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Chris Dick, known locally as the "Carman Runner," completed the full Manitoba Marathon in 4:06:17 on Father's Day, placing 11th out of 25 in the men's 55 to 59 age group. Pictured with Coach Dick is Grade 6 student Jorja Best, a former Cool Cat who continues to run and train with École Carman Elementary School.

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Carman's Cool Cats run strong at Manitoba Marathon

By Annaliese Meier

What started as a passion project 22 years ago has grown into a movement that continues to inspire young runners—and their families—across Carman.

The Cool Cats Run Club from École Carman Elementary School marked another successful season on Father's Day weekend by taking part in the annual Manitoba Marathon in Winnipeg. Students, parents, and even former runners came together to participate in the relay and Super Run events, a tradition that has become a hallmark of the school's spring program.

"Our run club began with the simple hope of encouraging healthy, active lifestyles in our students," said Lisa Goertzen, a teacher at École Carman Elementary and the club's founder. "Running is something anyone can do, almost anywhere, with minimal equipment. It's individual, inclusive, and joyful."

Goertzen was inspired to bring the Manitoba Marathon experience to her students after participating in the event herself. The atmosphere, she said, was something she knew they had to experience.



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Members of the Cool Cats Run Club from École Carman Elementary gather on race day at the Manitoba Marathon, celebrating the end of their 22nd season of training together.

"It's such a fantastic confidence booster," she said. "Hearing the cheers from thousands of people, listening to the live bands, receiving 'treats' along the course (pickles was a new one!), and being able to keep in step with many runners, naturally

boosts your energy and confidence! I always tell them that I know that they will run even faster on race day once they get caught up in all the hoop-la! It's impossible not to feel stronger and faster, and happier!"

The Cool Cats train three days a week beginning in April, using a walk-run method that gradually builds endurance. The club includes students from Kindergarten through

Grade 6, with younger runners paired with parents. In May, a select group of older students begins training for the Manitoba Marathon relay, aiming to run four to five miles in preparation.

This year, two adult teams joined the student relays, giving parents the chance to share in the experience.

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“Being able to run the same event as your child is incredibly special,” Goertzen said. “Our kids and parents really root for each other. There’s such genuine care and encouragement—it’s truly about community and kindness.”

The club’s youth relay teams placed second and third overall in their age groups.

Goertzen also credits community members like Chris Dick, known locally as “Carman Runner,” for inspiring students and supporting practices. His running group, Small Town Run and Walk Crew, gives young athletes a path to continue running even after the club’s season ends.

“Seeing role model runners join us shows our students that running is a lifelong sport,” she said.

Goertzen said she hopes the success of the Cool Cats will encourage other schools to launch similar programs.

“We’d love to see more run clubs start up in our division or neighbouring ones. The more the merrier,” she said. “It could even help grow our own spring event, Jog in our Park.”

Above all, she hopes her students walk—or run—away with a lasting sense of self-belief. Goertzen herself has completed 50 half marathons.

“My hope is that they remember: ‘Trust yourself... you can do it.’ If they believe they can, they will.”



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Endowment fund honours loss, builds hope in Carman

By Lana Meier

A tragedy that shook the Carman community in 2024 has sparked a lasting legacy of healing and education.

Carman Wellness Connections Inc. (CWC) has officially established a \$10,000 endowment fund with the Carman Area Foundation to support domestic violence awareness, prevention and community wellness initiatives. The donation was made possible through proceeds from the Elegant Ladies Gala, held May 10, and personal contributions that followed.

The fund was formally presented at CWC's annual general meeting, held June 11 at Kings Park, where approximately 150 people gathered to reflect on the past year and look to the future.

Lisa Lehmann, coordinator for CWC, said the Clearwater Memorial Playground Project was initially launched to revitalize a local playground while honouring lives lost in February 2024. But as planning progressed, the need to raise awareness and promote education around domestic violence became a clear priority for organizers.

"The tragedy deeply impacted our community," Lehmann said. "In the

wake of that loss, local organizations united to honour those affected and begin healing together."

The May gala, co-hosted by Boyne River Keepers, featured a fashion show and a guest speaker from Genesis House, a local women's shelter. Proceeds from the evening, along with ongoing donations in the weeks that followed, helped CWC reach its \$10,000 goal to launch the endowment.

Lehmann said the fund will serve as a permanent source of annual revenue for programs that support mental health, housing, food security and emotional resilience. It will also provide a platform for new initiatives, including potential youth and adult mental health collaborations and expansion of the WRAP project.

"This fund allows us to support awareness campaigns, education programs, and collaborative work that addresses the root causes of domestic violence," she said. "It's about building long-term solutions while also recognizing and building on the strengths we already have."

Lehmann praised Boyne River Keepers for their role in helping to establish the fund, noting their deter-



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Lisa Lehmann, Lorna George, Tracy Enns and Val Thornier celebrate the launch of a new endowment fund earlier this month, marking the next phase of support for Carman Wellness Connection's Boyne River Keepers initiative.

mination and shared commitment to lasting change.

Community members and businesses are encouraged to support the fund through financial donations or by volunteering their time and ideas. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact CWC at carmanwellness-connections@gmail.com.

As the fund begins generating revenue in partnership with the Carman Area Foundation, Lehmann said allocations will be guided by strategic planning and annual action plans fo-

cused on prevention and community wellness.

"Wellness and nature go hand-in-hand," she said. "Creating safe, natural spaces like playgrounds and river trails supports mental health, community connection, and offers a healthy environment for healing and growth."

The initiative has already received strong community support. Since receiving provincial funding and hiring staff, CWC has seen rising engagement and momentum.

Handi-van support grows



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The Carman Handi-van received donations from the Carman MCC and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 18 Ladies Auxiliary. The MCC contributed proceeds from its March tip jar and quilt raffle, while the Ladies Auxiliary presented a \$500 cheque. The handi-van service has also received several personal donations from community members.



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Flashback: Carman crowd cheers Voth victory

By Dennis Young

In 1989, the annual harness racing weekend in Carman featured an unusual showdown: Man vs. Horse.

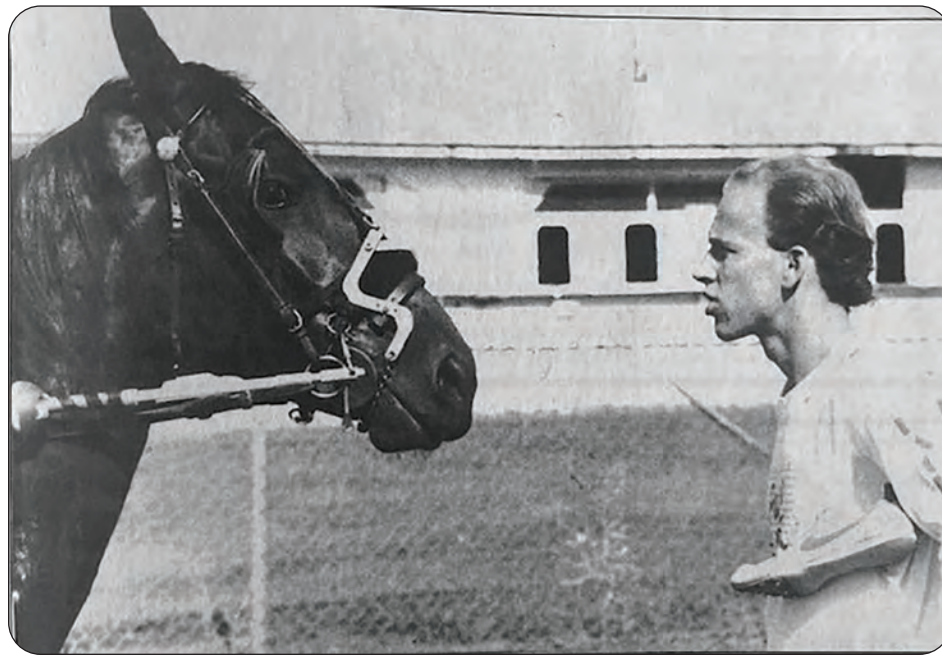
More precisely, it was Carman's own University of Manitoba track athlete Buddy Voth against pacing star Kara Brewer. The novelty race was organized to raise funds for Carman Collegiate's track and field program.

"I went to a meeting with the fair board and pitched the idea," Voth recalled. "I said I'd arrange everything — sponsors and all — and 50 per cent of what I raised would go to the Collegiate. The other 50 per cent would go to the winner. The horse would run a full mile while I'd do a half. That seemed fair — four legs versus two, a much longer nose, a dirt track, and no one whipping me, lol!"

Voth admits he may have been a bit cocky.

"I even told them it had to be a fast horse," he said. "I had to explain it two or three times before they understood. But it was a go. Then I was lucky to have Wayne Allison come on board to help promote the race. He arranged for me to speak at school assemblies, pulled me on a float in the fair parade, and, along with Chicken Chef, had special placemats made."

The "main event" was delayed following a tragic three-horse pileup earlier in the race card, but eventually



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You're on! Buddy Voth challenges his four-legged competitor to a race.

the competitors lined up. With 3,000 fans cheering him on, Voth passed the quarter-mile mark in 59 seconds. The six-year-old pacing horse was full of run, shaving seconds off its early pace.

Coming down the home stretch, Voth held a 200-metre lead and, even with a shortened stride, clocked in at 2:03.1. Kara Brewer crossed in 2:07 — Buddy wins! The event raised more than \$2,000.

Voth continued his track success, with 1990 being a standout year. Among his highlights: bronze in the 3,000-metre steeplechase at the Canadian Nationals in Montreal; bronze in the CIAU indoor 3,000-metre flat race in Sherbrooke; gold in the CIAU 4x800-metre relay in Sherbrooke — setting a new CIAU indoor Canadian team record — and a team win at the CIAU Cross-Country National Championships in Vancouver.

State of emergency lifted in Manitoba as wildfire threat eases

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba government has officially lifted the provincewide state of emergency declared under the Emergency Measures Act, Premier Wab Kinew and Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor announced Monday.

The decision comes as conditions improve and many evacuees begin returning home.

"The decision to lift the state of emergency reflects the progress made on the ground and the dedication of the firefighting teams," said Kinew.

"As a government, we acted when we needed to and now we're stepping back at the right time. This is still a serious situation, so we will remain vigilant and prepare for any changes, but this marks a positive step for Manitoba."

Initially declared May 28 under sections 10(1) and 10(2) of the Emergency Measures Act, the state of emergency expired at noon on June 23.

Evacuation orders issued by local authorities remain in effect where required and will only be lifted once it is safe to do so.

"I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the front-line responders, the Emergency Management Organization and government departments for their continued efforts during this wildfire crisis," said Naylor. "Their co-ordination, dedication and tireless work has been instrumental in protecting lives, property and communities across Manitoba."

Information on active wildfires, fire restrictions and bans, evacuations, and wildfire prevention is available at gov.mb.ca/wildfire.

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Spirit-prayed (protection)

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As a teacher I had the privilege of teaching a course on Worldviews at the high school level. During that course I had the students think about how to make a personal creed based on their knowledge of who they were and of who God is. As the teacher I participated in my own assignment. Over the years, my personal creed has developed and been reshaped many times as my understanding of God's grace to the world has matured. I like to call it my gospel-in-a-nutshell statement of belief. I fully endorse what our church calls the "Three Forms of Unity," the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort. I also wholeheartedly assent to the three well-known Christian Creeds, The Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. All these are wonderful documents based on Scripture, the gospel of Jesus Christ, but they are long and necessarily detailed, even though they are faithful summaries of Scripture. What I wanted was something that could remind me of what I hold as truth in life's hard circumstances. I agree with the many authors who suggest memorizing Bible verses for such circumstances, but those wouldn't be my own words expressing my understanding about God and about my identity.

As I share my personal statement, people invariably ask me to expand on it. How ironic is that? God the Father created this world and everything in it. That includes me. He upholds and governs it by His loving power. Nothing happens by chance. Though I have fallen from grace by my own willful disobedience, Jesus Christ has paved the road back to peace with God by His precious blood. God the Holy Spirit indwells me, to lead me into all the truth and guide my words and beliefs. My belonging to Him is not my own doing but His gracious doing from beginning to end, "for His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136).

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Traffic study underway for proposed crosswalk

By E. Antonio

A traffic study is underway along 4th Avenue near the Dufferin Historical Museum to determine whether a crosswalk is needed in the area.

The Town of Carman submitted a request to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) after receiving multiple inquiries from residents, according to chief administrative officer Susan Stein.

"They feel that it would be safer with the number of pedestrians that cross in that area and with the Boyne Lodge there," said Stein.

She noted there have been no recent incidents involving pedestrians, but added that traffic and increased summer foot traffic have raised safety concerns.

The traffic study began June 17 and will continue until MTI has gathered sufficient data on vehicle and pedestrian volume at the intersection. There is no set completion date.

"The province has criteria for pedestrian and traffic counts that have to be met in order for a crosswalk to be installed," Stein said.

Midland MLA Lauren Stone said MTI follows the Transportation Association of Canada's guidelines to



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A traffic study is underway along 4th Avenue near the Dufferin Historical Museum in Carman to assess whether a crosswalk is needed at the intersection. The Town of Carman submitted a request to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure following resident concerns about pedestrian safety near Boyne Lodge.

determine whether a crosswalk is warranted and what type should be installed. These criteria include traffic volume, pedestrian use, road design and speed limits.

Once the study concludes, the Town of Carman will be notified of the results and, if approved, a timeline for installation will be provided.

This week, the way it was through the years

100 Years Ago — June 26, 1925: Albert Doyle retires as fire chief after 13 years; Board of Trade appoints committee to raise funds for the Carman Band; Ernie Martin is a three-time winner of Plowman of Manitoba; a green high-boarded fence is erected around the track to force "pay to see"; a vote is coming on whether St. Andrews will enter the United Church of Canada.

75 years ago, 1950: Cardinals beat the Harlem Globetrotters baseball team 7-4; Rutherford's Tea Room serves full-course chicken dinners

for 75 cents; Louis Torde opens New Method Tailor in the Montgomery Building; Carman Creamery sponsors the cream competition at the fair, with a \$15 first prize; new telephone boards are being installed to introduce private lines.

50 years ago, 1975: The Rocking Chair Marathon is part of the Carman Harness Racing Festival; Miami holds its first annual Mule Derby; the Southwest Ham Radio Club holds a field day exercise in Carman; Bob Di-emert returns home from Boston with a helicopter to restore; seven Carman

Band members attend a jazz festival in Wisconsin.

25 years ago, 2000: Town unveils parallel parking plans for Main Street; the 12th annual Potato & Blossom Festival sees poor attendance; Carman's girls soccer team wins gold at the Central Region Games; Pembina Valley seniors bring home seven gold, eight silver and nine bronze medals at the MSOS Games; Child and Family Services opens a new office in Carman; President Dave Suderman prepares for the Carman Country Fair.

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Carman's youth employment leader helping teens step into the workforce

MYJC helps rural youth build job skills

By Annaliese Meier

A familiar face has returned to the Manitoba Youth Job Centre (MYJC) this summer to help teens and young adults build workplace skills and find employment opportunities in Morden and beyond.

Anna Nikkel, a psychology and animal systems student at the University of Manitoba, is back for a second year as the Morden-based Youth Engagement Leader for the provincial MYJC program. A longtime resident of Morden, Nikkel serves not only her hometown but also nearby communities such as Winkler, Carman and Portage la Prairie.

"My role is to assist students and youth with any employment needs

and direct them to where they can look for work in the future," she said.

Funded by the Manitoba government, MYJC provides free employment support to youth aged 13 to 29 across rural and northern Manitoba. Services include resume preparation, interview assistance, job search strategies, and career development support. For younger teens, ages 13 to 16, the centre offers the Odd Job Squad — a supervised program designed to give youth hands-on work and volunteer experience.

Nikkel remembers taking part in an Odd Job Squad event as a middle school student, calling it a turning point in her own job journey. "Having that experience on my resume helped me when looking for part-time work," she said.

This year, MYJC is operating out of eight hubs across the province, with locations in Morden, Brandon, Sel-

kirk, Thompson, The Pas, Steinbach, St-Pierre Jolys and Flin Flon. Each centre supports the surrounding area through job fairs, community events, and tailored assistance.

The Morden office, located at 1-160 Stephen St. beside Service Canada, is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed from 12–1 p.m.). Youth can reach Nikkel at 204-870-2945 or by email at Annabella.nikkel@gov.mb.ca.

While the MYJC no longer directly places youth in jobs, the team helps build resumes, explore career paths and navigate online job boards. Participation in Odd Job Squad events — such as community clean-ups, freezie sales and car washes — provides early work experience and encourages youth to develop teamwork,

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Anna Nikkel is serving as the 2025 Youth Engagement Leader for the Manitoba Youth Job Centre in Morden.

Back on Cue calls for more access to Carman theatre

Community members urge PRSD to improve affordability, collaboration

By E. Antonio

Trustees with the Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) reviewed curriculum implementation, staffing appointments, and community engagement during their regular board meeting June 2 — including a presentation on access to the Carman Collegiate Community Theatre.

Kali Gray, vice-chair of the Back on Cue Theatre group, presented on behalf of the community organization to highlight barriers local arts groups face when trying to book the theatre for performances and programming.

"The cost of staffed supervision for user groups to access the theatre outside regularly staffed hours has a direct impact on non-profit and/or volunteer-based user groups," Gray told the board. "This can impact the amount of time budgeted for rehearsals, setup, performance, and takedown when planning the cost of overhead for hosting an event at the theatre. This in turn impacts decisions on how to ensure access to attend events remains affordable for all within the community, not just affordable for some."

Gray acknowledged that liability insurance requirements, while essential for safety and risk management, can also be a financial hurdle. Still, she emphasized the importance of proper coverage: "It would be imprudent to be viewed as a reason to forego these necessary safeguards."

Despite the challenges, Gray noted that community connection to the Carman Collegiate Community Theatre remains strong. "The bond between the community of Carman and the theatre at the Collegiate has proven its strength, given the funds raised to complete the renovation of the theatre in 2012-2013 was primarily the result of community member donation — the community is literally invested in the theatre and its informal role as a hub

for community arts programming."

Gray called on PRSD to consider establishing a formal advisory committee made up of both community members and school administration.

"By establishing a formal channel for dialogue and shared decision-making, this committee would not only address current barriers but also reaffirm the theatre's value as a shared community resource," she said.

She also noted that limited access to the facility has already led some groups to move performances to other venues, or pause programming altogether.

"We ultimately have a beautiful facility at the Carman Collegiate Community Theatre that's difficult to use," she said. "Some user groups are going elsewhere—to other community spaces—or have paused public programming altogether. However, it likely means these user groups have found a space that is more accommodating to their needs and is able to continue providing community access to their performances in a sustainable way."

Board chair Ashley Lachance said the board values community input.

"Presentations like this highlight the vital role community organizations play in enhancing both student learning and the broader community experience," she said. "These engagements give us the chance to celebrate existing partnerships, better understand the needs of our community partners, and inspire new opportunities for collaboration."

IN OTHER NEWS:

• Trustees approved the appointment of Mike Young as vice-principal of St. Laurent School for the 2025–26 school year. Young replaces Shane Buck, who is moving into a vice-principal role at École Carman El-

ementary.

Superintendent Kevin Clace praised Young's leadership and student-first approach. "His contributions at St. Laurent School have laid a solid foundation for success in this new role," said Clace.

• Clace reported that PRSD will participate in the early implementation of Manitoba's renewed K-10 science curriculum. Teachers Michelle Monkman of St. Laurent School and Jolina Leafloor of St. François Xavier Community School will serve as liaisons to support other educators across the division.

• PRSD also shared details on this year's Technology Education Equipment Replacement (TEER) grant, which will benefit technical and vocational programming at Carman Collegiate, St. Laurent School, and across the division.

• Trustees approved updates to several policies and ratified a new collective agreement with CUPE Local 4701 Unit B, covering the period from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026.

"This agreement reflects a fair and competitive settlement that acknowledges the essential work of our support staff," said Clace. "It also supports our ongoing efforts to recruit and retain staff who are committed to student success."

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Miami School ends year with bubble run

By E. Antonio

Miami School wrapped up the year with some bubbly fun on June 19 as more than 120 students took part in a Bubble Fun Run through town.

Organized by teacher Theresa Knox as a year-end windup for the Grades 3 to 6 run club, the five-kilometre event invited students, staff, families and community members to jog the bubble-filled route together.

"The kids really enjoyed the sprinklers that were set up for them to run through," said Knox. "Thank you to everyone who came out to join the run and to those who cheered on our runners."

The run ended with freezies and a picnic. It was the second time the school has hosted a bubble run — the first held before the pandemic — and Knox hopes to make it an annual tradition.



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customer service and time management skills.

"For those unsure what they want to do for school or work, we provide tools and guidance to help them explore their options," Nikkel said. "And we're located right inside the Manitoba Training and Employment Services building, so post-secondary students can also access additional supports."

MYJC benefits the broader community too, by supporting local

employers with job-ready candidates. Residents and businesses can also request help from Odd Job Squad participants for light tasks such as weeding, window washing or garden cleanup.

"Employers appreciate that today's youth are tech-savvy, adaptable and eager to learn," Nikkel added. "Giving them a chance helps build strong, community-minded workers for the future."

With many students expressing

interest last year but limited events available, Nikkel said her 2025 goal is to organize more Odd Job Squad events with a greater focus on community service.

"The more support and requests we get from the community, the more opportunities we can offer," she said.

Youth interested in joining must complete an intake form and, if under 16, a parent consent form. A Social Insurance Number is required,

and those planning to work outside the Odd Job Squad must also complete the Young Worker Readiness Certificate through SAFE Work Manitoba.

Nikkel encourages anyone considering their first job to stop by.

"Even if you already have a resume, we can help make it better," she said. "Participating in just one event or volunteering can give you something to build on — and that can make all the difference."

Young readers encouraged to 'Read for the Stars' this summer

Boyne Regional Library launches 2025 Summer Reading Program July 2

By Lana Meier

The Boyne Regional Library is inviting local youth to shoot for the stars this summer through its 2025 Summer Reading Program, officially launching July 2.

Open to children entering kindergarten through Grade 12, the free program runs until Aug. 23 and is designed to keep kids engaged in reading over the summer break. This year's theme, Read for the Stars, encourages young readers to dream big, explore new interests and build a life-long love of books.

"I hope the Summer Reading Program encourages kids and families to keep up their reading over the summer, as well as become more active participants in the library and the programs we offer," said Scarlett, the library's summer clerk. "I think it's important to get kids excited about reading, and I hope they can do that through this program."

Children can register in person at the library and will receive 10 ballots upon sign-up to enter for one of 10 themed prize baskets. Additional ballots are earned by completing weekly reading challenges, which are designed to help children discover different genres and parts of the library.

"The purpose of the challenges is to get kids to branch out from their comfort zones with their reading, while rewarding them with an extra ballot," Scarlett explained. "All of the challenges involve checking out a specific kind of book—like one by a Canadian author or a non-fiction book."

This year's prizes feature a fun cosmic twist in keeping with the space-themed motif. One highlight is a telescope, and each basket includes items that reflect the Read for the Stars theme, even if not directly space-re-



lated.

"We change the prizes up a little bit each year," Scarlett said. "We'll also have passive programs like voting on your favourite planet running throughout the summer, as well as themed crafts."

All prize basket winners will be drawn on Aug. 27, with one winner selected for each basket.

The library reports strong participation in previous years, with over 500 children joining the program in 2024. Scarlett said the initiative helps build positive habits and makes the library an inviting space for all ages.

"The program helps kids want to come to the library and check out books because it adds a fun aspect to reading even when they're not in school," she said. "We hope that through the Summer Reading Program, even kids who aren't big fans of reading can find a book they love."

Participation is free for youth living in the Town of Carman and RM of Dufferin. Children in the RM of Grey are also eligible for a free summer membership. Non-residents may purchase a six-month membership for \$32.50 or an annual one for \$65, though some municipalities offer reimbursement.

"If you're not sure about your eligibility, just ask at the front desk," Scarlett added.

This year's grand prizes are sponsored by Access Credit Union. The library also thanked several local businesses for supporting the prize baskets, including the Blue Crescent



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The Boyne Regional Library in Carman is inviting local youth to "Read for the Stars" as part of its 2025 Summer Reading Program, running July 2 to Aug. 23. Participants can complete weekly reading challenges and enter to win one of 10 themed prize baskets.

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Carman Collegiate finishes first full year of power-mechanics programming

By E. Antonio

A student-driven push for more hands-on learning has led to a power-filled school year at Carman Collegiate.

For the first time, the high school offered a full year of power-mechanic courses, enrolling 20 students across four classes — two for Grade 9, one each for Grade 10 and 11. Previously, the program was only available in a single semester.

"After meeting with the superintendent and the principal, it was clear that the students of Carman Collegiate were looking for additional programming in this area," said motosports teacher Mark Findlay.

Findlay said the expanded program gave students the time and opportunity to take on bigger projects and further develop their mechanical skills.

"A highlight was building nine driving go-karts from scratch," he said. "The more courses students take in this area, the more their skills will develop and they will make better



employees when they go out to work with a local business."

In addition to go-karts, students completed brake jobs and oil changes, wired a John Deere tractor, and repaired personal machines including dirt bikes, generators, three-wheelers, chainsaws and lawnmowers.

Looking ahead, Findlay hopes to grow the program to include two more Grade 10 and 11 courses and introduce a Grade 12 apprenticeship and work placement opportunity by the 2026-27 school year.

Carman Collegiate will continue offering four motosport courses this September.



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Students at Carman Collegiate wrapped up the school's first full year of motosport programming in 2024-25. Pictured clockwise from top left, Alex Orchard and Tanner Enns; Jude Atkins; Griffin Graham, Brody Benner, Linden Findlay; Bryson Hiebert and Natalie Futros.



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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	BBQ - EC Hall - RM of Grey Firefighters
1:30pm - 3:00pm	4H Beef Club Show & Bingo
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Canada Day Cup Skills Competition - Ball diamonds - Fundraiser in Support of Katie Cares - Don Z. 745-7525
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Children's Entertainer - EC Hall - Ryan Price Magic
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Free Pizza - Downtown
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Free French Fries - Downtown
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Free Mini-Donuts - Downtown
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Truck & Tractor Pull - Downtown - Conrad Last 805-0780
11:00pm	Fireworks - Downtown - RM of Grey Firefighters

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Canada Day

4 reasons to celebrate this beautiful country

On July 1, the people of Canada come together from coast to coast to celebrate in style with live events, entertainment, large gatherings, fireworks and parades. Living in a nation filled with wonders and treasures, as well as passionate and inspiring people, Canadians have every reason to be proud of their country. Here are some examples of what makes Canada special.

1. Stunning nature

As the second-largest country in the world, Canada boasts breathtaking landscapes from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island, including the Bay of Fundy,

the Saguenay Fjord, Niagara Falls and the Rocky Mountains, to name just a few. Of course, you can't forget about the stunning Northern Lights!

2. Decorated athletes

Canada is a powerhouse of sports, especially in hockey, with remarkable victories in the 4 Nations Face-Off and a record for the highest number of wins among goalkeepers. Legendary Canadian goalies like Martin Brodeur, Marc-André Fleury, Patrick Roy, Roberto Luong and Ed Belfour dominate the top five.

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From previous page

Canada's athletic achievements extend beyond hockey. Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are the most decorated figure skaters in Olympic history. Clara Hughes has excelled in both speed skating and cycling. You can't mention notable Canadian athletes without honouring the enduring legacy of marathon runner Terry Fox.

3. Delicious food
From poutine, butter tarts, Nanaimo bars and pastries shaped like a beaver's tail to lobster rolls, Caesars, Montreal smoked meat sandwiches and even peanut butter, Canadians know how to indulge in delicious treats.

4. Revolutionary inventions
Many familiar inventions, including the telephone, sonar, insulin, the snowmobile, the walkie-talkie, IMAX technology, the electric wheelchair, the pacemaker, the goalkeeper's mask and the garbage bag, stem from Canadian ingenuity.

Cheers to Canada!

How well do you know Canadian artists?

Over the years, Canada has produced many artists whose talents have shone both here and abroad. Can you identify the following ten?

WHO AM I?

1. As an icon of dance sport, I was a judge on *So You Think You Can Dance* in both the United States and Canada.
2. An influential painter associated with the Group of Seven, I was also the first president of the Canadian Group of Painters.
3. The red-haired orphan with a sharp tongue that I created has travelled the world, both on paper and on screen.
4. I played a leading role in the series *Cardinal* and hosted the reality TV show *The Traitors Canada*.
5. I sing both pop and jazz music and have sold over 75 million albums worldwide.
6. I have directed episodes of many popular series, including *The Walking Dead* and *Game of Thrones*.
7. As a legendary guitarist and songwriter, including with The Guess Who, I have been awarded the Order of Canada.
8. A self-taught photographer, I focus on capturing moments that reflect the Arctic environment and Inuit culture.
9. I work with various materials including wax, stone, bronze and steel. I am particularly known for my "Women are Persons!" monuments.
10. In addition to being a symphony and opera conductor, I'm the musical director of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada.

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- F. Lucy Maud Montgomery
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Among the most notable additions to our site are the 1875 Sexsmith log cabin and the 1930 one-room Boyne School - both fabulous acquisitions that bring the past to life. Our mandate is to collect, preserve and display objects of historical significance that help document the history of our settlement and surrounding region.

If that doesn't inspire a visit, our brand-new website might! Discover the visionaries behind the museum's creation in the 1950s, explore the on-line gallery for a glimpse of what's in store, and browse our gift shop page. Take note of the unique items — perfect for anyone with a Carman connection — and stop in to shop! Our dedicated volunteer board has gone above and beyond in recent years to welcome guests, hoping they'll spread the word and help support our efforts. As a non-profit organization, we rely on memberships, grants and admissions to stay open from June through September, and we're always exploring new fundraising opportunities.

Some of our past initiatives include publishing and selling Memories of Carman and

Area books in 2017 and 2024 (we're collecting stories for the next one!), as well as selling sweatshirts, cookbooks and more. We stay active in the community with booths at the Carman Fair, One Stop Shop, Farmer's Market and Homestead Coop, and by inviting schools, businesses and organizations to book private tours.

Each year, the Boyne School is used for a full day of pioneer-style learning, and we host community events such as Christmas at the Museum with sleigh rides and the ever-popular Duck Race every July.

Over the years, our volunteer boards have expanded the museum to meet growing demand. In 2025, a major renovation — funded through community support — removed the south washrooms to make space for a mini kitchen, additional storage and a wheelchair-accessible washroom. To mark this achievement, we're hosting a Renovation Celebration with free admission all summer!

So please — don't drive by this time. Stop in, take your time, and ask our attendants to guide you through displays such as Farming Days of Old, War Times, The Carman Band, and the newly arrived Town Whistle. Watch for our monthly themed displays, beginning with Weddings in June, announced on Facebook and our homepage.

There's so much to explore — you might just spend the whole day with us. We hope you do!



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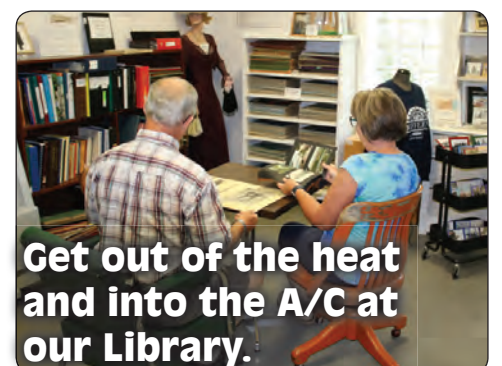
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Blast from the past

The annual Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair offered a celebration of everything connected to the trapping trade and pioneer era traditions. It took place on the grounds of the former Darlingford school, which now houses the local heritage museum, over the weekend of June 21 and 22. It features a variety of demonstrations, competitions and other activities. Some of the feature events included the outdoor seminars and demonstrations on such skills as blacksmithing, flint knapping and trapping and skinning.





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Fire forces flight, family offers refuge in Carman

By E. Antonio

Jackie Hritzuk and her partner, Wally, thought they were ready to evacuate.

On May 28, they received the official notice to leave their home in Creighton, Sask., just two kilometres west of Flin Flon. Despite having essentials pre-packed, they didn't expect to be told by their son later that evening to leave immediately.

"He said, 'You know mom, I really think you should be leaving tonight. The fire is just outside of the community and if the fire gets to the road you might not be able to get out,'" Hritzuk recalled.

They hit the road that night and arrived the next morning at the Carman home of Dave and Marj McInnes, Hritzuk's brother and sister-in-law. On June 8, they moved in with her sister, Barb Lepp, and her husband, Harry.

Hritzuk, who grew up in the Carman area, said having family support has been vital during this stressful time.

"Having family around as supports has definitely helped us. We have gone sightseeing in the country and it has been nice having happy memories to distract us from what is happening close to home," she said, adding one stop included a visit to St. Daniel School, where she started Grade 1.

The community has also stepped up for evacuees. When Hritzuk visited the local MCC Thrift Shop to pick up warmer clothes—having only packed a few tank tops—she was offered a 50 per cent discount.

"Realistically, I didn't think we would be gone from home as long as we have been so I didn't think to pack for the cooler temperatures," she said.

Some items on her packing list were non-negotiable. Having lost a previous home to an electrical fire

six years ago, she brought photo albums, passports, wills and other irreplaceable documents.

Hritzuk has been keeping herself busy in Carman by volunteering at Boyne Care Lodge, where residents from a Flin Flon personal care home are temporarily housed. She's been visiting with evacuees, especially those without nearby family.

One interaction, she said, was especially meaningful: a woman with dementia who didn't remember her at first. But when Hritzuk mentioned the woman's daughter—who had been in the same Girl Guides program as her own daughter—something changed.

"You could see in her eyes something clicked. That interaction was absolutely priceless to me," she said. "Volunteering some time just to say, 'So-and-so wanted to say hi!' has made at least one part of their stay positive."

Meanwhile, her son and his partner have faced their own wildfire crisis. Initially in Snow Lake, they were displaced again after both Snow Lake and their home community of Denare Beach, Sask., were evacuated. Their home was destroyed by the Wolf wildfire on June 2.

Hritzuk said the couple is coping well and has received support from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and insurance providers.

Back in Creighton and Flin Flon, structures have so far been spared. Hritzuk is hopeful the danger has passed thanks to recent weather and the tireless work of firefighting crews.

"To the communities in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba who have sent manpower and commitment to battle the fire—we see you and can't thank you enough," she said.



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Jackie Hritzuk and her husband, Wally, evacuated to Carman from their home in Creighton, Sask., to stay with family members. Pictured is Hritzuk in front of her old school, St. Daniel School.

Darlingford Memorial Service coming up July 6

Staff

The community of Darlingford gathers next weekend to honour its war heroes.

The 104th annual Darlingford Memorial Service takes place at Memorial Park on Sunday, July 6 at 11 a.m. If it rains, the service will take place inside the Darlingford United Church.

The ceremony honours the memory of the area residents who sacrificed their lives in service to their country.

This year's guest speaker is Manitou's Larry Selby. Both of his grandfathers fought in the First World War while his father and father-in-law served in the Second World War.

Following the service, lunch will be available at the Darlingford Community Hall (\$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Cash or cheque only).

The Darlingford Memorial is the only free-standing memorial building of its kind in Manitoba with the sole function of commemorating the war dead.

The park is maintained by a local volunteer committee and community volunteers. Donations toward the upkeep of the park are gratefully accepted.

The annual service began when the park officially opened in 1921.



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Darlingford honours its war dead on Sunday, July 6 with its 104th community memorial service.

National school board congress pivots online to free hotel space for evacuees

Event to be held virtually July 3-4, featuring Suzuki, Fontaine, Hughes, Penner

By E. Antonio

The Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education will take place virtually this year, freeing up nearly 350 hotel rooms in Winnipeg for wildfire evacuees.

Originally scheduled to be held in person July 2 to 5, the conference will now take place online July 3 and 4. The decision was made in response to ongoing wildfire evacuations, with the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) requesting that rooms at the Delta Hotel and Hampton Inn by Hilton be released for those displaced by fires in northern Manitoba.

"This is a really important event for us, but we are able to pivot and offer some really important learning on our public education system and

Indigenous education virtually," said Alan Campbell, CSBA and MSBA president, in a June 11 radio interview with CBC's Marcy Markusa.

Campbell, a Stonewall resident, noted the conference has been four years in the making and was meant to highlight the province's Indigenous and Franco-Manitoban cultures. Venues across Winnipeg had been lined up to showcase Manitoba's strengths to visiting trustees and educators.

Despite the shift to a virtual format, Campbell said the event remains packed with value. Registration fees have been cut in half, and the online format eliminates travel and accommodation expenses. In turn, registration has increased, and for the first time, the general public is also invited to participate.

"We will offer the same professional development opportunities and keynote speakers without having to incur the costs of hotels and the full congress rate," Campbell told the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*. "The quality and breadth of the program is second to none."

Speakers this year include environ-

mentalist Dr. David Suzuki, Indigenous leader Phil Fontaine, Olympian Clara Hughes, and children's entertainer Fred Penner. All sessions are aligned with CSBA's strategic priorities: advocacy, Indigenous education, comprehensive school health, and equity, diversity and inclusion.

"We recognize the impact of school boards leading the charge for the Calls to Action," Campbell said. "We work to aggressively strengthen the autonomy of our school boards and we do this with the professional development opportunities we provide—virtual included."

While the shift online means fewer tourism dollars for Manitoba in the short term, Campbell said financial losses for CSBA have been minimal. The association has worked with hotel partners to reschedule future in-person events once conditions improve.

Meanwhile, school divisions across the province have been supporting evacuees in various ways. In the north, school bus drivers have been helping with transportation, while in the south, Winnipeg and Brandon di-



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Alan Campbell was elected President of the CSBA in July, 2022.

visions have provided learning materials for displaced students. Divisions like Lord Selkirk have organized local donation drives.

"I am proud of the support and engagement our school boards have provided during these times," Campbell said.

More information about the congress and registration is available at www.winnipeg2025.ca.

Carman Beavers 1970's reunion brings laughs



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Members of the 1970s-era Carman Beavers hockey team reunited at the Carman Legion on Saturday for an afternoon and evening of reminiscing, supper and laughter. The team played 221 games throughout the decade, earning 236 points with 114 wins, 109 losses and eight ties. Their highlight came in the 1976-77 season, when they captured the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League championship. Pictured left to right, back row: Ed Tkachyk, Kraig MacLean, Harry McKnight, Ron Bartley, Bruce North, Roger Kissick, Bill Whitehead, Glenn Miller; Middle row: Jack Sayer, Brian McIntyre, Bill Sisson, John Niel, Neil Strachan, Malcolm McEachern, Bill North, Bob Leslie, Don Revel; Front row: Glen McIntosh, Blaine Woods, Warren Johnston, Tom Takvam, Terry Barlow, Doug Orchard, Wayne Giesbrecht. Many alumni sent their regrets.

CFDC looking to balance special projects, finances

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year was a busy one for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, but it didn't come without some challenges.

Visitation to the Morden signature museum again increased, as did participation in programs like the popular dig tours, but there were also financial pressures.

There was a deficit of \$7,505 in 2024 after a shortfall of \$30,576 in 2023 and \$17,138 in 2022, but cushioning the impact was an accumulated surplus that had been boosted by surpluses of \$44,691 in 2021 and \$120,716 in 2020.

Grants that had peaked at over \$517,000 in 2022 and over \$154,000 in 2023 came to only around \$80,000 in 2024, but those previous higher numbers were due to special projects including development of the field station and then a 3D printing system.

"What we need now is to find a good balance ... between expenses and income," said executive director Adolfo Cuetara. "This year, it is mandatory for us that we have to get those numbers as close as possible ... it is a challenge."

Also giving the CFDC a boost was the increased visitation with 2024 paid admission rising to 14,476, which was a 6.7 per cent increase from 2023 and a 22.4 per cent increase from 2022.

"It was a record-breaking year ... and coming from the pandemic with 2023 being the first year without restrictions," Cuetara noted. "Increasing visitation is always our first goal,

to improve those numbers.

"Despite the increase in visitation though, what we are feeling is that people are spending less money," he suggested. "We at least are compensating with people spending less by having more come to the museum."

Cuetara added these economic challenges such as inflation have a double impact, not only in terms of people spending less but also with expenses increasing as well.

He was pleased though with the response to their dig tours last year with 67 participants over the field season, and there were 480 kids who enjoyed the day camps. In addition, there were 1,590 students who came for tours - a significant increase from 830 in 2023). The 51 school tours was an increase from 30 in 2023.

The CFDC also hosted a couple significant events in 2024 including the annual meeting of the Association for Materials and Methods in Paleontology and a field trip for the 2024 annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Vertebrate Palaeontology.

Cuetara stressed the need for the CFDC to keep coming up with new exhibits and programming to keep drawing people here.

"One of the goals to keep up the visitation is not only to reach new people," he said. "The other part is the visitors who came and were happy with the experience, we need to offer something new every year to have them come back."

With that in mind, Cuetara said they



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The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre board reported a deficit for the 2024 fiscal year, but it was a significant improvement over the challenges of the years before.

aim to always have some sort of new exhibit or project each year, and a recent example was the unveiling of the reconstruction of a skull of one of the region's best fossils: the mosasaur known as Sid. There are two replicas with one that will stay at the CFDC and a second one for the Miami Museum.

And another exciting step for the CFDC was the acquisition of land near Thornhill which is very near the

site where the famous fossil dubbed Bruce was discovered.

"The potential is there for more discoveries," suggested Cuetara. "We started to remove some soil initially with a bulldozer ... and we started to make some trenches just to be able to find the good layers."

Finally, the CFDC also continues to pursue its strategic plan for a new standalone facility in Morden.

Province invests \$500K to boost downtown Winnipeg safety this summer

By Annaliese Meier

The Manitoba government is investing \$500,000 to support a Downtown Safety Summer Action Plan aimed at enhancing safety and well-being in Winnipeg's downtown over the summer months.

Premier Wab Kinew announced the funding Friday, joined by Justice Minister Matt Wiebe, noting the 16-week plan will increase patrols, expand support services and improve public engagement in the city centre.

"Winnipeg's downtown is Manitoba's downtown, and we want to make sure everyone visiting feels safe," said Kinew. "Our government is tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime, and we have to put both of those kinds of responses together if we really want to make downtown safer for the long term."

The action plan is being delivered through the Downtown Community Safety Partnership (DCSP) and will

focus on three key areas: criminal detection and prevention, community safety and engagement, and mental health and addictions supports.

The plan is supported by a broader partnership, with the City of Winnipeg contributing \$50,000 and the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ adding \$25,000.

"For Manitobans enjoying a festival with loved ones or getting to work early in the morning, your safety is important," said Wiebe. "This is why our government is committed to making Winnipeg's downtown a safer place and we are pleased to continue supporting the Downtown Community Safety Partnership and its important work in helping keep Manitobans safe and healthy."

Twelve new Winnipeg Police Service officers, funded by the province, have been added to downtown patrols as part of the strategy, the minister added.

Mayor Scott Gillingham welcomed the investment, noting the summer months bring large crowds to events and venues downtown, from basketball and baseball games to festivals and the soon-to-reopen Portage and Main.

"To keep that momentum going, we've got to make sure people feel safe," Gillingham said. "Investing in the Summer Action Plan will put more patrols on the street, connect more people to support and make downtown safer for everyone."

Downtown Winnipeg BIZ CEO Kate Fenske emphasized the importance of collaboration across sectors.

"Communication and collaboration between government, organization and community is key to addressing challenges and moving our downtown forward," Fenske said. "We commend partners from the province and city for taking quick action to increase visible presence on our streets

this summer to help improve public safety and the well-being of our community."

Greg Burnett, executive director of the DCSP, said the additional funding will enhance the group's efforts.

"The vision of a safer and healthier downtown gets closer when we have even more caring eyes and ears on its streets," Burnett said. "Our gratitude goes out to the Province of Manitoba, Manitoba Justice, the City of Winnipeg and the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ for providing funds to make summer a season everyone can appreciate - especially in our great city centre."

The initiative aligns with the province's broader public safety strategy, which targets both crime and its root causes.

More details on Manitoba's Safer Neighbourhoods, Safer Downtowns Public Safety Strategy are available at gov.mb.ca/justice.

Morden unveils long-awaited wastewater expansion plans

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is at long last moving ahead with a wastewater treatment project after years of challenges and delays.

The plan is being set out after extensive consultation and technical review of different treatment options with the Manitoba Water Services Board and leading engineering firms.

The city touted their plan as being an innovative aerated lagoon wastewater treatment system that will operate in conjunction with a tertiary biological treatment process.

Mayor Nancy Penner was relieved to be able to move ahead with the project.

"It has been a long road," she said. "I think sometimes the community felt we weren't doing much on the wastewater project. At times, we had to sort of keep the information close to our chest just because of the way that things were unfolding.

"We as council are so excited to finally have a path forward," the mayor said. "Until we go to design and until we go to tender now, it is kind of an unknown as far as what the final dollars will be ... but the longer we wait, it's not going to get any cheaper.

"I thank the citizens of Morden for their patience."

The estimate for total eligible costs for the project is \$93.5 million excluding the land cost, which is ineligible for funding. The city has secured \$19.8 million in funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and \$19 million in additional provincial funding.

The city has applied for additional funding under Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund for \$26.6 million and is waiting for approval, and the remaining portion will need to be funded by the city through borrowing.

The city says the proposed system is designed to meet the stringent effluent criteria for nitrogen and phosphorus removal and providing an efficient and sustainable solution to meet the needs and circumstances of the community up to a population of 20,300.

The treatment lagoon cells will be covered with floating insulated covers to minimize the heat loss and odor emissions. To support this project, Morden has secured an option to purchase 80 acres of land adjacent to the existing lagoon site for the construc-

tion and future expansion of the new system.

"Securing that 80 acres was the last piece of the puzzle that we needed to go forward with it ... everything else fell into place," said Penner.

She gave credit to city staff for coming forward with the new design that would require less land to make it happen.

"This new system, by incorporating our existing cells ... we'll use them for holding treated water, that will help with the odour issue because those cells will hold the treated water."

It will be significantly less cost compared to a full blown mechanical treatment plant, which clearly had been a feasible option.

"And for future growth, we have the room to expand," added Penner, who estimated this project could them sufficient capacity at least to the year 2047 based on an average growth prediction of about three per cent per year.

Penner said this plan will now help ensure that Morden can continue to move forward as one of Manitoba's fastest-growing communities, whereas development was restricted without wastewater treatment in place.

"We can continue on developing our industrial park, so investors know that soon we will be open for busi-

ness, and our builders know that we have a path forward and they can start their planning."

And she feels confident the plan will sufficiently address a key concern for many residents: the odour from the lagoon.

"I don't know if you can ever get a 100 per cent guarantee that there will be no odour ... it will help negate the odour," she said.

"We're confident. This treatment system has been used in northern climates," she said, adding they have worked closely with Manitoba Water Services Board to ensure it is feasible. "They haven't raised any red flags."


Next steps will include getting a conditional use from the RM of Stanley since the 80 acres of land is just outside of the City of Morden boundary. The project will then need environmental approval.

"We're hoping we don't run into any major delays," said Penner, who noted some of the funding commitments are in place, but they are also pursuing other funding options as well. "We will work hard to lobby both levels of government to let our community grow ... they need to be aware of how important local economies are."


An open house on the project will be scheduled later this year.

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Province invests in crane training

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba government is investing \$215,000 to support a new tower crane training facility aimed at preparing more Manitobans for careers in the skilled trades.

Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation Minister Jamie Moses announced the funding Tuesday, calling it a step toward meeting workforce demands and creating more opportunities for Manitobans to upgrade their skills.

"We are putting Manitobans to work building One Manitoba with good-paying jobs in the skilled trades," Moses said. "This investment will create more opportunities for workers to level up their skills and for businesses to find the highly skilled workers they need to grow."

The funding will go toward constructing a foundation base and erecting a tower crane at the new training site being developed by the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Manitoba Inc. (OETIM). The facility is expected to be operational as early as

this fall.

Tower and mobile crane operators are critical to Manitoba's construction and manufacturing industries, Moses added. The province forecasts 46 job openings in the sector over the next five years.

Jordan James, executive director of OETIM, said the support is vital to helping Manitobans receive high-quality, local training for in-demand jobs.

"As a not-for-profit organization, OETIM relies on partnerships and support from governments and industry alike to enable us to deliver this type of training," James said. "This addition to our training capabilities allows us to safely train Manitobans, in Manitoba, to the highest standards."

Marc Lafond, business manager for Operating Engineers of Manitoba Local 987, also welcomed the investment.

"A thriving economy always is synonymous to having cranes on the horizon and having safe and qualified people at their controls is paramount," Lafond said.

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Elm Creek's Corinne Schroeder signs two-year deal with PWHL Seattle

By Annaliese Meier

Goaltender Corinne Schroeder of Elm Creek, has signed a two-year contract with PWHL Seattle ahead of the team's inaugural season.

The signing was announced by the PWHL league in a June 6 press release. Schroeder, 25, becomes the fifth player to join the Seattle roster as the PWHL expands to include teams in Seattle and Vancouver for the 2025-26 season.

"Signing Corinne is a huge step for our team," said Seattle general manager Meghan Turner in the release. "With four shutouts this season, more than anyone in the league, she's shown she can take over a game and deliver when it matters most."

Schroeder spent the last two seasons with the New York Sirens. She appeared in 20 games in 2024-25, finishing with a 10-8 record, a .930 save percentage, and a league-best four shutouts. She was named a finalist for the PWHL Goaltender of the Year

award and now holds the league record for career shutouts with five.

Originally selected 33rd overall by New York in the 2023 PWHL Draft, Schroeder made history on Jan. 1, 2024, by posting the first shutout in league history during the PWHL's inaugural game against Toronto.

Prior to joining the PWHL, Schroeder played one season in the PHF with the Boston Pride, where she was named both Goaltender and Rookie of the Year in 2022-23. She led the PHF that season with a 1.67 goals-against average and .955 save percentage, finishing second on the league's all-time shutout list with seven.

She played four NCAA seasons with Boston University and one with Quinnipiac University, where she was a finalist for NCAA Women's Goaltender of the Year in 2021-22. Schroeder also earned multiple Hockey East All-Star honours during her time in Boston and won a silver medal with Canada at the 2017 IIHF U18 Women's World



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Goaltender Corinne Schroeder of Elm Creek, Man., has signed a two-year deal with PWHL Seattle ahead of the team's inaugural 2025-26 season. Schroeder led the league with four shutouts last year and holds the all-time PWHL record with five.

Championship.

"I am incredibly honoured and excited to be joining PWHL Seattle next season," Schroeder said in the league's announcement. "I am truly grateful to the New York Sirens for

the past two seasons and would like to thank them for believing in me and supporting me every step of the way."

- Source: Professional Women's Hockey League media release, June 6, 2025.

Central Energy U19 faces tough tests; U13 swept by Phillies

By Annaliese Meier

Central Energy's U15 and U17 softball teams were sidelined by rain this past weekend, but U13 and U19 squads still saw action in league play.

In a pair of U19 matchups, Central Energy couldn't keep pace with the powerful bats of Westman Magic, falling 12-3 on Tuesday and again 16-4 later in the week.

Heidi Reimer was a bright spot in the first contest, blasting an inside-the-park home run to drive in all three of Central's runs. Ava Sanders,

Ella Harkness, Rory Lumgair, and Molly Cowan also chipped in hits, with Harkness adding two stolen bases. Lumgair pitched four innings in the opener, allowing 10 runs—only five earned—on eight hits.

The Magic struck early and often in the second meeting, racking up 18 hits, including two inside-the-park homers from Kali Remillard. Central's Maddy Friesen went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to lead the offence. Cowan went the distance on the mound despite surrendering 16 runs (14 earned).

Meanwhile, the U13 Energy squad dropped both games of a Sunday doubleheader in Portage la Prairie against the Interlake Phillies.

Central came out strong in the opener but couldn't keep up with a fifth-inning surge from the Phillies, who scored six runs to pull away for an 11-4 win. Brady W and Collins V each collected two hits, with Brady driving in two runs and stealing a pair of bases. Collins also struck out four over three innings of work.

The Phillies dominated the rematch

13-1, with Krystal Crampton going 3-for-3 with a three-run homer. Karyn Reimer was sharp on the mound, striking out eight over three innings. Beaudry E had the lone hit for Central, who again committed no errors in the field.

U13 Central Energy will look to rebound when they host Interlake Phillies this Sunday. U19 Energy return to action Tuesday in a home rematch against Westman Magic.



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Open third chai tea bag and measure 2 teaspoons tea. If tea is coarse, blitz in spice grinder or use mortar and pestle to grind more finely. Stir tea into batter and let mixture sit 10 minutes so oats can soak up milk.

Give batter another stir then fill each mini muffin cavity about 3/4 with batter, about 1 tablespoon in each. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top. Bake bites 12-13 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of bite comes out clean. Let cool 5 minutes.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 55 minutes
Yield: 2 dozen
1 cup DairyPure Milk50 Vanilla
3 chai tea bags, divided
nonstick cooking spray
2 cups old-fashioned oats
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons flaxseed
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup chopped pecans
In small pot, heat milk until hot but



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1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
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To make shake: In high-speed blender, blend frozen banana slices, cold brew, vanilla, protein powder, simple syrup and 5-6 milk cubes until creamy. Serve in glass.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 8 hours
Servings: 1
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1/2 banana, sliced and frozen

Orange Juice Citrus Chicken Kebabs



Recipe courtesy of Aaron Himrod on behalf of the Florida Department of Citrus

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1 lime, zest only
1/2 teaspoon ground thyme
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic
1 teaspoon salt
white pepper, to taste
1 cup Florida Orange Juice
1 cup lemon-lime soda
2 pounds chicken tenders
8 wooden skewers

To make marinade: In medium mix-

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Susie Schwartz

Do as I say, not as I did

This week, I've got some "do as I say, not as I do" advice for you.

On a recent trip with Canadian family to Wales, Belfast and Dublin, I expected to struggle with dodgy, painful legs thanks to ME/CFS. So, I took precautions—using a mobility scooter or having Don push me in a wheelchair whenever it made sense. I took my own advice and paced myself. (Pat on the back.)

Even still, I developed unexplained pain in my foot during the last week. Then, at the Titanic Museum in Belfast, I missed two steps and landed hard on the floor—on the dodgy foot. A sore ankle joined the party.

What should I have done? Rested, elevated, iced.

What did I do? None of that.

On the last day before heading home, I had Dublin to myself while the family did some aggressive touring. I found myself on a street lined with clothing shops, coffee shops and buskers. Can we say heaven?

But I was hurting bad.

My job was to take it easy, then cab it to the restaurant where we'd all meet for dinner. I did get into a cab, but the driver said that to cross the river he'd have to take a really long route—and that "it isn't that far to walk." So I got out and limped my way to the bridge.

Moving so slowly I was practically going backwards, I pushed on. Almost in tears, I finally made it to the restaurant, barely able to move my legs, foot, ankle—or hip. I was a mess.

Fast forward two days, and I'm in the exam room at my local ER. My leg was swollen like a boa constrictor that had just swallowed a real-life Bugs Bunny. And it hurt. A lot.

Turns out I'd sprained it. Oops. My bad. (Did I mention I've had type 1 diabetes for 42 years and that foot care is especially important?)

So yeah—once again, I pushed through pain to my detriment. I don't recommend it. I'm a little ashamed of myself, especially with a column called Expert Patient. (Feel free to reprimand me the next time you see me on the streets of a small Manitoba town. Or email me. Go ahead.)

Hopefully, the "here to help" part of the title still stands—even if it only means you're learning from my mistakes.

I recommend listening to your body. Pushing beyond your limits is silly. (And painful!)

Less health stress, yes?

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ing bowl, combine orange zest; lime zest; thyme; oil; garlic; salt; white pepper, to taste; orange juice; and soda.

Add chicken and completely coat with marinade. Cover bowl and place in refrigerator at least 1 hour.

Soak wooden skewers in water 20-30 minutes.

To make kebabs: Remove chicken from fridge and lace through each skewer using weaving motion. Repeat for all chicken tenders and set aside.

When skewers are prepared, drizzle extra marinade over chicken.

Heat grill to medium. Place chicken on grill. Cover and cook 3 minutes per side, or until center of meat reaches internal temperature of 170 F.

Remove from grill and serve immediately, or cover with foil and serve later.

Tips: Cover kebabs with foil for at least 20 minutes after cooking to trap in flavor and juices.

Add vegetables to kebabs, if desired, to increase flavor.

On-the-Go Orange Juice Sports Drink

Recipe courtesy of the Florida Department of Citrus

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Kenneth Roy Preston (Ken)

The family of Kenneth (Ken) Roy Preston announces his passing on May 19, 2025 at La Verendrye General Hospital in Fort Frances, Ontario.

Ken was born in Carman, Manitoba on August 9, 1943 to Charles and Eunice (née Hancock) Preston of Roland, Manitoba.

Left to honour his memory are his wife, Sharon, daughter, Karen Jody, son Dana Charles, and grandsons, Ethan and Connor. Also surviving are three sisters: Carol (Ray) Wiebe, Myrna Halstead (Ole) and Donna (Peter) Froese, along with nieces/nephews: Shawna, Teresa, Michael, Pamela, Jeffrey, Kyle, Erin, Jaime, and Matthew, as well as great nephews/nieces, cousins, and special friends: Tim, Doug, Bob, and his coffee group.

Ken was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Eunice Preston.



Ken grew up on the farm in Roland and received his Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Manitoba. His career in the pulp and paper industry began in Pine Falls, MB where he met his future wife, Sharon. They married on August 5, 1972. The next stop was Smooth Rock Falls, ON, followed by Thunder Bay, ON, Hinton, AB, a brief stop in Powell River, B.C., and finally Fort Frances, ON where he retired - twice. Ken was a member of several professional engineering associations across Canada.

The allure of the farm remained with Ken throughout his life. He belonged to the Roland 4-H cattle club and helped out at harvest time for many years.

He loved his motorcycles, putting in his garage, fixing, creating and welding while listening to a wide range of music. He enjoyed visits with his sisters and their families and was always open to a cheerful game of Lost Heir. He was an accomplished photographer and curler. He played community fastball and was on a flag football team at university. Over the years, he had some memorable experiences while snow/water skiing. For many years, Ken was very involved in the communities in which he lived. He was a volunteer firefighter in Hinton, AB, a volunteer driver for Riverside Health Care, a little league ball coach, and a fastball umpire. Also, he assisted in community projects, cared for neighbours' properties over the winter months, and enjoyed being part of a coffee group. He had an extensive ball cap collection, and he was rarely seen outdoors without a cap on his head. He had a lifelong fascination with aviation, particularly aviation history.

Ken faced many health issues over the last five years, and he faced them all with quiet resolve.

Many thanks to Northridge Funeral Home, all the community support providers, and the doctors and nurses at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (Renal Unit) and Fort Frances La Verendrye General Hospital for their care and compassion. Many thanks are also extended to family and friends for their kindness and support.

Ken has been cremated and a family gathering will be held at a later date in Roland, MB where he will be buried, as per his wishes.

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