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## RCMP spectacle

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The RCMP Musical Ride rode into Carman last Wednesday for thousands who packed the ag grounds to take in the Canadian tradition. The Musical Ride performs in up to 50 communities across Canada each year between the months of May and October. It travels to each province once every 4 years.

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# Graysville 4-H Horse Club holds achievement and awards

By Ty Dilello

Last week, the Graysville 4-H Horse Club held its annual summer camp, which included its achievement and awards show. 13 club members participated in the summer camp.

Throughout the camp, the young 4-H members learned about show etiquette, goat tying, horse anatomy and chiropractic, horse behaviour, and jumping and prepared their showcase

for achievement.

"They had lots of riding time and learning at the camp," said Rina Dyck of the Graysville 4-H Horse Club. "We also had a club BBQ, pool time and slip and slide to help the kids cool off from all of the day's activities."

On the final day, for achievement, each 4-H club member presented their showcase to a large crowd of friends and family. This was followed



4-H club members Abbey, Jorja, Bailey, Adalyn and Esme are pictured participating in a club activity.



STANDARD PHOTO BY RINA DYCK

Thirteen Graysville 4-H Horse Club members recently participated in the annual summer camp, where 4-H members learned all about show etiquette, horse behaviour and much more.

by achievement and camp awards.

Overall, Dyck noted that it was another great year of 4-H in Graysville and that planning will begin for the following year.

"Our 2023-24 season year is now done," said Dyck. "We will start up in the fall and welcome new club members at that time."



Bailey, right, learns the skill of goat tying from Quinn.

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# Miami Railway Station Museum to celebrate 135th birthday on Aug. 18

By Ty Dilello

The Miami Railway Station Museum will celebrate its 135th birthday with festivities from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 18. Come one, come all to Miami for the annual Music and BBQ Night sponsored by Valley Fiber, as they mark the 135th anniversary of the railway station's construction.

Built-in 1889 by the Manitoba and Northern Pacific Railway, the Station has been meticulously preserved to reflect the life and times of a prairie station agent, his family, and their community. As a National Historic and Municipal Heritage site, the museum stands out as the only Station of its architectural type still in its original location in Canada.

Several significant additions have been made to the museum in recent years, enhancing its historical authenticity and visitor experience. Among these are:

- A restored 1914 wooden caboose.
- A train shed constructed according to 1920's plans.
- 280 feet of rail.
- A platform surrounding the building's exterior.

Inside the museum, visitors can explore various rail displays, a photo gallery, a model railway, and exhibits depicting the lifestyle of station agents and their families.

The latest and most intriguing addition to the museum is the Fallout Reporting Post. This unique exhibit replaces the original post buried west of the Station during the Cold War era in the 1960s. The station agent would have used this post to monitor radiation levels in the event of a nuclear blast.

It will offer a rare glimpse into the fears and responses of that tumultuous time, making it the only example of this style and type of post in Canada open to the public. Event attendees will be able to see the progress made in preparing the Fallout Reporting Post for its future grand opening.

To mark this historic milestone, the museum will host a celebration featuring a BBQ, with all funds raised going towards the museum, live music, games, and presentations. A local musician, Joey McNair, will grace the museum stage and perform throughout the event.



STANDARD PHOTO BY JOAN DRIEDGER

The Miami Railway Station Museum will be celebrating its 135th birthday of the Station with a wide array of festivities that are sure to make for one memorable evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 18

This celebration is a tribute to the historical significance of the Miami Railway Station and a heartfelt acknowledgment of the dedicated volunteers and employees who work

tirelessly to maintain and improve the visitor experience. Their efforts ensure that the museum continues to educate and inspire visitors from near

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# Briscoe riding out dream with RCMP Musical Ride

By Jeremiah Knight

Andrew Briscoe fell off the first horse he rode.

That November day in the nation's capital in 2020 has become an ironic moment for Briscoe, who got back on the saddle and is now a member of the RCMP Musical Ride.

"The moment I fell off was the moment I realized that I had underestimated how challenging it is to ride horses," Briscoe said.

The 40-year-old Ashern resident has come a long way since he chose to pursue a lifelong dream four years ago.

The RCMP Musical Ride, which is touring Manitoba this summer, made a stop in Carman last week, where 32 Calvary performed to promote the RCMP and help raise funds for local charities and non-profit groups.

The special unit of equestrians also celebrated 50 years of women in the RCMP on this night, which coincidentally fell on a year when the Musical Ride has an all-female supervisory staff.

It was a remarkable night to many, but perhaps none more so than Briscoe.

Briscoe grew up outside of Ottawa and curled out of the RCMP Curling Club, which shares a fence with the Musical Ride stables. As a 14-year-old he pondered what it would be like to tour the country riding horses for a living.

Briscoe joined the RCMP at 22 and spent 15 years policing parts of Manitoba — Ashern, Gillam, Morden — before joining Selkirk Traffic Services.

During that time, he met his wife, had three daughters and grew to love Manitoba.

In 2020, the RCMP was taking applications to its Musical Ride unit. While Briscoe knew his wife and kids wouldn't relocate to Ottawa while he took the training program, the opportunity meant too much to him to let it pass by when he was accepted.

"I figured that since I didn't find too many happy people when I was in traffic services — only my boss on a good day whenever I came back with lots of traffic tickets — I thought coming to the Musical Ride I'd be able to meet lots of happy people, and it's amazing how many people there are," he said.

Briscoe underwent more than seven months of training — a five-week introduction course and a six-month intermediate program — in which he rode horses for 90 minutes twice a day, cared for the animals and learned about the history of the ceremonial troop.

It struck a chord with him when the RCMP celebrated 150 years of service last year and he was on a horse, what he treated as an ode to true mounties.

"To be part of such an iconic piece of Canadiana is just astonishing. I don't want to use my horse's name but it's pretty Impressive," Briscoe quipped.

"To be a part of this unit is such a unique thing, being a part of the positive relationships that are built between police and the communities. There isn't any other police service in Canada or North America that I'm aware of that has a unit anywhere



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The RCMP Musical Ride was on tour in Manitoba last week making a stop in Carman.



RCMP constable Andrew Briscoe at the meet and greet in Carman with his horse Impressive last Wednesday. Briscoe has worked in Ashern, Morden, Gillam and Selkirk.

close to this. It's so remarkable and incredible to be a part of this team."

Riders in the Musical Ride typically change horses every year, but Briscoe is riding 'Impressive' for the second summer in a row since his designated horse, 'Lexie,' went for surgery.

Briscoe and Impressive have knit a tight bond since meeting in the intermediate module of the equestrian course in 2021. Save for a one-year stint with another horse in 2022, Impressive is one of the only horses Briscoe has known.

"Impressive, he's just like us. Sometimes we struggle with confidence issues and sometimes Impressive also struggles with that. So it takes a little bit of extra love and reassurance from his rider telling him, 'It's going to be OK,' Briscoe said. "He's a very affectionate, sweet horse that I'm very ecstatic to be able to have for a second year."

"He's never let me down."

Briscoe is now in his final season of a four-year term with the Musical Ride, which has also toured Ontario this summer.

In that time, he has attended countless parades, been a part of performances for dignitaries like the Governor General, met the King of England and represented Canada in the Colour Party.

Briscoe conceded it has been difficult at times to be away from his wife and kids — who still reside in Ashern — for weeks at a time. However, his family will typically meet him at several show stops across the country each summer and spend a few days with him, and that's been made all the easier to do this year with him touring Manitoba.

"It definitely is difficult, anybody that has to travel away from home work. I think of myself as being pretty lucky, my wife and children have been able to come out to see us at different times," Briscoe said.

"Having three daughters back in Ashern, I wish I could spend more time there, but with this opportunity, it's one of those short-term pain for long-term gains. Throughout the rest of my career, I'll be able to tell hopefully my great-grandkids about when I toured the country from coast to coast and met the current king of England. It's quite the opportunity I've had."

Briscoe will return to Ashern to resume normal police work in October for a temporary assignment, which will help him keep his placing skills up to date.

In the meantime, he will continue to ride out a dream.



# Quiet Mile Flower Co. cultivates connections through flowers

By Ty Dilello

As the vibrant hues of summer begin to fade, there's a special week dedicated to celebrating the beauty and joy that flowers bring into our lives. From Aug. 15-21, Canadian Flowers Week takes centre stage, inviting flower enthusiasts and casual admirers alike to revel in nature's colourful creations. At the heart of this celebration is Elsa VanLaar's Quiet Mile Flower Co. Quiet Mile Flower Co., a blossoming gem nestled in Carman

VanLaar was born and raised in Carman. She is the daughter of a farmer and a flower lover and inherited her love of plants and gardening from her parents.

"I can thank my parents for my love of plants and flowers," said VanLaar. "In 2015, my husband and I, with our family, moved back to my childhood home to help take care of my mom. My parents passed away in 2021, and I found working with the soil and flowers to be a comfort and reminder of God's care."

VanLaar completed the Floret Cut Flower Course in early 2022 and soon after started Quiet Mile Flower Co. This small specialty cut flower business sells fresh seasonal bouquets and bunches at the Carman Farmer's Market, through bouquet subscriptions, and custom orders. She also supplies local flowers for some area florists and some weddings.

"I love to share my love of flowers," said Van Laar. "We were privileged to be a part of the Celebration of Gardens Tour this year and really enjoyed having people come out to see the gardens."

VanLaar grows a mix of annuals, perennials, and bulbs; almost all of them are started in the winter months in her "Flower Shed." The first ones to hit the dirt are lisianthus and eucalyptus, which she begins in the first week of January. These are followed by snapdragons, asters, strawflowers, zinnias, sunflowers and many more. Bulbs, tubers and corms such as lilies, dahlias and ranunculus are also pre-started inside.

"We grow more than 80 types of flowers, many of them in different varieties and colours. The flower shed fills right up and is bursting at the seams by the time the weather warms up enough to move some into a small, unheated greenhouse. We usually have to drag them in and out for a few weeks before it's totally safe to leave them outside and plant them in the soil."

The main flower patch at VanLaar's home contains 4' wide beds covered with landscape fabric to help maintain moisture and keep down the

weeds. Because Quiet Mile plants so intensively, they add a good layer of compost before planting. Irrigation with drip tape helps them keep up with some of the watering, though nothing beats a good rainfall.

"Since most cut flower varieties are tall, we use support netting to help keep them upright. The prairie wind can do a lot of damage, and so can weeds, bugs, pests and diseases. It's a steep learning curve to meet these challenges, and there will always be something to deal with."

Through it all, VanLaar has learned that flowers are an essential part of life and is keen on showing off her flowers to others.

"They help us communicate friendship, love, concern, sympathy and celebration," said VanLaar. "Sometimes, we need to treat those around us or enjoy a vaseful of beauty on our kitchen tables. Find yourself some flowers in the garden, at the florists, or visit us at the Farmer's Market for wrapped bouquets. During the month of August, try your hand at making your own bouquet with our stem buckets."

VanLaar works very hard for her business and is thankful for the help from her husband and family. In this crazy world, working with soils and flowers gives hope and a strong reminder that we are loved. It's her goal to share that love through locally grown flowers. For more information, visit the Quiet Mile Flower Co. at [www.quietmileflowers.ca](http://www.quietmileflowers.ca) or on Instagram @quietmileflowerco.



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## Adults with disability, children under 18 now eligible for federal dental plan

By Patricia Barrett

Adults with disability, children under 18 now eligible for federal dental care plan

By Patricia Barrett

The federal government recently expanded eligibility to its Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) and now includes adults with a valid disability tax credit certificate and children under 18.

Subsidized dental care is a first for Canada. With encouragement from the federal NDP, the Liberal government introduced the first phase of a subsidized dental program in December 2022 with the aim of improving the oral health of millions of Canadians lacking private dental coverage.

The program will be rolled out in phases.

Canada's health minister Mark Holland and minister of northern affairs Dan Vandal made an announcement in Winnipeg in late June about enhanced eligibility to the program. The two new groups represent over a million more Canadians that will soon have access to more affordable oral health services.

"Expanding eligibility to the CDCP to children under the age of 18 and to adults with valid Disability Tax Credits will mean that more than

one million additional Canadians will have affordable access to the oral health care they need," said Holland in a June 27 news release from Health Canada. "This is about fairness and making sure people have access to the care they need to be healthy and have the dignity they deserve."

The federal government's program pays a percentage of the cost of dental services for Canadian residents who don't have access to private dental health insurance, who have a net family income of less than \$90,000 and who filed an income tax return.

The CDCP helps make dental care more affordable for up to nine million Canadians who don't have dental coverage.

The federal government had launched the plan for in December 2022. The interim program was called the Canada Dental Benefit (CBD) and helped lower dental costs for almost 450,000 kids. That program expired on June 30 and parents or guardians can now apply for the CDCP.

Eligible seniors aged 65 years and older can also sign up for the CDCP.

Over 2 million seniors have been approved to receive coverage under the plan since its launch, and since May 1, more than 200,000 have used the plan for oral health services such as clean-

ings, fillings and dentures, states the release.

Sun Life is administering the program. Those eligible for the CDCP will receive a welcome package from the insurance company within three months of applying for the program. It will contain information on their coverage start date and what services are eligible for coverage.

There are over 11,400 oral health providers such as dentists, denturists and hygienists currently providing services to people eligible for the CDCP. People who don't have a dentist or other oral health provider can use Sun Life's CDCP Provider Search service to find one in their community.

As of July 8, oral health providers which aren't part of the CDCP program can bill Sun Life directly for any care they provide to a CDCP client. Those providers don't have to formally participate in the program.

CDCP participants may have to pay additional dental charges depending on what services they received and the cost of those treatments.

Eligible Canadians between the ages of 18 and 64 will be able to apply online in 2025 for the CDCP.

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"Join us in celebrating 135 years of history and heritage at the Miami Railway Station Museum," said Miami Railway Station Museum board chair

Joan Driedger. "This event promises to be a memorable experience for all who attend, offering a unique opportunity to step back in time and explore the fascinating world of a prairie rail-

way station."

For more information, please visit the Miami Railway Station Museum website or contact the museum at [mrrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrrmuseum@gmail.com).

## Schoenwiese man killed in Hwy. 3 collision

### Staff

A 49-year-old man from Schoenwiese was killed in a crash in the RM of Roland Aug. 3.

At approximately 11:30 am, Pembina Valley RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Hwy. 3 between Road 26N and 27N.

Police say an SUV travelling north on the highway attempted to pass a vehicle by pulling into the oncoming lane. A motorcycle was southbound

when the SUV pulled out.

Both drivers swerved to the same shoulder to avoid the collision, but collided head-on.

The driver of the motorcycle was pronounced deceased on scene.

The driver and lone occupant of the SUV, a 20-year-old female, suffered no physical injuries.

Pembina Valley RCMP, along with a RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

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THE WATCHMEN, 9:30-11 P.M.



The Watchmen are a four-piece rock and roll band from Winnipeg featuring Daniel Greaves on vocals, Ken Tizzard on bass, Joey Serlin on guitar, and Sammy Kohn on drums.

They were one of the most commercially successful bands in Canada in the 1990s. During their peak years, the band had one platinum record (*In the Trees*) and three more gold records (*McLaren Furnace Room*, *Silent Radar*, and *Slomotion*).

The band has toured Canada a number of times, were the opening act for *The Tragically Hip*, and co-headlined a national tour with *Big Wreck*.

Hit songs include *Run and Hide*, *All Uncovered*, and *Stereo*.

54•40, 8-9 P.M.



Over the course of 40+ years of performing and recording, 54•40 has not only made their mark on the Canadian music industry, but the entire cultural landscape.

Led by chief songwriter Neil Osborne, 54•40 has carved out a legacy of gold and platinum albums and an outstanding reputation for their live performances that carries through to this day. With decades of hit songs and more in the making, the secret to 54•40's longevity is their ability to redefine and reinvent themselves.

The band has been nominated for eight Juno Awards. Between 1996 and 2016, they were among the top 150 best-selling Canadian artists in Canada and among the top 50 best-selling Canadian bands in Canada.

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**MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT**

# Christian Programs Committee lineup

Morden's Christian Programs Committee has a busy lineup of speakers, performers, and worship events planned for festival weekend.

A Gospel Music/Hymn Sing takes place at the Access Event Centre on the Friday from 7-8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, also at the event centre, Dr. John Neufeld from Back to the Bible will be on stage at 7 p.m. for an evening of Biblical teachings and questions and answers.

Sunday's activities include the Kids Worship Service at the Kenmor Theatre from 10:30 a.m. to noon, led by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Manitoba. The service is geared for children ages 5-12 and will feature singing, drama, and a storytime.

Over on the main stage, also at 10:30 a.m., is the Community Worship Service, which will feature music from The Wiebes and local performers. Dr. John Neufeld will be the guest speaker.

Afternoon on the main stage will include worship music at 1 p.m. from the Filipino United Community Church singing in Tagalog and the Christian Church of Morden at 1:20 p.m. singing in German.

At 2 p.m., The Wiebes take the stage. Over the past two decades, Shane and Angela have won Inspirational Album of the Year three times at the Canadian Gospel Music Awards, sung for millions on television, and even found themselves on Canadian Radio Charts for their hit song "Christmas with You."

Rounding out the afternoon will be a performance by The Color at 3:30 p.m. The Color are a Christian contemporary music band from right here in the Pembina Valley. They have two Junos and over 20 Covenant Awards under their belts alongside numerous singles charting in the Top 50 on Billboard's CCM Audience Airplay.



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# Carman welcomes RCMP Musical Ride

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By Ty Dilello

On Aug. 7, the RCMP Musical Ride made a stop in Carman at the Carman Fairgrounds for the first time since coming to town last 12 years ago.

The Dufferin Agricultural Society (DAS) initiated the process of bringing the Ride to Carman and invited Carman/Dufferin Communities in Bloom (CIB) and the Carman Legion to assist in the planning of this fundraising event.

When the Musical Ride visits a host community, they encourage taking the opportunity to recognize people who have "made a difference" and feature them as honoured guests at the event. CIB was given this impor-

tant task and selected 23 well deserving individuals.

The Carman Legion hosted a BBQ welcoming all the RCMP riders and the honoured guest. The DAS coordinated a visit to Boyne Lodge by two RCMP riders on their horses, which organizers note was very well received.

The DAS had planned activities and entertainment before the show. The weather was very agreeable on the day and people arrived early. In total, 1,931 people attended the show and it was very successful!

A big thank you goes out to all the DAS, CIB and Legion volunteers who worked diligently to bring the RCMP Musical Ride to Carman.





# A Day in the Trenches

By Lorne Stelmach

A dedicated group of volunteers helped bring history to life last Sunday at the Manitoba World War One Museum west of La Riviere.

The annual Day in the Trenches not only had them in uniform making presentations with various artifact displays but also featured a number of them in a re-enactment of a battle in the trenches.

It is both a passion and respect for history which drives them to be involved in this event every year, they say.

"It's a blast. I've always enjoyed history ever since I was a little boy, and to put on the uniform, come outside here and at least experience part of it ... to experience part of what soldiers were put through, it's been invaluable," said Landon Seaman, who drove up from North Dakota to volunteer for a third year.

"I was looking to get into living history stuff, and I had a bunch of British and Commonwealth gear at home," said Seaman, who recalled posting about his collection on Facebook. He then connected with Bruce Tascona, who operates the Pembina Valley war museum, and started volunteering at A Day in the Trenches. "Putting it on for all these people too, giving them a little bit of an idea what it was like, feels meaningful.

"I especially like coming up here too because the visitors are much more engaged with it," Seaman added.

"They're engaged, they ask good questions, and they are just great people to talk with us."

Loic Bazin of Winnipeg is one of the veteran volunteers, having participated for eight or nine years.

His involvement also stemmed from having done other re-enactments and connecting with another person who shared this interest.

"Between shooting at each other, we got to talking about World War One ... so we thought, 'Cool, let's do it,'" he said. "Every time Bruce says, 'You want to come play in the big sandbox?' I go, 'Yes.'"

Bazin also sees the importance of passing on this history now that it's getting increasingly further removed from today's generations.

"It's about passing on that information hopefully to the next generations in a bid to make sure that it's not something that gets forgotten. It's a hugely important part of our history.

"It's a real blast ... I love doing public presentations like this. I've done it for over a decade in different uniforms, different languages, and I find it to be always fun," Bazin added. "Absolutely, it's fun, and it's important for people to learn about all of this."

The Manitoba World War One Museum is open weekends until mid-September from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. You can connect with them on Facebook or by email to [tasconaba@gmail.com](mailto:tasconaba@gmail.com).



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH

The Manitoba World War One Museum hosted its A Day in the Trenches event Sunday, giving visitors a tour of the life-size trench system on the grounds (above), a chance to interact with volunteers dressed in period uniforms (right) and reenacting battles (left), and to explore the museum's many historical displays.



STANDARD PHOTO BY JUDY NEUSTADTER

Carman/Dufferin Communities in Bloom presented its third award for the season to Ken and Bev Young of 198-1st Street SE in Carman. The immaculate yard is dazzling with perennials, particularly striking hydrangeas, shrubs and lilies. Ken laughingly says that the deer and rabbits enjoy his plants as much as he does. Bev and Ken relocated to Carman from Miami in 1983 and to this house six years ago. Ken has been an active volunteer with the handivan and currently transports patients to the hospital. CIB wishes to congratulate and thank the couple on their community spirit and their contribution to a beautiful town.





# Tickets for Katie Cares fashion show on sale Aug. 15

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Tickets for the 11th annual Katie Cares Celebration of Life Fashion Show go on sale this week, and if past years are any indication, you'll want to book yours sooner rather than later.

The non-profit's Ruth Reimer says some years the event has sold out in less than a day, though the move to the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler last year gave them more breathing room than ever before.

"Last year was probably our longest [sale time] because it was the first time we'd ever done 640 tickets," she said, noting that's how many seats are available again for the Sept. 28 show.

Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15 in person at Katie's Cottage across from the Boundary Trails Health Centre, via email to [ruth@katiecares.ca](mailto:ruth@katiecares.ca), by calling 204-312-8445, or calling/texting 204-362-1173.

They're \$75 each or \$600 per table, with tax receipts available.

The evening will include classic rock music from The Bromantics, raffle prizes, a menu that includes a charcuterie board, desserts, and drinks, and volunteer fashion models showing off clothing and accessories from a host of local stores.

The fashion show is Katie Cares' main fundraiser for the year. Money raised goes to support its Katie's Cottage respite home as well as their other relief programs for kids and families receiving care in local medical facilities.

They'll be shining a spotlight on those efforts that evening, Reimer says.

"We're going to really look at what

we do—sharing stories from a nurse or a doctor about what the impact is for our community and what it means to have [Katie's Cottage] here.

"It's not just a pretty building," she says. "We really do a lot of good work both inside of our building and also reaching out. This year, Katie Cares has reached out to people in 99 communities. We have had over 500 guests stay overnight."

Katie's Cottage also opens its doors to people who need a comfortable place to spend the day while their loved one receives treatment at the hospital.

"We have somebody here right now who has a very ill family member," Reimer shares. "Where else would they go? They shouldn't have to sit in their car all day or just shop aimlessly. They're welcome here."

If you're not able to make the fashion show, Katie Cares this year is holding an online auction in partnership with the Grunthal Auction Service.

It runs from Sept. 21-28. Head to [grunthalauctionservice.com](http://grunthalauctionservice.com) to check out what's available or get in touch with Reimer at the numbers above if you'd like to donate a prize.

"There's more prizes coming in daily on that," she says, noting they've done on-site auctions in the past but wanted to try something more accessible this year. "That way it's easier for all Manitobans to get involved, because we've heard so often from people, 'Well, I can't come, but I'd like to support you.' This is a perfect way that you can support us by bidding online."



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The 11th annual Katie Cares Celebration of Life Fashion Show takes place in Winkler Sept. 28.

## Flashback...Latham's Grocery



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Latham's Grocery in Homewood served the community for over 30 years.

By Dennis Young

Behind their meat counter, Jack, Nancy and son John proudly show off their new store in Homewood. Before opening the store in 1955, Jack was formerly employed at Pool Elevator in Homewood. The store, which had

living quarters, closed in 1978 and became a full-time residence. Jack also ran the post office for 20 years, retiring in 1996. The Lathams moved to Carman in 1983. Nancy passed away in 1999 and Jack in 2006 at 100 years of age.

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## U17 Central Energy gets experience of playing in national championship

By Ty Dilello

The U17 Central Energy team wrapped up their 2024 season with an impressive seventh-place finish at the 2024 U17 Girls AAA Softball Canadian Championship in Calgary, Alberta, from July 31 to Aug. 4.

The U17 Central Energy roster with their most commonly played positions throughout the year is Nelia Fehr (P), Molly Cowan (P), Karli Toews (P), Gabbi Hildebrand (1B), Christina Vandavelde (CF), Molly Conrad (SS/3B), Maddy Friesen (LF), Tori Mangin (RF), Hailey-Jo Guffei (2B), Brooklyn Friesen (C/SS), Kara Buhler (C/SS), Heidi Reimer (1B), Molly Cowan (P/3B), and Emma Klassen (3B).

U17 Central Energy began the Nationals by going 4-1 in round-robin play, which was good for second place in their pool. They defeated the Saskatoon Select Blues (10-1), Nova Scotia Schooners (2-0), Team Quebec

(8-5) and Ontario Southwest Revolution (8-1), with losses to only the Fraser Valley Fusion (BC) by a 16-9 score.

In the first round of the playoffs, Central Energy faced their Manitoba rival, the Eastman Wildcats, and sadly, their Nationals run ended prematurely with a rough 10-2 loss.

A solo home run to right field by Maddy Friesen put Central Energy on the board at the bottom of the first, but the Wildcats scored three runs in the next inning to take the lead and would not look back from there. When the dust had settled, Eastman won 10-2.

Karli Toews led things off in the pitching circle for U17 Central Energy. The starting pitcher gave up two hits and three runs (zero earned) over one and one-third innings, striking out none and walking two. Nelia Fehr then came in and pitched three in-

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STANDARD PHOTOS BY BOBBI-JO GUFFEI

U17 Central Energy did a tremendous job representing the province of Manitoba finishing in seventh place at the recent 2024 U17 Girls AAA Softball Canadian Championship in Calgary, Alberta, from July 31 to Aug. 4.

## South Central Cubs take home 15U provincials

By Ty Dilello

The South Central Cubs are 15U AA baseball provincial champions after capturing the recent provincials in Brandon from July 26-28. The squad went undefeated throughout the three-day event.

The Cubs were made up of the following players from Carman, Altona, Winkler and Morden: Brody Peters, Caleb Harder, Carter Falk, Coden Thiessen, Faith Teichroeb, Gavin Rose, Josiah Enns, Lincoln Cantlon, Luke Bergman, Machray Siler, Parker Wieler, Teegan Hayward, Teigon Friesen, Chase Friesen. The coaches were Jason Rose, Donovan Bergman and Justin Cantlon.

"This was my first time coaching on a South Central regional team, so it was really cool to see how the kids from various communities came together to become good friends by the time the season was over," said South Central Cubs assistant coach Donovan Bergman.

The Cubs didn't participate in a league this season, so the team's managers (Rochelle Friesen and Mandy Thiessen) worked hard to find teams against which to play doubleheaders

throughout the summer.

"I believe there was only one exhibition game that we lost heading into provincials, so we felt like we had a really good chance to do something special when we got to Brandon. As coaches, we were wondering how the team would respond, going from a season of exhibition games to a tournament format where every game has significant meaning. Needless to say, the kids answered all our questions and played great baseball throughout the weekend."

Going into provincials, South Central knew that they had a good team, so they were confident. However, they had only played one Winnipeg team and were less familiar with the other city teams in the provincials.

South Central played two tight games against Winnipeg teams in the round robin when they earned a 10-8 win over Charleswood and a 6-5 win vs. the Red River Pioneers.

"The experience of winning those tight games definitely helped prep us for the playoff games on Sunday," said Bergman.

South Central rolled from there, going undefeated, going 6-0 over the



STANDARD PHOTO BY DONOVAN BERGMAN

The South Central Cubs went undefeated with six straight wins to capture 15U AA baseball provincial championship from July 26-28 in Brandon.

provincials, and capturing the championship with a big 6-2 win in the final over Carillon.

"We were very fortunate that our pitching plans worked out as good as we could have hoped. We had four different pitchers throw to their max pitch count in our Saturday and Sunday games, so without those outings,

things could have turned out much differently for us on Sunday."

Winning the provincials is now the end of the road for the South Central team. A bunch of the kids will be moving up to play 18U baseball next year, and the rest will be in their second year at the 15U level.



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nings in relief. She gave up seven hits and seven runs (three earned) while striking out three and walking two.

“On the last play of the game, Molly Cowan hit a rocket to centre field,” said Central Energy manager Bobbi-Jo Guffei. “It was a beautiful hit. And a six-inch difference in that hit would have been a three-run homer to change the momentum and shake things up a bit.”

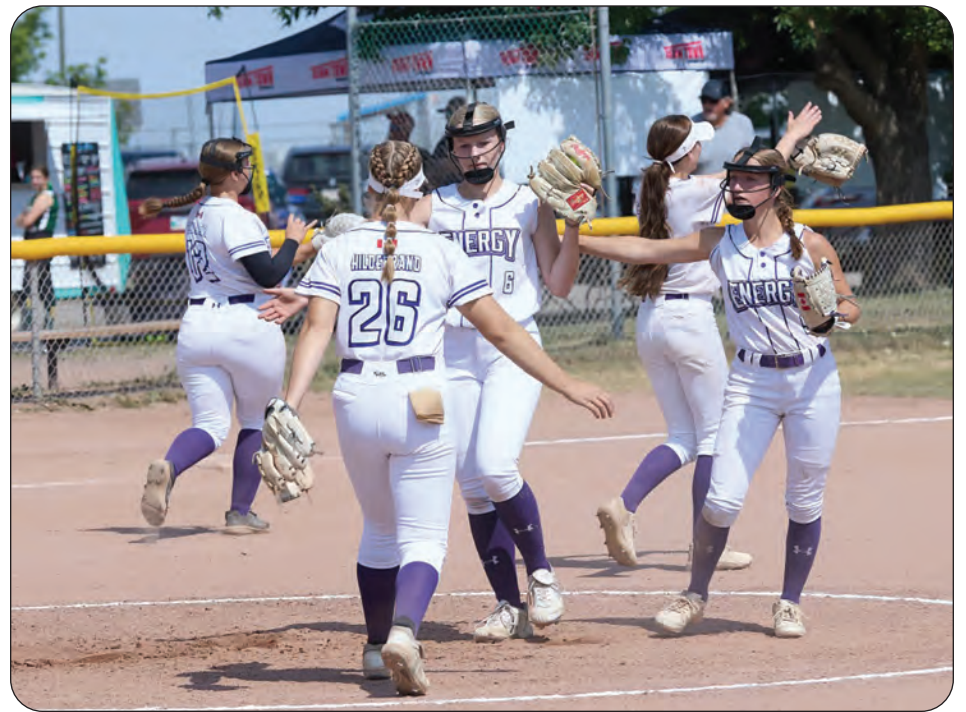
Central Energy’s goal coming into the event was to finish somewhere in the top 10, so finishing seventh in the country was a big mission accomplished for the club. Brooklyn Friesen was also named one of the national championship all-stars.

“It was an incredible week for the girls,” said U17 Central Energy head coach Cam Zacharias. “All week, our pitching was great, with some wonderful individual efforts. The team

had wanted a top-10 finish, and I believe we ended up in seventh for the week. So they achieved that goal, but we left feeling that we could have made it further. We left a lot of runners on the bases in our last game and had the chance to score a lot more, but it just wasn’t in the cards for us.”

U17 Central Energy will hopefully have many returning players next season who are eager to return and finish even higher on the national stage in the future.

“We learned a lot going there this year and know what to work on to get an even higher finish in the future,” said Zacharias. “The girls represented their organization and the province tremendously, and I am proud of every one of them. They are all great athletes and great ambassadors of the game with endless highlights of amazing defence and hitting.”



# Motocross races in Altona this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

Motocross enthusiasts are heading to Altona this weekend to take in some racing at the Moto Park X track.

The event is part of the racing circuit of 204 Grassroots Motocross, which was formerly the Manitoba Motocross Association and is a privately owned organization dedicated to the growth and development of motocross racing in Manitoba.

The track located near the airport a half mile east of Altona has become a popular stop on the circuit, which also includes races in Morden and Pilot Mound.

“We’ve been racing there now for 15 years roughly,” said Braden Friesen, who is part of the track committee. “It seems to be growing every year now. It’s exciting to see more people getting into it the past few years especially.”

He noted attendance has been very good at the races, so it seems to have built a strong following here in southern Manitoba.

“It seems like it has been growing pretty consistently in the past few years,” he said. “It is a very cool community to be a part of ... and it’s a very growing community and a very welcoming community. It makes it very easy for beginners to get into it. There’s beginner classes at the races, so it’s very accessible.”

Friesen said a big part of the draw is simply that it is a bit of an extreme sport.

“There’s a level of adrenaline that comes into it as a racer ... the excitement of lining up against 40 of your colleagues bar to bar and trying to be the first one to get into that corner when you’re racing,” he said.

“It’s always an exciting feeling and always a bit of adrenaline flowing,” he added. “And as spectators, it’s exciting to watch ... you’ve got dirt and jumps and all of the excitement that comes with it.”

The racing also has a wide age range with the beginners starting as young as four years old, and it goes all the way up to a few who are in their 60s.

The weekend begins Saturday with the pit bike races which feature smaller bikes on a smaller track, so there is just a little more of a for-fun feel to it.

The main race day is Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m. and going to around 4 p.m.. The Youth For Christ food truck will be there, with breakfast also being served in support of a local non-profit organization.

You can find more information online on the track’s social media pages.



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“It’s going to be a great event all around; hoping we have nice weather for it,” said Friesen. “A huge, huge thanks to our sponsors for this as we have a lot of amazing sponsors here in Altona. That is the reason we are able to put on a production like this here.”



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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls for 2025 to be revised, have been deposited in this office and are open to public inspection at the R.M. of Grey Office, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, during regular office hours.

THE BOARD OF REVISION for the R.M. of Grey will sit to hear complaints received regarding the said Assessment Rolls, in the R.M. of Grey Council Chambers, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

ANY PERSON who believes that an assessment ought to be revised may make application in accordance with Sections 42 and 43;

**APPLICATION FOR REVISION**  
42(1) "A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:  
a) liability to taxation;  
b) amount of an assessed value;  
c) classification of property;  
d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)."

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
43(1) "An application for revision must  
a) be made in writing;  
b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;  
c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and  
d) be filed by  
(i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or  
(ii) serving it upon the secretary,  
at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."  
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To the staff at Carman Memorial Hospital, your compassion and care for Mom was greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to all the special people in Mom's life who showed up for a visit, called to check in, or to lend a helping hand over the years.

-Linda and Brian Janick, Doug and Bev Witt and families

### IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of  
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A year has passed since you left us so suddenly. We all miss you so much. Your smile, your kindness and empathy for others. Your compassion and acceptance of everyone. Your creative writing skills, especially your poetry! Your energy and enthusiasm for life. Your courage in adversity. Will forever live on in our hearts. A wonderful daughter, a loving sister and sister-in-law, A devoted wife, a super mother, a fun loving auntie, And a special friend to so many. No one will ever be like our Lori! We were blessed to have had her in our lives. -Dad and Mum (Jack and Linda); brother Ian (Colleen) McKinnon; husband David and sons Michael and Kelly Hems nephew Corey (Kenza and Ary) Lessard nephew Shawn (Athena and Madelyn) Barten

### OBITUARY

#### Evelyn Ann Witt

Evelyn passed away peacefully on August 1, 2024 at Carman Memorial Hospital with family by her side. She was born April 18, 1933 in Carman where she spent most of her life. Evelyn was the oldest daughter of Ross and Nellie Laycock.

Evelyn is survived by her daughter Linda (Brian Janick); their three daughters Kirsten (Cam), Megan (Paul), Ashley (Drew); and son Doug (Bev); their family Steven (Trina), Fern (Marc), Alana; and 12 great-grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as Granny.

Evelyn was predeceased by her loving husband Jim (2017), her brother Earl (Jean) and her sister Barb (Don).

Evelyn trained as a hairdresser and worked in Morden where she met Jim. Moving to Carman they raised their family and Evelyn volunteered time to many local charities. Jim and Evelyn cherished many winters at their home in Naples, Florida during retirement.

A celebration of life will be held for the family. Interment will take place at the Greenwood Cemetery in Carman.

Memorial donations can be made to Boyne Regional Library, Box 788 Carman, MB R0G 0J0 or Carman Palliative Care Program, Box 610 Carman, MB R0G 0J0.

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> MEAL IDEAS



## Mixed Berry Whole-Wheat Muffins

1/2 cup chopped strawberries  
 1/2 cup blueberries  
 Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease muffin pan and set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In separate large bowl, mix egg, maple syrup, vanilla, yogurt and applesauce.

Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and stir until just combined. Do not overmix. Fold in strawberries and blueberries.

Pour batter into prepared muffin tin, filling cups about 3/4 full.

Bake 15 minutes, or until tops are golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Remove from oven and let cool in muffin tin 5 minutes before removing.

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 12

- 1 1/4 cups white whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- 3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce



## Parmesan Potato Wedges

salt, to taste  
 pepper, to taste  
 1 cup oil, for drizzling

Boil whole potatoes 20 minutes. Remove from water and slice into wedges. Heat oven to 375 F.

In medium bowl, mix Parmesan cheese, garlic powder and onion powder. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Dip wedges in Parmesan mixture, covering potatoes well. Place on cookie sheet drizzled in oil then drizzle oil on wedges. Bake 15 minutes then turn wedges over and bake 15 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 5 golden potatoes
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder



## Blackened Spatchcock Chicken

Mix butter, heat-and-sweet seasoning and garlic powder. Using meat injector, inject mixture into chicken. Rub remaining buttered seasoning over chicken and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Place spatchcock chicken breast-side up over indirect heat and cook 35-40 minutes.

When internal temperature reaches 145 F, flip chicken breast-side down over direct heat 5 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

- 1 whole chicken
  - 1 cup melted butter or ghee
  - 2 tablespoons heat-and-sweet seasoning
  - 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
  - salt, to taste
  - pepper, to taste
- Heat grill to 375-400 F.  
 Use kitchen shears or knife to remove backbone from chicken to lay flat. Remove rib cage, if desired, or push flat with hands.

## Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,  
 I am 81 years of age. I have \$50,000 to invest. In your opinion, what is the best investment today, GIC's or Mutual Funds? My banker wants me to buy into a TD mutual fund. Thank you, Grant.



Christine Ibbotson

Grant,  
 Considering your age, I would think you are better off with GICs rather than MFs (mutual funds) regardless of which bank you choose. Currently the GIC rates are posted at 3% - 4.5% (June, 2024). Of course, you stand to make more money on your investment if you place it in the market, but my concern would be stock market volatility. If the market turned volatile due to an unforeseen future event, you could lose a fair chunk of this investment and would need to leave it invested to realize the recovery when the market comes back. Also, we are going into a USA election this Fall and even though this is in another country, please do not underestimate the market swings that we encounter from our Southern neighbors. To be honest Grant, I would rather see you in a GIC, than in the stock market.

That being said, if the market is where you would like to go, why not consider ETFs (exchange traded funds) rather than MFs. They are much less costly and can be traded multiple times throughout the day, unlike MFs which must trade at the end of the day, based on the overall NAV price (net asset value per share). The following ETFs have lower fees and will follow a reliable market index that you can count on. Please remember that these funds are equity heavy and prone to much more volatility, but over a long-time horizon, because they are growth-oriented investments, you should expect an overall return of 7.1%.

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If the stock market is something you would prefer to steer clear of, you could choose GICs. I would suggest you split and ladder up your funds into Canadian Bank GICs. To give you access to your money should you need it, I would suggest putting \$10,000-\$20,000 into a 1-year term cashable GIC offered with all the Big-5 banks at 3% (June 2024). Local credit unions typically have higher redeemable rates on 1-year cashable GICs since they want to increase their deposits. You mostly likely could get a 1-year cashable GIC from a credit union at 4% today (June 2024).

By placing \$20,000 into a cashable GIC, you still have the ability to access and use these funds should you change your mind or need money for an emergency. The balance of your investment, the \$30,000, should be put into a 1-year term non-redeemable GIC that is offered currently at all banks and credit unions for 4.5%. If you were to invest your \$50,000 this way, you would earn \$2,150 over the next 12 months.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,  
 Money Lady  
 Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer, National Radio Host, and now on CTV Morning Live, and CTV News @6 syndicated across Canada. Send your questions through her website at [askthemoneylady.ca](http://askthemoneylady.ca)



## Mandarin Orange No-Bake Tarts

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 10 minutes

Freeze time: 1 hour

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup  
 4 mandarin oranges, peeled and segmented

In bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs with melted butter.

Press mixture into bottom of individual mini tart pans or mini muffin tin. Refrigerate crusts to set while preparing filling.

In bowl, combine Greek yogurt, vanilla and honey or maple syrup. Mix well. Spoon yogurt mixture into chilled crusts.

Freeze tarts at least 1 hour. Top with mandarin segments.