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Rodeo roundup

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Ory Brown of Lenore, MB aims his lasso towards a calf, during the tie-down roping event at the Eriksdale Creamery Days rodeo.

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It's rodeo season

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The Eriksdale Creamery Days Fair and Rodeo held last weekend was jam packed with all kinds of activities and entertainment. The two-day event kicked-off with a pancake breakfast and parade and lots of activities for the kids as well as a tractor pull and rodeo. Mark Morisseau and The Prairie Fiddlers provided afternoon entertainment, while Josh and Braden Lussier took to the stage Saturday night following the rodeo.



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OFF! repellent to host free event in Komarno

By Jennifer McFee

The community of Komarno will be buzzing with activity for an upcoming event hosted by well-known mosquito repellent company.

On Friday, July 22, OFF! brand will host an evening celebration in Komarno, which means “mosquito infested” in Ukrainian.

Located in the RM of Armstrong, Komarno proudly boasts the title of Mosquito Capital of the World, which makes it the ideal location for OFF! to host its festivities.

The free event will feature catered food and entertainment, with most of the excitement taking place in front of the large mosquito statue.

In addition, entomologist Taz Stuart will talk to the crowd about mosquito safety and awareness.

Representatives from OFF! will be on site to film a documentary-style video celebrating Komarno and interviewing some residents during the event.

“The focus of this is OFF!’s mosquito lamp, which creates a 10-foot-by-10-foot barrier around you to repel mosquitoes,” said Zara Turner on behalf of OFF!



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The Komarno mosquito statue will be the site for OFF! brand to film a documentary-style video to promote OFF!’s mosquito lamp.

“We’re also promoting OFF! Gentle, which is safe for use on children aged six months.”

Adding to the excitement, OFF! will also be donating products to the entire community of Komarno and attendees at the event.

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Here’s a different way to wear your dentures

BY ELISHA VANDOR

Truthfully, the outer appearance of full dentures has not changed much. Let’s not judge a book by its cover, though. It’s what’s inside that counts and this advancement changes how you eat and what you can eat.

Specifically, a full lower denture poses the most issues for denture wearing individuals. These issues include:

- Looseness
- Soreness
- Lack of confidence while eating/talking

If you’re experiencing any or all of these issues and need a solution, then it’s time to consider using anchors. Anchors are the advancement that will change how a denture feels and functions. Let’s talk about this more...

For this particular type of dental implant anchor, you will still be able to remove the

denture yourself, which is ideal for cleaning and oral hygiene. The anchor mechanism is like a button snapping closed and pulling open to unsnap. Snapping the denture into the anchor allows the denture to stay secure and stable to the gums, which solves looseness issues and improves confidence while chewing or talking. The anchors are embedded into the underneath side of the denture so they are completely unnoticeable while wearing. This is the most cost effective and popular way to stabilize your lower denture, other than going to a permanent denture. You may not even need a new denture, either! Other functional benefits include:

- Greater chewing force
- Able to enjoy eating foods you couldn’t eat before
- Reduced adjustment period
- Reduction in sore spots

Without the denture anchors,

the lower jaw bone tries really hard to keep the denture in place, but has a hard time because of its inability to create suction. Therefore, the lower denture relies on gravity, the tongue and the upper denture or teeth for stability, making it harder to chew and bite into foods like an apple. The good news is, those issues are being resolved and many people have switched to a denture that snaps in and out of the anchors so they can enjoy eating all types of food again.

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Steep Rock celebrates new community well, enhanced greenspace

By Patricia Barrett

The Steep Rock Community Club Greenspace Committee celebrated the drilling of a new community well last month after the group receiving funding support from the club, the municipality and the federal government.

Greenspace committee member Leslye Fisher said A M Bruce Drilling from Ashern dug the new well on June 8, and it took about eight hours to reach 117 feet. The contractor hit water at 97 feet, but drilled deeper to increase the water pressure.

"The new well replaces an old well that used to serve the community in the early years and was the place where the old tennis court and horse-shoe toss used to be," said Fisher.

Steep Rock is located on the east shore of Lake Manitoba, about 51 kilometres northwest of Ashern, and is renowned for its stunning limestone cliffs and caves. The new well was made possible through a contribution agreement and partnership with Prairies Economic Development Canada, a federal government department that supports business and community development in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, as well as with the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale and the Steep Rock Community Club.

And there was an announcement June 9 at the Forks in Winnipeg where MP Dan Vandal announced \$10.8 million in funding through various federal programs to support 39 Manitoba travel, tourism and recreation projects, including \$4,500 for the Steep Rock Community Club to enhance its greenspace.

The wider community and friends of Steep Rock contributed to the enhancement of the Greenspace, said Fisher. It has been beautified with trees, shrubs and perennials.

"For the past two years, water was pumped from the lake and hauled to the Greenspace weekly. This was a display of community devotion at its finest. And even during a drought, the greenspace thrived," she said. "We are always looking for support of anything natural, such as soil, seeds, rocks and perennials."

And people are welcome to take part in gardening activities.

"The greenspace committee would like to thank the community and everyone in Prairies Economic Development Canada, the RM of Grahamdale and the Steep Rock Community Club who worked with us on this project," said Fisher. "It was a great experience."



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A new well drilled last month will help the Steep Rock Community Club Greenspace Committee keep the trees, shrubs and perennials watered and thriving.

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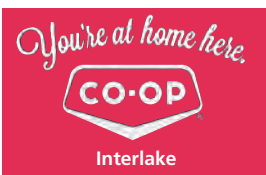
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COVID booster shots recommended for fall; Doctors Manitoba revises procedure backlog

By Patricia Barrett

With the COVID-19 virus continuing to mutate and gaining traction in some parts of Canada, Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) is recommending the administration of an mRNA booster shot this fall.

For some people, an additional shot of vaccine could constitute their third, fourth or fifth dose.

The recommendation comes after an expected resurgence of COVID in the fall and the possibility of stressing the health-care system.

"The likelihood, timing and severity of a future wave of COVID-19 is uncertain; however, the later fall and winter months are expected to be associated with a resurgence of SARS-CoV-2 community transmission due to indoor and seasonal gatherings," states NACI in a June 29 guidance report. "Later fall and winter is also a time when the incidence rates of other respiratory diseases are elevated, which leads to increased pressure on health systems."

It recommends that individuals aged 12 to 64 years of age be offered a fall COVID booster vaccination "regardless of the number of booster doses previously received." And it strongly recommends that the fall booster dose be given to the following:

- People 65 years of age and older
- People living in long-term care or congregate living facilities
- Children 12 years of age and older with an underlying medical condition
- Adults living in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities
- Adults in racialized communities and/or marginalized communities (e.g., people living with disabilities)

Estimated Pandemic Backlog for Surgery

Procedure	Backlog Estimated Range	Wait Time		
		Pre-Pandemic	Current	Trend
Cardiac	136 to 146	14-18 days	17 days	↔
Cataract	1,247 to 2,747	10-14 weeks	21 weeks	↑
Hip/Knee	1,631 to 3,131	20-30 weeks	35 weeks	↑
Other Surgeries	28,650 to 33,650	N/A	N/A	
TOTAL	31,664 to 39,674			

Cardiac, Cataract and Hip/Knee were estimated using change in wait list. Other surgeries reflects estimates of missed procedures. Wait times are median based on Manitoba Health reporting. For cardiac, the waits represent all procedures. For cataract, the waits are for Misericordia. For Hip/Knee, a province-wide estimate is available. See appendix for detail.

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Estimated wait times for surgical procedures such as hip, knee and cataracts as of June 28.

- People 12 years and older who are living in congregate settings such as quarters for migrant workers, shelters, correctional facilities and group homes.

NACI said the omicron subvariants BA4 and BA5 "continue to grow" in Canada while previous omicron subvariants, such as BA2, are on the decline.

In addition to the rise of the latest subvariants – which can evade natural or vaccine-induced immunity and are even more contagious than previous omicron lineages – the proportion of people who've received at least one additional dose of vaccine has "plateaued" and "infection- and/or vaccine-acquired immunity wanes over time."

With regard to adverse side effects of [additional] mRNA booster doses, NACI said health risks are unknown in the case of some serious complications because they've been administered to a limited subset of the population, such as long-term care residents, and the monitoring of vaccine safety is ongoing.

"Booster doses were well tolerated and no new safety signal was identified. However, second booster doses have generally been administered in specific populations (e.g., LTC residents, older adults) or in small groups, therefore evidence of their safety is currently limited," states NACI. "The risk of myocarditis and/or pericarditis [inflammation of the heart / inflammation of the lining of the heart] following the first booster dose was lower compared to dose 2 of the primary series, which is consistent with lower risk due to extended intervals between doses. The risk of myocarditis and/or pericarditis associated with additional doses is currently unknown."

Many of the COVID vaccines approved by Health Canada are associated with a risk of serious health complications – including death – which include thrombosis (blood clots), thrombocytopenia (low platelets in blood), capillary leak syndrome, Guillain-Barre syndrome (the immune system attacks the nerves and can

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paralyse the entire body) and Bell's Palsy (facial paralysis). The World Health Organization and researchers have also reported on multi-thousands of cases of tinnitus and hearing loss.

Health Canada has instructed vaccine manufacturers to list some warnings on their product monographs. The health agency maintains that the benefits of COVID vaccines outweigh the risks of the disease.

A total of 85,133,726 vaccine doses have been administered in Canada as of May 27, according to the federal government. Adverse health events have been reported by 46,635 (about 6 in 10,000) people. Of those 46,635 reports, 9,627 were considered serious.

Other health news:

-The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's medical officer of health declared a COVID-19 outbreak June 27 at the Betel Personal Care Home in Selkirk.

"General visitation is suspended and outbreak protocols are in place," states a notice on the IERHA's website. The number of infected people was not provided.

-The provincial government's weekly COVID surveillance report for the week June 19-25 shows 157 new cases of COVID. The volume of restricted PCR lab tests for the virus decreased from the previous week's report. Provincial data is an undercount of the true number of infections.

There were also 46 new hospital admissions for the virus, of which five people required intensive care treatment, and one death was reported.

Manitoba's COVID death toll now stands at 2,043, an increase of 18 deaths from the previous week's death toll of 2,025.

-In its COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update published June 29, the World Health Organization reported that the number of weekly cases "has increased for the third consecutive week, after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022." The countries with the highest numbers of new weekly cases are the U.S., Germany, Brazil, Italy and China.

-Doctors Manitoba revised its estimate of the backlog of surgical and diagnostics procedures. As of June 28, there are between 107,111 and 130,449 procedures in the queue. The organization reported over 166,000 procedures at the end of May.

"The new estimate focuses on the work required to clear the backlog, rather than tabulating the procedures missed during the pandemic as some of those procedures are no longer required," states the physician advocacy organization on its website.

Some patients no longer need a test or a procedure because their condition has either improved or deteriorated, they died while waiting or they moved away, states Doctors Manitoba. And "alternative and sometimes less ideal tests or treatments were used instead."

-The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) reported 43 additional cases monkeypox last week for a total of 278 cases as of June 29. Quebec has reported 202 cases, Ontario, 67, Alberta, five, and British Columbia, four. There was a total of 235 cases reported as of June 24.

-The World Health Organization has confirmed 3,413 cases of monkeypox and one death from 50 countries/territories between Jan. 1 and June 22. The majority of laboratory confirmed cases were reported from the WHO's European Region at 86 per cent, followed by the Region of the Americas at 11 per cent and the African Region at two per cent.

Correction

Staff

In the article "Fate of oldest Icelandic church in Arnes to be debated" printed in the June 30 edition of the *Express Weekly News* we printed that the church is still used for periodic worship services, wedding, recitals, concerts and meetings. However, this is not true when in actual fact the church has not been used in over 25 years.

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A vehicle with five occupants, was travelling east when it went into the ditch and rolled.

A 19-year-old female from Lake St. Martin First Nation, was pronounced deceased on scene.

The four other occupants, two females aged 18 and 21, and a two males ages 24 and 27, all from Lake St. Martin First Nation, were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Gypsumville RCMP along with the Criminal Collision Investigation Team and a Forensic Traffic Collision Reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

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Juniper School in Thompson raises \$1,700 for Gimli Stands With Ukraine fundraiser

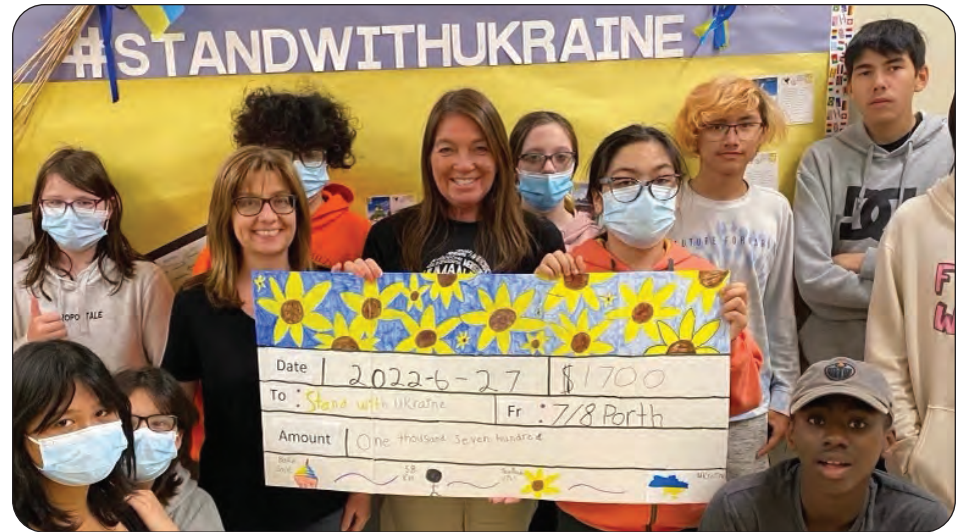
By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Chamber of Commerce got a pleasant surprise last week after students and teachers from a Thompson school delivered a cheque for \$1,700 for the Gimli Stands With Ukraine fundraiser.

Chamber co-chair Melanie Specula, who runs the Chicken Chef restaurant in downtown Gimli, said students from Juniper School worked

really hard raising money for Ukrainians fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and they also did some investigative homework on the chamber's fundraiser before deciding to donate the money.

The students undertook an exercise in how to trust fundraisers that are ubiquitous on social media sites. They investigated the Gimli Stands with Ukraine fundraiser by determining if it was legitimate and reputable, who was behind it, what their credentials are and so forth, said Specula. She thought it was a "great exercise" their teachers had them do. Students also watched television interviews with Specula. Their teacher then asked Specula if she would speak with the class on FaceTime and answer ques-



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Teacher Sheri Porth, centre, resource teacher Audrey McLellan, left, and Grade 7/8 students from Juniper School in Thompson with a cheque for \$1,700 for the Gimli Stands With Ukraine fundraiser.



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tions.

"I was really touched by these kids from Thompson, by their questions and how interested they were. That's an amazing amount of money for 12- and 13-year-old kids to raise. It was a really neat experience for me. And the kids were excited I was able to talk to them about the initiative and fundraiser. The principal and a few other teachers sat in on FaceTime, too," said Specula last Saturday. "Then Audrey came from Thompson to Gimli and dropped off a cheque for \$1,700. I'm so blown away by this."

The fundraiser was spearheaded by the Gimli chamber a couple of months ago to help pay for food and lodging for the Ukrainians who decided to make Gimli their new home.

The chamber turned over its Ukrainian settlement operation to the Gimli Community Development Corporation (CDC) last month, after spearheading it and the fundraiser, promoting the aid operation with various Ukrainian organizations, connecting local businesses and Ukrainians through a chamber-created job board and forming a chamber transportation committee to help the newcomers travel. The RM of Gimli offered to house Ukrainians in its former cadet building in the Industrial Park.

The Gimli Stands With Ukraine fundraiser is posted on the GoFundMe platform, and the money collected is deposited into a chamber bank account, said Specula. People are also dropping off money for the fundraiser at Chicken Chef, and they can request a receipt for their donation.

"The chamber is doing quite well raising money on our end. There are a number of fundraising events in Gimli for the Ukrainians, and people are regularly dropping off cheques to me



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Riverton's Ashton Kornelsen and Emma Weber striking a pose after graduation.



Gimli graduates celebrating.



Lundar grads toss their caps in the air to celebrate their official graduation.

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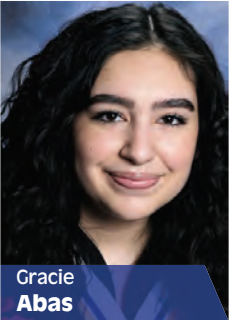
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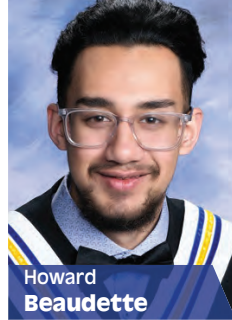
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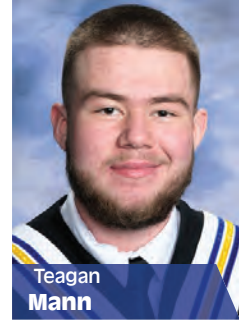
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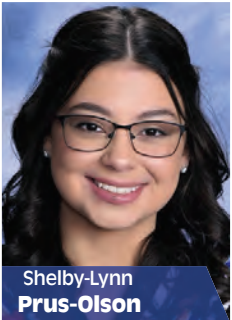
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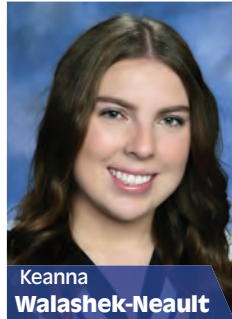
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	Fisher Branch Filipino Community	Filipino graduating student
	Fisher Branch Filipino Community	Valedictorian
	Leanne Kochan	Highest and most fluent in Grade 12 French
	Michelle Smith	Humanitarian Award in memory of Nancy Swenty
	Derek Johnson (MLA)	Citizenship Scholarship
Teagan Mann	The University of Manitoba	Chown Centennial
	Verna Wallack	Creativity, Innovation, & Positivity
	Olga Grouch Fund - FBWI	University and Science
	FB Women's Institute	1st place grad
	Anonymous	furthering ed
	Noventis Credit Union	Furthering Education & ambassador to school
	Walther Wowchuk Scholarship	they pick
	Patti Witzke	In memory of Ken Carson
	Anonymous	Furthering Education, financial need
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	International Pollination System	Furthering Education
	Noventis Credit Union	Furthering Education & ambassador to school
	UK Farmers Co-op	they pick
	Interlake Auto	Furthering Education in Ag Field
	Poplarfield Community Center	experiencing financial need
	Lakeshore Teachers' Association	Furthering Education
	Patti Witzke	In memory of Ken Carson
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	UK Farmers Co-op	they pick
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	Fisher Branch Pharmacy	Furthering Education
	Olga Grouch Fund - FBWI	University and Science
	FB Health Center	Furthering Education
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Arborg graduates celebrate the end of "Senior Years"

By Tammy Karatchuk

It was a graduation with music from Drew Baldridge and Flo Rida, and a speech with a famous lyric from Reba McEntyre's "Fancy."

For the first time in two years, Arborg graduates marched the aisle to "Senior Years" at the Arborg and Bifrost Community Hall. The country song was about skipping school, wasting gas, and school disappearing too fast. While there were technical difficulties with the music, considering the challenges the graduates – and their teachers, family, and friends – faced over the last two years, the mishap wasn't noticeable over loud cheers as graduates strutted in their caps and gowns towards the stage.

Heiða Simundsson was emcee for the ceremony of over 250 people. Arborg Collegiate principal, Krista Borgfjord, gave opening remarks and a humorous farewell address.

"... you are the children, mostly of the year 2004," said Borgfjord. "When you were born the song of the year was 'Yeah' by Usher, and the Notebook and Mean Girls were popular movies. Facebook was invented in 2004, and gas was only 76.7 cents a litre."

Borgfjord said she and staff "reflected" on how to describe the 26 graduates, and she said "... diverse describes this class well. On the stage today we have academics, artists, mechanics, and athletes ... to name a few."

Borgfjord told the grads, "Right now is an incredible time in your lives. It is a time to explore, to dream and to put it all on the line, and yes, even to fail," and she reminded them of their



"We've done it!" Arborg Collegiate graduates toss their hats in celebration of their achievement at the Arborg and Bifrost Community Centre in a ceremony with over 250 people.

EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TAMMY KARATCHUK

opportunities, and potential was limitless.

"Don't look back and regret the things you didn't do, look back and celebrate the risks that you took. Some of those risks will pay off and some will not," and Borgfjord encouraged them to "look around and appreciate that there is a room full of people here that will cheer you on, celebrate your successes and pick you back up when you fall down."

Prior to the presentation of diplomas, the class chose teacher Scott Stadnek as the guest speaker. Stadnek joked he promised someone he'd wear "the jacket," and he briefly disappeared from the stage, and returning donning a white zip-up hoodie,

splashed with neon colours. Stadnek roasted the grads with jokes about them being, "scrawny little grade niners," then saying, "Enjoy your fast metabolism while it lasts."

He said they've faced challenges and changes as young people. Stadnek said to remember his "favourite quote" from Shakespeare's Hamlet, "To this above all, to thine own self be true," about staying humble.

Once the diplomas were in the grads' hands, McKenzie Adair and Ashton "Doug" Paulson delivered the valedictorian speech, filled with memories, laughs, and gratitude for their teachers through COVID restrictions.

"It taught us about the importance of physically being in the classroom because I think most of us can agree that getting up each morning and dragging our butts to a place, we thought we dreaded, was a lot better than only communicating with others through a screen," said Adair. "Despite being



Arborg Collegiate principal Krista Borgfjord presents Paige Abuda with the coveted Governor General's award for scholastic achievement.

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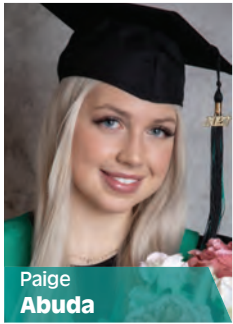
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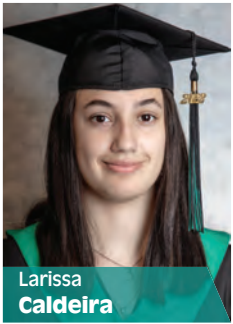
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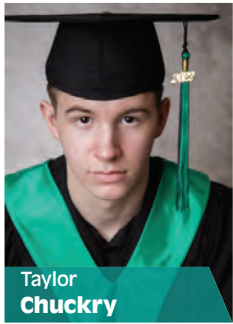
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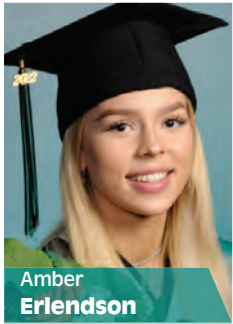
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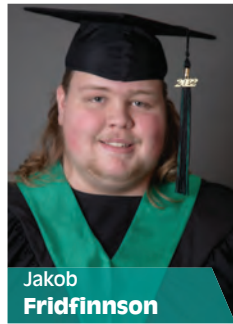
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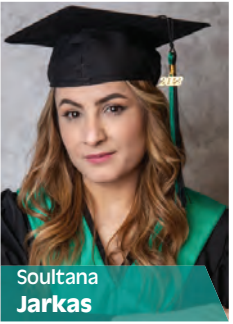
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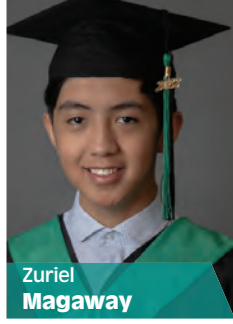
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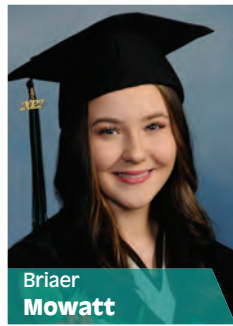
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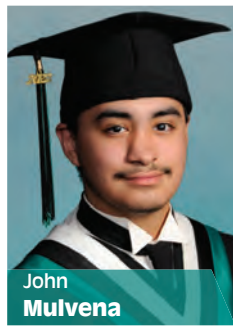
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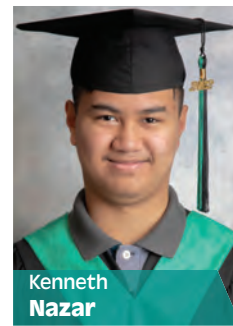
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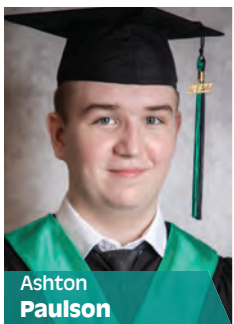
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Proud parents, family, guardians, and friends celebrated the grads at the Arborg and Bifrost Community Centre.



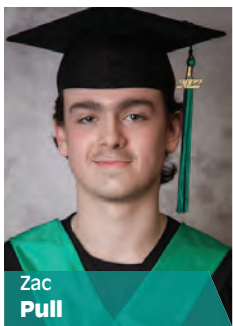
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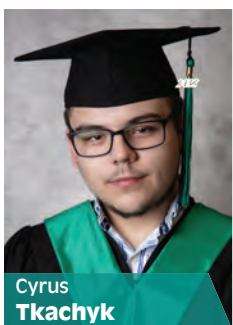
Matthew Kempa receives his diploma from ACI principal, Krista Borgfjord.



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CONGRATULATIONS

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

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

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stuck at home, we were lucky enough to have amazing teachers who made sure to give us all the resources, support and time that we needed, so thank you."

At that point, the hall echoed with applause for the staff of Arborg Collegiate.

Paulson said, "Growing up in a small town also gave us the opportunities to build relationships with each of our teachers, which we believe helped our education in the long run, and also made it so much more enjoyable to pull pranks on them."

Adair commented on the different "identities within" their class, and "that is what makes it

so special." She touched on each graduate's strength. "Doug (Ashton Paulson) and I can't wait to see what amazing things life has in store for each of you and what great members of society you will become," then reminded the grads to answer the phone when their parents call. "They've done so much for you, they deserve a five-minute conversation."

Paulson ended the valedictorian speech with, "Enough about the future. Today is all about our accomplishments from the past, and to recognize everyone who is here with us."

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Arborg Collegiate Awards and Scholarships

- Paige Abuda** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161 Bursary Award, Icelandic River Health Clinic Scholarship, Interlake Co-Op Scholarship, RM of Armstrong Scholarship, U of Winnipeg Special Entrance, Governor General's Medal
- McKenzie Adair** Arborg Agricultural Society Award, Rotary Club of Gimli Scholarship, Interlake Insurance & Portage Mutual Bursary, Association for Community Living Award, CUPE Local 3164 Award, Friederici Farms Agriculture Scholarship, U of Winnipeg Special Entrance Scholarship
- Jerah Andool** Arborg Family Dental Award, Northern Interlake Filipino Community Award, Noventis Credit Union Bursary
- Kira Bedard** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161 Bursary Award, Evergreen School Division Award, Noventis Credit Union Bursary, Larissa Caldeira, Evergreen School Division Award, Evergreen Teachers' Association Bursary
- Taylor Chuckry** Varsity Athlete of the Year Award
- Matthias Einarson** Esjan Chapter of the Icelandic National League Scholarship
- Amber Erlendson** Town of Arborg Award, Arborg Legion Ladies Auxiliary Award
- Kalan Floyd** Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship, Municipality of Bifrost Riverton Scholarship
- Jakob Fridfinnson** Arborg Legion Ladies Auxiliary Award, Great Plains Mobile Repair Trades Bursary
- Lemuel Magaway** Margrét Bjarnason Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Club of Gimli Scholarship
- Zuriel Magaway** Vidir Solutions Inc. Scholarship, University of Manitoba Chown Centennial Scholarship
- Ashton Paulson** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161 Bursary
- Cyrus Tkachyk** CIBC Miracle Fund Award

Lundar Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

- Tyler Anderson** Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship, Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation's Cal & Dorothy Bennett Memorial Scholarship, Eriksdale Legion Scholarship And Bursary, Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship, Interlake Co-Op Scholarship, Lundar School Scholarship, Raymond "Shady" Monkman
- Hope Foster** Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship, Eriksdale Legion Scholarship And Bursary, Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship, Lundar School Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union Scholarship, One Insurance Bursary, Vocational Teachers' Association Of Manitoba Award Of Merit
- Kenady Christensen** Brendan Moman Memorial Scholarship, Craig Pottinger Memorial Bursary, Fjola Johnson Scholarship, Grettir Co-Operative Amateur Athletic Association Scholarship, Governor-General's Bronze Medal Award, Gudjon Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Ladies Aid Bjork Scholarship, Lundar Legion Scholarship, Marla Bonwick Scholarship
- Shyanne Chartrand** Coldwell Community Foundation Inc. Scholarship, Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship, Lakeshore Teachers' Association Scholarship, Lundar Legion Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union Scholarship, One Insurance Bursary
- Mark Goodman** David Sigfusson Memorial Scholarship
- Tyler Brand** Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship
- Kiera Lavallee** Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship
- Logan Miller** Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship
- Rebecca Surgeoner** Eriksdale Municipal Heritage Advisory Scholarship
- Loa Thorkelson** Subject Award Medals Ela Comprehensive, Ela Transactional, Pre Calculus Math, Essential Math, Physics, Construction Technology

Lundar grads reminded not to forget where they came from

By Autumn Fehr

Fourteen graduates from Lundar School made way for new beginnings as they threw their caps in the air in their school gymnasium last Thursday.

While graduation marks new beginnings to celebrate as a chapter closes, Lundar grads were reminded not to forget the rural community they grew up in.

As the students entered the gym, their names were called out, one by one with an introduction showing their personality given by vice-principal Amy Tycoles.

As part of the graduation ceremony, the students listened to several speeches with inputs of wisdom, advice, and thanks.

As the master of ceremonies, Tycoles also gave the opening remarks.

Lawrence Grzenda, the principal of Lundar School, spoke to the grads afterwards.

Grzenda told the graduates that as he reflected on the time spent with them and the message he wanted to share at grad, he tried to think about some of the characteristics that made their class the distinct group they are.

Life is not full of guarantees – but Grzenda believes the group has shown that when faced with opportunities and choices to make, they will take the leap of faith to see if they turn out.

It's important to remember where you came from.

Grzenda wanted the grads to be proud of living in a rural community. Wherever life takes them, or no matter how far they move away to pursue



The Lundar School graduating class of 2022.

EXPRESS PHOTOS BY AUTUMN FEHR

their dreams, he wanted them not to forget where they came from, as they will always have a home there in the community.

"Home will always hold a special place, and sometimes the grass isn't greener," said Grzenda.

He shared with the crowd that the class of 2022 is one to challenge the status quo.

"I did admire your willingness to stick to your line of thinking. We live in a democracy that requires citizens to be active and engage in dialogue. Your thoughts and voices are required in our community, province, and country," said Grzenda.

Another trait of the group Grzenda shared was that they didn't quit when a roadblock hit their paths – they persevered.

"People learn much more from their failures than their successes. Rely



Kenady Christensen receives her diploma, along with numerous other scholarships, including the Governor-General's Bronze Medal Award.



Valedictorians Shyanne Chartrand, right and Tyler Anderson.

upon and remember your ability to not quit and persevere through the tough times in your life. I have seen you do it," said Grzenda.

Shyanne Chartrand and Tyler Anderson delivered the valedictorian speech. Their speeches equally in-

cluded short quips that had the crowd up in laughter often.

The valedictorians understood the importance of the grad to their families.

"This is a very proud moment in our family's lives," said Anderson.

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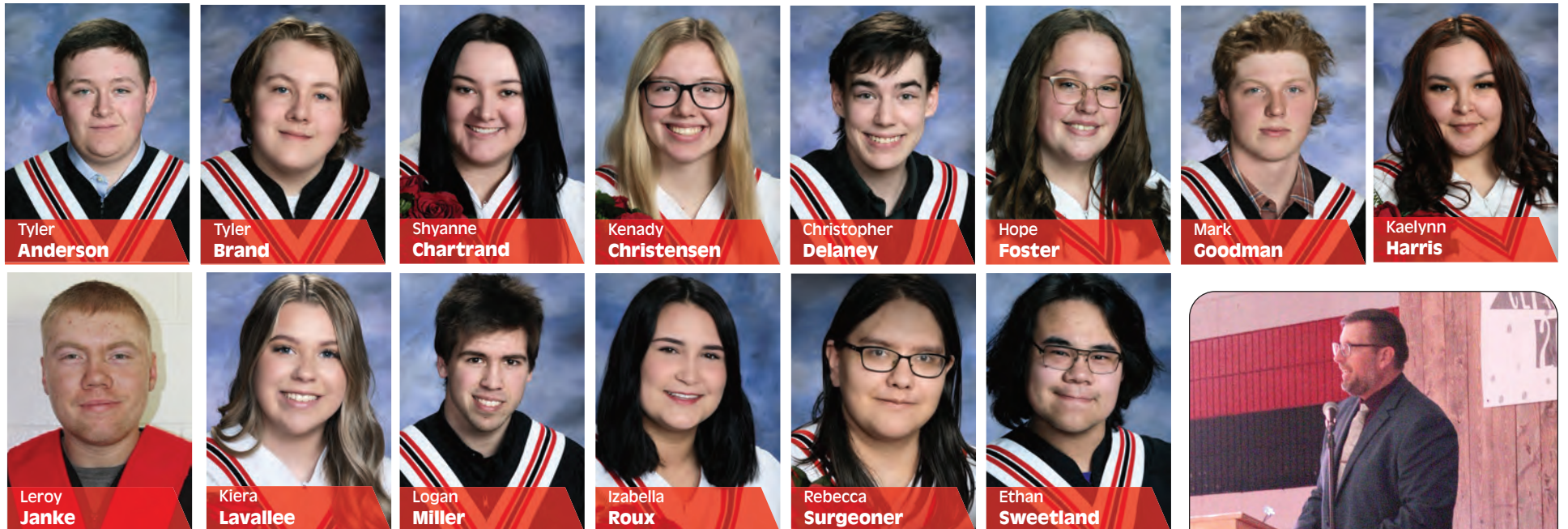
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Principal Lawrence Grzenda speaks to the grads.



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The Lundar School graduating class of 2022.

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He shared with the crowd the difficult journey they had navigated through COVID, and what it had looked like for them, starting two years ago in grade 10.

Anderson made known to the crowd, as if their parents didn't already know, that their group could be a challenging bunch at times.

"Our teachers are the most patient teachers in the Interlake," said Anderson.

Compliments and thanks were given to classmates for companionships, help, and memories granted over their

high school years, even going as far back as pre-school.

Anderson proceeded to thank the teachers in their school for their willingness to help, their creativity, patience, and help with fundraisers, especially the help to put together their grad.

Chartrand continued with her end of the address by addressing her fellow students, thanking them for friendships, laughter, and shared memories.

She described her class as a family who has learnt the skills they need to move to the following chapters of their lives and the various places they will go.

"We have all been given the same

tools in our toolbox, but we have used them differently to get where we are today," said Chartrand.

After the valedictorian address, it was time for the official rite of passage that would officially consider the group as high school graduates – the presentation of their diplomas.

Sponsors of various scholarships and awards came on stage to congratulate and hand the grade 12s the awards they had received.

Kenady Christensen took home the Governor-General's Bronze Medal Award. The medal is awarded to the graduating student with the highest academic average in the class, combining marks from grades 11 and 12.

Christensen was also awarded several other scholarships, including the Fjola Johnson Scholarship and the Gudjon Johnson Memorial Scholarship.

Several other grads were awarded scholarships during the ceremony. As well, hope Foster received the Vocational Teachers' Association of Manitoba Award of Merit for a student who attained the highest level of achievement.

After all, the students officially became 2022 graduates. They took off their gowns to show off their grad attire, and to commemorate their graduation through a joint celebratory cap toss.

With much to celebrate and excitement for what their futures will hold, the grads were finally ready to leave the halls of the school they call home, leaving their mark on the community.



Shyanne Chartrand receives her diploma along with numerous other scholarships such as the Coldwell Community Foundation Inc. Scholarship.



Hope Foster receives her diploma, along with the Vocational Teachers' Association of Manitoba Award of Merit.

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Gimli graduates encouraged to dream big as they become the next generation of leaders

By Patricia Barrett

Grade 12 students at Gimli High School earned their place on the graduation podium last week after enduring over two years of COVID-19 and excelling in their studies.

GHS held two outdoor graduation ceremonies on June 27 to pay tribute to the grads, whose kindness, dependability and can-do attitude carried them through COVID while mastering the curricula and inspiring others to dream.

Many graduates are moving on to post-secondary studies in fields such as agriculture, engineering and veterinary science, enrolling in trades such as carpentry or plan to jump right into the workforce, travel or just take a “freedom year.” Some have set very ambitious goals such as curling in the Olympics, creating a “farming empire” and winning the lottery so that they can afford gas for their truck.

Class valedictorians Kyra Humniski and Keenan Karish provided humorous highlights of their four years together, including “sass” contests that arose from disputes in foods class, fixing machinery they broke in shops class and figuring out a routine for learning after realizing their teacher wouldn’t be providing answers to

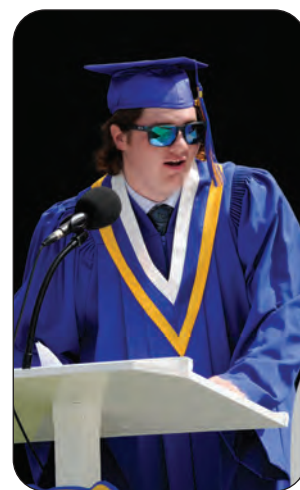


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Evergreen School Division presents the 2022 graduating class of Gimli High School.

tests. They also said their class came out of COVID more resilient and interconnected.

“Living in a COVID world for the past two years has had a substantial impact on our high school experience. Being separated and segregated from our own classmates, as well as the other grades, took a toll on everyone. Who knew we would miss seeing the typical annoying Grade 9’s everyday?” they said. “It was hard to know if there was a light at the end of the tunnel. Switching to remote learning was a challenge for everyone, teachers



Class valedictorians Kyra Humniski, left, and Keenan Karish.



The Governor General's Award for academic achievement went to Keenan Karish for having an overall grade point average of 99.04 per cent.

included. However, they say good things arise from bad situations, and we must admit seeing everyone’s morning face was the only good thing that came out of remote learning. All jokes aside, as a class, we came out of COVID stronger and more intercon-

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nected than any previous graduating class.”

GHS principal Leona Groot paid tribute to the grads’ determination to master the curricula while dealing with remote learning, mask-wearing, sanitizing, physical distancing, as well as the onslaught of the omicron variant around winter break “just when we trying to move towards protocols that would bring back some normalcy” to school life.

Groot asked the grads to work hard, be kind, embrace failure and dream big as they step into the working world and become our new leaders.

“We need you. We need you to serve in our government. We need you to work in hospitals, court rooms and schools. We need your creativity and intellect to shape our future technologies,” said Groot. “This year we saw so many of you dream big as you applied for hard jobs, got accepted into universities and colleges and made important decisions about what direction to take in life.”

Evergreen School Division superintendent Roza Gray said teaching staff are confident their graduates will succeed and hope the grads themselves feel optimistic about their future – which entails having a plan.

“We used to think that hope is a feeling we have from time to time based on circumstances around us and our desire for a future. What we know now from cognitive science is that being hopeful is actually a way of thinking that we can develop, that it’s an orientation we can choose,” said Gray. “Defined simply, hope is optimism with a plan. Hope isn’t some gauzy rainbows and sparkling fantasy that you can do anything or be anything. That’s myth. Optimism comes with a plan. Optimism requires examples of what might be or an imagination for an experience better than today. And a plan can be simple and direct as realistic strategy and small steps forward.”

The prestigious Governor General’s Award for academic achievement went to Keenan Karish for having an overall grade point average of 99.04 per cent.

Kiorra Johannesson was named

Grade 12 Female Athlete of the Year and will receive the Irene Miller Memorial Trophy, and Karish was named Grade 12 Male Athlete of the Year and will receive the Joey Roche Memorial Trophy.

Several graduates received awards and bursaries from organizations, businesses, local legions, individual and family memorial funds and post-secondary institutions.

Among the sponsors were the municipalities of Gimli, Armstrong, St. Andrews and Winnipeg Beach, Evergreen School Division, Evergreen Band Boosters, Gimli Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club, Westshore Community Foundation, Noventis Credit Union, service clubs such as Rotary and Kiwanis, the Canada-Iceland Foundation, vehicle dealerships such as Giesbrecht & Sons, Gimli Ford and Chudd’s Chrysler, CommStream, the Evan David John King Memorial Scholarship, the Skuli Johnson Scholarship, the B.B.P. Music Scholarship, and Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson.



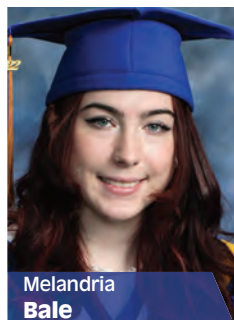
Kiorra Johannesson with principal Leona Groot, right, and vice-principal Shelly Dankochik, left. Johannesson received the Interlake female U18 AAA Hockey Scholarship, Automobile Services of Gimli - Power Mechanics Award and the Camp Morton Ladies Aid Bursary. She also graduated with the Evergreen Diploma with distinction. She is also planning a career in Welding.

Gimli 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Jake Birtwhistle Noah Carlson Allan Dyker	Nicholas Melnychuk Scholastic Scholarship Richard (Dick) Cain Memorial Scholarship CommStream Award, University of Manitoba – Sigurbjorg Stefansson Memorial Scholarship
Owen Ehrich Alexis Graban	Hannes Kristjanson Memorial Scholarship B.B.P. Music Scholarship, Evan David John King Memorial Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union – Winnipeg Beach Award, Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship
Elias Huminicki Kiorra Johannesson	Town of Winnipeg Beach Scholarship Automobile Services of Gimli – Power Mechanics Award, Camp Morton Ladies Aid Bursary, Interlake Lightning Female U18 AAA Hockey Scholarship, Female Athlete of the Year - the Irene Miller Memorial Trophy
Ashton LaRocque	Royal Canadian Legion – Gimli Branch #181 Scholarship, Royal Canadian Legion – Winnipeg Beach Branch #61 Scholarship, Royal Canadian Legion – Winnipeg Beach Branch #61 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Math/Science, R.M. of St. Andrew’s Scholarship
Marshall Nault Magdalena Stiglmayr	Evergreen School Division Award B.B.P. Music Scholarship, Camp Morton Ladies Aid Bursary, Everett Lloyd Memorial Scholarship, Gimli Knights of Columbus, Gimli Seniors Resource Council Scholarship
Melandria Bale	Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship, University of Winnipeg – Special Entrance Scholarship
Breyden Bomberak Gabrielle Carter Logan Dykes	Evergreen School Division Award CommStream Award Peter Froese Legacy Fund, R.M. of Gimli Award, Skuli Johnson Scholarship for Excellence in English, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship
Zachary Fedorchuk	Evergreen Band Boosters Scholarship, Royal Canadian Legion – Gimli Branch #181 Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship
Liam Harapiak	Evergreen Band Boosters Scholarship, Evergreen School Division Award, Larry & Helen Kristjanson Family Bursary, St. Michael’s Catholic Women’s League Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship
Kyra Humniski	Albert Kristjanson Music Scholarship, Gimli Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club, Lifetouch Canada Award, M.G.E.U. Post-Secondary Area Bursary, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship, Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship
Hannah Johnston Keenan Karish	C.U.P.E. Local #3164 Scholarship, Hailey Dugay Memorial Scholarship B.M.O. Financial Group Indigenous Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship, Derek Johnson Citizenship Scholarship, Gimli District Health Auxiliary Bursary, Harold A.C. Johnson Scholarship in Chemistry, Lifetouch Canada Award, Noventis Credit Union – Gimli Award, Rotary Club of Gimli Award, R.M. of Armstrong Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Faculty of Agriculture & Food Sciences Centennial Entrance Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship, Grade 12 Male Athlete of the Year - Joey Roche Memorial Trophy, Governor General’s Award
Ava Lebel	Evergreen Basic Needs – Community Achievement Award, Gimli Art Club – Marie Madeleine Barg Memorial Award, Gimli Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary Scholarship
Zack Meadows	Evergreen School Division Award, Rotary Club of Gimli Award, Skuli Johnson Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics, Ted Jeremy Memorial Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Chown Centennial Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship, Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship
Elisee Moore	Gimli District Health Auxiliary Bursary, Kiwanis Mel Osborne Fellowship Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union – Gimli Award, Queens University – Chernoff Family Award, R.M. of Gimli Award, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship
Brittany Rogoski	Evergreen Teachers’ Association, Lakeside Lions of Winnipeg Beach & Dunnottar Scholarship, Noventis Credit Union – Winnipeg Beach Award, University of Winnipeg – Elinor F.E. Black Entrance Scholarship, University of Winnipeg – Special Entrance Scholarship
Nathan Vigfusson	Canada Iceland Foundation – Margrét Bjarnason Memorial Scholarship, Gimli Lutheran Centennial Scholarship, Hnausa Harbour Authority Bursary, Interlake Minor Hockey – Dwayne Swanson Memorial Scholarship, Robert Arnason Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Club of Gimli Award, R.M. of Gimli Award, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship
Chloe Winko	Evan David John King Memorial Scholarship, Gimli Art Club Award, Kristine Kristofferson Memorial Scholarship, University of Manitoba – Special Entrance Scholarship



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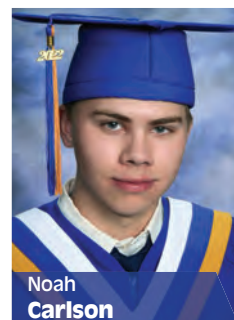
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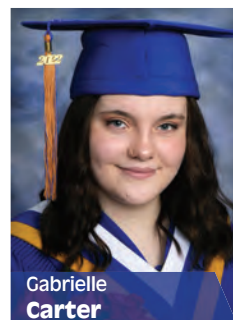
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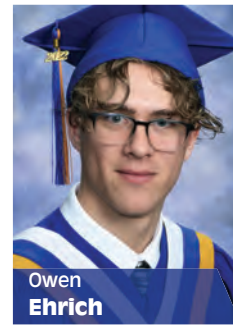
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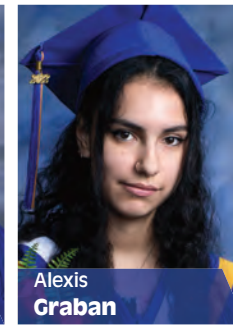
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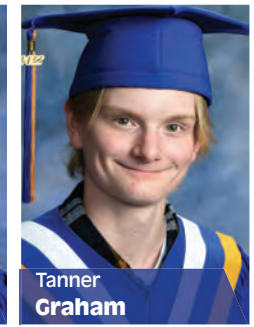
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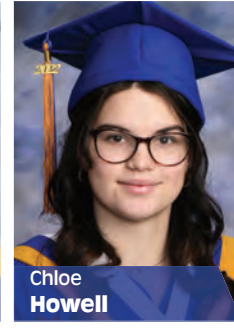
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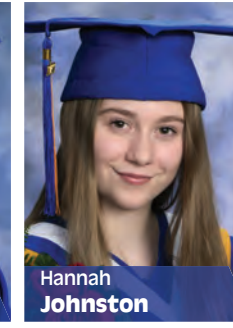
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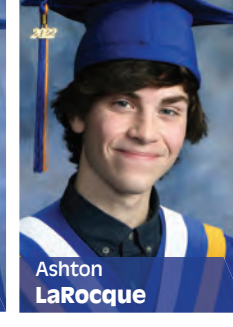
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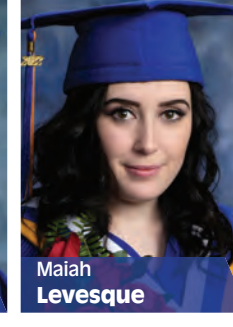
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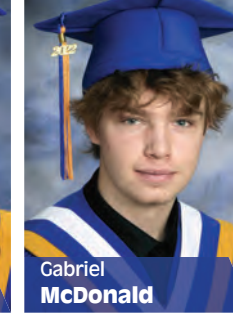
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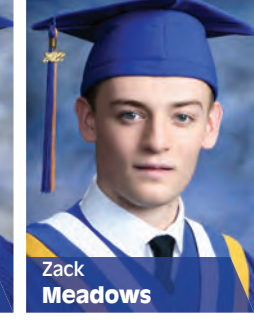
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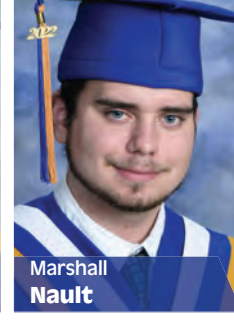
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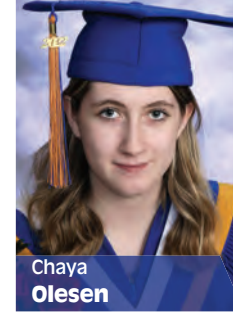
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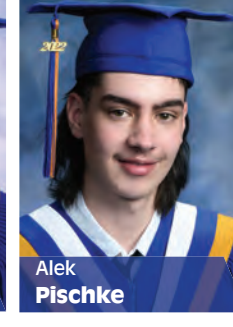
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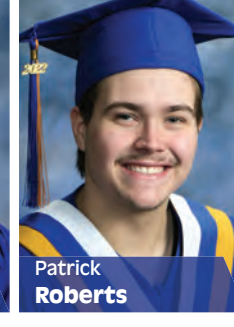
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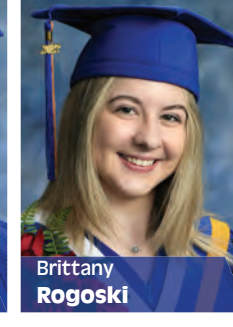
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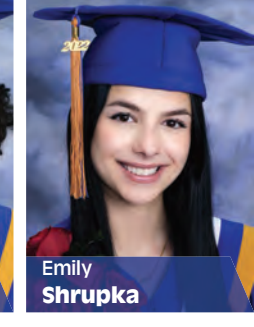
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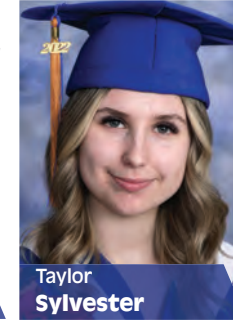
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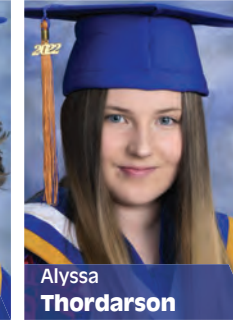
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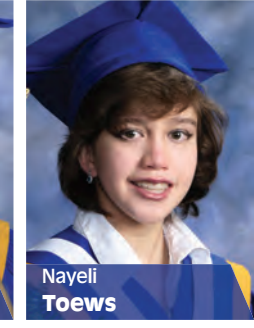
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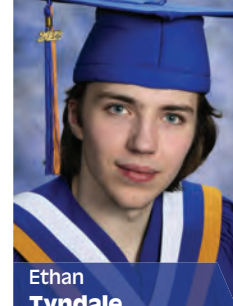
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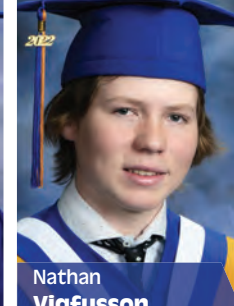
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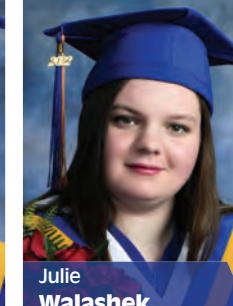
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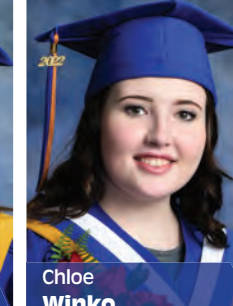
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Prepared for the 'good life': Riverton grads ready for their future

By Autumn Fehr

The gymnasium of the Riverton Recreation Complex was packed last Tuesday, as friends, family, teaching staff, and community organizations gathered to celebrate a milestone in the lives of Riverton Collegiate Institute's graduates.

The 17 graduates walked into the hall, one by one, as they were welcomed by name and a crowd that ceased to stop cheering for their accomplishment that day.

As the ceremony began, graduates Sheldon Courchene, Svea Kardal and April Swaffer-Holm, led the crowd in the singing of O Canada.

Master of ceremonies, and teacher at the school, Sarah Boaz started by reminding the group that she valued that they showed up every day and took pride in their work. She was proud of the young adults that they are sending out into the world.

Erin Furgala, principal of Riverton Collegiate Institute, acknowledged the tough year the grads had with 14 days of cancelled classes due to weather, the war, and flooding, not to mention remote learning the past few years.

Furgala spoke of hope and leaving a legacy.

"Legacy is not leaving something for people, but in people," said Furgala.

The words she used to describe the graduates were: honest, insightful, passionate, and creative.

Furgala shared that she believed, by seeing what they'd accomplished and succeeded in throughout the year, that each graduate was prepared to venture out on their path and create their own good life.

"Our world is in great hands," said Furgala.

She left the class of 2022 with three things to remember as they leave their high school years behind: everyone knows something you don't, practice makes progress, and always do the next best, right, kind thing.

Next, the superintendent of the Evergreen School Division, Roza Gray, gave an address to the graduating class, carrying on the message of encouraging hope and the importance of community.

She described hope as something we used to think of as an emotion or feeling we have from time to time, but what we know now is that being hopeful is a way of thinking.



Mercedes Sigurdson delivers the valedictorian address.



The Riverton Collegiate Institute class of 2022.

EXPRESS PHOTOS BY AUTUMN FEHR



The 2022 graduating class commemorates their milestone with a celebratory cap toss.

"Hope is optimism with a plan," said Gray.

Community and support are essential to staying the course – Gray reminded the students of exactly that.

Gray reminded the group that we need real people to do life with, and that we become like the people we spend the most time with so choosing those people carefully is important.

Many grade 12s received awards and bursaries from various scholarship sponsors in the community.

Ashton Kornelsen took home the Governor General's Academic Medal. The medal is awarded to the graduating student with the highest academic average in the class, combining marks from grades 11 and 12.

Several other grads were awarded scholarships during the ceremony. Charlie Hudson was awarded the Jarred Gislason Award for Sustainable Community Development, and Ayden Dyck was awarded the Derek Johnson Citizen Scholarship.

The grads chose Jessica Vandersteen, as their guest speaker. Vandersteen taught the grads in grades 7 and

8, and they were her first homeroom class in her teaching career.

"This class made me love teaching more than I thought I could," said Vandersteen.

Vandersteen said that the class created many memories from everyday events in the classroom.

As an ode to their younger days, when she taught them, Vandersteen



Principal Erin Furgala hands Ashton Kornelsen the Governor General's Academic Medal.

gave her final goodbye to the grads by reading them a Berenstain Bears storybook.

As selected by the school, Mercedes

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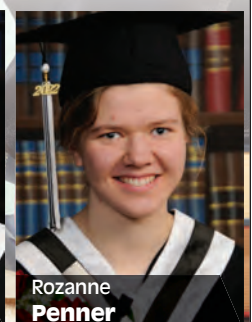
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Sigurdson delivered the valedictorian address. Sigurdson described her class as academically inclined and sport-loving people.

During her speech, she gave examples of how the graduates have prepared themselves for the future this last year by making a difference in their community, such as giving their time at the senior's lodge and bringing music along with them.

Sigurdson described the last five months as being more challenging but is thankful for the community support and her friends for getting through it.

"Where you are headed is much more important than what you've left behind," said Sigurdson.

After the valedictorian address, it was time for the official rite of passage that would officially consider the group as high school graduates – the presentation of their diplomas.

Principal Furgala gave each grad their diploma, as she congratulated them on officially finishing high school.

To end the ceremony with a bang, the Riverton Collegiate Institute's

Buffalo Spirit Rising Drum Group, led by knowledge keeper, Terry Bruce performed The Bear/Windigokon song.

After the performance, with a celebratory cap toss, the graduates went on to celebrate their milestone and the ending of an important chapter in their lives.



Hayley Eyjolfson with the class's graduating pup.



Svea Kardal is decked head to toe in her handmade Indigenous dress, which she made for graduation.



Emma Weber rocking her Converse under her grad dress.



Trey Cook and Charlie Hudson celebrate with the class's graduating pup.



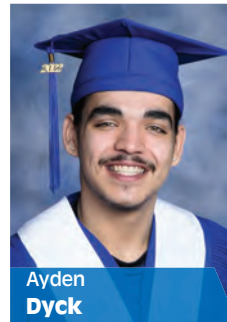
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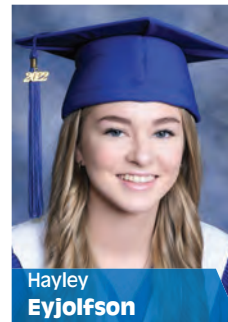
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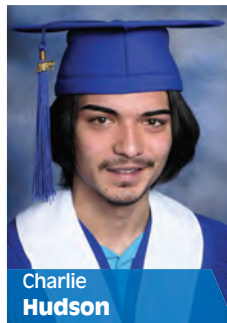
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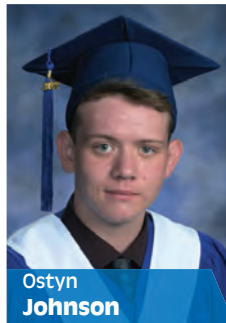
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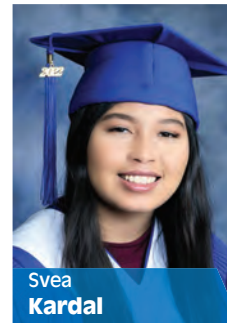
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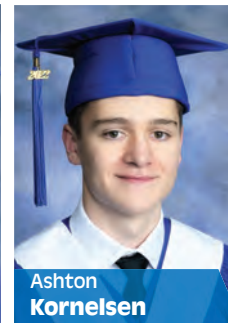
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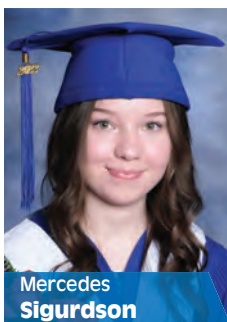
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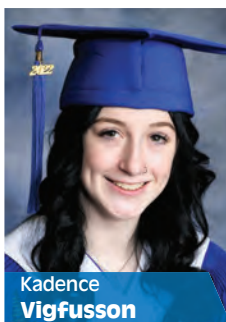
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Ashern Central School back for indoor grad

By Emma Honeybun

Ashern Central School gathered for an in-person graduation for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, congratulating the 17 graduating students.

School principal Tracey Kinkead expressed that it was a great turnout. Everyone is very proud of the students and happy to give them this event after two previous years of remote and online learning.

Even the weather was in their favour; with clear blue skies, green grass, and warm temperatures.

"It was really nice to see community members gathered around big tables and sharing a meal together

again. The students did a fantastic job of everything and we were so proud of them," said Kinkead. "These students, half of their high school years had been spent in restrictions, so it was wonderful to at least be able to

give them their graduate graduation ceremony in a normal way. They really deserved it."

The graduation ceremony took place indoors at the Ashern Centennial Hall. The students were able to ride on a flat deck semi-trailer through town

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for a crowd, and everyone who joined gathered back at the hall afterwards for a meal catered by the Lakeshore Hospital Guild.

"It was the perfect way to end their year," said Kinkead.

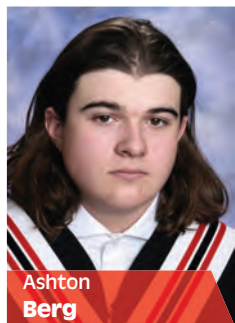
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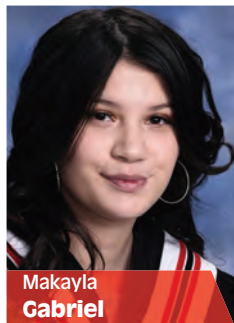
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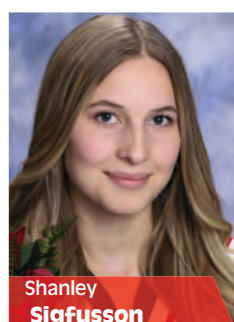
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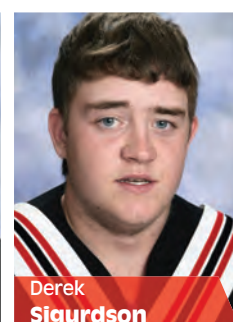
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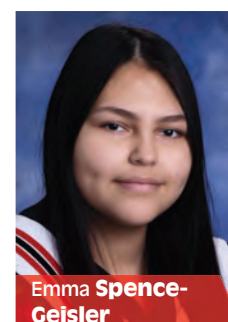
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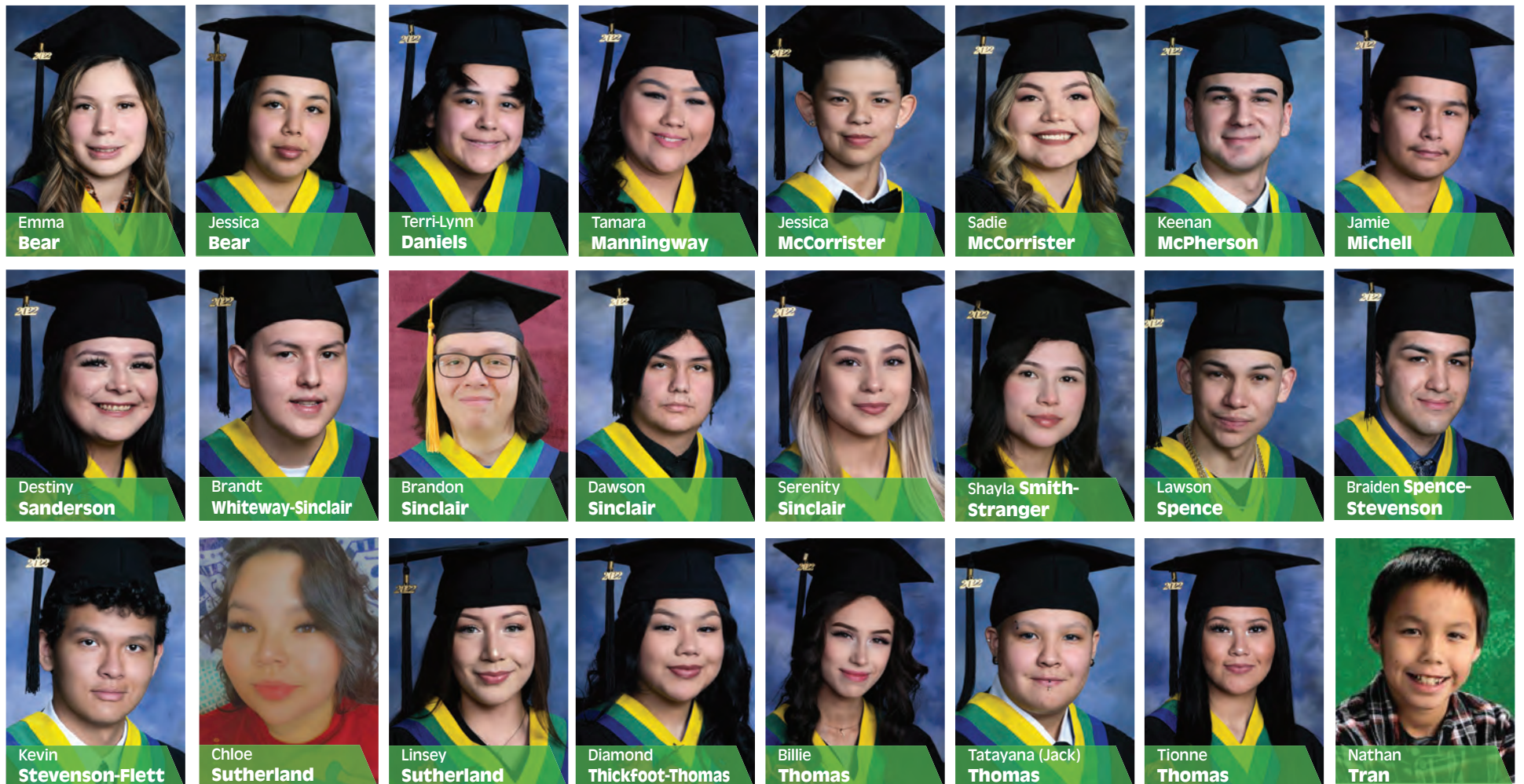
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Gimli held its first in-person Canada Day celebrations since 2019 and there were several local events for residents to show off their Canadian pride. The RM organized a Sunset Indigenous Ceremony along with live entertainment, fireworks and a parade.



“It’s a disaster up here”: northern Interlake fields awash, cattle swimming

By Patricia Barrett

An agricultural catastrophe is unfolding in northern Interlake municipalities after a winter of heavy snow and unceasing spring and summer rain events that have flooded large swathes of farmland.

Gordon Klym, a grain farmer in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, says it’s a disaster as far as unseeded acres and crop drownings go.

“It’s not just Bifrost-Riverton, it’s the RMs of Fisher, Armstrong and Gimli. We’re going through the worst rain disaster and seeding disaster that anybody has ever seen,” said Klym last week. “Water is rising in the fields and crops have been drowned out. I’d say less than 50 per cent of the fields are seeded. There are probably hundreds of thousands of acres that can’t be seeded in a lot of areas and we’re already into July.”

In the first three weeks of June, Klym said they got about nine inches of rain. In May there were four consecutive Colorado lows. April was a “write-off.” Fertilizer – which drastically shot up in price after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine – is getting washed away by the rain.

He said he managed to get 90 per cent of his own fields seeded, but he has lost a significant portion to drowning.

“Of that 90 per cent, about 40 per cent has since drowned out. And if it keeps raining, it will continue to drown because the water is not going down and the ground is fully saturated,” said Klym. “It’s hard to say if you’ll be better off seeding or not seeding. With the costs of inputs these days, it’s just incredibly expensive. And to fill up your tractor costs



Bifrost-Riverton council authorized road repairs, but the water hasn’t receded.



A badly flooded field in Bifrost-Riverton.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY GORDON KLYM

A flooded field with volunteer canola from last year. No equipment has been able to access the field this year.

about \$2,500; that’s absolutely ridiculous and you have to do that every second day.”

It’s not just grain farmers who are up to their necks in water, but also cattle producers who are short of pasture and feed. And weather-related crop failures are passed down to consumers in the grocery aisle, said Klym. With a shortage of wheat stemming from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and with the western and southern U.S. currently in an extreme drought, there’ll likely be a shortage of some food products and prices will “go through the roof.”

“People around here can’t even put in a garden because of the water,” said Klym. “Now is the time we should be sitting up and taking notice of what’s happening with our agriculture sector.”

If it dried up in the next few weeks, and farmers were able to get equipment on their land, they could plant greenfeed (e.g., lentils, peas, soybeans), he said, because cattle farmers need feed.

“But again, who’s to say that will come through because it’s getting so late in the season. I’ve got farmers asking me for all kinds of straw, even canola straw and the canola is not even in the ground yet,” he said.

The province’s Crop Report of June

28 states there’s “huge uncertainty” in the north Interlake regarding the planting of greenfeed crops because of excess moisture.

“Overland flooding has led to large areas of rotted cereal and canola seed in the north Interlake, while some soybeans appear to be managing better,” states the report. “Huge uncertainty remains, especially in the north and central Interlake about the possibility of even planting greenfeed crops on unseeded acres before July 15.”

About 50 per cent of fields remain unseeded west of Arborg towards Fisher Branch and Lundar, and the crops already in the ground have “suffered greatly” from excess rain and lack of drainage. There were over 880,000 acres left unplanted as of a June 20 seeding deadline, concentrated in the northwestern Interlake, along Lake Manitoba and in the Austin-Gladstone-Portage la Prairie area, states the report. Cattle producers are concerned about another year of inadequate feed production, and the cattle themselves are swimming for high ground.

“Cattle are forced to swim to find edible pasture in parts of the northern Interlake, and are unable to access any lowland pastures where standing water is abundant,” states the report.

Klym, who serves on Bifrost-Riverton council, and another councillor feel it’s necessary to hold an emer-

gency meeting with municipal and provincial politicians to see whether the AgriStability program – which the federal and provincial governments cost-share 60/40 – can be tweaked, he said. Farmers who collected crop insurance from the drought disaster last year wouldn’t be eligible for AgriStability this year.

“We haven’t heard from any levels of government so far about this ag disaster. I’m working with Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) right now, not to get new programs but just to see if we can restructure AgriStability and hopefully have some finances available because it’s a disaster up here,” said Klym. “We farmers pay into these government insurance programs so it’s not as if we’re asking for a handout. Making an adjustment is not something unprecedented; the government did this about seven or eight years ago when we had too much water. We want the government to step in now and realize the seriousness of our situation.”

RM of Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski said agriculture is the Interlake’s main industry and it has a “tremendous” impact on the local economy. After dealing with years of crushing drought, farmers and other

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residents are forced to grapple with another weather extreme.

"Our residents, businesses, farming and livestock operations in Armstrong have and continue to suffer tremendously throughout this catastrophic event. Farmyards, pastures, hay land, fields, waterways and drainage systems continue to be of concern in all areas throughout the RM," said Smerchanski. "Many pastures and hay land remain underwater, and crops have also gone unseeded due to weather conditions and flooding."

Excess water has put pressure on provincial and municipal drains, she said, and Lake Winnipeg – into which all water drains – is high.

"The flooding situation is not over. Moving forward, an action plan would be a proactive approach, identifying, prioritizing and addressing drainage issues and maintenance standards," said Smerchanski. "Flood prevention measures are key."

Paul Gregory, KAP's board representative for the Interlake, said any hope producers had last week for seeding has disappeared.

"There was a glimmer of hope for late-seeded barley or canola, but that's all been poached; we had a

thundershower and almost half an inch of rain last night [last Wednesday]," said Gregory, who is president of Interlake Forage Seeds and Interlake Honey Producers in Fisher Branch. "About two weeks ago there was the odd farmer nearing seeding completion, but in this area [Fisher Branch] and areas north and south of Arbog, depending on the lay of the land, they've hardly started. Crops that had been seeded are looking terrible and suffering from water stress."

Beekeepers, like Gregory, aren't faring well either. As far as his own operation is concerned, he said he doesn't think they'll be turning on the honey extractor.

"Our losses are tremendously high. We just couldn't catch a warm week in April and May. And we had hives under snow until the first week of May," said Gregory. "The bees that survived were tiny, with low clusters. We're going to split hives over July and August, but there'll be no honey."

Even if it does dry up, Gregory said he thinks only 25-30 per cent of the land in the region might be up to snuff for grasses and other forage crops.

"You can plant all kinds of grasses such as fescue, timothy and trefoil. There's a program through The East

Interlake Watershed District that pays around \$37 an acre to put in forage crops, or what are considered cover crops," said Gregory. "Cover crops are part of the solution to dealing with climate extremes. Deep-rooted plants allow internal drainage; you won't get thousands of gallons of water running off fields the way you would with a canola crop. Farmers can diversify with grass crops rather than strictly focusing on wheat and canola."

Gregory said he had contacted provincial agriculture minister and Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson to see if he'll meet with producers in the region to discuss flooding and ag insurance concerns, but hasn't yet had a reply (as of last Thursday).

A spokesperson for the provincial department of agriculture said the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) is aware of "significant challenges producers in these [Interlake] RMs, and others across the province, have experienced this year due to extremely wet conditions." AgriInsurance clients who were unable to seed may be eligible for excess moisture insurance.

"MASC is just beginning to process these claims, so there is insufficient

data at this point to confirm the percentage of acres that went unseeded. Insured producers who were able to seed or have established forage crops will be eligible for indemnities if the excess moisture conditions impact their overall yield," said the spokesperson. "Producers are reminded to contact their MASC Service Centre prior to destroying any insured crops."

When asked whether the department is considering making adjustments to the 2022 AgriStability program, the spokesperson said "no adjustments to AgriStability are currently planned for 2022 in relation to excess moisture and unseeded acres."

He said agriculture minister Derek Johnson is aware of the challenges facing Interlake producers, but did not say if Johnson plans to tour his constituency to see the damages firsthand.

"He has spoken to dozens of [Interlake] producers personally and, as it is his constituency, has a very close eye on the impacted area. As we know, it is not just the Interlake that is affected," said the spokesperson. "A tour has been planned for July 4 and 5 for the northern portion of Westman/Parkland regions."

> FUNDRAISER, FROM PG. 8

at Chicken Chef. A business in town dropped off a \$2,500 cheque. A woman knitted Ukrainian-themed wearable pins and we sold them all, raising \$250. She's bringing more to the restaurant. Two Gimli High School students – Sofiya and Liz – and the school's Key Club also raised \$200," said Specula.

"People are dropping off cheques at Chicken Chef out of convenience because some people don't use GoFundMe or just don't like social media sites. If people need a receipt for their donation, the chamber can get them a receipt through the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which we're working with and which is registered as a charity."

Specula said the chamber will continue to help with the fundraiser, and she herself is still in the process of settling Ukrainians in Gimli after having made contact with a number of them over the past month or so.

"I still have 10 Ukrainians coming to Gimli, people that I had been in contact with prior to the CDC taking over the settlement operation. These people have been through a very stressful time and I've become their main contact," said Specula. "Some arrived yesterday. I'm still involved until these people are taken care of and I've got jobs for them. They're so desperate and they're so grateful.

It's important to help them and it's a really nice feeling that I'm able to do this for them."

Thompson's Juniper School is a K-8 school in the School District of Mystery Lake. Teacher Sheri Porth, whose family is from Riverton, and resource teacher Audrey McLellan, whose mom lives in Gimli, said it was important their Grade 7/8 class learn both local and global issues and become responsible citizens, and that they also give the students "confidence to question, challenge, think and advocate for themselves" and put their feelings and emotions into action.

"As soon as the war started in Ukraine, our students were worried and concerned for the people in Ukraine, as well as for their safety, being concerned the war could spill over into their own lives," said Porth and McLellan by email. "In the early days, especially as the talk of nuclear war escalated, the war became a real concern for our students."

Porth talked about the war in Ukraine as it unfolded and the class decided to take part in a Stand With Ukraine Virtual Challenge, in which they walked or ran 58 kilometres around Kiev (on a virtual map) and raised \$655 for the International Red Cross and Save the Children Ukraine, they said. The class also held a bake sale and sold crocheted sunflowers made by Porth's mom. Mrs. Ferguson's kindergarten class helped out

by selling flavoured water. In total, the Grade 7/8 class raised \$2,335 to support the people of Ukraine.

It was important to teach their students about fundraisers on social media, as well, because of its heavy influence in society. They teach students to not accept everything they find on the Internet at face value.

"Part of our teaching about the war in Ukraine included propaganda and to trust your source. Was the information Russia was sharing about the war accurate and factual? How do we find credible sources? When we found the GoFundMe account for Gimli Stands With Ukraine, it made sense that the students investigate further to see if this was a credible fundraiser," they

said. "Students discussed where they wanted to donate the money. They researched different organizations and discussed the pros and cons of each."

Once Ukrainians fleeing the invasion started arriving in Canada, the class followed their stories and talked about the hardships and struggles they would be facing.

"We challenged the students to try to imagine ourselves in similar situations and what help we would need when starting a new life in a strange country," they said. "After talking to Melanie [Specula], and listening to the personal stories of the families who have come to Canada and Gimli, the students collectively decided to donate to Gimli Stands With Ukraine."

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Markusson, Soni win Selkirk Shootout



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Curtis Markusson, left, and Neel Soni won last weekend's Selkirk Shootout.

Staff

Gimli's Curtis Markusson and Winnipeg's Neel Soni combined to fire a 16-under par at last weekend's Selkirk Shootout, which is an event on the Prairie Scratch Tour.

They were eight under during both rounds of the 36-hole better ball, stroke play event.

The pair finished two strokes better than the duo of Ryden Hargeaves and Evan Nachtigall.

Rounding out the top five were the teams of Jay Doyle/Delwyn Doerksen (12 under), Colby Dudek/Ryan Sholdice (12 under), and Braxton Kuntz/Noah Fiks (12 under).

With the victory, Markusson and Soni took home \$2,000 and earned 1,450 points.

The next event on the Prairie Scratch Tour is the Summer Showdown at Links @ the Lake on Aug. 27-28.

Interlake rips Richmond United

Staff

The Interlake Impact defeated Richmond United 5-2 in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action at Buhler Recreation Park on June 27.

Kyle Reenders led Interlake with two goals while Benny Wiens, Dalen Penner and Everett Fast also tallied.

Ibukun Akinola and Sam Okewumi replied for Richmond United.

With the win, the Impact improved their record to 4-0-1. Interlake sits in third place with 13 points.

The Impact will play Central Plains FC on Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) in Portage la Prairie.

Interlake Blue Jays continue to struggle

Staff

The Interlake Blue Jays lost a doubleheader to Winnipeg South on Sunday at Quarry Park.

Winnipeg South won by scores of 10-0 and 8-2.

On Canada Day, Interlake dropped a doubleheader to the Elmwood Giants in Stonewall.

Elmwood won 8-2 and 12-7.

Last Wednesday, the Blue Jays were beaten 14-1 by the St. Boniface Legionaires at Quarry Park.

Interlake, now 2-17 and in last place

in the eight-team league, will visit the Carillon Sultans on Saturday and the St. James A's. Both doubleheaders begin at 1 p.m.

In Winnipeg Senior Baseball League action, the Stonewall Blue Jays edged the Elmwood Giants 4-3 on June 29.

Stonewall played at the W Winnipeg A's this past Monday but no score was available. The first-place Blue Jays will host the S Winnipeg Longhorns on Wednesday and visit Elmwood Thursday. First pitch for both games is 7:30 p.m.

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U18 Orioles drop doubleheader to Pembina Hills

Staff

The Interlake Orioles lost a doubleheader to Pembina Hills in U18 AAA action at Atree Field on Canada Day.

Interlake was defeated by scores of 15-3 and 16-12.

Interlake, now 4-12, hosted the North Winnipeg Pirates on Tuesday but no score was available.

The U15 AAA Orioles, meanwhile, were swept by the St. James A's in a doubleheader last Wednesday. St. James won 9-5 and 13-2.

Interlake will host the Bonivital Black Sox on Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at Atree Field and then visit the Red River Valley Pioneers on Friday (6:30 p.m.) at the Henri Constant Field.

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George Kowalchuk

May 5, 1917 - July 8, 2003

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Though now we are worlds apart,
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As you live on always in our hearts.

- Loving you, Tom & Eddie always
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Rosalie (& Mike), Lucy (& Terry) Chris & Patty
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KOHLER, Crystal Layne
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

NOTICE OF TENDER SALE OF FARM LAND



Offers must be submitted to the RM of Armstrong in person at the RM Office located
at Lot 55 Highway 17 in Inwood or by registered mail to Box 69, Inwood Manitoba R0C
1P0 by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28th, 2022 for the following properties:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ROLL NO.	ACRES	2022 ASSESSMENT
SW-17-20-02-E	117000	160.00	41,600
NE-31-20-03-E, East 1/2	134200	80.00	32,000
SE-32-21-02-E	165600	160.00	41,600
NW-18-21-01-W	309300	159.00	36,100
Pt. SE-18-21-01-W	309400	158.46	37,800
Pt. SW-18-21-01-W	309500	157.28	34,600
SW-20-21-01-W	310600	161.00	56,400

- There is a Minimum Bid set at the 2022 assessment value for each individual property.
- Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Farm Land Tender", must indicate which property the tender is for and must state cash purchase price meeting minimum bid requirements.
- To be considered all offers must be unconditional and include a deposit in the form of certified cheque or bank draft payable to the "RM of Armstrong" of not less than 10% of the tendered amount (which will be returned if the offer is not accepted).
- All of the lands are sold "as is where is".
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- The successful offeror will have 45 days from date of acceptance to provide the balance of cash to complete the purchase. The deposit will be forfeited if the successful bidder does not finalize the agreement for sale within the require time.
- All legal costs, title transfer fees and applicable taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser and are in addition to the bid price.
- Any enquiries may be directed to the RM of Armstrong Office at 204-278-3377 or via email to the cao@rmofarmstrong.com



Town of Winnipeg Beach

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CHANGE IN VOTING LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that the Voting Location for
the Municipal Election on Friday, July 22, 2022 has
changed to the TOWN OFFICE located at
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between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

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OBITUARY



Marjory Anderson (nee Cheyne)

Marjory Anderson, our beloved Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma passed away on June 18, 2022 at the Arborg Personal Care Home. Mom was born in Teulon and grew up in a big loving farm family. The Cheynes were all proud of their Scottish ancestry. Marjory, also known as Molly, attended school in Teulon. Farm life was dear to mom's heart and she took great pride in showing her calf annually in the 4-H Beef Club. When chores were finished she walked three miles each way to Teulon to play baseball.

Marj married our Dad, Magnus Anderson, in 1952 after meeting him in Folk School. Together they farmed near Riverton for over 50 years, expanding their farm and cattle herd, the last 25 years with their son Tim. Mom's early years were devoted to their four children, cooking in their lumber camp at Beaver Creek, planting farm shelterbelts, gardening and building a new home in 1967.

Mom was most proud of her children and beloved grandchildren, revelling in their achievements. Mom loved sports (especially baseball and curling), her 25 years as the Riverton Collegiate secretary - even teaching typing, cooking (especially ponnukokur and vinarterta which she also sold), and travels to Scotland, Mexico and throughout Canada. Energetic and hard-working, Mom was always busy - baking, canning, pickling, sewing, knitting, and tole painting (especially bird houses and "Welcome" signs in different languages). She would get excited over berry picking, hockey and card games.

Mom was community minded. She spent several years as a Riverton Co-op Board member, many years as a member of the Lutheran Church Women where she helped publish two cookbooks, organize an annual Mother's Day Dinner, and coordinate innumerable community showers and funerals. She was a Board member for Riverdale Place Workshop and the Riverton Group Home.

In later years she cherished her flower beds and garden, feeding birds and caring for her dogs Jordy and Danny and authored a book about her lumber camp experiences. She moved to a Personal Care Home in 2016. She will be remembered for her caring attitude and generosity, good humour and smile, energy and work ethic, sense of adventure and competition (skydiving at age 80!) and her loyal friendships.

Marjory was predeceased by husband Magnus in 2005, parents Douglas and Marjory Cheyne, her siblings James (Kay), Charles, Margaret, Stewart (Roxy), Isabel/Nan (Cal Burton), and numerous in-laws.

She is survived by her four children; son Doug (Val), children Trevor (Kristy), Paula (Rob); son Tim (Wanda), children Brett (Chelsea and children Sawyer and Salka), Drew (Brenna); daughter Suzzann (Bill Wright), children Shantih, Katy (James and children Annie, Max, and Grace), Kirsten (Johnny); son Stewart (Pam McWilliams), children Brooke and Quinn (their mother Suzanne Gray), Dagny and Claudia McWilliams; sisters-in-law Elma Cheyne and Valdine (Anton) Peterson; brothers-in-law Lawrence Romaniuk, Martin (Barbara) Anderson and many nieces and nephews.

Marjory's family thanks the staff of the Arborg Personal Care Home for their care and compassion over the last six years. A celebration of Marjory's life will be held on Saturday, July 9th at 2:30 p.m. in the Riverton Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, Riverton Cemetery or Riverton Elks.

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Barbara Gwen Murphy (nee Houston)

Peacefully on Saturday, June 18, 2022 with family by her side, Barbara passed away at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg at the age of 76.

Left to cherish her memory are her son Greg (Susan), daughter Dawn (Daryl), daughter Rosanne (Dwayne) and her grandchildren Megan, Emily, Arnie and Marshal; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

At Mom's wishes cremation has taken place and a private family interment will happen at a later date.

We would like to thank the staff at the St. Boniface Hospital for the incredible care and compassion mom received over the past few months.

If anyone so wishes, a donation can be made to the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation in Mom's memory.

Mackenzie Funeral Home in care of arrangements.
We miss you so much mom! Until we meet again...

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Your memory will live forever Engraved within our hearts

OBITUARY



KENNETH METRO GENYK February 15, 1966 – June 26, 2022

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Kenny, aged 56.

Kenny is survived by his loving mother Anne, brothers Jeffrey, Darren, Derek (Tiffany), and sister Karen (Kevin); nephews Brock (Andrea), Trent (Jessica), great nephews Griffin, Easton, Niko and great niece Emelia and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Kenny was predeceased by his father Metro, grandparents Albert and Stella Ambrozik and George and Mary Genyk.

Kenny was born February 15, 1966 in Winnipeg, MB but lived his whole life in Fisher Branch on the family farm. Kenny's love of farming led him to operating all farm equipment for spring seeding, summer haying and the fall harvest with his uncles. His favourite types of music were Ukrainian and country. He enjoyed going for drives and loved spending time with his family. Kenny enjoyed watching and playing sports. And he particularly enjoyed watching his nephews play hockey.

Kenny could not have asked for a more compassionate sister. Karen's love and advocacy for Kenny were endless. Kenny was a kind and gentle soul and will be greatly missed.

A special thank you to Kevin for all his help and support to the family. Your dedication to supporting Kenny cannot be measured. We would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the Selkirk General Hospital during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to a charity of your choice.

A private family service will be held for Kenny.

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OBITUARY



Anthony Fuz

May 7, 1926- June 21, 2022

Peacefully, on June 21, 2022 at the Arborg Hospital, our dear dad, Anthony Fuz of Poplarfield has been reunited with his beloved wife, Dorothy, whom he missed every minute of every day.

He will be greatly missed by his daughters Virginia (Donald), Bonnie, and his son Gordie (Darlene). He was extremely proud of his grandchildren Brad, Amanda, Amber, Chelsea (Chris), Melissa (Trevor), Tyler (Sydney), and Devon (Andrea). He

also had twelve great grandchildren whom he loved dearly Shailynn (Cameron), Kelson, Bryce, Jaxson, Dane, Ember, Dakota, Syllas, Liv, Harlow, Nova and Crew. He was also so excited and proud of his first great-greatgrandchild Clara. Tony is survived by his sister, Joyce.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy in 2017, his parents John and Justine, son-in-law Bruce, sisters Pearl, Mary, Anne, Marge, brothers Steve and Mike.

Dad was a homeboy and felt no need to go afar on any trips or holidays. He was content to do his touring from a golf cart. Dad was a farmer at heart and raised cattle, turkeys, and a little crop. He loved his cows and until recently liked taking a ride on his golf cart to watch them. He also did some carpentry work in his younger years. He helped build many houses and did home renovations in the area. Dad had a love for Ukrainian music. He played a few instruments but his favorite was the accordion. He was in a local band, MTOJ for several years playing at socials and weddings.

We loved Dad and had great respect for him. We will miss him dearly, but take comfort that he is with Mom once again.

A big thank you to all of the homecare workers, who helped dad the last few years.

At his request cremation has taken place and a private graveside family service will be held at a later date.

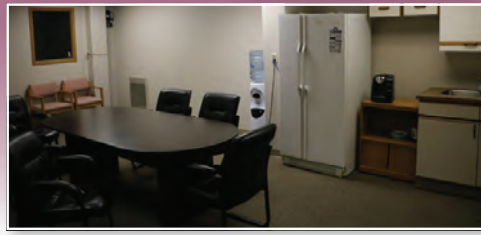
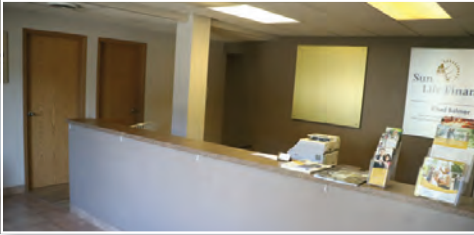
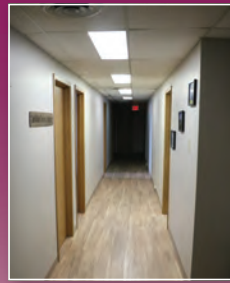
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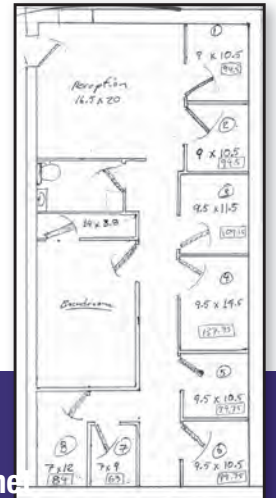
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