bumpy and full of surprises. When life disrupts your plans, commit yourself to what matters, remind yourself how strong you are and keep moving forward."

Local organizations, businesses and individuals provided scholarships to several grads. Kyra Sigurdson earned the Governor General's Academic Medal.

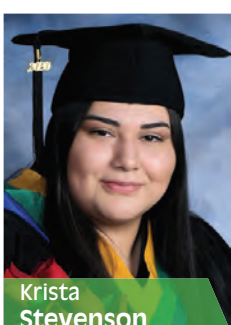
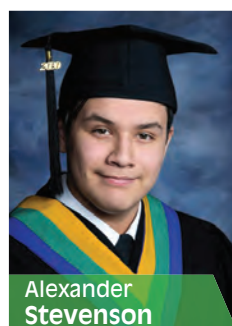
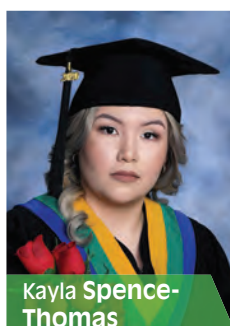
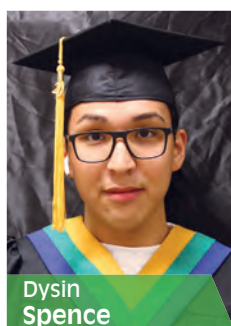
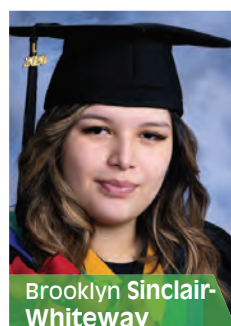
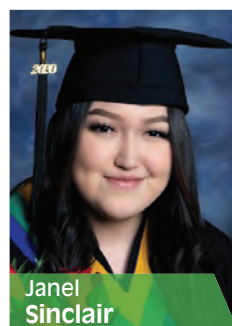
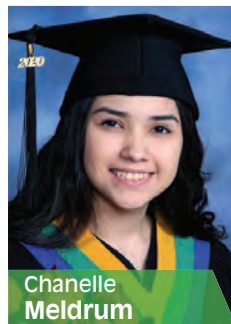
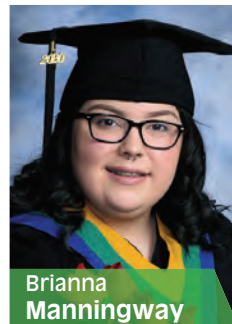
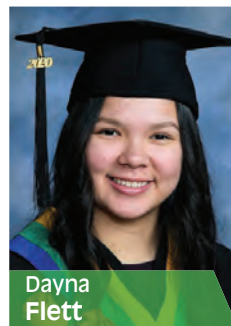
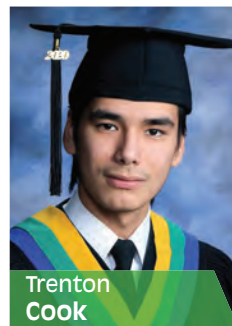
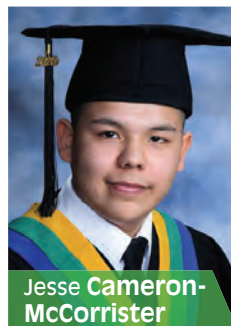
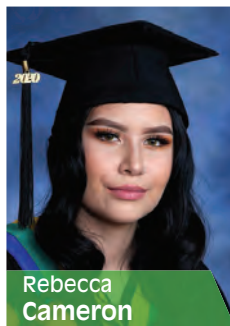
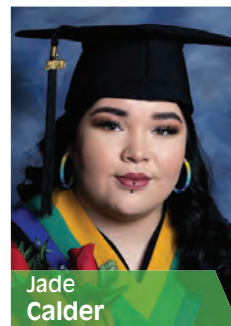
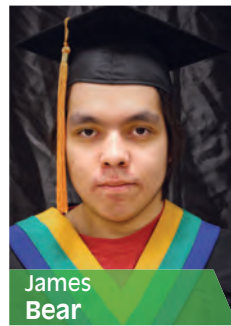
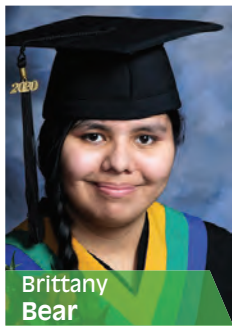
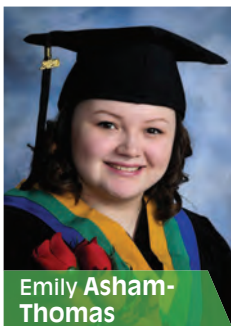
After the ceremony, the grads were

driven by family and friends down Main Street and cheered on by crowds lining both sides of the street. In a show of appreciation for their hard work, the municipality erected banners with the names and photos of each student.

The grad parade was followed by Riverton Early Middle School's kindergarten students, who celebrated their own graduation. On one festively decorated car, the students posted a message for their new teachers: "Watch out Grade 1. Here we come."

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13U Interlake Orioles dumped by St. James A's

By Brian Bowman

Many players on the 13U Interlake Orioles had their first taste of AAA baseball last week.

And it was a learning experience for them.

Interlake dropped both ends of their doubleheader to a very good St. James A's team, losing 17-4 and 21-6 on Canada Day in Balmoral.

"We have (some things) to learn but we're adjusting to a new season and a new team," said Orioles' head coach Wes Killbery.

Interlake's roster is a young one, with just two players who were on the team a year ago. The Orioles' season will be a learning one, at least at the beginning, but Killbery feels confident in this group that they will improve considerably over the course of the season.

"They're a great bunch of kids, they

have good attitudes, and they're willing to be out there and that's all I ask for," he said. "Improvement is the main thing and hopefully that's a successful season for everyone."

Willbery feels his club is a very good fielding team that's only going to get better.

"I think it's going to improve much more and I think we're going to be strong," he said. "I think we can do it and beat St. James. I have faith in the kids. Our defence and our pitching is strong. Pretty much everyone on the team can pitch and that was my goal when I chose them."

Willbery wanted to thank the coaching staff, which includes assistant coaches Shawn Slatcher and Morgan Lecuyer, and Dave Myers for their help this season.

Interlake played the Bonivital Black Sox this past Tuesday in Winnipeg but



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Orioles' Colton Bruce scores a run as he slides in under the tag at home plate on July 1.

no score was available at press time.

The Orioles will then host the North Winnipeg Pirates on Thursday (6:30 p.m.) in Balmoral. Interlake will play

all of its games on Tuesdays and Thursdays this season.

18U Orioles lose doubleheader to St. James A's

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Orioles dropped a doubleheader to the St. James A's in 18U "AAA" baseball action on Sunday in Winnipeg.

St. James won by scores of 10-1 and 16-6.

On July 1, Interlake split a doubleheader with the North Winnipeg Pirates. The Orioles lost Game 1 by an 8-2 score but then rebounded nicely to double the Pirates 8-4.

That win over North Winnipeg was an impressive one.

"They were one of the best teams last year and they will be again this

year so it was good for us to get some positivity around the team at the start of the year," said Orioles' head coach Eric Swanson.

In Game 1 of the doubleheader, Interlake faced North Winnipeg's ace Tyler Smith. Smith recorded 13 strikeouts in his five innings of hitless work.

"Especially for the start of the year for a lot of our guys, he was overwhelming," Swanson said. "He's one of, if not, the best in the league and there's a reason for that."

Interlake was fully deserving of that win in Game 2 against the Pirates. The Orioles made the North Winnipeg

pitchers work a lot more compared to Game 1.

On the defensive end, Interlake pitchers were throwing strikes and only a couple of fielding errors were made.

The Orioles have six 18-year-old players on this year's team but the rest are younger guys. Swanson guessed that there are only four second-year players on the team.

This group is a talented one.

"We only lost a couple of players from last year," Swanson noted. "The majority of our team is back and they have that experience of having a year

in the league."

The Orioles, now 1-3, hosted Winnipeg South this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Interlake will visit the Elmwood Giants on Friday at Koskie Field and then the Bonivital Black Sox at Whittier Park next Tuesday. First pitch for both games is 7 p.m.

In 15U "AAA" action, the Orioles lost 8-5 to Winnipeg South last Friday at Charleswood Place.

Interlake will host the North Winnipeg Pirates on Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in Balmoral.

Interlake Blue Jays chirping loudly in MJBL

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays are in pretty good shape after the first couple of weeks of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League season.

Interlake is 4-2 and in sole possession of second place, just a half a game back of both the Elmwood Giants and Pembina Valley Orioles.

Both of those teams had 4-1 records heading into this week's slate of games.

"The way things have gone and how many players we have, right now we're quite pleased with how things are going," said Blue Jays' head coach Adam Kirk on Monday afternoon.

Interlake split a home doubleheader with the Carillon Sultans last Sunday. The Sultans won Game 1 by a 7-4 score (in a game Interlake should

have won) but the Blue Jays bounced back to pound Carillon 9-2 in the second game.

"We have some experienced players that have played in the league for a few years now and it's starting to show," Kirk noted. "We're making some mistakes but we've been able to hit our way out of it so far, anyway."

On July 1, Interlake swept the St. Boniface Legionaires in a doubleheader, winning both games by 12-4 scores.

"To go in there at St. Boniface and put up 24 runs and only give up eight was a real good day for us," Kirk said.

Interlake has scored the most runs so far this season in the eight-team league with 56. That's the good news.

The bad news shows the Blue Jays are allowing just under seven runs

a contest. That number has to come down if Interlake has any thoughts of winning a league championship this season.

"It is an offensive league, don't get me wrong," Kirk said. "Anybody who gives up five or less probably has some of the best pitching and defence in the league. We can clean it up, though. If we clean up the defence and pitch a little better (we'll do well)."

Interlake will continue its five-game homestand when it hosts the Altona Bisons on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Elmwood Giants will then visit Stonewall on Sunday for a doubleheader. Games will start at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

In Winnipeg Senior Baseball League play, the Stonewall Blue Jays opened their season last Thursday with a solid

6-5 win over the St. James A's in Winnipeg.

Eric Swanson started for Stonewall on the mound and pitched into the fifth inning. Scott Harris came in to relieve Swanson and finished off the game.

"The defence was a little shaky, but for the most part, it was there when we needed it to be and we ended up coming away with a 6-5 win," Kirk said.

Stonewall hosted the Boni-Vital Brewers this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time. The Blue Jays will battle the Elmwood Giants this Thursday (7 p.m.) at Koskie Field.

Stonewall's next home game is July 16 when it hosts St. James. First pitch is 7 p.m.

Riverton kindergarten students on their way to Grade 1



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Riverton Early Middle School's kindergarten students celebrated their graduation June 25, teaming up with Grade 12 students at Riverton Collegiate to stage a parade through town. Some of the youngsters rode in pick-ups, classic cars and boats while others hopped on their bicycles, all festooned with balloons and streamers to mark their achievement.

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he said he wish he could say, but can't. "I'm very disappointed I couldn't fulfill my obligation to people of the town. But I just cannot and will not support this council's ideology nor [accept] being alienated for having a voice. I was shut down on many occasions," said Masi. "I wish council all good things and I sincerely thank the townspeople for all their support during the election and over the past two years. I look forward to 2022."

By that time, municipal councils should have passed a bylaw adopting a new provincial law, introduced in 2018, making it mandatory for all councillors to undergo training in respectful conduct. Bill 2, the Municip-

pal Amendment Act (Strengthening Codes of Conduct for Council Members) will come into force Nov. 1, 2020.

The legislation intends to promote respectful workplaces after a number of municipal councillors across the province cited misconduct issues and some were forced out or had their duties scaled back. The legislation will also standardize the complaints process, introduces an appeals process and provide sanctions to address conduct violations.

Masi said he feels the townspeople have a right to know why he's resigned as "I was elected by them, they put me here." And that's why he said he addressed his resignation letter to

the citizens of Winnipeg Beach as well as to council.

At council's regular meeting on June 24, council acknowledged Masi's resignation and passed a resolution to hold a by-election.

Mayor Tony Pimentel, Deputy Mayor Pat Green and Coun. Darryl Carry voted in favour of the resolution (Coun. Larry Banks was absent).

Resident Darlene Shkawritko asked council how citizens would "get to read" Masi's letter.

"We'll look into it and see what kind of information we can put out," said Pimentel. "We've accepted his letter of resignation. If we need to put it out, we will put it out."

Resident Jean Gendron asked if council had to pass a resolution to ac-

cept Masi's resignation.

Chief Administrative Officer Doreen Steg said she believed no resolution is necessary under the Municipal Act to accept a councillor's resignation.

"His resignation would be effective the day it's handed in to the CAO under the Act," she said.

Steg said she'd contact the Senior Election Official, the person appointed by the municipality to oversee an election, to start the by-election process. That could likely happen in three to four months.

"I have to take this to the SEO and he makes the decision," said Steg. "He'll let us know."

> TERRIBLE BLOW, FROM PG. 2

he said. The most important thing is to ensure FFMC's survival.

"If the marketing board fails, what do we do this fall?" How do you tell a young Indigenous fisher in the north basin, a guy who has nothing but fishing, that he's not going fishing because he has nowhere to sell his fish?" said Kristjanson.

Fisher Bill Buckels said he appreciates Lamont's efforts and the federal government's willingness to meet the specific needs of their fishery, and he's concerned by "inaccurate" and "divisive" comments about the feds' fishery assistance programs

that recently made their way to some media outlets.

The federal government is providing \$469 for fish harvesters and \$62 million for processors. The latter will help fishers who process and sell their own fish in addition to harvesting it, said Buckels, and it's being delivered through Western Diversification.

"This is a virus. There's nobody to blame. The important thing is that we all work together. We're not looking for handouts but we do need help from all levels of government. If there's money available and it will help us recover and mitigate whatever losses we suffer, that's good, but fishers in the north and south have to work together or we won't have a fishery," he said.

With escalating COVID infections in the U.S., and how that continues to affect "pick-erel alley," their markets in the Midwest and northern U.S., Buckels said he's not sure what will happen to the upcoming fall season.

"They're saying the States hasn't finished its first wave and that's not very promising," he said. "Canada may recover, but our pickerel market may not."

He said he was told FFMC is actively looking at alternative market options, including a pilot project with a large American food chain to utilize portion control by turning larger fillets into consumer-desired smaller fillets.

If the worst-case scenario should occur,

Buckels said he hopes the federal government will continue to let their fish flow through the surplus rescue program and fishers will be able to recover the costs of fishing.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans spokesperson Carole Saindon said by email a few weeks ago that the two fishery-specific assistance programs (Fish Harvester Benefit and Fish Harvester Grant) will help fishers, Indigenous fishers and crew members (who share revenue) access benefits they may not be eligible for under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Canada Emergency Business Account.

The maximum benefit under FHB would be equivalent to that provided under CEWS, she said, which is \$847 per week per individual, to a maximum of 12 weeks.

"The Government of Canada also recognizes that harvesters' earnings in 2020 may still not be enough to establish a valid claim for Employment Insurance (EI) Fishing Benefits for the coming year," said Saindon.

"To address this gap, the prime minister recently announced the government will introduce changes that would allow self-employed fish harvesters and sharepersons to establish a claim for EI Fishing Benefits based on their insurable earnings in previous years (winter and summer claims)."

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Qualified Candidates: Submit resume and cover letter to:

Urban/Hometown Green Team
Gimli Seniors Resource Council Inc.
Box 1928 Gimli, Manitoba ROC 1B0
Email: gsrc@mymts.net

ARBORG BIFROST PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Facility Attendant

The Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission has a position available for Facility Attendant. This position will be from September 21, 2020 - March 26, 2021 with the possibility of becoming a full time opportunity.

The candidate should be able to:

- work weekdays, weekends, and evenings
- able to stand/walk for periods of time
- able to lift and carry items up to 50 pounds occasionally
- maintain a clean working environment for staff and users
- good communicator
- mechanically inclined
- have knowledge of ice making and maintenance (will be trained)

Salary Range: \$14.00-\$18.00 depending upon experience and qualifications

Please send resume with references to:

Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission
Box 555 Arborg, MB, ROC 0A0
Email: tom.abprc@mymts.net

The Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission thanks applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Classified booking deadline is Monday at 4 p.m.
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT INDEFINITE TERM OPPORTUNITY

Position: Facility Maintenance Operator
40 hours per week. Position will require evenings and weekend shifts.

The Facility Maintenance Operator, under the direction the Manager of Parks and Recreation Services will assist in the operations and maintenance of the Gimli Recreation Centre and other municipal park spaces and buildings.

Duties:

- Operation and maintenance of a 180-ton refrigeration ammonia plant
- General facility cleaning duties - floors, bathrooms, common areas, etc.
- Hockey and Curling ice maintenance
- Building maintenance on various public buildings throughout the municipality
- Development and maintenance of sports field, including grass cutting
- Maintenance and beautification of playgrounds, park and recreational spaces, including Gimli Beach

Qualifications:

- Must have a Power Engineers Refrigeration Class Certificate or higher, as issued by the Province of Manitoba.
- Beneficial qualifications - Arena / Curling Ice Level I, Ice Making Certificate

Skills:

- Good communication skills, as this position deals with the public on a daily basis
- Ability to work well with others, have initiative and be flexible
- Ability to work alone and make decisions, with minimal supervision
- Wide range of skills to perform a variety of maintenance duties required for the position
- An understanding of sports, recreation and leisure services in the R.M. of Gimli
- Previous experience in Recreation, Public Works or Arena setting would be considered an asset
- Preference will be given to those with experience in the following trades: carpentry, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and ice making

Salary as per union collective agreement

For more information please Contact Tyler Yellowega at 204-642-6670 or tyellowega@rmgimli.com

Please submit resume with detailed skill set and references, by **4:00 p.m. July 17, 2020** to:

Tyler Yellowega
Manager - Parks & Recreation
Rural Municipality of Gimli
45 Centennial Road, PO Box 1258
Gimli, MB ROC 1B0
Email: tyellowega@rmgimli.com
Fax: 204-642-4307

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Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Facility Manager
Permanent year round position
Closing date: July 27, 2020
Commencement date: To be determined, no later than September 1, 2020
Salary: Commensurate with experience.
Salary Range: \$18.00-\$25.00

The Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission is a municipal organization servicing the Town of Arborg, Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, and central portion of the Interlake. The Recreation Commission offers diverse programming and activities throughout the year and operates the following facilities in Arborg: arena, outdoor aquatic centre, curling rink, community centre, parks, baseball and soccer fields.

Qualifications:

- The ideal candidate will possess a valid Power Engineers Certificate / Arena Operators Certificate. Consideration may be given to a suitable candidate willing to obtain the above qualifications.
- Outdoor pool maintenance certificate (or similar) or willingness and ability to obtain same.
- Diverse knowledge and experience in maintenance including but not limited to carpentry, electrical, plumbing and mechanical.
- Experience in operating and maintaining equipment such as ice resurfer, curling ice scraper, lawn mowers, tractor, trimmers, power and hand tools.
- Knowledge and experience in the making and maintenance of arena and curling ice.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills with the proven ability to effectively communicate in dealings with the general public and co-workers.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

Desired: Proven experience in working in arena, pool, and other recreational facility environments.
First Aid and CPR training.

Conditions of Employment:

- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada
- Must possess and maintain a valid Manitoba drivers' licence.
- Must be physically fit and capable of performing duties as assigned including heavy lifting of 50 pounds.
- Must be willing and able to work days, evenings, weekends and statutory holidays as required in order to allow maximum use of facilities.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and in an arena environment.
- Must consent to and provide a satisfactory criminal records and child abuse registry check.

Duties:

Under the direction of the Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission, the Facility Manager will report directly to the Manager of Recreational Services. The candidate will ensure the safe and efficient operation of all recreation facilities (arena, aquatic centre, curling rink, community centre, baseball and soccer fields, and community parks, and ensure that all equipment is maintained and inspected for effective and efficient operation. Effective and respectful communication skills with spectators, coaches, players, staff and the general public is paramount.

Monthly reporting of facility operations and conditions to the Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission Board of Directors shall be required.

A probationary period of 6 months shall be established for this position. Apply to: Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission Box 555, Arborg Manitoba, ROC OAO Attention: Selection Committee

For further information, contact Tom Chwaliboga – Manager of Recreational Services at 204-376-5576 or by email at tom.abprc@mymts.net.

When applying, please include a cover letter, resume detailing educational and prior job experience, along with three (3) relevant references, along with their contact information, as well as salary expectations. ABPRC thanks all who apply, and advises that only those selected for personal interviews will be contacted.

Position Title: Production Line Worker
Location: Teulon, Manitoba
Emp. Type: Seasonal
Phone: 204-886-2552



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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI Invites applications for SEASONAL & STUDENT POSITIONS

General Skills & Qualifications for all positions
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SEASONAL POSITION (Full-time July & August and Part-time September)

PARK PATROL – Duties include monitoring and maintaining a clean safe beach and park areas as well as other public facilities. Greet visitors, provide tourism and environmental information. Shifts are varied; seven days per week; 8:00AM to 10:00PM.

REC CENTRE GENERAL LABOURER – Grass cutting and other miscellaneous maintenance duties. Work shift Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

Completed applications stating the position(s) applying for, with resume and references, should be submitted to the Recreation Office at 45 Centennial Road by **4:00 p.m. on July 13, 2020.**

Tyler Yellowega
Manager – Parks & Recreation
Rural Municipality of Gimli
PO Box 1258, 45 Centennial Road
Gimli, MB ROC 1B0
Email: tyellowega@rmgimli.com
Fax: (204) 642-4307

We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Interlake Women's Resource Centre Inc.

Invitation to Tender

The Interlake Women's Resource Centre is seeking quotations for indoor renovations to the reception area of our Centre. A job Specifications package may be picked up as of Friday, June 26, 2020 between 9:30am-3:30pm Monday – Friday at the IWRC. 87-5th Avenue, Gimli, MB

**Deadline for quote consideration is
4:00pm Monday July 13th, 2020.**

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



West Interlake Watershed District

The WIWD is seeking one part-time
(35 hours per week, 8 weeks)

Environmental Technician

Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership in awareness and implementation of environmental practices to achieve environmental stewardship
- Collect soil samples to conduct basic assessment of soil quality

Skills / Qualifications

- Highly motivated, strong work ethic, detailed orientated
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience using Microsoft Office computer programs
- Valid class 5 driver's license

The office is located in Lundar, Manitoba.

Priority will be given to applicants that are:

- Students and unemployed youth aged 16 to 29
- Living in rural Manitoba and are legally entitled to work in Canada

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West Interlake Watershed District
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Interlake Women's Resource Centre Inc.
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Work to include:

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL 2020 PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAILED.

Any property owner who has not yet received a tax statement should contact the Municipal Office at 62 2nd Avenue, or telephone 642-6650. New property owners are reminded that they are responsible for payment of the 2020 taxes, whether or not they receive a tax notice in their name. 2020 property taxes are due and payable on or before August 31st, 2020. In the event of a Postal disruption, please contact the Municipal Office regarding correspondence and Utility Bills sent out of this office.

Kelly Cosgrove
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Gimli



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AIRPORT RAMP SURFACE REPAIRS

The Rural Municipality of Gimli, Airport Operations, requests bids to be submitted to complete the following work at the Gimli Industrial Park Airport.

The work required:

1. Repair of broken and loose concrete at expansion joints along the main ramp of the airport due to frost and heat expansion. Specific work to all areas will require excavation of loose broken concrete and removal from the airport. Asphalt resurfacing to include application of SS1 bonding agent to all areas and resurface with hot mix asphalt. Smooth top coat to level with surrounding grade of the ramp surface. Approximately 60 areas totalling 2000 square feet of surface repairs are required. Request price per square foot be submitted.
2. Repair of broken concrete due to frost and heat expansion along four (4) lengths of ramp cement sections. Specific work will require saw cuts along full length of each frost heave, removal of rubble, stone and gravel within saw cut area, packing of sub surface gravel, application of tack bonding agent, and application of smooth coat asphalt to fill cut area to level with surrounding grade of the ramp surface. Approximately 1400 square feet of surface repairs required. Request price per square foot be submitted.

Please note all repairs to be completed leaving a smooth ramp surface with no bumps, hills or inclines due to nature of aircraft operating at the airport. All rubble and debris to be removed from work area and ramp area to be swept clean and free of any debris upon work completion.

Contact the Airport Manager during normal business hours for further information or to complete a site inspection prior to bid submission. 1-431-641-3050.

Work to be completed no later than Aug 28, 2020.

Bids for proposal to be submitted to RM of Gimli, Assistant CAO no later than close of business day Friday July 17, 2020. Selected bid will be awarded no later than July 24, 2020


Kelly Cosgrove, Assistant CAO, Rural Municipality of Gimli
62 - 2nd Avenue, PO Box 1246, Gimli, MB. R0C 1B0
Email: gimli@rmgimli.com Fax: 204-642-6660

Gimli Minor Hockey

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

July 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Gimli Rec Centre
Everyone is welcome to attend

Please contact 204-641-0708 for any questions




TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

Please be advised that a municipal by-election will be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2020.**

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


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by appointment only, I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of **Councillor:** Between July 13 and August 07, 2020

At the Town of Winnipeg Beach office, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach during regular office hours or at a mutually agreed upon time and location.

To schedule an appointment to receive a registration form, please contact me at the telephone number below or by e-mail at: seo@winnipegbeach.ca.

David Lobban, Senior Election Official (SEO), 204-389-4980 or 204-918-7563 (cell)



TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH
NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST / VOTING AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER / PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Board Election Act, notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be reviewed, by appointment with the SEO, at the Town of Winnipeg Beach Office, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach. Updates to the Voters List can be made until August 07, 2020.

Updating of the Voters List including:

- (a) adding names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
- (b) deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list; and
- (c) making such other corrections of errors to the list, as required.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:
A person is eligible to have their name added to the Voters List if they are:
1) a Canadian Citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and
2) a resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to election day; or a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to Election Day.

VOTING AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER: Subsection 22(1)
A maximum of two non-resident property owners per property are permitted to vote in a municipal election, Subsection 22(2). Where there are more than two non-resident property owners, each of the two votes must receive written consent from the majority of the registered property owners and this is to be filed with the SEO prior to August 07, 2020 for inclusion to the voters list.

Note: When voting, you may be required to provide proof of ownership to the voting official.

When voting, proof of identity may be requested by the voting official.

A voter's name must not appear on the voters list more than once.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:
A voter may apply in writing to the SEO (at the address below) no later than August 07, 2020 to have their name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail or fax and must include your name, address and include proof of identity (an official document issued by a federal, provincial or municipal government). Any photocopies must be legible.

All changes to the voters list are to be completed by the close of business (16:30) on August 07, 2020, in preparation for the municipal by-election to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020

David Lobban, Senior Election Official (SEO) for the Town of Winnipeg Beach.
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

INVITATION TO TENDER

CLOSING DATE:
Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Noon

The Rural Municipality of Gimli is accepting tenders for the following:

- 1. SIDEWALK TENDER:** Concrete sidewalk renewal, uni-stone renewal and curb restoration at various locations within the Urban Centre (former town area) and Sandy Hook, including removal of existing concrete where necessary and landscaping with top soil and seed to pre-construction condition.
- 2. STREET REPAIR TENDER:** Asphalt street cuts in various areas within the Urban Centre (former town area) and Arnes area.

Detailed tender packages complete with specifications are available to interested bidders on the RM of Gimli website, www.gimli.ca, or at the Municipal Office, 62 2nd Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Any questions or concerns related to the tenders can be directed to: Darcy Hjelmeland
Manager of Public Works and Utility Operations
Rural Municipality of Gimli
Phone: (204) 642-6688
publicworks@rmgimli.com

The RM of Gimli reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the tender in the best interest of the RM of Gimli in its sole discretion. Lowest bid may not be accepted. Contractors must comply with Municipal requirements for liability insurance, WCB coverage and business licensing to be eligible to be awarded the contract.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF RECONVENED PUBLIC HEARING

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

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 19-0001
Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended.

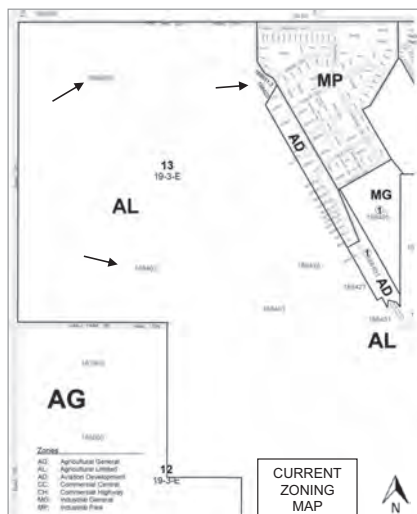
HEARING LOCATION: Gimli Recreation Centre
45 Centennial Road
Gimli, MB

DATE & TIME: July 22, 2020
7:15 pm

AFFECTED AREA: Pt. 13-19-3E being Pt. Pcls. A and B, Plan 23108 and Pcl. A, Plan 31970 and Pt. Block 2, Plan 39326.
Roll No. 188651.3, 188425, Pt. 188403 and Pt. 188402 (arrows mark locations)

GENERAL INTENT: To rezone areas in the RM of Gimli:

1. From "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "AD" Aviation Development Zone, for the purpose of correcting a previous zoning classification error; and
2. From "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "MP" Industrial Park Zone for the purpose of possible future industrial growth.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District
62 2nd Ave, Box 1758 Gimli MB R0C 1B0 - Ph: 204-642-5478 Fax: 204-642-4061
Email: ajpd@mymts.net website: www.interlakeplanning.com

COVID-19 PROTOCOL: Should you wish to attend the hearing, you must PRE-REGISTER NO LATER THAN JULY 21, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. with the RM of Gimli office at 204-642-6650.

A copy of the proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from upon request.

Please Note: E.I.P.D. recommends that property owner's notify lessee/renter if applicable.

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More than a thought apart;
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-Loving you, Eddie and Tom always
and missing you everyday,
your wife, Mary
and your children, Rosalie (Mike), Lucy (Terry),
(Chris) and (Patty),
and their families

IN MEMORIAM



Kohler, Crystal Layne
February 21, 1986 - July 8, 2006

In loving memory of our
dear daughter and sister
Each night we shed a silent tear,
As we speak to you in prayer,
To let you know we love you,
And just how much we care.
Take our million teardrops,
And wrap them up in love,
Then ask the wind to carry them,
To you in Heaven above.
-Forever loved and in our
hearts,
your family XOx ...

OBITUARY



Charles Stanley Adamik

After a lengthy illness, with family by his side on July 6, 2020 at the Gimli Community Health Center, Charles Adamik, aged 60 years of Finns, MB, passed away.

He was predeceased by his parents Felix and Katie and his baby brother Anthony. He is survived by his siblings David, Marie, Jim (Rose), and Cindy (Edward), numerous nieces and nephews, and special friends Collin and Victor.

Special thank you to Arborg HomeCare, especially Tanis for the exceptional care given to Charles. Also thank you to the Gimli Community Health Centre.

Cremation has taken place and service details will follow at a later date.

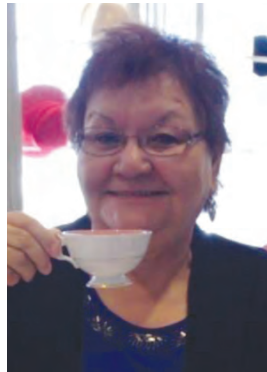
Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Marie Ann Cook (nee Collins)
July 22, 1947 - July 5, 2020



Our protective, ever-loving mom passed away at home in the early hours of Sunday, July 5, 2020. She was at peace with dying after years of struggling with her health. Mom kept up her determined attitude towards life till the end - she was feisty and enjoyed a good shock factor in her speech.

She leaves behind her angel on earth, Steven Gergatz as well as her children; Carolyn (Richard), Victoria (Bradley), Joey (Lori), Jamie; grandchildren; James, Cory, Melissa, Caitlynn, Marc, Bryanne (Rylan), Brittany (James) and great grandchildren; Kyle, Jayla, Mia, Max, Andi, Kylie and Bennett. Her brothers Gene and Todd and sister Kim. Special to mom, her Uncle Russell and Auntie Pat, who was like a sister to her.

She was predeceased by her mom Anna, her dad Alex, brothers Alec Jr, Bruce, Timmy and sister in laws Louise and Diane as well as numerous aunts and uncles and close friends. She had a soft heart for animals and will be reunited by her numerous dogs, birds and rabbits that she loved.

Mom's sense of humour is what we most fondly remember as she was always cooking up a good one to get Steve on April Fools. She also loved family gatherings, (she was the biggest kid at Christmas) and making twice the amount of food to feed everyone. She looked for the flag flying at good friends, Wally and Yvonne's campsite and enjoyed many campfires and wiener roasts with them. For a lady as scared of bears as mom, her favourite memories of Alberta were time spent in the Peter Lougheed Park in the Rocky Mountains.

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