

I have always been proud to call Edgerton my home; the friendly people, the inviting community and the endless support. I know wherever I go and whatever I do, I can reflect back to my roots and say “that’s where I came from, they made me who I am.” My name is Kensey Spornitz and I have lived and gone to school in Edgerton all of my life. I live on a 4th generation farm, north of Edgerton and am fortunate to have been brought up in such a welcoming community. It is a natural thing for my family to be involved with the community, I have grown up watching them be actively involved in multiple sport and recreational committees, 4-H groups and different boards, such as the Agricultural Society, Seed Plant, Library, Golf Club, Curling Club and School Board.

Growing up with such a powerful encouragement of community involvement, I myself have become involved with various committees representing our village, being part of the 100 year celebration, the curling committee and 4-H. Working for the village as a summer student, helping in the upkeep of the outside appearance, growing trees, watering flowers, cutting grass etc. was an honour as I got to do my part to keep my village –my home- looking beautiful. During this job, I also got the opportunity to work with the local youth, planning activities and games for them, hopefully inspiring them to be proud of their hometown and help them to have an understanding of the importance of community involvement.

I am very proud to be able to call Edgerton home, I can walk down the street and someone will always be there to wave and give a smile. This friendly environment, filled with loving people, has taught me that it is the small things that make a difference; such as the simple offering of a smile. Choosing to move away from home was a tough decision but I decided to move to Camrose as it is a smaller community, just like home. Growing up in Edgerton I know that I am always supported and safe, whether it be through the lifelong friendships or through the community. It is amazing to grow up in a welcoming community filled with people so willing to come together and make the place they call home, the best it can be.

I have gone to Edgerton Public School all my life and have made lifelong friends, as well as experienced many leadership, academic and athletic opportunities. Leadership opportunities have not come just through our school, but also through our progressive 4-H Club that promotes the importance of learning by experience. I am also involved in many athletics including track, curling, volleyball and badminton and am not just involved in these sports within our school, but within our community as well. I am proud to have gone to school in Edgerton, gaining a well rounded education that can benefit my life greatly and will assist me in my future endeavours.

Edgerton has provided me with many opportunities including the community held event, “Medical Skills Day”. This community sponsored and run event, is what inspired me to pursue a future in physiotherapy; I was able to experience different careers within the medical field and was able to narrow down my decision to a career in physiotherapy, first getting an undergraduate degree in kinesiology. I am grateful to my community, as it was them that helped guide me in the direction of my future and I hope to give back to them as they gave to me.

Edgerton may be a small village but the progressive community and welcoming citizens make it bigger. Growing up in Edgerton shaped me into the person I am today and along with the feeling of pride, is the knowledge of never ending support. I am fortunate to have grown up in a community that, despite any differences, will always extend a helping hand and be there when support is needed. I chose our grad theme this year to be "small town, deep roots, big dreams." This theme symbolizes my pride in my community and the fact that despite wherever I go in my life, it was Edgerton that grew me into who I am today and it is here that I can always look to for support. Edgerton is a supportive community that welcomes everyone and anyone, this community may not be the biggest in size but it has the biggest heart.