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Celebrating the WHS graduating class of 2021

■ Daniel Bushman

On a beautiful June evening and navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, for a second consecutive year, the Winston High School graduation ceremony took place at The Drive-In at Manitou Beach.

While the pandemic has forced a number of changes over the past year, with the province getting closer to fully reopening, graduation events across Saskatchewan were given the green light to proceed with certain guidelines. With WHS graduates, limited guests and members of their families able to participate in this year's June 4 ceremony, the evening program was also live streamed on Facebook for others to view.

As was the case last year, while it was not the way this year's Winston High School Gr. 12 students envisioned they would be graduating, they were still able to do so.

Along with Winston High School principal Terry Braman and teachers Lori Bartko and Lee Bells, the three were able to secure The Drive-in at Manitou Beach for the graduates to participate in a formal and socially distanced ceremony.

With graduates and two guests of their choosing sitting in hubs near the stage, images of the ceremony were put on a LED screen so those inside their vehicles watching nearby could view and listen to the event. Others unable to attend were able to watch online.

As the program commenced, chairperson and teacher Steve Armstrong shared how the graduates were able to rise above

the challenges posed by the pandemic. "We are all very glad to be here, either in person or watching online."

With the program moving

along, after O Canada was played, Horizon School Division Superintendent of Student Services Darrell Paproski provided the message on behalf of the school division.

Offering congratulations to the graduates, Paproski stated how this year's class was able to achieve so much as they head into the next chapter of their lives. While he added there will be challenges ahead,



Darrell Paproski

Paproski encouraged the students to remember that their future is bright and anything is possible when they set their minds to it.

Following Paproski's message, WHS Principal Terry Braman remarked how this year's graduation ceremonies were not how the students envisioned. As the pandemic continued to force changes over



Terry Braman

this past year, Braman said the staff and students were able to do their best in navigating through the challenges to get to the June 4

event. Stating that this year's class was a diverse group that carried a reputation, he added they are also full of promise. While there have been some bumps along the road for the class, Braman continued by stating how incredibly proud he was of the progress they made throughout their high school years.

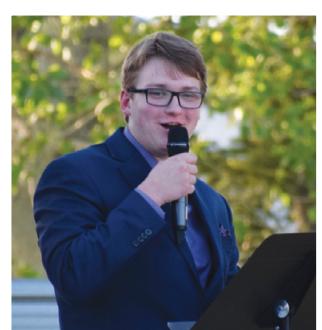
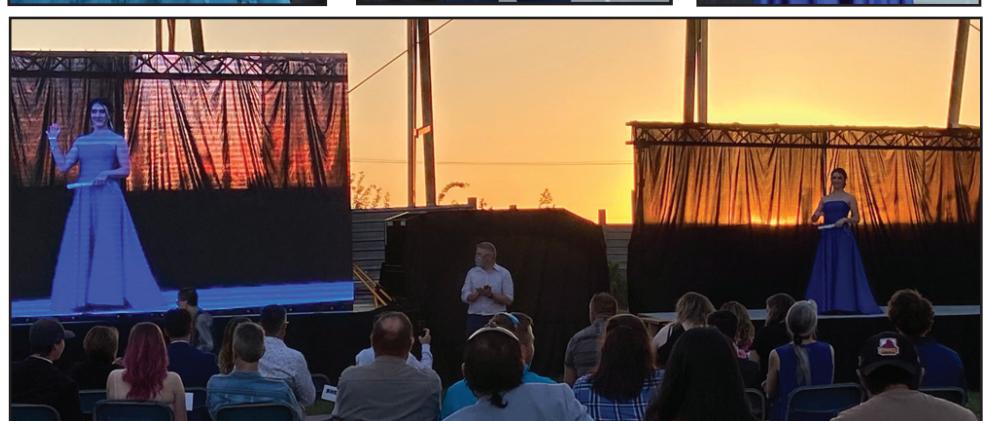
Noting how remarkable the class was when it came to the amount of students



Looking forward to celebrating the Winston High School graduating class of 2021, due to the COVID-19 guidelines, a limited amount of guests were on hand at The Drive-In at Manitou Beach

during a beautiful evening June 4. Those unable to attend were able to view the program online through a live stream feed on Facebook.

□ photos by Daniel Bushman



Carter Pidhorodetsky

graduating with honours and distinctions, doing so through the pandemic in addition to other challenges along the way was an incredible achievement. "It will be your badge of honour one day to say that you endured the pandemic during your Gr. 12 year."

Encouraging the graduates to finish strong, Braman concluded by saying, "Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat."

After Braman's message, graduate Carter Pidhorodetsky delivered a tribute to teachers and education. With a goal of one day becoming a teacher himself, Carter provided a humorous speech containing

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Nutrien increasing potash production

■ media release

Nutrien Ltd. announced June 7 that it expects to increase potash production by approximately half a million tonnes in the second half of 2021 compared to earlier expectations, in response to tightening global potash market conditions.

Nutrien has a flexible network of six world-class potash mines with competitively positioned, available capacity that it can utilize to help supply global demand.

"We are responding to strong market fundamentals to ensure our customers have the crop inputs they need to feed a growing population.

Our network of flexible production and extensive logistics is designed to provide reliable supply and we have a unique ability to be agile and respond to changing market conditions. Our potash asset portfolio is optimally positioned to meet customer needs and drive shareholder value," commented Ken Seitz,

Nutrien's Executive Vice President and CEO of Potash.

Domestic and offshore potash sales volumes are currently fully committed through September, based on our original production profile for 2021. Nutrien will be actively hiring additional employees and adapting its resources to help increase production

across most of its potash mines, ramping up its Vanscoy facility in particular, and will ensure the highest safety standards are maintained in the process.

Nutrien expects these actions to result in upward revisions to potash-related guidance for the second half of 2021 from both a volume and EBITDA perspective, which will be addressed in second-quarter 2021 results. Nutrien continues to actively monitor the market and evaluate other potential options to further increase production if demand warrants it and may provide additional information in this regard at a later date.

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Break and enter in RM of Bayne

In the afternoon hours of Wednesday, May 19 Humboldt RCMP were dispatched to a break and enter at a rural residence in the RM of Bayne. The victim's residence is near the north junction of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 5. This home is visible from Hwy. 5.

Unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the house and an outbuilding on the property. A small amount of property was stolen during this offence and the home suffered damage.

RCMP have determined the break and enter occurred at approximately 3:18 p.m. No one was injured during these events and the RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of the Saskatoon Forensic Identification Section.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information about this crime are asked to contact Humboldt RCMP Detachment at 306-682-2535 or Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

Suspicious death investigation in Yorkton

The RCMP Major Crime Unit South is investigating a suspicious death reported to Yorkton RCMP on June 1 that occurred at the Yorkton & District Nursing Home.

Preliminary investigation determined an altercation occurred between two male residents in a resident's room at the Yorkton and District Nursing Home May 27, 2021. A staff member heard noise resulting from the altercation. When the staff member entered the room they found one of the men injured, a 91-year-old male, who was transported to hospital. On May 30, the 91-year-

old male died in hospital and his family was notified of his death.

On June 1, the Saskatchewan Coroners Service contacted the Yorkton RCMP to report the death. As a result of this report, Yorkton RCMP began investigating the death. The man's death was determined to be suspicious in nature and the RCMP Major Crime Unit South took carriage of the investigation. On June 3 an autopsy was completed in Saskatoon.

The investigation is ongoing, no arrests have been made and investigators do not believe there is a risk to public safety.

Drug Seizure

On June 5, 2021, the North Battleford Gang Task Force executed a search warrant on the 300 block of 29 Street in Battleford. The search warrant was executed in conjunction with a traffic stop of a suspect vehicle after investigators determined that drugs were being sold from a residence. Approximately half of a pound of cocaine as well as half of a pound of psilocybin, commonly known as magic mushrooms, were seized from the residence. Two firearms as well as approximately \$3,500 in cash were also seized. Five people were arrested as a result of the investigation, four of which have been charged and have been released for future court appearances.

Twenty-nine-year-old Sheldon Kohut of North Battleford, 33-year-old Zane Bolig of North Battleford,

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33-year-old Lawrence Morin of Battleford, and 24-year-old Kitana Swindler of North Battleford have all been charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking contrary to section 5(2) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. In addition, Swindler has been charged with possession of proceeds of crime contrary to section 335(b) of the Criminal Code. Morin also received additional charges of possession of psilocybin for the purpose of trafficking contrary to section 5(2) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, possession of proceeds of crime under \$5,000 contrary to section 335(b) of the Criminal Code, unauthorized possession of a firearm contrary to section 91(1) of the Criminal Code, and unsafe storage of a firearm contrary to section 86 of the Criminal Code.

MP Report

Tom Lukiwski, MP
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The recent discovery of the bodies of 215 Indigenous children on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School is a national tragedy, and illustrates the acute need for better outreach, supports, and services for Canada's Indigenous peoples. Innocent Indigenous children were forcibly taken from their families and subjected to malnourishment, neglect, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

This horrific and repugnant discovery, alongside the well-documented history of residential school policy that accompanies it, runs completely counter to the image that most of us hold of Canada in our minds. We think of our country as a beautiful place filled with some of the world's kindest individuals and families; and while that may be mostly true, there is a dark side to our history that we must come to terms with. If we don't, we risk furthering the already significant damage imposed upon Indigenous Canadians at the hands of the federal government throughout history.

The current federal government continues to talk about all the things they plan to do to improve the lives of Indigenous peoples across Canada. Despite all this talk and campaigning, residential school survivors, their families, and their communities feel left behind. I'm not here to point fingers at specific governments for the long and harmful legacy of Crown-Indigenous relations in this country; unjust, oppressive, and lopsided treatment of Canada's Indigenous peoples is sadly a pattern of behaviour dating back to our earliest days as a nation.

As much as the current government likes to "virtue signal" about improving the quality of life for Indigenous peoples in Canada, Liberal Party Prime Ministers and MPs have been among the worst offenders, even in recent history. In 1969, Pierre Trudeau and his Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chretien published a White Paper that proposed terminating the Treaties, abolishing reserves and extinguishing all Indigenous rights. In 1996, the federal government placed a two percent cap on increases to First Nations' budgets that left bands struggling to provide basic services to their growing populations. Justin Trudeau promised to improve First Nations' drinking water facilities to eliminate all on-reserve boil-water advisories by 2021. This has now been pushed off until 2026.

Countless Canadians from all walks of life are outraged at the poor treatment Indigenous Canadians receive from the federal government, and they should be. Not enough is being done, at a time when a global pandemic is exacerbating existing inequality and making it even harder to break the cycles of poverty and addiction. With a Conservative government in place, Canada's Indigenous peoples and the millions of Canadians who fight passionately alongside them for their rights will find a new champion in combating the devastating and lasting impacts of decades of abuse.

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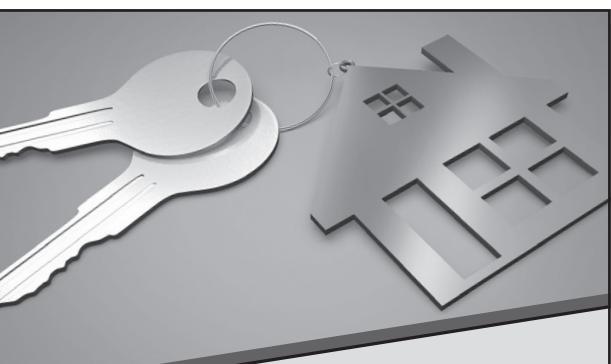
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Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am responding to clarify statements made by Ken Landstrom in the Apr. 26, 2021 issue of The Watrous Manitou about the Water Security Agency's (WSA) management of Last Mountain Lake and Little Manitou Lake.

I disagree with Mr. Landstrom's claim about WSA's poor management of Last Mountain Lake, specifically when water levels were too high. While WSA cannot control weather patterns or precipitation levels, the Agency uses all the available tools at its disposal to properly manage Last Mountain Lake during varying conditions. People who live and enjoy the recreational amenities along Last Mountain Lake entrust our province to make decisions that won't impact their ability to use the lake each summer and, just as importantly, not impact the environment.

WSA actively monitors conditions within the Qu'Appelle River system, including Last Mountain Lake, and follows stringent guidelines to effectively manage the system during all conditions. For example, to improve lake levels during low flow years, like 2021, WSA diverts water from the Qu'Appelle River into Last Mountain Lake using the Craven Control Structure. During flood events, WSA does not divert anymore water into the lake than what would occur naturally. On the Qu'Appelle River System and Last Mountain Lake, the gates at the Craven Control are left wide open to allow for a natural flow into and out of the lake.

Secondly, I would like to clarify Ken's statement that WSA fought efforts to divert small amounts of water into the Qu'Appelle River system from Little Manitou and the Quill Lakes. It is an issue that we have extensively studied and analyzed.

It was found that during years when there was excess inflows to Last Mountain Lake, and levels were already higher than desirable, significant inflow was also being experienced in Little Manitou Lake and the Quill Lakes. Diverting water into Last Mountain Lake from those other water bodies would result in even higher undesirable levels into Last Mountain.

Mr. Landstrom's assertion about the province diverting water into Little Manitou Lake from the Saskatoon South East Water Supply conveyance system (i.e. Canal), creating negative effects on the development of the resort village, is misleading. According to our hydrometric records, water diversion into Manitou occurred from 1966 to 2006 (41 years). In the 1960s, when water first began to be channeled into Little Manitou Lake, larger diversions were required to increase water levels to approximately 494 metres. Subsequent diversions maintained water levels between 494-495 metres.

It is also worth noting, when flooding became an issue at the resort village a decade ago, our government quickly responded – investing \$7 million to avoid wholesale flood damage to private properties and municipal infrastructure.

I recognize that many residents and farmers in the region have been frustrated dealing with the varying and wide-ranging years of moisture and its impacts on area lakes. That is why proposals, like Mr. Landstrom referenced, have been greatly researched and scrutinized to understand the pros and cons and determine if solutions can be found.

We acknowledge there is still much more work to do. However, our government remains committed to advancing these conversations with stakeholders in the region and in effected watersheds to ensure all residents and recreational users can continue to safely enjoy the benefits of our many great lakes.

Fred Bradshaw
Minister Responsible for the
Water Security Agency



**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

sun shines directly on the area and the floors have just been washed. Marsha

Dear Marsha,

Laminate flooring looks like wood because it is a photographic image of wood; it is then covered by a clear protective finish. Repair scratches with a wax crayon designed to cover small imperfections in laminate flooring or purchase a laminate flooring repair kit. Depending on the colour of the flooring you may also be able to hide scratches with a colour matched permanent marker. If this is not the case, consider replacing the floor plank in order for the floor to look nice again. Fortunately, this is achievable if you can colour match your floor.

Dear Reena,

What is the easiest way to remove dust and pet hair off lampshades? Marilyn

Dear Marilyn,

The easiest way to clean lampshades is to press the dust attachment onto the vacuum nozzle and clean the shade. Another option is to wrap packing tape around your hand and press each area of the lampshade with tape. A lint roller is also very effective. Baby wipes are handy for removing marks from lampshades. Some lampshades may be cleaned in the bathtub, spray the shade with the showerhead and a bit of shampoo.

Dear Reena,

I baked a cheesecake and it looked and smelled great. However, when I removed it from the oven and ate a piece it was lumpy. How can I prevent this in the future? Hilda

Dear Hilda,



**Neighbourly advice
according to Ed**

A spiritual column
by contributor
Raymond Maher
www.accordingtoed.com

Many times, the consequences of our actions do not come back to bite us immediately. There is the pleasure of fitting in and being part of what others are doing. Peer pressure is not confined to children or teens but remains a force for everyone as long as they live. Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, told me the reason he began smoking was that it was a sign of adulthood among his high school friends. He knew his parents would not allow his

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

My light-coloured laminate flooring has a lot of surface scratches in a high traffic area. Is there any way to touch up these scratches so that they are not so noticeable rather than replacing the flooring? You can really see these scratches when the

begin by making sure that the cream cheese is at room temperature. Beat the cream cheese by itself until smooth. After mixing the ingredients together strain the mixture through a sieve to ensure there are no lumps. If you still notice lumps put the mixture into the food processor until smooth.

Dear Reena,

I enjoy reading your helpful tips. How would you suggest getting surface "scratches" out of lovely, white porcelain kitchen sinks? I have tried baking soda, Magic Eraser, bleach and vinegar but nothing works. The "scratches" are not penetrating; they are just on the surface (from pots and pans etc.). Look forward to anything you can suggest as they are only two years old. Thank you. Nick

Dear Nick,

Even if the scratches are not deep, they are still scratches and using a cleaner such as baking soda or vinegar will not erase the damage. You will need to purchase a porcelain repair kit from your local hardware store. With the colour match epoxy mixed according to the directions and a sponge, you will likely end up with great results.

Storage ideas

I bought a big screw hook from a department store and fixed it under one of my cupboards. Now whenever I purchase bananas I hang them on the screw and they do not have to sit on the counter; they seem to last longer. Submitted by: Glenda

I purchased a wire shelf and positioned it vertically instead of horizontally. I then secured it inside one of my closets between two walls to create a fence. I now stand my wrapping paper rolls up between the shelf and the wall and they stay organized! Submitted by: Glenda

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca

Doing what is popular can ruin your life

smoking, so he did it secretly.

He might have made smoking a habit, but he dropped a lit cigarette on the driver's seat of the family car, which burnt a hole that his dad discovered. His consequences for smoking and burning a hole in the car seat were many. He was not allowed to drive the car for a month. He also had to get up and do morning chores at the barn before breakfast and his school bus. His dad said that if he was trying to act like an adult, he could work like one. Lastly, he had to buy a car seat cover for the car.

It is so easy to see a benefit through hindsight. Ed claims that he never did start again after a month of not smoking and has been glad of it. Seeing the link between cancer and tobacco makes Ed happy he did not do what his friends were doing. For those who smoke, tobacco may not ruin your

health. I hope smoking does not, but it can have that outcome.

The Bible makes it clear that doing what is popular always carries with it some repercussions. Proverbs 20:1 states, "Wine is a mocker and beer is a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise."

Proverbs 23:20,21 warns, "Do not join those who drink too much wine for drunkards become poor."

Proverbs 23:29-35 paints a clear picture for those willing to see it, "Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?

Those who linger over wine who go to sample bowls of mixed wine. Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly. In the end, it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper. Your eyes will see strange sights, and your mind imagine

confusing things. You will be like one sleeping on high seas, lying on top of the rigging. 'They hit me,' you will say, 'but I'm not hurt! They beat me, but I don't feel it! When will I wake up so I can find another drink?"

The pressure to become part of what others are doing is not limited to the partaking of tobacco or alcohol. Many also use drugs and become impaired through them. Impaired means unable to function normally or safely. MADD Canada works to focus public awareness with educational programs in schools to help prevent impaired driving.

Prevention of impairment is everyone's duty. Every day in Canada, four people are killed on average and many more injured in drug-related crashes. For anyone drinking alcohol or doing drugs, be sure, they can ruin your life and also the lives of others when you drive impaired.

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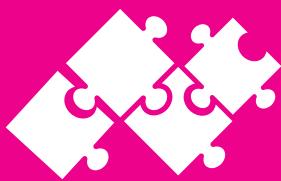
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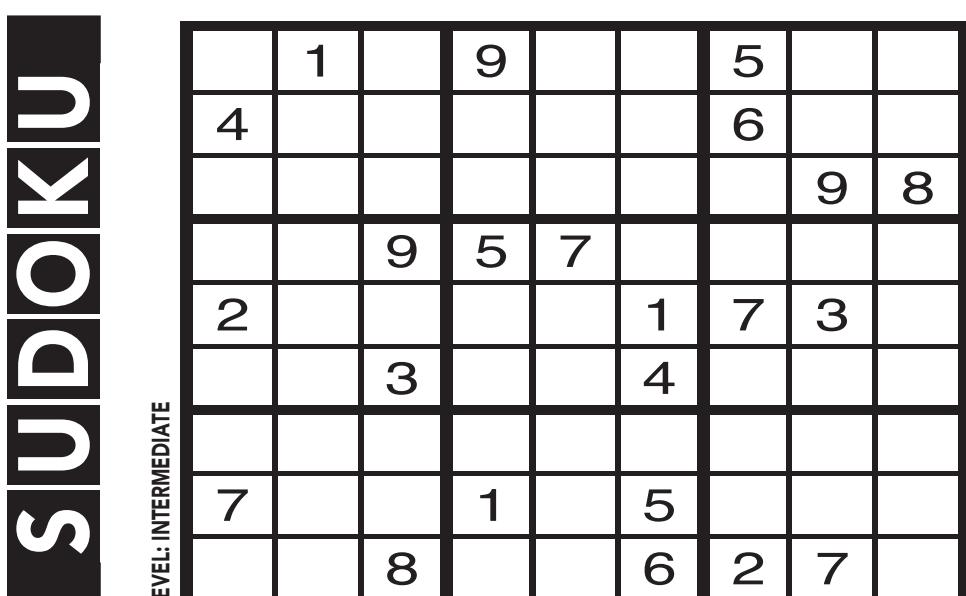
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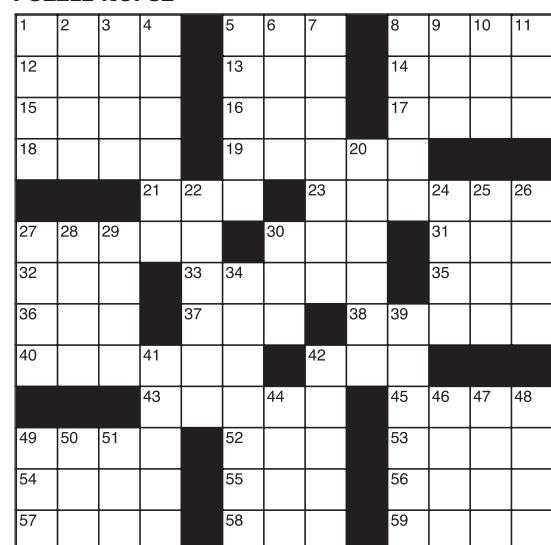


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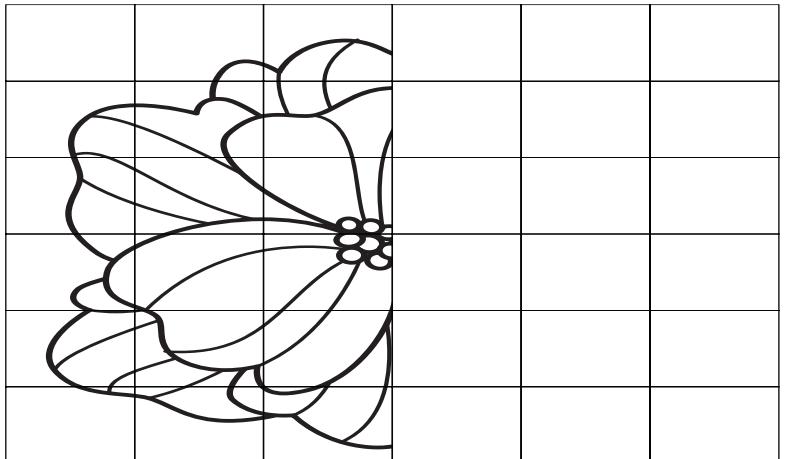
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“Look What's Cooking by
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1/4 cup red wine vinegar (or cider vinegar)
1/4 cup oil
1/2 cup chopped parsley (loose pack)
1/4 cup diced red onion
2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
1 tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. oregano
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

Directions:

Combine these ingredients, shake well and serve over your salad. You can put all ingredients in a food processor without chopping them, this goes quickly and the dressing is all mixed and is a smoother dressing. However, you have to clean the food processor. I usually just chop quickly if making a smaller salad. I like to toss the dressing and salad just prior to serving. Refrigerate any extra dressing.

(from front page: WHS GRAD)

puns and notes of encouragement. While the class made it through its high school years and the pandemic, Pidhorodetsky said, "The real ones who deserve the congratulations are the teachers. We weren't the best kids . . . they deserve a round of applause."

Being candid, Carter explained while the class learned some things, they will also forget some of those things as they embark on their next chapter. "But one thing we will remember is our teachers."

Stating how fortunate the graduates were to not just have great teachers, Pidhorodetsky said they are great people as well. "They showed up with a good attitude ready to teach no matter what . . . they helped us accomplish our goals . . . I want to thank them all for putting up with us."

Providing a response was WHS Vice-Principal Doug Thomas. Sharing about how Carter and himself challenged each

other as to who could come up with the most puns in their speeches, Thomas started off with a number of 'dad' jokes instead. After getting a few laughs and

even some horn blasts from those listening in nearby vehicles, Thomas noted how tough going through a pandemic this past year was.

Encouraging students and others to share how valuable and important teachers are to them, Thomas added, "There is

no monetary amount that can equal the joy in knowing you are making a positive impact in a student."

The teacher concluded by reminding everyone about the beauty of education and that people are all capable learners. He also shared that when obstacles come, it can be an opportunity to grow and that no one is ever alone. "You have a long line of supporters. If you are in a bind, reach out. We love you and we will miss you."

Providing the tribute to the community was graduate Avery Collins. Thanking

the various communities who are home to the graduates, Collins said it was a joy to grow up in Watrous where she was just a

bike ride away from family. "Whether or not we leave, Watrous will always be part of our lives."

Grandfather to Avery and former mayor of Watrous Ed Collins gave the response. Sharing about how the graduates played an important part in their communities, Ed thanked them for their work in various jobs and other roles as they helped to make their hometowns a better place. The former mayor also recalled being at a Winston High School



Doug Thomas



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graduation 30 years prior where it was his son graduating. Now with his granddaughter receiving a diploma, Collins said it brought back a lot of great memories.

He also thanked the class for providing entertainment to the communities like competing in sporting events and dance competitions. He also appreciated the volunteerism. "That showed you cared." Encouraging the graduates to continue to volunteer, Ed said they would find it

rewarding. "Your willingness to learn and gain experience will benefit you moving forward."

Wishing the grads all the best and reminding them to never forget their roots, Collins end-

ed by stating they should all be proud. "We are all proud of you."

After Collins, graduate Sarah Pilling gave the tribute to the parents. Sharing about how lessons and advice from parents to their kids has changed over the years, Pilling added the advice remains important whether the graduates felt it was or not. Going into the world where lots can happen, Sarah said parents can provide each

of the graduates with meaningful advice like accepting everyone you meet, being true to yourself and paying your bills on time. Thanking the parents for

all that they have done, Sarah's mom Kristie then gave the response.

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Lee

(nee Lena Eskowich)

December 2, 1929 - May 29, 2021

Loyal, smart, generous, strong, giving, funny, energetic.

Lee Miller slipped away in her sleep at BowCrest Care Centre in Calgary on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at the age of 91 years. Lee was born on December 2, 1929 to Klem and Eva Eskowich on the farm near Margo, Sask. She worked hard on the farm, growing up during the great depression, and that work ethic was strong throughout her whole life. She was an excellent student, and went on to become a teacher, attending Normal School in Saskatoon. Her early career was spent in small country school houses, but soon took her to Uranium City where she met her husband, Mack, an RCMP officer.

Always adventurous, Lee rode horses bareback to school as a kid, Lee and Mack hitchhiked together in Europe, they water-skied on lakes and rivers near Burnaby and New Westminster, and downhill skied at Mount Baker in Washington State and around the lower Mainland. It was in Hazelton, B.C. that they started their family in 1964 but for Lee, the pull back to Saskatchewan was strong. They settled in Young in 1967 where Lee became a tough, fair and well-respected teacher to her many students over the years. During that time she also earned her B.Ed. through night school at U of S, making the trip back and forth to Saskatoon many, many times.

The family spent countless days at the cabin built with love on the shore of Fishing Lake, close to Lee's childhood home, and Lee was so pleased and proud to share experiences there with extended family. Lee was the instigator of numerous family trips – among these were skiing in Banff while staying in a camper van, camping in northern Saskatchewan, and an exciting journey to Ukraine to connect with family that had been separated since the late 1920s.

Lee officially retired from teaching and the family moved to Saskatoon when the kids started university. For most people, retirement is a time to relax, but a passion for plants native to the prairie provinces led to more hard work in the form of a native plant nursery. Never one to stay idle for long, Lee also took teaching contracts at SIAST, SIIT, and particularly enjoyed teaching on local reserves. She liked the flexibility and took contracts around visits to her beloved grandchildren.

Fiercely loyal, loving and generous, Lee always had extra room at the table, and in the house or cabin. Family always knew where the key was hidden when they needed it. She loved a good visit, and definitely a good laugh! She spent a lot of time in her large gardens, or in the kitchen canning or freezing the harvest, or making perogies and cookies to share. Involving the grandkids in food harvesting and baking was a great joy to her!

At their children's urging, Mack and Lee moved to Calgary in the summer of 2017. We are so grateful for the time this move allowed the family to spend with Mom/Grandma/Great-Grandma.

Lee was predeceased by her beloved husband Mack, her parents, Eva and Klem, brothers Bill (Gerda) and Harry (Freda), and two baby siblings. Left to feel the loss are her son Karl (Sanna), daughter Jody (Egon), grandchildren Ashley, Aidan, Mike, Maddi, Brendan, Kai, and Matilda, extra-special great-granddaughter Ilyana, and her beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

For Lee, relationships with family and friends were so important, and food was always a key component. We wish we could have had a reception complete with perogies and cabbage rolls for everyone who wanted to come, but due to current restrictions, a family-only celebration of life was held on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. A Video LiveStream will be available and we sincerely hope you will join us virtually on Lee's tribute page at www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com. Because we can't chat and share stories in person, we would love to hear your thoughts and tributes on the tribute page. Interment followed on Sunday, June 13 in Margo, Sask., Lee's original home and not far from "the lake".

Because of the gift of modern medicine, Lee lived a long life despite heart disease (and other illnesses overcome over the years). If family or friends wish to donate to a charity, we know Lee would have appreciated your support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Royal University Hospital (RUH) Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Saskatoon Funeral Home 306-244-5577.

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- Love you and miss you, Ron and families.



Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for all the messages, cards, flowers, plants and food that were delivered after the passing of my brother.

- Love you all, Colleen and Bev

In memory

VAUGHN - In loving memory of "Donnie", who passed away 5 years ago, June 18, 2016:

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asked to give a speech, Kristie said along with her husband Jason, the pair have been able to teach, coach, and influence many of the graduates over the years. "You are a very unique class but you are also a hardworking, driven and smart class."

Citing there are leaders throughout the graduating class, Pilling then left the group with some advice:

- leave home. You are fortunate to have been raised here but go somewhere to see, learn and experience. Meet people and have a meaningful conversation;
- unplug. Put your electronic devices away or you will miss out on experiences and meeting people. Focus on the positives and not the criticisms;
- find your people and you may also find love. Love with all your might and that includes loving yourself;
- find a path and if it is one without challenges, it probably won't lead anywhere;
- be accountable and be able to move on;
- do not lie;
- never stop learning no matter how old you get;

- always question what you learn;
- always read what you sign; and
- thank your parents.

Pilling then ended her speech citing the lyrics from the song: Humble and Kind by Tim McGraw.

Giving this year's tribute to the graduates was teacher Evan Libke. After a few laughs by sharing some excuses he has heard from a couple of the graduates over the years, in



Evan Libke

all seriousness, Libke talked about everyone facing difficulties during the pandemic including the graduates. "This group faced

some unique challenges including things that we took for granted when we were their age."

Recalling missed opportunities because of the pandemic, Libke said the graduates were also able to utilize the situation and bonded with classmates, grew their relationships that they may not have normally done and had time to pick up new skills and hobbies. And for some, he suggested they maybe even tried to improve their grades.

While he added there will be many more challenges ahead, Libke said the graduates will get through them like they have done before. Wishing the class good luck as many more chapters are left to be written, a powerpoint presentation then followed Libke.

With images of each graduate shown on

the screen, graduates Shelby Allin, Mitchell Harding, Isaac Jensen and Amy Sundquist (pictured below) started the presentation before changing places with graduates Morgan Hendry, Maddison Rheaume and Jaycee Sperling as each provided

information about the grads and their future plans.

After the presentation, WHS teacher Barry Croshaw was announced as the guest speaker. Bringing humour and wisdom, Croshaw began explaining what an honour it was that he would be asked to share



Barry Croshaw

there were graduating this year. With his wit and receiving some laughs throughout his speech, Croshaw was also serious and explained what a tremendous impact the pandemic has had. Whether it was missing out on opportunities at school, interacting with other students in the hallways or common area or not being able to compete in sports, Croshaw said the graduates need to carry on and grow as individuals throughout the challenges they will face. "You are about to embark on your own personal journey."

Commenting how interconnected the class is around the world due to all of the technological advancements, Croshaw said if the students are willing, they can become agents of change to make the world a better place.

The graduates were encouraged to embrace their past but to also not live in it. Croshaw then continued by sharing a few points of advice:

- have integrity and do what is right;
- be kind in how you treat people;
- breathe. Take time to enjoy life;
- expand your horizons;
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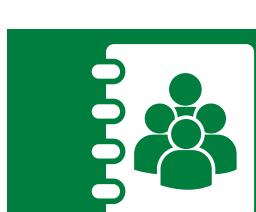
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JUNE

- The Annual General Meeting of Interlake Human Resources Corporation (IHRC) will take place June 29, 4:30 p.m. at the Watrous Interlake building, 116 Main Street, Watrous, Sask. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it will be an IHRC members only meeting. IHRC membership/s can be obtained by phoning 306-946-2577./24-3c

JULY

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- WATROUS ROTARY CLUB meets alternating Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at various locations. Call 306-946-2689 for more information./19tfc

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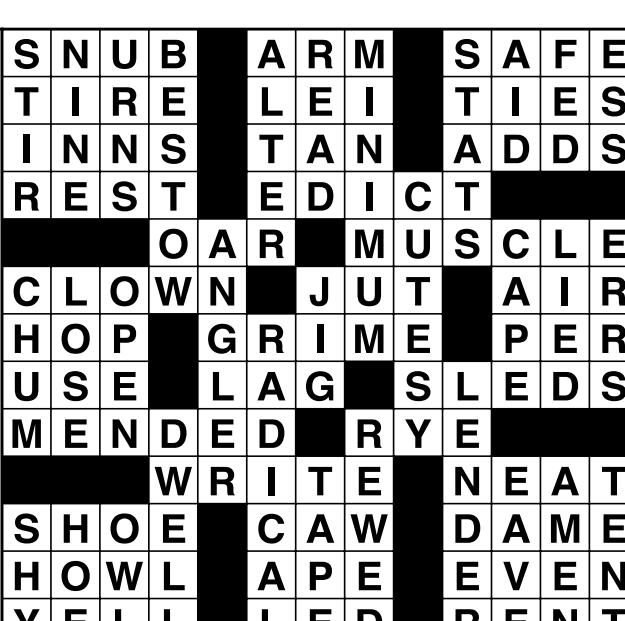


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and not extra money.

Like Kristie Pilling, Croshaw also quoted lyrics, but from Lee Ann Womack's song, I Hope You Dance.

Concluding his speech, Croshaw said it was tremendous to have the graduates in school and encouraged them to use their unique abilities and personalities.

Following Croshaw was this year's valedictorian, graduate Daniel Martin.

Thanking his classmates for the honour of representing them, Martin also mentioned how much of an impact his mom, dad and grandfather had on his life. Also thanking the teachers for putting up with the class, Martin said after his older brother gave a tribute to the community a few years ago, he decided to begin writing a speech in hopes of one day being able to follow in his brother's footsteps.

Sharing about having a great class, Martin also quipped that it may not have been the most mature or responsible class but noted how the group improved as years went along. "I think a ton of people would be proud. We are a smart, athletic, charming and good looking group."

As new faces joined the class throughout the years of schooling, Martin highlighted a few strengths including the group being able to let things go. He also believed that any of his fellow classmates who put in the



Daniel Martin

hard work and commitment in their given passion would be able to reach their goals.

Providing a few words of wisdom before passing the torch, Martin told his peers:

- do not be stupid. Think before you do something;
- do not let anyone crash your dreams;
- be prepared for what is to come. While you may not always succeed, there is a reason and we can pick ourselves up and learn from those experiences.

"I love this town and I love this class," said Martin adding if he ever has kids and they one day attend a similar school or live in a community like Watrous, "they will turn out pretty great."

Following Martin's valedictorian address, a video was played of the passing of the torch between Daniel and Gr. 11 student Pearce Bartko. From there, principal Terry Braman was on hand as each graduate took a scroll from a table and headed to centre stage. As each graduate was announced with their scroll, at the end of the presentation, Armstrong announced the program reached its conclusion for the evening.

The 2021 WHS graduates include: Shelby Allin, John Arsenal, Evan Borsa, Rebecka Braun, Avery Collins, Peyton Dinkel, Easton Ediger, Megan Fisher, Brett Grindheim, Sydney Hallborg, Mitchell Harding, Morgan Hendry, Lucas Holmes-Gundry, Julia Jenewein, Liam Jennett, Isaac Jensen, Caden Lee, Reier Lee, Andrew Lewis, Jackson Mark, Jake Martens, Ricky Martens, Daniel Martin, Alex McDonald, Travis McGrath, Sage Mierau, Benicio Moya-Moneo, Sean Nimchuk, Jordyn Parker, Carter Pidhorodetsky, Sarah Pilling, Madison Rheaume, Dave Rivera, Ethan Schilling, Rachel Schroeder, Jacob Siegfried, Jaycee Sperling, Connor Stewart, Spencer Stokke, Amy Sundquist, Matthew Sundquist, Sikwan Swan, Jeremy Wiebe, and Jaida Yanoshewski.



► With the province moving closer to reopening, outdoor sports like soccer have been given the green light to resume games without masks. In the case of Watrous and Lanigan, that has meant the two soccer associations began having games against each other earlier this month. As part of that, teams from Lanigan travelled to Watrous and teams from Watrous have also ventured to Lanigan.

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