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Joe Zomer rides through the balloon course during the Manitoba Mounted Shooting Association event in Miami on Sunday. Competitors aimed to pop 10 targets as quickly and accurately as possible using .45-calibre revolvers.

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Mounted shooting event kicks off MMSA season in Miami

By Lana Meier

Riders from across the region gathered in Miami over the weekend as the Manitoba Mounted Shooting Association kicked off its 2025 season with a two-day event showcasing speed, accuracy and horsemanship. Held May 31 and June 1 at the Double Z Arena, the event drew 16

competitors who raced on horseback through timed courses while shooting balloon targets using .45-calibre single-action revolvers loaded with black powder blanks. “It’s a sport that combines cowboy skills and precision shooting,” said organizer Josie McEwan, who also serves as the MMSA’s secretary. “The



STANDARD PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT
Herma Zomer of Miami, competes during the Manitoba Mounted Shooting Association's season-opening event on Sunday. She was one of 16 riders taking part in the high-speed shooting competition.

goal is to hit all 10 balloons in the fastest time possible — and it’s harder than it looks.” Competitors use two five-shot revolvers and switch mid-run, aiming to complete the course in about 12 seconds. Each missed balloon adds a five-second penalty to their final time. To protect the horses from the sound of gunfire, the animals are fitted with earplugs. Mounted shooting is governed by the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association and has grown in popularity in Manitoba over the past decade. The MMSA is based in Miami, Man., and takes part in events across the prov-

ince, including demonstrations at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and competitions at the Manitoba Stampede in Morris. The weekend’s “Miami Shootout” marked the first stop on the MMSA’s 2025 calendar. Additional events are expected to follow throughout the summer. “It’s an adrenaline rush,” said McEwan. “But more than that, it’s a great way to bring the community together and keep the Western heritage alive.” For more information about upcoming events or to get involved, the MMSA maintains an active presence on Facebook.



This dedicated team of volunteers reset balloons between each run during the Manitoba Mounted Shooting Association event in Miami last weekend, ensuring the course was ready for every competitor.



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Young couple plants the seeds of a farm dream

Asparagus sales take off for new farm near Carman

By E. Antonio

A new option for homegrown asparagus and apples is now available just outside of Carman. Lily and Crocus Homestead, a small farm run by Arielle and Pat Le Heiget, offers both pick-up and delivery for its fresh produce.

The couple purchased their property between Carman and Graysville last fall, inheriting an established asparagus patch and 10 apple trees. Starting a farm business had long been a shared dream, and the bounty on their new land presented the perfect opportunity to begin.

"The first day we met, we instantly clicked over cows, so it's always been our dream to one day have a livestock farm to connect us back to the day we met," said Arielle, who met Pat while they were both studying agriculture at the University of Manitoba.

She will receive her master's degree



Orders for fresh asparagus are being taken now.

in animal science this June, while Pat is working toward his master's in plant science. Despite busy careers—Arielle with a poultry feed company and Pat in corn and soybean research—they come home after work each day to harvest and prepare produce for their customers.

Though she grew up in Winnipeg, Arielle's passion for agriculture was shaped by time spent on her family's century farm in Saskatchewan working with cattle. Pat, meanwhile, grew up on a mixed farm in Manitoba. The farm's name, Lily and Crocus, reflects



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Lily and Crocus Homestead is a new small business located near Carman that sells asparagus and apples. Pictured are the owners, Arielle and Pat Le Heiget.

their roots: Saskatchewan's provincial flower and Manitoba's provincial

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Canada needs bold agriculture trade policy

By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork Council

A former Prime Minister once quipped from the campaign trail that “an election is no time to talk about serious issues”. When it comes to providing opportunities for Canadians, however, policy matters far more than partisan politics. We have had a federal election, and a Cabinet has been appointed. We now need the government to have a laser-like focus on the fundamentals of good policy.

I have heard farmers express the view that agriculture is an afterthought around the cabinet table. The sector makes up about seven percent of the Canadian gross domestic product, or \$150 billion per year, and employs 2.3 million Canadians, representing one in nine jobs across the country. An acknowledgement, by the whole cabinet, of the critical contribution that agriculture makes to the Canadian economy would be a good way for the new federal government to offset farmers’ frustration about the placement of agriculture in national policy priorities.

Trade must be the priority issue for the new Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. In 2024, Canadian agriculture and food exports exceeded \$100 billion, yet the policies that will support and expand Canadian agriculture and food exports are not always considered when Canada’s trade positions are set. A positive key first step signaling a shift in focus for agriculture policy would be the explicit inclusion of agriculture in the “Team Canada” missions that are part of our outreach with U.S. customers and policy makers.

While agriculture, like most Canadian industries, has rightfully focused on the threat of U.S. tariffs in the past few months, protectionism is growing around the world. Canadian pork and seafood exports to China face a 25 percent tariff. Canola products have been hit with a 100 percent tariff by the Chinese government. Canadian agriculture and food exports have been sidelined by European non-tariff

barriers, despite the Canada–European Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Growing protectionism is compounded by rising political uncertainty, with the war in Ukraine and instability in the Middle East just two examples. Canada needs a strategic plan to deal with these threats.

The new federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Hon. Heath MacDonald, could hit the ground running if he were to set up, together with representatives from export agriculture, a task group with the mandate to develop a strategic plan for agriculture and agri-food trade. This joint government and industry task group should set out to answer three basic questions. First, in the short term, how does Canada mitigate the impact of tariffs and potential tariffs on agriculture and food exports? Second, what is the strategic plan to eliminate non-tariff and tariff trade barriers currently blocking Canadian agriculture and food exports? And third, what is the strategic plan to diversify markets for Canadian agriculture and food exports?

The overarching goal of the task group should be to set out a clear plan that will preserve the integrated North American market for agriculture and food products, and to eliminate tariff and non-tariff trade barriers around the world.

The effort to develop a strategic plan for agriculture and food trade cannot only be carried out by governments. There is also work to be done by farm groups and industry stakeholders. There are over 400 farm groups across Canada. This means that governments do not always receive a coherent consensus position from the sector. It is incumbent upon farmers, those who represent farmers, along with food processors and manufacturers, to develop clear policy proposals aimed at the expansion of agriculture and food exports. If the Minister receives 400 different opinions, they face a risky policy position where any action would be subject to opposi-



**Cam Dahl, General Manager
Manitoba Pork Council**

tion by somebody. Lack of consensus within agriculture opens the door for governments to do nothing.

Agriculture and food trade is not just a matter of economic policy, it is also a national security issue, given the increasingly less stable geopolitical environment. This is especially true for the three countries who are signatories to the Canada–U.S.–Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). Canadian farmers can help deliver a reliable and safe food supply for consumers. This value from Canadian agriculture must be demonstrated in the strategic plan for agriculture and food trade and emphasized in upcoming trade discussions, including the impending review of CUSMA.

The recent election campaign saw the major parties promising a new approach to trade policy to respond to growing protectionism in both North America and around the world. The new federal government, including the new Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, has an opportunity to put these promises into action for farmers, processors, and the millions of Canadians who work in the sector. Current disruptions to world trade can be turned into opportunities for Canadian agriculture, but only if we see bold and decisive policy. The alternatives will be bad for farmers, bad for Canadian value-added processing, and undermine the potential for growth in the Canadian economy.

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Ride For Dad plate unveiled to support prostate cancer fight

By Annaliese Meier

Motorcyclists in Manitoba now have a new way to show their support in the fight against prostate cancer.

Manitoba Public Insurance has unveiled a new Ride For Dad specialty licence plate, with proceeds directed to the Manitoba Prostate Cancer Support Group. The announcement was made Saturday during the annual Ride For Dad kickoff event in Winnipeg.

"Working with groups like Ride For Dad, and the many others we've partnered with over the years, to create specialty licence plates helps generate critical funding for charities in the province," said Satvir Jatana, president and CEO of MPI. "We are proud to support communities across Manitoba and groups like Ride For Dad and MPCSG, who are making a direct impact on the lives of people impacted by prostate cancer."

The plate — the 15th design available under MPI's Specialty Plate Program — will cost \$70, with \$30 from each sale going to MPCSG. The organization offers education, awareness and support to Manitobans affected by prostate cancer.

Justice Minister Matt Wiebe, who is also responsible for MPI, praised the partnership.

"Prostate cancer affects thousands of Manitobans, and our government is pleased to partner with MPI and unveil the Ride For Dad specialty licence plate in support of this very



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Officials gathered to unveil the new Ride For Dad specialty licence plate, which will support prostate cancer awareness and education in Manitoba. Pictured, from left: Justice Minister Matt Wiebe, Kirk Van Alstyne, Maria Campos, Carmen Nedohin and Moe Sabourin.

important cause," said Wiebe. "These plates are one way Manitobans can show solidarity in the fight against cancer and support life-saving research and education right here in our province."

Since its inception, the Specialty Plate Program has raised more than \$5.5 million for local causes.

Ride For Dad co-chair Moe Sab-

ourin said the plate is already generating excitement in the motorcycle community.

"The announcement of an official Manitoba Motorcycle Ride For Dad licence plate has the motorcycle community buzzing and will support prostate cancer awareness and education throughout the province," Sabourin said.

Fatal crash under investigation in RM of Stanley

By Lana Meier

A 64-year-old man is dead and another man is in hospital following a two-vehicle collision in the RM of Stanley on May 26.

Carman and Manitou RCMP responded to the crash around 6:15 a.m. at the intersection of Road 5 North and Road 25 West.

When officers arrived, firefighters

and EMS were already on scene. Two SUVs were found in the south ditch.

The driver of one of the vehicles, a 41-year-old Morden man, was transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the other SUV, a 64-year-old man from the RM of Stanley, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to the initial investigation, the 64-year-old was heading east on Road 5 North when he collided with the other SUV travelling south on Road 25 West. There are no stop signs at the intersection.

Pembina Valley RCMP, along with a traffic analyst and the RCMP's Criminal Collision Investigation Team, continue to investigate.

This week, the way it was through the years

100 Years Ago — June 5, 1925: Musical guests from Carman perform on CKY Radio; A.S. Doyle sells Spring Maid mattresses; Carman Bible and Training School's slogan is "Where Young Folks are Trained for Greater Worth"; Memorial Hall Movies are .25 & .50 with double features on Saturdays; Rutherford's Barber Shop offers free pool with haircuts.

75 Years ago, 1950: United Church's Rev Hetherington moves after 9 years; Mel Park & Al Sprott want your hogs

at Carman Frosted Foods; Milt Woods Orchestra plays every Friday night at Andrew's Barn Dance 4 miles east and 1 south; Meet the Cards introduces new players to readers.

50 Years ago, 1975: 1200 Winnipeg students visit Carman on the CNR excursion; Lloyd's 8 track, record player, AMP, speakers and table is \$299 at Co-op; Rick Preston wins the Travis North Memorial Trophy at Midland Track Meet; Parkland Floor advertises shag carpet at \$9.50 sq/yd; Ralph

Vanassen will install your carpet and linoleum.

25 Years ago, 2000: Walnut Street Tea Room under new ownership; Sarah Goethals of Elm Creek waits for heart transplant; Active Living Centre location up in the air; 13 fire departments partner in Mutual Aid training; Goldeyes are in 1st place in MJBL; Miami elementary classes moved in the new addition; D & M Fine Foods sells seedless watermelons for .33/lb.

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How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

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As any centenarian will tell you, a 100th birthday causes us to look back and to look forward at the same time. As a denomination we are both celebrating our past, and striving towards our call to Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice.

Churches are marking this special birthday in many ways. Stony Mountain and Lilyfield United Churches, where I serve, are beginning their celebrations with an old fashioned, 1925-style church picnic on June 22nd at Lilyfield United Church. Feel free to join our celebrations at 11 am!

As the daughter of overseas missionaries, I bring the unique experience of having been a part of Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations — the three denominations that formed Union in 1925.

I come from a musical family. If I had to describe how being a part of the United Church feels, it would be all about the music. We sing of God with many voices and with old and new words to express our faith and actions. Our song is brought to life through service, pastoral care and justice-seeking.

Unity is not always easy, but in my experience, The United Church of Canada finds unity through our diversity. We may not always agree, but we value unity so much that we work together for a world transformed by God's loving presence and action.

We meet under a big tent, where all are welcome and there is room for us to learn from one another and the lively Spirit of God. We value our connections and relationships with other denominations and other faiths.

In a rapidly changing world, we strive to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others and to seek justice for all.

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Sperling Industries honoured as Future Champion

By E. Antonio

Community, strength and efficiency are the qualities Sperling Industries strives to uphold — and its perseverance in providing valuable service has now been recognized at the provincial level.

Sperling Industries was one of 10 recipients of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce's Future Champion Award, which recognizes businesses and individuals committed to social and economic innovation through living, working and building a stronger future in Manitoba.

"Being an employer in Manitoba comes with its own set of challenges, but it's something we would never change," said Erin Dunn, quality manager at Sperling Industries. "This is home to us; it's where we started."

Founded in 1978 by Russ Nicolajsen, the company later welcomed his brothers Jeff and David to the team. Today, the family-owned steel business provides design, engineering, fabrication and installation services from its shop in Sperling. It employs about 120 people, including members of the second generation of the Nicolajsen family.

"We want to work with our customers to make sure we hit the mark and execute their requests with the utmost quality," Dunn said.

Sperling Industries is known for tackling a wide variety of projects, thanks to its skilled team and extensive fleet of machinery. From industry-specific equipment such as hog dehairers and honey melt tanks to

cranes and lifts, the company self-performs as much of its work as possible.

"Working directly with our community is very important to us. We work hard to maintain our clientele and make sure we're doing the best we can," Dunn added.

She said the company is honoured to be recognized by the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce, especially given its location in a rural community.

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce nominated Sperling Industries for the award, citing its innovation, dedication and community involvement.

"Their growth as a business while maintaining strong local roots makes them a model of what rural entrepreneurship can achieve," said Jodi Winkler, executive director of the Carman chamber. "Their vision, leadership and

investment in people made them an obvious choice for nomination."

Winkler added the company goes above and beyond in supporting local initiatives and prioritizing long-term success, while providing cutting-edge opportunities.

"Sperling Industries exemplifies what it means to be a future champion — not just in business, but in leadership and vision. Their success is a win for the entire community, and we're excited to see what they achieve next."

Dunn celebrated the award on May 12 with family members and col-

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— ERIN DUNN,
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Sperling Industries was one of 10 recipients of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce's Future Champion Award. The ceremony took place May 12 at the Club Regent Event Centre in Winnipeg. Pictured (L-R): Carman Chamber of Commerce president Marni Harrison, Sperling Industries employees Kara McCartney, Erin Dunn and Colin Nicolajsen, and Carman Chamber of Commerce executive director Jodi Winkler.

leagues. The team visited Government House, attended a luncheon with Lt.-Gov. Anita Neville, and wrapped up the day at the award ceremony and reception at Club Regent Event Centre.

She said celebrating with family was especially meaningful, as the next generation of Nicolajsens is stepping into operational roles while the founding generation nears retirement.

As Sperling Industries looks to the future, the company is nearing completion of a 13,800-square-foot

expansion to its main building. The new space will improve workflow efficiency and accommodate an Amada Ensis RI — a machine that allows for flatbed laser cutting and integrated tube and profile processing.

"We will try to continue supporting the community however we can," added Dunn. "We are a team here at Sperling, and our goal is to continually provide the best value we possibly can through both our products and services."

> LILY & CROCUS, FROM PG. 3

flower, respectively.

Starting small with asparagus and apples, the couple has bigger ambitions. They hope to one day expand their operation to include livestock and rotational grazing. With strong asparagus sales in their first season, they plan to increase supply within two to three years as they establish new crowns.

"Even though I've worked on various types of farms, nothing really prepares you to start your own business, or your own farm, until you do it yourself," said Arielle.

Their focus is on producing nutri-

tious food for the community while supporting sustainable agricultural practices.

"We both really enjoy growing our own food, supporting local and giving back to the community," she said. "It's a step towards our goal of producing nutritious produce for the community while doing our part to enhance the local ecosystem."

Pre-orders for asparagus are open now, with apple orders expected to begin in mid-August. The apple varieties include what they believe to be Honeycrisp, Goodland, Norkent, Hardi-Mac and Fall Red. They plan

to consult an expert this season to confirm each type.

Orders can be placed via a Google Form linked in their Instagram and Facebook bio (@lilycrocushomestead), or by calling/texting 204-230-6830. All orders must be confirmed before pick-up or delivery is arranged. Delivery is free within Carman, \$5 within a 30-minute drive, and \$10 for destinations up to an hour away. Pre-arranged orders can also be picked up at the farm gate, where a small stand is planned for the near future.

Typically, orders are fulfilled with-

in two weeks and are available for evening and weekend pick-up or delivery.

Asparagus pricing:

\$6/lb for orders of 0–2 lbs

\$5.50/lb for orders of 3–4 lbs

\$5/lb for orders of 5 lbs or more

Apple prices will be announced closer to the season

"We're looking forward to providing our community with produce they can enjoy and feel good about eating. Our hearts are so full from the support we've had over the last month," Arielle said.

Miami Horticultural Club raises nearly \$500 from annual plant sale

By Becca Myskiw

The Miami Horticultural Club has wrapped up another successful plant sale, raising nearly \$500 for local gardening initiatives.

Held on Friday, May 23, at the pavilion by the campground, the annual sale offers hardy, locally acclimatized plants at a fraction of in-store prices. The bright, sunny day drew plant enthusiasts from across southern Manitoba to browse the wide selection, all grown in the gardens of club members.

All plants sold at the event are started in local soil, making them well-adapted to Manitoba's growing conditions. Prices typically range from \$1 to a few dollars, depending on the type, size and pot. This year's offerings included perennials, vegetables, shrubs, bulbs, irises, delphiniums,

succulents, peonies, houseplants and even a rose bush.

"You're probably safer buying them from someone that's dug them up," said Lynn Sprott of the club. "Once they've been established and growing, you know that they're good plants and you know that they can be depended on."

One Miami resident contributed significantly to this year's sale by inviting the club to dig up perennials from her yard. Seven members visited her home the night before the sale, dug up the plants, potted and boxed them for the event.

"It certainly contributed to our sale," said Sprott. "We appreciate her kindness."

Each year, the club also invites a local greenhouse to participate. This year, the Miami Colony returned after

a successful showing in 2024. Sprott praised the colony for offering "gorgeous, healthy plants" and said they may return for a third year in 2026.

The sale raised \$475 for the club, which will help fund the annual horticultural show in August. This year's show is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Miami community hall. The event attracts gardeners from Miami, Carman, Morden, Roland, Manitou and surrounding areas, who come to display their best plants for judging.

Sprott said the Miami show is the last of its kind in the Pembina Valley, making it an important event for local horticulturalists. The show features more than 600 entry classes, including special categories for junior gardeners. The club's junior gardening program has 16 children aged four to eight enrolled this year, up from 12 in

2023. Through the program, young participants learn how to plant seeds properly, care for their gardens and develop a love for horticulture.

There's no membership fee to join the club. Sprott said while there are about a dozen regular members, many others lend a hand when help is needed.

"I always say everyone's a member as long as they like gardening," she said.

The club also announced this year's scholarship recipient: Nyomi Pearson. She was recognized for her academic achievements and service to the Miami community.

Throughout the summer, the club will once again host its Yard of the Month contest, recognizing residents who have significantly improved their outdoor spaces.

Attention Residents of the Rural Municipality of Grey

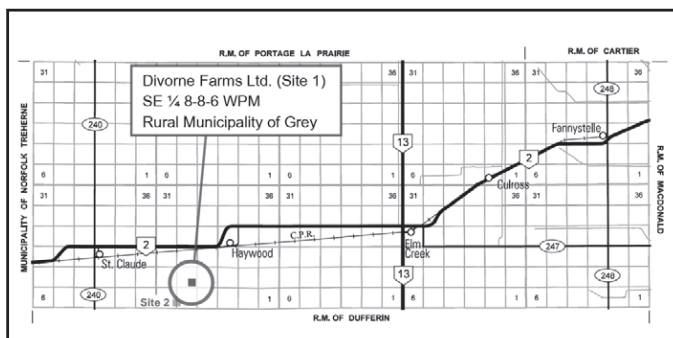
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concerning the proposed expansion of a dairy operation. Divorve Farms Ltd. – Site 1 (TRC 12-113)

The RM of Grey has received a conditional use application from Divorve Farms Ltd. to expand a dairy operation at SE ¼ 8-8-6 WPM from 535 to 1750 mature cows (lactating

and dry) including associated livestock (1070 to 3500 Animal Units). This application has been sent to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations for review, pursuant to Section 112 of The Planning Act.

If you would like to share your views concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by letter or email (TRC@gov.mb.ca) no later than **July 5, 2025**. After this date, the Livestock Technical Review Committee will complete its assessment of the application. Your letter or email must include your name and reference **TRC 12-113**.

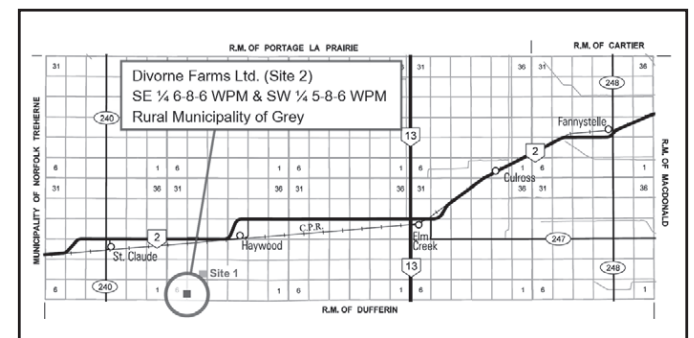


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The RM of Grey has received a conditional use application from Divorve Farms Ltd. to expand a dairy operation at SE ¼ 6-8-6 WPM and SW ¼ 5-8-6 WPM from 253 to 450 Heifers,

4-13 months and from 225 to 400 Heifers, >13 months (300 to 533 Animal Units in total). This application has been sent to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations for review, pursuant to Section 112 of The Planning Act.

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Carman United Church marks 100 years of faith and community

Celebrations set for June 7 and 8 to honour local and national legacy

By Emma McGill

Carman United Church will celebrate 100 years as part of the United Church of Canada with a weekend of events this June.

The celebrations begin Saturday, June 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. with a tea at the church featuring displays of historical memorabilia, photos and vintage dresses. On Sunday, June 8, a special worship service will take place at 11 a.m., followed by a community barbecue. Everyone is welcome to attend both events. A silver collection will be taken in support of the Mission and Service fund.

While the United Church of Canada

was founded in 1925, the Carman congregation's building dates back even earlier. The current structure — originally Albert Carman Methodist Church — was completed between 1906 and 1907, replacing a previous church that had burned in 1905. The church was named after Bishop Albert Carman (1833–1917), for whom the town of Carman is also named.

Designed by Winnipeg architect William Fingland, the two-storey brick building is an exceptional example of English Gothic Revival architecture. It features pointed arch windows, brick buttresses, steeply pitched roofs, and ornate towers — including a domi-



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Carman United Church, originally built in 1907, will host a centennial celebration on June 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. to mark 100 years as part of the United Church of Canada.



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Carman United Church, a two-storey brick building constructed in 1906-07, features Romanesque Revival architecture with arched windows, a central tower and stained glass by Luxfer Prism of Toronto.

nant north tower with a spire and an ornate St. Andrew's cross. The stained-glass windows, created by Luxfer Prism Co. of Toronto, remain a defining interior feature, along with the church's excellent acoustics.

Inside, the sanctuary follows a traditional Akron plan with U-shaped pews, a gradually sloped floor leading to the pulpit, and a vaulted ceiling. Much of the original woodwork, transomed vestibule doors, and light fixtures remain intact, and the building retains its historic yellow and brown colour scheme.

The church officially became part of the United Church of Canada in 1925 when its Methodist congregation voted to unite with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and other Protestant denominations across the country. Although the Carman congregations continued to hold separate services for a time, they formally merged in July 1941. The church and its lot were

designated a municipal heritage site in 1988.

In a message recognizing the national centennial, Manitoba Lieutenant Governor Anita R. Neville praised the enduring role of churches in communities.

"It is admirable that your church community continues to evolve over time to best address the spiritual needs of your congregants in these challenging times around the world," said Neville.

Reverend Harold Kenyon, who grew up in Elm Creek and now serves in ministry at Carman United Church, said the building is more than a place of worship — it's a vital part of the town's fabric.

"I am very proud to live here and to serve our district and the wider church," said Kenyon. "Carman has been a wonderful place to raise our family."

He noted the church has long served

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as a hub for the community, not only hosting weddings, funerals and baptisms, but also providing ongoing support to those in need.

"Our church has long been a valued community hub providing resources and support to people in crisis and those who are food insecure," said Kenyon. "We have joined community partners in sponsoring refugees and have been privileged to host a citizenship ceremony. We believe that collaboration and working together is the best way forward."

Carman United Church is one of more than 2,400 congregations nationwide that make up the United Church of Canada — the country's largest Protestant denomination. Formed through the merger of Methodist, Congregationalist and many Presbyterian congregations, the national church was created in 1925 as a uniquely Canadian faith body rooted in service, inclusion and progressive ministry. Today, more than one million Canadians still identify with the church.

Located at the corner of 1st Street SW and 3rd Avenue SW, Carman United Church remains a landmark of spiritual and architectural significance — a place where community and history continue to meet.



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Carman Collegiate senior band earns top marks at Minnesota festival

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Collegiate’s senior band students recently received a superior rating for their performance at a music festival in Minnesota.

The school band participated in the Trills and Thrills Music Festival in St. Paul, Minnesota, in partnership with Sanford Collegiate. Band teacher Paula Kirkland learned about the festival from a colleague who had recently taken his students there and thought it would be a great experience for her group.

The festival ran over three days — Friday, May 16, Saturday, May 17, and Friday, May 23. Carman and Sanford students travelled from Wednesday, May 21, to Saturday, May 24, with their performance taking place on May 23.

The Trills and Thrills festival gives bands a chance to perform professionally and receive adjudicated feedback from experienced evaluators, offering insight into how they can improve. It also allows students to hear and connect with other bands from across North America.

“We like to go somewhere and make an event out of performing to give the program a bit more of a boost,” said Kirkland. “We just haven’t been able to do that in recent years.”

The COVID-19 pandemic halted much of the school’s travel opportunities, including band trips. Kirkland, who aims to provide her students with more touring experiences, made it a priority this year to get the band to Minnesota.

Though the current political climate has made travel to the U.S. feel uncertain for some Canadian groups, Kirkland said their experience was welcoming and music-focused.

“We were able to just go down and be there for the music,” she said.

Band class is an elective course at Carman Collegiate. On the school’s six-day cycle, the senior band meets every other day for about an hour. The group of just under 20 students spans Grades 9 to 12 and includes flutes, clarinets, trumpets, trombones, percussion and more.

Due to the pandemic, many older students missed



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Band: The Carman Collegiate senior band recently went to the Trills and Thrills Music Festival in Minneapolis and received a superior grade from the adjudicators.

out on earlier band opportunities, so the current senior band is made up mostly of younger students. There is one student in Grade 11 and four in Grade 12.

“They have really done a good job of adapting to the challenging music we’ve played and taking ownership of the band itself and where they want to see it go,” said Kirkland. “They’ve really kind of gelled as a group.”

Despite being a younger ensemble, the senior band received a superior rating at the festival. They performed two pieces — Midnight Zoomies and Dark Matter — earning scores of 91 and 92 per cent, surpassing their own expectations.

“It was a lot of positive feedback,” said Kirkland.

“They encouraged them to try more challenging music. They felt like our band had the potential to play at a higher level than what it was.”

The band had already been working on a more advanced piece — Northern Lights — and the encouraging feedback gave them the confidence to perform it. They showcased it, along with another selection, at Carman Collegiate’s Arts Appreciation Night on Tuesday, June 3. The event also featured visual art from students in the school’s art program and from a French class Kirkland teaches.

Now in her third year at Carman Collegiate, Kirkland hopes to continue expanding the arts program. Along with more travel opportunities for the band, she’s also hoping to start a choir at the school.

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Carman Legion honours veterans with Decoration Day service

By Lana Meier

The Carman Legion Branch 18 held its annual Decoration Day service Sunday afternoon at Greenwood Cemetery, paying tribute to local veterans who served Canada in times of war and peace.

The ceremony began at 2 p.m. and included a solemn observance of remembrance, with participants gathering to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served in the Armed Forces. Following the formal service, Canadian flags were placed on the graves of veterans laid to rest in the cemetery.

“Lest we forget,” was the message echoed throughout the afternoon — a phrase that serves as a lasting reminder of the bravery and commitment shown by generations of military personnel.

Decoration Day is a longstanding tradition in Carman and across Canada, offering a moment in spring to honour veterans outside of Remembrance Day. Organized by Legion members and supported by the community, the service continues to be a meaningful way to educate younger generations and ensure the legacy of service and sacrifice endures.

Carman Legion Branch 18 invites residents to take part each year as a way to show respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy today.

This year, 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, offering a significant moment to reflect on the sacrifices made during the conflict. While the 80th anniversary of D-Day was commemorated in 2024, the broader context of the war’s conclusion in 1945 is being observed this year.



Sgt-at-Arms Jim Scott and Ladies Auxiliary member Marlene Rose participate in the wreath-laying ceremony during the annual Decoration Day service.

D-Day, on June 6, 1944, was a pivotal operation during World War II, involving over 150,000 Allied troops landing on the beaches of Normandy, France. This massive amphibious assault marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi occupation. The operation, known as Operation Overlord, resulted in significant casualties but ultimately led to the downfall of Nazi Germany.



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Top, Carman Legion Branch 18 President Kyrke Nussey and Padre Harold Kenyon lead the Decoration Day service at the podium, with the Colour Party standing in formation behind them at Greenwood Cemetery on June 1. Bottom Harley Shepherd lays a wreath on behalf of the members of Carman Legion Branch 18 in honour of local veterans.



Scouts Leader Edwin Pritchard pays his respects during the Carman Legion's Decoration Day observance on June 1.



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Marking 80 Years: Stories of Canadian Sacrifice in the Second World War

By Ty Dilello

As the world marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day — the pivotal Allied invasion that began the liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe — Canadians also reflect on the lesser-known sacrifices made across other fronts of the Second World War. From the beaches of Normandy to the hills of Hong Kong, nearly 1.1 million Canadians served in uniform. Their stories span continents, and their legacies endure in the memories of families and communities across the country.

In 1941, the Canadian government dispatched 1,975 soldiers to Hong Kong to reinforce the city's garrison against an impending attack by the Japanese Imperial Army near the start of the Second World War.

That attack took place on Dec. 7, 1941, resulting in the deaths of 290 Canadians and wounding 483 more. The survivors became prisoners of war (POWs), held by a brutal and indifferent enemy. Among them were several young men from Pilot Mound, including three Agerbak brothers.

Originally from Odense, Denmark, the Agerbak family emigrated to Manitoba in 1927 and settled in the Pilot Mound area. The brothers — Borge, Tage and Knud — were in their 20s when they volunteered to help the war effort. Despite having lived in Canada for only about a decade, they felt compelled to serve their new country.

"Their dad served in the First World War in the Danish army, so it was kind of passed on to them — wanting to be in the service," said Carol Hadley, daughter of Borge Agerbak. "These guys were all volunteers, as



Borge Agerbak

there wasn't conscription in Canada. During the Depression, jobs weren't available. This was a regular paying job, and they were sent out on garrison duty. They weren't fully trained, but they felt it was their duty. My dad always had that belief. I remember when I was younger, he wanted us to vote — said it was our privilege. I didn't even know he was a veteran until high school, as he didn't talk about it."

The brothers joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers and, after brief training, were deployed across the Pacific Ocean. The unit arrived in Hong Kong in November 1941 to support British forces. For a few short weeks, the soldiers enjoyed exploring the city and taking in rickshaw rides.

Everything changed on Dec. 8, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. A simultaneous surprise assault occurred in Hong Kong.

Outnumbered and under-equipped, the Allied forces fought for 17 days. Their roughly 15,000 troops were no

match for more than 30,000 Japanese soldiers. Hong Kong fell on Christmas Day, with an estimated 2,113 Allied and 675 Japanese soldiers killed.

Tage Agerbak was critically injured on Dec. 20 in an explosion while defending a pillbox. He and several other wounded soldiers were left behind during the retreat and were never seen again.

Fellow Winnipeg Grenadier and POW Wallace Childs later



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The year 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Brothers Knud Agerbak, left, Tage Agerbak, middle, and Borge Agerbak (at the machine gun) of Pilot Mound served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers in the Battle of Hong Kong.

recounted, "Agerbak was dead in the shack when we left with the Japanese. Over 100 of us were jammed into the shack. Our own mortars saw the Japanese around it and dropped five bombs on us. About 35 walked out afterward."

Roughly 10,000 Allied soldiers who survived the battle were taken as prisoners of war. They were forced to work in shipyards and mines under horrific conditions — starved, tortured and deprived of medical care.

"They always made light of the treatment they got," said Hadley. "Despite how sick they were and how little food they had. The Japanese didn't believe in the Geneva Convention and treated the prisoners horribly."

At least 12 men from Pilot Mound served in Hong Kong: Guy Stewart, Jack Fordyce, Jack Hay, Bill Mayne, Ed Toews, Buzz Winram, Dick Currie, Ed Currie, Keith Stewart and the three Agerbaks. The Winnipeg Grenadiers drew nearly all the able-bodied young men from the town, which then had a population of only a few hundred.

Keith Stewart was the brother of Hockey Hall of Famer Jack "Black Jack" Stewart, while Guy Stewart was his cousin.

"I almost enlisted with the gang when the war broke out," said Jack Stewart during the war, while his brother was a POW. "Almost every boy in town joined up in 1939. Keith left his wife and three children be-

hind. Guy is married, too, and has a young son. All the boys I went to school with put on uniforms. But the family — Keith and Guy — urged me to stay in hockey. They liked the idea of having a National Hockey League player in the family. They said, 'It's easy to get a few soldiers in the family, but it isn't every day we can have a hockey big leaguer. You've got the right idea if you stay with the Red Wings.'"

Although Tage died in the fall of Hong Kong, both Borge and Knud survived more than three years of captivity and returned home at the end of the war. Borge weighed only 100 pounds — down from his usual 180 — a dramatic and tragic indication of the toll the ordeal had taken on every surviving POW.

Both brothers would go on to live long lives, dying in 2001. Borge and his wife regularly returned to Hong Kong every five years to honour Tage, visiting the Sai Wan Cemetery where his name is memorialized. In 2000, Hadley and her brother accompanied their father and his fellow veterans to revisit the place they once saw through younger eyes.

The last surviving Winnipeg Grenadier, George Peterson, died a few years ago at the age of 100. He was a member of the fabled Arden Seven — a group of friends and brothers from St. Vital's Arden Avenue who all

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DCS student wins provincial Remembrance Day essay contest

By Annaliese Meier

Emma Smith, a Grade 6 student at Dufferin Christian School (DCS), has won first place in the provincial level of the Legion's Remembrance Day Literary Contest for her heartfelt essay. Her entry will now advance to the national level, where it will be judged alongside submissions from across Canada.

The annual National Youth Remembrance Contests—organized by the Legion National Foundation in partnership with The Royal Canadian Legion—invite Canadian youth to honour veterans through visual art, writing, and video. Students may enter in one of several categories, including colour or black and white poster, poetry, and essay, with competitions held by age group.

Emma, who was 11 at the time of writing, chose to enter the essay category. Her piece imagined a deeply personal moment in which a young girl learns that her older brother has died in the war. Emma used the real name of a Canadian soldier in her story. While the essay itself will not be published at this time, the power of her words clearly resonated with judges at every level.

"Emma was thrilled to win this award," said her mother, Christa Smith. "Earlier in the year, she and her brother and sister had already received recognition in the first round of the contest, so to win again at the

provincial level was incredibly exciting for her."

Emma was presented with a certificate and a \$50 prize at her school by Karen Maxwell on behalf of the local Legion branch. A photo of the presentation was taken at Dufferin Christian School.

For the Smith family, the contest holds deep personal significance. "As parents, it's especially meaningful to us because our parents and grandparents were liberated from the Netherlands by Canadian soldiers," Smith explained. "My grandfather fought in the Dutch resistance against the Germans until the Canadians arrived to free them."

She added that the contest provides young Canadians with an important opportunity to connect with the past. "Remembering their sacrifice is something we hold close," said Smith. "Supporting our children in honouring that legacy through writing is a small but powerful way to keep their memory alive."

National winners receive a cash prize and, for first-place senior winners, the opportunity to travel to Ottawa and represent Canadian youth at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.

The Legion's contest aims to foster a strong tradition of remembrance among young Canadians and encourage reflection on the sacrifices made by veterans.



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Carman Legion member Karen Maxwell presents Emma Smith with a certificate and \$50 prize for her winning entry in the Royal Canadian Legion's annual Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest.

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fought in Hong Kong and survived captivity.

The Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association (HKVCA) will hold an 80th anniversary event in Ottawa from Aug. 14 to 17, 2025, to mark the end of the Second World War.

On Aug. 15, 1945, the 1,418 surviving Canadian POWs were released after three years and eight months of captivity. The date is recognized globally as Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day), and the 2025 event will honour their legacy and the memory of the 557 Canadians who died in battle or in captivity.

"Our intent is to recognize them in a significant way and to commemorate the deaths of their 557 fellow soldiers who died during the Battle of Hong Kong or during their captivity as POWs," said Hadley, who now serves as Prairie regional director for the HKVCA. "Theirs is a legacy Canadians should not forget."

The Ottawa event will include:

- A solemn ceremony at the Hong Kong Veterans Memorial Wall
 - Education sessions, including one at the Canadian War Museum featuring a Hong Kong historian
 - Story-sharing among descendants of veterans
 - A special focus on the more than 100 Indigenous soldiers who served in Hong Kong
 - A gala banquet with period-specific entertainment and a prominent Canadian guest speaker
- "Our association is a registered charity and has extremely limited financial resources," Hadley added. "We rely on the generosity of Canadian businesses and individuals to support our educational work, including the 80th anniversary of V-J Day."

More information on how to donate or get involved is available at hkvca.ca.

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DCS students bring courtroom drama to life with production of 12 Angry Jurors

By Becca Myskiw

Students at Dufferin Christian School (DCS) recently took to the stage to perform a courtroom classic originally written for an all-male cast.

The play 12 Angry Jurors — originally titled 12 Angry Men — explores the “huge responsibility of 12 ordinary people as they consider the guilt or innocence of a young man accused of murder.” First written during a time when only men could serve on juries, the production has since been adapted for gender-neutral casts — and that’s how DCS chose to perform it.

After auditions in September, co-director Hentie Jordaan ended up with the exact number of seriously interested students as there were roles. Everyone got a part, and by what Jordaan called a stroke of luck, they all formed his “dream cast” — a group committed to the production and who slipped into their roles effortlessly. The cast included 14 students and was co-directed by Jordaan, teacher Marsha Bultena, and DCS alumna Megan Bouwers.

DCS stages a drama production every second year. Their last show, in 2023, featured selected scenes from Shakespeare plays performed in the original language. The drama program is extracurricular, meaning every participating student chose to be part of it.

Jordaan said 12 Angry Jurors captures the tense deliberations of a jury in 1950s New York as they decide the fate of a young man accused of mur-



dering his father. The verdict will determine whether the man goes free or faces the electric chair.

The play deals with themes of prejudice, truth, and the importance of free discussion.

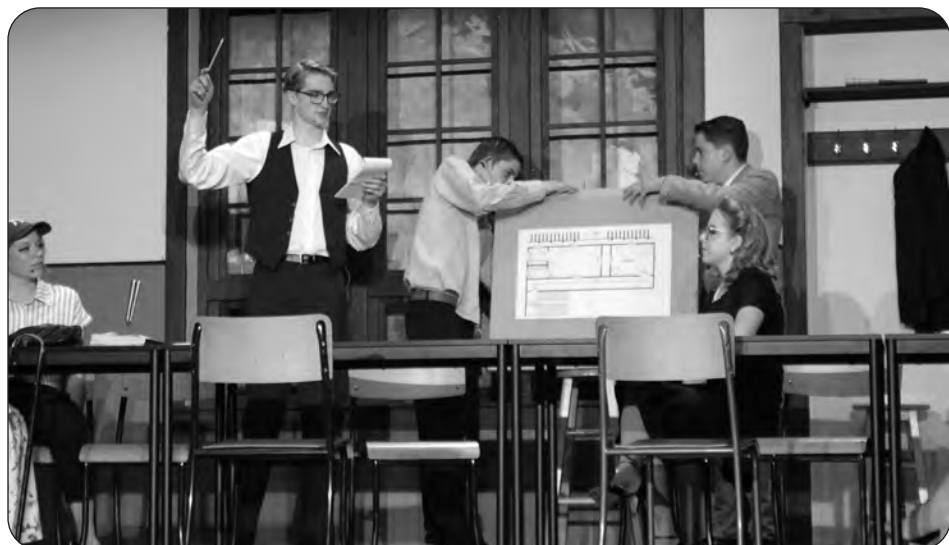
Each juror is a unique character:

- Juror 1 is a small person who enjoys being given power.
- Juror 2 is soft-spoken and tends to go with the group.
- Juror 3 is an alpha character and a bully.
- Juror 4 is wealthy and intelligent.
- Juror 5 is young and a bit naïve.
- Juror 6 is thoughtful and logical.
- Juror 7 is temperamental and impatient.
- Juror 8 is the young protagonist.



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Students from Dufferin Christian School perform 12 Angry Jurors on May 16 and 17. The play, directed by Hentie Jordaan, Marsha Bultena and Megan Bouwers, featured a gender-neutral cast of 14 students.



- Juror 9 is a pregnant woman who cares for her elderly father with Alzheimer’s.
- Juror 10 is a bigot who hates anything different.
- Juror 11 is an immigrant.
- Juror 12 is a shallow advertising executive.

Additional roles include the judge, the clerk, and a deputy.

“The play has long been a favourite of mine and my co-director Marsha Bultena,” said Jordaan. “We both love the 1957 film version starring Henry Fonda and thought that the play would pose an exciting challenge for our students.”

The cast worked on the production from October until showtime in mid-May. Jordaan said he was impressed by the camaraderie among actors, especially with students ranging from

Grade 9 to Grade 12.

“Our experienced lead actors took on a leadership role and, particularly as opening night approached, would organize rehearsals together with just the cast by themselves, going through difficult sections and trying to make scenes work,” he said.

“As a director, I was also impressed that I could, on occasion, simply give a group of actors involved in a particular scene a broad vision of the effect we needed to create, and then leave them to brainstorm and experiment. I’d come back some minutes later to find that they had solved the problem beautifully and come up with a complete and compelling mini scene all by themselves.”

The performances took place May 16 and 17. Jordaan said they went incredibly well, despite some typical pre-show nerves.

“Being in front of an audience raised our cast’s energy and theatrical daring to a pitch that we’d never experienced during rehearsals,” he said. “And when the curtains closed on both nights, the cast and directors were all elated.

“We received glowing responses from our audience, too, which was very gratifying.”

DCS’s next drama production is scheduled for 2027.

Gretna girl needs votes to advance in Jr. Ranger contest

Top 15 voting
deadline is June 5;
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By E. Antonio

Seven-year-old Gemma from Gretna has made it to the second round of the Jr. Ranger Competition and now needs community support to keep going.

The online contest, open to nature-loving kids aged 4 to 12, offers a

grand prize valued at US\$40,000, including US\$20,000, mentorship sessions with wildlife expert Jeff Corwin, and a feature in Ranger Rick magazine.

To stay in the running, Gemma must place in the top 15 of her group by June 5. Anyone with a Facebook account can vote once daily at www.jr-ranger.org/2025/gemma-40db.

Bonus votes can also be cast by making a donation to the National Wildlife Federation through Gemma's voting page.



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Gretna's Gemma, 7, hopes to win the Jr. Ranger Competition, which carries a prize package worth US\$40,000. Scan the QR code to vote for Gemma.

Flashback: Birch Ski – from start to finish line

By Dennis Young, with notes from Cheynne Keith, Ina Bramadat and Shirley Snider

Doug and Murray Keith, born and raised in the hills west of Roseisle, envisioned developing a recreational ski area in the Pembina Valley. In the 1970s, while living in Winnipeg, they began planning what would become Birch Ski.

"Snow Valley had been opened a few years," Doug said in a 2010 interview. "It looked like an easy project from a distance—lol." On a shoestring budget, nearly all of the clearing for ski runs was done by hand. But clearing the slopes was only the beginning. They also needed buildings to operate from.

They moved the former Notre Dame train station to use as a rental shop, repurposed the vacant Rosebank Co-op store as a chalet—where their mother served as head cook—and later added washrooms.

Next came the challenge of building a lift, in an era before chairlifts and T-bars. Their solution was a rope tow system, strung along telephone poles with wheel hubs to guide the rope, and powered by a reliable old tractor parked at the top of the hill.

In 1972, the brothers opened Birch Ski for downhill skiing, offering 2,000 feet of slope for beginners, novices and experts alike.

"We were never open mid-week for downhill skiing then, as we were both still working," Doug said. "Occasionally, we would open it up for a race during the week and take a day off for that."

Snow was often an issue, with no snow-making equipment available. Workers—mostly kids paid a few dollars and offered free skiing and food—would lay out snow fencing across the slopes. The next day, they'd

roll the fence back up and shovel the trapped snow evenly across the runs.

Grooming was done using a double-track Skidoo. After each snowfall, the crew packed the snow down, then maintained the hill by hand—shoveling extra snow onto areas where skiers frequently turned.

For safety, the hill was staffed by a volunteer ski patrol, equipped with a first aid rescue toboggan. Injured skiers would be taken to the top of the hill, placed in the toboggan, then loaded into the back of a van for transport—no ambulance required.

"At times, they might have shuttled the injured person by train (in the steam engine days), stopping in Carman en route to Winnipeg to see if they needed further attention," Doug said.

Over the years, Birch expanded beyond downhill skiing to include cross-country skiing, mountain biking, cross-country running, snowmobiling, and even the occasional dog race. Cross-country skiing began with ungroomed trails and evolved into a network of groomed routes through the bush.

"We hosted several provincial championships in both open and school categories, as well as the Manitoba Winter Games and Canada Winter Games team selection races," Doug said.

Mountain biking started in the 1980s, using some of the cross-country trails along with new single-track routes cut through denser bush—and even along cow paths.

"The clubs sponsoring the races would clear new sections themselves if they wanted to add a steeper pitch," he said. "For the most part, the terrain was adequate to learn all the techniques but challenging enough for



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Birch Ski hosted the men's mountain biking event during the 1999 Pan Am Games. American Carl Swenson celebrates his gold medal win at the ceremony.

those hard-core Pan-Am racers. It's not a mom-and-pop course."

The Manitoba Cycling Association used the site for the Tour de Wheat and Canada Cup races. "We also hosted the Pan-Am Games trials, and then the Pan-Am Games mountain biking events were held here," Doug added.

Cross-country running clubs also used Birch regularly. The Keiths would prepare the course and signage, while race organizers provided timers. The site hosted Zone 4 championships, the Manitoba high school provincial championships, and the Birch Open Run, which drew hundreds of runners from Grades 4 to 12, along with adult competitors.

Birch Ski was well-known and well-used but never profitable. Eventually, rising insurance costs and a lack of

snow forced its closure as a downhill facility in 1987.

However, the Keith brothers' vision of a multi-use recreational area never died. Over the years, the property has hosted non-sport events including Man Can Jam concerts, volleyball tournaments, Central Region Games, Manitoba biathlon competitions, craft fairs, poker derbies, 4-H field days, church retreats, trail rides, the Pumpkin Creek Fair, music festivals, weddings, socials—and even served as the set for two films.

Murray passed away in 2007, and Doug in 2015. But more than 50 years later, Birch Ski remains in the Keith family.

Today, the site is still active, offering cross-country skiing, cycling and dirt bike races.

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Athletes shine at Zone Track and Field meet in Winkler



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Athletes from across the region competed at the Zone Track and Field Championships in Winkler on May 27 and 28. Pictured clockwise from top left, Ezra Doell of Carman took part in the varsity boys shot put (5kg), while teammate Megan Cross threw 22.15 metres in the girls varsity discus (1kg). Max Koscielny of Miami competed in the boys varsity long jump and Miami's Alana McCarthy clears the bar in the girls varsity high jump. In the girls varsity 100-metre final, pictured right to left: Anika Wiens of Morden Collegiate (14.11), Avery Veldman of Dufferin Christian (13.79), Lisa O'Neill of Northlands Parkway (13.60), Ava Earl of Morden Collegiate (13.38), Bella Peters of W.C. Miller (13.63) and Kaitlyn Saley of Sanford Collegiate (13.15). Elm Creek's Nik Dawydiuk recorded a 32.69-metre throw in the junior varsity boys javelin (700g).



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Church in the Park Sunday, June 8 10:30am.

By the large picnic shelter in King's Park
BBQ lunch to follow
Everyone is welcome!

Hosted by Friends Community Church



RURAL MUNICIPALITY
OF GREY
Elm Creek, Manitoba R0G 0N0

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Grey intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2025-2027.

1. To control noxious weeds and brush on road allowances and highways within the Rural Municipality of Grey and to control noxious weeds on public owned parks and cemeteries within the R. M. of Grey boundaries. The projected dates of application on the aforementioned properties will be from June 30, 2025 to October 31, 2027. The herbicides to be used include:

2,4-D Amine	Aminopyralid	Metsulfuron-methyl
Glyphosate	Diflufenzopyr	Aminocyclopyrachlor
Triclopyr	LI 700	Non ionic surfactant
Picloram	Dicamba	

2. To control rodents at the waste disposal grounds at various time during the coming years using the rodenticide Bromadiolone.

3. To control the following pests including grasshoppers, elm bark beetles, forest tent caterpillars, cankerworms, mosquitoes, emerald ash borer, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2027. The insecticides to be used include: Carbaryl Malathion Chlorophacinone

Any resident of the Rural Municipality of Grey likely to be affected by these programs and opposed to the issuance of a provincial use-permit may submit written comments within 15 days of this publication identifying the specific program they are opposing to:

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change
Environmental Approvals Branch
Box 35, 14 Fultz Boulevard
Winnipeg, MB R3Y 0L6

Allie Henderson
Chief Administrative Officer

Job Title: GPAC Gallery Assistant

Position Type: Part-Time 25 Hours

Reports to: Gallery Manager or Director

Overview: The Gallery Assistant supports daily operations at the art gallery by providing administrative support, assisting with retail transactions in the gift shop, and ensuring a welcoming environment for all guests.

Key Responsibilities:

- Greet and assist visitors upon entry, providing information about current exhibitions and gallery policies
- Monitor and respond to basic email inquiries and voicemails
- Process retail transactions and restock merchandise in the gift shop
- Assist with light office tasks such as filing, data entry, or inventory updates
- Maintain the cleanliness and organization of the front desk and visitor areas
- Provide event support during exhibition openings or special programs

Skills and Qualifications:

- Friendly, professional communication style
- Basic knowledge of office software (email, spreadsheets, POS systems)
- Interest in art, museums, or cultural spaces is a plus
- Ability to multitask and work independently or as part of a small team

Please email your cover page and resume to contact@gpaccarman.ca.
Please direct questions to the Executive Director at (204) 745-6568.



Royal Canadian Legion
Carman Legion Branch #18

CLUBROOM MANAGER - Carman Legion Branch #18 is looking for a **full time Clubroom Manager**. Looking for an energetic individual to manage the clubroom and staff. Applicant needs to have customer service skills to serve the members, guests and friends.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Working closely with the Executive team to provide a warm, friendly and efficient service to our patrons.
- Financial knowledge and integrity to handle daily deposits of all monetary transactions.
- Comply with all food, beverage/liquor and VLT regulations including a Smart Choice certification and Food Handler Certification.
- Experience is an asset
- Able to work evenings with flexibility in hours.
- Oversee staff including scheduling
- Order and maintain bar inventory using a point of sales system.
- Network with suppliers and community groups
- Hire, train new staff with Executive Liaison's approval.
- Legion Auxiliary Hall bookings and rental contract.
- Ability to work in a team environment.

CLUBROOM SERVER - Carman Legion Branch #18 is looking for a **part-time Clubroom Server**. Looking for an energetic individual with customer service skill to serve the members, guests and friends.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Reports to the clubroom manager.
- Able to provide a warm, friendly and efficient service to our patrons.
- Financial knowledge and integrity to handle daily monetary transactions.
- Comply with all food, beverage/liquor and VLT regulations including a Smart Choice certification and Food Handler Certification.
- Experience is an asset
- Able to work evenings with flexibility in hours.
- Ability to work in a team environment.

Please mail or email resume to Albert Scott
Attn: Clubroom Manager
Box 1835 Carman Manitoba R0G0J0
Email: albert.t.scott@gmail.com

**CARMAN WELLNESS
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Annual General
Meeting and
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June 11, 2025
King's Park Picnic Shelter
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Meeting 7:00
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The family of Bill McKay would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who offered such loving support at the time of Bill's passing. We appreciated people sharing their memories of Bill through the many cards, phone calls and visits that we received. Our family is also grateful for the memorial donations made in honour of Bill to the Winnipeg Humane Society and to WinnServ. Special thanks go to Mark Reimer of Doyle's Funeral Home and to Rev. Harold Kenyon for all their kind assistance and support.

-Sincerely,
Helen, Carol and Kathy

take a break

> GAMES

SUDOKU

	8	3	6			4		
					2			1
		1						
7		5	2					
1				6		7	5	
				9				4
			3	9				
4								
5		2	8			3		6

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	1	8	4	7	8	2	6	5
6	8	7	5	2	1	9	3	4
2	4	5	6	9	3	7	1	8
4	2	1	7	6	5	8	9	3
5	7	8	9	3	4	6	2	1
3	9	6	8	1	2	5	4	7
8	5	2	3	4	6	1	7	9
1	3	9	2	8	7	4	5	6
7	6	4	1	5	9	3	8	2

Sudoku Answer

T	V	D	V	S		E	U	H	S	N	N	I
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V	I	S	E	G	T	V	N	V		T	I	P
K	U	R	K		M		O	A	P		E	G

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Marsh plant
6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")
10. Fogginess
14. Home to Fools' Day
15. Absence of the sense of pain
17. Popular November holiday
19. Consume food
20. Buddy
21. Long-haired goat-antelope
22. Japanese honorific
23. Actor Malek
24. One point south of southeast
26. Illegal acts
29. As fast as can be done
31. Prevents harm to young
32. Exclamation of satisfaction
34. African nation
35. Slow-moving animal
37. Oh, goodness!
38. A team's best pitcher
39. Cleanser
40. Radioactivity units
41. Expecterated matter
43. Cover a wide range
45. The central area of a church
46. California capital (abbr.)
47. Dutch painter Klaver
49. 007's creator
50. Impression of dishonesty
53. Northeastern sports rivalry
57. Cloths
58. Stalin's police chief
59. Hostelries
60. Bitterly regret
61. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

CLUES DOWN

1. Satisfy
2. European health advocate
3. Expression of annoyance
4. Strong liquor
5. Large red deer
6. Holder of less common religious beliefs
7. West Indian shrub

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14					15				16			
17					18							
19					20			21				
				22			23					
		24	25				26			27	28	
29	30						31			32		33
34					35	36				37		
38				39						40		
	41		42					43	44			
			45				46					
	47	48					49				50	51
53						54				55	56	
57									58			
59												

8. Family of proteins
9. Wealthy, influential business leader
10. Low spirits
11. Approves food
12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman
13. Mary __, cosmetics
16. Expressed in pithy maxims
18. Relaxing spaces
22. The NFL's big game
23. Proof of payment (abbr.)
24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
25. Indicates near
27. Minneapolis suburb
28. Herring-like fish
29. Doctors' group
30. Pouches
31. Bread dipping in sauce
33. Commercials

35. A reminder of past events
36. Affected by injury
37. Geological time
39. Stationary part of a motor
42. Brings together
43. Of sound mind
44. Personal computer
46. Without (French)
47. A bank might give you one
48. Agricultural testing organization
49. A small island
50. Type of gene
51. Murres
52. Card game
53. A measure of human health
54. Australian airline (abbr.)
55. One point south of due west
56. Affirmative

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Rural Municipality of Grey ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE Additions to the Voters List and/or Personal Security Protection Requests

In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act* (MCSBEA), the Rural Municipality of Grey Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

• Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Rural Municipality of Grey can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.

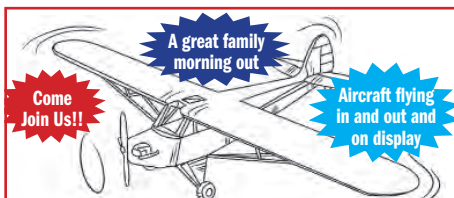
• Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List. A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, by fax or mail to:

Rural Municipality of Grey
Box 99
27 Church Avenue East
Elm Creek, Manitoba
R0G 0N0
Phone: 1-204-436-2014
Fax: 1-204-436-2543
E-mail: cao@rmofgrey.ca

The next General Election takes place in October 2026.

Kim Arnal
Senior Election Official



Carman-Dufferin Airport Day Saturday, June 7, 2025 Carman South Airport (CJS7)

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Winkler, MB R6W 4A4

LAND:

North ½ of SE ¼ 36-3-5 WPM excepting public road plans 587 MLTO and 1580 MLTO (78.17 acres)

South ½ of NE ¼ 36-3-5 WPM excepting Plan 74564 MLTO and public road plans 587 MLTO and 1580 MLTO (73.15 acres)



(The above sketch is for illustrative purposes only)

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. The parcels of land described will be sold "as is".
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 PM on June 19, 2025. The successful bidder will be informed by 5:00 PM June 23, 2025.
3. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
4. Preference will be given to tenders submitted for both parcels. However, tenders for a single parcel may be considered.
5. Possession is November 1, 2025.
6. Tender must be accompanied by a refundable deposit of \$10,000.00 (cheque made payable to Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office).

TERMS OF SALE:

1. The successful bidder(s) will be required to enter a formal agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
3. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid on the due date, the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2026.
5. The purchaser is responsible for GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law
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Cheesecake Cookie Cups

crumbled cookies, for topping (optional)

sprinkles, for topping (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In muffin tin, press three pieces of cookie dough into each muffin hole. Bake 15 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes then use shot glass and press into each hole. Let cool another 5 minutes and place on rack to cool completely.

With hand mixer, mix heavy cream and sugar until it thickens then add cream cheese and powdered sugar; cream together. Spoon into cool cookie cups.

If desired, use piping bag and pipe pretty edge around cup. Top with crumbled cookies or sprinkles, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 12 cups
2 packages (16 ounces each) chocolate chip cookie dough
Whipping Cream:
1 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons sugar
Filling:
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 cup whipping cream



Queso Cheese Corn Salad

2 cans whole corn, drained
1 cup chopped bell pepper
1/4 cup chopped red onion (optional)
1 hot pepper (optional)
1 cup shredded queso cheese
freshly chopped cilantro, for garnish
To make dressing: In bowl, mix lime juice, mayo, salt and sugar.

In separate large bowl, mix corn; bell pepper; onion, if desired; hot pepper, if desired; and queso cheese.

Pour dressing over corn mixture and mix well. Top with cilantro.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6
Dressing:
2 limes, juice only
1/4 cup mayo
1 pinch salt
1 tablespoon sugar



Watermelon Ice Pops

Recipe courtesy of National Watermelon Promotion Board

1 watermelon

chunks of fresh fruit (such as grapes, strawberries or kiwi)

Puree watermelon and pour into ice pop molds.

Drop in chunks of fresh fruit, insert caps and place in freezer.

Serve when frozen.

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,

I am panicking about my investment portfolio. It has lost so much in the last couple of weeks. I now wish I wasn't invested in the stock market. What should I do? Helen M.

Hello Helen, this downturn will pass so please do not cash out. Try to limit your withdrawals and consider buying more of your good dividend stock picks that are now "on sale" due to the current economic market.

For many of us, creating meaningful wealth means we have to get out of our comfort zone and invest in something that will appreciate over time. Whether this is through the stock market, home ownership and improvement, or even additional education to increase your career opportunities; it must be done, to give you the future you believe you deserve. Your biggest risks will not be the things you cannot control, such as the stock market, the economy or pandemics – it will be how you react to them. Unfortunately, when investing in anything, those things that are the most comfortable are usually the least profitable. Investment bias and preconceived notions about risk and volatility shape our future more than the investment itself.

Let's look at a case study done by Thomas Corley: The Daily Success Habits of Wealthy Individuals. This study took over 200 self-made millionaires with a minimum income of \$160K and \$3M in assets compared to 200 people with an income of less than \$35K and \$5K in assets. Over a 5-year study, it was found that those with money had very different views and personal habits to those of the respondents with far less. Of course, this is to be expected, but what was interesting was that it wasn't any product, investment, win-fall opportunity or even education that created their wealth, it was their positive mindset. Those that became wealthy had the following common traits.

1. Made goal setting part of their everyday routine and were always forward-thinking.

2. Read for improvement a minimum of 30 minutes per day.

3. Formed relationships with like-minded people.

4. Not afraid to try new opportunities.

5. Preferred to invest in proven simple strategies to create meaningful wealth over time.



6. Showed the conviction and perseverance to consistently work their business plan for success.

7. Demonstrated a patient attitude toward what they believed to be true.

Those that had much less had the following common traits.

1. Did not invest to grow their wealth or improve their lifestyle.

2. Did not take personal responsibility for their current situation and their life circumstance.

3. Spent too much time with other people who wasted their time.

4. Rarely created personal goals and found it hard to execute them.

5. Were more impressed with complicated plans to succeed but rarely had the inclination to follow them.

6. Showed a "herd mentality" when trying something new, where if many people are doing something, they must be right, so they wanted to follow this method.

7. Was impatient toward most things that were important for self-improvement.

Stock markets will always rise and fall, but it is those investors that stay the course, remaining true to their convictions and investment strategies that make money today. Don't get sucked in by what you see on TV, investing in the flavor of the day or selling because you can't handle a market swing. If you believe that your investment plan (or even your life plan) is correct, then have the conviction to invest in it over time through thick and thin. Listening to fearmongers or negative people never helps you achieve greatness.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer and Syndicated Money Coach on BNN Bloomberg. Christine is also part of the everyday lineup on CTV Your Morning in every province. No AI. If you have a money question you want answered FREE – send it to: info@askthemoneylady.ca