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# Gimli Glider pilot to attend 41st Anniversary Dinner

By E Antonio

Gimli is home to one of the world's most famous aviation events in history and volunteers are excited to be hosting the 41st Anniversary Dinner for the Gimli Glider on Sunday, July 21.

President Barb Gluck said they look forward to this date every year. The annual fundraising evening in support of the Gimli Glider's operation is usually a sell-out.

"Last year, guests came from nine of our provinces, overseas and the United State, many staying in Gimli for two or three days," she said.

The Gimli Glider exhibit is a volunteer-operated non-profit charity, and this large event provides funding that allows it to continue being a tourist attraction for aviation fans.

"We never know when they come through the door where they are from and what connection they may have to the history," she said.

The Gimli Glider exhibit was contacted last spring by MotoArt Plane



A one-of-a-kind PlaneTag cut and engraved directly from the skin of the historic Gimli Glider will be given away to one lucky winner at the dinner.

EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Tickets on sale for the Gimli Glider's pilot Capt. Bob Pearson meet and greet dinner in Gimli on July 21.

Tags company owner Dave Hall, wanting to make an offer to support the popular exhibit's operations.

For two decades, Hall built MotoArt as the first and only shop handcrafting one-of-a-kind furniture from the salvaged parts of decommissioned aircraft. While their artists continue to create desks, bars, tables and beyond from wings, fuselage, cowlings and more, Hall wanted the opportunity to bring a piece of aviation history to more of those who love the art of flight.

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Hall donated a small run of 245 of

the commemorative PlaneTags last year, what he referred to as a limited run manufactured from the famous aircraft's fuselage metal in honour of Air Canada's 767 Gimli Glider's 40th anniversary. The Gimli Glider remains are in a boneyard in Mojave, Calif.

The revenue generated from the sale of the tags will support the Gimli Glider exhibit.

The volunteer team at the exhibit was immersed in excess of 100 orders within hours of the PlaneTag being released. There were orders from around the globe for the historical special tags.

"Over the following days responding to the ongoing demands and speaking with Hall, exhibit staff quickly realized that Hall is heavily involved with the aviation market for collectors and business owners wishing to acquire authentic items from historic aircraft parts," said Gluck.

Gluck appreciates Hall's offer of the PlaneTags and the revenue their sale generated. She invited him to speak at the dinner to meet Capt. Pearson.

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## > GLIDER, FROM PG. 2

Hall accepted the invitation and looks forward to speaking to the guests about his experience working within the large aviation community.

Gluck also shared that one lucky dinner guest on July 21 will have the opportunity to win one of the Gimli Glider's 40th Commemorative PlaneTags autographed by Capt. Pearson, along with a signed poster.

This year's dinner will be held at Johnson Hall, on the top floor of the Waterfront Centre providing a beautiful view overlooking Lake Winnipeg on Sunday, July 21. Tickets are \$100 and limited and must be purchased before July 15.

Capt. Bob Pearson and Pearl Dion will attend the dinner, and they will also visit the Gimli Glider exhibit to meet the public for the 41st anniversary on July 23.

Dion was one of more than 60 passengers on the famed "Gimli Glider" — the nickname given to the Boeing 767 jet that made an emergency

landing near the small community of Gimli on July 23, 1983, after running out of fuel due to a metric conversion error.

The Montreal-to-Edmonton Air Canada Flight 143 was piloted by Bob Pearson, whose flying skills allowed him to successfully land the plane on an abandoned runway near the town in Manitoba's Interlake region, saving everyone on board — including Dion, now his partner of 11 years.

The visitation to the exhibit from around the world continues to grow as the years pass.

"It is always an interesting day volunteering and meeting so many who come from outside of our province to learn more about the famous landing," said Gluck.

More information on the popular dinner event or how to purchase tickets can be seen on the Gimli Glider website at [www.gimliglider.org](http://www.gimliglider.org). Email [gimligliderinfo@gmail.com](mailto:gimligliderinfo@gmail.com) for questions or call the exhibit at 204-642-5577.



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# GIFF celebrates 24 years

By Autumn Fehr

Looking for something to do this summer? From July 24 to 28, visit Gimli and enjoy an array of local, national and international films, including narrative feature films, documentaries and shorts at the Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF).

"Now more than ever, it's crucial to support the arts, as many film institutions across Canada are facing challenges. We are truly on the verge of making Manitoba the epicentre of film for all of Canada. GIFF is a gem amongst Canadian festivals, and we're fortunate to have it here. Let's celebrate films together. I hope to see everyone at the festival," said Teya Zuzek, this year's executive director of GIFF.

This will be Zuzek's first time directing the international festival.

"I still have to pinch myself; I can't believe I'm leading such a phenomenal cultural institution. What excites me most is seeing my first GIFF come into fruition and celebrating this achievement with my incredible staff, board

and programmers," she said.

This year, GIFF explores the concept of family, community and connectedness — all things that have naturally emerged throughout its program of films and poster design.

"We're so lucky to have incredible programmers every year."

New to GIFF this year is their GIFF Global Industry Summit. It's a free event this year and open to the public — pre-registration is encouraged. It's a great way for individuals to hear about what is happening across the film sector and engage with established professionals from different areas.

Annual events like the RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmakers Pitch Competition, 48-Hour Challenge Screening and Winnipeg Indigenous Filmmakers Collective Screening are also coming back. GIFF's Awards Ceremony this year will be extra special, with Zacharias Kunuk receiving the Alda Award.

Zuzek is especially looking forward to a special screening of *Wilderness Trails*, a Manitoban film that hasn't been screened since the 1970s. The screening will open with a unique sound performance by a Winnipeg-based artist.

Returning this year are the famous RBC Sunset Beach Screenings, which will take place each night. Enjoy a unique experience under the stars at the beach, and take in one or more of this year's beach films: *Barbie* (2023), *Summer Rental* (1985), *Thelma & Louise* (1991), *Theater Camp* (2023) and *Paddington 2* (2017).

To view the full schedule of this year's films and for more information, please visit <https://www.gimlifilm.com/>.

"After the challenging times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's heartening to see people talking about reconnecting," said Zuzek.

This year, attendees can look forward to an exceptional program that has something for everyone.

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# ERIKSDALE CREAMERY DAYS

## Fair and Rodeo JULY 6 & 7, 2024

### Eriksdale Creamery Days to celebrate family and traditions

Heartland Rodeo and antique tractor pull July 6

By Becca Myskiw

Eriksdale's Creamery Days is just days away, and the weekend is sure to be one you don't want to miss.

On July 6 and 7, Eriksdale will be bustling with activities for people of all ages and interests. The annual Creamery

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## Fair and Rodeo PROGRAM

### SATURDAY

- 8:00-** Free Pancake Breakfast @ Eriksdale Recreation  
**9:30am** Centre (Sponsored by the RM of West Interlake & Prepared by Eriksdale Fire Dept. members)
- 10:00am-2:00pm** Eriksdale and District Chamber of Commerce Market Garden under the Pavillion on Railway Ave., Memorial Park
- 11:00am** Parade Starts - "Colour Theme - Green & White"
- 12:00pm-3:00pm** Creamery Museum Grounds  
Opening Remarks & Guest Speakers  
Eriksdale Curling Club BBQ Lunch Fundraiser  
Kids Zone - Bouncing Inflatables, face painting, glitter tattoos & more  
In the Museum - Home Living section exhibits, museum displays, silent auction, ice cream & more (please sign our Museum guest book)
- 1:00pm** Entertainment by "The Spectacles" with special guest: Garnet Knight on Fiddle
- 3:00pm** McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds - Tractor Pull (Weigh in 12-12:30 pm at the grounds)  
Kid's Activities - bouncing inflatables & more  
Canteen (supper specials) & Beer Gardens Open
- 3:30-5:30pm** Horse Drawn Wagon Rides by Bamford Homestead (Sponsored by Eriksdale Metis Association)
- 5:00pm** Heartland Rodeo  
Mutton Busting - at intermission  
Following Rodeo - Live Entertainment - "Lost in a Small Town" Band

### "Thank You"

The Eriksdale Creamery Days Fair and Rodeo would not be a reality without the generous support from all of our sponsors, the commitment of our volunteers and the encouragement from the community.

On behalf of the Eriksdale Creamery Days Fair and Rodeo volunteer organizing committee, we would like to sincerely thank each and everyone who has played a part in making our event such a success. We could not do it without you!!

### SUNDAY

- 12:00noon** McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds  
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- 12:30pm** Kid's Activities - bouncing inflatables & more
- 12:30pm-2:30pm** Horse Drawn Wagon Rides by Bamford Homestead
- 1:00pm** Heartland Rodeo  
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# ERIKSDALE CREAMERY DAYS

## Fair and Rodeo JULY 6 & 7, 2024

### > FAMILY TRADITIONS, FROM PG. 5

Days event, which began 18 years ago as a way to showcase the Eriksdale Creamery, has now expanded into a two-day celebration that draws in hundreds of visitors each year.

Built in 1912, the Eriksdale Creamery was constructed by the Brandon Creamery and Supply Company. The standard wood frame building was expanded several times over the years, increasing in size as it did in capacity. According to the Manitoba Historical Society, the core of the Eriksdale Creamery operation was in the main room where the cream was weighed, graded, and churned day after day. In later years, the creamery became a butter finishing operation, then a butter cutting business until it permanently closed in 1990.

In 1995, a group of local volunteers established to acquire and restore the creamery, preserving it in all its glory and turning it into the museum it is today. Since 1995, the creamery has been a municipally designated historic site.

The creamery's transformation into a museum and the launch of Creamery Days both serve to commemorate the Eriksdale staple. One organizer of the upcoming two-day event, Vienna Kinkead, said Creamery Days is important for the town's history.

"We like to do as much as we can to keep awareness of it because it's one of a kind," she said. "It hasn't been many years that it hasn't been operating and that it's been a museum."

Kinkead joined the Creamery Days committee around 10 years ago when she and her family were really active with the Heartland Rodeo. It was then that she brought the idea of bringing the rodeo to Creamery Days, and it's been an event staple ever since.

"We thought it'd be a good way to revamp it and bring new energy and it's been amazing," she said.

Creamery Days kicks off on Saturday, July 6 with a parade at 11 a.m., followed by a BBQ lunch at noon, and the Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce market garden from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Heartland Rodeo and antique tractor pull will start at the rodeo grounds around 3 p.m. and will continue on Sunday. At the rodeo, people can watch saddle bronc riding, team

roping, bull riding, barrel racing, ranch bronc riding, and more.

There will be live entertainment all weekend long at the museum, complete with a home living section full of crafts, preserves, and baking, and a new Manitoba Metis Federation section, where Indigenous people can bring samples of their beading work to be judged.

Creamery Days is a cherished family event that has also become a beloved reunion for many community members, according to Kinkead. She expresses her hope that the event will receive the continued support it has enjoyed in past years, allowing it to continue for another 18 years.



**Enjoy Eriksdale Creamery Days July 6th & 7th**

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## ESD working on early reading intervention, seeing improvements

By Becca Myskiw

The Evergreen School Division (ESD) is actively working on early reading instruction and intervention — and they're seeing the fruits of their labours.

When ESD Supt. Scott Hill and his staff started learning more about how children learn best, they delved deep into the research. On the heels of Ontario's Right to Read inquiry, Hill took the report's findings seriously, and ESD started making changes.

"There's a whole body of research informing of the different ways of doing reading instruction," he said.

The Right to Read inquiry highlights that learning to read is not a privilege but a fundamental and essential human right. It includes 157 recommendations to the Ministry of Education and school boards on how to address systemic issues that affect children's right to read and learn. Hill felt compelled to make changes in his school division based on the research evidence that supports teaching reading in a way that pays more attention to phonics.

"We knew Manitoba was going to undertake a similar human rights inquiry," said Hill. "And we decided we wouldn't wait for Manitoba to draw what we expect will be a similar conclusion in Ontario, so we started drawing a plan."

ESD's reading instruction works off of three tiers and a screening system. ESD staff do a reading assessment with each student at least three times a year — at the beginning, middle of the year and end of the year — where the students demonstrate their ability to make letter sounds and sound out words.

"We screen every early years student to basically check in on how their progress with reading instruction is and then we create a multi-

tiered approach to making sure every kid learns to read," said Hill.

All assessment findings go into a diagnostic standardized reading assessment tool, and the data is kept for tracking. These assessments help ESD staff know whether or not their students are where they need to be reading-wise.

Tier 1 instruction is for every student in the classroom and includes ensuring the children know how to sound out words. If, based on the assessments, staff find a student is struggling with something, they'll start giving them Tier 2 instruction, which is essentially more instruction in small groups.

"They're usually struggling to decode words, sounding them out," said Hill. "Some kids need extra time and practice to be taught what letter sounds do. Sometimes they learn in the small groups in the classroom and sometimes they need a more intensive intervention, which is Tier 3."

Tier 3 instruction allows the children who are still struggling to receive more instruction more often. Hill said some children usually need more repetition when sounding out letters and words, and Tier 3 instruction gives them that.

"We just need to make sure we have the time for every kid to have that success because reading is foundational for what happens in school and life in general," he said.

The children receiving Tier 2 and Tier 3 instruction in ESD have their progress monitored by staff so they can make sure the extra instruction is working.

ESD started doing the reading assessments division-wide last school year. Hill said in the two years the program's been going, they've seen statistically significant improvements across the division's schools, which is

extremely exciting to them.

"We have individual success stories where kids struggle to read, and as they move up grades, their confidence as a learner takes a hit and they'll turn to negative behaviours or other ways of getting attention if they're not experiencing success," said Hill.

"So we have stories of kids that were struggling and now having success, and that's always really gratifying, too."

Hill said a parent recently gave the school board a presentation about her own child experiencing that success they didn't before. Before ESD implemented the early reading instruction and intervention program, the student had behavioural challenges from "being no good at reading." Once the division provided the intervention, the student changed completely.

"He used to toss birthday cards aside and now when you drive through town, he reads the signs on stores and in traffic," said Hill. "He sees himself as a learner and a reader now. These are the stories that inspire us to keep going."

ESD won one of the 2024 Dyslexia Canada Educational Excellence Awards for their approach to early reading intervention this May. Hill said they received the award for their proactive approach to reading intervention as it's similar to many of the organization's practices. ESD has visitors from other school divisions inquiring about the program often, and Hill hopes he'll start seeing more of their work across Manitoba.

"It's exciting to feel like we're a bit of a leader in some of the work we're doing," he said.

"I've been in education for more than 25 years and this is the most exciting work I've been a part of."

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# Correction

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A Remote Controlled (RC) track is being built in Arborg this summer for the community to use.

By Becca Myskiw

Last week in the *Express Weekly News*, we published an article regarding a remote controlled track opening in the Interlake. In the article we said it was Ashern when it is actually in Arborg.

The *Express* apologizes for the error.

“And if there ends up being no interest, it can be dismantled and recycled,” he said.

Ashern’s new RC track is expected to be ready for use sometime soon. Watch the community Facebook page for updates.



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# Fisher Branch graduates moving on from high school

By Becca Myskiw

Fisher Branch's graduating class of 2024 is finally "moving on."

In a ceremony filled with laughter and tears, graduates said goodbye to the first 18 years of their life, almost 13 of them spent entirely together. The day started at 1 p.m. as the sun shone overhead, heat waves radiating outside as the grads made their way to accept their diplomas inside.

"After my first 20 minutes or so with this group, I left wondering, 'what did I get myself into?'" said Tim Beyette, teacher and guest speaker at Fisher Branch grad. "Well, Semester 2 came along and I found myself teaching them two classes every day. It was not long before I had an attitude adjustment and I came to see this group as a unique blend of wonderful, fun-loving and, yes, even likable personalities."

Beyette taught Fisher Branch's graduating class of 2024 for just three years but had memories he holds dearly with each and every one of the students. Beyette mentioned Kelly Huynh's smile, saying he doesn't remember one time when she wasn't wearing it. He added that smile was uplifting every day, but especially on the not-so-good days.

Beyette talked about Klyd Miranda being his go-to person to get the discussion started. No matter the topic, he said he could always count on Miranda to add his thoughts and opinions, though they were often opposite to his own. Beyette mentioned Chase Nahuliak being a great conversationalist, eager to talk about anything

in class that was off topic. He dubbed Gabe Vieira the negotiator, talked about Justin Beaudette's perseverance, and laughed when remembering Jared Leochko's dance moves, namely his signature routine.

Beyette looked to Rachel Traa, acknowledging her creative mind and vivid imagination, then to Benson Legary, noting his never-ending enthusiasm. He mentioned quiet Owen Favel, who was always ready for a friendly chat, and Raelyn Daniels, whom he saved for last because of the lasting impact their last conversation had on him — Daniels, doing extremely well on her history exam, said to Beyette he must be proud of her, and he is. He's proud of her and each of her classmates.

Beyette's speech was on the theme "moving on." He said some of the graduates may enter the work force immediately after graduating, others may go into further education or training, and some may take the time to travel.

"Wherever your path leads, remember there will be challenges and solutions, good times and bad times," he said. "And, of course, failure and success. Such is life. Whatever life brings your way in the next few days, months and years, remember this — each and every one of you has it within yourselves to rise above challenges, grab hold of the good times and learn from failures to turn them into success."

Principal Amanda Garton called graduation a day of joy, reflection and a bit of anticipation. Speaking directly to the graduates, she said, "You have navigated the

challenges and embraced the opportunities that your education presented. Your perseverance, dedication and hard work have brought you to this moment. Each of you has grown, not just academically but personally and socially, preparing you for the diverse paths that lie ahead."

She said the knowledge and skills the now-grads have acquired are tools that will help them build their

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## Fisher Branch Scholarships

### Kelly Huynh

University of Manitoba  
Olga Grouch Fund - FBWI  
Fisher Branch Filipino Community  
Ben Grocholski Memorial Fund  
Royal Canadian Legion #57 Poppy Fund  
Annette Holowka  
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Minh's Restaurant  
Lakeshore School Division  
Governor General Medal  
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Gr 12 Pre-Calculus Math  
Gr 12 ELA: Comprehensive Focus  
Gr 12 Chemistry  
Gr 12 Physics  
FBC Grad 2018  
Patti Witzke  
Lindsay Rindall  
Michelle Smith  
Derek Johnson  
Ukrainian Farmers Coop

Chown Centennial  
attending University taking Science  
Valedictorian  
Volunteerism  
Most Congenial Grad  
furthering education in medical field  
furthering education  
1st place graduate  
furthering education as picked by donor  
Proficiency Award  
1st place over Gr 11 & 12  
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in memory of Betty & Ken Carson  
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In memory of Nancy Swenty  
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Walter Wowchuk Memorial

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RM of Fisher  
Smith's Autotec  
Shachtay Sales & Service  
Gr 12 Essential Math  
Patti Witzke  
Fisher Repair  
Broad Valley Ent.

furthering education in business  
furthering education  
furthering education  
furthering education  
continuing on in apprenticeship program  
furthering education in apprenticeship program  
highest mark  
in memory of Sean Witzke  
furthering ed as picked by donor  
furthering education in trades

### Klyd Miranda

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FB Health Center  
Anonymous  
FB Women's Institute  
Minh's Restaurant  
Horatio Alger Association of Canada  
William Zabatiuk Memorial  
Gr 12 Construction Technology  
Patti Witzke  
Fisher Branch Filipino Community  
Lakeshore Teachers Association  
Ben Grocholski Memorial Fund

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furthering education  
furthering education  
furthering education in health & fitness  
furthering education as picked by donor  
2nd place graduate  
furthering education as picked by donor  
Horatio Alger Scholarship  
Most Improved Grad  
highest mark  
in memory of Betty & Ken Carson  
Filipino graduating student  
furthering ed  
Volunteerism

### Chase Nahuliak

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RM of Fisher  
Interlake Honey Producers  
International Pollination Systems Canada  
Interlake Auto  
Patti Witzke

furthering education  
furthering education in trades  
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furthering education in business  
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### Gabe Vieira

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Norstar Consulting  
Gr 12 Manufacturing Technology  
Patti Witzke

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furthering education  
highest mark  
in memory of Sean Witzke

### Justin Beaudette

Fisher Branch Filipino Community

Filipino graduating student



The class of 2024 toss their caps, left to right: Owen Favel, Benson Legary, Klyd Miranda, Justin Beaudette, Gabriel Vieira, Chase Nahuliak, Jared Leochko, Raelyn Daniels, Rachel Traa and Kelly Huynh.



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Fisher Branch Collegiate's graduating class of 2024. Left to right: Jared Leochko, Chase Nahuliak, Benson Legary, Owel Favel, Justin Beaudette, Gabriel Vieira, Klyd Miranda, Kelly Huynh, Raelyn Daniels and Rachel Traa. Missing from the photo are Tedi Mark and Owen Wevursky.



Principal Amanda Garton addresses the graduates.

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futures, but their character, integrity and compassion will define their success.

"As you step into the world outside of these walls, remember to embrace the values of empathy, resilience and curiosity," said Garton. "You are all capable of learning continuously, innovating fearlessly and contributing positively to your communities."

The crowd of parents, grandparents, teachers, siblings, friends and loved ones listened as valedictorian Kelly Huynh took the stage. She had a different take on the traditional speech, speaking about love in all its different forms for her peers.

The ceremony continued as almost 60 awards were given out. More than 20 awards went to Huynh, including the University of Manitoba's Chown Centennial award for \$1,000, the Olga Grouch Fund award for \$2,000, the Governor General's medal and the highest grade awards for Grade 12 applied math, Grade 12 pre-calculus math, Grade 12 ELA, Grade 12 chemistry and Grade 12 physics.

Taking home almost 15 awards was Miranda, with a few being the Olga Grouch Fund award for \$2,000, an anonymous award for \$1,000, the Horatio Alger Association of Canada award for \$5,000 and the highest mark in Grade 12 construction technology. Nahuliak received more than five



Principal Amanda Garton presented the Governor General's Bronze Medal for academic excellence to Kelly Huynh.



Benson Legary makes his way out of the gym.



Valedictorian Kelly Huynh.

awards, Legary got 10, and Vieira received three.

To close off his speech, and to send the grads into the world, Beyeette quoted *The Lord of the Rings*.

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo Baggins, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no telling where you might be swept off to."

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# Arborg Collegiate's class of 2024 nothing short of inspiring

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg Collegiate's 2024 graduating class was called nothing short of inspiring and lauded for their pursuit of academic excellence at their graduation ceremony on June 26.

Several hundred family members and friends attended the ceremony at the Arborg Community Hall.

After opening remarks by master of ceremonies Heidi Simundsson, the grads proceeded to the stage, then Kate Friesen played the ukulele and sang *O Canada*. The audience and Friesen's fellow grads spontaneously joined in when Friesen experienced a technical glitch with the mic.

Class valedictorians Sydney Burak and Jocelyn Friesen spoke about the impact they had on each other's lives, highlighting memorable moments when they supported each other "like older sisters," engaged in shenanigans "like mischievous little brothers," brought treats for the whole class at Christmas and showed "exceptional skill" in areas such as the arts, sports and academia.

"Our class has always been tight-knit and when we look back at some of the things we've done together, we cannot help but smile at all the good memories we made," said Friesen.

Burak said that although they'll have to transition to a life without seeing each other daily, they'll remember the times they shared.

"It's hard to imagine what life will be like without seeing you every day. But we know that each and every one of you will do amazing things," said Burak. "They say you don't know how much you miss something until



ACI principal Krista Borgfjord presented Jocelyn Friesen with the Governor General's Academic Medal.

it's gone, and I'm sure that will be the case for our class. All the hard work effort and time we put into getting up here today has finally come to an end and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all [of you]."

The valedictorians thanked their parents for supporting them and their teachers for putting up with them and their "wild ideas."

Arborg Collegiate principal Krista Borgfjord said she had never cried at a graduation before but almost broke down when she saw her graduates all dressed up.

"I had the pleasure of teaching this class back in Grade 9 and it's been truly wonderful to watch each and every one of you grow and mature over the past four years," said Borgfjord. "The transformation that I witnessed in each of you is nothing short of remarkable. You have evolved into confident, capable and determined individuals ready to face the world head on. I would like to commend our



Arborg Collegiate 2024 graduates.

EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT



Valedictorians Sydney Burak and Jocelyn Friesen.

graduates for academic excellence, dedication to learning, perseverance in the face of challenges and your unwavering commitment to achieving your goals. You've been nothing short of inspiring."

Evergreen School Division superintendent Scott Hill congratulated the graduates for earning their high school diplomas and urged them to



Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck presented Brooke Barylski with a Town of Arborg award. She also earned an Interlake Lightning U18 Scholarship.

make a difference in the world.

"As you leave the halls of ACI and step into the next chapter of your lives, carry with you the lessons of compassion, joy, hard work, independent thought and empathy," said Hill. "Strive to be contributing citizens in

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Kate Friesen played ukelele and sang O Canada.



Susan Bauernhuber presented Bailey Orbanski with the Philip Bauernhuber Memorial Scholarship.



From left: Gerald and Bev Huebner, Ukrainian newcomers Eugenia with daughters Alisa and Yelizaveta Bochko, Cindy Genik and Marlene Reimer. Churches and businesses, including Diemo and Vidir Machine, in the Arborg, Morweena, Riverton and Stonewall areas helped bring Ukrainians to the Interlake after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Members of the group who helped settle the Ukrainians attended the graduation ceremony, which had four Ukrainians graduating.

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our democratic society. Use your voices, your minds and your hearts to make a difference."

Guest speakers Haley Fisher and Scott Stadnek shared fond and humorous memories of teaching the grads over

the past four years, highlighting their impish antics as well as their support for one another and kindness and empathy towards others.

Stadnek shared some parallels between life and a wireless mouse — which some of the grads used to habitually hide on him — and pertinent advice about life after high school. With regard to "limited range," Stadnek advised the grads to not "stray too far from the people and lessons that have shaped you into who you are today."

Fisher said the grads allowed her to experience what it's like to be a mom, and she shared with them a recipe for how to be a beautiful human being.

"As you embark on your new phase of life, you might not know for sure what you're going to do

and that's OK. Throughout your time at ACI, you've been shaping who you are. Some of your identities have been based on being kind and inclusive, others on being ambitious and dependable. Some of you see yourselves as talented and daring, others as cautious and sweet," said Fisher. "Rather than focusing on what you do, define yourself — and others — by your attitudes and how you treat people, and what makes you a unique and beautiful human being."

Twenty-one of the 30 graduates have stated their intention to pursue post-secondary studies. Over 40 local businesses, service organizations and individuals presented many grads with bursaries and awards. The University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg also provided entrance scholarships.

Principal Krista Borgfjord presented Jocelyn Friesen with the Governor General's Academic Medal.

After the ceremony, the grads and their families gathered outside for photos.

Arborg area resident Cindy Genik, who's among a group of people, churches and businesses who helped Ukrainians settle in the Interlake after they fled the Russian invasion of Ukraine, said she's so proud to see four of them graduate from Arborg Collegiate.

"Having watched all the Ukrainians who came here, having to learn English and go to school, my heart is so proud of everybody," said Genik. "I just love them like they were like my own children."

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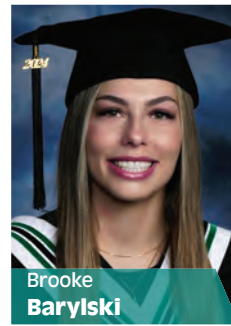
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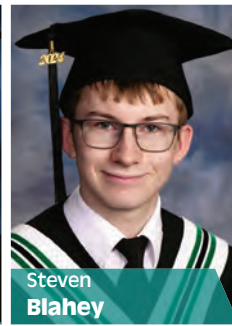
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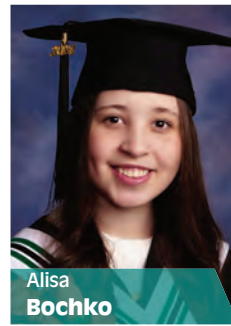
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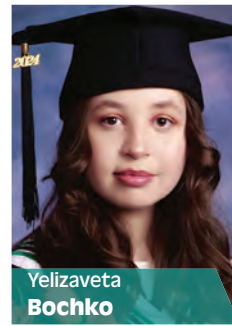
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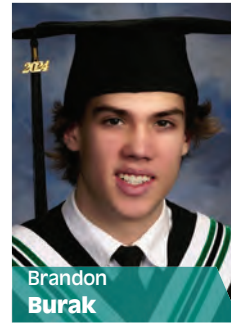
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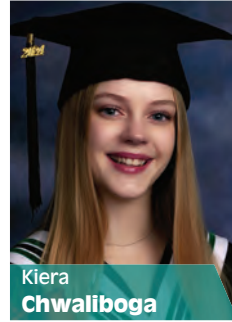
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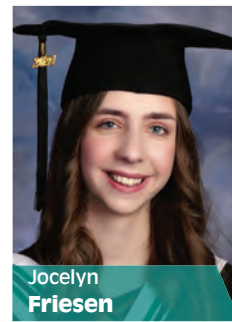
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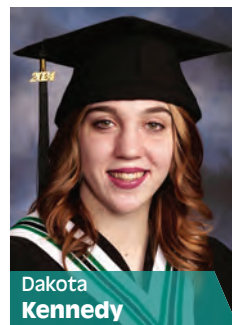
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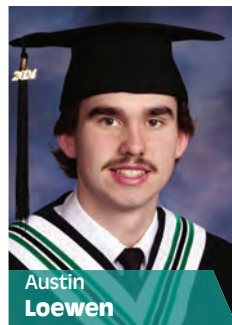
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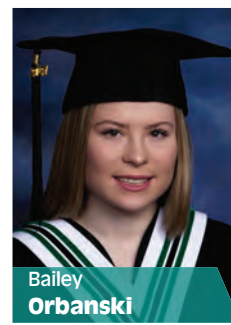
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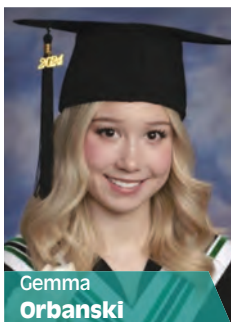
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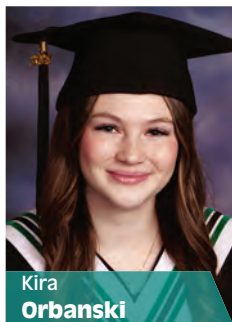
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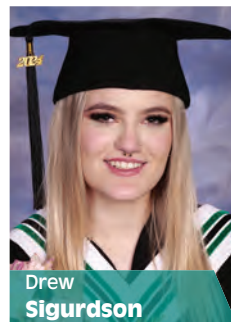
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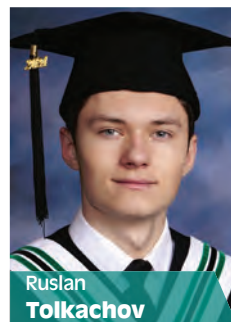
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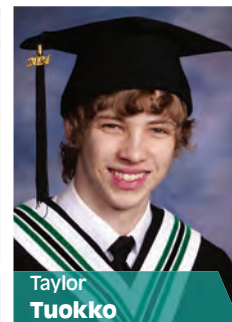
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**Brandon Burak** Donald Bjornson Memorial Scholarship  
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**Emilee Danielson** Arborg Agricultural Society Award  
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**Johann Fridfinnson** Municipality of Bifrost Riverton Scholarship  
 University of Manitoba Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship

**Jocelyn Friesen** ARBC Band Boosters Scholarship  
 Rotary Club of Gimli Scholarship  
 Vidir Solutions Inc. Scholarship  
 University of Manitoba Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship  
 Governor General's Medal

**Kate Friesen** ARBC Band Boosters Scholarship  
 Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship

**Emmanuel Magaway** Friederici Farms Agriculture & Healthcare Scholarship  
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 UWinnipeg Betty Anna Isfeld Entrance Scholarship  
 UWinnipeg Special Entrance Scholarship

**Bailey Orbanski** Royal Canadian Legion Branch #161 Bursary Award  
 Phillip Bauernhuber Memorial Scholarship

**Gemma Orbanski** Arborg Collegiate Visual Arts Scholarship

**Kira Orbanski** Evergreen School Division Award  
 Evergreen Teachers' Association Bursary  
 UWinnipeg Special Entrance Scholarship

# Lundar students overcame challenges to graduate

By Becca Myskiw

The Lundar graduating class of 2024 is off into the world that needs them.

In a ceremony on June 25, the 24 grads took to the stage, cap tassels dangling on the right sides of their heads, ready to move to the left. Before receiving their diplomas, though, grads first listened to their principal, Lawrence Grzenda, give a speech.

He started off by saying he's watched the grads find success, meet failure and try again throughout their years in Lundar School. He gave the grads one simple message: society needs them.

"We need you to step into the systems we have in place that allows our way of life to function," he said. "We need you to start businesses to create jobs. We need you to build and maintain roads so that people and commerce can be transported. We need health-care personnel to aid, guide and promote our health. We need people in media to keep the public informed and circulate information. We need inventors to create devices that will better use our resources. We need academics to better understand the concepts of our society and ways to live. We need labourers to carry out the tasks that allow things to be done."

Grzenda told the graduates the trick will be finding a place in the world they themselves find acceptable. For some, it'll come easy, their path clearly labelled for them from the start. For others, though, it may take more time and consideration, more challenges and hardships.

"Remember that the world needs you, even if finding your place takes longer than you thought," he said. "Stick with it. Create a new plan, alter your goals, try a new line of work."

Grzenda went on to say the world can be discouraging, even for the oldest adults, but each graduate will find expertise in certain areas. In their expertise, he said, they'll find their place and feel included.

"Finding your place is the task that now lies ahead of you."

He suggested ways for the grads to



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Lundar School's graduating class of 2024.



Rachel Halldorson receiving the Legion Scholarship presented by teacher Mr. Rory Tycoles.



Aiden Spalding won the Governor General's medal. Pictured: he is receiving his diploma from principal



Valedictorian address by Jersi Godfrey and Aiden Spalding.

find their place — volunteering being first on the list. He listed the Lundar Fair, Lobsterfest, Bullorama, community groups and more. Grzenda said by volunteering, the grads will gain experience and make connections with people who can help them find their place.

"Finding your place is not something that happens without your engagement in the world," he said. "Getting opportunities and experience requires you to get involved and to do something for society."

Valedictorian Jersi Godfrey started her speech off by reminiscing with her fellow graduates over their years together. She noted classmates who write their own music, ones with distinctive laughs, and touched on the group's most memorable moments.

"As I look back at our last few

years I realize we have overcome so many challenges and obstacles together, but we've also accomplished so much more," she said. "We've discovered new passions, made new friendships and made many memories along the way. Tomorrow is just the beginning of our next chapter."

More than 30 awards were handed out at the graduation ceremony. Graduate Aiden Spalding received nine awards, including the Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship for \$500, the Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship for \$200, the Eriksdale Legion Scholarship for \$500, the Gudjon Johnson Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 and the Governor General's medal. Matty Law went home with five awards, including the highest grade in ELA transactional, the Goose

Shoot Scholarship for \$500, the Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship, the Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation's Cal and Dorothy Bennett Memorial Scholarship for \$500 and the David Sigfusson Memorial Scholarship for \$500. Hannah Johnson received a number of awards as well, including the Fjola Johnson Scholarship for \$2,000, the Grettir Co-operative Amateur Athletic Association Scholarship for \$200 and the Lundar Legion Scholarship for \$500.

Grzenda sent the grads off by tell-

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ing them as much as the world needs them, they need the world too. He told them to work together so we can continue to have the luxuries we've become accustomed to.

"As I look at you, I am excited because I see the faces of individuals who are up to the challenge of being part of the Canadian society," he said. "I am confident that you will find your place."



The Lundar class of 2024 celebrated with a cap toss following the graduation ceremony.

### Lundar Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

- Aiden Spalding** Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship  
Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship  
Eriksdale Legion Scholarship And Bursary  
Governor-General's Bronze Medal Award  
Gudjon Johnson Memorial Scholarship  
Lundar School Scholarship  
Ela Comprehensive Award Medal  
Pre Calculus Award Medal  
Physics Award Medal
- Austin Vier** Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship  
One Insurance Bursary
- Jersi Godfrey** Al Hummel Memorial Scholarship  
Eriksdale Legion Scholarship And Bursary  
Interlake Co-Op Scholarship
- Shyanne Torgerson** Brendan Moman Memorial Scholarship  
Lundar School Scholarship
- Rachel Halldorson** Coldwell Community Foundation Inc. Scholarship  
Lundar Legion Scholarship
- Matty Law** Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation's Cal & Dorothy Bennett Memorial Scholarship  
David Sigfusson Memorial Scholarship  
Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship  
Goose Shoot Scholarship  
Ela Transactional Award Medal
- Hanna Johnson** Fjola Johnson Scholarship  
Grettir Co-Operative Amateur Athletic Association Scholarship  
Lundar Legion Scholarship
- Alannah Priemski** Lakeshore Teachers' Association Scholarship  
Marla Bonwick Scholarship
- Cody Christensen** Metalwork Technology Award Medal
- Austin Harrison** Construction Technology Award Medal
- Madison Saunders** Essential Math Award Medal



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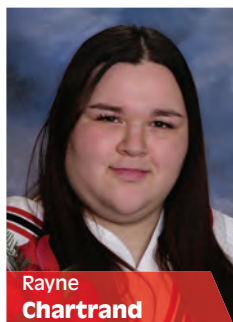
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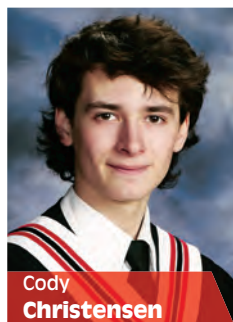
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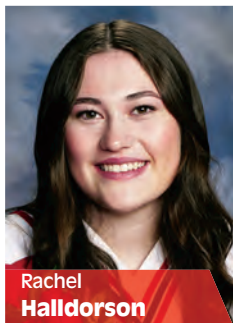
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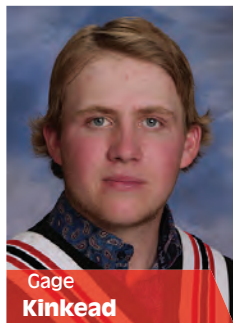
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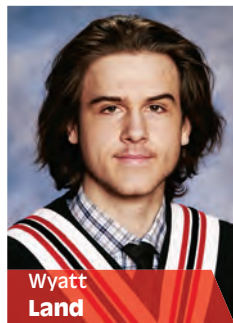
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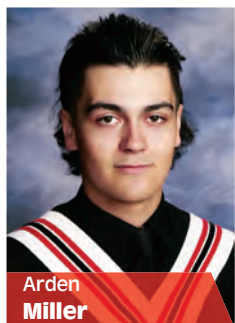
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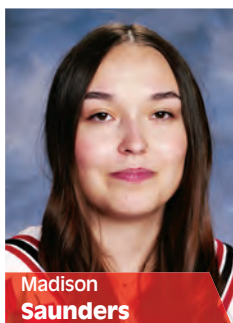
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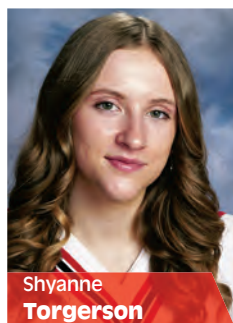
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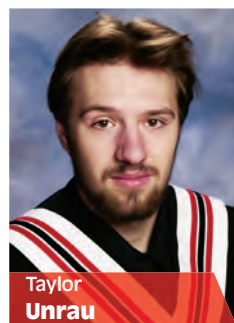
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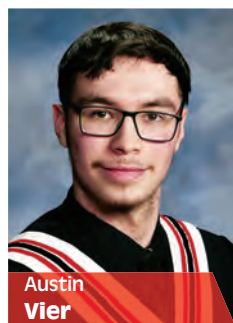
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# Gimli's 2024 graduating class celebrates countless memories

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli High School's graduating class of 2024 walked away from high school last week with their diplomas and countless memories they made together.

Grads were honoured June 24 during a two-hour graduation ceremony in the school gym with hundreds of family members and friends in attendance.

Class valedictorians Parker Johnson and Jayden Crave told their fellow grads they should be proud of their resilience, ability to overcome challenges and everything they accomplished, as well as memories that will last a lifetime.

"Thank you for the countless memories we created together, whether it was on our sports trips, our trip to Chicago, our sports and school clubs or our efforts to strengthen community," said Johnson. "Each moment has been more memorable because we spent them together."

Crave said each grad had to embrace many challenges and step outside their comfort zone to master new skills.

"We all have personal challenges, and we used them to build us up rather than tear us down. We are strong, motivated young adults who are ready to face these challenges and embrace the importance of perseverance," said Crave. "We can't predict what's next to come, but we're prepared for anything."

They also thanked their teachers for showing them "purpose" and pushing them towards success.

Principal Leona Groot paid tribute to her 52 graduates, singling them out and highlighting their specialty



The Gimli High School graduates continued with their tradition of having a group photo taken on the shores of Lake Winnipeg following the ceremony. EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT



Principal Leona Groot presented Heather Iriks with the Governor General's medal.



Valedictorian Jayden Crave



Valedictorian Parker Johnson



Haden Magnusson. Male Athlete of the Year.

whether that was music, sports, math, English, artistic flair or community service, as well as those who practised pure kindness.

"The way you interacted with others shows graciousness and concern. You have spent the last four years be-



Ivy Alexander, Female Athlete of the Year

ing kind to others and helping them in small ways, including acts of kindness, humour or simply always having a smile on your face," said Groot. "I know that you'll model this regularly as you move forward in life be-



Oscar Belanger

cause that's just who you are." Evergreen School Division superintendent Scott Hill told the grads that as they step into the next chapter of their lives, they'll carry with them the lessons of hard work, independent thought, compassion and empathy, Continued on page 19



Marsha Tarnowski, with graduate Jackson Tarnowski, Adam Tarnowski and graduate Carter Frederickson.

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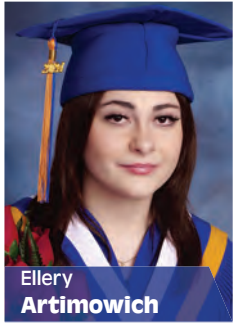
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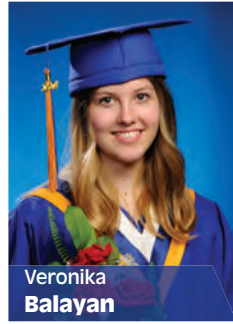
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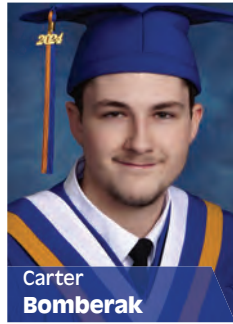
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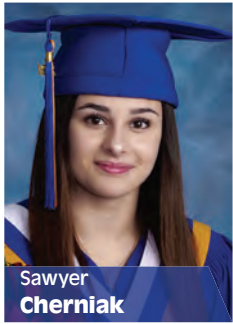
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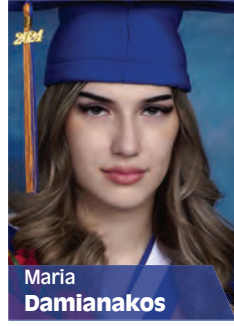
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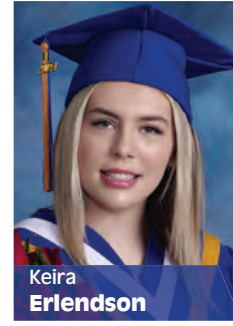
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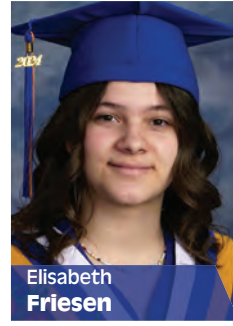
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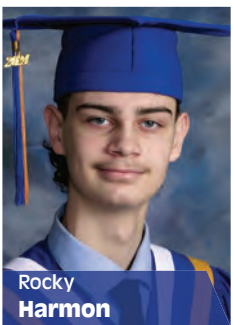
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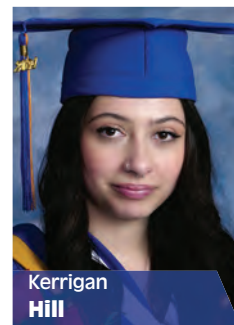
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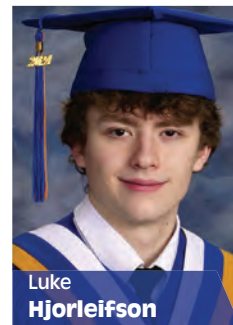
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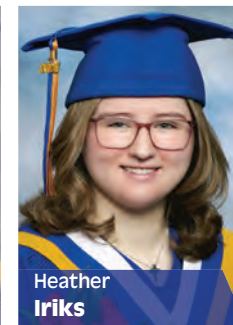
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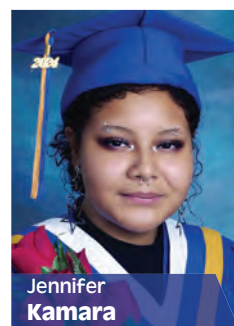
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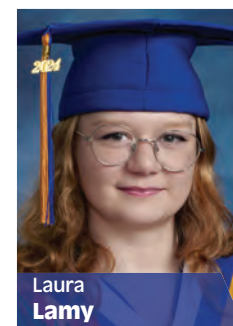
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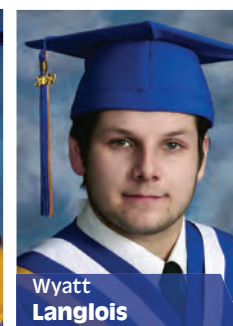
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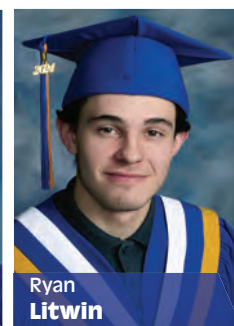
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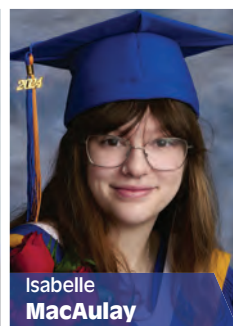
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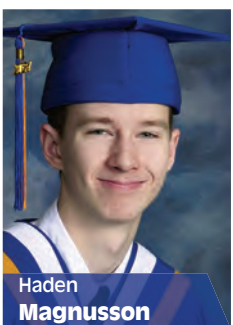
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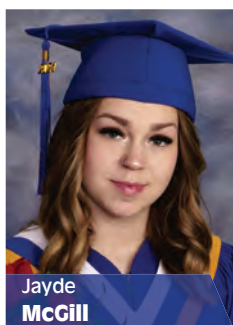
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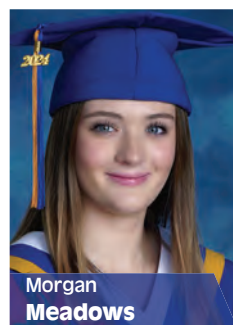
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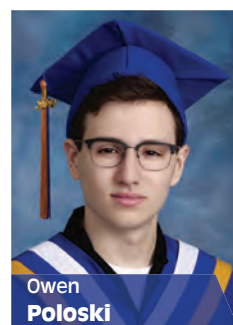
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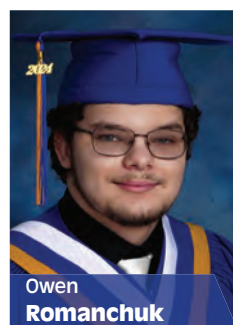
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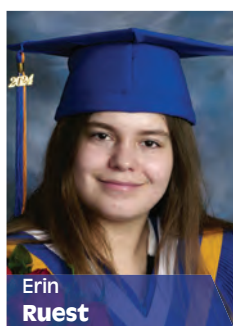
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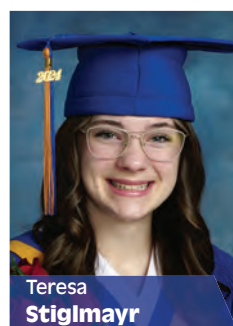
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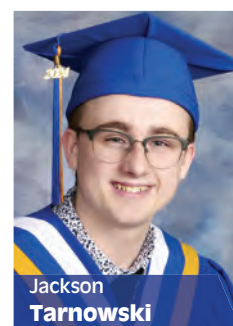
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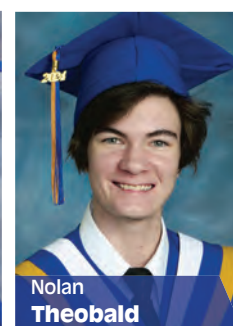
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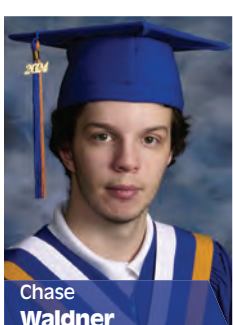
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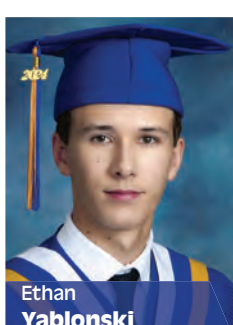
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and that they should use their voices, minds and hearts to make a difference in the world.

“We’ve tried to inspire you to work hard and think for yourselves, to question, to seek truth and stand by your convictions while remaining open to new perspectives. Critical thinking and perseverance are qualities that will serve

you well no matter where life takes you,” said Hill. “Perhaps, most importantly, we urged you to cultivate empathy in our interconnected world, understanding that sharing the feelings of others is not just not an admirable trait but a necessary one.”

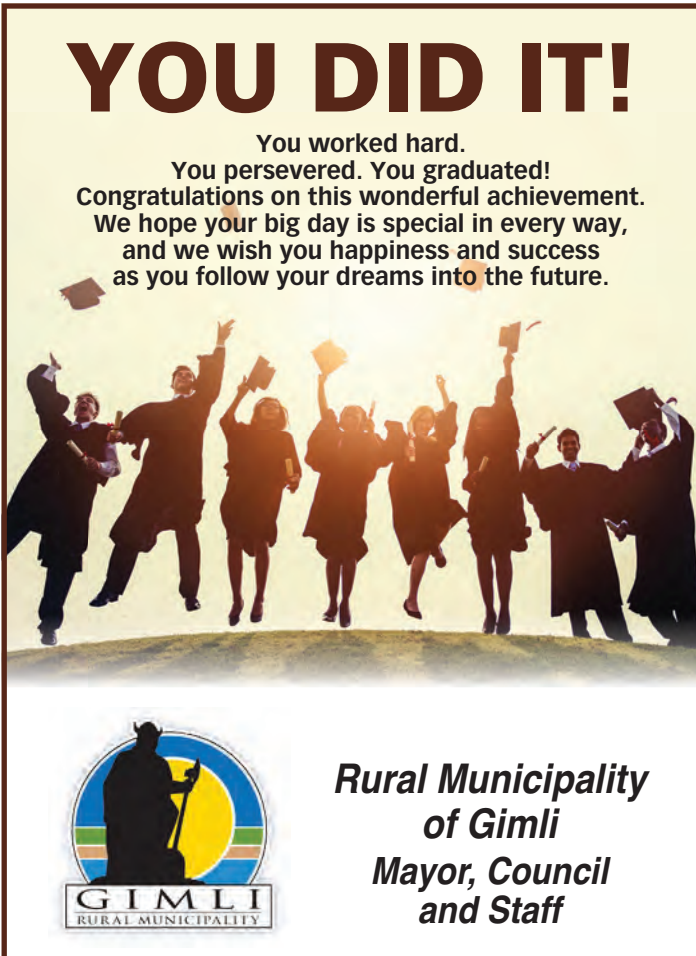
Heather Iriks earned the Governor General’s

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Continued from page 19 academic medal for achieving a grade point average of over 96 in grades 11 and 12 courses. Ivy Alexander was named Female Athlete of the Year and Haden Magnusson was named Male Athlete of the Year.


Graduates benefited from over 50 generous scholarships and awards from community organizations, service clubs and individuals, as well as university scholarships.

After the ceremony, grads headed to Gimli Beach for photos and later staged a motorcade that saw well-wishers lining the sidewalks along First and Centre to cheer them on.



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<b>Oscar Belanger</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. B.B.P. Music Scholarship</li> <li>2. Evergreen Band Boosters Award</li> <li>3. Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship</li> <li>4. R.M. of Gimli Award</li> </ol>
<b>Sawyer Cherniak Jayden Crave</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Westshore Trades &amp; Technology Scholarship</li> <li>1. Camp Morton Ladies Aid Scholarship</li> <li>2. Evergreen Basic Needs – Community Achievement Award</li> <li>3. Haley Dugay Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>4. University of Manitoba – Guertin Centennial Entrance Award</li> <li>5. Viking Masonic Lodge #175 Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Keira Erlendson</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Skate Interlake Skating Club Bursary</li> <li>2. University of Manitoba – Hogg Centennial Entrance Award</li> <li>3. Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Leanna Good</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #61 – Winnipeg Beach Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship</li> <li>2. Town of Winnipeg Beach Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Ian Gray</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Camp Morton Ladies Aid Scholarship</li> <li>2. Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship</li> <li>3. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #182 – Gimli Scholarship</li> <li>4. University of Manitoba – Harold A.C. Johnson Scholarship for Excellence in Chemistry</li> <li>5. University of Manitoba – Guertin Centennial Entrance Award</li> <li>6. Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Heather Iriks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gimli Lutheran Centennial Scholarship</li> <li>2. Robert Arnason Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>3. University of Manitoba – Sigurbjorg Stefansson Memorial Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>David Johnson</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evergreen School Division – Sophomore University Scholarship</li> <li>2. Gimli District Health Auxiliary Bursary</li> <li>3. R.M. of Gimli Award</li> <li>4. Rotary Club of Gimli Award</li> <li>5. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #182 – Gimli Scholarship</li> <li>6. University of Manitoba – Chown Centennial Scholarship</li> <li>7. University of Manitoba – Guertin Centennial Entrance Award</li> </ol>
<b>Parker Johnson</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Derek Johnson Citizenship Award</li> <li>2. Evergreen School Division Award</li> <li>3. Sigurdson Roed (Danielson) Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>4. University of Manitoba – Hogg Centennial Entrance Award</li> </ol>
<b>Sienna Kavanagh</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lifetouch Canada Award</li> <li>2. Quarry Physiotherapy – InMotion Network Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Evan LaRocque</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. C.U.P.E. Local #3164 Scholarship</li> <li>2. Kiwanis Key Club of Gimli Scholarship</li> <li>3. Lakeside Lions of Winnipeg Beach &amp; Dunnottar Scholarship</li> <li>4. Larry &amp; Helen Kristjanson Family Bursary</li> <li>5. Matlock Recreation Club Bursary</li> <li>6. R.M. of St. Andrews Scholarship</li> <li>7. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #182 – Gimli Scholarship</li> <li>8. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #61– Winnipeg Beach Scholarship</li> <li>9. Town of Winnipeg Beach Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Ryan Litwin</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nicholas Melnychuk Scholastic Achievement Scholarship</li> <li>2. Westshore Trades &amp; Technology Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Haden Magnusson</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evergreen Teachers' Association Bursary</li> <li>2. Hnausa Harbour Authority Bursary</li> <li>3. Kristine Kristofferson Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>4. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #182 – Gimli Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Morgan Meadows</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gimli Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club Bursary</li> <li>2. Gimli District Health Auxiliary Bursary</li> <li>3. Lifetouch Canada Award</li> <li>4. Manitoba Nurses Union Local #51 – Johnson Memorial Hospital Bursary</li> <li>5. R.M. of Gimli Award</li> <li>6. Skate Interlake Skating Club Bursary</li> <li>7. University of Manitoba – Skuli Johnson Scholarship for Excellence in English</li> <li>8. University of Manitoba – Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Award</li> </ol>
<b>Teresa Stiglmayr</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brandon University – Entrance Award</li> <li>2. Evergreen Band Boosters Scholarship</li> <li>3. Gimli Art Club Award</li> <li>4. Gimli Knights of Columbus Award</li> <li>5. Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarship</li> <li>6. R.M. of Gimli Award \$500 Thora Paulson, Kevin Chudd</li> <li>7. Rotary Club of Gimli Award \$500 Dan Fjeld, John Bucklaschuk</li> <li>8. St. Michael's Catholic Church Women's League Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Jackson Tarnowski</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gimli Seniors Resource Council Scholarship</li> <li>2. University of Winnipeg – Entrance Award</li> </ol>
<b>Nolan Theobald Ben Thompson</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evergreen School Division Award</li> <li>1. Canada Iceland Foundation – Margrét Bjarnason Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>2. Evergreen School Division – Sophomore University Scholarship</li> <li>3. Lifetouch Canada Award</li> <li>4. University of Manitoba – Guertin Centennial Entrance Award</li> <li>5. Valley Fiber Award</li> <li>6. Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship</li> </ol>
<b>Leif Thorlakson Ethan Yablonski</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evergreen School Division Award</li> <li>1. Evergreen School Division Award</li> <li>2. Peter Froese Legacy Fund Scholarship</li> <li>3. University of Manitoba – Skuli Johnson Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics</li> </ol>
<b>Heather Iriks</b>	Governor General's Medal

# Riverton Collegiate's class of '24 bid their farewells

By Emma McGill

As the school year ends and summer begins, the graduating class of 2024 at Riverton Collegiate is not only saying farewell and cleaning out their lockers but also experiencing a new kind of freedom.

Amidst the June heat, a group of 13 students made their way across the stage erected in the high school gym. Donning stylish blue robes and personalized graduation caps, they had every reason to feel accomplished as they reflected on their journey through education and the cherished moments they had shared. With unique aspirations for their future endeavours, these students celebrated with friends and family beside them.

During her speech, Kristine Dubois, guest speaker and teacher, recognized both the remarkable achievements and enjoyable experiences of the students during their four years at the school. Like many graduating classes of 2024, this group embarked on their high school journey by navigating academic challenges and adapting to pandemic regulations. However, they did not face these trials alone; the students tackled them alongside their dedicated teachers and persevered as a team.

"Navigating this experience taught us empathy, respect, collaboration, creativity and responsibility," said Dubois.

Unlike most other schools, this class's small size provided the students with experiences that only close-knit communities like theirs can have. During the ceremony, they were reminded of times they shared meals together, won sports games together, travelled to new and exciting places together, and faced the challenges of reading Shakespeare and overcoming stage fright in class.

In their speech, valedictorians Caelan Cormack and Trent Toderan



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The Riverton Collegiate graduating class of 2024 toss their caps following the formal part of the ceremony.

expressed gratitude to their peers, educators and loved ones for their unwavering support throughout their journey.

"We would like to thank everyone who has helped us along this journey and helped to mould us into the people we are today," they said.

"We're all moving onto bigger and better things," said the valedictorians, acknowledging the possibilities that the future might hold for each of their peers. Some will attend a post-secondary program at university or college, some will carry forward their family business, some have plans to enter the workforce right away, and others plan to go where life takes them.

"We wish everyone here good luck on their journeys, wherever it takes you, and we know that we are all going to succeed in our own ways."



Caelan Cormack received the Governor General's academic



Valedictorians Caelan Cormack and Trent Toderan.

During her speech, Dubois made sure to acknowledge something unique that she admires in each of the graduates. This ranged from their compassionate behaviour towards peers and their interests beyond academics to the meaningful experiences they had while learning. Some were commended for their strong work ethic, natural abilities as leaders or determination during difficult times.

As the graduates listened intently in the school gym, Dubois delivered a powerful message: "Surround yourself with people who inspire you to be the best version of yourself. Hold your head high and walk confidently in the direction of your dreams. Be careful with your words because although you may be able to repair, others can never unhear the message. Celebrate your success, reflect often, cherish time with family and friends and always know you are welcome at your Riverton Collegiate Institute

home."

Numerous bursaries and scholarships were presented to graduates, encompassing both local awards, such as memorial funds, and university-based scholarships. Notably, Caelan Cormack, a graduate and co-valedictorian, was the deserving recipient of both the Governor General's academic medal and the Chown Centennial Scholarship.

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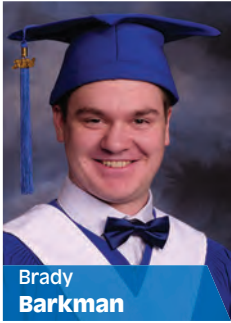
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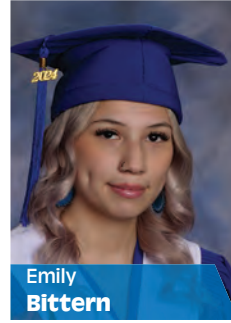
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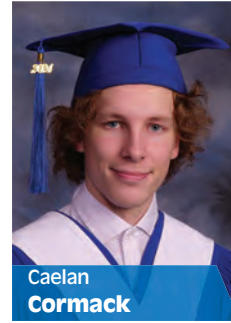
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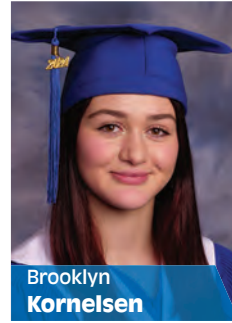
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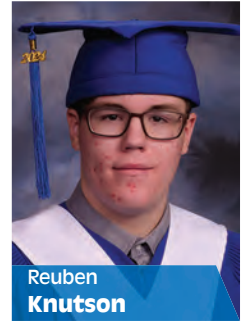
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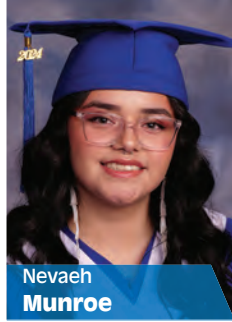
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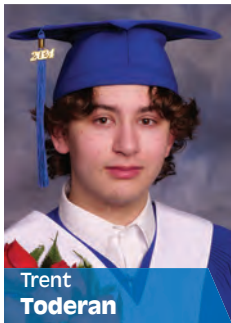
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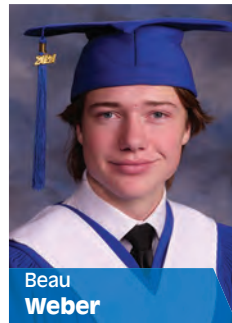
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Nevaeh Munroe graduated with distinction from Riverton Collegiate Institute wearing traditional regalia honouring her culture.

riverton Collegiate class of 2024 made their way outdoors to take photos with friends and family and continue celebrating their great achievements.

**Riverton Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

Recipient	Scholarship/Bursary
Reuben Knutson	Jarred Gislasen Award for Sustainable Community Development
Peyton Berens	Elements CTS Berens River First Nation Gift
Caelan Cormack	Sophie Hurdal Memorial Bursary (The Winnipeg Foundation) Arborg Riverton Band & Choral Award Westshore Scholarship & Bursary Fund
Trent Toderan	Margret Bjarnason Memorial Scholarship (Canada Iceland Foundation Inc.) Margaret Johnson Memorial Bursary Arborg Riverton Band & Choral Award Elements CTS Riverton Co-op Bursary Riverton Elks #530 Bursary ESD Sophomore University Scholarship Hnaua Harbour Authority Riverton & District Friendship Center Award
Hayden Johannson	Erosion Control Award
Nevaeh Munroe	Stefan V. and Runa Sigurdson Award (The Winnipeg Foundation) Arborg Riverton Band & Choral Award Evergreen Teacher's Association Elements CTS Riverton & District Friendship Center Award
Naomi Klassen	Berger Peat Moss Bursary Elements CTS
Brooklyn Kornelsen	Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Bursary Riverton Elks #530 Bursary C.U.P.E. 3164 Scholarship
Jayce Munroe	Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Bursary Elements CTS Evergreen School Division Award Riverton & District Friendship Center Award
Beau Weber	Derek Johnson Citizen Scholarship Arborg Riverton Band & Choral Award Evergreen School Division Award
Brady Barkman	Westshore Trades & Technology Scholarship
Emily Bittern	Katelyn Friesen Memorial Scholarship Berens River First Nation Gift

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The Governor General's academic medal recognizes the outstanding scholastic achievements of students in Canada. They are awarded to the student graduating with the highest overall average in Grade 11 and 12.

The Chown Centennial Scholarship is awarded to the best all-around graduating student, who must be attending the University of Manitoba in the fall and have a minimum of 85 per cent average.

With congratulations and cheers echoing throughout the room, the Ri-

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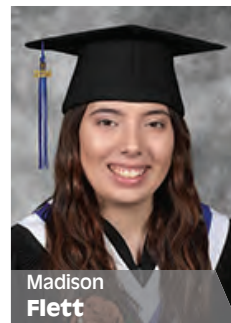
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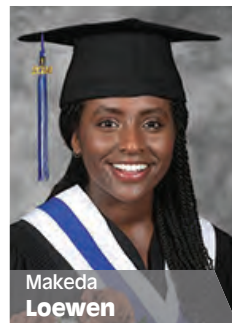
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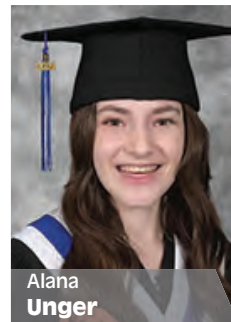
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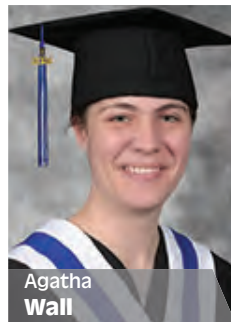
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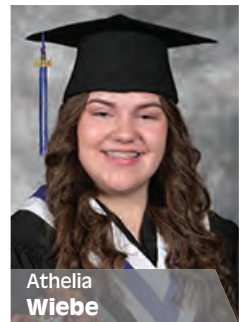
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# Ashern graduates onto the next phase of learning

By Becca Myskiw

In the project of life, 30 Ashern Central School (ACS) students have completed Phase 1.

On June 22, the Grade 12s made the transition from high school to real life, and principal Tracey Kinkead chalked their accomplishments up to their own hard work, dedication and perseverance. Starting with the principal's address, the graduation ceremony went from 2 p.m. on, with the service followed by a sit-down supper for the grads and their families.

Kinkead kicked the afternoon off by congratulating the now-adults before her. She said the last four years were an introduction to the various directions their learning could now go in, calling the end of high school "the ending of one phase of learning."

"The one that was assigned and required of you without choice," she added. "And now with the accomplishment of this diploma, you move on to the next phase of learning which is fully yours to choose. Whether it's a job, career training, post-secondary education, travelling or moving to a new place, there'll be so much more to learn about yourself and life."

Kinkead recalled her own past and making her own decisions when she was younger — what she thought was right and wrong, what she thought she knew to be true.

"Now, after many more years of learning, the world doesn't seem so simple, and my answers don't flow with such certainty," she said. "Feeling sure is easy and comfortable. Feeling uncertain is not, but what's important about allowing uncertainty is it means you're open to seeing things in a different way, open to learning when life offers it to you."

She called it the spark that ignites the desire to question, to explore and to understand. These qualities, the

principal said, are what she hopes the graduates will carry forward from their years at ACS.

Kinkead went on to acknowledge the grads will likely forget the periodic table of elements or how to balance an equation, but what stays with them is the important part — curiosity in learning. Learning, she said, requires the confidence to be wrong and the strength to continue trying.

"While you're no longer a student of [ACS], I wish for you to always be a curious student of life," she said. "Each of you have such amazing natural gifts and talents. On this stage there are musicians, actors, athletes, scientists, writers, builders, fixers, and you're only just beginning to realize those strengths and talents you have."

She read the Nelson Mandela quote: "Our worst fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us," saying she understands it to mean it's easier and safer to stay within limitations we put on ourselves. We convince ourselves that these self-imposed restrictions are true, and we aren't good enough to do what we really want to, forever recalculating when we might be able to achieve them.

"Being human means acknowledging that we are bound to make mistakes along the way, and I've learned much more in life from what I've done wrong than what I've done right," said Kinkead, then adding the Nelson Mandela quote: "I never lose. I either win or learn."

She told the students to offer them-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TRACEY KINKEAD

Congratulations to Ashern's graduating class of 2024.



Governor General Award winner Landon Kiesman.



Daymon Einarsson and valedictorians Lane Oswald and RJ O'Sullivan.

selves the same forgiveness they give to others and that their graduation day was the "someday" they've been waiting for. No matter the path, Kinkead said, the journey will be fascinating.

Guest speaker Teresa Johnson, Lakeshore School Division board trustee, talked about moving from Portugal decades ago due to her father's belief

in learning. Having only completed Grade 3 in Portugal, Johnson's father wanted his children to have a better future, and Canada had the education system they would need for that.

"When I look around today, I see young adults, the future," she said. "I know that they have worked hard to

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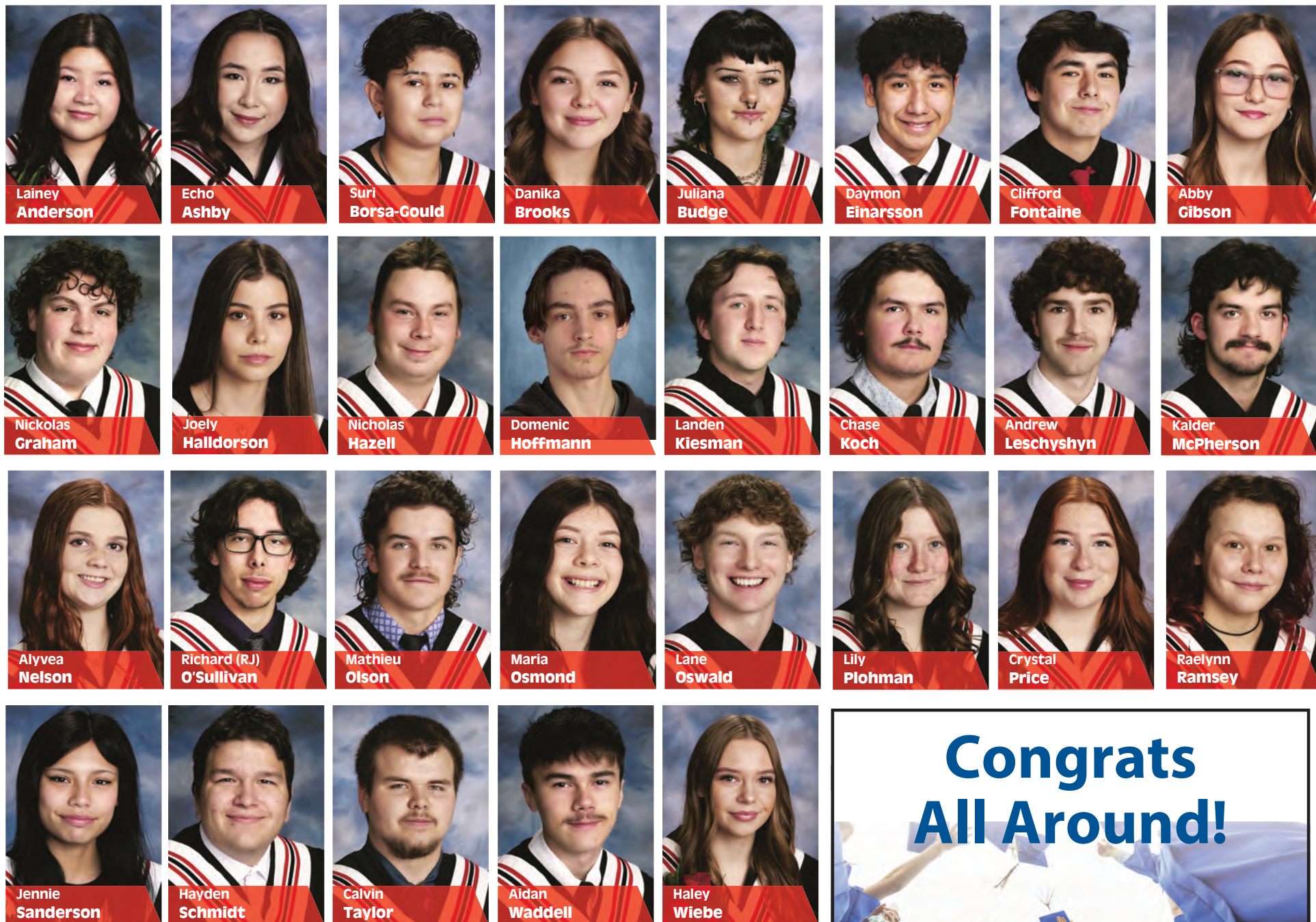
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get to this place. The education that they have taken part in is truly world class and the envy of many countries globally."

Johnson told the graduates to hold on to their values as they embark on the next chapter of life, to keep their work ethics and their humanity. She told them to dream high and be happy with who they are, and those qualities will guide them to the future.

Valedictorians Lane Oswald and R.J. O'Sullivan opened their speech by calling graduation day bittersweet.

"We've spent the last four years together, growing, learning and creating memories that have shaped who we are," said O'Sullivan.

"We've laughed together, struggled together, and now we face the reality of parting ways," added Oswald. "It's a tough pill to swallow, knowing that the hallways we've roamed and the classrooms we've filled with our presence will soon be part of our past."

The duo said school taught them the value of community, and whether it was a sporting event, a school play or hanging out in a room, each experience together created bonds for the graduating class that will last a lifetime. They



Devante O'Meara and Alyvea Nelson

told their peers to cherish these memories and to hold onto the lessons they've learned, remaining strong, wise and resilient.

More than 40 awards were given out to ACS's graduates of 2024. Oswald took home four awards, including the Lakeshore Proficiency Award and the highest grade in ELA Comprehensive Focus 40S. O'Sullivan got four awards as well, taking home the Steep Rock Beach Park Student Leadership award and the Most Congenial award from the Ashern Legion Poppy Fund, among others. Maria Osmond received

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more than five awards, including the Top Academic award, the Scheske Family Award and the top grade in Drama 40S, French 40S and Essential Math 40S.

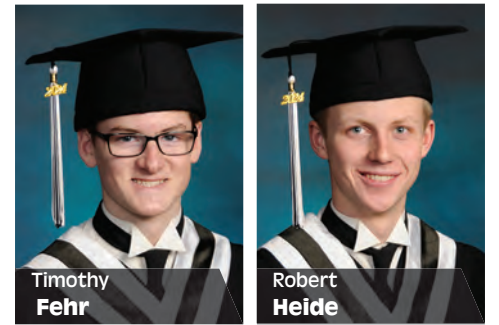
"Don't wait until things are perfect," said Kinkead to the graduates. "Don't wait until you feel confident that you can't fail because I don't believe that time ever comes for most of us. Do the things you love and do the things that are difficult with courage and imagination."



### Ashern Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

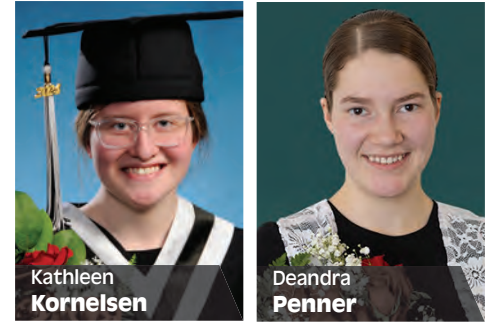
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Riley Oswald	Chemistry 40S Applied Math 40S	Talbot & Associates
Landen Kiesman	ELA Transactional Focus 40S Musical Achievement Music: Band 40S Second Highest Academic Entering College/university	Moosehorn Consumers Co-op Moosehorn Community Club ACS Band Program Ashern Petro Graymont Western Canada
Kalder McPherson	Automotive Electrical Systems 40S Top Academic in Automotive Technology	North Interlake ATV Club International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
Lily Plohman	Continuing in an Apprenticeship Trade Citizenship Award	Roadrunners Auto David Pischke Memorial Fund
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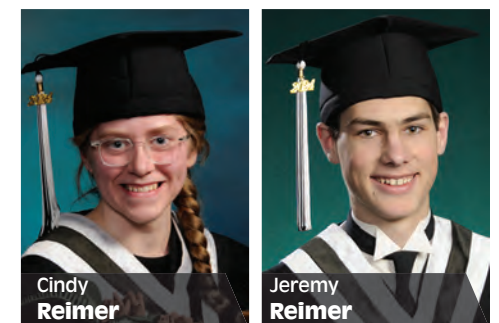
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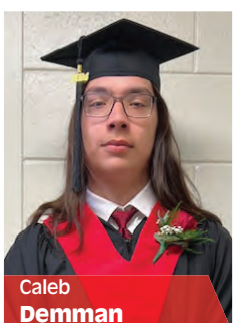


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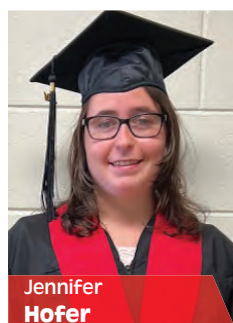
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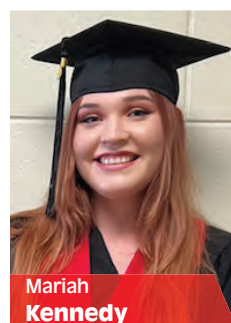
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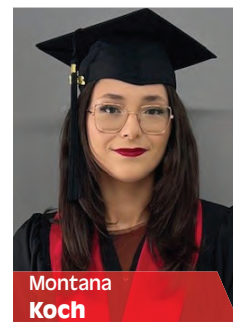
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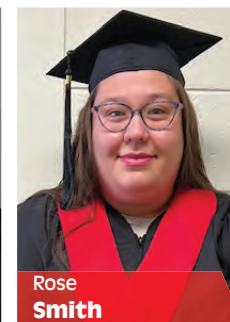
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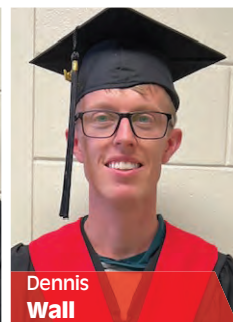
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# Interlake ball clubs compete in 2024 Mervin Farmer Memorial

By Kieran Reimer

The Mervin Farmer Memorial Baseball Tournament took place in Lundar from June 22 to 24 as the Interlake's top clubs vied for their spot at the 2024 Baseball Manitoba Provincials.

The 11U Lundar Brewers 1, 13U Stonewall Blue Jays and 15U Lundar Brewers won the tournament in their respective age groups last month and punched their tickets to provincials.

"It was good competition all weekend," said Interlake Minor Baseball vice-president Malcolm Murray. "The volunteers from Lundar were very helpful. Blaine Fortin and his crew cannot be thanked enough for the preparation and maintenance of the diamonds and facilities as well as taking on the immense task of hosting the 2024 Regional for Interlake. All the folks in the canteen making the best smokies and burgers for everybody and taking care of us all weekend. Lundar put on a good show. The conditions and facility were great."

This year's tournament featured 17 teams from around the Interlake from the three different age groups.

The 11U division had 10 teams competing with four spots at provincials on the line.

By winning, the Lundar Brewers 1 will enter the Tier 1 provincials while the Warren Wildcats LeBlanc qualified for Tier 2, Lundar Brewers 2 in Tier 3 and Stonewall Blue Jays Frost also in Tier 3 rounded out qualifying bids.

The 13U division had five teams vying for three spots in provincials.

The 13U Stonewall Blue Jays victory secured their spot at the Tier 2 provincials, while Woodlands earned a bid into Tier 3. Tier 1 was predetermined with the Tier 1 Stonewall Blue Jays team attending to represent Interlake.

The 15U division had two clubs

competing, the Lundar Brewers and Teulon Cardinals.

The Brewers will attend the Tier 2 provincials, and Tier 1 is represented by the Stonewall Blue Jays. Tier 3 will not have a representative for Interlake.

"The level of competition was quite high," said Murray. "All the players were giving it everything they could. It means a lot to summarize their season, knowing they have a chance to represent their region at a provincial tournament. It can cause a lot of excitement, and there is a drive."

Murray, along with other members of Interlake Minor Baseball, kept track of pitch counts and scores over the weekend to ensure the tournament ran smoothly and fairly.

Due to rain, the 15U final was moved to Monday night, but for the most part, the teams played through the weather as they concluded yet another Mervin Farmer Memorial Championship.

"It gives me a lot of pride to be part of an event like that where there is so many kids participating and having fun, learning how to compete and showing good sportsmanship," said Murray.

With the tournament now over, clubs are shifting their attention to the fast-approaching provincials.

The 11U provincials will take place July 5-7 with Tier 1 in Mitchell, Tier 2 in Reston and Tier 3 in Boissevain.

The 13U Provincials are set for July 12-14 with Tier 1 in Morden, Tier 2 in Wawanesa and Tier 3 in Carberry.

The 15U Provincials will run from July 12 to 14 with Tier 1 in Altona and Tier 2 in Stonewall and Warren jointly.

Murray said spectators should feel free to come out and enjoy some great baseball and support the local youth in pursuing a championship.



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Lundar Brewers Regional 2 team will compete at the 11U Tier 3 Provincials in Boissevain. Pictured left to right, back row: Keegan Granberg, Jackson Desjarlais, Elie Malcolm, Xavier Kaartinen, Autumn Chartrand, Charley Miller, Wyatt Desjarlais, Hunter Halldorsons, Lucas Price; front row: Logan Goodman, Hayden Halldorson, Kieran Lloyd, Brittin Nikkel, Sawyer Bauch, Marek Bauch; Coaches Marc Desjarlais, Juanita Chartrand and Donny Malcolm.



The Lundar Brewers Regional 1 will represent the Interlake at the 11U Tier 1 Provincials this weekend in Mitchell. Pictured, left to right, front row: Hayden Johnson, Dillynn Kinkad, Ethan Monkman; middle row: Ally Johnson, Blake Diell, Carson Hoyle, Zane Godfrey, TJ Diell, Damien Mark, Chloe Hoyle; back row: Rob Bauch (coach), Edrick Emilson, Jack Reykdal, Gavin Bauch, Jordan Thorsteinson (coach) and Lisa Bauch (coach). Missing from the photos are Oakley Sweetland and Theo Loewen.



The Lundar Brewers 15U team will travel to Altona July 12-14 for provincials. Pictured left to right, back row: Declan Stuart, Emmett Miller, Logan Bishop, Sigge Bjornson, Carter Reykdal, Carter Lindal, Mason Bauch, Daniel Johnson, Erik Johnson, Keiran Edwards; front row: Jack Holm, Decklen Meisner, Axel Malcolm, Conway Anderson, Izak Sweetland, Joey Desjarlais and Kyler Ducharmel. Coaches: Donny Malcolm and Chayse Warkentin.

## Sea Bears' Floyd to hold one-day youth camp in Arborg

By Kieran Reimer

On Saturday, July 20, kids aged 6 to 16 will have a unique opportunity to learn basketball from Arborg's Braeden Floyd and the Winnipeg Sea Bears.

Floyd, a coaching operations intern with the Sea Bears and an assistant coach with The University of Winnipeg's men's basketball team, is holding an open camp broken into two age groups: 6 to 11 and 12 to 16.

The 6-11 age group will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. out of Arborg Recreational Centre, while the 12-16 age group will run from 1 to 4 p.m. at Arborg Collegiate.

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## SUDOKU

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Sudoku Answer

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Six (Spanish)
- Invests in little enterprises
- Large dung beetle
- Gored
- Partially paralyzed
- Still a little wet
- Legal field media company
- Not working
- 500 sheets of paper
- Church structure
- Sheep disease
- Small drink of whiskey
- Weaving tradition
- Pestilence
- Body part
- Nabs
- Places to stay
- Witnesses
- Looked for
- Arranges
- Political action committee
- Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
- Hair-like structure
- Parts producer
- Greek city
- Subway dwellers
- Norm from "Cheers"
- Clean a floor
- Vied for
- Canned fish
- Inspire with love
- Sent down moisture
- Wrest
- Partner to carrots

### CLUES DOWN

- Mounted
- Assign
- Wrath
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Parts of an organism
- Person from England
- Tropical plants of the pea family
- Body part
- Practice boxing
- Containers
- Contrary beliefs
- Bleached
- Pre-Islamic Egyptian
- A group of similar things ordered one after another
- Innermost spinal cord membranes
- Cassava
- A restaurant's list of offerings
- Annoy constantly
- Orchestra
- Z Z Z
- Astute
- Highly decorated tea urn
- Teach to behave

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Crossword Answer

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-Grace Anderson and family

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- Saturday, July 20th, 2024 between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at Fraserwood Hall, 10140 PR 231, Fraserwood
- Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024 between 8:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. at the Rural Municipality of Armstrong Office, 55 MB-17, Inwood

### APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

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**OBITUARY**

**MARY PENNER**

December 25, 1937 - June 23, 2024

Mary (nee Thiessen) Penner, age 86, of Arborg, MB., passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Arborg & District Health Centre.

Mary is survived by her four daughters and two sons along with their spouses, 17 grandchildren and one great-grandson. She will be lovingly remembered by her seven sisters and their spouses, six brothers and their spouses, and three sisters-in-law.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Menno, three children at infancy, one sister and five brothers-in-law.

Mary was born on December 25, 1937, in Steinbach, MB. She was married October 5, 1958, to Menno Penner till he passed away in 2000. In their 42 years of marriage, they were blessed with six children and many years of service and ministry in Morweena, MB., and Southern Texas. Mom loved sewing, gardening and puzzling. She was a loving mother, grandmother and a proud great-grandmother.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with viewing starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Morweena EMC, with interment at Morweena Church Cemetery.

If friends so desire a donation in memory of Mary may be made to MCC - Riverton Thrift Store. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the wonderful caring Medical Staff at Percy E Moore Hospital, Hodgson, MB; in Winnipeg at St. Boniface Hospital and Misericordia Health Center and at the Arborg & District Health Centre.

The family also wishes to thank all the family and friends who visited at the hospital and provided us with many meals and snacks.

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**OBITUARY**

**Charles (Charlie) Vincett**

Peacefully, with his family by his side, Dad quietly passed away on June 24, 2024.

He was predeceased by his wife Theresa and his son Michael, but leaves to mourn, his daughter Cindy (Scott), his grandchildren Lorne (Tiffany), and Charlene (Chris), as well as his dear and cherished friend, Norma.

Dad had a favorite quote that summed up how he always wanted to live his life:

"In the end what matters most is  
How well did you live?  
How well did you love?  
How well did you learn to let go?"

He would want to be remembered with a smile, not tears.  
Respecting my Dad's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a private celebration of his life will take place later.

Thank you to the caring and compassionate nurses and staff of Gimli Hospital, and please, in lieu of flowers, consider a donation in my father's name to the Alzheimer Society Manitoba, Dementia care and Brain Health.

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