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Volunteers prepare museum grounds ahead of summer season



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Volunteers Don Halbesma, Mike Kippen, George Penner, Bob Wilson and Ted Wiebe helped install siding on the Dufferin Historical Museum's new storage shed as part of preparations for the 2026 season. The project, purchased through fundraising, will provide additional storage space for museum artifacts and equipment. Also assisting with seasonal preparations were Shirley Snider and Sandra Kippen, who cleaned the schoolhouse; Cheryl Young, who cleaned museum trophies; Dennis Young, who maintained the grounds; Lori Keith getting the office prepped; and artist Lisa Salazar, was hired to create a mural on a newly renovated wall after a grant was secured.

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Gilles Messier honoured for preserving Manitoba's Cold War past

By Lana Meier

What began as a career in mechanical engineering has evolved into a passion-driven mission to preserve and share a little-known chapter of Canadian history.

For his work uncovering and promoting Manitoba's Cold War heritage, Winnipeg historian, author, playwright and educator Gilles Messier has been recognized with the 2026 Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion as an Emerging Historian.

Messier was one of four Manitobans honoured May 26 at Government House in Winnipeg, where Lieutenant-Governor Anita Neville presented the awards recognizing outstanding contributions to preserving and promoting Manitoba's history.

"The individuals selected to receive awards this year represent the many dedicated individuals throughout Manitoba who take great care in preserving and promoting this province's rich and vibrant history," Neville said during the ceremony.

For Messier, the recognition is the culmination of years spent researching an obscure but important aspect of Canada's Cold War preparedness.

Today, he is widely regarded as the



The Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion includes a commemorative medal and framed certificate.

leading expert on the Nuclear Detonation and Fallout Reporting System (NDFRS), a network of monitoring posts established across Canada during the Cold War to detect and report the effects of a potential nuclear attack.

While the system once played a significant role in Canada's civil defence planning, it received little attention from historians for decades.

Messier changed that.

Through extensive research, he documented how the network operated and where many of the monitor-

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Gilles Messier (centre) receives the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion at Government House on May 26. Joining her are Manitoba Historical Society head researcher and webmaster Gordon Goldsborough (left), and Lt.-Gov. Anita Neville (right), who presented the award.

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Carman Midland Collegiate 1967-68 award winners



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Kathy Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Arthur of Carman, won the school spirit award for 1967-68 at Carman Midland Collegiate.

Don Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith of Roland, was awarded the trophy as top male athlete of the year at Carman Midland Collegiate.

Peggy Hill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Hill of Carman, won the award as top female athlete of the year at Carman Midland Collegiate.

The way it was this week in: June 25

By Dennis Young

100 Years Ago, 1926 — Edgar Bell, Earl McGill and Gord Brown compete in Brandon at stock judging; men's khaki pants are \$1.75 at A.F. Higgins Co. Ltd.; DAS asks citizens for spare rooms during the fair; straw hats at F.C. Harris sell for \$1.72 to \$2.50; Roland holds Summer Fair; W. Lumgair of Darlingford wins plowing match at Roland; tickets to Carman Fair are \$1 for all three days; Hydro Commission offers ranges for \$137 installed or \$28 down and \$10.25 per month.

75 Years Ago, 1951 — Shilson's Grocery sells half-pound packages of Velveeta cheese for 33 cents; school principal James Leslie leaves after 10 years and is replaced by A.K. Stratton; Dale Pearson sells a 990-pound

champion steer at Miami Fair for 41.5 cents per pound; dance featuring the Milt Woods Orchestra at Legion Hall; new Beatty stainless steel washer available at Skelton Hardware for \$139.50; vote goes 72 to 7 in favour of a \$42,000 community hall in Roland; Department of Mines and Resources communicates with the RM of Dufferin regarding dam installations west of town; proceeds from hosting the Manitoba Drama Festival total \$60.

50 Years Ago, 1976 — Chamber asks business owners not to park in congested downtown areas; Western Sailcraft becomes Foremost Sailcraft; Ed Purvis seeks to open a Chicken Delight in Carman; Carman Co-op expands hardware, drug, produce, grocery, petroleum, tire, lumber, ser-

vice station, meat and pharmacy departments; Gary Goodbrandson, 69, wins Carman Open; Jim Soutar is your Melton Agency realtor; grand opening of Parkway Motors offers a 1976 GMC half-ton for \$3,838; Carman Greenhouses moves outside town limits; Dick's Heating offers central air conditioning for \$770.

25 Years Ago, 2001 — Mixed emotions over Sunday liquor service; Elm Creek close to unveiling its giant fire hydrant for consideration by the Guinness Book of World Records; Aaron Nakonechny on his way to the Canada Games in London, Ont., to play rugby; Phillip Fehr wins provincial motocross races; Lite Stop offers more than 500 movie rentals and 100 DVDs; pick strawberries at LaBelle's.

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Manitoba donates graders to support Ukraine rebuilding efforts

By Haley Cvar

Premier Wab Kinew met with Ukraine's ambassador to Canada this week as Manitoba reaffirmed its support for Ukraine through the donation of two road graders to aid rebuilding efforts in the Kherson region.

Kinew welcomed Ambassador Andrii Plakhotniuk following the province's commitment to donate the equipment.

"Our province has always had a strong connection to Ukraine," Kinew

said. "When we get the chance to discuss how we can continue to work with each other in the future and strengthen our relationship, we seize that opportunity."

The graders will help rebuild and maintain roads and prepare land for infrastructure projects as Kherson recovers from damage caused by Russia's invasion.

The donation builds on an agreement signed in June 2025 between Manitoba and the Kherson Regional

Military (State) Administration focused on agriculture, economic development, education, health care, sport, culture and environmental sustainability.

Since Russia's full-scale invasion began in 2022, more than 30,000 Ukrainians have settled in Manitoba. The province says the equipment donation is part of its ongoing efforts to support Ukraine's recovery and strengthen ties between the two regions.

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ing stations were located. His work eventually led him to southern Manitoba and an unexpected connection with the Miami Railway Station Museum.

During his research, Messier discovered that the museum's historic railway station had once housed an NDFRS monitoring post. Recognizing the historical significance of the site, he contacted the museum and proposed preserving one of the remaining fallout-reporting bunkers as a public exhibit.

The idea quickly gained momentum.

Working alongside museum volunteers, Messier spearheaded the project, providing historical research, technical guidance and oversight throughout the restoration process. During the summer of 2024, a dedicated team worked to return the bunker to its original Cold War-era appearance.

The result is a one-of-a-kind exhibit that offers visitors a rare glimpse into a period when the threat of nuclear conflict shaped government planning and everyday life across North America.

Opened to the public in 2025, the restored bunker is believed to be the only exhibit of its kind in Canada.

The project has not only preserved an important piece of Manitoba history but has also increased interest in the Miami Railway Station Museum, drawing visitors eager to learn more about Canada's Cold War preparedness efforts.

Messier's contributions extend far beyond the museum walls.

Through his educational YouTube channel, Our Own Devices, he uses storytelling, research and visual media to bring historical topics to life for audiences across Canada and around the world. His work demonstrates how modern technology can help historians reach new generations and make complex historical subjects accessible to a broader audience.

That ability to connect the past with the present was highlighted during the awards ceremony.

Neville noted that advances in media and technology are allowing historians to share Manitoba's stories in ways that were once unimaginable.

"Thanks to the work of the people being honoured this evening, the story of Manitoba is being told in interesting, engaging ways to audiences both here and around the world," she said.

Established in 2011 by former lieutenant-governor Philip Lee, the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion recognizes Manitobans who have made exceptional contributions to preserving and sharing the province's heritage. More than 70 individuals have been honoured since the program began.

Recipients are selected through a nomination process administered by the Manitoba Historical Society. This year, the society reviewed 19 nominations from across the province before recommending four award recipients.

As patron of the Manitoba Historical Society, Neville emphasized the importance of preserving historical knowledge for future generations.

"Looking back, we can better understand how and why history has made us the people and the province we are today," she said.

For communities such as Miami, where local volunteers partnered with Messier to preserve a unique piece of Cold War history, that message resonates strongly.

The restored fallout-reporting bunker stands as more than a museum exhibit. It serves as a reminder of a period when global tensions reached into even the smallest Manitoba communities and demonstrates how dedicated individuals can ensure those stories are not forgotten.

Through his research, writing, public education and hands-on preservation work, Messier has helped rescue an overlooked chapter of Manitoba's history from obscurity. In doing so, he has ensured that future generations can better understand the challenges, fears and resilience that shaped life during the Cold War.

For that contribution, Manitoba's newest Lieutenant-Governor's Award recipient has earned a place among the province's most dedicated historical advocates.

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Rev. Carl Van Dam, minister of Carman East Canadian Reformed Church

Jackson Dean, Tiffany, and Tim & The Glory boys to headline Harvest Festival

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Harvest Festival & Exhibition has a banger of a lineup for its stage headliners this year.

Over the course of last week, festival organizers unveiled part of its musical schedule for the Aug. 7-9 celebration.

Finding acts that offer the wow factor the festival is always looking for while working within the budget is always a challenge, but one organizer Karina Bueckert and her team relish.

"The last couple of years, we've had big, big names. Owen Riegling, Tenth Avenue North [last year]—how do you beat that?" she said. "Being a free community event, it's a tricky balance, but our sponsors definitely step in and help us out with that.

"The reality is, we have a lot of draw. Lots of artists are now wanting to come here and perform on our stage, and I'm so excited to be a part of that."

Anchoring the Friday night country lineup this year is up and coming singer-songwriter Jackson Dean. Dean is a platinum-selling artist whose hits include "Don't Come Lookin'" and "Heavens To Betsy." Dean has opened for such acts as Toby Keith, Blake Shelton, and Brooks & Dunn in shows around the world.

Opening for Dean is Manitoba recording artist Brandi

Vezina and homegrown band Brothers Keep.

Saturday night's rock schedule will see '80s pop star Tiffany grace the stage. Her cover of the song "I Thing We're Alone Now" topped the Billboard charts in 1987 and was followed by such hits as "Could've Been," "I Saw Him Standing There," and "All This Time."

"Do you know how many '80s track suits are being ordered on Amazon right now for this show?" joked Bueckert, sharing Tiffany had been on her wish list for the festival for a few years now and she's thrilled to have been able to make it happen.

Opening for Tiffany is the Tom Petty's Full Moon Fever cover band. A second opening act is also in the works but has not yet been confirmed.

Finally, rounding out the weekend with the Sunday Christian music night is Tim & The Glory Boys playing a Starfield set.

Tim Neufeld was the co-founder and lead singer of the award-winning Christian worship band Starfield, which tore up the charts in the early 2000s with hits such as "Filled With Your Glory" and "The Saving One." He now leads the Glory Boys, which are a Juno-award winning group in their own right.

Opening acts that night are Jake Fretz and Peter Burton.



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Clockwise from above: Jackson Dean, Tiffany, and Tim & The Glory Boys are the headlining acts at this year's Winkler Harvest Festival.



Manitoba government passes bill removing PST from groceries

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba Legislature wrapped up its spring sitting with the passage of legislation that will remove the provincial sales tax (PST) from groceries beginning July 1.

Government House Leader Nahanni Fontaine said Bill 53, the Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, is among more than 40 bills passed during the third session of the 43rd legislature.

The legislation also increases the

Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit to \$1,700 and the Renters Affordability Tax Credit to \$675.

Other bills passed during the session include consumer protection measures that prohibit retailers from using personal data to adjust prices, legislation aimed at improving patient safety and health-care accountability, measures to implement nurse-to-patient ratios and reduce mandatory overtime for nurses, and amendments limiting

employers from requiring sick notes for absences of up to seven days.

The government also passed legislation restricting the sale of long-bladed weapons and pepper spray, as well as changes requiring drivers with Class 1 to 4 licences to maintain zero blood-alcohol levels.

According to the province, investments in front-line staff have contributed to a record number of physicians practising in Manitoba and the hiring of 48 new provincially

funded police officers. The government also cited statistics from the Winnipeg Police Service showing a 48 per cent decrease in homicides in 2025.

Fontaine said the government remains focused on lowering costs, improving health care and creating jobs while maintaining what it says is the lowest deficit-to-GDP ratio in Canada.

Manitoba storm-chaser eyes Elm Creek twister

By Jennifer McFee

While most people tend to take cover when treacherous weather approaches, storm-chasers stifle that instinct and head toward the tempest.

One such storm-chaser is Ethan Caners of Stony Mountain, who has spent the past several years pursuing tornadoes across Canada and the United States.

While much of Manitoba was walloped by the staggering storm on June 9, Caners was among a group that was literally out in the field to follow it. In his company were Keane Kokolsky and Brenden Sawchuk from the Winnipeg Storm Prediction Centre, as well as Connor Trobert, an intern at the weather office. Also in along for the experience were Dr. John Hanesiak, Jaydon Svensson and Eric Ayitah from the University of Manitoba atmospheric observation team.

Caners recently returned from chasing storms in Tornado Alley stretching from North Dakota down to Texas, and he likens Manitoba's recent weather to what he has seen along that stormy stretch.

"For the time of year that it is, some of the storms we saw here were very much resembling storms we'd seen down in the Central Plains," he said.

"It was shocking. We had the intense dew points, intense moisture return, lots of bulk shear — there was everything needed for a very violent storm day, and it seemed to have turned out that way."

To start the day, Caners had been studying some of the convective models to learn more about the storm's potential before heading out.

"A lot of it had a few isolated cells spawning in southwestern Manitoba. From early in the day, we thought we would have maybe a good hour or two of chasing and then it would line out — that's when all the storms converge into one straight line — but that ended up not happening," he said.

"We went to Souris originally and had to drive all the way back, almost as far as Elie, to get onto our first storm of the day. It was an amazing storm. It latched onto the moisture and almost stalled stationary, just producing wall clouds after wall clouds, funnels non-stop. It was beautiful."

Caners braved the elements in his own personal storm-chasing vehicle, a 2017 Ford Escape that's all decked out inside with camera mounts and places to put up screens for radar tracking.

"It's not necessarily what you think a tornado-chasing vehicle should look like, but it works," he said, adding that the U of M and weather office



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Dark storm clouds rolled across the region as lightning flashed through the sky ahead of the severe weather system that brought heavy rain, strong winds and flooding to many communities across southern Manitoba in June.

teams also had their own vehicles.

"We saw multiple funnel clouds. We had one tornado touch down as we were approaching it in Elm Creek at about 9:37 p.m."

Around 10:30 p.m., Caners halted his chase after receiving a call from his family to tell him that water was approaching their Stony Mountain home.

"We got very, very lucky. We're on the lower end of Memorial Street in Stony Mountain, and our neighbours definitely took in water. We ended up being able to save ours with a little help from a few power flashes. The power would come back on for a minute or two, so the sump pump would do its magic before it shut back off. The power was going on and off throughout the night until it went out completely."

The next morning, Caners joined some of the people who conduct damage surveys after storms.

"I took a drive around town and it's just heartbreaking. I've done damage analysis in other places, and it's not as emotionally troubling as doing it in your hometown. I was seeing friends, seeing the people I say hi to everyday, with their houses two feet underwater," he said.

"Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Balmoral all got hit so brutally hard. But we're a good community. We bounce back and we help each other. That's what we do."

Caners has noticed a recent uptick in interest from would-be storm-chasers, and although he appreciates their



Lightning illuminated ominous storm clouds as a powerful weather system moved into the area, bringing torrential rainfall and widespread flooding.

enthusiasm, he urges them to be cautious.

"The new Twisters movie is sparking everyone's interest and I love that. There are so many people interested in this now. But to actually go out there and storm chase without proper knowledge is not just dangerous for yourself but you also put other people in danger as well," he said.

"If you are wanting to get into storm chasing, do some research first. Take a course on it. Get a bit of meteorological background so you're not endangering yourself and others."

For those who prefer to weather out the storms at home, Caners also advises them to be prepared.

"Having a generator is important, as my family learned the other night. It's also important to have a survival kit in the safer area of your house," he said.

"In the past few days, we've been hearing that some people were getting very annoyed at the warning systems we have in place with all the messages they were getting. But they're there for a reason. They don't issue those for a joke. When those messages are issued, you have to take shelter because there's a very dangerous storm, possibly a tornado, heading your way. It's very important to listen to those messages."

Roseisle Friendship Club celebrates 55 years of service

By Lana Meier

More than five decades of friendship, volunteerism and community spirit were celebrated June 12 as the Roseisle Friendship Club marked its 55th anniversary with a tea at the Roseisle Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Guests gathered around lace-covered tables, sipping tea from fine china cups while enjoying dainty sandwiches, homemade sweets and conversation — a fitting tribute to a group whose foundation has always been friendship and connection.

The Friendship Club traces its roots back to 1971 following the closure of the local United Church. Members of the United Church Women group suddenly found themselves without a place to meet, but with a desire to remain connected. Armed with just \$86.23 in their bank account, 12 women came together to form a new community organization dedicated to social, charitable and community service.

A “Recipe for Friendship” published in the club’s 25th anniversary cookbook listed the ingredients that have guided the organization for generations: patience, laughter, generosity, love, understanding, loyalty and kindness.

Those values quickly translated into action. In its early years, members prepared and served meals for bridal showers, weddings, funerals and auction sales. An auction menu from decades ago listed hot dogs for 75 cents, coffee for 25 cents, pie for 50 cents and doughnuts for 25 cents — while still generating a profit for the club’s charitable efforts.

Over the years, the Friendship Club became known for its commitment to helping others. Members supported local families facing hardship, sponsored children in need, provided Christmas gifts to seniors, clergy, new mothers and shut-ins, and contributed to countless community projects.

Quilting became one of the club’s signature activities. Members spent countless hours gathered around quilting frames, stitching intricate quilts that were often raffled to raise funds for community initiatives.

One of the club’s most notable projects was the Millennium Quilt, designed by member Mary Penner in 2000. The quilt required 151 hours of stitching and featured provincial and local symbols including a bison, maple leaf, crocus and wild roses. The project earned first prize when it was exhibited at the Carman Country Fair.

The club has also been a familiar presence in Roseisle’s Canada Day celebrations, with decorative floats highlighting community pride, patriotism and the organization’s commitment to service.

Supporting local youth remains an important part of the Friendship Club’s mandate. Each year, graduating students from the Roseisle area attending any of six local high schools are eligible to receive a bursary recognizing both academic achievement and community involvement.

Today, the Friendship Club has seven active members and continues to meet from September through June. Monthly gatherings rotate among members and include project planning, guest speakers and, naturally, lunch and conversation. Membership remains open to women in the community, with annual dues set at \$1 plus a member’s age in change.

The anniversary tea attracted 40 attendees and included a presentation on the club’s history by member Diane Gillingham. Among those celebrated was founding member Shirley Harder, who continues to attend regularly after 55 years of involvement and served as the club’s secretary for many years.

Members say they are particularly proud of the club’s longstanding support for local graduates through bursaries, as well as the many community projects and charitable initiatives undertaken over the decades. The quilts created by members remain treasured keepsakes throughout the region.

Beyond its fundraising and volunteer work, the Friendship Club has provided something equally valuable — a supportive environment where women can share their experiences, contribute their perspectives and build lasting friendships. As rural populations have declined over the years, members say opportunities for regular social connection have become increasingly important.

Looking ahead, the club plans to continue supporting local graduates, hosting monthly gatherings and responding to community needs as they arise. Organizers also hope the



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Founding members of the Roseisle Friendship Club gathered during the organization’s 55th anniversary tea held June 12 at the Roseisle Evangelical Mennonite Church. Pictured are Shirley Snider and Shirley Harder (standing) and Darlene Smith (seated), three of the women who helped establish the club in 1971.

anniversary story will encourage other area women to consider becoming involved when meetings resume in September.

As members reflected on 55 years of history during the anniversary tea, the event served as more than a celebration of the past. It was also a reminder of the enduring value of community connections.

The club’s mission statement includes the phrase “friends helping friends” — a simple idea that has guided the organization for more than half a century. In an increasingly disconnected world, the Friendship Club’s legacy of camaraderie, conversation and service remains as relevant today as it was when a dozen women first gathered together in 1971.

Students recognized for community service

At the beginning of June, a group of Carman Collegiate students volunteered to assist Meadowood residents with spring garden preparations. These young people cultivated

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Must-sees

Canada Day wouldn't be complete without these two key events:

- National noon ceremony. This large gathering officially kicks off the festivities. Featuring inspiring tributes and Canadian icons and artists, the event takes place in Ottawa and is broadcast across the country.
- National evening show. Like the noon ceremony, this must-

see concert also takes place in the nation's capital and is broadcast live on multiple channels. It also includes segments filmed in other regions.

Regional options

Want to get out and have some fun between the two events? To find activities near you, check your local newspaper or visit the Government of Canada website (canada.ca), which offers a dedi-

cated Canada Day section with a useful search tool. Parades, fairs, food tastings and more take place in communities across the country. There's something for everybody.

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1. What's the main ingredient in poutine?
 - a) Pasta
 - b) French fries
 - c) Rice
 - d) Bread
2. Which Canadian province is known for its lobster rolls?
 - a) Ontario
 - b) British Columbia
 - c) Nova Scotia
 - d) Quebec
3. What's a traditional topping for butter tarts?
 - a) Maple syrup
 - b) Bacon bits
 - c) Whipped cream
 - d) Raisins
4. Which type of meat is commonly used in Canadian bacon?
 - a) Beef
 - b) Pork
 - c) Chicken
 - d) Turkey
5. What ingredient gives Canadian Nanaimo bars their distinct flavour in the middle layer?
 - a) Peanut butter
 - b) Chocolate
 - c) Custard
 - d) Coffee
6. What's the main ingredient in Beavertails, a famous Canadian pastry?
 - a) Deep-fried dough
 - b) Puff pastry
 - c) Beaver meat
 - d) Maple syrup

7. What type of seafood is traditionally found in a Caesar cocktail?

- a) Shrimp
- b) Lobster
- c) Clams
- d) Oysters

8. Which Canadian province is famous for its tourtière, a meat pie traditionally served during the holidays?

- a) Alberta
- b) New Brunswick
- c) Yukon
- d) Quebec

9. Which Canadian city is famous for its smoked meat sandwiches?

- a) Vancouver
- b) Montreal
- c) Toronto
- d) Calgary

10. Which Canadian city is known for its peameal bacon sandwiches?

- a) Toronto
- b) Montreal
- c) Vancouver
- d) Halifax

Answers	1. B	5. C	9. B
	2. C	6. A	10. A
	3. D	7. C	
	4. B	8. D	

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11:00am - 4:00pm	Petting Zoo - Ruddneck Ranch
12:00pm	Truck, Car, & Tractor Show - Ball diamonds
12:00pm - 1:00pm	BBQ - EC Hall - 4H Clubs
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Pickleball - Curling Rink - Alice Miller
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Pony Rides
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Facepainting
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Kids Train
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Photo Booth
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Bouncy Castles
1:00pm - 4:00pm	RM of Grey Firefighters
12:00pm - 3:00pm	BBQ - EC Hall
1:30pm - 3:00pm	4H Beef Club Show & Bingo
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Elm Creek Strummers-Heritage Manor
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Canada Day Cup Skills Competition
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2:00pm - 3:00pm	Children's Entertainer - EC Hall - Ryan Price Magic
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a) To officially mark the renaming of "Confederation Day" to "Dominion Day" on July 1

b) To commemorate the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day festivities held in Quebec City that year

c) To commemorate soldiers who died during the War of 1812, who would be honoured during a royal visit

2. Who originally designated July 1 as Canada Day?

a) Queen Victoria

b) Prime Minister John A. Macdonald

c) Governor General Charles Stanley Monck

3. Which symbol, now official, appeared on Canada's first postage stamp in 1851?

a) The beaver

b) The maple leaf

c) The woodland caribou

4. In what year was the current Canadian flag adopted?

a) In 1867

b) In 1914

c) In 1965

5. What was the original name of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1873?

a) Her Majesty's Mounted Guard

b) The Loyalist Mounted Police of the North

c) The North-West Mounted Police

6. In what year was the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) founded?

a) 1949

b) 1936

c) 1954

Answers
1. b), 2. c), 3. a), 4. c), 5. c), 6. b)



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History

On July 1st, Canadians from coast to coast come together to commemorate the birth of the nation. It's a day to reflect on a

shared history, from the Indigenous peoples who've called this land home for thousands of years to the waves of immigrants who've contributed to Canada's rich cultural mosaic. It's a day to celebrate the country's achievements, from universal healthcare and multiculturalism to a commitment to peacekeeping and environmental stewardship.

Celebrate with pride

Canada Day is a time to proudly wave the maple leaf flag

and sing O Canada with your friends, family and neighbours. It's a day to revel in the beauty of your natural surroundings, whether hiking in the wilderness, lounging on a sandy beach or paddling down a winding river.

Shared values

Above all, Canada Day reminds you of the values that define you as a Canadian: compassion, tolerance and inclusivity. It's a day to reaffirm your commitment to building a soci-

ety where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As you celebrate Canada Day, take the time to honour the past and look to the future with hope and optimism. Happy Canada Day!

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Miami Museum shows off new fossils as season begins

By Lorne Stelmach

The Miami Museum is open again for another season, but it was a bit more special when people gathered last Saturday.

Volunteers and supporters were celebrating the completion of some work having been done on the building as well as the addition of a few new exhibits to the collection.

"We opened a bit earlier, but we were doing it by schedule because we just had the church portion of the museum painted, so we had to wait for it to dry. We had all of the displays down and then we had to reinstall them, so we're calling it the grand reopening, because we've got a few new exhibits as well," explained museum president Joe Brown.

He firstly thanked their main sponsors: the RM of Thompson and the Miami Area Foundation.

"They provide ongoing funding for us but also special funding for projects, and that includes the installation of a computer system that we now are using and also the painting of the church portion of the building that was just done in the last couple years, so we're celebrating that."

Brown also highlighted a few new fossil exhibits, and he saluted their relationship with the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, which was represented at the opening by executive director Adolfo Cuetara.

"With the discovery of a lot of fossils in the bentonite mines, there was a desire to include some of the fossils on display here, so there was an expansion from the original church building with the addition of a school building," Brown noted. "We've had a lot of interest in fossils in the community, and the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre collection is based largely on fossils from the RM of Thompson. We had no way of preserving a large number, so that's where they ended up."

Brown reflected on the importance of maintaining and preserving the history of the area.

"It takes a fair amount of investment because of the age of the buildings. For example, the church that we're in now, it was built in the early 1900s. It served its function as an Anglican church until the early 1960s when it was retired. A farmer bought it and was going to move it to his farm but decided, in the context of the community's interest, to basically donate it to the community to be used as a museum."

The fossils are a big signature attraction, but the many other artifacts are

equally as important.

"What we have are the things that were important to people in their daily lives," Brown said of the collection, which also includes materials connected to the locals who served in the First and Second World Wars as well as items belonging to the community's pioneer families.

"We didn't really get into the fossil thing as a museum until the '70s, but we've got a great deal of historical material here, and we're trying to improve community access to it," Brown said. "In that regard, we've developed a digitized database for the collection, which includes photographs that haven't been posted online yet because we're only funded enough to get that going last year. We've got almost 3,000 artifacts identified."

The museum, located at the corner of Cole St. and Kerby Ave., is open Wednesday through to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Miami Museum president Joe Brown with some of the fossil exhibits on display.



Miami Museum president Joe Brown (left) with Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Adolfo Cuetara and one of the large fossils the museum has in its collection.



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Redboine Watershed District helps lead Manitoba Envirothon

By Haley Cvar

Students, teachers, volunteers and environmental professionals from across the province gathered in the Whiteshell last month for the 29th Annual Manitoba Envirothon, a three-day event focused on environmental education, outdoor learning and teamwork.

Held May 21-23 at Tim Hortons Camp in Whiteshell Provincial Park, the Provincial Envirothon is hosted by the Manitoba Association of Watersheds and challenges high school students to test their knowledge through field activities, written testing and oral presentations.

The competition allows students to explore topics including wildlife ecology, aquatic ecology, soils and land use, plant ecology and agriculture while developing communication, leadership and problem-solving skills.

For more than 16 years, staff from the Redboine Watershed District have played a key role in both regional and provincial Envirothon events, and their involvement continued this year.

Each spring, Redboine Watershed District staff travel throughout Manitoba to assist with regional competitions. The district also hosts the first regional Envirothon event of the season and provides support to host organizations and students across the province.

At the provincial competition, technical staff members Rob, Sophia and Bronson assisted with logistics, event setup and field testing activities. Their responsibilities included organizing testing materials, preparing competition sites and helping coordinate the many components required to operate the large-scale outdoor event.



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Redboine Watershed District staff and volunteers joined students, educators and environmental professionals from across Manitoba at the 29th Annual Manitoba Envirothon, held May 21-23 at Tim Hortons Camp in Whiteshell Provincial Park. District staff helped organize and deliver the three-day environmental education competition, which challenged high school students in wildlife ecology, aquatic ecology, soils and land use, plant ecology, agriculture and oral presentations while promoting conservation awareness, teamwork and leadership.

The district also stores much of the Envirothon equipment and event materials at its Holland facility, making preparation and cleanup a significant undertaking each year.

District manager Justin Reid attended the event and served as Trail Captain while assisting with logistics planning and event coordination.

Additional Redboine Watershed District staff and board members volunteered as trail monitors, stop attendants, judges, facilitators and test markers throughout the competition. Angie and Chelsea served as stop monitors and oral presentation facilitators, helping support both the field and presentation portions of the event.

Jennifer Hunnie continues to play a leadership role in the program as chair of the Envirothon Steering Committee. In addition to overseeing the

provincial program, she serves as a discipline chair, helping develop testing materials, train students and coordinate event delivery across Manitoba.

A new feature introduced this year was the first Envirothon Career Fair. The addition gave students an opportunity to explore educational pathways and careers related to conservation, watershed management, agriculture and natural resources while speaking directly with professionals working in those fields.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony attended by Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyes, who helped present awards and recognize student achievements.

Grant Park High School captured first place overall, followed by Shaftesbury High School in second and

Fort Richmond Collegiate in third.

Excellence awards were also presented in wildlife ecology, aquatic ecology, soils and land use, plant ecology, agriculture and management, and oral presentations.

The winning team will have the opportunity to represent Manitoba at the 2026 National Conservation Foundation Envirothon competition later this summer.

Organizers say the Envirothon continues to provide students with valuable hands-on learning opportunities while fostering environmental stewardship, teamwork and leadership skills. For Redboine Watershed District staff, the annual event remains an important part of supporting environmental education and encouraging the next generation of conservation leaders.



“It was a very good year”

CFDC holds AGM

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year was a good one for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden in most respects.

Visitation increased, the museum ended up in a good financial position, and there is continuing optimism as more fossil discoveries continue to be found.

“Since the pandemic, it has been growing every year,” executive director Adolfo Cuetara said of their visitation rates. “The best year was the year before 2024 when the growth was bigger, and from 2025, it was just barely a little bit more visitation, just like 70 people more but still as high as 2024, so it was a very good year.”

Cuetara believes the major factor is the programming such as dig tours, and admissions overall were proportionally bigger at almost 16 per cent more than the year before.

He said their programs are continuing to benefit and grow a lot with the field station set up in their main dig area.

“That is making all the difference. Without the field station that we have there, it would be unthinkable to do this kind of activity,” he said. “It’s been growing exponentially in the last three years, double amount of people from the previous year, and

this year is looking in the right direction as well because we already have a lot of bookings for the summer.”

The museum had 125 dig tour participants in 2025 compared to 67 in 2024, and there were 540 kids who enjoyed day camps as well as almost 1,000 students who came by as part of 35 school tours.

“Most of the success was due to the marketing campaign that we did last year, and that that’s why we won that award [from Tourism Manitoba],” said Cuetara. “We are attracting people from outside. We got people last year from Netherlands, France, and this year already we have had from New Zealand ... so it’s giving us international visitation. So all together, it was just a very good year. It’s going to be difficult to surpass those results.”

And the CFDC recorded a surplus of just over \$62,000 following three years of relatively minor deficits, so it is in a solid position with an accumulated surplus of over \$172,000 over the last five years.

“In the long term, we are growing. We are growing in results, growing in visitation, growing in stability, and we are reducing the dependency on the operational grant from the city,” Cuetara said. “That’s one of the main objectives to the strategic plan, to try ... to generate [income] and reduce the



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One of the new displays at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

dependency on public funds. That’s the purpose of all these activities.”

And it makes a big difference that they keep making more discoveries which continue to keep bringing more attention and interest to the CFDC.

“We’ll see what this year is bringing us. You never know. We have a very good spot in the property with lot of fossils,” Cuetara said. “That’s the most exciting part ... that the people are not expecting to find so many neat things ... they’re just blown away because they realize that, okay, this was just underground until I came to dig it up.”

They are also continuing to work on a new exhibit around one of their dis-

coveries that could be unveiled soon.

“This is going to be one of the biggest more comprehensive displays that we ever had ... it’s going to be very spectacular,” suggested Cuetara, who noted they can use technology to scan and digitize all the elements and reconstruct the missing parts and create a complete replica skeleton.

“Then the last stage is to create a life like creature just to show how that animal would be when he was alive, and we are working on that last stage right now. It’s just building a lifelike sculpture of that animal to put just by the side of the skeleton, so all together it is going to be really spectacular.”

Mantario Trail reopens following massive volunteer-led restoration effort

By Haley Cvar

One of Manitoba’s premier backcountry hiking destinations is welcoming visitors once again after an extensive restoration effort following last year’s devastating wildfires.

The 64-kilometre Mantario Trail in Whiteshell Provincial Park has officially reopened after volunteers and park staff completed months of recovery work to repair damage caused by a 2025 wildfire that spread from northwestern Ontario into the Mantario Wilderness Zone.

“The Mantario Trail offers a one-of-a-kind backcountry experience across the rugged granite ridges, lakes and forests of the Precambrian Shield,” said Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyes. “I am incredibly grateful to all the volunteers and organizations who helped restore Manitoba’s signature backcountry trail after the devastating wildfires of last year.”

The trail was closed in May 2025 after the wildfire burned through portions of the wilderness zone. A de-

tailed assessment completed later that year helped guide a comprehensive restoration plan aimed at reopening the trail for the 2026 hiking season.

Working in partnership with the South Whiteshell Trail Association, Manitoba Parks coordinated an ambitious volunteer effort to restore the route.

In total, 23 volunteers travelled 1,885 kilometres by foot and paddle while carrying out critical repairs and safety upgrades along the trail.

Their work included clearing and brushing the entire 64-kilometre route, establishing a new 100-metre connector to the West Caribou Lake campsite, removing hazardous trees from campsites and creating 11 new emergency-access helipads. Volunteers also cleared nearly nine kilometres of portages, installed approximately 700 new trail markers, repurposed another 500 markers from fallen trees, built 12 log bridges and installed a new climbing rope at the challenging Rae Creek section.

“The Mantario Trail has been a spe-

cial place to me for a long time,” said Aaron Webb, a board member with the South Whiteshell Trail Association.

“While I was aware of a larger number of people and organizations who felt the same way, the silver lining to last year’s devastating wildfire was to unite these partners in a shared goal to rehabilitate and reopen the trail.”

Webb said the response from volunteers and partner organizations exceeded expectations.

“It has been truly inspiring to see these partnerships grow quickly and bring together dedicated volunteers who have a seemingly endless amount of energy to pursue this goal in a surprisingly short timeframe,” he said. “We look forward to continuing to grow these relationships in the future to maintain stewardship of the trail and help it realize its full potential as a world-class backcountry hiking experience.”

The work completed this spring focused primarily on safety and navigation improvements to allow the trail

to reopen as quickly as possible. Manitoba Parks is now planning additional upgrades, including enhanced campsite amenities, improved way-finding signage and updated mapping resources.

The province has also introduced a new free, voluntary online backcountry registration form for hikers using the trail and other backcountry areas. The registration system is designed to help officials locate trail users in the event of emergencies or unexpected closures.

Officials note the registration form does not replace the need for hikers to leave a trip plan with a trusted family member or friend before heading into the backcountry.

The Mantario Trail is widely regarded as Manitoba’s most challenging hiking trail, attracting outdoor enthusiasts from across the province and beyond with its rugged terrain, remote campsites and scenic Canadian Shield landscape.

ECS band program celebrates milestone with festival trip to Moose Jaw

By E. Antonio

The revival of the band program at Elm Creek School reached a major milestone this May as students took part in their first band festival experience in Moose Jaw.

The Grades 7-9 band travelled to the Moose Jaw Band & Choral Festival on May 11 and 12, an opportunity band director Lane Collins had envisioned when he began rebuilding the program.

Collins explained the original ECS band program ended in 2014 and was officially restarted this past fall.

With support from the community, administration and parents, Collins described the revival as a challenge due to limited percussion and wind instruments, but said that did not stop him from enriching Elm Creek students through music education.

The students recently performed at the Moose Jaw Band & Choral Festival, where they worked with festival clinicians Sigurd Johnson and Kathie Van Lair.

Collins said attending the festival was a "dream come true" and that he could not have been prouder of the students.

"Attending a festival lets our students see the 'big picture,'" he added. "They see other bands performing and see themselves as something bigger than themselves. They get to see how music really does make a difference in the lives of so many young people."

The clinicians provided encourage-



Josie is a grade 8 student who plays the tuba. She was recognized at the festival for being one of the few tuba players.

ment and positive feedback to the students while recognizing several highlights from the ECS performance, including the program's creative use of handbells and the participation of Grade 8 tuba player Josie, who was among the few tuba players attending the festival.

Josie said she loved the entire band trip, but her favourite part was the concert, along with receiving special recognition.

"Honestly, it felt good," she added. "I feel like, to some people, the tuba is an underrated instrument, so it felt really good."

She encourages other students interested in joining a band program to take the opportunity.

"It's so fun to learn a new instrument and get into a new hobby. It



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Elm Creek School band students in Moose Jaw for the Moose Jaw Band & Choral Festival.

might seem hard at first, but once you get the hang of it, it's as light as the breeze."

Beyond the musical performances, the trip provided students with a variety of learning experiences. The group enjoyed an evening concert featuring Ladies of the Prairie and the Mail Order Band at the Mae Wilson Theatre following a meal in downtown Moose Jaw.

On the second day, students explored the city's famous tunnels, tak-

ing part in interactive experiences that examined different periods of history. They also had time to visit local shops before enjoying lunch at Crescent Park, where they listened to performances from other school bands in an outdoor amphitheatre setting.

Looking ahead, Collins said he hopes the band program continues to thrive and is excited to see where it goes next. In the long term, he hopes to have both high school and junior band programs operating at the same time.



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

The Rick Wiebe Memorial Charity Roping & Barrel Race took place at the Rocking W Ranch June 13-14. The event featured barrel racing, team roping and breakaway roping across various age categories and raised \$13,545 for South Central Cancer Resource in memory of its namesake.

Rick Wiebe Memorial raises \$13K for SCCR



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Central Energy softball teams post mixed results on busy weekend

By Annaliese Meier

The Central Energy softball program experienced a weekend of highs and lows as its U13, U15, U17 and U19 teams combined for six victories across tournament and league action.

The U13AAA Central Energy squad split a pair of games against the Winnipeg Lightning. Central Energy opened the day with an 18-16 slugfest victory, led by Madison K's four-hit, four-RBI performance. The club pounded out 18 hits and stole 20 bases in the win, with Skilyr M, Sophie F, Izzy K and Kinsley C all recording multiple-hit games.

The Lightning gained revenge in the second game, defeating Central Energy 12-8. Izzy K tripled while Leah M and Milaunia W each drove in runs as Central Energy erased an early deficit before Winnipeg pulled away with a five-run fourth inning.

At the U15 level, Central Energy endured a difficult start to the weekend, dropping both ends of a doubleheader against the Eastman Wildcats by scores of 14-0 and 12-5. Lindsay French recorded two hits in the opener, while Brady Wiebe highlighted the second game with a double and an inside-the-park home run.

The team rebounded Sunday with back-to-back victories over the Smitty's Terminators. Central Energy prevailed 14-11 in a high-scoring contest as Renna Toews went 5-for-5 at the plate. Reese Fotheringham drove in three runs while the team collected 21 hits and swiped 10 bases.

Central Energy completed the sweep with a 15-6 victory later in the day. Kylie Wiebe drove in four runs, including a three-run inside-the-park home run, while the club amassed 16 hits. Toews, Ember Wiebe and Kylie Wiebe each collected three hits in the win.

The U17 Central Energy team opened its weekend by sweeping a doubleheader against the Smitty's Terminators. Central Energy earned a 9-2 victory behind three hits from Shyanne Goertzen, including an inside-the-park home run. Kennedy Funk picked up the win in the circle after allowing no runs over 3 1/3 innings.

Central Energy followed with a 12-0 shutout victory. Goertzen earned the win and also collected three hits, while Addison Nikkel drove in two runs during a decisive nine-run third inning.

The momentum did not carry into Sunday's doubleheader against the Eastman Wildcats. Central Energy

dropped a pair of close contests, falling 5-4 and 7-4 despite out-hitting Eastman in both games. Goertzen continued her strong offensive weekend with two hits in the opener and a three-hit performance in the second game.

The U19 AAA Central Energy squad finished the weekend on a high note with a sweep of the Westman Magic.

Maddy Friesen led the offence in a 9-5 victory, blasting two home runs and driving in four runs. Molly Cowan earned the complete-game win in the circle while also collecting two hits.

Friesen, Kara Buhler, Ella Harkness, Eve English, Cowan and Hailey-Jo Guffei each recorded two hits.

Central Energy completed the sweep with a 10-2 win. Friesen tossed a complete game and added two hits at the plate, while Christina VanDeVelde, English and Cowan also recorded multi-hit efforts.

Overall, Central Energy teams posted a combined 6-5 record over the weekend, highlighted by strong offensive performances from Madison K, Toews, Goertzen and Friesen.

Carman Goldeyes reunited



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Former members of the Carman Goldeyes gathered in Carman recently for a special Goldeye Get Together, reconnecting with teammates and reliving memories from the club's successful years during the 1970s and 1980s. The reunion brought together players who helped shape the team's rich baseball tradition and provided an opportunity to celebrate decades of friendship forged on the diamond. Pictured back row, left to right: Hank Lemoine, Gord Selinger, Reid Hodgson, Ron Bartley, Brian Coates, Garth Jackman, Brian Hodgson and Pat Temmerman. Front row, left to right: Bob Leslie, Jack Sayer, Vern Epp, Rod Fallis, Gerry Falk and Bill Whitehead.



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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Town of Carman

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 28, 2026.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of head of council: Between May 1, 2026, and September 22, 2026

For the office of councillor: Between June 30, 2026, and September 22, 2026

at the Town of Carman Municipal Office, 12-2nd Avenue SW, Carman, MB during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below.

Susan Stein, SEO
1-204-745-2443

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Dated at the Town of Carman on April 15th, 2026



Career Opportunity Golf Clubhouse Manager

Position Summary:

Full time/Permanent position at Pleasant Valley Golf Club
Position is April 1st to October 31st

This position reports directly to the Owners/Manager.

The Golf Course Manager will plan, direct, and coordinate all aspects of the golf facility. This includes overseeing the pro shop, food and beverage outlets, tournament operations, and collaborating closely with the turf maintenance team to ensure pristine course conditions.

Key Responsibilities:

Operations & Guest Services: Manage day-to-day clubhouse and pro shop operations, ensuring a premium customer service experience for all members and guests.

Staff Leadership: Recruit, train, schedule, and supervise clubhouse, pro shop, and food & beverage staff.

Event Management: Plan, schedule, and promote golf tournaments, leagues, and outing activities.

Course Coordination: Work closely with the Greens Superintendent to coordinate course maintenance and maximize the playability and presentation of the golf course.

Marketing & Membership: Develop and implement initiatives to increase course traffic, pursue sponsorships, and boost member retention.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- **Experience:** Responsible experience in golf course operations or hospitality management.

- **Education:** Post-secondary diploma/degree in Golf Course Management, Business Administration, or a related field (or equivalent combination of education and experience), would be an asset.

- **Skills:** Strong leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills.

- **Technical:** Proficiency with point-of-sale (POS) systems, golf management software, and Microsoft Office.

- **Flexibility:** Ability to work a flexible schedule, including weekends and extended hours during peak golf season.

- **Compensation:** The starting salary for this position will be dependent upon the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate

Please submit your resume and a cover letter detailing your relevant experience to pleasantvallygolf@gmail.com by August 1, 2026. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Dated at Carman, Manitoba on April 18, 2026.

Sharla Murray, CLGM, CMMA
Senior Election Official

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> MEAL IDEAS



Crunchy and Creamy Cold Green Pea and Peanut Salad

6 slices thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled

1 pinch salt, or to taste

1 pinch freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

To make dressing: In small mixing bowl, whisk sour cream, mayonnaise, apple cider vinegar and sugar.

To make salad: In large mixing bowl, combine frozen green peas, celery and onion. Pour dressing over salad and toss to combine. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Before serving, stir in roasted peanuts and crumbled bacon. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Nutritional information per serving: 230 calories, 17 g carbohydrates, 12 mg cholesterol, 3 g saturated fat, 9 g unsaturated fat, 5 g fiber, 11 g protein, 249 mg sodium, 6 g sugar, 1 g added sugar.

Recipe courtesy of The Peanut Institute

Servings: 8

Dressing:

1/3 cup sour cream

1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise

2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar

2 teaspoons sugar

Salad:

1 package (20 ounces) green peas, frozen

1 cup celery, chopped

1/3 cup red onions, chopped

1 cup dry roasted peanuts



Flourless Blueberry Muffins

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease muffin pan.

In blender or food processor, combine bananas, peanut butter, eggs and baking powder; blend until smooth. Fold in blueberries by hand.

Pour mixture into muffin tin. Bake 12-15 minutes.

Store in airtight container up to 3 days.

Nutritional information per serving: 155 calories, 10 g carbohydrates, 31 mg cholesterol, 2 g saturated fat, 9 g unsaturated fat, 2 g fiber, 6 g protein, 98 mg sodium, 5 g sugar.

Recipe courtesy of The Peanut Institute

Servings: 12

2 bananas

1 cup creamy peanut butter

2 eggs

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 cup blueberries



Protein Balls

1/2 cup shredded coconut

1/2 cup dried, chopped cranberries

1/8 teaspoon iodized salt

1/4 cup water

Using stand mixer, combine peanut butter, vanilla, honey, quick oats, flaxseed, coconut, cranberries, salt and water; mix until well combined.

Form dough into 1-ounce portions and refrigerate 30 minutes before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 130 calories, 7 g fat, 14 g carbohydrates, 3 g protein, 2 g fiber, 60 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of The Peanut Institute

Servings: 24

1 cup chunky peanut butter

1 tablespoon vanilla

1/4 cup honey

2 cups quick oats

2 tablespoons ground flaxseed

The one reason you're not getting hired

By Nick Kossov

Many job seekers believe employers hire people based on effort, potential or credentials alone. In reality, employers hire people who can help them make money, save money or solve problems.

Employment is a financial transaction. An employer pays wages in exchange for a return on investment. If you're sending out resumes, networking and attending interviews without receiving offers, you may not be communicating your value in terms employers understand.

Too many candidates treat their resume like a history lesson, listing duties and responsibilities in chronological order. Employers are less interested in what you did than in the results you achieved. In business, an employee's value is measured by their impact on the organization's success.

Ask yourself one question: What value will an employer gain by hiring me?

A more effective approach is to think of yourself as a business of one. Rather than presenting yourself as a job seeker looking for work, position yourself as someone offering solutions to business problems. Your resume, LinkedIn profile and interview responses should clearly demonstrate how your work creates measurable results.

Your resume: Focus on achievements, not duties. Replace statements such as "Responsible for managing a team" with results-based accomplishments. Quantify improvements whenever possible, whether through revenue growth, cost savings, efficiency gains or customer retention.

Your LinkedIn profile: Treat it as a marketing tool rather than an online résumé. Your headline should communicate the value you provide. Instead of "Experienced Operations Professional," explain how you help organizations improve performance, reduce costs or increase revenue.

Networking: Avoid asking people if they know of any job openings. Instead, learn about the challenges facing their company or industry. Discuss examples of how you've solved similar problems and delivered results.

Interviews: Don't rely on generic answers about being a hard worker or team player. Connect your strengths directly to business outcomes. Explain how your skills improve efficiency, increase productivity or reduce waste.

When meeting someone for the first time, ask yourself: How can I help this person?

If employers aren't calling, interviewing or hiring you, consider whether you're making a compelling business case. Employers aren't buying your biography; they're investing in a solution.

Review your resume, LinkedIn profile and interview talking points. Remove anything that doesn't clearly demonstrate value. When you shift the conversation from what you cost an employer to what you contribute, you give hiring managers a much stronger reason to hire you.

Nick Kossov, a well-seasoned corporate veteran, offers "unsweetened" job search advice. Send Nick your job search questions to artoffindingwork@gmail.com.



Pumpkin Bread with Chocolate Chips

chips

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray 8-by-4-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray and line with parchment paper. Set aside.

In large bowl, whisk flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and pumpkin spice. Set aside.

In medium bowl, combine canned pumpkin, brown sugar, granulated sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla extract. Stir together.

Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients; mix until combined.

Fold in chocolate chips.

Pour batter into loaf pan. Bake 45-50 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool at least 10 minutes in pan before removing to wire rack to finish cooling.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 45-50 minutes

Servings: 12

Nonstick cooking spray

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1 cup canned pumpkin

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup vegetable oil

3 eggs, at room temperature

1/2 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate