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# High school rodeo action



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The Miami Ag Grounds hosted the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association competition last weekend, drawing youth competitors from across the province. Pictured clockwise from left, Miami's Morgan Turner in the goat tying event; Miami's Alana McCarthy rounds a barrel; and Jill Goff of Carman chases a calf in the breakaway event.



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# RM of Thompson ordered to pay councillor Cox's legal fees

By Ty Dilello

On Oct. 10, a Manitoba judge ordered the RM of Thompson to pay the legal costs of councillor Donna Cox, whom the council tried to oust in 2023 unfairly.

A written decision awarded Cox 95 percent of her legal costs following a battle with the RM of Thompson after being disqualified from serving as a councillor.

Manitoba Court of King's Bench Justice Chris Martin wrote in his decision that Cox spent over \$45,000 in legal fees to be reinstated as a councillor.

"Lest one thinks this bill is patently unreasonable. The Municipality expended over \$65,000 for legal fees related to this ill-conceived and failed venture, albeit some of which would have been for legal advice for the disqualification process, leading to the litigation," wrote Justice Chris Martin in his latest ruling.

Last year, the RM of Thompson and Local Urban District (LUD) of Miami applied under the Municipal Act to disqualify first-time councillor Donna Cox and declare her position vacant after she missed three consecutive committee meetings.

Following Cox's election, the RM council implemented a bylaw amending the start times of their regular meetings. The changes involved shifting from a rotation of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. start times to solely beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Due to her work commitments, Cox was unable to attend three back-to-back meetings held at 9:30 a.m. Her employer did not grant her unpaid leave to participate in these meetings.

Cox was elected a Ward 2 councillor in October of 2022 after previously serving as a school trustee. Ward 2 includes the town of Miami, and with her becoming elected, Cox automatically became a member of the LUD of Miami Committee and was appointed to five other committees.

Cox was the only one of six RM councillors to vote against the change. Subsequently, she told the council that if the change went ahead, she would be able to attend only one council meeting a month because her employer would not approve additional time off.

Reeve Brian Callum testified in court that changing the meeting times simply worked best for the majority of council members.

Cox missed three consecutive committee meetings between Jan. 18 and March 15, 2023, cause for disqualification under the Municipal Act. Cox refused to resign.

Last May, the RM of Thompson be-

came aware that under the Municipal Act, only a Court of King's Bench justice could make a determination that a councillor be disqualified. Upon hearing that, the RM took the matter to court.

Justice Martin rejected the RM's claim that meeting times were changed to accommodate council members. While several council members had full-time jobs, they worked for themselves in their own businesses.

"The degree of flexibility they have, being their own boss, is in no way equivalent to the lack of flexibility Ms. Cox had," Martin said. "It was disingenuous to offer this excuse."

Voters in the area elected Cox as their representative, and she should have been provided the help she needed to carry out her duties as a councillor.

"Any council or committee has the responsibility to all voters to work with elected representatives to assist them in fulfilling their obligations to the voters and the municipality," Justice Martin said. "A municipality cannot, in a situation such as this, in effect, obstruct a councillor and disenfranchise voters by taking actions it knows, or should reasonably know, will preclude the elected representative from fulfilling their function."

"Generally, communication, collaboration and compromise are hallmarks of good governance; here, the municipality failed miserably."

Ultimately, Justice Martin ruled that Cox be reinstated as Ward 2 councillor in the RM of Thompson immediately. Cox returned to her post when the original decision came through in February.

Heather Imrie was on the previous RM of Thompson Council, ran against Brian Callum for Reeve, and lost in the last election. She is very concerned about the RM flushing taxpayers' dollars down the toilet over a pointless losing battle.

"It's been two years into this next term, and there's been over \$120,000 spent trying to remove Donna. Who knows how much more there is besides that," said Imrie. "They also fired a CAO who was doing a very good job and was well respected by the community. There's so much good work that could have been done if the RM had chosen to spend that money wisely on improving our community. It just makes me sick to see what's happening here."

Imrie believes that the Reeve and other councillors should be responsible for these costly mistakes.

"I believe that Reeve Brian Callum should resign, as well as the four other RM councillors and two LUD of Miami councillors should resign," said Imrie. "Even after all of the judges' decisions, they are still holding their meetings during the day when Donna Cox can't attend due to her job, and won't change any meeting times to accommodate her. Even after the stern rebuke they got from the judge. They don't appear willing to change the path they're on, and it's time for them to resign. They've cost us enough and haven't done anything for our community."

When asked about the matter, RM of Thompson Reeve Brian Callum was confused at the judge's decision to force the RM to pay Cox's legal fees and still believes his RM is acting in



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the right.

"We will be reviewing the decision with our lawyer over the next week or two," said Callum. "We are confused and disappointed with the result as the decision went against previous precedents in cases like this."

The RM of Thompson is the smallest rural Municipality in the province, with only about 1,500 people, so its

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## Time to renew your mortgage – or is it?

By John Kendle

When someone says the word “scam,” a typical scenario comes to mind – a ploy to steal someone’s personal or financial information without ever delivering the promised product or service. We often think about our grandparents picking up deceiving phone calls, or opening the spam emails we’ve received, getting caught up in shady interactions on online marketplaces or being drawn in by glitzy social media ads.

However, an emerging form of fraud reminds us that scams come in all forms – this time, disguised as renewal of your mortgage payments.

The Better Business Bureau has seen a slew of reports regarding mortgage renewal and warranty requests that may not meet the criteria of “scam” in its purest form. But they still dishonestly take money from their targets.

The scam begins when you receive a letter saying your mortgage must be renewed. It looks as though it is from your trusted mortgage provider, raising no red flags. Even if you don’t think you’re due for renewal, you are concerned enough to call the number

at the bottom. But that number will not connect you to your mortgage lender.

From there, the person on the other end of the phone may employ a variety of tactics to get you to fork over your personal or credit card information. They may disguise it as standard policy or procedure, or even a security check. They may try to convince you that you must act now or face forfeiture. Due to the set-up, you may be inclined to get caught up in its web before you even realize what’s going on. From your perspective, you received a letter from your provider, called them and are now following through on a necessary transaction.

If you look closely at the letter, though, you may notice, in tiny print at the bottom: “Not all consumers have previous coverage. We are not affiliated with your current mortgage.”

This little blurb of honesty makes it different from most scams, which would never admit the truth, but it does not pass the test of honest advertising. You may get a mortgage warranty through this company but

you may not even know that’s what you’re signing up for. You may not even know the company’s name. But you’re now giving them \$200 a month for a warranty you don’t truly understand.

To avoid this scheme, always go to the source. If someone reaches out to you via phone, email or letter, independently verify the information. Call your mortgage provider using a number from previous correspondence or from their verified website to see if what you’ve received is real. Do not use the number on the letter.

Remember, any high-pressure sales tactics are usually a red flag, as are requests to provide financial information over the phone to someone you don’t know. Hang up and do some more research on home warranties at bbb.org to protect yourself and your loved ones.

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to pay extra attention to any notifications you may receive regarding mortgage renewal. Be sure to read the fine print of any letters and call your mortgage provider to double-check.

## This week, the way it was through the years

By Dennis Young

100 Years ago, 1924... Royal Café advertises “Meals at All Hours” and A.F. Higgins Co. Ltd. sells “Stanfield’s Unshrinkable Underwear”

75 Years ago, 1949... Carman Drama Club presents “Lunatics at Large” in Memorial Hall and following a local Fiddler Contest, the Carm Colvin quartet leads a dance.

50 Years ago, 1974... A citizen group headed by Rev. Jack McLachlan, presents flood briefs to Gov’t officials and 2500 attend the 4th Auto and Trade Fair in the arena.

25 Years ago, 1999... D & M Fine Foods offers lean ground beef \$1.89/

lb and Minor Hockey’s Trip to Dallas raises \$9381.

### > COUNCILLOR COX, FROM PG. 3

tax base is quite small. The money that the RM has wasted on fighting a losing battle in court with Cox could have been going to good use, and that’s perhaps the saddest part of this whole matter.

“We need a lot of things, and it’d sure be nice to improve our sports and recreation facilities and our parks,” said Imrie. “And we have work to do to increase our lagoon, residential construction, and we have to upgrade our dump. It’s really hard to come up with the money to do all of those things, but it seems they have the money to go to these extremes to get rid of Donna Cox and the legal fees to go with it. It just makes no sense.”

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# Roads to Success: Carman's one-day drop-in event Oct. 24

By Lana Meier

Carman Wellness Connections invites everyone to a special drop-in event, "Roads to Success," on Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Carman Active Living Centre.

This is your chance to access vital services like applying for Social Insurance Numbers, Manitoba Birth Certificates and Manitoba Health cards. Whether you need new documents or replacements, help will be available both in-person and online.

This year features an exciting lunch-and-learn format with guest speakers. The RCMP kicks things off with valuable insights on scam avoidance. Following that are panels discussing local education and training opportunities, along with banking tips for budgeting and savings.

Various information booths will be present, offering resources on employment, health, fire safety, and more — all designed to empower

community members in their journeys toward success.

Staffed information booths will include Canada Revenue Agency, Service Canada, Regional Connections Immigration and Employment services, Manitoba Possible, PRSD, Financial institutions, local Chamber, Health, Fire safety and Carman Wellness Connections. Wendy Durand of the Carman Wellness Connection encourages everyone to take advan-

tage of this open event. Enjoy some food while learning something new or simply explore resources designed for personal growth within your community.

If transportation is a concern, contact the Carman Handi-Van service. This inclusive event is perfect for bringing along friends or family as together you discover valuable services aimed at navigating your own paths toward success.

## One visit, two shots; province launches respiratory virus vaccination campaign

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The provincial government is urging Manitobans to roll up their sleeves for the COVID-19 and seasonal influenza vaccines this fall.

"Vaccines for both the flu and COVID-19 are available throughout the province," said Health Minister Uzoma Asagwar. "Everybody has a responsibility and a role that they can play in making sure that our families, our loved ones, our friends, and our communities are protected and safe this respiratory virus season."

"While health care workers take care of our most vulnerable and our sickest Manitobans, it is our job, each and every one of us, to make sure that we are doing everything that we can ... that means getting vaccinated against the most recent strain of COVID-19 and influenza viruses."

The province is urging Manitobans to get both of their shots in one go and not to wait too long to do so.

"Go see someone—your doctor, a nurse practitioner, a pharmacist—and get your vaccines done in one visit," Asagwar said.

Preparation to deal with the upcoming respiratory virus season is well underway across the province, Asagwar said, noting last year's season was the worst its been in decades.

"We have increased acute care beds and ICU beds in the province," Asagwar said. "We've hired hundreds of new staff and we're training more consistently. And we've developed surge protocols and plans to ensure that there is care available to those who need it."

All Manitobans six months of age and older are eligible for the free influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations. The province is also providing vaccines for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) free of charge to people older than 60 and living in a long-term care homes.

"Both influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are widely available now throughout the province," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. "And it's especially recommended to those that are high risk of severe outcomes to get those vaccines and get them as soon as they can."

High-risk individuals include those over the age of 65, residents of personal care homes or long-term care facilities, pregnant people, children six months of age to five years, Indigenous people, and those with underlying chronic health conditions.

As always, Roussin stressed the importance of staying home if you are ill, practicing good hand hygiene, disinfecting common surfaces, and wearing a mask if you're symptomatic and around those who might be more vulnerable to negative outcomes. These steps will aid in the preventing the spread of illnesses in the months ahead.

It's hard to predict what kind of flu season Manitoba is going to have, Roussin noted, but looking at what's

happening in the southern hemisphere right now can provide a hint.

"The southern hemisphere is seeing what we would call a fairly typical respiratory virus season [with] influenza A, RSV, as well as COVID-19, but not seeing anything unusual in the patterns there," he said. "Now, that doesn't necessarily always translate here. Last year our severe outcomes were driven largely by influenza A, where we saw a lot of transmission."

"It was quite virulent, so we saw many severe outcomes with it. But we did have a fairly good match with the vaccine last year. Unfortunately, the people that we saw in our ICUs, with the severe outcomes, almost none of them had received the vaccine."



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# St. Claude 4-H Home Ec Club holds successful food drive

By Becca Myskiw

The St. Claude 4-H Home Ec Club holds a food drive every fall. For one whole evening, they gather in groups to collect food donations from every house in town. The food and monetary donations they receive go to the St. Claude Grocery Program.

"Food insecurities, inadequate income, and poor health are all social determinants of health," said Ariane Comte of the grocery program. "Each of these impacts one and another. Providing a grocery program helps reduce that impact in our community."

This year, they held the annual food drive on Oct. 10, going around town with sacs and wheelbarrows, ready to load a van full of non-perishable food donations.

The St. Claude Grocery Program has officially been running since 2018 but started much earlier out of a resident's garage. The program serves about 25 people locally, supplying food to St. Claude and Haywood residents dealing with food insecurities.

St. Claude 4-H Home Ec Club president Rheanne Philippot has been with the club for four years now. The club meets from September to April annually and currently has 16 active members, each of whom gets to choose a skill to learn or build on each year. Throughout the season, the club has regular meetings and goes on little field trips—most recently to the Roland 4-H Museum.

Philippot said the club likes to help its community, and each member enjoys the annual food drive. She said they do it around the same time yearly, so all families have what they need for Thanksgiving.

On average, each house the club hits during the food drive donates about a box or bag full of food.



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Each year, the St. Claude 4-H Home Ec Club holds a food drive for the St. Claude Grocery Program.

Philippot said almost every house donates, and the ones who don't usually just aren't able to. The group lets the whole town know about the food drive before it happens to give everyone time to prepare. This year, the group collected another SUV's worth of food donations.

During the food drive, people donate non-perishable food and cash. This year's drive raised around \$250 for the St. Claude Grocery Program.

As the grocery program runs largely on donations made by locals, Comte said the annual food drive is an important event.

"We are very fortunate to have a great group of students from 4-H willing to volunteer their time to raise awareness of food insecurity in the community," she said. "We are honoured that people would spend time and money to help our clients."

# Roland welcomes new minister from India

By Ty Dilello

The Altona and Roland United Church have a new minister as Reverend Sourav Nag recently arrived in southern Manitoba from India on Aug. 7.

Rev. Sourav applied to be a minister of the United Church of Canada in the fall of 2023. He applied to the post where he would share a full-time minister spot between the Roland United Church and Altona United Church.

"Both congregations were struggling to find a candidate for a half-time ministry position," said RM of Roland Reeve Jodi Gaultier. "So we joined together to collaborate and share a minister."

Rev. Sourav was a minister in India for several years before he decided to explore ministry in Canada. He lives in Altona and has been navigating the joys and challenges of completely starting over in a new country.

"I was drawn to Canada by the opportunity to serve in a diverse and inclusive church community," said Rev.

Sourav Nag. "The United Church of Canada has a rich tradition of welcoming people from different backgrounds, and I felt a strong calling to be a part of that. It was also a great chance to broaden my ministry experience and connect with people from different cultural perspectives."

The two congregations have been helping the new minister settle in as they set up his apartment before he arrived, help him get a bank account and health card. He is currently taking driving lessons and preparing to take his driver's test in November.

Rev. Sourav officially started work on Aug. 15 and had his first service in Altona on Sept. 8 and his first service in Roland on Sept. 15. He currently alternates Sundays between the two congregations.

"We are so excited to have him with us," said Gaultier. "He is just full of optimism and positive energy."



STANDARD PHOTO BY JODI GAULTIER

Reverend Sourav Nag has recently arrived from India to become the new minister at the Roland United Church. The Reverend is pictured doing his Sunday services and also in front of the Roland United Church.

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# Roland School sets up cool clothing swap program

By Ty Dilello

Roland School has started a clothing swap program for parents to get new clothes for their children who attend the school.

The idea behind the clothing swap comes from the school's secretary Marcia Rempel.

"It was last winter when I thought up to do a clothing swap here," said Rempel. "As a parent, I often have items that my children have outgrown, and I thought this would be a great avenue to pass it along."

The clothing swap at Roland School was designed in such a way that families could drop off items ahead of time that they had outgrown or no longer needed and then stop by at the clothing swap to pick up anything they could use.

The school began accepting items in mid-September, and they were blessed with a lot of fantastic donations.

"We wanted families to be aware that they were invited to stop by the clothing swap even if they didn't have anything to donate," said Rempel. "We wanted to help our students have access to warm winter clothing and whatever else was available. It was very exciting to see parents come by and pick out items for their children, and then to watch the excitement as they came to school wearing the 'new to them' items the next day."



Rempel utilized the school app to advertise the event, as well as sent home flyers, make some phone calls, and send messages. She knew that not all families were as frequent on the app as others, so she went out of her way to ensure everyone knew about it.

The clothing swap received many sweaters, pants, winter boots, rubber boots, shoes, shirts, jackets, winter jackets, snow pants, and other miscellaneous items.

Roland School plans to put the items out again during the upcoming par-



STANDARD PHOTO BY MARCIA REMPEL

Roland School secretary Marcia Rempel has set up a clothing swap at the school at the beginning of the school year so that parents can get new clothes for their kids that are "new to them."

ent/teacher conferences since they still have items left over. They haven't decided how often the clothing swap will take place at the school, but it will most likely be once a year.

"I'm really hoping to make this an

annual event because, as a parent, I know how quickly they outgrow clothing items and how expensive it can be to purchase children's clothing. Maybe this can be a way for us all to help each other out."



## > MINISTER, FROM PG. 6

Rev. Sourav has been really enjoying his time in southern Manitoba since arriving back in August, and he is quickly getting used to life in a new

country.

"Manitoba is a beautiful province, and I've been touched by the warmth and hospitality of the people."

Getting settled has been going well, and I'm appreciating the slower pace of life compared to some of the larger cities."

If you'd like to see Rev. Sourav Nag in action, come

to the Altona and Roland United Church on Sunday mornings. The Reverend promotes community and inclusion in his services.

"The services have been going wonderfully," said Rev.

Sourav. "Both congregations have been incredibly welcoming, and I feel a strong sense of community here. It's been a joy to share in worship and get to know the members of the congregation."



# Friends and Family and Clearwater Memorial Playground project update

Submitted by Lee Collingridge

The original project at the Friends and Family Playground on 5th Street NW in Carman has evolved into a community effort called the Clearwater Memorial Playground Project.

In the fall of 2022, the Communities in Bloom (CIB) Volunteer Organization identified a compelling need to restore and rejuvenate the Friends and Family Playground. The park has existed in this location for many years and in 2014, the town of Carman installed solid and attractive new swings and slides. This is the only such facility in Carman's northern half and a number of amenities were lacking. The playground needed shade, paint, more play structures, natural greenery, new tables and benches, lighting and fencing to make it safe, attractive and conducive to natural play.



CIB Judy Neustaedter continues to lead the Town of Carman Friends and Family playground project.



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Carved wooden benches were donated by Beat Christen.

CIB volunteers, led by Judy Neustaedter, approached the Town of Carman with a plan and a vision. They asked permission to begin raising money for the refurbishment of the Friends and Family Playground. Since CIB has a track record of successfully completing other projects, the Town gave their permission and placed their trust in CIB to proceed.

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If interested in learning or hearing his music visit: [Valdy.com](http://Valdy.com)

*Valdy still enjoys playing and learning at 79 years old. He has been touring for over five decades and is hoping to have some bodies in the chairs this Friday in Carman. He is a folk singer and has recorded 18 cds and albums, four which have gone gold.*

right to work planting trees for shade, dug up the ground and planted perennials and cleaned the area. Fund raising began by applying for grants and asking the community for support. Some grants were successful and small donations received. Sub-projects proceeded as money became available.

In February of 2023, a terrible tragedy struck a Carman family. Amanda Clearwater and her children Bethany, Jayven and Isabella and 17 year old niece Myah Lee Gratton were lost to a horrendous act of domestic violence. The Clearwater family and the entire Carman community searched for ways to commemorate these valuable lives lost and after much consideration a collaboration was activated. CIB, the Carman Chamber, Boyne

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# Citizens on Patrol underway in Carman and RM of Dufferin



STANDARD PHOTO BY MONICA HALBESMA

The Citizens on Patrol (COPP) program in the Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin is now operational and will hope to enhance safety and crime prevention in the local community.

By Ty Dilello

The new Citizens on Patrol (COPP) program in the Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin is now fully operational.

With the new Carman Dufferin COPP team collaborating with the local RCMP detachment in Carman, this initiative aims to enhance safety and crime prevention in the community.

The team will be conducting patrols on foot, by bike, and in vehicles, easily recognizable by their bright COPP vests. In addition, the placement of signage throughout the community

will serve as a reminder that local citizens are actively involved in keeping the area safe.

"This type of community-driven approach can foster greater awareness and deterrence, contributing to a safer environment for all residents," said Monica Halbesma, Public Education Safety Coordinator for the Carman Dufferin Fire Department.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the new Citizens on Patrol team in the Carman area, please reach out to Halbesma at [monica@townofcarman.com](mailto:monica@townofcarman.com).

## > PLAYGROUND FROM PG. 8

River Keepers, The Town and Carman Wellness Connections came together in a spirit of cooperation to raise money and establish a fitting memorial along with a natural and inspiring place for children to play and folks to gather. Since the Clearwater children played at the Friends and Family Playground it was agreed by all that this was the most appropriate way to memorialize this family and bring attention to the social issues of domestic violence, mental health and drug abuse.

The objective of a useful and delightful meeting place is front and center. The memorial portion of this project was give a substantial boost with a grant from the Provincial Government designated to the commemorative piece. CIB and the cooperating organizations of the Town, the Chamber, Carman Wellness Connections and the Boyne River Keepers continue to fund raise by applying for grants and asking for community support with the ultimate goal of finishing the entire project. As of this fall the Playground has received a substantial facelift. Shade trees, perennial gardens, paint, new tables and benches have been ac-

complished. A really special donation of beautifully carved wooden benches from Beat Christen has adorned the playground. A very special young lady of about 10 years old took it upon herself to create imaginative signs that we laminated and hung up to remind other children not to damage the new trees. A beautiful new shade structure is currently being constructed to be up before winter.

Plans for next season include educational signage and the placement of the memorial to the Clearwater family within the playground. Also the addition of a wheelchair accessible play structure, rubber pathways for easy accessibility to all and a smaller play structure for younger children and toddlers.

A sturdy more attractive fence with a sensibly placed entrance and some solar lighting will be added. Funding is still a work in progress but CIB and the Clearwater Memorial Playground Project are proceeding as finances become available.

Donations are requested of any amount and will be recognized. All money raised will go to the completion of this worthy facility and enduring memorial.

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# Back on Cue: The power of community live theatre

By Annaliese Meier

Broadway may be one of the highest goals for some actors, but in Carman's Back on Cue Marketing Manager Gail Aubin Gail Aubin believes one's hometown is also a great place.

"Members of our community volunteer to spend countless hours rehearsing and then putting themselves on the stage. Why? we ask," said Aubin.

"Simply, it gives us self-confidence, helps us improve our skills and allows us to be creative."

In Back on Cue theatre group, all actors and crew are volunteers, so they all want to have a great finished product. It is an accomplishment second to none. As a team, they present a show they are proud of, much like winning a championship.

"One actor, last year, had tears in his eyes after the first show. First time on stage! One can't but help be part of that exhilaration and happiness! What an accomplishment!" said Aubin.

Sometimes, in community theatre, there is no competition, only teamwork. Striving to deliver a message is tantamount to success.

The empathy for a character is vital in many shows.

This year's play is "The Tin Woman" by Sean Grennan. The lead character, Joy, receives a new lease on life. She has received a new heart and struggles to accept the situation. With much comedy and pathos, we are

drawn into this amazing story. But it takes the whole cast to tell Joy's story. According to Aubin, Director Faye Harms has made a good choice here, a story our community will appreciate.

However, even with all the hours given to acting, the play is only possible with a crew behind the scenes. Proper lighting on the stage is essential, or the actors can't be seen. Sound must also be carefully rehearsed so the play can be heard. Some sets require carpentry, painting, and props, and Back On Cue is fortunate to have a good team.

Finally, running a show like this takes money; community donors help tremendously. Any profit at the end goes towards young people's drama experiences.

Please consider donating and having your name as a supporter in the program for only \$20.

With the popular "dinner and a show", two local restaurants offer a meal and then patrons arrive to reserved seats at Carman Collegiate and Community Theatre.

This involves more volunteers and venues in the community.

"Feeding the soul and the stomach at the same time!" said Aubin.

"We hope to see you at this wonderful show."

Tickets are \$25 each plus reservable dining if desired and are available at the Golden Prairie Arts Council,




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Back on Cue actors and director, left to right: Faye Harms, Deana Gould, Jim Robson, Nicole Blagden, Christian Froese, Evelyn Hoogerdijk, Lee Collingridge, Mike Porter and Lisa Pinkerton.

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# Corteva supports local food pantry with generous donation

By Annaliese Meier

Corteva presented a \$1,500 cheque to the Carman and Area Food Pantry, providing crucial support for their ongoing efforts to assist households in need. The Food Pantry, which relies entirely on donations and volunteers, expressed deep gratitude for its contribution.

“The Food Pantry is extremely grateful to Corteva for this generous gift,” said Evelyn Rempel Petkau, a pantry volunteer. We have found Carman businesses, churches, individual citizens, and organizations to be very supportive and generous.”

Since its founding just two years ago, the Carman and Area Food Pantry has seen a rapid increase in the demand for assistance. Originally serving approximately 30 households, the pantry now serves 180 registered households, including many new immigrants who are facing the rising cost of food while trying to support families locally and abroad. This growth underscores the urgency of the situation and the crucial need for community support.

“Salaries are not always keeping up with the rising cost of food,” explained Petkau.

Though the pantry provides essential short-term relief, Petkau acknowledges that more long-term solutions

are needed to address food insecurity in the community.

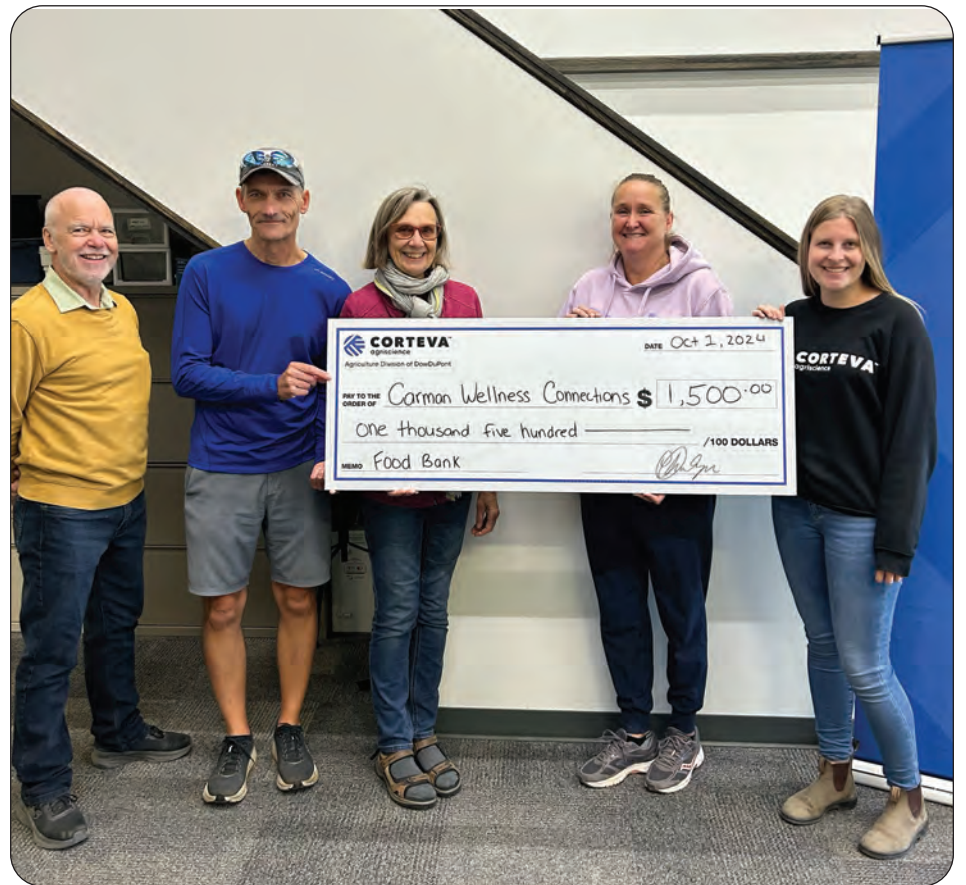
“We are, at best, a band-aid solution. We are very grateful that we can assist households challenged with food security, but the real solution needs to be more long-term.”

The Food Pantry’s operations are made possible by the dedication of approximately 40 volunteers. These volunteers help collect food from Harvest Manitoba, set up the pantry, assist clients in selecting their groceries, and provide transportation for those in need.

Looking to the future, the pantry hopes to move to a central location where it can operate alongside other services provided through Carman Wellness Connections, a network of working groups that address various community needs like housing, education, and employment.

“Donations like Corteva’s make a significant impact in helping the pantry continue its mission to support the local community,” said Petkau.

For those interested in getting involved through volunteering or donations, community members can contact the pantry by calling 204-745-6013 or by reaching out to Carman Wellness Connections via mail or email: Box 1406, Carman, R0G 0B0; carman-wellnessconnections@gmail.com.



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Pictured left to right, Carman Food Pantry board members, Bob Pauls, Chris Dick and Evelyn Rempel Petkau accept a cheque for \$1,500 from Heather Adams and Caitlyn Veldman of Corteva.



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# Central Manitoba Youth Choir perform in Central Region

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The Central Manitoba Youth Choir were on the road last week for its annual regional tour performing numerous concerts across southern Manitoba. CMYC is made up of 50 up and coming young vocalists including Amelia Loewen, Amy Doell, Amy Loewen, Anastasia Klages, Angelus Simard, Annabelle Lanthier, Antony Sawazki, Calleigh White, Callie Friesen, Cecelia Klassen, Delaney Smith, Denise Howatt, Eden van Hoof, Evan Griffin, Ian Fehrmoore, Jacob Dyck, Julia Loewen, Kai Hildebrand, Kate Giesbrecht, Katrina Banman, Keeley Sheppard, Laycee Henderson, Lilith Judge, Malcolm Janz, Marley Le Moullec, Marlo Doerksen, Maryn McGill, Matthew Lee, Maya Klassen, Micah Klages, Nadia Lee, Natalie Friesen, Nevae Dueck, Nolan Franz, Nora Enns, Olivia Bamford, Olivia Wall, Ori Plett, Rachel Hesom, Regan Teichroeb, Reuben Dyck, Rudy Sheppard, Russell Klassen, Rylee Wiebe, Sam Kroeker, Serena Driedger, Taylor Hildebrand, Tessa Lesage, Victor Janz, Scarlet Matychuk, conductor Vic Pankratz and pianist Loren Hiebert.



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# sports & recreation

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## The Rebel Revel is gearing up for first professional kickboxing fight

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Jared "The Rebel" Revel is gearing up for his first professional kickboxing fight next month after spending the past decade as one of the top professional middleweight MMA athletes in western Canada.

Growing up in Carman as a hockey player, Revel moved from his home to British Columbia in 2002 at 18 to try out for a junior hockey team. The hockey didn't work out, but he stayed on the West Coast and started his adult life there.

He worked several jobs and was playing beer league hockey when he felt he needed something more for exercise. Revel and a friend joined a martial arts class to get into shape and learn something cool.

Revel took to it quickly, and after winning the first Jiu-Jitsu tournament he entered, he was hooked and dove deeper into the sport.

His first MMA (mixed martial arts) fight was in 2012 as an amateur. Over the next two years, he compiled a 5-1 record while winning the Battlefield Fight League (BFL) Middleweight Title. In 2014, Revel made his pro debut for the same promotion and won.

In 2019, after ten pro fights and an 8-2 record, Revel became the Middleweight Champion and defended the title multiple times. In 2023, Revel was inducted into the BFL Hall of Fame for his illustrious MMA in the BFL. He still has the BFL record for most wins in middleweight history, most submissions, most



finishes, and most title wins.

Revel's pro-MMA fighting record is 13-4. His last fight was in June 2023, and he is currently on a two-fight winning streak.

He'd seemingly won it all in his fighting discipline and was ready for a new challenge. So, with that said, the now 40-year-old Revel is moving to the world of kickboxing and is getting ready for his first professional bout.

Revel will be fighting against Ethan Schultz on Nov. 16 at the Angel of the Winds Casino and Resort in Arlington,



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Carman's Jared "The Rebel" Revel will be competing in his first professional kickboxing fight on Nov. 16 after spending the last 10 years as a professional MMA fighter. The 40-year-old Revel is excited for the new challenge that lays ahead of him.

Washington, for the Middleweight Pro Kickboxing Title.

"I'm very much looking forward to trying kickboxing out in a fight like this," said Jared Revel. "I've been training for it for the past few months at my gym and I think I'm ready to give it a good go. I've always loved kickboxing and the techniques involved with it, so it should be a great challenge."

Revel also recently signed a contract with the new Global Fighting League (GFL), which will start next year and possibly take him around the world for MMA fights. He is officially eligible for the GFL MMA Draft, slated to take place on Jan. 15, 2025.

The GFL will introduce teams based in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas. Each team will compete in a league and team-based model that promises to revolutionize the sport of mixed martial arts. GFL athletes will receive 50% of the league's revenues, ensuring their financial well-being and active participation in the league's success.

Revel is also involved with the RebelFire Mixed Martial Arts school in Langley, British Columbia, which trains people of all ages in mixed martial arts. The RebelFire MMA Gym provides a variety of classes, including grappling, striking, MMA, kids' grappling, kids' kickboxing, and open mat sessions.

"It's been very rewarding getting to work with these kids and our numbers in our school have been great and continue to climb since we started it up," said Revel.

Despite spending most of his time on the West Coast now, Revel is still a Manitoban at heart. He still enjoys cheering for the Winnipeg Jets and enjoys all the time he gets to spend with his family and friends from back home.

"I get back to Carman to see my family every now and then. My folks are great and come out to the West Coast too to visit my brother and me and their grandkids, so I very much enjoy whenever I'm able to see and spend time with them."

## Lady Hawks compete in Minneapolis tourney

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Hawks had a solid showing at the NIT tournament in Minneapolis over the weekend.

The U18 AAA women's team lost their first game to the 19U St. Louis Blues 3-2 (scoring for Pembina Valley was Leah Klaassen and Skyla Hildebrand), but then bounced back with a 5-3 win against the 19U Carolina Jr. Hawks (Abigail Brigg with two and Jessica Anderson, Casey O'Brien, and Emma Durand with singles).

They rounded out the weekend with a pair of ties, battling the 19U Anaheim Lady Ducks to a 4-4 finish

(Brigg, Delaney Darby, Sophia Cox, and Klaassen) and settling for 2-2 against Team Colorado 19U (Rory Perrin and Piper Sawatzky scored)

Coming up, the Hawks host the Brandon Wheat Kings Friday and the Winnipeg Ice Saturday and then hit the road to play the Eastman Selects on Sunday.

Saturday's game will be preceded by the World Girls' Ice Hockey Day festivities at the Access Event Centre in Morden. The Hawks will be helping out with a host of fun activities for younger female hockey players.

# Thiessen attends Manitoba Moose AHL training camp

By Ty Dilello

Altona's Matthew Thiessen participated in last week's AHL Manitoba Moose training camp as he was looking to earn a professional contract as a goaltender for the first time.

Although he played in the Altona minor program, Thiessen got his start in hockey in the small northern community of Lynn Lake, Manitoba, where he skated a few times as a child. He only played organized hockey once he moved to Altona in grade one. And soon after, he found himself in the net.

Thiessen credits growing up in southern Manitoba as important to his development as a top goaltending prospect.

"Growing up here in Altona and playing against teams like MacDonald, Carman, Morden, and Winkler, it was always really competitive, and there were plenty of battles with them over the years," said Matthew Thiessen. "It was also nice growing up and getting to play with your buddies, building relationships through hockey that you'll have for life."

Thiessen had his big breakthrough with the MJHL's Steinbach Pistons in 2017-18. His play was spectacular as he boasted a .923 save percentage and a 2.06 goals-against average. He posted a .944 save percentage on the way to his team winning the league championship and the ANAVET Cup.

Thiessen's season was so good in Steinbach that he was selected at the 2018 NHL Entry Draft by the Vancouver Canucks in the seventh round (192nd overall). After a year with Dubuque of the USHL, Thiessen moved on to college, where he spent three seasons at the University of Maine.

Thiessen, who majored in Marketing, then trans-

ferred to the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD) for the final two years of college. Last season, he posted a 3-11-2 record with a .904 save percentage.

"My last season at Duluth was a lot of fun, and even though we didn't have the results we wanted on the ice, personally, I felt like I continued to develop and get better as a goalie," said Thiessen. "The coaches, my teammates and professors were always so supportive and gave me experiences that I will cherish forever. Going through college for both the hockey and school experience was amazing and it truly brought me to create friends for life."

Going into this season, Thiessen was offered a tryout contract with the AHL's Manitoba Moose. He ended up having a great week at camp and was one of the last cuts at training camp, making it to the final day before he was released from his tryout.

"My first pro camp went well. It was so cool as a Manitoba kid to go and be on the ice with the Moose and around a great organization. Through my agent, I had an invitation to attend the camp on a tryout contract, and again, the experience and the people with the Moose were awesome. I definitely learned a few things and also met some great people along the way as well."

Now a free agent, Thiessen will explore his options in the coming weeks regarding where he will try to play his hockey this winter.

"As of right now, I'm not sure what the next chapter will bring, as there are a lot of really good goalies in the professional game right now. Early on in the summer, I had some good talks with teams in Europe, but ideally, I was going to stay in North America for the season. Unfortunately, a perma-



STANDARD PHOTO BY TY DIELLO

A former draft pick of the NHL's Vancouver Canucks, Altona's Matthew Thiessen recently attended the training camp of the AHL's Manitoba Moose in Winnipeg last week

nent opportunity still hasn't come up. Hopefully, in the coming week or two, I can get a contract offer, but if not, then it will be time to move in a different direction."

## Twisters' slide continues with a pair of weekend losses

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters, beginning the 2024-25 season, continue to go from bad to worse. The Morris-based MMJHL club dropped a pair of games last week to drop to 1-7-1, which is good for last place in the league standings.

On Oct. 17, the Twisters lost 8-4 on the road to the St. Vital Victorias. In spite of Alex VanDeynze's hat trick for Pembina Valley, Slade Sotheran's

extra goal wasn't enough. Maysen Mazurat and Darion Penner shared the goaltending duties, making 32 saves.

The Twisters took to the ice on Sunday hoping for a better result, but instead lost 5-1 at home to the Charleswood Hawks. Ketema Wall had the lone goal for Pembina Valley, while Maysen Mazurat made 49 saves in the loss.

However, Twisters' head coach

Braeden Beernaerts still isn't sounding the alarm.

"With a lot of fresh faces, it can take time to gel, getting filmier with the systems, and up to pace with a really strong league," said Beernaerts. "We've been in this spot before; a bad start doesn't define our year."

The Twisters are back in action with a pair of road games this week. First up, they play the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge Twins on Oct. 25 (7:30 p.m.).

And then on Oct. 27 against the River East Royal Knights (4:45 p.m.).

"I don't think the scores reflect how the recent games have gone at all," said Beernaerts. "Coming off a tough schedule, we've still been in the games, but just a few mistakes that we're working on ironing out, and finding consistency in sixty minutes is key for us to find success in our next games."

## Split weekend for U18 AAA Pembina Valley Hawks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a weekend of mixed results for the Pembina Valley AAA Hawks.

The men's team downed the Yellowhead Chiefs 9-4 on the road Saturday night and then fell to the Wheat Kings 5-3 in Brandon Sunday.

The lengthy list of goal scorers in Saturday's game included Tyson Pethybridge, Cohen Pilkington (with two), Carter Unger (with two), Nolan Bravo, Haiden Friesen, Paxton White, and Ragnar Gillis. Goalie Karsen Dyck made 22 saves.

Against Brandon, a scoreless opening frame was followed by the home team pulling ahead 5-0 in the second period. Period three saw Pethybridge, Nathan Froebe, and Teagan Fehr try to close the gap. Ryler Gates made 28 saves in net that night.

With that, Pembina Valley is 4-5 for the season so far, good for eight points and seventh place in the standings.

This weekend the Hawks play a pair of games in Kenora against the Thistles.

# Flyers down Selkirk and Virden, fall to Dauphin Kings

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers made short work of the Selkirk and Virden teams last week before coming up short against Dauphin.

Last Tuesday's home game against the Steelers was a 9-0 rout for the Flyers.

Goalie Liam Ernst denied every one of the 19 shots that came his way between the posts. His teammates sent 28 shots the other way.

Niklas Gudmundson scored a hat trick that night. The other six goals came courtesy of Brady Craik, Brody Beauchemin, Blake Matheson, Mathys Blanchette, Kam Thomas, and Max Lavoie.

Thursday's road game against the Oil Capitals in Virden was less of slaughter but still a win for Winkler; they took it 4-1.

Thomas and Jayce Legaarden had the Flyers up 2-1 after 20 minutes, and then goals from Lavoie and Gudmundson sealed the deal in the final period.

Rylan Benner went the distance in net for Winkler this game, making 21 saves as the Flyers outshot the Oil Capitals 37-22.

The script was flipped Sunday night when the Dauphin Kings came to



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Niklas Gudmundson of the Winkler Flyers lifts the puck over the mitt of Steelers goalie Noel Olsonawski for Winkler's second goal of the game last week, which the home team won 9-0.

Winkler.

Blake Matheson scored the Flyers' lone goal of the night near the end of the first. But the 1-0 lead was short-lived, the Kings scoring a minute later and then adding goals in both the sec-

ond and third periods to win it 3-1.

Ernst faced 31 shots this game, saving 28. Winkler had 34 shots on goal.

The Flyers are in third place in the MJHL East Division with a record of 7-3. With 14 points, they're just one point behind the Steinbach Pistons in

second and eight behind the Steelers in first, though they have four games in hand over Selkirk.

This weekend, the Flyers head to Swan Valley to take on the Stampeders and to Dauphin to play the Kings.

# Beavers ready to give new season a go in the SEMHL

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Beavers will begin their 2024-25 campaign in the South East Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL) on Oct. 25 with a home game at 7:30 p.m. against the Morden Bombers.

The SEMHL is the premier senior hockey league in southern Manitoba. It has ten teams: Carman Beavers, Morden Beavers, Notre Dame Hawks, Winkler Royals, Portage Islanders, Ile Des Chenes North Stars, Ste. Anne

Aces, Warren Merces, Springfield Winterhawks and Red River Wild.

The Altona Maroons, a long-time member of the league, were forced to suspend operations for this upcoming season. In their place will be the Springfield team out of Oakbank.

After finishing near the bottom of the league standings the last couple of years, the local Carman Beavers hope this is the season where they turn it around and make a big playoff push.

"We have a couple of local guys back from college and from junior, so a couple of improvements on our forward roster," said Beavers' head coach Mark Klassen. "Other than that, we're basically the same team and excited for the season to start. I think the team is sick of being in the basement and is ready to make a push for the playoffs this year."

The Beavers showed they might be for real this past Saturday night in a

preseason game against the Notre Dame Hawks, winning 8-6. Newcomer Riley Goertzen led the way with a hat trick.

"I think our young core have matured a little and were in the third year of a rebuild, so good things are on the horizon for the Beavers," said Klassen. "Watch out as we might surprise some teams this year and make a deep playoff run."

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## Altona hosting Kurling for Kids bonspiel Nov. 16

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Altona is hosting a new-to-Manitoba fundraiser next month that will support the Boundary Trails Health Centre (BTHC).

Kurling for Kids (K4K), a charity that supports children's hospitals through curling tournaments, is holding its first-ever bonspiel outside of Quebec at the Altona Curling Club on Nov. 16.

"My husband and I, we have been avid curlers forever, and I've been part of Kurling for Kids for years," shares Sandy Friesen, who is a member of the Altona Curling Club and also the regional manager for K4K in

Manitoba.

Friesen got involved with the charity during her years living in Quebec. Upon moving back to Altona, K4K reached out to her about expanding its reach into Manitoba.

"It didn't work out last year, but we're excited to get our first event together now," Friesen says, noting they already have a few teams signed up to take part.

The bonspiel has space for 16 teams. Each participant is asked to raise \$200 in donations. Registration is \$75 per person, which counts towards your pledge total. All curlers will get two games, lunch, supper, and a chance at

trophies and door prizes.

If you're not a curler but still want to take part, you can sign up as a fundraiser for free and start collecting pledges.

The funds will all go towards BTHC, the regional hospital located between Morden and Winkler.

"The bonspiel will be a wonderful way to raise funds for our developing pediatric program and purchase medical equipment for the smallest patients in our communities," shares BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett.

You can register or make a donation online at [www.kurlingforkids.org](http://www.kurlingforkids.org).

Business who would like to get involved as sponsors can contact Friesen at [sandy.friesen@KurlingforKids.org](mailto:sandy.friesen@KurlingforKids.org).

Friesen hopes Altona's involvement with K4K will inspire other Manitoba curling clubs to host a similar charity bonspiel themselves.

"Any curling club anywhere can sign up to host an event," she says. "And they can choose which hospital they'd like their fundraising efforts to go towards."

"K4K will get behind you and help you as much as possible."

## Astro Club sets its sights on rare comet

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Astro Club hosted an impromptu viewing night in Winkler last week in the hopes of catching the C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) comet in the night sky.

"What's interesting about this comet is it is what's called a long period comet, so the next time it'll come around is sometime between 80,000 and 86,000 years from now," explained Kenton Dyck, who heads up the club. "The fact that it comes close enough that we can see it is fairly unique, and so we're out here trying to capitalize on that as much as we can."

Clouds and haze didn't cooperate with the group's comet-viewing plans that night, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd of stargazers, who instead set their sights on the brilliantly bright moon, Saturn, and a few notable stars.

It was Corey Messner's first time checking out the Astro Club.

"A friend from work was telling me about this club and so I decided I'd come out tonight and see if I could see the moon and see the comet through a different telescope than my own," he said, noting his model is much less powerful than Dyck's. "His lowest magnification is probably close to like

my middle magnification."

Astronomy has been a lifelong interest for Messner.

"Ever since I was a kid, I've always been into it ... it's a fascination of what's all out there, and it kind of makes you think about how important life is here," he said. "It's very humbling to think about everything that's out there in our solar system, and it's intriguing to try and find things through the telescope."

Michelle Martens has been coming to the club's viewing nights for awhile now, and it's always a good time.

"It's really unique getting to come and look through such a large telescope," she said. "It's not something you find around here very often, and to be able to come and just check out the sky from a zoomed-in perspective is really neat."

Seeing the rings of Saturn has been a highlight, Martens shared, and she also enjoyed checking out a dense star cluster earlier this year.

"And Kenton is very educated, very smart about all this, so it's interesting being able to learn about all about it while you're looking up at it."

Eleven-year-old Melissa Martens was most definitely enjoying her first time out with the club.



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The Pembina Valley Astro Club gathered in Winkler last week to try to and spot the C/2023 A2 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) comet. Though clouds foiled their plans that night, members have gotten a few shots of the comet over local skies in recent weeks.

"This is awesome," she said, noting she loves "getting to see what's out here ... it's so cool to look out there and see there's other planets, there's other places."

Dyck has hosted upwards of 20 events across the region since getting his computerized telescope last year.

"I think at last count we're at almost 1,700 people that have looked through the eyepiece just this year alone," he said. "We've been travelling all over the place. It's been wildly successful."

Seeing adults and especially kids

eagerly line up for a chance to take a peek through the telescope is a big part of what keeps Dyck going with this club.

"That's a huge drive for me because I always feel that had I been exposed to something like this when I was their age, I would have been better for it," he said. "I would have hopped on this passion a lot sooner."

You can stay up-to-date on upcoming club viewing nights by following them on Instagram (@astroclubpv) or emailing [astroclubpv@gmail.com](mailto:astroclubpv@gmail.com).



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## OBITUARY



### Normand Philippe

Norm Philippe passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 13, 2024 at his residence in Carman, Manitoba at the age of 70 years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife of 49 years, Pat; his children, Daniel (Liz), Marc (Diana), Collette (Caleb) and Rachelle (Ryan); his grandchildren, Xavier, Phoenix, Juliet, Emily, Ethan, Elliot, Sullivan and Zander. He also leaves his mother Lucienne Philippe and mother-in-law Rollande Walker; his siblings, Gilbert (Sylvia) Philippe and Marielle (Thomas) Beregon; his sisters-in-law, Betty (Robert) Green, Barb (Reg) Marginet, Judy (Dave) Rea, Brenda (Bill) Nostedt, Cindy (Gord) Maddock, Sheila (Doug) Lawless, Kelly (Rick) Lounsbury, Cateland (Greg) Penner, Connie (Doug) Petersen and Sandra (Daren) Hird, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Norm is predeceased by his father Émile Philippe, his father-in-law Bill Walker, his nephew Tony Nostedt and niece Luce Lavertu.

Born and raised in St. Claude, MB, Norm later moved to Winnipeg where he met the love of his life, Pat. They married in 1975 and have been together for over 50 years. Norm dedicated his career to the automotive industry, becoming a respected figure in his field. Upon retirement, he moved to his beloved acreage in Carman where he devoted countless hours tending to his yard and garden, taking great pride in creating a beautiful outdoor space.

An avid outdoorsman, Norm enjoyed hunting, camping, golfing, and curling. He had a passion for photography and was often the one behind the camera, capturing cherished family moments.

Together with wife, Pat, he traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Europe and Canada, creating lasting memories along the way. Norm was also deeply committed to his community, volunteering with the Knights of Columbus, St. Daniels School, and his local church. He will be fondly remembered for his warm smile and quick wit, which brought joy to all who knew him.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Carman, on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 2 p.m. The service will be available to view via live streaming at [www.afh.ca](http://www.afh.ca)

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### Bernice Annette Tennis (nee Epp) October 31, 1940 – October 18, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, Bernice Annette Tennis, on October 18, 2024 at Boundary Trails Health Centre. Bernice passed peacefully at the age of 83.

Born on October 31, 1940 on the family farm near Laird, Saskatchewan, Bernice was the cherished daughter of Sara and Wilmer Epp and shared a special bond as a twin with her brother, Lawrence Epp. Growing up on a mixed farm, she embraced the values of hard work and community early on, including the fond memory of delivering milk door-to-door before school by horse and wagon.

Bernice attended Rosthern Junior College (RJC) in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Founded by Mennonite settlers, RJC instilled in

her a deep appreciation for education, culture, and faith—values she carried with her throughout her life.

She began her career at the Laird Co-op in her hometown before an opportunity for advancement led her to Carman, Manitoba in the mid-1960s, where she took on a role at the Carman Co-op. Over the years, Bernice's dedication and work ethic saw her rise to Produce Manager, a position she held for over 35 years until her retirement in 1996.

Bernice married Ned (Edward) Tennis on May 25, 1996 and together they made their home in Carman, sharing 36 happy years. Bernice is lovingly remembered by her husband, Ned; her siblings, Doris Thiessen, Alice Pilatus, Lawrence Epp, and Mary-Jane Block; her sons, Ian Black (Laurie) and Greg Black; her stepsons, Kevin Tennis (Christina) and Cameron Tennis (Marietta); her grandchildren, Zachary Black, Misty Dawn Hassan (Tommy), and Kody Tennis; and her great-grandchildren, Rio, Oaklee, and Storm.

Retirement was a time of fulfillment for Bernice, who delighted in tending to her beautiful vegetable gardens and flower beds. Her green thumb and passion for the outdoors were evident in her immaculate yard, a labour of love she took pride in.

Bernice was deeply involved in her community, delivering Meals on Wheels, working with the Handi-Van committee, and helping organize auctions to raise funds for new transport vans. She was also a helping hand to seniors in need, offering her time to weed gardens and clean homes. Her generosity knew no bounds, and she never hesitated to lend a hand where needed. Bernice also devoted time to the MCC store, where she found joy in volunteering.

A talented seamstress, Bernice spent countless hours at her sewing machine, perfecting her craft. She had a remarkable gift for quilt-making, cutting and stitching together intricate pieces of fabric that became treasured works of art. These handmade creations adorned her home, and many lucky friends and family members were recipients of her beautifully crafted quilts.

Bernice will be remembered for her kind heart, quiet strength, and the joy she brought to all who knew her.

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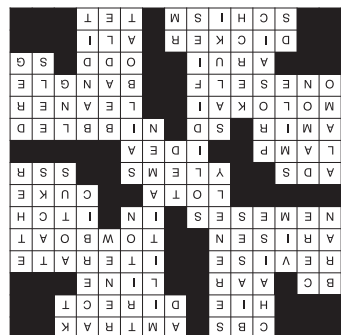
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4. Train line
10. Go quickly
11. Straightforward
12. Canadian province
14. At any rate (abbr.)
15. Genealogy
16. Make changes
18. Utter repeatedly
22. In a way, turned up
23. Type of ship
24. Agents of one's downfall
26. Not out

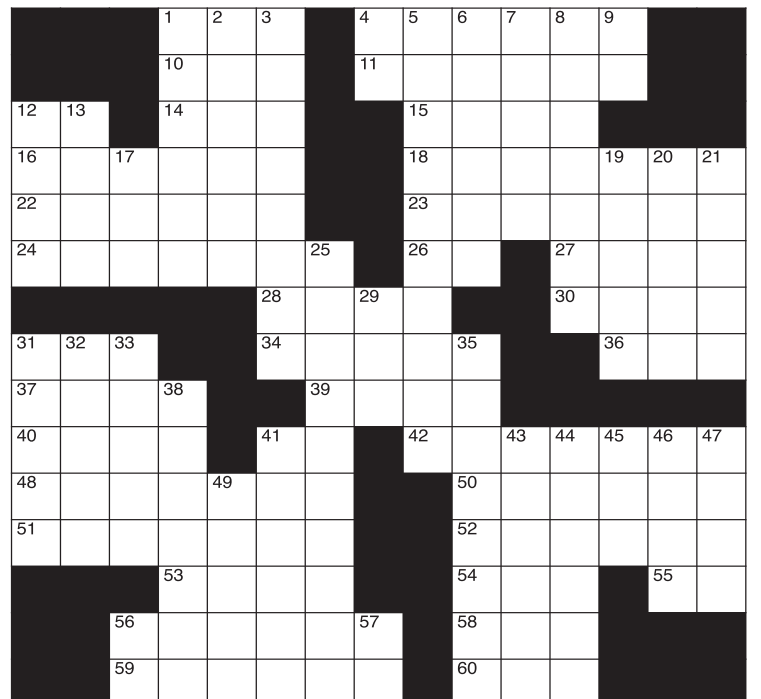
## CLUES DOWN

27. Something to scratch
28. Round water pot
30. Refreshing green fruit (slang)
31. Promotions
34. Primordial matters
36. One-time world power (abbr.)
37. Source of illumination
39. The content of cognition
40. An Arab ruler
41. South Dakota
42. Gnawed at with teeth
48. Hawaiian island
50. Smaller
51. Of a single person
52. Rigid bracelet
53. Barbary sheep (Fr.)
54. Not even
55. Specific gravity
56. Engage in petty bargaining
58. Boxing's "GOAT"
59. Split between parties
60. Notable offensive
1. A place to lounge
2. Skewed views
3. Peacefully
4. Commercial
5. Auxiliary forces
6. Large mollusk
7. Take out again
8. Sharp and forthright
9. Knight (chess)
12. Source of fiber
13. Flesh covering some birds' beaks
17. Energy
19. Night monkeys genus
20. Small, sharp nails
21. Pleasant-smelling liquid
25. Affirms one's hold
29. CNN's founder
31. Texans can't forget it
32. "Oppenheimer" actor Matt
33. Expression
35. Vessel
38. Lacking poetic beauty
41. Tall, swift and slender dog
43. Sports personality Michelle
44. Robber
45. Liquefied natural gas
46. Snakelike fishes
47. The most worthless part of something
49. City in Crimea
56. Bad grades
57. Reichsmark



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#### What's Gen Z?

Generation Z, or Gen Z, refers to individuals born between the mid-1990s and early 2010s. This generation has grown up in a highly connected and technologically advanced world, which has shaped their values and perspectives.

#### Why this generation?

Unlike previous generations, Gen Z solopreneurs prioritize meaningful work over traditional career paths, seeking opportunities to create their own destinies. With access to vast amounts of information and resources online, they're empowered to turn their passions and skills into viable businesses with minimal overhead costs.

The gig economy, which encompasses freelance, side-hustle and remote work, has further fuelled the rise of Gen Z solopreneurs, blurring the lines between work and per-

sonal life. This shift has made entrepreneurship an increasingly attractive option for this generation, as they value the ability to work from anywhere, set their own schedules and pursue multiple interests simultaneously.

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