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Artist Naomi Gerrard's Seeds of the Prairies exhibition at the Golden Prairie Arts Council in Carman features mixed media works made from canola, flax, wheat, oats, barley and other prairie grains, celebrating the cycles of planting, growth and renewal. Full story pg. 7.

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Roseisle Memorial Garden unveils new bronze sculpture

By Annaliese Meier

Community members gathered at the Roseisle Memorial Garden on the evening of Oct. 9 for a special unveiling ceremony celebrating the installation of a new bronze sculpture that embodies the garden's enduring mission — "remembering our past for the sake of our future."

The sculpture, titled *Grace*, is the work of Manitoba artist Jake Goertzen. The piece depicts a barefoot child in a dance pose, symbolizing joy, innocence, curiosity, freedom and grace. With her face tilted toward the morning sun and her ears turned toward the garden's bubbling rock feature, *Grace* invites visitors to pause, reflect and take in the tranquil surroundings.

Goertzen said his nine-year-old neighbour, who takes ballet lessons, served as the model for the sculpture. "I chose to have *Grace* barefoot because she's a country girl," he told those gathered. He also credited the late Clifford McPherson — the local metal craftsman behind the garden's original wild rose monument — for inspiring his work and other artists in the province.

Committee member Margaret Neumann joined Goertzen in unveiling



Garden supporter Ina Bramadat visits with artist Jake Goertzen.

the statue before a crowd of supporters, volunteers and residents. The ceremony concluded with hot beverages, donuts and conversation among guests.

The addition of *Grace* marks the continuation of a vision that began in 2011 when Grant and Diane Gillingham, inspired by a memorial rose garden in Somerset, proposed creating a similar space in Roseisle. The RM of Dufferin granted use of the former rail yard property in perpetuity, and landscape



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Artist Jake Goertzen and committee member Margaret Neumann unveil *Grace*, a new bronze sculpture at the Roseisle Memorial Garden on Oct. 9.

architect Heather Cram — a former Roseisle resident — designed the garden layout.

Since the first rose was planted in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Beggs, the community's first postmaster and namesake, the garden has grown to include 168 roses dedicated to individuals who helped shape the town. Over the years, it has become known as "the crown jewel of the RM of Dufferin," a title coined by former reeve George Grey.

Though the garden faced a major setback in 2025 after an outbreak of rose rosette disease led to the loss of more than 100 rose bushes, volunteers rallied to restore the space. New perennials such as hostas, lilies, hydrangeas and potentillas were planted, and the remaining 65 roses continue to bloom.

For Gillingham and the garden committee, the unveiling of *Grace* represents a new chapter — one that honours those who came before while inspiring future generations to reflect



Garden visitors stop to chat with Grant Gillingham, one of the longtime keepers of the Roseisle Memorial Garden.

on community, resilience and remembrance.

"Those who design, develop and keep the garden are the link between past and future," Gillingham said. "Ultimately, the garden is for future generations who, by visiting, will learn of those who built and kept this community."

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Before the Cue: What happens before opening night?

By Lana Meier

Long before the curtain rises, months of creative planning, problem-solving and teamwork unfold behind the scenes at Carman's Back on Cue Theatre Company (BOC).

Producer Lee Collingridge says most people leave a play thinking about how it made them feel — happy, sad, inspired or even angry — without realizing the scale of preparation that makes those moments possible.

"A work of art is meant to make you feel something, and that's always our goal," she said. "If the performers have achieved that, the audience is completely focused on the message and not the details that made it possible."

Back on Cue aims to select scripts that both entertain and explore meaningful social themes. The process starts with appointing a director and producer who work closely together from day one, a collaboration that contrasts with larger theatre companies where a producer typically hires an entire team. Together they consider dozens of scripts, weighing cast size, local talent and community resonance before settling on the right fit.

The director then takes responsibility for creative decisions — guiding ac-

tors through rehearsals, managing line delivery and movement, and overseeing props, set design and scheduling. Practical matters such as insurance, performance rights and liability coverage are arranged well in advance to protect everyone involved and to respect the playwright's intellectual property.

Volunteerism remains the backbone of BOC. Carpenters construct sets and storage, stage managers track down props and costumes, and returning technicians handle lighting and sound. The production crew also includes ushers, ticket attendants and organizers who step forward each season to help the show run smoothly.

This year, BOC has also partnered with the Golden Prairie Arts Council. The council has added its promotional and technical expertise to the theatre company, and Collingridge says the partnership has strengthened BOC's connection to the broader arts community. "We're so pleased to be working with such a strong community builder," she said.

Advertising begins months ahead, intensifying six weeks before opening night through posters, flyers, newspaper stories and local radio spots. Collingridge notes that strong promo-



Veteran actress
Christan Froese



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tion is vital for full houses and community engagement. Financing comes through ticket sales, fundraising and donations, with venue selection based on affordability, capacity and acoustic quality.

The actors themselves audition for their parts and devote weeks of evenings and weekends to rehearsals. They juggle lines, movements and emotional cues while balancing school, work and family life. Collingridge calls them the heart of the production — a group of passionate, committed people who make the performance look effortless.

This season's play, The Horizon by Tim A. Pullen, reflects BOC's ongoing partnerships with local wellness organizations supporting seniors. The company has also teamed up with nearby restaurants to offer Dinner and a Show

packages, another effort made possible through community volunteers and organizers.

Behind every successful performance lies a small army of helpers quietly ensuring every detail is ready by opening night.

"There are so many people working behind the scenes — husbands and wives, friends, volunteers — and somehow it all comes together," Collingridge said.

For Collingridge, the audience completes the process. "Without you and your support, there is no show," she said. "We hope knowing what happens behind the scenes makes you enjoy the performance even more — and maybe inspires you to join us next time."

Back on Cue presents The Horizon on Nov. 7 and 8 at the Carman Community Hall.

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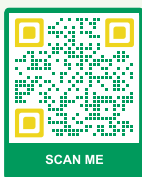
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Carman council applies for fire hall grant, reviews cybersecurity results

By Haley Cvar

Council is pursuing new funding opportunities and moving ahead with local infrastructure improvements following its Sept. 18 regular meeting.

Council voted to apply for Manitoba's Growth, Renewal and Opportunities (GRO) program to help fund a fire hall expansion in partnership with the RM of Dufferin. The \$630,000 project originated from the department's desire to reduce exposure to cancer-causing carcinogens and improve firefighter health and safety.

"The project started with the idea to reduce exposure to cancer-causing carcinogens," said CAO Susan Stein. "It will include a new washing facility for cleaning equipment and turnover gear (PPE). This will optimize the space for day-to-day work and help the fire department prepare and be ready for the next call."

Stein said the expansion will also add a small gym to support firefighters' mental health and wellness. The municipalities are seeking \$315,000 through the GRO grant, which would cover half the total cost, with the remaining \$315,000 split between the town and RM.

Council also approved submitting

a Rubber Aggregate Road Building Grant application to improve 5th Avenue NW. A new floor scrubber will be purchased for the Carman Community Hall at a cost of \$7,895, with funds drawn from the Carman-Dufferin Joint Tax Sharing account.

Council approved a \$33,162 contract with Carman Bobcat to replace the sidewalk along 1st Street SE between 2nd and 3rd Avenue SE. Accounts totaling \$1.87 million were approved for August, and two overcharged garbage fees—amounting to about \$5,450—were cancelled.

The 2024 audited financial statements were tabled for further review, and signing authority was updated to include CAO Susan Stein and CFO Curt Letkeman, who was appointed earlier this year.

Public Works staff presented design plans for the Trestle Bridge Project behind the Carman Personal Care Home.

Council also reviewed the results of a cybersecurity penetration test conducted by Solutions IT. "The penetration test went well," Stein said. "We think it is important to test ourselves and ensure we are doing the most to keep information secure. Password

vulnerabilities were found and addressed immediately. The Town plans to review their security and IT policy as well, which includes training sessions for staff to identify possible concerns and phishing scams."

Stein reported that the town's From the Ground Up grant application for 2025 was not approved. The application covered repairs to the pool shed roof and construction of a walkway. "Part of the project was completed," she said. "The roof was done as it was in need of repair. The remainder of the project will go to the Recreation Committee for review to determine if they wish to reapply or apply for a new project or want to budget the expense as part of the 2026 Recreation Budget."

Both the 2025 tax sale and 2026 board of revision have been cancelled.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

Council congratulated Carman Cougars basketball player Sidney Last, who sank a half-court shot during a Winnipeg Sea Bears game earlier this fall.

The Boyne Regional Library Board presented a quote for upcoming roof repairs and shared recent updates.

Grey council backs water funding boost, supports highway roundabout plan

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Grey council met Oct. 1, approving a series of resolutions focused on infrastructure, rural connectivity and municipal operations, while joining calls for increased provincial investment in water projects.

Council endorsed a Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA) resolution urging the province to raise the Manitoba Water Services Board's annual capital budget to \$100 million from \$24 million. The motion noted that many municipalities rely on the board's financial and technical assistance for critical water and wastewater projects, which have been delayed due to limited funding.

Council also supported Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's plan to build a roundabout at the intersection of PTH 2 and PTH 13, following a presentation by engineering firm WSP. The project is intended to improve safety and traffic flow at the busy junction.

Two RfNow fibre-optic expansion proposals were approved, allowing new underground cable routes to extend broadband service near St. Claude and along PTH 2. A subdivision application from No Hill Farms (2023) Ltd. was also approved, subject to access and parcel conditions.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Approved a 2025 snow-clearing

agreement with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure.

- Authorized payment for monument restoration under the provincial Survey Outline Monument Restoration Program.

- Accepted Polar Plumbing's \$18,643 quote to install two high-efficiency boilers.

- Approved attendance for all council members and the CAO at the 2025 Association of Manitoba Municipalities convention in Winnipeg, Nov. 25–27.

- Authorized staff participation in upcoming MMA training sessions in

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Thompson council approves water retention project

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Thompson council approved a number of agreements and funding items during its Sept. 25 regular meeting, focusing on infrastructure, community projects and staff initiatives.

Council endorsed a Redboine Watershed District request to license a water retention and expansion project and authorized the CAO to sign a snow removal agreement for the upcoming winter. An agreement with the Miami Active Living Centre Inc. was also ap-

proved.

A GRO grant application will be submitted to support upgrades at the municipality's waste disposal grounds, with council approving a \$7,779 payment for related work to be covered through a reserve fund transfer.

Council also adopted August financial statements and bank reconciliations, and approved accounts payable totalling \$135,869.

The Miami Arts Association received council support through a letter for its grant application to replace basement

flooring. Council also backed the RM of Dufferin's request for improved provincial communication on the PTH 3 bridge closure.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Acknowledged the Green Team for its summer work with a \$250 gift card bonus.
- Appointed Coun. Travis Reichert to the Red River Basin Commission's Manitoba South Chapter.
- Adjusted October meeting start times to 8:30 a.m.

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Fresh Starts

We live in a wonderful part of the country. We get to experience the changing of the seasons. Now I will admit I enjoy some seasons over others. I love the Spring season when everything is beginning to bloom. Yet, fall with the changing colors reminds me that change can be beautiful. I think a lot of us marvel at the transformation that takes place as tree leaves turn from lush green to gorgeous shades of yellow, orange and red.

In some ways, the Fall season is like God giving us a fresh start. God is a fan of giving us fresh starts.

We can see examples of the fresh starts that God gives us in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, in covenants God made in the Old Testament, and in the many Gospel stories of the people Jesus healed. So many were offered fresh starts... a new life.

Even for ourselves, fresh starts are everywhere in our relationship with God. I wonder, how open are we to accept these fresh starts from God.

Remember the story of the rich young man, who asks Jesus what he needs to do to gain eternal life. Jesus gives him an incredible offer, which can be paraphrase as, "Drop everything and follow me; start fresh." Unfortunately, at least in that moment, the young man just couldn't take the offer. Something held him back.

Are there things that hold us back from a fresh start? Maybe it is giving up a bad habit or devoting more time to others? It might even be to go back to worship after having stepped back for a while. Whatever it may be for you, may you experience the excitement, the freedom, and the beauty that comes with the fresh start that God graciously offers us all.

Pastor Trudy Thorarinson
Grace – St. John's Anglican / Lutheran Church

The way it was 100 years ago this week

By Dennis Young

100 Years ago, 1925... H. Patchell sells 6 grades of coal. Dufferin Leader offers 20 percent off custom greeting cards. R.H. Porter receives 7 new Fords and sells 5 in 1 day for \$625 each. Lieutenant Gov of Canada, Baron Byng, visits Carman and dines at the Ryall. Melvin Shewfelt, age 15, attends U of Mb for Arts. D.S. McKay sells horse blankets for \$2.75 and up. Get Polar Anti-Freeze at Peck's Service Station west of the CNR depot.

75 Years ago, 1950... 600 get fed at the Carman United Church fowl dinner and show net profit of \$680. Lloyd Kitching watches a flying saucer for 3 minutes while in his field. Marleau Service Station burns down caused by faulty furnace, says Fire Chief Devins. Carman Kin Clubs host others to a banquet served by Dan Jack and senior schoolgirls. Carman Plumbing & Heating says, "Give your wife a break from coal...install oil heat!" Don Doyle 1st local to bag a deer with 2 while in Kenora.

50 Years ago, 1975... King's Park Pool shows \$4000 profit compared to \$3000 deficit in '74. Midland Board and Teachers agree to 16.25% wage increase, subs to go from \$22/day to \$27. Reg Last, Hans Veenendaal and

Jack McLachlan named Honorary Kinsmen. Mrs. Eva Grundy's land development gets go-ahead. Carman United Church hosts 800 at fowl supper at \$3.25/hd. Sisson Service Centre promotes interest free until April '76 on purchases. Collomb Service sells Skiroule snowmobiles.

25 Years ago, 2000... Carman celebrated the grand opening of its new \$3.2-million Co-op store with a ribbon cutting attended by 200 people, including local dignitaries; Midland School Division reported lower-than-

expected enrolment losses but faced rising fuel and heating costs; Morden Mayor Gerry Gebler announced his bid for the federal Liberal nomination in Portage-Lisgar; Don Skeavington retired after 31 years with Carman Public Works, recalling floods and blizzards among his biggest challenges; Moonlight Merchant Madness drew hundreds downtown in pyjamas; and the annual Handi-Van auction set a record, raising over \$9,000 to support local transportation services.

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- Received and filed the financial statement for the period ending Aug. 31, 2025.

Several items, including new RM signage, a fire ban protocol review and a farmland tender, were tabled for future discussion. Council also met in closed session to discuss a human resources matter before adjourning.



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Dufferin Christian School students run for a cure

By Lana Meier

Students at Dufferin Christian School proved that small steps can lead to big impact during their first Terry Fox Run on Oct. 8.

Inspired by the motto “You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great,” the school’s Student Leadership Team set out with a \$500 fundraising goal — and surpassed it nearly eightfold, collecting an impressive \$3,943.05 for cancer research.

“Cancer has touched many of our families and friends, so participating in the Terry Fox Run was a wonderful choice and an opportunity to make a difference together,” said student services coordinator Avery Linde.

The event capped off the school’s Healthy Living Week, which encouraged students from Kindergarten

through Grade 12 to stay active and engaged through sensory activities, poster-making, and practice runs in gym class.

On run day, students from every grade took to the track, each completing a distance suited to their level. The day ended with a lively teachers’ race — costumes included — bringing laughter and cheers from the crowd.

A heartfelt thank-you was extended to the Elementary Student Leadership Team for their enthusiasm and hard work in organizing the fundraiser and rallying school spirit behind a cause that continues to inspire Canadians coast to coast. The school hopes to make the Terry Fox Run an annual event, continuing the tradition of giving back and honouring Terry’s legacy through action and compassion.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY AVERY LINDE

Dufferin Christian School students and staff laced up for the annual Terry Fox Run on Oct. 8, raising \$3,943.05 for cancer research through a week of healthy living activities and a school-wide run that celebrated teamwork, generosity, and community spirit.



Spooky spirit in Graysville



STANDARD PHOTO BY BEV MCLEAN

A hauntingly fun display in Graysville, turns one front yard into a ghostly gathering place, complete with inflatable spirits, skeletons and a homemade graveyard.

Development continues



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG

Work is underway on the second 19-unit phase of the Hamilton Court Apartments. The new phase will feature a mix of one- and two-bedroom units, some with balconies. Frank Klasen of K Block Developments Inc., who is leading the project, said construction is currently paused while the company secures a framing contractor. More details will be released once the agreement is finalized.

Seeds of the Prairies: Artist Naomi Gerrard brings mixed media works to Carman

By Lana Meier

This month, the Golden Prairie Arts Council is showcasing the intricate and deeply symbolic mixed media works of Naomi Gerrard, an artist whose latest collection pays tribute to the life force of the prairies — their seeds.

Gerrard's exhibition, now on display at the Golden Prairie Art Gallery, explores the cycles of planting, growth, harvest and renewal through a blend of natural grains and artistic expression. Her work captures what she calls "the energy of the prairies," using the materials that define them — canola, flax, wheat, oats, barley, sunflower seeds, rye, clover, mustard and more.

"These art works are an ode to seeds that energize our prairies, seeds that paint our prairies and grains grown from these mature plants that feed our world," said Gerrard. "By incorporating the grains into my art, I feel the vitality, the gestures, the colours and patterns, the ancient wisdom and ultimately the energy of the various grains."

Each of her pieces is inspired by the rhythms of prairie life — from the dormancy of winter to the bursting abundance of summer. Gerrard said she feels a deep connection to the land through her use of grains, which she describes as living carriers of history and hope.

"The seeds remind me that all bodies, however hard and solid, are porous — waiting to sprout their inherent ancient wisdom under the right conditions," she said. "They whisper

their ancient languages as they respond to the winds and the sun and as they push upward."

Gerrard said the seeds are "entangled with the soil, the heat, the sun, the moisture, the day and night and with their environment both within and without." She said the cycles of the sun and moon shape each season, from winter's quiet rest beneath snow and frost to spring's gradual warming, when the soil and rains "do their magic" and the newly planted seeds split open in their search for light and breath.

Her creative process often begins by closely observing seeds as they germinate, sprout and mature through the seasons. Gerrard studies the shapes, textures and inner designs of the grains, sometimes slicing them open or sprouting them to discover unexpected natural patterns. "Sometimes I start with a splash of colour on the canvas and then try to let the grains create their own design, tell their own story," she said.

The artist's work has been exhibited across Manitoba and beyond, earning her recognition for her ability to merge fine art with the textures of agricultural life. Visitors to the Carman gallery can expect a sensory experience — one that draws on the earthy tones, tactile surfaces and organic movement of prairie growth. Gerrard hopes her exhibition will remind viewers of the connection between humanity and the land that sustains it, inspiring gratitude for both the art and the agriculture that define prairie life.



One of Naomi Gerrard's featured works, *Feeding the World*, reflects the interconnectedness of people, land and harvest, honouring the prairie grains that sustain communities locally and globally.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG

Artist Naomi Gerrard speaks to members of the Wednesday morning group at the Golden Prairie Arts Council, sharing insights into her *Seeds of the Prairies* exhibition and the inspiration behind her grain-based mixed media artworks.

Among the featured works are:

Farm Family — a mixed media depiction of a farm family sharing ideas and planning for the season ahead.

Seasonal Prairie Masks — a series of expressive masks representing the seasonal shifts of the prairies.

Prairie Energy — abstract compositions inspired by the internal patterns found within grains, seeds and fruit.

Prairie Two Spirit — a sculptural piece exploring spiritual connections to the land.

Harvest Time — portraying a farmer and son inspecting ripened crops before harvest.

Prairie Immersion — showing the human form embedded within the prairie landscape itself.

Gerrard's works are a visual and tactile celebration of agricultural abun-

dance, created with the same raw materials that sustain prairie communities. Her art bridges ecology, food, and spirit — and invites viewers to reflect on their own relationship with the land.

"The health of our agriculture is vitally linked to the health of our society," she said. "These grains command a deep respect and encourage reflection on life, nature and our connection to the land."

The exhibition runs throughout October at the Golden Prairie Art Gallery, located inside the Golden Prairie Arts Council building in Carman. Gallery hours and more information are available through GPAC's website and social media pages.



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Carman Dufferin Fire Department shares key safety tips for Fire Prevention Month

By E. Antonio

Fire safety should always be top of mind — especially when it comes to preventing fires and knowing how to escape a burning building.

During Fire Prevention Month this October, members of the Carman Dufferin Fire Department (CDFD) are reminding residents that a few small precautions can make a life-saving difference.

Retired CDFD fire chief Rick Penner stresses the importance of having a family fire escape plan.

“These plans are important to establish with your family, and it’s even more important that you know these plans like the back of your hand,” he said. “In the event a fire sparks at night while everyone is sleeping, even when we are jolted awake we have to know two ways out of every room and where to meet outdoors.”

Penner noted that everyone who can move independently should be familiar with the plan — especially children who might become scared during a fire. “But one thing we do know is that kids are resilient and are able to pick things up from their memory, so I advise everyone to frequently practise or go over their plan at home.”

Justine Hamming, the CDFD’s public safety educator, said her goal is to teach kids about fire safety in a way that is both meaningful and non-daunting.

“When speaking with children it’s really important to keep things simple while also keeping it engaging for them,” she said.

Hamming advises kids — or anyone faced with a fire — to use four of their senses to safely get out of the home:

Listen — If you hear the beeping smoke detector, get out and stay out.

Touch — If you feel heat on your door, don’t open it.

Look — Find two ways out of the room.

Smell — If you can smell smoke, stay low, get out of the house and go to your meeting place.

She added that several family-friendly fire safety resources are available at www.sparky.org and on the NFPA Kids YouTube channel.

Escape plans should also apply to communal spaces outside the home. Penner recently participated in a fire drill at his workplace and was pleased to see everyone paying attention and heading directly to their outdoor muster point.

In addition to having an escape plan, Penner said it’s crucial to have working smoke detectors — and carbon monoxide detectors if your home is heated with a gas furnace — in all bedrooms and living spaces, as well as fire extinguishers. Detectors should be tested every six months, with the easiest reminder being when the clocks change each spring and fall. If Manitoba discontinues daylight time, Penner suggests testing once in the spring and again in the fall.

He also recommends keeping smoke detectors out of cooking areas to prevent false alarms, noting that even steam from canning vegetables can trigger them.

“As long as you have a working detector in all critical areas of the home — sleeping areas, basements, living spaces, etc. — you’re headed in the right direction to keeping your family safe.”

Recently, the CDFD was called to a structure



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Carman Dufferin Fire Department members at the Winter Wonderland Ball in February.

fire where residents were awakened in the middle of the night by their smoke detectors and evacuated safely.

“Because of the working smoke detectors, there was no loss of life or injuries related to this structure fire,” Hamming said.

Carman participates in the S.A.F.E. (Smoke Alarms for Every Family) program and offers free 10-year lithium-battery-operated smoke detectors to residents. Anyone in need of a smoke detector can contact firechief@townofcarman.com for more information.

When it comes to fire hazards, Penner pointed out that one of the most dangerous items people use every day is right in the palms of their hands — lithium-ion batteries.

“There are a number of articles going around on the web asking, ‘Where’s your iPhone when it’s charging?’ We’ve seen where rechargeable batteries for many devices have started fires,” he said.

Hamming added that electrical fires, specifically from lithium-ion batteries, have been the most frequent cause of house fires in recent years.

These batteries can overheat, swell and ignite, and are found in everything from cellphones and toys to smoke detectors. When they reach the end of their life, it’s best to dispose of them properly by taking them to a certified recycling depot listed at www.recycleyourbatteries.ca. This, Penner said, is one of the best ways to reduce the risk of electronics sparking a fire.

“To put it simply, when you charge something and it starts to get hot — you know it’s time to dispose of it and get a new battery.”

To prevent devices from overheating, he advises charging them on hard surfaces rather than on blankets or pillows, and to use certified chargers instead of cheap ones. If a device starts to spark, take it outside and move it away from anything flammable. Call 911, and never try to put the fire out with water.

“Attempting to take care of a lithium-ion battery fire will only cause a violent reaction because of the heat created and gases released,”

Penner said. “People think the idea of throwing it in a pail of water will cool the device off, but in reality it just makes the situation worse.”

Two other fire risks people commonly overlook are candles and space heaters — especially in the cooler months.

“These are the oldest and most prevalent fire risks aside from typical cooking hazards,” he said. “Make sure all the candles are blown out before everybody goes to bed. I make sure I do my rounds around the house to ensure they’re all off — if battery operated — and blown out.”

Regarding space heaters, Penner recommends only using them for short periods and keeping them away from anything flammable. He also advises making sure the correct type of extension cord is used — certified for indoor or outdoor use, depending on where it’s being used.

All year long, people should remain vigilant about burning grass or lighting fires, and be mindful that weather conditions — especially wind — can change quickly. Penner noted that a majority of the department’s calls are for grass fires that spread on windy days.

“Everything people do should always have a lot of thought put into it,” he added. “And this is prevalent at any time of year.”

Hamming agreed.

“Lots of people say having a fire will never happen to them, but we know that’s not the case — fires can happen to anybody,” she said. “Having that fire equipment available — working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, and knowing that escape plan — could make a life-changing difference.”

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Miami Children's Facility celebrates 25 years of child care and community growth

By Lana Meier with files with Dennis Young

Twenty-five years after Miami opened its first licensed child-care centre, the Miami Children's Facility (MCF) continues to nurture local families, support working parents and help the community grow — just as its founders hoped when the doors first opened in 2000.

It took more than three years of planning and hard work before the project became a reality. The two-storey, 1,100-square-foot building was constructed at a cost of \$125,000 thanks to strong community support. Many residents volunteered their time or donated funds, while the RM of Thompson contributed \$10,000 and provided a lot on the west side of Collingwood Personal Care Home.

Donna Riddell, the first director and driving force behind the committee formed in 1997, said at the time that the centre was designed to feel like home. "We wanted a home atmosphere," she said.

The facility originally operated with two full-time and three part-time staff and could accommodate 26 registered children. It offered a multi-age program so siblings could stay together and a meal program that allowed everyone to eat lunch at once.

Former Reeve Brian Schwartz summed up the project's importance when he said, "It's a fact of life that you need a day care as lots of families

have both parents working. As well, it might attract new residents."

A grand opening was held in September 2000 after a year of construction. Facility chair Karen Alexander praised the level of support that helped make the dream possible. "We not only received financial support, but we also received support in many ways. Success is a journey, and we'll continue to look for ways to keep this program running and suited to the needs of Miami and surrounding communities."

Enrollment started with 12 children in 1999 and doubled to 26 by opening day. The board was already discuss-

ing future services — including a joint nursery school program between Miami, Graysville and Roland — and hopes to one day add a parent resource co-ordinator position.

Current director Kelly Unrau, who has worked at MCF for 22 years and led the centre in recent years, said the facility has grown and adapted continually.

"HAVING A CHILD-CARE CENTRE IN MIAMI IS A BIG PART OF WHY THE TOWN CONTINUES TO GROW."

"One thing I have learned in my years of child care is that things are always changing," said Unrau.

Over the years, there have been several minor interior renovations to make better use of the space. Two years ago, the centre undertook major playground renovations, replacing pea gravel with rubber surfacing and



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The Miami Children's Facility has been a cornerstone for local families since opening its doors in 2000. The two-storey centre features bright play spaces and a secure outdoor playground where children can learn and grow close to home.

installing a large play structure suitable for all age groups. "This playground upgrade was a big deal for us, and the children love the new structure," she said.

MCF's capacity has also expanded beyond its original 26 children. "Our facility has space for 28 children, and around 10 years ago we opened up a before- and after-school program in the Miami School," Unrau said. "Between the two sites we have over 50 children registered. We also have a waiting list now, which wasn't common for us initially. Because we still offer part-time care as much as we are

able, we can take in many children."

Unrau credits much of the facility's success to its dedicated staff. "The majority of the staff at MCF have been here for over 10 years, with three of us being at or over the 20-year mark," she said. "I believe our effort to provide a home-like environment and our small-centre feel are a big part of why staff enjoy it here and stick around."

Unrau also believes the centre plays a vital role in supporting local families and keeping Miami vibrant. "Having a child-care centre in Miami is a big part of why the town continues to

grow," she said. "Whether children come from homes with two working parents, a single parent, or have a parent at home but need opportunities to interact with oth-



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Carman Fall Gun Show returns Oct. 25 for 35th year

By Annaliese Meier

The Carman Community Hall will be buzzing on Saturday, Oct. 25, as the annual Carman Fall Gun Show returns for its 35th year, bringing together vendors, collectors and outdoor enthusiasts from across the region.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature 80 vendor tables showcasing firearms, ammunition, hunting supplies and accessories. Attendees will also find gun parts, knife-sharpening services and, for the first time this year, a vendor selling outdoor apparel. Admission is \$8 at the door, with children 12 and under admitted free.

Organizer Bruce Reid said the show has grown steadily since it began more than three decades ago.

"Over the years, the show has almost doubled its attendance," he said. "We're seeing a younger crowd now, which tells me interest in the hobby is growing."

Several longtime vendors have taken part every year, and Reid said he has a waiting list of others eager to join the show. In addition to the displays and sales tables, visitors can take part in the annual raffle, with 100 per cent of proceeds going to charity. This year's funds will support Carman Handi-Van.

The show also offers plenty of prizes throughout the day in celebration of its 35th anniversary. Food will be served by Crazy Ladies Catering — a popular draw for many attendees. "They're very well known for their schnitzel burger," Reid added.

Reid credits the dedication of friends and volunteers with helping the event thrive year after year. Show apparel, created by local business Dredger, has also become a crowd favourite.

The Carman Fall Gun Show takes place Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carman Community Hall.



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Bruce Reid, organizer of the Carman Fall Gun Show, presents a donation to Sandy Cameron on behalf of Carman Palliative Care from proceeds raised at a previous show. The annual event returns Oct. 25 to Carman Community Hall for its 35th year, featuring 80 vendor tables and charitable fundraising in support of Carman Handi-Van.

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ers, child care is important for many families. Both MCF and the school are full of families that grew up in Miami, as well as new young families that have recently located here. Without child care and a school, the town would not have seen the growth it has in the last 20 years."

After 25 years, MCF has now served multiple generations of Miami families. "There are a few former children who are now grown and bring their own children here," said Unrau. "It's neat to talk to the current children about when we used to care for their parents. We've also had a few former children become employed here as summer students. It's pretty awesome to see kids I used to care for as infants or preschoolers grow up and care for my own children."

MCF's continued success is closely tied to its community partnerships. "Our partnership with the school is very important to us," said Unrau. "The children who attend our before- and after-school program also attend school all day. Both MCF staff and school staff want those children's days to be as positive as possible. We've appreciated the teachers who share their classrooms with us and the school's willingness to respect all extra protocols put in place during the pandemic."

Support from local governments and organizations has also been vital. "The RM of Thompson and the Town of Miami have been crucial sup-

ports of the centre over the years, and they're a big reason the centre was able to open in the first place," Unrau said. "The Miami and Area Foundation has also been a big supporter of ours, giving us their biggest donation ever toward our playground upgrades and helping with smaller projects over the years as well."

She added that MCF owes much to its volunteer board of directors. "Child-care centres are run by volunteers, mostly parents, who make up

the board of directors. I can't begin to name or count those who have served on the MCF board in the last 25 years, but we appreciate them all."

To mark the milestone, MCF hosted a barbecue on Oct. 9 for current and former families, staff and board members. "The event was well attended, and it was really neat to visit with those we haven't seen in a while," Unrau said. "Some former families toured the building, reminisced about their time here, and got to see how

things have changed since they've left."

After 25 years of growth and community connection, the Miami Children's Facility continues to embody the vision set out by its founders — providing quality care in a nurturing, family-centred environment.

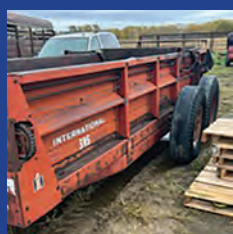
"We are really proud of the centre's growth in the last 25 years," said Unrau. "And we're excited to see what is yet to come."

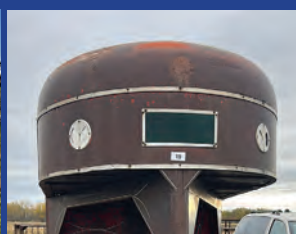


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Carman Wellness Connections establishes community endowment fund

By Lana Meier

A new endowment fund has been created to help sustain local efforts aimed at reducing poverty and strengthening community well-being.

Thanks to proceeds from the Boyne River Keepers' Ladies Event Gala in the spring and additional community donations that followed, Carman Wellness Connections Inc. has now reached the threshold to establish the Carman Wellness Connections Endowment Fund with the Carman Area Foundation (CAF). The fund was created with an initial contribution of approximately \$10,000, meeting the foundation's requirement to open a named endowment.

Carman Wellness Connections (CWC) is a volunteer-driven charitable organization focused on building an inclusive community where everyone has the opportunity and support to flourish. The group leads six community working groups that tackle the root causes of poverty, including housing instability, food insecurity, and financial and emotional stress.

"While the fund is small to start, its establishment marks an important step toward long-term sustainability," said Lisa Lehmann, CWC coordinator. "It creates a foundation that can grow over time and, one day, provide ongoing support for our work in the



community. For now, we're simply grateful to have it in place and to begin building toward that future."

As the fund grows, the income will support local initiatives that align with CWC's mission to reduce poverty and strengthen well-being. Lehmann said the organization looks forward to partnering with schools and other local groups on initiatives such as EmpowerMen workshops, and to supporting collaborative efforts that offer practical, community-driven solutions to complex social challenges.

The fund carries special meaning for many residents, having been inspired by the tragic deaths of Amanda Clearwater, her children, and her niece in February 2024, the result of domestic violence.

"This fund was inspired by the outpouring of care and concern that followed the tragic loss of Amanda Clearwater, her children, and her niece," Lehmann said. "It reflects the community's desire not just to grieve, but to act. By supporting work that

addresses the root causes of poverty and violence, the fund helps turn that moment of collective compassion into lasting, meaningful change."

Caddie Crampton, Carman Area Foundation Community Foundations Officer, said welcoming Carman Wellness Connections as a new endowment holder is a powerful affirmation of the foundation's mission.

"CWC's mission—to address the root causes of poverty and prevent domestic violence—aligns seamlessly with our own value of fostering long-term well-being," said Crampton. "The fund strengthens our collective ability to support grassroots initiatives that create lasting change, and it ensures that the memory of Amanda Clearwater and her family continues to inspire meaningful action."

Crampton confirmed the fund's initial contribution of just over \$10,000 and explained that it is structured as a charitable organization fund, created by and for a registered charity to support its long-term operations.

"Under the Carman Area Foundation's endowment model, the principal is carefully invested by The Winnipeg Foundation, and only a portion of the earnings is distributed annually," she said. "This approach protects the original gift and generates a reliable stream of income year after year, ensuring long-term financial sustainability."

She added that donations from individuals, families, and businesses can be made to the fund at any time, allowing it to grow and deepen its impact.

"It's more than a financial resource—it's a symbol of collaboration, compassion, and local leadership," said Crampton. "By investing in prevention and wellness, we're not just responding to crises—we're working to prevent them. This fund invites all of us to be part of a legacy rooted in hope, healing, and collective strength."

Donations to the Carman Wellness Connections Endowment Fund can be mailed, e-transferred or made through the Carman Area Foundation website. Each contribution helps build a future where residents can live, learn, work, and play in a community that supports them to thrive.

Carman 5 Pin Bowl to host Treat Accessibly Halloween Village

By Annaliese Meier

Halloween is getting a little more inclusive this year, thanks to a local business that's putting accessibility front and centre.

Carman 5 Pin Bowl is hosting a Treat Accessibly Halloween Village on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2025, in its parking lot at 120 Main Street South. The event aims to create a welcoming, barrier-free trick-or-treat experience for children with visible and invisible disabilities.

Manager Jeff Lubkiwski said the idea fits perfectly with the bowling alley's goal of being a safe, inclusive space for everyone in the community.

"With our goal to be a safe spot for all community members to come and enjoy what we have to offer, we believe this initiative fits into our goals," he said. "When we heard that over one in 10 school-age children identify as having one or more disabilities, we felt this was a way to show Carman that we are aware of the barriers they face day to day."

To make sure the event is accessible, treat stations will be set up in the parking lot facing the sidewalk, eliminating stairs or tight spaces. Decorations

will be minimal, avoiding flashing lights or loud music that could trigger sensory sensitivities. Participants are also encouraged to bring non-food trinkets such as pencils, erasers, or small toys for those with allergies or food sensitivities.

The Halloween Village will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., allowing families to visit at a comfortable pace and avoid large crowds. Lubkiwski said feedback from local businesses so far has been encouraging.

"When I hand-delivered letters to local groups and businesses, they were positive about what the event stands for and what it can give to the community," he said. "A few have already contacted me about setting up stations, and others plan to stop by and participate when they can. Being the first year, I'm not sure what the response will be, but no matter how many can participate, we'll be out there for the trick-or-treaters."

Lubkiwski hopes the event will inspire others to adopt accessible practices at their homes or businesses.

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way or in your parking lot," he said. "I'd love to hear from anyone hosting a Treat Accessibly station so we can let families know where else they can go."

While organized independently by Carman 5 Pin Bowl, the Carman Chamber of Commerce is helping spread the word to encourage com-

munity involvement. The Treat Accessibly movement began in Ontario and has since grown across Canada, promoting barrier-free Halloween fun for all.

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Twisters show late spark but fall short against Jets

By Annaliese Meier

The Pembina Valley Twisters battled hard on home ice Friday night but couldn't overcome a dominant second period by the Stonewall Jets, falling 6-3 in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action at the Morris MultiPlex.

After a promising start, the Twisters matched Stonewall goal-for-goal in the opening frame, with Vlad Stepic scoring his first of the season to tie the game 1-1. But the second period proved costly as the Jets struck four times to take control.

Despite the deficit, Pembina Valley refused to fold. Carter Unger found

the back of the net midway through the third, and Stepic added his second late in the game to close the gap to 6-3. Forwards Ryan Thiessen and Lucas Thomas each picked up assists, while goaltender Rowan Cherkas faced a heavy workload, turning aside 36 of 42 shots.

The Twisters, now 0-5-0 to start the season, showed signs of offensive life with three goals and a stronger third period.

Stonewall's Alex Kaczorowski led all scorers with two goals, while Karson King, Gavin Holod, Rylan Slatcher and Adam Newcombe added singles for the Jets (3-2-0).

The Twisters will look to regroup before hitting the road to face Stonewall again on Nov. 13, when they aim to turn their hard work into results.

Pembina Valley returned to the ice Sunday but ran into an even hotter St. James offence, dropping a 10-2 decision to the Jr. Canucks. St. James forward Nicholas Cullen exploded for four goals and an assist, including two on the power play, while Jace Anderson and Brady Thorsteinson also scored. Jacob Phillips added four assists for the Canucks, who improved to 2-3-1.

Pembina Valley, still searching for its first win of the season, slipped to 0-6-

0 and sits 10th in the MMJHL standings. The Twisters have averaged just 2.0 goals per game while allowing nearly six.

The Twisters, still in search of their first win, will look to regroup before hitting the road to face Stonewall again Nov. 13, aiming to turn their hard work into results.

The Twisters will look to regroup quickly as they prepare for two road games this week — Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. against the Charleswood Hawks at the Eric Coy Arena, followed by a Sunday, Oct. 26 matchup at 7 p.m. versus the River East Royal Knights at Terry Sawchuk Arena.

Hawks face tough U.S. competition in Minneapolis tournament

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were put to the test this past weekend at a tournament in Minneapolis, where they faced a slate of high-level American opponents.

The Hawks opened with a 5-0 loss Friday afternoon to the NH Mountain Cats Academy 19U team. Shots on goal were even at 23 apiece, but Pembina Valley trailed 1-0 and 3-0 at the intermissions. Hannah Bannister took the loss in goal.

Later Friday, Pembina Valley fell 5-1 to the Carolina Jr. Hurricanes 19U squad. Sophia Cox scored the Hawks' lone goal, while Madison Froese was in net. The team trailed 1-0 after the first period and 2-0 after two.

Saturday started on a brighter note as the Hawks battled to a 3-3 draw with the Dallas Stars Elite Girls 19U team. Chase Braun and Claire Boyd scored twice in the final two minutes to salvage the tie. Delaney Darby had the other Hawks goal. Pembina Valley outshot Dallas 22-10, and Bannister made seven saves.

The weekend wrapped up later Saturday with a 7-1 loss to the Anaheim Lady Ducks 19U team. Casey O'Brien opened the scoring in the first period, but Anaheim controlled play the rest of the way, outshooting Pembina Val-

ley 38-23. Froese and Bannister shared the goaltending duties.

The Hawks return to league play this weekend, hosting Central Plains on Friday and Eastman on Saturday afternoon.

At press time, Pembina Valley sat seventh in the standings at 2-3-0-0 for four points, just behind Yellowhead (five) and Central Plains (six).

Hawks fall short against Thrashers

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks dropped their lone game of the week last Friday, falling 6-3 to the Winnipeg Thrashers.

The loss leaves the Hawks in the middle of the standings at 4-3-0-1 for nine points, tied with the Winnipeg Bruins, one ahead of Central Plains and one behind Yellowhead. The division remains tight, with just a single point separating each team from first to ninth place.

The Thrashers led 2-1 after the first period and 4-1 after two

while outshooting the Hawks 44-29. Goaltender Koen Bleznuk was busy between the pipes, stopping 38 shots in the loss.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Carson Hiebert — who already has 10 goals early in the season — along with Caden McMahon and Ragnar Gillis.

The Hawks return to action Wednesday night when they host the unbeaten, first-place Winnipeg Wild. The weekend schedule has Pembina Valley welcoming Kenora on Saturday and Southwest on Sunday.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES ALBERT MACKENZIE, late of the Town of Carman, in Manitoba, who died on or about the 21st of March, 2025. ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their law office at 590 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1C9, on or before the 24th day of November, 2025.

DATED at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 23rd day of October, 2025.

OLSCHEWSKI DAVIE
ATTENTION: CARLY M. KAHAN
SOLICITOR FOR THE ESTATE

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER RM OF GREY

Completed tenders and a \$10,000.00 deposit are invited to be received up to 2:00PM on the 7th day of November 2025, for the land described below, at:

PKF Lawyers - 71 Main St. S, Box 1240,
Carman, MB R0G 0J0

Attn: Mona Brown/Meghan Bennet Ph: 204-745-2028
mbrown@pkflawyers.com mbennet@pkflawyers.com

LAND FOR SALE:

THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 21-8-7 WPM

EXC FIRSTLY: ROAD PLAN 2360 MLTO

SECONDLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 48832 MLTO (C DIV)

Conditions of Tender:

1. Financing must be pre-approved.
2. Tender to be submitted on the form prepared by PKF Lawyers. To obtain tender form or more, contact Meghan Bennet or Mona Brown at 204-745-2028.
3. Tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque or bank draft, payable to PKF Lawyers (in trust), in the amount of \$10,000.00. Deposit, of tenders not accepted, will be returned to the Tenderers.
4. Highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
5. Vacant possession shall be the 23rd day of December 2025. Tax adjustment shall be the 31st day of December 2025.
6. The maker of any tender relies entirely upon his/her personal inspection and knowledge of the land, independent of the representations made by the Vendor or the Solicitor and Agent of the Vendor. The land will be sold "as is" and the Tenderer is solely responsible to determine the value and quality of the land.

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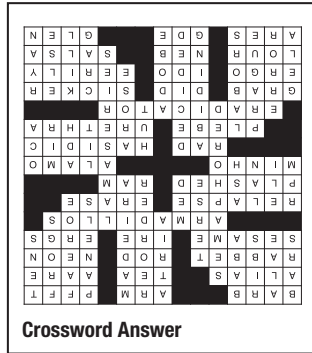
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Land for Sale by Tender RM OF THOMPSON

Completed Tender and a \$10,000.00 deposit of the Tender Price are invited to be received up to 12:00 PM (noon) on November 13th, 2025 (the "deadline") on the property described below, which Tenders and Deposits shall be received at:

PKF Lawyers

326 Stephen St, Morden, Manitoba R6M 1T5
Attn: Stéphane Warnock
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LAND FOR SALE BY THE ESTATE OF ALBERT F. JANZEN

1. NE ¼ 18-4-6 WPM-EXC ELY 1131 FEET PERP OF THE SLY 618 FEET PERP

146.81 acres CT #2181210/4

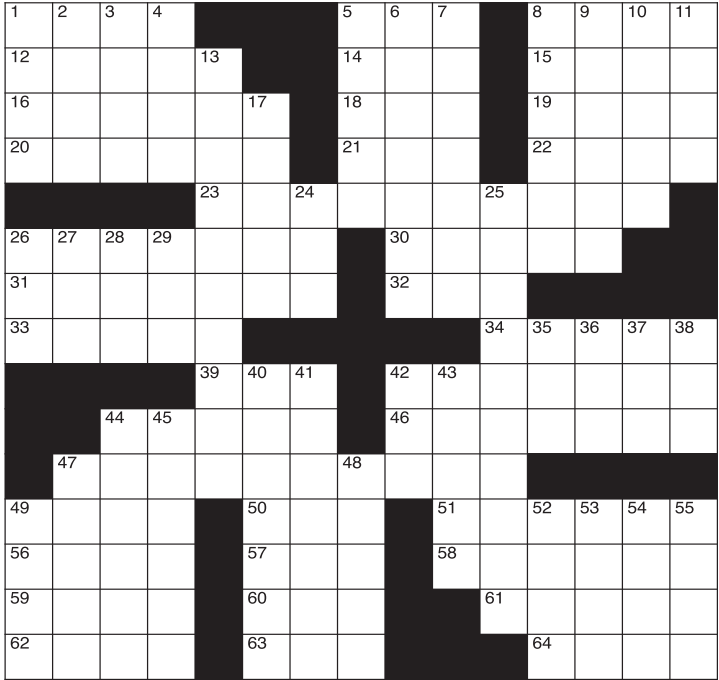
2. PT OF NW ¼ OF 18-4-6 WPM

0.04 acres CT #3051710/4
(the "Land")

Parcels are being tendered together.

Conditions of Tender:

- Financing must be pre-approved.
- Tender to be in the form prepared by PKF Lawyers. To obtain tender form or more info, contact Tammy Bisschop at tbisschop@pkflawyers or call 204-822-4463.
- Tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, payable to PKF Lawyers (in trust), in the amount of \$10,000.00. Deposits of tenders not accepted will be returned to the tenderers.
- Highest Tender or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.
- The Possession date and the due date of the balance of Tender Price shall be December 15th, 2025.
- The maker of any Tender relies entirely upon his/her personal inspection and knowledge of the Land, independent of the representations made by the vendor or the solicitor and agent of the vendor. The Land will be sold "as is" and the bidder is solely responsible to determine the value and condition of the Land, Land quality, Land use, environmental condition and any other information pertaining to the Land.
- Submit Tender and certified cheque in a sealed envelope marked "Janzen Estate".



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2026 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2026 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Roland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 45 3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Any person who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

"42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 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:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

"43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and 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."

The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on Monday, November 10th, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is October 26th, 2025.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2025.

Taya O'Brien, Secretary
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Roland
45 3rd St., Box 119, Roland, MB R0G 1T0

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Cheesy Baked Little Potatoes

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Preheat oven to 400 F.

Pierce potatoes with fork and microwave for 7 minutes. Cut in half and place cut side up in parchment-lined 9-by-13-inch baking dish.

In a bowl, mix cheese, cream, garlic powder, thyme, salt and pepper. Pour over potatoes, spreading cheese evenly.

Bake for 10 minutes then broil 3-5 minutes until golden brown.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

1 1/2 pounds Little Potatoes (any variety)

1 1/3 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated small

1/2 cup cream

1 teaspoon garlic powder

5 sprigs thyme



Goat Cheese and Thyme Mashed Potatoes

Add potatoes to a large pot and cover with water. Add 1 teaspoon salt and boil for 15 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.

In a small saucepot over low heat, heat milk and butter until butter is melted and milk is steaming.

Once potatoes are cooked, strain and transfer to a medium mixing bowl.

Using potato masher, smash potatoes with milk and butter mixture and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Remove thyme from stems and lightly chop.

Once potatoes are mashed, stir in goat cheese and fresh thyme.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

1 1/2 pounds Little Potatoes water

1 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste

1/2 cup milk

1 tablespoon butter

pepper, to taste

2/3 cup goat cheese

1 tablespoon fresh thyme



Popcorn Granola Snack Bars

3 cups popped popcorn

Line 8- or 9-inch square baking pan with foil. Spray foil lightly with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

In large saucepan, heat honey until boiling. Stir in peanut butter until well blended.

Remove pan from heat and stir in granola, peanuts and popcorn until coated.

Press mixture evenly into prepared pan. Refrigerate until cool; cut into bars to serve.

Recipe courtesy of The Popcorn Board

Yield: 16 bars

Nonstick cooking spray

1/2 cup honey

2/3 cup peanut butter

1 cup granola cereal

1 cup roasted and salted peanuts

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady:

Hi Christine, I don't want to go back into the office this Fall so I am thinking of starting my own business. Do you think other people are planning to do this too and is it a good idea? I am in my 50's and I am not sure.

Cheryl

Great question Cheryl – one that a lot of people are now pondering with the mandated “back-to-work” movement with Canadian big corporations. To be an entrepreneur, you’ll need an “iron will,” to keep going during the times when you’re not making money, when the obstacles seem too big, and when the time investment becomes too intense.

The key to becoming a successful business owner is to find and fill a niche market or demand. I know this is hard to do, but honestly this will be the one thing that sets your business apart and ensures your success long term. Being in your 50's does not matter. Often it is better to be older with life experiences, to bring more expertise to your venture and to be better able to relate to your customers. Another trait you must have is the ability to be flexible. Never be too rigid in your ideas for the growth of your business. Once you get in and begin establishing your brand, realize that sometimes you may need to pivot on your original focus to expand and grow. And lastly, my advice would be to constantly look for ways to involve your business with more and more people so that you can create a “buzz” in your industry or area to have more people talk about you. Of course, social media platforms help with this process but also look for ways to get down to the “street-level” and meet your potential customers.

I run a Vibrant Living Speakers Series in towns and cities across Canada, and currently this 2025/2026 season we are in Ontario. We always have local professionals come to speak – many times they have a good story and can provide value to our participants on a variety of different subjects. The series is open to the public, free of charge, and aims to empower older adults by



providing opportunities to learn something new. I'll be there at every event – so if you are in the GTA, why not come out to see me and get inspired in the process!

You should always be looking for ways to spread your message. Never be too cheap to advertise. Too many small business owners, especially in Canada, err on the side of being frugal. Being too sparing on your advertising budget or just relying on Goggle to bring you customers will never make you highly successful; instead, it will guarantee you stay small and mediocre in your field. To become a super-star, you need to get out there, talk to as many people as you can every single day, attract more and more customers, inform everyone about your business in your community and build customer trust so that people spread your message too. Remember, to make money, you will need to spend money and to grow your business you must get involved with your audience.

Cheryl, believe in your brand and invest in your business. Become a passionate whirlwind powerhouse. If you do that, I know you will be successful.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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