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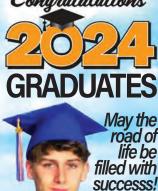


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### Prairie Rose School Division welcomes new Superintendent/CEO

#### By Ty Dilello

The Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) recently announced that Kevin Clace will be the new Superintendent/CEO, effective Aug. 1.

Clace, who holds a Ph. D in Educational Leadership from the University of North Dakota, joins PRSD from the University of Winnipeg where he has been Dean of Collegiate since 2018. He originally began his teaching career at the early and middle years levels in Rosenort Elementary and Winkler Elementary, so he is very familiar with teaching in southern Manitoba.

Following that, he held principalship roles in Red River Valley School Division at Morris School, Rosenort School, and Lowe Farm Elementary before being named PRSD's newest Superintendent.

"As an educational leader, I have had the privilege of a number of opportunities to support teachers, students, and parents across Winnipeg and Southern Manitoba," said Clace.



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"What captivated me the most was Prairie Rose School Division's unwavering dedication to excellence and innovation in education. The School Division's values and educational pillars closely mirror my own educational philosophy, and I am looking forward to collaborating with PRSD's dedicated educators, administrators, and community members to further enhance student learning experiences."

Clace's commitment to educational leadership is evident in his impressive involvement in many committees and organizations, including, most recently, business and economics, awareness and safety, recruitment, and student information systems for the University of Winnipeg. Clace was a senate member of the University of Winnipeg Senate, President and Secretary-Treasurer of the RRVSD Principals' Association, and Vice President of the RRVSD Teachers' Association.

The PRSD press release on Clace's hiring notes shows that he brings many strengths to the school division, including fiscal management, staff development, student services, innovative problem-solving, and educational planning.

"As an educational leader, I believe in utilizing my passion, innovation, and vision to empower and equip effective professional teams," said Clace. "My approach to educational leadership is rooted in collaboration and empowerment, with a focus on enhancing the capacity of school staff to effectively address the diverse learning needs of every student."

In joining the PRSD as Superintendent, Clace is dedicated to an environment of excellence, advocates for mental wellness, fosters a communicative and team-focused approach and goes above and beyond to help those in need. He is committed to student success, which is at the forefront



**PHOTO SUBMITTED** Kevin Clace will be the PRSD Superintendent/CEO effective come Aug. 1.

of his decision-making; he builds positive relationships with staff, students, and parents and deals with issues promptly and professionally with the best interests of students and staff in mind.

"Joining the PRSD team, I am eager to contribute to the educational initiatives outlined in the school division's pillars, which emphasize High-Quality Learning, Well-Being and Belonging, Excellence in Teaching and Leadership, and Communication and Collaboration. These pillars resonate with my values and aspirations, and I am committed to working alongside dedicated colleagues to advance these educational goals."

In addition, Clace is a dynamic leader with the passion, innovation, and vision to build effective and professional divisional teams. His leadership style is one of collaboration and empowerment, focused on building capacity and equipping school staff to

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# **MWF** supports the big game hunt for licensed hunters

#### By Carly Deacon, MWF Managing Director

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) applauds the government's decision to proceed with the big game hunt for licensed hunters in the north this year.

We are responding to Grand Chief Garrison Settee's recent correspondence from Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), aiming to clarify the proposal they advanced to the government to withdraw all licensed big game hunting tag allocations in Northern Manitoba.

Firstly, the MWF acknowledges the shared objectives between our organization and MKO, particularly in safeguarding the moose populations of Northern Manitoba. We recognize and respect MKO's persistent advocacy for government engagement in habitat and population management, crucial actions to avoid what has resulted in closures in the south, and the potential extirpation of moose populations in Manitoba if trends continue. Like MKO, MWF holds conservation, protection of natural resources, and the promotion of game and fish species and their habitats in the highest regard. However, MWF highlights a critical gap: there is a lack of data in the North on population estimates, and rights-based harvesters are not required to report their harvest. How can we expect the province to manage big game populations while only obtaining harvest records from licensed hunters? This information is an essential prerequisite to determine sustainable harvest rates, by First Nation harvesters and tag allocations for licensed hunters.

MWF recognizes and respects the constitutional rights of First Nation harvesters to hunt for sustenance, but these rights must be reconciled with the rights of all Manitobans to access and enjoy our outdoor public spaces. MWF will always take any steps necessary to defend our outdoor heritage and legally enshrined right to hunt in this province.

The Manitoban hunters we represent are deeply invested in conservation, management, and outdoor traditions, and have always been at the table in discussions on big game management. It is deeply concerning to MWF that details on these proposed changes have not been shared or discussed with licensed hunters in the province.

Recognizing alignment in our shared objectives, MWF sees substantial value in fostering meaningful conversations and collaboration to achieve these goals. We firmly believe that collaborative management based on sound science represents the last opportunity to ensure the survival of moose in Manitoba, extending to all shared resources involving multiple stakeholders. Whether concerning rights, traditions, cultures, lifestyles, or livelihoods, all parties are deeply invested. MWF will continue to actively advocate for comprehensive government con-

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meet the learning needs of all students.

When asked what he and PRSD staff can do to ensure that students continue to succeed within their PRSD schools, Clace says, "To nurture dynamic learning environments where students thrive, I believe it is essential to foster collaborative partnerships among school administrators, teachers, parents, students, the school board, community members and external educational stakeholders. As Superintendent/CEO, I am dedicated to pioneering and supporting innovative educational programs through collaborative and creative approaches." sultation with all stakeholders, informed decision-making grounded in science and conservation, and the development of a sustainable, inclusive management plan for all harvesters in the North.

Let's change the narrative going forward and bridge diverse stakeholder interests, foster sus-

tainable practices, and pool collective expertise and knowledge. This approach would unite rather than divide Manitobans, ensuring the preservation of wildlife resources while nurturing our shared hunting and angling traditions.





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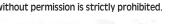


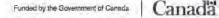
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### Elm Creek intersection design study underway, construction to start in 2027

#### By Becca Myskiw

A functional design study of the Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 2 and 13 intersection is underway.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure is working with WSP on studying the controversial intersection, infamous for causing accidents, stress, and danger at the entrance to Elm Creek. In 2020, a southbound semi and trailer ran through the intersection and was hit by an eastbound pickup truck, killing the driver of the pickup. There have been numerous other collisions and near misses at the intersection.

Residents in the Elm Creek Facebook group agreed that a change is needed. One group member noted an evening when he saw a semi with a flat deck "blowing through the intersection" just 200 feet away from him. He said that was the fourth time he'd seen that happen this year.

Elm Creek resident Alice Miller said she's seen traffic "barrel through" the intersection regularly at all times of the day, with semis being the most common issue. She said anyone in Elm Creek knows to have their foot on the brake and be ready to be defensive when approaching the intersection.

A provincial spokesperson said WSP "will be investigating the operation and safety of the current intersection layout and bring forward different options for future designs including an option for a roundabout."

Miller said a roundabout would be the only thing she could think of to help the problem, and she wasshe's looking forward to seeing the plans. She's glad the province is allowing the community to see the plans beforehand and have a voice in the matter too

In upcoming engagement sessions, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure will present design options to stakeholders, rightsholders, and the public. The provincial spokesperson said the department intends to include additional work, such as a potential culvert box extension, new guardrail installation, improved access management along the highway, and relocation of utilities and drainage, within the project scope. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure is also anticipating a possible land acquisition for the project.

WSP anticipates the functional design study to be done by the end of 2024, with a detailed design to come shortly after and be available by the end of 2025. Tendering for the construction is slated to be done in 2026, with construction on the intersection starting in 2027. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure projects' total project cost is around \$5 million.

### Manitoba has lowest inflation rate in Canada for fifth month in a row

#### By Lana Meier

Last week's release of the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) report from Statistics Canada reaffirmed Manitoba's position as the province with the lowest inflation rate, according to Finance Minister Adrien Sala who shared the news last week.

Sala expressed concern for the financial strain on Manitobans, who have been tapping into their savings to meet their monthly needs. In response, our government swiftly implemented measures to ease the burden by reducing the 14-cents-alitre gas tax. This adjustment not only puts money back in your pocket but also contributes to lowering inflation across Manitoba.

Manitoba has maintained the lowest inflation rate in Canada for the past five months. However, in May, its consumer inflation increased to 1.3 per cent compared to April's 0.4 per cent, but it is still significantly lower than Canada's overall inflation rate of 2.9 per cent.

Compared to the national average, Manitoba saw more favorable results in various commonly bought items and services as reported by Statistics Canada. These include rent, gasoline, phone services, recreational equipment, and clothing.

"Our decision to immediately cut the gas tax has had a direct impact on inflation, lowering everyday costs for families in Manitoba," said Sala. "We know too many people are still feeling squeezed and our government is taking action to keep costs lower for people, whether they're trying to pay their mortgage or buy groceries.'

The Manitoba Bureau of Statistics estimates the fuel tax holiday has directly contributed to a decline of 0.4 percentage points to inflation. Manitoba's gas tax holiday is also helping to reduce food inflation, which looks at both food purchased from stores and food purchased from restaurants, noted the minister.

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### **Dufferin Historical Museum making washroom accessible**

#### By Becca Myskiw

The Dufferin Historical Museum is working on accessibility.

The museum in King's Park includes a small historical village with a house, a school, and more. According to the Manitoba Historical Society, the original museum was built in 1959 and replaced in 1967 by the current structure. The former Sexsmith House was built in 1875 by local farmer and municipal official George Sexsmith and reconstructed in 2002 using original house materials and logs from the Henry Morgan house. In 2013, the Boyne School from 1988 was also moved onto the site.

Right now, the Dufferin Historical Society is working on making the museum on-site more accessible, and they're starting with the bathroom. President Irene Stevenson said the museum's bathroom is quite dated and needs an upgrade for a while, especially for accessibility reasons.

Right now, the bathroom is small, and a wheelchair can't fit in it. The historical society will make the doorway larger so wheelchairs, walkers, and everything else can fit through. They'll also be putting in new toilets, sinks, and bars for those needing them to have something to hold onto. After getting three quotes, the project will cost between \$30,000 and \$38,000.

The project will be paid for, Stevenson said, through grants and fundraisers, which they've already started on. The annual duck race will add funds for the project, upcoming fundraisers and any grants the group is approved for. Stevenson said they have some money put away for the project already, and they're hoping it'll start happening within the next few years.

Also, part of the museum's renovations is the kitchen space. The Dufferin Historical Society is adding a kitchenette to the museum so the volunteers, staff, and group members have a place to make food and drinks for events and to enjoy coffee time. The kitchenette will go where the old outdoor washrooms were-they'll leave the washroom doors, put up drywall, add insulation, and make a workable kitchenette in the area.



It'll just make things more accessible and certainly add a place to work out of that's clean and new," said Stevenson.

She said fundraising has been slow so far, but she hopes more donations will start coming in as more people learn about the project. Stevenson added accessibility is important, especially for the museum, as Boyne Lodge residents often come to visit, and many of them require a more accessible bathroom.

### Prairie Red Coat Band to perform at Roseisle Canada Day bash

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A grassroots community band continues to draw together people of different ages, backgrounds, and professions to make music together.

The Prairie Red Coat Band has been going strong now for 45 years with players from across southern Manitoba who regularly meet to practice and play for local parades, events, and celebrations in their black and red uniforms.

Member Lori Neufeld likened it to how a good recipe can bring all sorts of ingredients together to create something remarkable.

"The beauty of music is that when you're all playing together, it just sounds so amazing," she said. Some members have been in the

band since the Prairie Red Coats rose from the ashes of the Tiger Hills division band 45 years ago. The band currently include performers from Winkler, St Alphonse, Holland, Altona, Carman, Roland, Roseisle, Altamont, Rosenfeld, and Morris.

The number of members has varied from as high as 30 and down to perhaps 15 at the lowest.

"Our band director likes to have a full roster of instruments," noted Neufeld. "If there's a missing section, we try to recruit people, or we can give some of the people in the band a different instrument ... or we say, 'Hey, learn this one.'"

Practising each Tuesday in Roland under director Bernard Helfter, the 18 or so regulars look forward to their weekly meetings as necessary "therapy sessions" to calm the stream of

responsibilities that course through their daily lives.

From baritones to bass clarinets and trombones to tubas, they enjoy the challenge of learning new music and keeping the beat together, said Neufeld, who noted they have access to some instruments that can be loaned out.

"If someone wants to join the band, we usually say, 'Okay, what do you want to play' and we find them an instrument and lend it to them if we can."

Neufeld also noted the level of experience among the band members varies.

"Our director tries very hard to pick music that will appeal to everyone. He doesn't want to make it too much easier music because then the advanced players may get bored," she said. "And you don't everything too hard because then the elementary players may be afraid to make a mistake. So you kind of have a balance.

"It's a very supportive group with a lot of good teamwork. Everybody is helping everybody."

The band has a performance coming up which has become a tradition for them: the Roseisle Canada Day celebrations. This July 1 will mark the 10th time they have performed at the event, and their morning performance will mark Canada's birthday with a bass drum bang.

For more information on performances or how to join the band, you can email Prairie.Red.Coats@gmail. com or visit the Facebook page.



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED The Prairie Red Coat Band is always looking for new members.



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# **Corn & Apple headliners set for Aug. 23-25**

#### **By Lorne Stelmach**

Two Canadian rock acts from the 90s will provide a solid double bill as headliners at this summer's Corn and Apple Festival.

The festival announced Monday that The Watchmen and 5440 will be featured Saturday night with local band Sun Sets West as the opener.

"We are thrilled to be featuring so much amazing Canadian talent," said festival executive director Leane Funk. "We have been working hard to bring great headliners to the festival year after year, and the pairing of Manitoba's own The Watchmen with 54•40 is extremely exciting.

"The festival has been focused on bringing big name entertainers to Morden for the past few years, and the response has been incredible," said Funk. "It is our goal to maintain this level of excellence year after year, and our 2024 line-up has certainly done just this ... we love having the opportunity to present such a high caliber of music for free."

The Watchmen released their album, McLaren Furnace Room in 1992, and the song Run and Hide became their breakthrough hit. The band's second album, In The Trees, was released in 1994 with major success, confirming the band's place in Canadian rock with the hit singles Boneyard Tree, All Uncovered and Lusitana.

With 30-plus years under their belt, The Watchmen continue to sell out venues across Canada with energetic shows that are stacked with their hits, classic

covers and invariably a haunting acapella performance by Greaves. 5440 is a Canadian rock band

that has been entertaining audiences for over two decades with hits such as Ocean Pearl, Casual Viewing and Baby Ran.

For those who have followed the band from their humble beginnings in East Vancouver to younger fans that are just discovering the band's originality, 5440 shows bridge gaps between generations through a shared love of the music.

Sun Sets West is a band of five from southern Manitoba whose sets include well known rock and punk rock songs from the 90s to the 2000s. They thrive on stage by engaging crowds with their musical chemistry and easy-going personalities.

The evening before The Watchmen and 5440 take the stage, the festival is set to host another edition of the always-popular classic rock night showcasing three bands throughout the evening.

Ghost In The Virtual Machine will be covering all of the hits by The Police, and That 80's Band will offer favourite hits from that era. Then Album Sides will do two sets including Supertramp's Crimes of the Century in its entirety and a selection of greatest hits followed up by Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon in its entirety and a selection of their greatest hits.

More information can be found on the website at cornandapple. com and on the festival's Facebook and Instagram pages.





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The Corn and Apple Festival announced The Watchmen and 5440 will be featured Saturday night with local band Sun Sets West as the opener.

### MCGA awards five scholarships supporting post-secondary education

#### Submitted by MCGA

Five lucky Manitoba students just scored \$1,000 scholarships. Each year the Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA) proudly presents five scholarships to deserving students

from across Manitoba. This year's winners are:

Emilyn Nestibo, Goodlands is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) Plant Biotechnology

Specialization program at University of Manitoba.

Laura Delichte, St. Alphonse, MB. Laura is enrolled in the Diploma in Agriculture program at University of Manitoba.

Madisyn Robertson, Neepawa is enrolled in the College of Agriculture & Bioresources – Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program at University of Saskatchewan.

Raylyn Koshowski, Dauphin is enrolled in the Faculty of Kinesiology at University of Calgary.

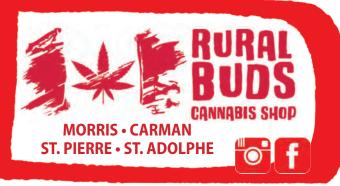
Zenith Vanstone, Miami will continue her education at Olds College of Agriculture and Technology.

The \$1,000 scholarships are available to students who live on, work for or have guardians that work for a farm that is a member of MCGA and are planning to attend post-secondary education in any field within two years of graduating.

Students submit their applications,

which are judged by an independent panel, based on academics, their personal connection to canola, school and community involvement, references and an essay submission.

"We were blown away by a record number of high-quality applications this year! Our judges were particularly impressed by the quality of the submissions – these students are clearly dedicated to their studies and making a difference in their communities," says Warren Ellis, President of MCGA. "It is an honour to recognize these exceptional young leaders and provide them with a scholarship to fuel their bright futures."



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# **Carman celebrates the Class of 2024's achievements**

#### **By Ty Dilello**

On the afternoon of June 26, Carman Collegiate graduates celebrated new beginnings and the past four years at their graduation ceremony in the school's gymnasium.

Carman's principal, Mary Reimer, served as the chairperson and spoke to kick things off, saying, "There's no question that this group has attended to the tasks that have garnered a wealth of knowledge over the last four years of high school. But what makes this group so special is that they have also acquired wisdom along the way."

Reimer also mentioned the heartbreak that the Class of 2024 has experienced.

"The Class of 2024 has experienced immeasurable heartbreak in losing two peers: Keegan Airey and Myah-Lee Gratton," said Reimer. "We miss them, and their short lives have taught us that grief is love that has lost its



group will Lisa Goertzen taught the this group of students climb ladder of Kindergarten and was success. honoured to be their "Grads guest speaker. I've gotten

to know you for the past four years. I will miss you, I'm proud of you and even though your journey may take you far from here, remember that you

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The 2024 graduating class of Carman Collegiate applaud guest speaker Lisa Goertzen.



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are always a part of our Cougar Blue family." Lisa Goertzen, who taught Kindergarten to the graduating class, was the guest speaker and reminded grads that they always have the power to make a difference in the world.

"Whether it's in your community, your career, your relationships, or the world at large, your ac-tions and choices matter," said Goertzen. "Use your education, your skills, and your passions to create a positive change and leave a lasting impact."

Ryan Penner and Griffin Carnelley delivered the student address for the 2024 class, speaking proudly before a crowd that included family, friends, and guests.

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Class valedictorians Ryan Penner, left, and Griffin Carnelley.



Saroni Bompono was all smiles after receiving her high school diploma.



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"Well, Class of 2024, we made it. Look how far we have come," said Carnelley. I think I speak for most of us when I say that it seemed like this day would never come. After thirteen long years of schooling, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, we are finally about to take a big step forward into the adult world. As I have reflected on our years spent together, I realized just how much we have been through."

"As we continue moving forward on our separate paths, we will continue to go through many new experiences, which will be both exciting and frightening. One phrase I would like to share with you is 'Pressure makes diamonds.' This is a saying that I repeated to myself many times throughout high school and during the preparation for this speech when I may have procrastinated just a little too much. I'm sure many of you can relate to that. Although I don't want to sound like a broken record, repeating what has been said on this stage for the past three years, we proved this when our grade showed so much resilience after our COVID-19 high school years. Although our first years of high school were largely controlled by the pandemic, we pushed through, and look how much we have accomplished."

Penner then concluded the student's address by talking about hope.

"Hope is a super important subject, but we tend to misunderstand the power of it," said Penner. "The term hope

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is defined as a desire for some good with a level of expectation in receiving it. Wishing, on the other hand, is a desire for what is unattainable. So, don't just wish for a better future. Hope for success in family, relationship, learning, and profession. Hope for them, and build yourself up, expecting that you can transform yourself and the world you live in. If we create with hope instead of wishes, I believe that every student in this class will do incredible things."

The two most significant awards were the Staff's Award, given to a student who demonstrated exception-

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Olivia is the next generation of Carman Cougars and will attend her own high school graduation in 2044.









Ahand Aldarwish couldn't speak English when he started high school and last week he received his diploma.



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al leadership and service to the school community, and the Governor Gener-

al's Medal recognizes the outstanding scholastic achievements of students in Canada. They are awarded to the overall average in Grade 11 and 12. Both of these awards went to Griffin

student graduating with the highest Carnelley, who is looking to pursue a career in the medical profession.

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We extend our warm congratulations and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors



# Way to Go, Grads!

Thanks for making this community proud and for setting a great example. A world of possibilities await, and we wish you success and satisfaction in every future endeavor!





### Dufferin Christian graduates stepping out into the world

#### By Ty Dilello

On June 26, Dufferin Christian School (DCS) held its graduation ceremony for its Class of 2024.

Dufferin Christian School teacher Daniel Slaa began by giving the guest speech to the graduating class.

"I would like to begin by explaining that a high school teacher has a special relationship with their students," said Slaa. "Whereas an elementary teacher has a group of students for a single school year before they move on and are no longer under their primary supervision. A high school teacher will be connected with the same students for four years, from Grade 9 to Grade 12. During this time, they will see them grow and mature considerably. In connection with this, every new high school teacher will have their first four-year group in their career. Even though I had to take this past year to continue my own education, I consider this class to be my first fouryear group, and for that, you will hold a special place in my heart."

Slaa couldn't help himself as he took the time to give one more "lesson" to the graduating class in his speech.

"As you sit here at this milestone in your life, the road before you, as it were, is open and much wider before you than it is behind you. The routine that was once followed unconsciously will now shift and change continuously and the independence you have learned will be tried and tested.



Dufferin Christian School held their high school graduation on June 26.

It will be tempting to rely on your independence in the pursuit of your goals. Even now, as you look to make your way in the world with plans for post-secondary education or jumping into the workforce, it must be said that you will find it much bigger than you anticipated. If you aim to 'take it on' all on your own, you will soon find yourself feeling small and alone, and when well-laid plans fall through or move you in a different direction, you will question your own decisions and ask yourself the proverbial 'why.' And yet, there is a guide who has already provided written instructions that will give you understanding."

Slaa left the class with some religious texts that will hopefully prove meaningful to the grads as they go forward in life.

"I will leave you with the words of Psalm 121, a particular favourite of mine, where we read: 'I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by STANDARD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep you going out, and you're coming in from this time forth and forevermore.'''

Ariena Borst then gave the valedictorian speech on behalf of her fellow graduates.

"We did it; we are graduating," said Borst. "After 13 years of school, which for many of us were all spent at DCS, we're finally at the end. There are so many people we have to thank for getting us to this point."

"While a large part of the past 13 years of our lives have been spent at

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# Dufferin Christian School

Continued from page 15 school, we couldn't have done it without support from home. Thank you to our parents for raising us in the Lord, for enrolling us in Christian education, and for pushing us when we needed it most. Thank you to all of our family and friends for supporting us and for helping us to have fun on our journey to this point. Above all, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for blessing us so richly and allowing us to have a living relationship with Him."

The 2024 DCS class chose Proverbs 16:3 as its graduation text: "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

"This is a good text for us to consider at this stepping-off point in our lives," said Borst. "We are going to have more responsibility and more independence. We are going to need to make decisions for ourselves about our futures. Our teachers will no longer be there, reminding us about deadlines. Our parents will not always be there to drag us out of bed, to force us to go to school or work. This means that each of us, personally, needs to decide how we are going to approach our future and what kind of plans we are going to make. What are we going to commit to?"

In conclusion, Borst noted how the DCS Class of 2024 has grown and matured over the past 13 years together in school.

"We have had successes and failures along the way, while having a lot of fun. The lessons that



Ariena Borst gave the valedictorian speech.

we have learned and experiences that we have had at DCS will, Lord willing, guide us in the years ahead. This has been an amazing jour-



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teacher Daniel Slaa was the guest speaker.

ney, and I can't imagine a better group of people to do it with. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us. I encour-

Michael Lomeling introduced the guest speaker.

age all of you to 'Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.'"



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### Elm Creek School Congratulations to the Graduating Classes of 2024 Elm Creek graduates begin the next chapter of life

#### By Ty Dilello

On June 24, Elm Creek School held its graduation ceremony for 17 grads who have completed Grade 12 in Elm Creek.

Principal Ashley Cook opened by congratulating the class for their remarkable accomplishment.

"Congratulations to our 2024 graduates on achieving this special mile-stone," said Cook. "Your 13 years in the public education system have led you to this day, and all those days, months, and years spent at Elm Creek School have helped to shape you all into the upstanding young adults that sit before me now. Today, we not only celebrate the culmination of years of hard work and dedication but also the beginning of new journeys that await each one of you."

Cook noted that this 2024 graduating class truly stood out to her because of their work ethic, kind and respectful attitudes, and overall positive influence on everyone around them.

"As you embark on your futures, know that there will be peaks and valleys along the way," said Cook. "I urge you to look not for cheerleaders or critics, but rather coaches. Those you see your hidden potential and help you to realize it. Focus not just on the successes you can achieve but also the contributions you make along the way. In the face of challenges ahead, remember this: each one of you possesses the power to make a difference.



#### Elm Creek School's graduating class of 2024.

Whether in your chosen fields, your future communities, or in the broader global sense, your actions, no matter how small, have the potential to spark positive change. I have complete faith that you'll embrace this responsibility with courage and compassion."

On behalf of the school staff of Elm Creek School, Cook wished the graduates all the best on their adventures in the years to come.

"Whether that be post-secondary education, travelling or entering the workforce, we know that you will head off into the world and make us very proud. Congratulations graduates.'

Shane Reimer gave the Valedictorian speech on behalf of his fellow graduates.

"After 13 years, our time at Elm

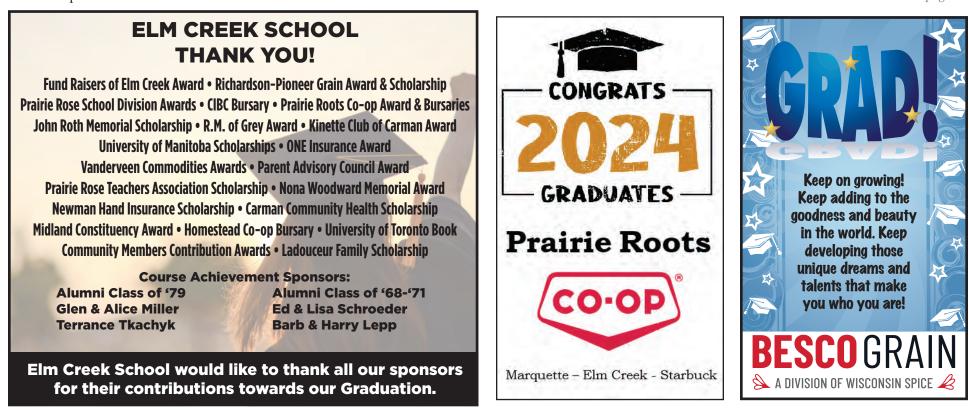
Creek School has come to an end," said Reimer. "As I was preparing this, I found it hard to imagine what life will be like without this environment. I have been with most of this class since preschool and have had the pleasure of being their classmate throughout my entire education. The vast majority of my life has placed me as a student of Elm Creek School, and I cannot think of a better place for a kid to grow up. As I look around the room, there are so many faces of community members that have spent countless hours investing their time into bettering our education, through support in fundraisers, coaching or supporting our sports teams, and providing a supportive audience in plays, even though it was sometimes painful. So, to the community memSTANDARD PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

bers, thank you."

Reimer reflected on the memories he shared with his classmates over their 13 years together at Elm Creek School.

"This is such a tight-knit group of friends that the transition will be difficult. I think the day of graduation works really well with this idea, as we get to commemorate our memories together for the last time before we take off to pursue these goals of the future. As a class, when I reflect on our time spent together, I see a group of people who got along well with each other, who celebrated each other's victories and sympathized with their defeats. I see a group of kids who were all wellraised and respectful, but still fun to hang out with and laugh with."

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"Now, looking to the future, I see a group of kids who have been blessed with unique gifts, and been put in a situation to let these gifts develop, who get to be turned loose on the world to put those gifts to use. As I think about each of my classmates, it excites me to learn where each of them end up going, because the possibilities are truly endless for this class."

Reimer stressed the importance of not forgetting where you came from in your small hometown and school and of taking these memories with you wherever you go in life.

"Class of 2024, it was an honour to get to say a few words, but an even bigger honour to get to know

each of you, to be your peer, teammate and friend. I will look at our time together fondly, and I look forward to seeing what each of you will accomplish. I would like to leave you with the words of 1st Timothy 4:12: 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for others in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith Elm Creek principal Ms and in purity.""

The Award and Scholarship winners were then handed out. Olivia Hudson received the Governor General's Bronze Medal, which recognizes the student with the highest academic average in grades 11 and 12. As the ceremony ended, each grad's tassel was moved to the left, signifying the beginning of chapter two.



Ashley Cook.



Prairie Rose School Valedictorian **Divisions Jack Foote.** 



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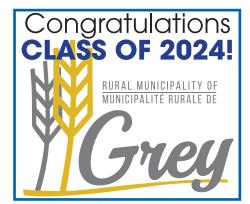
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- 31. Kinettes Club Award Olivia Hudson
- 32. Fine Arts Award Kiya Dale-Burton
- 33. Grade 12 Citizenship Award Avery Hartmann & Marco Fanzago



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### Miami School



### Miami graduates ready to embark on new adventures

#### By Ty Dilello

On June 26, Miami School celebrated its 2024 graduating class of 18 students at the Miami Community Hall. Principal Brandy Chevalier spoke proudly of the students for their accomplishments in graduating high school.

"The skills and resilience you've developed during these extraordinary times have shaped you into the remarkable individuals standing before us today," said Chevalier. "You have proven your ability to adapt and thrive in the face of adversity, and that strength will serve you well in all your future endeavours."

"As you step into the next chapter of your lives, take a moment to celebrate. Enjoy tonight, this weekend, this summer. You've earned it. Re-



Guest speaker, Ms Lauren Cruikshank

member, learning doesn't stop here. The world is your classroom now."

Kai Mintenko and Zenith Vanstone served as co-valedictorians for the 2024 graduating class and proudly



Zenith Vanstone and Kai Mintenko 'step up' to the podium to deliver the valedictorian address for the 2024 graduating class.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL Miami School graduated 18 students with the class of 2024.

spoke about their classmates in the speech.

"As Michael Scott once said, we only ever regret the things we have not done.' Going by that logic, I don't believe this class will leave with any regrets," said Kai Mintenko. "Our time together in school has taught us the true meaning of living life to the fullest."

The pair paid homage to all of the teachers who have endured the Class of 2024 over the years.

"Although we may not have been easy on our teachers, we appreciate their time and dedication to helping us all be on this stage today," said Vanstone. "Despite always finding something other than schoolwork to do, we all seemed to make it out okay. We never skipped class because we weren't interested in learning the subject matter; we just loved spending time together and finding a little trouble to get into."

They also thanked their families for all the love and support they received throughout their time at Miami School. Mintenko and Vanstone then took a few minutes to look back fondly on each fellow graduate and share some memories from their time together.

"Saying goodbye to classmates that we have known since kindergarten is a bittersweet moment," said Mintenko. "As you can probably tell from the stories and the laughs we have shared today, we have made countless memories together. From playing on the playground to school field

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trips to Winnipeg and Spruce Woods. We have grown up together learning from not just the teachers but also each other."

"There is a special bond that comes from knowing someone so long, from celebrating birthdays to laughing while studying for exams or our monthly class lunches. As we embark on new adventures, we appreciate the foundation this school and our classmates have created for us."

While the Class of 2024 has experienced many highs together, it also had struggles. This year, it experienced the loss of a former classmate, Emily Sanders, and leaned on each other for support.

"Today we left a chair for Emily to honour her memory," said Vanstone. "Emily, we all wish you were here celebrating with us today. You have truly impacted all of our lives. Although we all remember you differently, we all remember your outstanding kindness, your willingness to help others and personally, all the classes we spent at the back of the classroom swiping through Snapchat filters and giggling. To honour Emily, a violin has been put on every grad page in our yearbook. Emily, we all miss you so dearly and know you are here with us today."

As the Miami grads each go their own way, Mintenko and Vanstone urged their classmates to remember their adventures together.

"Thank you, Class of 2024, for an unforgettable journey, and congratulations on this incredible achievement," said Mintenko. "And to end our speech, I would like to say a quote from the person who inspires me the most and leave the graduating class with some words of wisdom. 'You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"-Wayne Gretzky/Michael Scott/Kai Mintenko.""

Miami School also awarded, sponsored, and awarded bursaries to its 2024 graduating class. Most notably, Kaiden Dyck was presented with the Governor General's Bronze Medal for his outstanding academic achievements.







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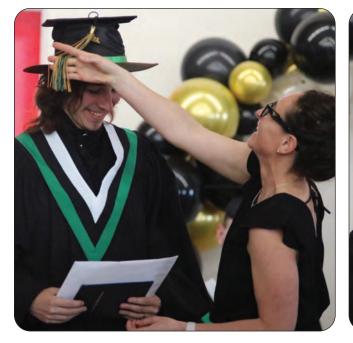


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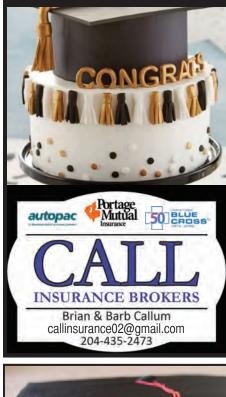
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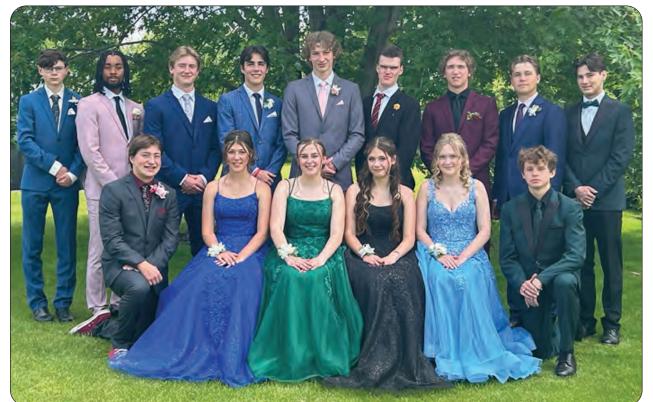
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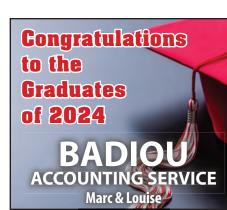
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### St. Claude School Complex Congratulations to the Graduating Classes of 2024

### St. Claude graduates will treasure friendships and experiences

#### By Ty Dilello

On June 21, St. Claude School Complex (SCSC) held its graduation ceremony for its 2024 class of 17 students at the St. Claude Roman Catholic Church.

Principal Ryan Mangin spoke about how proud he was of this St. Claude graduating class.

"Remember the family that you developed at school," said Mangin. "Your friends, teachers, support staff, and everyone else in the school



Principal Ryan Mangin

community. When you reflect on your time at St. Claude School, remember the people and events that have shaped you. Remember to feel grateful for all the good times and know that everything we did, we did to help prepare you to succeed in the world outside those walls."

"As you go forward, know that everyone is reflecting on your time here. The halls of SCSC, or the office, you might be the only class ever that spent significant time in the office voluntarily. The halls of SCSC will be different on Monday and every day going forward. You have affected those in the school, and I know they have affected you. As you start your journey in this world, know that we are all cheering for you, we are all proud of the accomplishment today represents, and we all hope you look back fondly on your time at Complexe Scolaire St. Claude School."

Alexis George and Sydney Robitaille served as co-valedictorians for the 2024 grad class as they addressed a packed crowd of family, friends, and supporters.

"When we started kindergarten, graduating in 13 years seemed like forever away," said George. "As we stand before everyone now, we learn how



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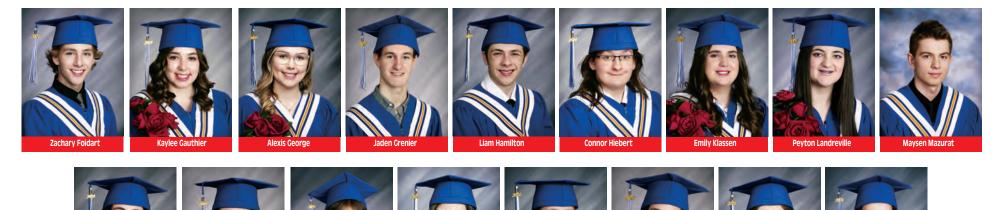
St. Claude's graduating class of 2024, left to right, back row: Gabrielle Vuignier, Zachary Foidart, Jaden Grenier, Owen Rey, Maysen Mazurat, Chase Rey, Connor Hiebert, Liam Hamilton, Aspen McInnes Rouire; front row, Kyra Philippe, Emily Klassen, Peyton Landreville, Sydney Robitaille, Alexis George, Kaylee Gauthier, Nathalie Robidoux and Mercedes Rey.

quickly time flies. Today will most likely be the last day we will spend together. There have been many ups and downs, but through it all, we managed to make it to this day."

"The history of our class started way back in 2011," added Robitaille. "Back then, the girls outnumbered the boys, with eight girls and three boys. What a tough time for Owen and Chase. To this day, we still outnumber them 10 to 7, but somehow, we all survived. We've been together for what seems to be all of our lives. We've grown together, through



Continued on page 25 Valedictorians Alexis George and Sydney Robitaille.





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Ryan Mangin presented Gabrielle Vuignier with the Governor General's Bronze Medal. Vuignier plans to attend the U of M to obtain a degree in Agriculture or Education.

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thick and thin, to get to where we are. While at times we may not have always gotten along, we were still able to band together as a group to reach this milestone today. As we prepare to move on with our lives, we will carry the lessons and the memories that we've made as a class. Each one of these experiences has shaped us into who we are."

"As we move forward in our lives, it is important to remember the people who were with us along the way," said George. "Thank you to our parents for driving us to early morning practices, pushing us through difficult classes, and being part of our extracurricular activities. Thank you for always being there for us. We also have to thank our teachers because, even though we were a lot to handle at times, they stuck it out for us and always wanted what was best for us to succeed."

"Graduating with this class has been an experience for the books," said Robitaille. "We will leave here with friendships that we will always treasure. It has been an honour graduating with you all, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I wish the best for everyone in all their future endeavours. Congratulations, Class of 2024."

While the graduates all received their high school diplomas, several awards and scholarships were also handed out, and most graduates received at least one award. Most notably, the Governor General's Medal was awarded to Gabrielle Vuignier.



Nathan Rey and Kyra Philippe Philippe plans to attend Concordia University in Montreal to study Child and Youth Studies.



Madi Major and Alexis George George plans to attend the U of Manitoba to obtain a BN and specialize in labour and delivery.



Jaden Grenier plans to work with an Electrician and complete his studies to become an Electrician.



Nadine Williams and Kaylee Gauthier Gauthier plans to attend the U of Saskatchewan for Animal Bioscience with future plans to study Veterinary Medicine.



Chantal Spencer and Maysen Mazurat Mazurat plans is to make the final roster as a goaltender in the the MJHL and study to be a Millwright at MITT.



Henri Bouvier and Aspen Rouire Aspen Rouire plans to attend the U of Jamestown and study Biochemistry to become a dentist.



# St. Claude School Complex







Connor Hiebert plans to become a Mercedes Rey plans to study and musician.

work at a daycare.

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Liam Hamilton plans to take a year off and then study Music and Theatre at U of M.



Sydney Robitaille plans to attend the University of Manitoba and explore future career options.



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# Genesis House marks 40 years of walking alongside the victims of domestic violence

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

Genesis House, the regional shelter for the victims of domestic violence, marked its 40th anniversary Sunday with a come-and-go garden party in Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler.

It was a chance, says executive director Ang Braun, to mark the milestone and also thank area residents for their decades of unflagging support.

"We have so much community support," she says, noting not every shelter is so lucky. "It is the significant difference between our agency and many of my colleagues' agencies.

"It's not even always the financial support or the donated goods that come through the door, but I have literally been brought to tears by people just calling and telling me a story or sharing the value of our work. Sometimes just knowing that it has made a difference for people makes a difference for us when we do the work."

The South Central Committee on Family Violence Inc. was formed in the early '80s to meet growing concerns about the lack of support for abused women and their children in the area.

"There was some discussion between the police, the RCMP, and, if I recall correctly, staff at Eden and MCC Family Services," Braun shares, noting there were families in crisis, but not much in the way of aid. "They just had no idea how to support them."

Concerned community members rallied together to address the matter, starting with launching a telephone crisis line manned by volunteers.

"And that crisis line was answered

in people's homes, if you can imagine," Braun says.

A small house was repurposed a few years later to serve as a shelter.

"There was this need for shelters, but there wasn't something readymade," Braun says. "So they bought a house, a three-bedroom bungalow, and they retrofitted it with special locks, special windows.

"But, honestly, inside they didn't do a whole bunch," she says, recalling her early years with the agency in the '90s working in that original building, which housed clients upstairs and offered counselling and support services from the basement. "I can remember we had shag green carpet, we had gold carpet, purple carpet. It was totally a house of the '70s."

They were eventually able to build the current shelter to order.

"We were one of the first purposebuilt shelters, so we had input into the design, into where it was going to be placed," shares Braun.

Looking back on the past four decades of service, Braun says the Genesis House staff have a lot to be proud of.

"We realize we are a small shelter in a big world, but I think our team does a really good job of taking care of the person in front of them right now in the moment," she says. "The service that each person needs won't be the same, but we try to provide what you need versus what the next person might need.

"One of the biggest things that we offer that might seem fairly simple is we offer somebody to listen and be-



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

From left: Genesis House executive director Ang Braun, Leah Klassen, and Morden Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert at the shelter's 40th anniversary garden party Sunday afternoon in Winkler, where the need for transitional housing for woman leaving abusive situations was highlighted.

lieve you. We validate what has happened to you. A lot of times, that can be absent. People will try to make it seem like it's not as bad as you're making it sound or maybe ask what did you do to bring it on. That's not a position that we will take.

"We offer, first and foremost, that we believe you and we'll support you, whatever you decide."

That includes providing a safe space for a woman and her children, counselling, and, if needed, ongoing support as she attempts to leave her abuser.

But it also means being there for a

woman who decides to return to the person who hurt them.

"We are not judging people," Braun stresses. "If they need to go back and give that relationship another try because they believe change is possible ... you have to let them make their decisions and just be there for them.

"We have no vested interest in the outcome," she notes. "Sometimes with family and friends and in-laws, everyone feels like they should have a say because people really want that relationship to work out. But if there's violence or abuse, the person choosing that behaviour has to make the decision to stop, otherwise this cannot be a healthy relationship."

Braun lauds staff as well for leaning on each other in what can be a difficult job, walking alongside women dealing with pain, fear, and uncertainty.

"One thing we really do well is take care of each other, too," she says. "And if we are not taking care of ourselves, one of our colleagues will call us out. That part is really important, that strength of the team."

Braun estimates they've had over 2,000 women find safe haven at the shelter through the years, and about 2,600 children.

"That would add up to about 56,000 bed nights," she says, adding "that's just residential programming. We have lots of non-residential programming and group programming that I haven't even counted into those numbers."

### "It's okay to come forward for help"

The need for transitional housing for women fleeing domestic violence was highlighted at Sunday's 40th anniversary garden party for Genesis House, and Morden-Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert shared some of the work she's been doing to try to make such second-stage housing a reality in our area.

It's a very personal cause for Hiebert, who shared that she made use of Genesis House's support in her younger years.

"I used the shelter as a woman needing help with my family, so I have a really big spot in my heart for this organization," she said. "It's not a secret: Manitoba has one of the highest percentages of intimate partner violence in the country, and I think that we as a province can do better and need to do better to meet the needs."

Reducing the stigma is also key, Hiebert added, stressing domestic abuse can happen to any woman.

"It doesn't matter what background you come from—there's intimate partner violence everywhere and in every community and we just need to address that and know that it's okay as a woman to come forward for help."

Hiebert is currently serving as the Conservative critic of housing, addictions, homelessness, and mental health, which puts the transitional housing issue firmly under her purview.

She says she's been bringing up the matter in Question Period and reaching out to her colleagues across the aisle to lobby for the needs right here in the Pembina Valley and across the province.

"Genesis House is full almost every night and we need some place of transition for women to go to to get to continue to stay in a safe place and continue to stay on their feet and bring them to a place where they can have that wonderful life that they that they deserve."

-Ashleigh Viveiros

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# **Success and challenges for CFDC**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The past year brought a good news and bad news scenario to the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden.

There was the success of significant projects like the opening of the field station and acquisition of a 3D printing system as well as increased visitation. However, it all came with rising costs and grants and funding revenue that could not keep pace.

In the end, the museum came out of the year with a deficit in the \$30,000 range, so executive director Adolfo Cuetara

"The expenses and the inflation are a concern. The expenses are growing faster than our capacity to generate new revenue, and that is a problem that is not getting better," Cuetara said following the recent annual meeting.

They had hoped for a funding increase from the City of Morden, which is a primary source of revenue support, but he also recognizes the challenges faced by the city.

"I think there is a lot of pressure from all external institutions or organizations that they all want as well a greater part of the pie," he said.

Regardless, he noted the museum is doing important work and contributing to the continued development of the city.

"We are bringing economic growth to the city," said Cuetara.

The museum saw an increase in attendance with 13,559 paid visitors in 2023 compared to 11,819 in 2022. School tours were also successful with 30 tours bringing 873 students through the museum.

Cuetara also cited a number of key projects and improvements including the new field and research station, which provided a boost to the dig tours and led to and assisted with a significant new mosasaur fossil find.

He encouraged supporters to consider the potential economic impact if, for example, 10,000 visitors from outside the local region spent an average of \$156 - that would be a contribution of \$1.5 million to local economy.

Cuetara also highlighted the new larger and renovated gift shop, which saw a profit increase to over \$33,000 from just under \$29,000 in 2022.

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The financial challenges remain though, and the museum showed a

deficit of over \$30,000 following a deficit of about \$17,000 in 2022. During the pandemic, when it was boosted with additional sources of support, there was a surplus of \$120,000 in 2020 and \$44,000 in 2021.

Now, grant revenue declined from over \$517,000 in 2022 to just over \$154,000 in 2023, and there were a number of additional expenses and rising

costs, and Cuetara noted some of the government funding is for specific projects and doesn't support operational costs.

"We can't grab a single dollar from those for our operational expenses," he said. "It would be great if we could get even say five per cent of a grant to dedicate to it."

In the meantime, he said they will continue to explore all options and are controlling expenses where they can including no increase in salaries for example.

A major factor in the big picture is also wanting to make their case that they can justify the long term goal of having their own building.

"Overall, I think we are doing a good job. We are showing that with



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New dig site finds near its new field station were a major boost last year for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.



the numbers," said Cuetara. "I am optimistic ... if we can keep progressing with our operational budget.

"The new facility is a long term project. We are constantly working with improvements in mind," he continued. "The new facility is not just a question of the building ... it's a matter of justification for that investment ... and with everything we are doing, we are trying to show and prove that what we are asking for is feasible.

"It's something that will be a giant benefit for all of southern Manitoba. We are working every day to build that justification for the new building and investment."

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

While the current shelter continues to serve Genesis House well when it comes to providing emergency housing, longer-term housing for woman looking to make a fresh start remains a challenge.

"Some of the challenges we've had over the years have remained, like finding child care, finding transportation to move around our super huge rural area," Braun says. "But housing has become the biggest—it always has been in the top three, but it is now the biggest challenge that is faced by the women that we are serving."

Leaving an abusive relationship is difficult enough without having no place to go. The shelter has for years had one transitional, "second stage" house to offer clients, but more are needed.

"It's not statistically significant

because it's just one house, but the women that have lived in that house and been closely connected to our programs have not most often found themselves back in a dangerous relationship," Braun shares.

The shelter is determined to give more women that chance. They're currently in the planning stages for a project that will provide additional second-stage housing in their service area.

"We're actively working on mak-

ing that happen ... we have the need and we're in a good position to start that conversation," Braun says, explaining they intend to release plans—including fundraising goals—in the months ahead.

This summer will also see Genesis House release a series of videos on its social media feeds sharing stories from past clients, shelter staff, board members, and supportive community members.

# **Step for Pets raises nearly \$14,000 for PVHS**







STANDARD HOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH

The Steps for Pets walkathon Saturday was a success again for the Pembina Valley Humane Society. There were fewer participants, but they still succeeded in raising just under \$14,000, which was not too far off from their goal of \$15,000. The day included a variety of vendors and displays as well as an agility demonstration by X-Treme Dogs (right). Steps for Pets is one of the main annual fundraising events for the organization, supporting the work of the humane society, including veterinary care.

# Spontes arecreation

# **U17 Central Energy splits doubleheaders on Sunday**

#### By Ty Dilello

The U17 Central Energy squad split its doubleheader on Sunday afternoon to improve to 11-5-1, which is good for second place in the Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL) standings.

In the first game of the doubleheader, U17 Central Energy defeated the Manitoba Angels by a 3-0 score. Nelia Fehr started the game pitching for U17 Central Energy and recorded 21 outs.

Fehr struck out 11 batters on the day and allowed just two hits and zero runs over seven innings while walking one. Molly Conrad also hit a solo home run to left field for the winning run for Central Energy.

U17 Central Energy could get nothing going in the second game of the day as they got walloped 11-1 by the Eastman Wildcats.

Gabrielle Hildebrand stepped into the pitching circle first for U17 Central Energy. She gave up seven hits and six runs (one earned) over one and two-thirds innings, striking out one and walking one. Central Energy's lone run was in the top of the sixth on a solo home run to center field by Maddy Friesen.

"Our first game against the Angels was a great game for the pitchers from both teams," said U17 Central Energy coach Cam Zacharias.

"In the next game, we just had no hitting. They hit well, and we didn't. I would say that their pitching wasn't even tough, as we just had an off day with the bats."

U17 Central Energy's MPSL regular

season is now complete, and they will head to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for a tournament at the beginning of July. From there, they will participate in the Manitoba provincials, where they hope to qualify for the Nationals with a top-two finish.

The U15 Central Energy team won both games of its doubleheader on Sunday afternoon. Their offence exploded against the Winnipeg Lightning, winning 10-2 and 14-1.

"The bats were just on fire today right from the beginning of each game," said U15 Central Energy coach Kevin Perrin. "We had six runs in the first inning of the first game and nine runs in the first inning of game two. So it was a great day for our team."

U15 Central Energy will be back in MPSL action with a doubleheader on

July 2 against the Interlake Phillies at the Republic of Manitobah Diamond. The game times are 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The U13 Central Energy team split its doubleheader on Saturday as they lost the first game 7-1 to the Manitoba Angels, but won a close 2-1 barnburner with the Eastman Wildcats. The next day on Sunday wasn't too kind for U13 Central Energy as they lost both games of its doubleheader with the Eastman Wildcats by 9-2 and 10-3 scores.

U13 Central Energy's June 28 doubleheader against the Interlake Phillies was postponed due to rain and will be rescheduled in the future. With their MPSL season complete, U13 Central Energy will now be prepping for Provincials, where they hope to qualify for Nationals.

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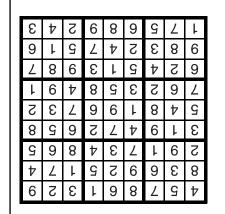
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Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

2 medium russet or Yukon gold Wisconsin potatoes or 6 red Wisconsin potatoes

2 medium zucchini



Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 1 hour, plus 1 hour rest time

Yield: 3 dozen meringues Water

6 large egg whites, at room temperature

1 cup Domino Light Brown Sugar 3/4 cup Domino Granulated Sugar

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1/8 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons Domino Turbinado Sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 225 F. Line three baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.

### **Citrus Spring Mix Salad**

Salad:

1 package (5 ounces) Fresh Express Spring Mix

1 navel orange, peeled and sectioned 1 red grapefruit, peeled and sectioned 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced

To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk orange juice, orange zest, white wine vinegar, Dijon mustard, sugar and salt. Set aside.

To make salad: In large bowl, toss spring mix with salad dressing. Divide salad evenly among two plates. Top with oranges, grapefruit, avocado and onion.

### **Grilled Red Potato Skewers**

#### 1/2 smoked sausage rope

4 skewers (12 inches each) 1/2 cup Italian dressing

Preheat grill to medium heat. Cut potatoes in half. Cut zucchini and sausage same width as potatoes. Skewer potatoes, zucchini and sausage. Repeat for each skewer.

Place skewers in dish and cover with Italian dressing. Marinate 5 minutes.

Place skewers on grill and cook 5 minutes on each side, or until potatoes are done. Remove from grill and serve.

### **Brown Sugar Meringues**

Pour 1 inch of water into medium saucepan and heat it until simmering. In heat-proof bowl, mix egg whites, brown sugar, granulated sugar and salt. Put bowl on top of saucepan and warm mixture until it reaches 125 F. Stir continuously and make sure mixture does not touch water.

Carefully remove from heat. Using electric mixer, beat mixture at high speed 8-10 minutes. Transfer meringue into piping bag fitted with star tip. Pipe 12 meringues per baking sheet.

Sprinkle turbinado sugar on top of meringues, if desired. Bake 1 hour. Turn off oven and allow meringues to rest inside oven 1 hour. Remove from oven and enjoy.

### **Expert patient here to help!**



Susie Schwartz

#### By Susie Schwartz

If you've been to see a doctor more than once, I bet there's a chance you felt like a number or disease instead of a person with all the human needs and emotions. I've been there, too. But sometimes, I think we dehumanize our doctors as well.

What are you talking about, Susie? Sometimes, we see doctors as robots in white coats who should never make mistakes. Since the stakes are high, yes, in a perfect world, they wouldn't. But, alas, their humanness gets in the way of perfection.

Recently, I received a text from a doctor at our local clinic saying, "Congrats! Your recent bloodwork shows that since starting the statin, your cholesterol is in normal range. I suggest you continue taking this medication to keep it behaving."

Here's the thing: I hadn't just had bloodwork done, and I am not on a statin. This text was not meant for me. As much as I wanted to, I couldn't borrow this good result and celebrate. Someone out there needed to get this message.

I called the clinic and explained what had happened. They thanked

### **Spicy Korean Barbecue Popcorn**

Servings: 4-6

- 8 cups popcorn
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil

1 tablespoon gochujang (Korean chili paste)

- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

4 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds 1 tablespoon gochujaru (Korean

chili flakes) 1 green onion, thinly sliced (optional)

me and said they'd notify the sending doctor.

I could have felt put out by the hassle and freaked out by the mistake. My hubs was not impressed, and I get it.

But... mistakes happen, and I hadn't just been told I had cancer when I didn't, so I felt I could help correct the situation and move on. Maybe the doctor's dog had just died. Or his wife had filed for divorce. Or he had a migraine. Doctors live the human condition like the rest of us; sometimes, that works in our favour. I've had doctors hug me in celebration after a good test result, and console me with compassion after a bad one. If they didn't feel the highs and lows of life, they wouldn't be able to relate to us as patients. (Think: robot. Or June bug. Or shrimp.)

A few days later, I received another text from the doctor: "Dear Mrs Schwartz, Thank you for your kind message at reception. The issue lies with human error and coordinating multiple different software systems that work in tandem. Apologies for the embarrassing error and any inconvenience. Regards, Dr S."

What a humble and sincere apology! (See? Doctors do, sometimes at least, say they are sorry.) And he'll now remember me as the patient who helped rather than made a fuss.

So let's all try to see past the white coat and recognise our doctors are people, just like us. I promise this will make for a stronger relationship and better teamwork!

Less health stress, yes?

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Place popcorn in large bowl. In small saucepan, combine honey, brown sugar, butter, sesame oil, gochujang, soy sauce and garlic powder; bring to boil. Cook 3-5 minutes, or until mixture thickens to syrupy

consistency. Drizzle honey mixture over popcorn and sprinkle with sesame seeds and gochujaru; toss to evenly coat. Garnish with green onion, if desired. Serve immediately or cool completely. Tip: Substitute green onion with 1 teaspoon freeze-dried chives, if preferred.