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# Local philanthropist gives back with lady slippers



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Francis Poulsen's photos of lady slippers have been a huge success.

**By Becca Myskiw**

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2015, Francis Poulsen has used lady slippers to give back to CancerCare Manitoba.

Poulsen said the care he received while undergoing cancer treatments was incredible. The nurses, he said, would give him extra time to adjust and they were always happy to see him.

So, after spending two months in Florida in 2018, Poulsen came back to his home in Elm Creek wanting to show his appreciation for the care he received.

"I like to give back what I have received," he said.

Poulsen said his father raised him with the saying, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and he's tried to live by it his whole life.

His way of giving back incorporated two of Poulsen's hobbies: taking photos of lady slippers and writing.

In a field far from his house, Poulsen found rare purple lady slippers. He took photos upon photos of them and took the photos to Toews Printing in Carman where they were turned into greeting cards and 8.5 x 11 prints.

"I have a love for lady slippers," he said. "They're just beautiful."

The cards come with the poem, "A Gift of Love," written by Poulsen inside. The poem stems from when Poulsen's daughter got married and gave each guest a box full of love.

The cards sell for \$4 each and the photo prints sell for \$10. Though Poulsen has put over \$1,000 into the project, all proceeds go to CancerCare Manitoba.

In the two years he's been selling the photos, Poulsen has donated over \$4,000 and only has 50 cards and prints left to sell. He's also given a number of the cards and photos to his fellow CancerCare attendants. He is very grateful to all those who have purchased cards.

Poulsen hasn't only shown his appreciation to CancerCare, though. He was a leader for the Elm Creek 4-H Beef Club for 12 years after participating in the group as a child.

In 2016, Poulsen donated one of his own Hereford steer calves to the club. They raised it and sold it in that year's beef sale, where it sold for \$5.00/lb — all proceeds from that animal went to Boundary Trails Cancer Care.

"It was just something I could do to do my part," said Poulsen.

Today Poulsen spends his time writing stories about the many endeavours he's had in life. A lot of his work has been in prairie publications, telling of his farm equipment fixes, honouring veterans, and fighting against the Hetherington's land loss.

Poulsen has dedicated his life to being an active member in the Elm Creek community. He said he'll continue to do his part as long as he can.

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## ACU members vote in 77 per cent favour of merger

**By Lorne Stelmach**

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

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

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

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

merger.

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

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

"We have to be able to compete, and the only way to compete is to be able to become larger to have more capacity."

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

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# From birdhouses to bars: how a local woodworker came to be

By Becca Myskiw

Building birdhouses on Saturday mornings with his grandfather was the foundation for Bill McKetiak's lifetime of woodworking.

McKetia took shops in high school instead of language classes. He said he always had an interest in making old things new.

So, when an auction sale in town heard of his talents and asked him to make something out scrap, McKetiak said he could see the finished product right away and agreed to do it. He ended up turning an old sink and scrap wood into a beautiful finished bar for the auction where proceeds were donated to the Children's Hospital.

Soon after that, more people in the community started to bring McKetiak their scrap pieces of wood for him to rejuvenate.

"It's never been a business," he said. "I'm just always making something. I like doing it."

When someone asks what they owe McKetiak, he said he just tells them to pay what they're comfortable with and he almost always receives more than he thought he'd get.

McKetia prefers working with soft wood over hard wood. Soft wood in-



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McKetia has built a bar to be auctioned off online.

cludes spruce, pine, or his favourite, cedar. He said he likes those better because they better suit his tools, they're easier to work with, and he can make nice patterns in the wood when staining.

"I don't change the wood," said McKetiak. "I just cut it."

Often, McKetiak will buy rough cut boards and use his planer to smooth out. He also prefers to use screws instead of nails when re-building items.

His local Co-op, he said, has also created a paint colour for him that is exceptionally close to barnwood — his favourite.

McKetia's latest endeavour is wood carving. He took a few courses on the craft from Lee Valley, a woodworking tools outlet, and fell in love with it. He learned how to carve on basswood, another type of soft wood.

To turn a photo into a 3D picture in wood, McKetiak uses chisels, knives, and gouges. He said the hardest part for him is always getting the eyes right, but he's learned a few tricks to up his game.

As of now, McKetiak is working on a piece that was meant for Carman's Steak and Lobster Fest. He said he's working with an auctioneer so it can be auctioned online and still raise money for the Children's Hospital.

He's also refurbishing furniture from a past neighbour — something he doesn't usually do, but McKetiak said he likes helping people out and making old things new.



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Bill McKetiak does all his work in his garage, which he is currently renovating.

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# Free vegetable stand up for Carman community

By Becca Myskiw

Food Security Working Group's free vegetable stand is up and running for all of Carman to use.

The group is new to the community this year. They started officially in March and are one of six umbrella groups under Carman Wellness Connections. Food Security Working Group is to reduce poverty in the area.

The free vegetable stand officially started up on Monday, June 22. It's located on the North West corner of 8th Street NW and 4th Avenue in Carman outside of Heidi Grant's home.

On the stand is a sign that reads, "free vegetables for the community, from the community" — which is exactly what it is. Anyone with extra garden produce can drop it off at the stand and anyone in need of fresh vegetables can pick it up completely free.

Grant is a new member of Food Security Working Group. She said the

free vegetable stand was an easy decision for the group.

"The idea was thrown on the table and next thing you know they had a grant coming together for the stand," she said.

That grant came from Southern Health Santé Sud and Grant said Carman Wellness Connections "worked quickly to apply for the funds available for the stand."

The total grant number came to around \$900, which included labour in case they couldn't get builders.

Builders for the stand was not a problem, though. Grant's husband, Scott Grant, volunteered his time and built it. Now, the stand is made of wood and is tall. Grant said the only thing they're waiting on is the stain for it.

Homestead Co-op donated the crates that hold the produce in the stand and Edith Rook from Dufferin Market Gardens bought bags that she



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The vegetable stand is outside of Heidi Grant's home.

donated to the stand.

Grant said the Town of Carman approved the free vegetable stand at its

current location and it's expected to be up all summer.

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

"I think the majority of members realized that there are benefits from having more capacity to be able to do more technologically," said Letkeman.

"It also gives us some product diversification ... it allows us to have a bit of a diversified portfolio.

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

"And I also think that culturally, with Crosstown Civic, there's a lot of similarities culturally with that area and

southern Manitoba, so it's a logical fit, and I think a lot of people saw the benefit."

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

"Our combined credit union will be stronger and will have more capacity to return direct financial benefits

to our members," she added. "This merger is really about the future: as the landscape in financial services continues to evolve, this partnership will enable us to exceed expectations for our members and the communities we serve."

The merged credit union will have combined \$5.5 billion in assets, over 89,000 members, more than 400 employees, and 26 full service branch locations.

# The difficulty of "living on the edge"

Submitted by the Pembina Valley Watershed District

Farmers Andy and Terri Keen are used to "living on the edge," but that doesn't mean that it is easy.

They have worked with the Pembina Valley Watershed District to help them adapt to the steep slopes and vulnerable soils in and around the Pembina River Valley.

"Water erosion is one of our biggest risks when farming on sloped land, and the watershed district has helped us deal with some of those challenges," noted Andy Keen. "Together, we have invested in several retention dams on top of the valley that slow down the runoff. This reduces the erosion risk and that enables me to keep more of my soil in-place which will increase my production over time."

PVWD manager Cliff Greenfield and district staff have worked with

the Keens to develop several water retention and flood-peak reduction type projects.

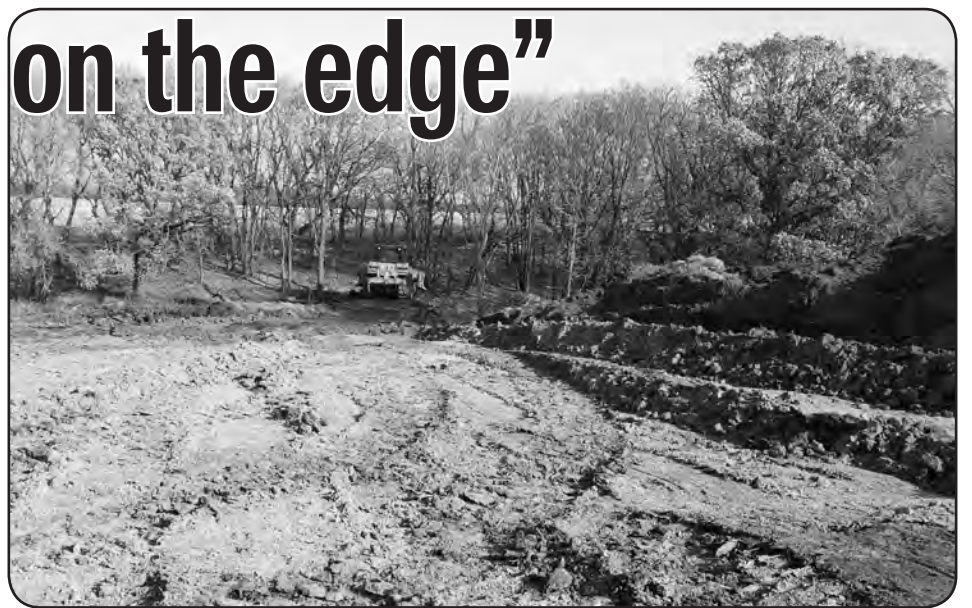
The funding for these works comes from several sources, including the landowner, the watershed district, and various grants.

Over the past several years, the Canadian Ag Partnership program has been a substantial funder.

This program requires that the producer complete an Environmental Farm Plan. This is an environmental based self-assessment and, according to Keen, well worth the time and effort.

"This process helped us evaluate our operation from an environmental impact lens and it's a self-assessment so nothing to be scared of other than a little bit of paper work," he said.

The Lake Winnipeg Basin Program is another source of funding that



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helps projects that can show a benefit to the downstream water quality.

Reducing erosion and holding water on the land in a water retention project is proven to improve downstream water quality and also provide other local benefits like ground water re-

charge, erosion risk reduction and water for agriculture and the environment.

For more information, contact the PVWD at 204-242-3267 or pvcd@mts-mail.ca.



# Why count canola plants?

By Autumn Barnes

Multiple canola plant counts done about a month after seeding will provide a report card on the seeding operation and help with planning for the rest of 2020.

Farmers and agronomists can use multiple counts averaged across a field to calculate emergence percentage and seed survival. Use the "emergence" tool under the Seeding Rate tab at [canolacalculator.ca](http://canolacalculator.ca).

Farmers and agronomists can also use these counts to determine how much care this field will need all season long. For example, if counts are below the recommended five to eight plants per square foot, all remaining plants may need extra attention to bring them to harvest and preserve the yield potential of the crop.

How to count with a hula hoop:

- For a quarter-square-metre hoop, use a hoop with an inside diameter of 56 cm and circumference of 177 cm. Count the number of plants inside the hoop and multiply by four to get plants per square metre. To convert to plants per square foot divide the plants per square metre by 10.

- For a two-square-foot hoop, use a hoop with an inside diameter of 19" and circumference of 60". Count the number of plants inside the hoop and

divide by two to get plants per square foot. Counting with this larger hoop (instead of a one-foot-square hoop) will incorporate plants from two seed rows and give a larger sample size, helping to improve the accuracy of counts.

- For other sized hoops, determine the area using the formula  $A = \pi r^2$  ( $r$  = radius,  $\pi = 3.14$ ).

How to count with a metre stick:

- Use a metre stick and count the seedlings per metre of row. Take that number and multiply by 100 and then divide by the seed spacing in cm to get plants per square metre.

For example, 25 plants per metre multiplied by 100 then divided by 25 cm (10" row spacing) is 100 plants per square metre (approximately 10 per square foot).

Do not include volunteer canola plants in plant density counts or emergence calculations. Look for blue seed coats attached to seedling root systems and avoid counting plants which are growing outside of seed rows.

Many factors can cause lower-than-expected plant counts. These can include weather factors such as wind, rain and frost, insects such as flea beetles and cutworms, seedling diseases, and seeder issues such as seeding too deep or putting too much fertilizer in



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This metric hoop is equivalent to a quarter square metre. With this hoop, multiply plant counts by four to get plants per square metre.

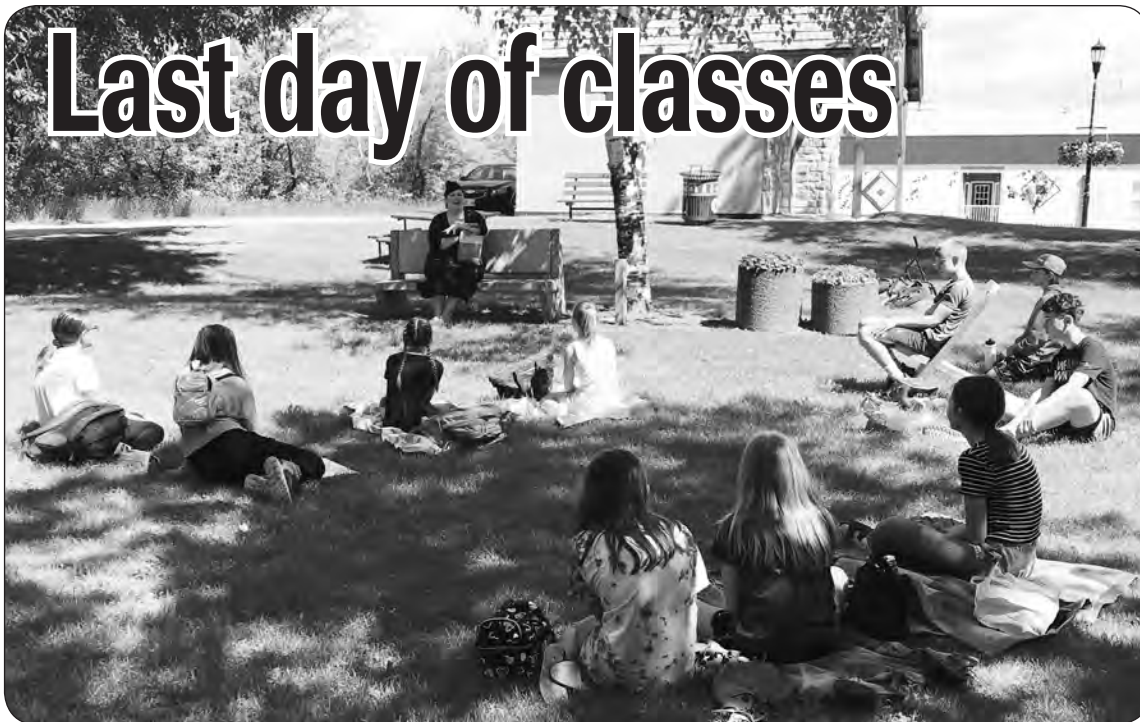
the seed row. While doing the counts, some scouting and records-checking can help to identify the key causes.

For more details on how to do counts, including videos, and on the common causes for missing plants, please read "Plant counts...and reasons for lower numbers" at [canolawatch.org](http://canolawatch.org). While

there, you can sign up to receive the timely Canola Watch email updates throughout the growing season.

—Autumn Barnes is an agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada. Reach her at [barnesa@canola-council.org](mailto:barnesa@canola-council.org).

## Last day of classes



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The end of the 2019-2020 classes or virtual learning came to an end on June 23. Students closed up their Chromebooks and pulled out their bikes to join their Carman Grade 6 teachers in one last visit before summer vacation begins. Students from Mr. MacDonald and Mrs. Rheault's class met at the Carman Collegiate School grounds for some activities and lunch. Mrs. Mutcher's class met at Ryall Park and had Tina Cronin, from the Boyne Regional Library came and read and discussed the summer reading program. Students then enjoyed a bag lunch and visit with classmates. Students were excited to see their classmates in person after such a long time virtual learning.

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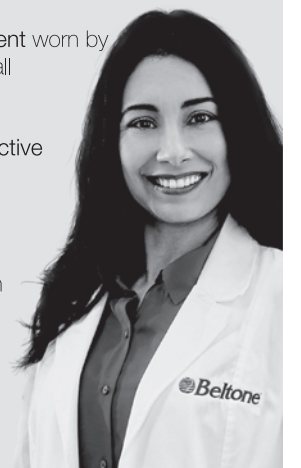
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## Province outlines three scenarios for back to school this fall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

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

What the start to the 2020-2021 school year ends up looking like will depend on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the weeks ahead, Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen said at a press conference Thursday.

"We are planning to have all students, from kindergarten to Grade 12, back in classrooms in September. While we can't be sure what the COVID-19 pandemic will look like in the fall, detailed planning is needed to ensure schools can resume in-class learning and to prepare for different scenarios," he said. "This framework will allow schools and school divisions to prepare plans that are flexible at the local level, yet consistent with those at other sites across the province."

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

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

The second scenario would feature in-class learning as well, but with ad-

ditional public health measures including limited interaction between classes and grades.

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

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

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

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

Physical distancing requirements

will also make for limited space on school buses (the rule will be one child per seat, though kids from the same household can sit together), and so parents who are able to drive their children to school may be asked to do so.

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

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

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

A more detailed overview of the back to school plan is available online at [manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/safeschools.html](http://manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/safeschools.html).

## Manitoba's COVID-19 active cases now at 17

By Lorne Stelmach

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

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

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

Health officials say it looks like most of these cases are related to travel or are close contacts of previously iden-

tified cases, but the investigations are ongoing.

That brings the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba to 324.

As of Monday, there continue to be no individuals in hospital or intensive care. Manitoba currently has 17 active cases, 300 recoveries, and seven deaths due to COVID-19.

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

Stay home if you feel sick, practise

good hand hygiene, and cover your cough, they urge. If you are travelling, remember to be COVID aware and reduce stops.

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

It also permits individuals who are self-isolating under federal or provincial health orders to visit a family member or friend who has a life-threatening disease in a health care

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# Dufferin council receives grant for replacement Zamboni

By Jennifer McFee

Congratulations are in order for Coun. Fred Dunn, who is marking a milestone 25 years as a municipal councillor this year. Dunn received a pin on behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities at the June 16 council meeting to commemorate his quarter-century of service.

In other news:

- Dufferin council approved sending various records to the Archives of Manitoba in an effort to preserve them and to ensure an accurate history of the community. Some of these records date back to the late 1800s.
- Council approved an appli-

cation for a wetlands tax credit for 10 acres at \$40 per acre for a total of \$400 per year starting in 2021 for land owned by S. Nickerson.

- Council approved the Blooming Prairie Gravel agreement to apply 640 yards of gravel at a local right-of-way.
- Council approved the installation of a sleeved irrigation pipe crossing Road 31N.
- Council approved a culvert replacement in a driveway by Corduroy Plains.
- Council approved an application for federal rail safety improvements for four rail crossings at roads

13W, 14W, 26W and 28W. This \$22,800 project represents 80 per cent of the \$28,500 cost to be used to improve the road approach and crossing surface.

- Council approved waterline connections on Road 39N and Road 41W.
- Council approved repair of the McEachern Pump for \$1,770.50 plus tax.
- The Carman Dufferin Recreation Department is receiving a \$58,368.50 grant for a Zamboni and \$75,000 for a pool liner through the Manitoba Building Sustainable Communities Program. Council approved a joint purchase with the Town of Carman for a 2020 Zamboni ice resurfacer with

an advance water system and auto snow breaker from Fer-Marc Equipment Ltd. for \$114,310 plus tax.

- Council passed second and third reading to adopt the estimates and set the rates and levies for the 2020 taxation year.
- Council approved a \$50,000 funding application for the FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program to assist with the municipality's asset management plan.
- Council approved an agreement with the Town of Carman and the Carman Golf and Curling Club to irrigate the ball diamonds.

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facility, but only if the facility permits and they are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, in addition to releasing the plan for the resumption of school in the fall, the government also moved last week to temporarily ban evictions of commercial tenants during the pandemic if the landlords and tenants are eligible for the Canadian Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program.

The federal government's rent relief program has been set up to have landlords apply and work with their tenants to receive rent relief. Not all landlords eligible for this funding are applying, leaving tenants without an option to stay in their current leased commercial space.

The CECRA program runs until Aug. 31. Manitoba has thus far received only 145 applications and has paid out just \$1.5 million of the \$64 million available.

"We know this has been a tough time for many businesses, and it should not be made worse through an eviction if a business does not have the ability to pay rent on time," said Finance Minister Scott Fielding.

"It is our hope that this temporary measure will protect businesses and at the same time spark increased participation in the federally and provincially cost-shared CECRA program."

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

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

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

## Darlingford Memorial Service cancelled for July 5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

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

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

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

The cancellation of the service does mean a loss of revenue for the park, which gratefully accepts donations towards its upkeep. Donations can be mailed to: RR 1, Box 46, Darlingford, MB R0G 0L0.

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

July.

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

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

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# Free Fry Day raises \$160K for CancerCare Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to doing some good, the events also serve to distribute some of the surplus potatoes caused by COVID-19 restaurant closures.

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

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



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

communities, and I think that's why we saw the big turnouts," he says. "Everybody understands that local farmers are absolutely key members

of the community and everybody was stepping up to do what they could to help them and also help a charity out."

## Container gardens offer healthy produce for all

By Becca Myskiw

Carman's brand-new Food Security Working Group is doing all they can to ensure residents will have fresh vegetables this year.

Along with their free vegetable stand, the group has started container gardens — a way for everyone to grow their own produce even if they lack the space.

The container gardens are exactly what they sound like — containers that go in your yard to grow vegetables.

Food Security Working Group member Alita Montgomery said they're for people who otherwise may not grow vegetables due to lack of space.

The idea came from Dufferin Market Gardens' Edith Rook and the group ran with it, thinking it was good. That idea has turned into food and education for the community.

"They are important for the town to be able to eat healthy food," said Montgomery. "And see how it can be inexpensive to do."

She's also teaching her children how to garden, something Early Learning Future says helps with their sensory development, teach-



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Residents can grow whatever they want in the container gardens.

es responsibility and patience, develops social skills, and it encourages them to eat healthy.

The container garden packages were given out on June 3. Montgomery said they've been well received by the community and her own container vegetables are growing well. She said she can't think of any way to do these differently.



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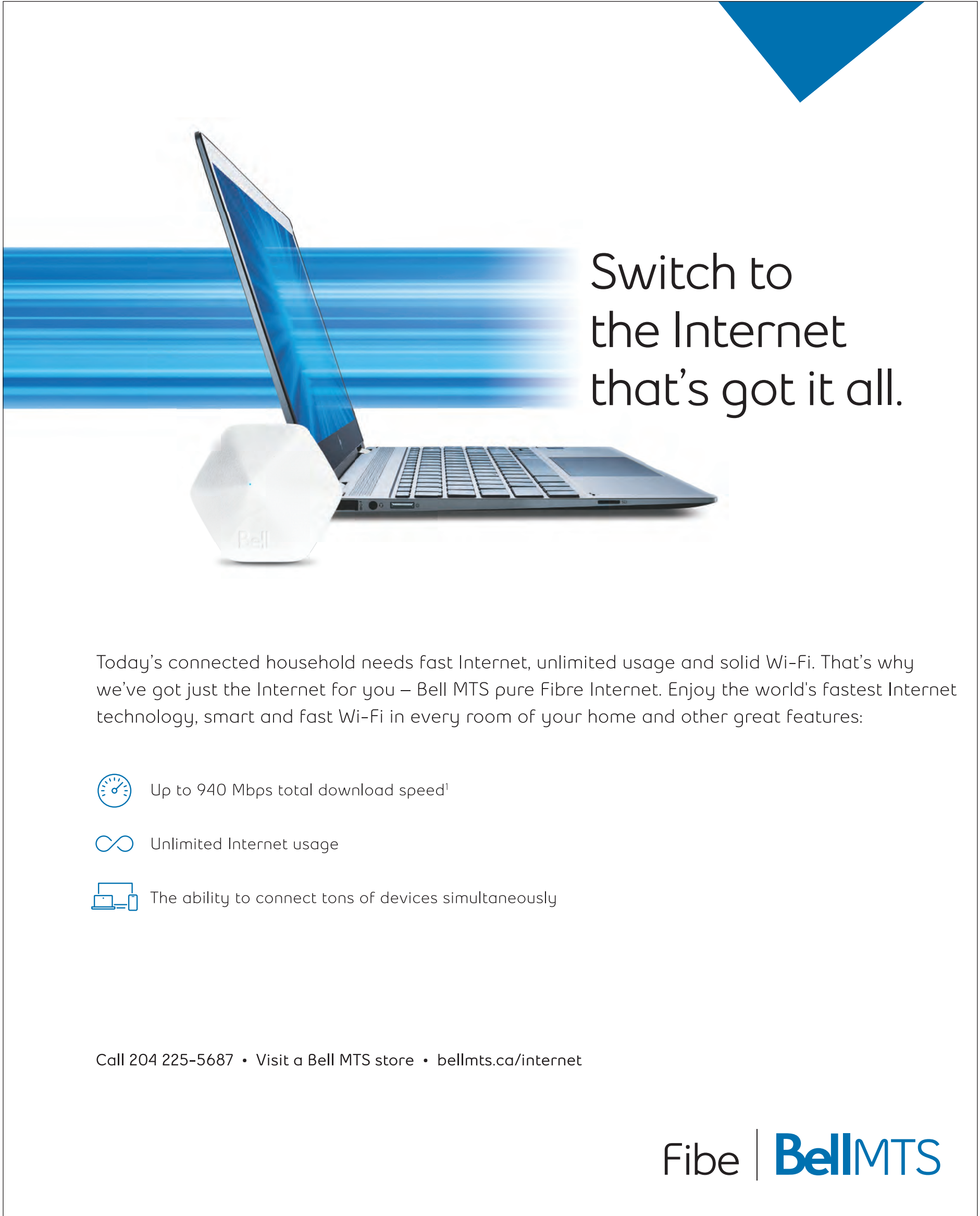
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# MS Bike moves online

By Lorne Stelmach

A major nationwide event in support of the MS Society can't happen because of pandemic restrictions, but the organization is still aiming to bring people together virtually online.

The society is inviting people to join in on an online celebration July 25-26 to rally Virtual MS Bike participants together to share their stories, connect with each other, and combine their individual efforts.

MS Bike has been running for more than 30 years and is a staple in the MS Society's awareness and fundraising efforts, noted Averill Stephenson, director of marketing and development for the Manitoba division.

"Usually there's 10 or 12 people from the communities [of Morden and Winkler] who participate in one of our bike events each year," she said. "We also do have a really active support group that meets in Morden. They've been involved in fundraising activities and advocacy efforts really

any time we reach out and ask them to be involved.

"A big part of our community effort is bringing people together," Stephenson said.

When and how far participants choose to ride this summer is up to them, but 2020's virtual MS Bike will have weekly challenges such as the fastest kilometre and longest ride, event weekend distance goals of 40-200 km, and even a virtual ride across Canada (7,117 km).

All you have to do to get started is register at [msbike.ca](http://msbike.ca), set a goal, and start cycling. Once registered, you will be able to connect with virtual MS Bike participants across Canada using the Strava Club and Facebook group and see how other cyclists are participating.

You can also tune in on Sat., July 25 at noon ET for a livestream rally featuring members of the MS community.

"Although we are facing challenging times globally, it's important that



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The MS Society invites cyclists to get involved with the virtual MS Bike ride this summer.

we continue to find ways to connect as a community and support one another," said Pamela Valentine, president and CEO of the MS Society of Canada. "The current health crisis has impacted all Canadians, and for those affected by MS it's another uncertain and unpredictable concern on top of an already challenging disease."

MS is a chronic autoimmune dis-

ease of the central nervous system. It is considered an episodic disease, meaning that the severity and duration of illness and disability can vary and are often followed by periods of wellness.

Canada has one of the highest rates of multiple sclerosis in the world. On average, 11 Canadians are diagnosed every day.

## Celebrating Manitoba



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Ray Pritchard solved his COVID hibernation by constructing a sign to honour Manitoba's 150th birthday.

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The Carman pool liner has been installed and the pool filled with water ready for a July 8 opening. Water enthusiasts are welcome to come for lap swim, public swim and/or aquafit classes. Swimming lessons begin on June 13 for seven sessions. Pre-registration is required this year for all pool events. Visit [www.carmandufferinrecreation.com](http://www.carmandufferinrecreation.com) for more information. Pictured left to right, Alexisse Berard (lifeguard/instructor/aquafit instructor), Zoe Berard (pool manager), Will Dueck (headguard/instructor).



# Carman Area Foundation awards \$40,000 in grants

## Submitted

Carman Area Foundation awards \$40,000 in grants through the Emergency Community Support Fund

Carman, MB June 26, 2020 - The Carman Area Foundation has awarded \$40,000 in grants to four local organizations – Boyne Regional Library, Carman Farmers' Market, Wee Care Child Centre, and Carman Wellness Connections – Addressing Poverty to address local needs related to COVID-19 challenges. The grants announced today are part of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF), funded by the Government of Canada.

The ECSF is a \$350 million fund that is being implemented with Community Foundations of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada, in partnership with local foundations across the country. Its goal is to provide support to charities and non-profit organizations serving vulnerable Canadians.

Barry Gosnell, CAF Chair, shared that the Foundation was very pleased to be able to facilitate access to the federal funds by local groups. "The COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges for all residents and these four organizations developed plans to help the more affected and vulnerable groups, including youth, seniors and many families. We are so glad that their projects were approved for funding".

Carman Farmers' Market Co-ordinator Joyce Nicolajsen, was thrilled to be able to access the emergency funds this year. "We moved the market to a new location this year, and the COVID distancing requirements brought extra challenges and costs that we would not have been able to absorb without the ESCD funds. The market provides an important local resource



Edith Rook, and Joyce Nicolajsen of the Carman Farmers' Market accepted ECSF grant from Barry Gosnell, CAF Chair

to our residents and we are so happy to ensure its availability for everyone."

Earlier this year, The Carman Area Foundation, issued over \$90,000 in its annual granting process. Thanks to partnerships with the Carman Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy program (\$4500), the Manitoba Build 150 program (\$20,000), and the federal Emergency Community Support Fund (\$40,000), over \$160,000 in grants has been disbursed in 2020 to local organizations in 2020.

Currently there are no more ECSF funds available for local applications. For a full list of grants awarded through Community Foundations of Canada's network, visit the CFC website.



Larry Hillmer, CAF Director presenting ECSF grant to Carman Wellness Connections -Addressing Poverty Food Security Working Group Co-Chairs Alita Montgomery and Terra Huston, and Colin Hay



## STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Carman Area Foundation's Arthur Cameron, presented an ECSF grant to Wee Care Child Centre executive director Robyn Frost.



Arthur Cameron, CAF Director presenting ECSF grant to Sandra Yeo, Boyne Regional Library Librarian



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- d) All nominating papers submitted must include the following:
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  - (iii) Contain the written consent of the nominee.





# June 25 celebrated as Nellie McClung Day

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitou's most famous daughter was honoured last week.

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

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

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

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

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

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

public in Canada.

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

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

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

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

Many people are surprised to learn how much McClung accomplished while living in Manitou.

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



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

began as an advocate for woman in southern Manitoba."

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

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

## Province of Manitoba issues extended heat warning

Submitted by Manitoba government

Public health officials with Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living are issuing an extended heat warning for southern and central regions of the province.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is forecasting high temperatures in Manitoba for the next week. This system will bring hot conditions to southern and central Manitoba, with some areas experiencing extreme heat for three or four days.

Everyone is at risk for the effects of heat. However, during a period of prolonged heat, older adults, people with chronic illness and people living alone have a particularly high risk for heat illness, especially if they are living in an urban area or do not have air conditioning. Others at greater health risks to heat include infants and young children, and people who work or exercise in the heat.

Take care of yourself and others. Check in regularly with vulnerable or socially isolated community members, friends and family. Contact people by phone where possible to reduce face-to-face interactions, which will help control the spread of COVID-19.

Never leave people or pets alone in a parked vehicle or direct sunlight.

Certain substances, including amphetamines, MDMA (ecstasy), cocaine, alcohol and cannabis can alter mental

status as well as increase the risk of over-heating. Some medications can also increase risk, so it is important to ask doctors or pharmacists whether prescribed medication affects the ability to cope with heat.

If someone has many of the following symptoms, their body may be overheating and at risk of heat illness or heat stroke: headache; red, hot and dry skin; dizziness; confusion; nausea; rapid weak pulse; and a complete or partial loss of consciousness.

The longer a person's body temperature is above 40 C (105 F), the greater the likelihood of permanent effects or death. If these symptoms occur, immediately move to a cool place and drink water. Emergency medical care may be needed depending on the severity of symptoms. If someone has a high body temperature, is unconscious or is confused, call for help. While waiting, cool the person right away by moving them to a cool place, apply cold water to large areas of the

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# 30th anniversary of the 1990 Manitoba Winter Games

By Dennis Young

For years Carman Dufferin Recreation Centre was in a good place by just meeting demands yearly without much hoopla. That is until Pat Kirby was hired in 1987. All of a sudden the CDRC board found out that there were ways to improve facilities and all it cost was time and commitment... host the Manitoba Winter Games.

So Pat convinced Frank McKinnon and Dennis Young to co-chair the host committee bid application and along with Pat, Chip Hand, Ron Funk, Mabel McKnight, Bob Turner, Audrey Meyers and Ilija Dragojevic much paper shuffling and head scratching was done for the next several months. The bid committee had to send an application package to Sport Directorate consisting of a business plan for serving meals, entertaining and bedding all the participants of hockey, figure skating, 5 pin bowling, volleyball, gymnastics & curling in Carman plus ringette, basketball & badminton in Notre Dame, broomball in Roland & Elm Creek, Alpine skiing in La Riviere and cross country skiing at Ski Birch/Stephenfield.

To prove in the package that Carman could do such a thing meant showing they had the volunteers and the financial backing. Carman had both in spades. Each of the bid committee chairs beat the bushes for fellow chairs to lend their names to the bid. Twenty seven sub-committees of approx. 150 people were formed for sport, hospitality, fund raising, operations, administration plus the same had to be done in each outlying communities. For money the Town and the RM of Dufferin under wrote the Carman Host Committee for any expenditures or short falls. That was followed by presentations in Wpg and a tour in Carman featuring a hilarious costumed Host Committee ( and a



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Left to right, Administrative Manager Ilija Dragojevic, Co-Chair Dennis Young, Sports/Technical Manager Pat Kirby, Games Co-ordinator Ken Shepherd, Mayor Bob McKenzie, Operations/Services Manager Chip Hand. Missing: Co-Chair Frank McKinnon, Secretary/Treasurer Bob Turner, Fundraising/Marketing Manager Ron Funk, Hospitality/Protocol Manager Mabel McKnight and Reeve Bill Roth.

mascot ODIE ) treating Sport Directorate guests to what they could expect from Carman and areas!

Then finally it was announced on March 1, 1989....Carman will host the 1990 Manitoba Winter Games March 7-11. Carman was selected over other bids from Thompson, Neepawa, Gimli, Minnedosa, Dauphin and Virden. Their operating budget of \$226,377 was approved and would need another \$150,000 in capital facility improvements prior to hosting. That was to be raised by local fund raising. Now the real work started and one year to go. The Host Committee chairs began meeting weekly on Fridays at Chicken Delight. Each meeting more sub chairs would be added as needed

to inform and update them on some very large projects. Each sport facility had to be upgraded to provincial specs, opening and closing ceremonies to be planned, food for 15,000 meals had to be purchased garbage/recycling needs and so on and so on. The meetings were attended by Sport Directorate staff as well as Ken Shepherd who was hired as Carman's Games Coordinator.

Time flew but not without loads of fun which from the outset was the vision of Carman's leaders. Monthly informative yet entertaining TGIFs were held for current and potential volunteers. Special guests attended, refreshments provided and music played all the while increasing the

volunteer total. As that number was adding up so was the fund raising in cash and gifts by game time. And then they arrived....1300 + athletes, coaches & managers by bus from seven provincial regions.

Following a fantastic opening ceremonies featuring the marching in of athletes into the Carman Arena, those next five days were a blur to participants and volunteers alike as it was over before they knew it. Only hiccup which only further solidified the volunteers was the weather. Mother nature decide to melt in March so off to the bush a bus load went to shovel what snow they could find onto the cross country trails.

The closing ceremonies featured awards to Regions and accolades to Carman. It was emotional to say the least. During the week a committee was out taking pictures of the athletes enjoying themselves at and away from their sport. Plus they did not forget the volunteers on the "job" and now it was time to throw all those pictures up on screens for all to see. Wow! Then it was goodbye and clean up time.

When the dust cleared Carman was known for hosting the "best Games ever" by Sport Mb. The Host had rounded up 1300+ volunteers which was one-to-one to athletes and raised over \$147,000 in cash and gifts required to run the event. Over \$175,000 was put into local sport facilities upgrades in Carman, Roland, Elm Creek, Notre Dame & Ski Birch. Prior to hosting it was documented that any surplus \$ from Hosting would be divided by percentage to various facilities. That \$65,000 was allotted later in 1990.

It would be 18 years before this was considered...and awarded again to Carman to host the 2008 Summer Games!

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# Pilot Mound's Black Jack Stewart was Hall of Famer

By Ty Dilello

Black Jack Stewart was the name, throwing crushing body-checks was his game. An absolutely amazing defensive defenceman and one of the most punishing body-checkers of his time, Stewart hardly gets recognized among the Orrs, Potvins, Shores as one of the league's all-time best defencemen, but he no doubt should be right up there.

Stewart took charge of the Red Wings blueline and was the team's on-ice general. In past interviews, fellow Red Wings legends such as Gordie Howe, Sid Abel and Ted Lindsay have all gone on record in saying that Black Jack was the biggest reason why the team became a winner in such a short order.

The only defenceman in NHL history to be named an All Star both before and after the Red Line was introduced, Stewart wasn't very big for a man who could throw such a thunderous body-check at 5'11", 185 pounds, but he was all bone and muscle. He was so tough that he once played an entire season with a broken hand!

And just how did he get the nickname Black Jack? "I bodychecked some fellow one night," recalled Stewart, "and when he woke up the next day in the hospital he asked who'd hit him with a blackjack."

"As a defenceman he did everything on the ice you're supposed to do, stop the other people and knock them around," recalled Sid Abel. "He was one of the most easy-going guys off the ice but one of the strongest and most intense on it."

It took 201 stitches to close the 48 wounds on his body over the course of his career, but Black Jack always fought through his injuries and played on until his body eventually gave out.

John Sherratt (Jack) Stewart was born in Pilot Mound on May 6, 1917. Growing up on his family wheat farm, Jack learned how to play hockey on the local outdoor rinks in his hometown. He loved hockey, horses, and curling in that order, and he also played some softball in the summer months. He moved to Portage la Prairie for high school in 1935 and attended Portage Collegiate Institute, playing for the school team, as well as the Portage Terriers junior club.

Stewart starred for the Terriers for a couple of seasons before catching his big break. A Winnipeg businessman by the name of Gene Houghton thought highly of Stewart, enough that he recommended him to his friend, James Norris Sr., the owner of the Detroit Red Wings. The Red Wings signed Stewart and assigned

him to their minor league affiliate, the Pittsburgh Hornets of the International-American Hockey League (IAHL). After one and a half seasons with Pittsburgh, Detroit called up the 21-year-old Stewart to bolster their defence and that's exactly what he did.

Stewart joined the Red Wings midway through the 1938-39 season. His reputation for delivering huge hits quickly spread around the league and soon enough, he became one of the more feared men in the league. He earned high praise from pundits, including his boss Jack Adams. "He's one of the strongest guys I've ever seen in a hockey uniform. He works hard on his farm all summer and he's outdoors all the time. That probably accounts for it," said Adams. "He's a manager's dream. He's a very deceptive skater. He packs a terrific shot. He's an uncanny judge of a forward's play. He's one of the greatest of the game."

With Stewart manning the Red Wings blueline, the club got to both the 1941 and 1942 Stanley Cup finals, but fell to the Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs, respectively. The 1942-43 campaign was possibly the best of Stewart's career. He was named to the NHL First All-Star Team and helped lead his team to the NHL regular season title. The Red Wings advanced to their third straight Stanley Cup final, and this time they were victorious as they swept the Boston Bruins in four games.

Jack's hockey was interrupted by the Second World War just as he was getting into the prime of his career. He enlisted in 1943 and served as a Leading Aircraftman in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He played some hockey the next two years, albeit a lot more recreationally than he was used to with the Montreal and Winnipeg RCAF teams.

When the war ended, Stewart was discharged and quickly returned to the Red Wings lineup, where he picked up right where he left off, playing strong defensive hockey and leaving opposing players in his wake. He spoke softly and carried a big stick, that's basically how you can summarize Stewart's postwar playing days.

"Others called him Black Jack but we on the team used to call him Silent Jack," said Red Wings teammate Sid Abel. "He was a man of actions, not words."

Despite being one of the quieter players on a dynamite Red Wings team, Black Jack played a key role in one heck of a prank on teammate Red Kelly that was told for the first time in



Hockey Hall of Famer Black Jack Stewart's 1950 NHL All-Star Game jersey proudly hangs at the arena named in his honour in Pilot Mound.



David Dupuis and Waxy Gregoire's recent biography on Kelly: "Early on in Red's career, he was charged with making an improper left turn while driving in Detroit. He innocently mentioned the incident to Jack Adams. At traffic court the next morning, Judge John Watts ordered a trial for that same afternoon."

When the case reconvened, Adams and the whole team showed up for moral support and to act as character witnesses; Black Jack Stewart even offered his services as defence counsel. Red was honestly worried when 12 older women were ushered in as the jury.

The proceedings got underway: "The State of Michigan versus one Leonard Kelly." When Red briefly smiled, the judge chastised him: "Young man, this charge is serious!"

His smile evaporated as his teammates, all in on the gag, tried to suppress their laughter. Stewart had a key role, and was serious, defending his client with all the legal terms he knew. Judge Watts kept cutting Stewart off on technicalities. Red was increasingly worried. The judge looked at Red and said, "You'd better get yourself another attorney. This guy is more like a prosecutor!"

Ignoring the slight, Stewart kept on talking. Finally, Judge Watts had seen enough. He banged his gavel and asked Red and his counsel to stand.

"Leonard P. Kelly, the court hereby finds you ... guilty of the said charge," Watts boomed. The court room quieted. Red gulped. "I hereby fine you ... two goals! And you'd better deliver them against the Rangers tonight, or I'll have you back in my court!"

The court erupted in laughter, howling and foot-stomping. Red could only smile and shake his head. He knew he'd been had, again. When he showed up for the game that night, a fake newspaper was posted on the

dressing room wall with the headline declaring "Kelly—Sentenced! Stewart's Defence Fails!"

"I had a front row seat in the classroom—Defence 101," said Red Kelly. "Adams called him the strongest hockey player he had ever seen. There was security in having Black Jack around."

"I called him 'Dad' because he always looked after me," recalled Marty Pavelich. "I remember one night against the Rangers, I got into a scuffle with a guy by the name of Pat 'Boxcar' Egan. Egan fell on top of me and was about to really hit me when Stewart skated in close and said, 'Egan, if you lay a hand on that kid, I'll put you into the balcony.' Egan looked up and instantly backed right off. With Stewart around, we all thought we were eight feet tall."

Stewart was a man of habit. He tried to go walking as much as he could to stay conditioned throughout the season, over and above the regular amount of skating he did. "I eat foods," he said, "that my system has been used to and at regular hours. I go easy on pickles and pastries. A steak dinner is the thing not less than three hours before playing a game. I aim at eight hours' sleep nightly. As for alcoholic drinks, leave them strictly alone—the best they can do for you is ruin your health."

Jack won a second Stanley Cup with Detroit in 1950 off a Pete Babando overtime goal in game seven of the Stanley Cup finals against the New York Rangers. In the offseason that followed, Stewart was traded to the Chicago Blackhawks in a nine-player trade, which was at the time the largest in NHL history. The Blackhawks quickly made Stewart their team captain and assistant coach and he played the first half of the year before suffer-



# sports & recreation

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## Cardinals open season this Friday in Morden

By Jack Pethybridge

The Border League has finalized its 2020 baseball schedule.

The Carman Cardinals will start the season on the road Friday in Morden at 7 p.m.

The first part of the schedule will see most of the games out of town but the Cardinals will finish their regular-season with five of their last six games

at home. Carman's first home game will be July 12 versus the Baldur Regals at 2 p.m..

The players have been practicing and will be ready for first pitch. Carman home games will be as previous years - admission through 50/50, food cart, etc. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there will be social distancing although there is no limit to fan attendance so the team is encouraging people to

bring lawn chairs.

One requirement from Baseball Manitoba is that the home team have a safety officer. This does not mean medical but a person to oversee that baseball regulations are met. We are looking for such a person to volunteer for our home games.

Please contact Jack Pethybridge for more information and to volunteer.

## Golf Manitoba announces tournament winners from Sunday

Staff

The 2020 Junior Bantam Championship presented by the Alex & Peggy Colonello Foundation and the City & District Championship both concluded on Sunday in Portage la Prairie.

In the junior women's Bantam event, Cala Korman of the Killarney Lakeside Golf Club took the top spot with a 36-hole score of 161 on rounds of 79 and 82. Finishing second was Crystal Zamzow of the Swan River Golf & Country Club with a 172. Jeri Lafleche of the Clear Lake Golf Club rounded out the top three with a 188.

In the 12-and-under junior women's division, Jewel Lafleche of the Clear Lake Golf Course finished first

while her older sister Jeri Lafleche took top honours in the 13 & 14 year division.

The junior boys' overall championship needed extra holes for Mack Sanderson of the Pheasant Glen Golf Resort to earn the victory. Sanderson made a two-putt par on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to beat Jackson Delaurier of the Dauphin Lake Golf Club. Both Sanderson and Delaurier shot a two-day score of 156. Finishing in third place and just two shots shy of the playoff was Austin Boge of the Pine Ridge Golf Club. In the 12 & under boys' division, Brayden Boge of the Pine Ridge Golf Club finished in first place with a 163. In the 13 & 14 division, a three-way tie for first at 158 was broken by a

countback giving Austin Boge the win.

In the women's City & District Championship, meanwhile, Greer Valquenta of the Southwood Golf & Country Club was the lone player to finish the two-day event below par to win her first City & District Championship title.

Valquenta fired rounds of 71 and 76 for a 1-under par finish. The 2018 and 2019 defending champion Charmain Mackid of the Breezy Bend Country Club and Marissa Naylor of the Pine Ridge Golf Club finished in a tie for second at 162.

A new forward tee division was added to this event for 2020. Taking the inaugural top spot in that division was the Carman Golf & Curling Club's Kathy Adams.

### > JACK STEWART, FROM PG. 16

ing a serious spinal injury in a game against Toronto. Doctors diagnosed his injury as a ruptured disc and pleaded that he retire from hockey. Jack was lucky he could still walk without a cane, and shouldn't risk losing that privilege by continuing to play. The rugged defenceman returned to Chicago for the 1951-52 season and suffered another big injury when he fractured his skull. His injuries led Jack to walk into the Blackhawks front office and ask for outright release so he could retire from hockey and seek a minor league coaching job.

Jack Stewart retired after twelve NHL seasons with 115 points in 565 games. He won two Stanley Cups (1943, 1950) and played in four All-Star games (1947, 1948, 1949, 1950) over the course of his career. He was named a First Team All-Star three times (1943, 1948, 1949) and a Second Team AllStar twice (1946, 1947).

Stewart got into coaching when he stopped playing and was behind the bench for teams such as the

Chatham Maroons, Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, Windsor Bulldogs, Sault Ste. Marie Thunderbirds, and then coached his final year (1963) with the Pittsburgh Hornets, who were otherwise known as the Red Wings AHL affiliate.

In 1964, Stewart was honoured for his amazing career by being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. He remembered being inducted years later by saying, "That was a great thrill to have my name placed up there with all those great players."

After leaving the game of hockey for good, Stewart turned his attention into another great love of his: harness racing. His father had built a track on the family farm while he was growing up and would hold a horse racing meet every year to entertain the people of Pilot Mound. Jack would follow his dad and help when the elder Stewart worked as a race judge at various fairs across Manitoba. Black Jack got back into it once hockey was behind him, serving as a race-timer and as a judge with the Ontario Racing Commission for

nearly thirty years.

Stewart always had his farm in Pilot Mound, but mainly resided in Troy, Michigan. He eventually retired to Florida, but had to return to Michigan when he was diagnosed with cancer and underwent various treatments.

Jack Stewart died in Troy on May 25, 1983 at the age of 66 after a lengthy battle with cancer. His body was promptly returned to Manitoba and he was buried in his hometown of Pilot Mound. Black Jack is forever immortalized in Pilot Mound to this day with the town's arena being named after him.

"He was one of the greatest defencemen of his era," recalled Canadiens legendary coach Dick Irvin. "He didn't have a great deal of colour, but he was a very sound player. The only rearguard who could be compared with him was Butch Bouchard when he was at his peak and they were somewhat the same type. You had to respect Stewart. He was the kind of a player you like to have on your side."



## HOME SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>vs Baldur Regals</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>vs Winkler Whips</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>vs Cartwright Twins</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>vs Morden Mohawks</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>vs Altona Bisons</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>





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Pursuant to Section 194 of *The Municipal Act*, notice is given that the financial statements and auditor's report for the Rural Municipality of Dufferin for the fiscal year 2019 are available for inspection by any person during the regular office hours of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin office at 12-2nd Ave SW or on our website at [www.carmanmanitoba.ca](http://www.carmanmanitoba.ca). Dated at the Rural Municipality of Dufferin this 16th day of June, A.D. 2020.

Sharla Murray, CMMA  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Dufferin



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Dated at the Town of Carman, this 12th day of June 2020.

Cheryl Young CMMA  
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- Ability to meet deadlines & follow a budget
- Organizational skills & the ability to work with members of the public are a must
- Must hold a valid class 5 driver's license

### DUTIES:

Reporting directly to the District Manager, & with assistance from the Resource Technician, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

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- Creating & maintaining a GROW Program database including maps of project locations
- Providing regular program updates to the District Manager & RBWD Board of Directors
- Assisting with fundraising activities to bring additional external funding into the GROW Program
- Performing miscellaneous office duties & assorted other tasks as required

Because the GROW Program Coordinator position is funded entirely by external funding grants, this position is being offered as a **2-yr Term Position**, with the potential for extension based on future additional funding for the GROW Program.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please submit your resume & salary expectations before 4:00 pm, Wednesday, July 15, 2020 to:

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## OBITUARY



### Garnet Kissick

Our Dad, Garnet (Garney) D. Kissick was born Sunday July 8, 1928 in Letellier, MB and peacefully passed away in Carman on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at the age of 91.

Dad loved life and leaves to celebrate that life his four sons, Ken (Julie) of Lethbridge, AB, Dennis (Debbie) of Winnipeg, Murray (Monique) of Thompson, and Roger (Diana) of Carman; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Dad also leaves his second wife of 21 years Wilma.

Dad was predeceased by his first wife Beth; his parents David and Eva Kissick and his brother Vic (KIA March/43).

Dad met Mom, Beth Wood, at a party in Winnipeg and they were wed June 24, 1950 and remained happily married for 46 years until her passing in 1996. Dad and Mom moved to her family farm in Miami in March of 1951, supposedly only until after seeding. Dad

finally left the farm 57 years later when he and Wilma moved to Carman.

Dad had a very full life. He was employed as a tire repairman, a milkman, a telephone lineman, heating fuel delivery driver and a bartender. He was self-employed as a farmer, a logger, a bulk fuel agent for ESSO and his pride and joy G.D. Kissick Construction which he operated for 41 years before retiring in 1994.

If work wasn't enough Dad somehow found time to coach hockey, be a founding committee member of the local Cubs and Scouts where he started as Akela, became Scout Master and served on the Boys Scouts District Council, serve as a councillor for the R.M. of Thompson, and be an active member of the Carman Legion where he held most of the executive positions at one time or another.

Dad's recreation included playing hockey, snow skiing (how he met Mom), water skiing, camping, dancing, golf and his favorite past-time ... puttering.

Dad's greatest pleasure, however, was watching his four boys grow and develop into successful family men, making their own mark on the communities they live in.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Boyne Lodge for their care and support of Dad especially during his final days.

Due to covid-19 restrictions the family is holding a private interment on Wednesday July 1, 2020. A celebration of life will be held at a more appropriate time.

Doyle's Funeral Home  
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www.doylesfuneralhome.ca

## OBITUARY



### James "Jim" Gerald Bayliss

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## OBITUARY



### Fredrick "Fred" Knox Gray

After sharing a very special time together as family, Fred, our dad and lifelong loving companion to Bertie, left us on Friday, June 19, 2020 to begin his next journey.

Fred is survived by his wife of 59 years, Bertie; daughter Wanda (Gary) Creith; son John (Karen); sister Carol Bruce; sisters-in-law Helen Arnold, Donnie Roome and Helah Meadows; brother-in-law Jack Britton (Lynda Wilson) along with many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and a grand nephew.

He is predeceased by his parents Knox and Ruby, along with other family relations and in-laws.

Fred was born on July 3, 1938 in Birtle, MB and was raised and schooled in Graysville, MB.

Fred began his CIBC career in 1956 as a teller in the Winkler Branch. He transferred to the Grandview location where he met the love of his life, Bertie. He then accepted a transfer to Winnipeg and worked in several locations, commuting to Grandview in his little Volkswagen as he courted Bertie. Fred and Bertie were married July 8, 1961 in Grandview and spent the next six years living in Winnipeg.

In 1962, they were elated to welcome their first child Wanda. John arrived a few years later which especially delighted the grandparents as he would be the first Canadian boy born to the Britton/Gray families. Family vacations consisted of many camping adventures across Canada creating lasting memories. Throughout Fred and Bertie's life, Fred was never one to ever miss a Britton family gathering. He especially loved to sit down with his brothers-in-law discussing world events and politics - no topic was sacred. Through it all, he always stood up for what he believed in, staying true to his beliefs. They navigated even the toughest of subjects cause that's how they rolled!

In 1967, Fred became the youngest CIBC employee to be promoted as a Bank Manager which took the family to Kenton, MB. Over the next 30 years, Fred's career included moves to Gilbert Plains, Neepawa, Ashern and lastly Brandon where he retired in 1997. In 2001, Fred and Bertie moved to Carman and this became their forever home.

Fred served an active role with the Kinsmen Club while in Gilbert Plains. This gave him the opportunity to see the building of the Sunset Lodge Personal Care Home as well as the rebuild of the curling club that had been destroyed by fire. He became a Lion's member in Neepawa and took on an active role providing great support on the Grounds Committee of the Neepawa Golf & Country Club. Fred maintained his Lions association joining the chapters in Ashern and Brandon with many projects always on the go.

Every community they lived in Fred made many friends as he followed his passions with golfing and curling.

Fred and Bertie spent 22 years as Winter Texans in Pharr, Texas where they looked forward to sharing visits with family and friends. Seldom did Fred miss a Saturday night of dancing, floating Bertie gracefully across the floor. On their return trips from Texas, occasionally they would detour to Branson, Missouri to get their music fix for the year. Together they also loved to downhill ski, hitting the slopes at Agassiz, Sunshine Village, Lake Louise, Thunder Bay, Breckenridge, Lake Tahoe, Taos, New Mexico which was always the highlight for the year.

In his retirement, Fred found solace and purpose in gardening, landscaping and grooming yards of not only his own home, but those properties of his children. There was always a batch of wine or beer on the go being bottled to perfection. He took up oil painting and continued to immerse himself in reading the most recent Dick Frances (and the like) hardcover. His love of nature and animals found him closely bonded with the family 'fur kids' who shared many quiet walks and rambunctious play time together.

Honoring his wishes, Dad has been cremated and a private family service will be held.

Our family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of the Health Sciences Centre, CancerCare, Dr. Wong, Dr. MacIntosh, Dr. Bard and the teams at Boundary Trails and Carman Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care of Fred and consideration to our family. Also thanks to friends and family who called, emailed, sent cards, gifts and baking.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fred's memory to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation Inc., 675 McDermot Ave., Room ON1160, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9.

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## “You have made it to the finish line”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

navigate through it,” Peters said.

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

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

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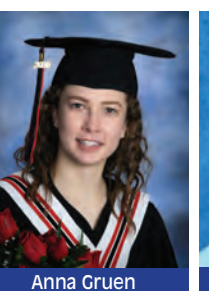
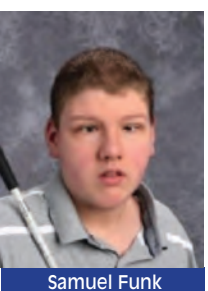
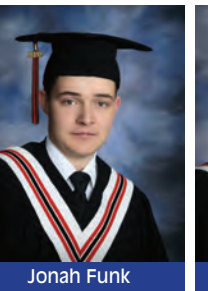
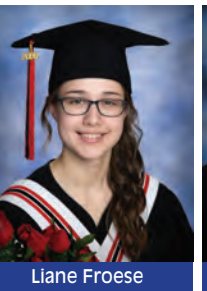
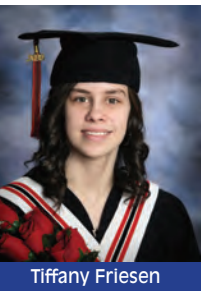
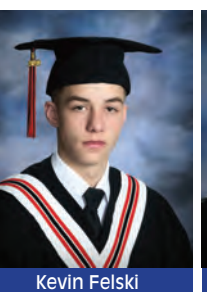
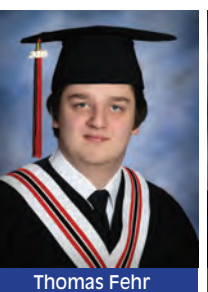
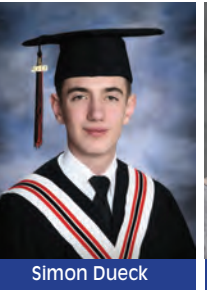
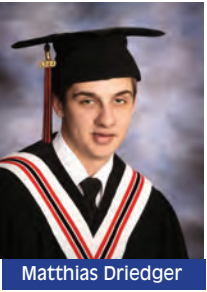
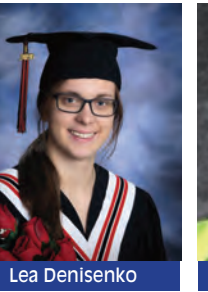
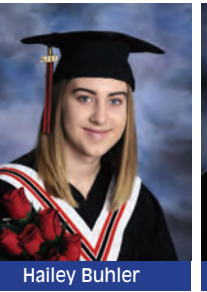
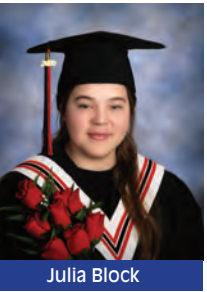




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“Stand up for the little guy, speak out for what is right, and challenge oth-



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## “Be the person who can tackle change without fear”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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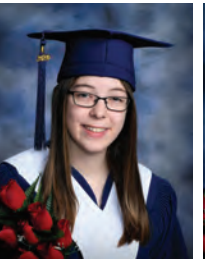
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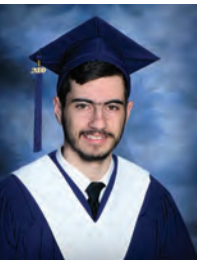
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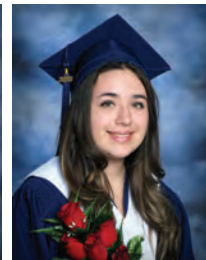
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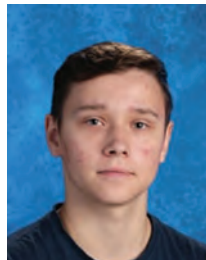
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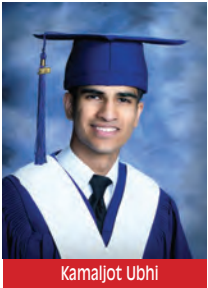
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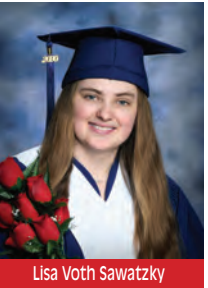
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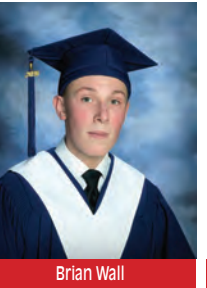
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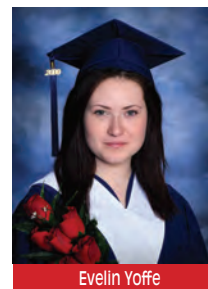
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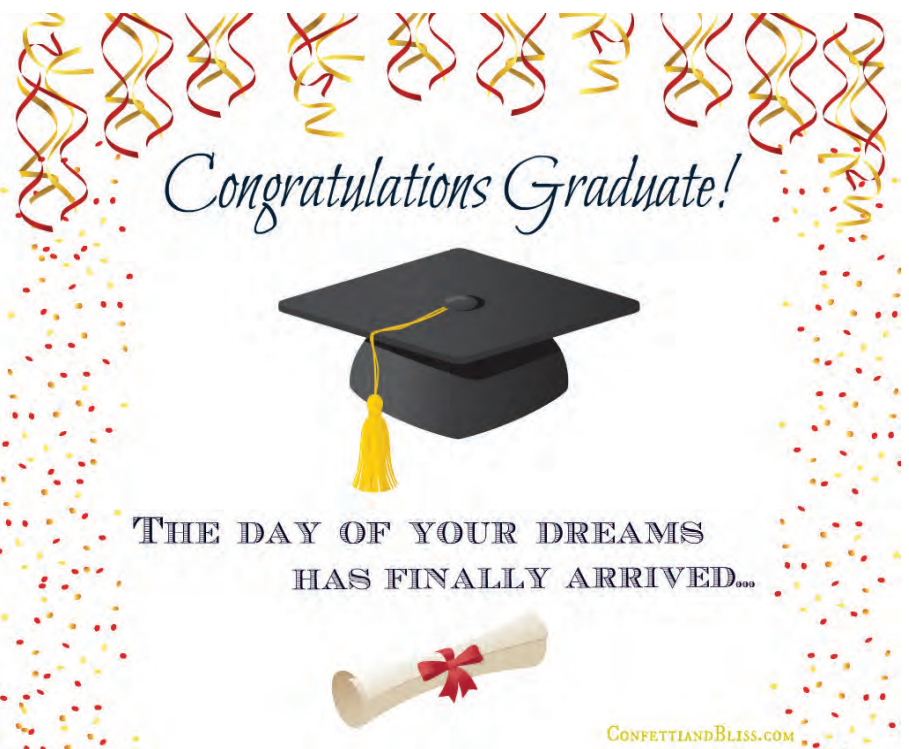
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# Morden grads lauded for putting their best foot forward

By Lorne Stelmach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

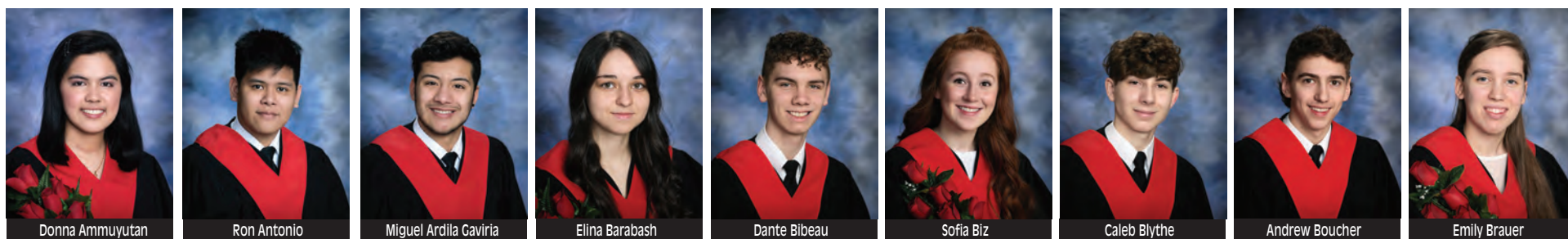
Graduation requires adaptability and resilience, and COVID-19 ensured the class has fine-tuned these skills.

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

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



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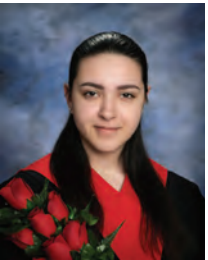
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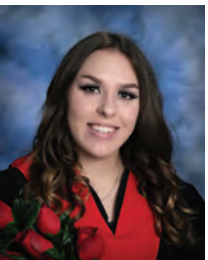
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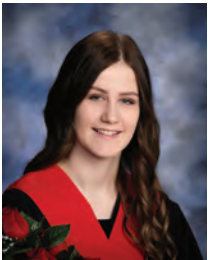
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# "You have more than survived, you have succeeded"



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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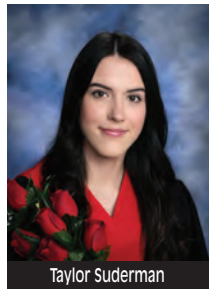
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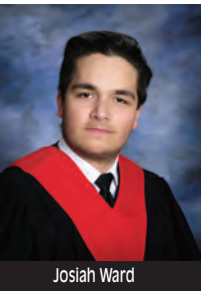
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# Nellie McClung Collegiate

*Congratulations*  
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## "We have grown together"

By Lorne Stelmach

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

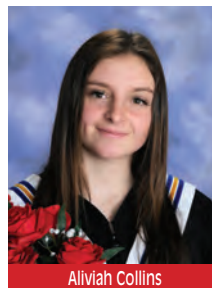
The Manitou school's 21 grads were honoured at an outdoor ceremony limited in size but also streamed live online on June 19.

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

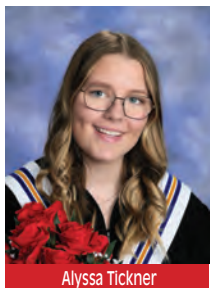
They also aimed some of their wit at themselves in their lighthearted address out on the open grounds in Manitou as family and friends watched from lawn chairs and vehicles.

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

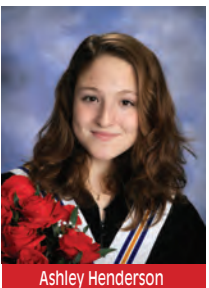
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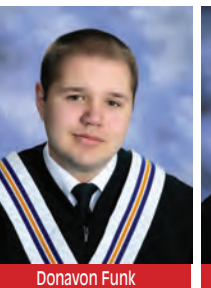
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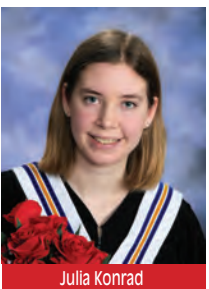
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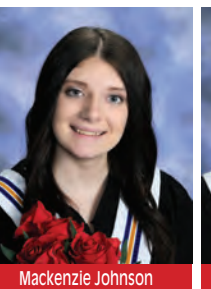
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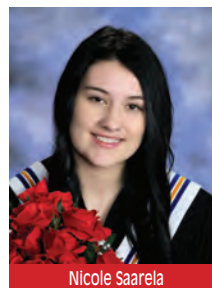
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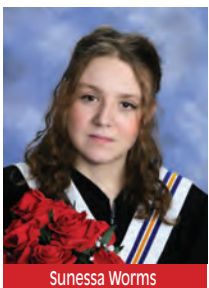
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# Mennonite Collegiate Institute *Congratulations* Graduating Class of 2020

## “Have the courage to step out of your comfort zone”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

“Finally. The day we’ve all been waiting for. We’ve done it. We’ve actually made it out alive.”

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



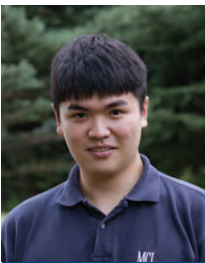
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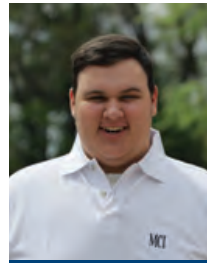
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NPC grads Dina Daniela Leal Tirado and Amy Lloyd on the school's chalk-covered walkway.



The community came out to cheer on Winkler's grads as they paraded through the city Friday night.



Morden Collegiate principal Marianne Fenn addresses the grads.

# Congrats class of 2020!



Morden grads and their families at the Stardust Drive-in for a big screen showing of the diploma ceremony.



Morden grads en route to the Stardust.



Tom Friesen won GVC's Proficiency Award, presented here by principal Carrie Friesen.

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Winkler graduates on parade.





Moving the tassel over signifies a student has become a graduate.



Handing out popcorn for the show in Morden.



Morden grads on parade.



Horsepower in the Winkler grad parade.



Youth pastor Tim Coertzen congratulates NPC grads.



Nellie McClung Collegiate valedictorians Dayna Lea and Ashley Henderson.

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Nellie McClung Collegiate guest speaker Karen Miljour.

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MCI's class of 2020 together in Gretna last week.

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# Congratulations

**Graduating Classes of 2020**

## > NPC, FROM PG. 9

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

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

"Various events during our senior year have caused



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## > MCI, FROM PG. 17

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

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

It needs to be learned.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Challenging yourself will elevate you higher than before."

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

From Pg. 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

while accepting there will be mountains to conquer.

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

## > MORDEN GRAD, FROM PG. 14

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

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

you've got."

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





# Carman Collegiate

*Congratulations*  
**Graduating Class of 2020**

## Carman Collegiate celebrates graduates with big parade

By Becca Myskiw

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



Hannah Bennett stood with her family during the graduation parade.



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



Erica Penner waves at residents congratulating her at the parade.








# Carman Collegiate

## *Congratulations* Graduating Class of 2020




Carman Collegiate graduates tossed their caps at the end of their self-distancing ceremony.

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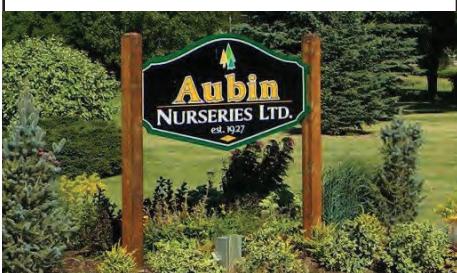
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# Carman Collegiate

# Congratulations Graduating Class of 2020



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



Hunter Gitzel smiles as vehicles honk at him.



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

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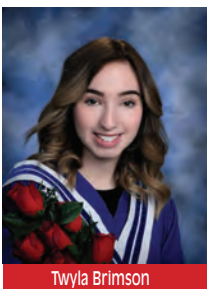
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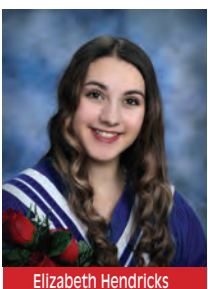
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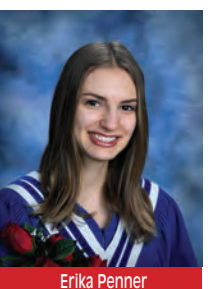
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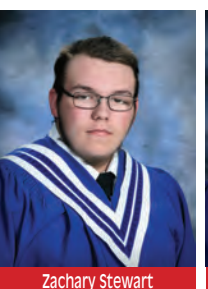
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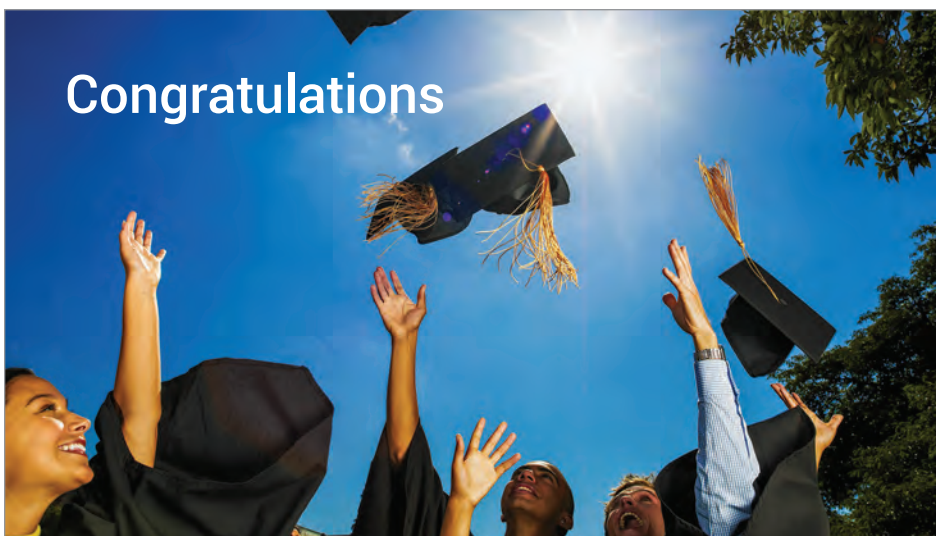


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# Elm Creek Collegiate

*Congratulations*  
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## Elm Creek School holds COVID-19 grad ceremony

By Becca Myskiw

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

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

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

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

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

Teacher Ed Schroeder followed with



Val Esau presented half of the diplomas to the grads.

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

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



PHOTOS BY BECCA MYSKIW

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

"Next generation — if we can have

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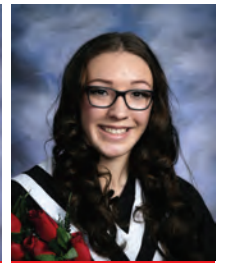
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more kids like this crew, we're going to be in an awesome place," she said.

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

the end of their high school careers.

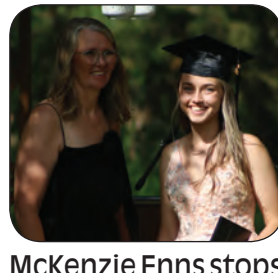
To end the historical ceremony, each grad hopped into a vehicle and drove around town where residents cheered them on in a grad parade.



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



Katrina VandeVelde was voted class valedictorian.



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

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# Miami School graduates 25 grads in 2020

By Becca Myskiw

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

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

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

One either side of the aisle

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



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# Miami High School

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

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

Resource teacher Nicole Nitsche said the staff was excited they could

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

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

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

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

proper grad ceremony. There, valedictorians Rihanna Kuhl and Tavish

Stockford will give their address to their fellow classmates.

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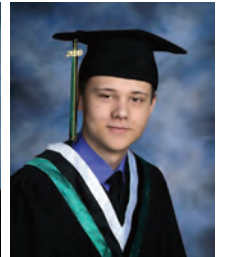
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# Notre Dame Collegiate

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## École régionale Notre-Dame holds COVID-19 grad

By Becca Myskiw

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

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

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

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

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

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



Alexander Poudrier received the Division scolaire franco-manitobaine.

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

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



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

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Rémy Bosc



Talia Deleurme

## Congratulations to the 2020 Notre Dame Collegiate Grads



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



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



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

### École régionale Notre-Dame – 2019-2020 Certificates

**Dupuis Janelle** - Mathématiques pré-calcul 40S, Physique 40S, Français 40S, Anglais 40S, Biologie 40S, Mathématiques avancées 45S, Mathématiques appliquées 40S, Governor General Medal, Comité culturel de Lourdes - \$350, Fondation Santé Notre-Dame - \$500, Famille Boisvert des Fonds communautaires Notre-Dame - \$500, University of Manitoba Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship Tier 1 - \$3,000, University of Manitoba Chown Centennial Scholarship - \$1,000

**Dequier Rayanne** - Mathématiques au quotidien 40S, Porcherie Lac du Onze Ltée - \$500

**Nicolas Dizengremel** - Introduction au calcul 45S, Chambre de Commerce Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes - \$300, Caisse Groupe Financier - \$500, University of Brandon Board of Governors Entrance Scholarship Tier 3 - \$1,400, E. Jay Watson Memorial Entrance Scholarship - \$1,000

**Deleurme Talia** - Annuaire et vidéos scolaires 41G, Chambre de Commerce Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes - \$300

**Amélie Lesage** - Annuaire et vidéos scolaires 41G

**Boisvert Daniel** - Infographie et imprimerie : travaux pratiques 40S, Conception avancée 40S, Candice Bergen Leadership Award - \$300

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