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Sheriff nabs the burger

Walker McCullough and his dad, Adam, dressed as a cowboy and a hamburger, enjoy the fall afternoon during the Carman Wellness Connections Halloween Scavenger Hunt in Ryall Park on Oct. 25.

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1921 memorial quilt uncovered in former Sperling church closet

By E. Antonio

A textile antique discovered in the former Sperling Presbyterian Church earlier this month has sparked curiosity — and a search for answers.

A handstitched 12-by-12-foot quilt dating back to 1921 was found tucked away in a closet by church members, including Arthur Bilodeau.

“It’s this gorgeous quilt that we found just sitting there folded in a bag,” Bilodeau said.

The quilt displays nearly 300 names of former congregation members. Its purpose and origins remain uncertain, although it is believed to have been created by the Sperling Presbyterian Ladies’ Aid in memory of Margaret “Maggie” Anderson (née Greer).

The Sperling Presbyterian Church was an active congregation in the early 1900s, supported by groups such as the Ladies’ Aid, which formed in 1899 to raise funds and assist families in the community. The congregation later joined with the local Methodist church in 1924 to become a united charge, but the Ladies’ Aid continued to play a significant role in community life. Quilting, fundraising socials and commemorative projects were central to their work, which may explain the

creation of the memorial quilt.

According to local historian Glen Peckover, Anderson was born in 1854 in Mulmer, Ont. She moved to Carman in 1896 and later settled in Sperling in 1900. She married William Anderson and died on Aug. 22, 1919.

Each name on the quilt was stitched in red thread within individual squares. Some inscriptions belong to soldiers who died in war. Others mark the names of ministers, elders or long-time church members. Bilodeau suspects the textile may have been made from an old flour or sugar sack, but its full history remains unknown.

“The only way to describe the true beauty of it is to see it in person,” he said.

Bilodeau said the discovery has sparked conversations among long-time residents, with many wondering whether their relatives’ names might appear on the fabric. “It’s a real piece of community history — something that connects generations,” he said.

The quilt is currently in the care of Erin Dunn of Sperling Industries. The hope is to have it displayed at the Dufferin Historical Museum so community members can view it and help uncover more of its story.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG

A large quilt, handstitched by the Sperling Presbyterian Ladies Aid in 1921, was recently discovered in the former Presbyterian Church. While its full history remains a mystery, the quilt lists the names of nearly 300 former church members and was created in memory of Margaret “Maggie” Anderson (1854–1919).



Names of nearly 300 former congregation members were hand-stitched in red thread on the 1921 quilt created by the Sperling Presbyterian Ladies’ Aid in memory of Margaret “Maggie” Anderson.

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The Art of Felt on now at Pembina Hills Gallery

By Lorne Stelmach

The exhibit on this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery aims to put the spotlight on a form of fibre art and the use of wool as an artistic medium.

The three artists involved in the joint exhibit want to connect viewers with this humble ancient fibre and show its versatility in the artist's hands using a number of techniques that give it a new voice—one that has the power to move you, tell stories, make you laugh, and inspire you.

"I remember seeing felting on a wall, and I thought I love that," said Fenella Temmerman, who had been working with silk for about 10 years before diving into felt, recalling when she spent time in Australia and discovered nuno felting, which involves a mix of silk and sheep fibre.

"You can see how the fleece and the silk play together and produce some amazing results," she said. "The fleece contracts, but it take the silk with it, and so you get an amazing texture."

"Silk painting is flat, and felting offers more three dimensional possibilities, and it also offers a lot more texture."

Debra Shnider recalled a trip to Salt Spring Island where she found a felter. Back home in Winnipeg she



sought out a felting scarf course.

"It just evolved from there. I went and learned more," she said.

"It has become more popular in Canada, and COVID did a wonderful thing, one good thing, and put every-



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH

Fenella Temmerman and Debra Shnider at the opening reception for their show, The Art of Felt, at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden. Joining them in the show is fellow felter Rosemary Peloquin, whose work is shown below.

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Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge grows local legacies province-wide

November 10–16 campaign doubles local donations

By Lana Meier

Generosity Goes Further During Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge

By Lana Meier

Manitobans will once again have the chance to see their generosity go further during the 2025 Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, taking place November 10 to 16.

The province-wide campaign encourages donors to give to their local community foundation's unrestricted or community funds, helping grow endowments that provide annual grants to local charities, schools and service groups.

For one week only, contributions are matched by both The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba, up to a combined maximum of \$4,000 per foundation. That means each local donation can have double the impact.

Since the Giving Challenge began, millions of dollars have been added to community endowments across

Manitoba. Those earnings are now funding everything from food banks and daycares to youth sports and cultural programs.

Local Impact in Carman Region

For the Carman Area Foundation, the Giving Challenge has become one of the most important fundraising events of the year, said chair Ian Bergsma.

"Other than our annual gala, it's our largest opportunity to grow our undesignated community endowment funds," Bergsma said. "These include the All Communities Fund, Sperling Community Fund, RM of Grey Fund and the Roland Fund. During this week, many individuals, families and businesses choose to give because their donations are stretched through matching funds provided by The Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba Government. That means your donation goes even further — directly benefiting the Carman and surround-



ing communities."

He noted that donations made during the Challenge go directly into the community fund of the donor's choice, allowing the board flexibility to support a wide range of local initiatives and organizations.

"With ongoing support from our donors, we've been able to fund projects that make a real difference — enhancing recreation spaces, supporting youth programs, promoting health and wellness, enriching education, and helping seniors stay connected and supported," Bergsma said.

He encouraged everyone to consider participating, no matter the amount.

"Every donation, no matter the size, truly makes a difference," he said. "The Giving Challenge is the perfect time to give because your gift is

matched — meaning your contribution has an even greater impact on the community. Whether it's \$20 or \$200, your donation helps build a stronger future for Carman, Sperling, RM of Grey and RM of Roland. We are so grateful for the continued generosity of community members who believe in giving back. Together, we are building a legacy of giving that will benefit our communities for generations to come."

Donations can be made online through endowmb.org, by e-transfer, cheque or cash at local community foundation offices, or by contributing publicly traded securities for additional tax benefits.

For more information or to donate, visit carmanfoundation.ca or endowmb.org.

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Shnider said. "In Canada, we have some incredible felt artists as well, and the opportunity for learning just became easier, and it just took off."

The Art of Felt features work by Temmerman, Shnider, and Rosemarie Pélouin, and it is on at the Morden gallery until Nov. 17.

They all obviously share a passion for working with wool, and Pélouin especially has earned acclaim for her work, including having done felt busts of the then Prince Charles and Queen Elizabeth.

Temmerman recalled her passion for the medium having really started when she attended the annual Manitoba Fibre Festival.

"It all started off at Fiber Fest in Winnipeg, and the three of us have put on a display and demonstration for probably about five years now ... together, we've developed some skills and had some fun with it and the creativity of it."

"Felting was under represented in the fiber arts," noted Shnider. "With Fenella, we decided there must be other filters out there, so this was a way of raising interest and letting people know what felting was all about, and it was also to beat the bushes for other filters. They're out there; we just need to find them, and

we need to connect."

Both noted how their work in felt is very different from other mediums.

"It's using mostly sheep's wool, alpaca sometimes, but it's mainly sheep, and there's more sheep farming in Manitoba now. It's growing," said Temmerman.

"The sheep are very generous. They give their meat ... their fleece," she said, going on to note how the wool will shrink. "They're tiny, tiny fibres, and they shrink, and we use that to our advantage, and you can make it into many many different things."

"Felting, started about 10,000 years ago, and felting was formalized more in the bronze age," said Shnider. "That long ago, people were making garments and even housing out of wool.

"So fast forward, the sheep industry became popular for clothing, and it became popular for weaving," she said, noting how a key step for them with wet felting is agitating the wool with water.

"It's really versatile, very warm fabric. It also has hypoallergenic qualities because it resists bacteria," she added.

"It's more of a humane regenerating thing," said Temmerman. "Reduce, reuse, recycle ... we reuse the fleece that continually grows on the sheep without damaging the animal. And they've got a lot of good husbandry that has evolved through the years for sheep farming."

The exhibit displays a wide variety of works, and a key part for the artists was having a touch table.

"It's so people can just touch and feel the different sheep wool ... because that's what it is about, touching and feeling. It's very sensory," said Temmerman.

The show will wrap up with a Nov. 17 felting workshop. Details are available at the gallery.

"It's important for us to raise the profile of felting in fiber arts," said Shnider. "Textile arts are enjoying a resurgence and getting more recognition in the art world, and they truly are works of art ... so we would like to see felting enjoy the same resurgence."

"The more people that see it, and the more people that enjoy it, it gets a higher profile."

Clocks fall back Sunday as daylight time ends

By Lana Meier

Manitobans will get an extra hour of sleep this weekend as daylight time comes to an end.

Clocks will move back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, marking the return to local standard time across most of Canada.

The seasonal time change — often called "the end of daylight saving time" — was first introduced in Germany during the First World

War as an energy-saving measure. The idea was later adopted in many countries to make better use of daylight during the longer days of spring and summer.

By shifting the clocks forward in March, people gain more evening sunlight and potentially reduce electricity use. When daylight hours grow shorter in the fall, clocks are set back to align daily routines with the available daylight.

Most Canadians continue to observe the twice-yearly time change, although some jurisdictions, including Yukon and most of Saskatchewan, remain on standard time year-round.

Daylight saving time will return again on Sunday, March 8, 2026, when clocks spring forward one hour.

Carman Gun Show marks 35 years of success

By E Antonio

The 35th annual Carman Fall Gun Show drew nearly 1,000 visitors to the Carman Community Hall on Oct. 25. The event featured about 80 vendors showcasing firearms, hunting supplies, ammunition and accessories, with parts and knife sharpening services also available.

"It was a very good day and because of our 35th anniversary, lots of regulars just kept coming by," said organizer Bruce Reid. "Along with those bringing a new interest in target shooting and hunting, it makes for a bigger crowd every show."

Reid called the day an overall success, noting a record number of door prizes, strong raffle ticket sales and smooth logistics throughout the hall.

Dave from Riding Mountain won this year's gun raffle, with 100 per cent of proceeds donated to Carman Handi-Van.

"We also received lots of comments on our food service," Reid added. "Crazy Lady's Catering always does a phenomenal job, but this year she just seemed to go above and beyond."

Reid extended his thanks to the nine volunteers who helped the event run efficiently.

"I couldn't have done it without them," he said.

The Carman Gun Show will return on April 4, 2026, with the fall event scheduled for Oct. 31, 2026.



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Visitors browse tables of firearms, hunting gear and accessories during the 35th annual Carman Fall Gun Show held Oct. 25 at the Carman Community Hall. The event featured about 80 vendors and drew nearly 1,000 attendees.

Fuel Good Day fills up community support in Carman

By Lana Meier

Every litre pumped at Homestead Co-op on Sept. 16 helped fuel community well-being in Carman and beyond.

As part of the annual Fuel Good Day initiative, Homestead Co-op donated a total of \$5,200 to two local organizations — \$2,600 to Carman Wellness Connections (CWC) to help establish The Connection Lounge in Carman's Memorial Hall, and another \$2,600 to Portage Daycare for outdoor playground upgrades.

"Fuel Good Day is a wonderful reminder of what we can achieve together," said Trent Schidlowsky, general manager of Homestead Co-op. "Each litre pumped helps provide meaningful support to local charities and groups who strengthen our communities every day. Your support ensures we can continue building stronger, healthier communities, one fill at a time."

For CWC, the donation marks an important milestone toward transforming the lower level of Memorial Hall into a warm, inviting community hub known as The Connection Lounge. The space will be redesigned into a comfortable, living-room-style environment with cozy seating, a kid-friendly area and a layout that encourages conversation and support.

"This generous donation from Homestead Co-op gives an important

boost to our efforts and shows strong local support for wellness, connection, and prevention in our community," said Lisa Lehmann, CWC coordinator. "We're truly grateful."

Lehmann said the vision for The Connection Lounge is to foster "safety, dignity and trust" — a welcoming environment where people can access support, connect with others or simply take a breath. The Lounge will provide a neutral setting for CWC to meet with individuals and families, host small programs, and partner with other organizations.

CWC hopes to begin clearing the space and finalizing layout plans this fall, with a soft opening targeted for late February or early March 2026. Volunteers and donated furnishings are welcome as the project moves forward.

"When a local business like Homestead Co-op invests in projects like this, it sends a powerful message: that community well-being is a shared responsibility," Lehmann added. "Their support doesn't just help fund a space — it helps create a culture where people and organizations come together to care for one another."

Once completed, The Connection Lounge will be available for booking through the Town of Carman. CWC will also use the space for meetings, support programs, and collaborations with other community groups. Those



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Carman Wellness Connections board members Wendy Durand (left), grant coordinator, and Susan Wepler (right) were on hand to accept a \$2,600 donation from Homestead Co-op's Fuel Good Day in support of The Connection Lounge project at Carman Memorial Hall.

interested in getting involved can contact CWC at carmanwellnessconnection@gmail.com or 204-750-8214.

Fuel Good Day has become a hallmark of the Co-op's community investment strategy across Western Canada. This year, participating Co-ops donated a minimum of five cents per litre from fuel sales to local charities and non-profits. In 2024, the initiative raised more than \$700,000, bringing the overall impact since 2017 to more than \$3 million for over 700

organizations.

Homestead Co-op, which serves more than 25,000 members across southern Manitoba, contributed more than \$154,000 to community groups and events last year alone through 35 local initiatives.

"Fuel Good Day is a celebration of what co-operation looks like in action," Schidlowsky said. "When our members fill up, they're directly supporting their neighbours."

Flashback... Carman's Tom Rockey from the ice to the track

By Dennis Young

Our local hockey historian, Tom Rockey, was born Jan. 27, 1926, in Winnipeg on Morley Avenue. His older brother Jack and younger brother Ron never got that hockey bug Tom was bitten with — which probably made life much easier for their parents, Ellen and George.

Tom's association with hockey began in his early days playing defence, as he was an exceptional skater. Starting with a Winnipeg outdoor team in 1938-39 at just 12 years old, he became a city champion. The following year, he was a Bantam B city champ, then joined the Bantam A St. James Canadians, reaching the finals twice more and capturing another title. Leaving school after Grade 10, Tom was on the road.

At 17, he split the 1942-43 winter between the Buffalo AHL and Philadelphia Falcons EHL (with a young goalie named Emile Francis), amassing 47 points in 56 games. "Dad told me he rode the train to Toronto then hitchhiked to Philly to play," his son Martin laughs. "But then it was off to war."

Tom spent 2½ years in the army stationed at Shilo but still found time to play his sport with the Winnipeg Grenades of the Winnipeg Inter-Services League. They finished third, with winger Jim McFadden racking up tons of points.

After being discharged, Tom signed with the Winnipeg Monarchs in the MJHL — one of five teams sponsored by NHL clubs, along with the Winnipeg Rangers, Winnipeg Canadians, Brandon Wheat Kings and Portage Terriers. Tom was "owned" by Montreal.

Those 1946 Monarchs went on to win the Turnbull Junior Cup, advancing to capture the Memorial Cup title at Maple Leaf Gardens. The final drew 142,000 fans, and after posting 10 points in seven games, Tom was named an all-star defenceman.

Finding work in Carman after that busy winter, he helped Hav Sylvester farm but still had time to catch a glimpse of Marjorie Doyle, whom he would marry on June 2, 1947.

Owned by Montreal, his pro career began in the USHL with the Houston Skippers and Dallas Texans for two seasons, followed by the Victoria Cougars (PCHL), Moncton Hawks and Sydney Millionaires of the Maritimes, and finally the New Haven Nutmegs of the EHL.

"After Dallas, Dad was told by Lester Patrick he'd be playing as a Montreal Canadien the next winter. He even played a couple of exhibi-



At 17, Tom Rockey was already skating with the Winnipeg Monarchs junior hockey team.

tion games but was sent to Victoria to help Patrick's new team," says Martin. "Upon arrival with his new bride, he was told to get rid of the women! He didn't — the team was awful, and he quit. Mom said that was his biggest mistake."

After a few more stops and a son on the way, Tom regained his amateur status and returned to Carman and a life away from hockey — for now.

In 1951, the Rutherford Pool Room was destroyed by fire, leaving an empty lot on Fournier Street (1st Street SW). Tom had plans for a liquor outlet there but faced many challenges, so he decided to return billiards to Carman in 1953.

His new building included a second-floor living quarters, five tables, a concession stand and a barber shop run by Bill Smith and Jack McKay. Tom later sold the business to Geordie Harrison — known for years as Geordie's Pool Hall, now The Price Is Rite — and moved the family (including children Martin and Elaine) to Pilot Mound.

A buddy, Jim Moore, who had played with him in Dallas, convinced Tom to buy the locker plant there in 1961. He and Jim then added an abattoir, offering freezer-ready meat as well as curing and smoking. But a player of his calibre wasn't left alone for long — the Minnedosa Jets of the Big Six Intermediate League came calling. They went on to be league and Manitoba A champs, and Tom was named first all-star at 30.

He would later play for the Pilot Mound Pilots (no individual stats before 1959) from 1959-62, scoring 98 points in 68 games and winning one title before turning his interests



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Tom Rockey officially opens the Carman Beavers' 50th anniversary game by dropping the puck between Frank McKinnon (left) and Gladwyn Scott (right).

to coaching. He led Pilot Mound, Miami, Carman and Altona to SEMHL titles, and a Winkler club to a provincial championship. Perhaps his proudest moments were being selected to the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

Back in Carman, Tom took on a new challenge in 1975 as recreation director while also publishing a weekly sports column, *One Man's Opinion*, in *The Leader* — where he name-dropped so well.

It was also in Pilot Mound that Tom became interested in harness racing. He took to racetracks as he did to ice rinks — driving, owning, raising and training horses. He later served as a presiding judge, running races across Canada and the U.S. with the Cana-

dian Trotting Association, and became a director of the Manitoba Great Western Racing Circuit. As Martin says, "It paid the bills."

After spending winters at the Jim Grundy Stables in San Diego, Tom was appointed presiding judge in 1989 at the new \$45-million entertainment complex in Des Moines, Iowa. He continued in the industry he loved until he developed macular degeneration around 1995 and was legally blind by 2007.

Tom passed in 2019 and Marg in 2018. Their son Martin worked with the Department of Highways for 33 years, married Diane Johnston, and moved to Kamloops where they both eventually retired. Elaine married Ken McMahon and was an EA and librarian at Roland, where they reside.

letter to the editor

3rd Street SW needs attention

It's encouraging to see several streets in Carman being repaired and paved. However, not all residents have access to well-maintained roads. For anyone wanting to see one of the worst streets in town, take a drive down 3rd Street SW. Yes, it is a dead-end street, but the people who live there use it every day.

A close friend of mine lives on this street and has contacted the Town

multiple times about its condition. Her vehicle is aging and cannot withstand the constant wear from the deep potholes. Although crews have come to fill the holes, the repairs only last a few days before the road breaks down again.

Not everyone can afford to purchase a new vehicle, and with taxes being paid by residents, a properly maintained street should be expected. I sincerely hope this street is improved soon. It would be greatly appreciated by those who live there.

Sincerely,
Monique Graafland

Flashback... Roland gets artificial ice

By Dennis Young

The Roland Curling Rink is likely one of the oldest structures in the province still housing an active curling club. Built in 1939, the two-sheet facility underwent \$84,000 worth of improvements, including the installation of artificial ice, in 1990.

A project that began in July of that year quickly gained momentum without hogging. The Community Services and Community Places programs contributed \$45,000, while the Roland community raised an additional \$39,000. Along with the new ice, the work included a small addition to the house plant and excavation to allow for a gravel base beneath the ice surface.

Health Minister Don Orchard, contractor representatives and committee members Blaine Phillips, Glen Phillips, Brian Burnett, and John and Ron Bartley were on hand for the official opening. John Bartley was given the honour of throwing the first rock.

In his remarks, Orchard cautioned Roland curlers that straight ice might cost them the advantage they had enjoyed for years. The famous "heavy ice" occasionally required playing with only one turn — a skill long mastered by the locals.



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Health Minister Don Orchard, a former Roland bonspiel competitor, cuts the ribbon to officially open the rink's facelift in 1990.

Hildebrand steps into director role at SCRL

By Lorne Stelmach

Changes are happening at the local libraries with the departure of its longtime leader.

With the retirement of Cathy Ching, former Morden branch administrator Gail Hildebrand is taking over as director of library services for the South Central Regional Library network.

In addition, office manager and Miami branch administrator Raina Teigrob is now going to serve as an assistant director, while Kim Goodine is stepping into the role of Morden branch administrator.

Ching's decision to retire was bitter-sweet, but it was something that had been on the radar.

"It was time just because I've been in this position since 2016, so 10 years I think is a good time to move on and make room for someone new and for new ideas," she suggested.

There were also other personal factors that also came into play, she noted.

"Some of it was not totally my decision, but that's how it goes," she said. "I'm leaving it in good hands though ... and I've known Gail ever since she joined South Central, so I'm very happy to have her step into this position and with a strong team."

"It's been a really fun month. I got to hang out with Cathy day in and day out for training," said Hildebrand.

"We're all going to miss Cathy. She

has been a really strong example and a good leader to all of us," she said. "She's always had good advice for us, and I've really enjoyed getting to know Cathy over the last five years that I've been with South Central and getting to know her."

Ching said there are many things that stand out for her during her time with SCRL, but she particularly cited the challenges they faced a few years ago when there was a vocal minority that pressured the library to remove certain books.

"South Central has come a long way, and we definitely have made some huge impact," she said. "South Central is well known for high standards and standing our ground. People still refer to us as leading the way in intellectual freedom and the right to choose."

"We've got a reputation that we will stand up for our public and do what is right for intellectual freedom, and I do think that's a big part of what my job will be to continue that," said Hildebrand. "I don't think those problems will ever go away a hundred per cent. People will always have voices to disagree with things, which is absolutely right, but we will remember we are here for everybody."

Hildebrand sees the library network as being in a good place now to move forward.

"I have a very good staff to work

with," she said. "I have come in to a very strong position, and I hope to just keep upholding the values that SCRL has stood for over the years."

Ching also noted something else that stands out for her is how the network has become very unified and collaborative.

"We're not separate branches. All branches are a little different, but our staff all have come together. Everyone knows each other," she said. "Our staff have started to lean on each other, and with social media, they check with each other, and everybody's kind of teamed up, so that to me has been the biggest thing, seeing South Central is strong."

"I can't do my job as director without all of the people who work for us and with us," Hildebrand agreed. "It is part of that relationship that gives us our strength because we all rely on each other."

Moving forward now will continue to be a bit of a learning process for Hildebrand.

"The first year for sure is just going to be getting it all figured out because there's a lot of moving parts to this job," she said. "The first year is just going to be learning how to do what Cathy did, and getting through my first budget, my first federal grants, first provincial grants ... getting through all of those things the first time."

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Prayer for Our Community

Lord God, Creator of all things, Lord of Heaven and Earth, we praise You for who You are and what You have done. Every good and perfect gift comes from You! All creation bows before You humbly acknowledging your power, authority, grace and love. Your Word, written down and called Scripture, is Truth, teaching us Your better way to live.

Thank You for caring about each and every one of us no matter how we respond, demonstrating Your great love for us every day. We praise you for demonstrating this love for us by becoming a human and living among us in the person of Jesus Christ. Thank You for the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross of death to pay the penalty for our sins out of Your great love.

We praise You for what you are doing in our community and through those of us who have chosen to live for You. It is a privilege to be a part of Your plan to share Your love with the World. We do not live up to Your standards, but You have made a way for us to learn and grow into Your perfect ways, empowered by Your Spirit.

We pray for our communities that they would be places of joy, welcoming, help and safety. May your love shine through us, that no one would be stuck with their needs not met.

We pray for our leaders that they would seek and follow Your wisdom. Help them lead us to a life of peace and safety.

We pray for our churches that we would be unified, working together to accomplish the mission of making disciples that You have given us. May we be lighthouses, shining Your truth and giving hope to those who are looking for it.

We pray for the lost that they may find the life only You can offer. May we be the guides that bring them to Your truth and the hope You give in this world of turmoil.

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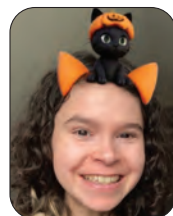
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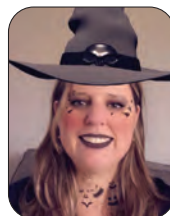
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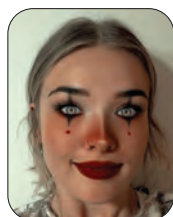
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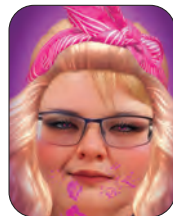
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Prairie drive-ins connect generations

By Jennifer Lee

As long as I can remember, Syl's Drive Inn was there — a low-slung red-and-white landmark rimmed with yellow globe lights, the much-anticipated mid-way point between Winnipeg and my grandparents' home. As a child, I counted the minutes to Carman, already tasting burgers and fries before we set off again into the darkening prairie fields. It was a family ritual my mother and her parents shared years earlier on the long drives back to the farm after trips to the city.

This summer we brought our six-year-old son to Manitoba from Toronto for the first time. Syl's topped my list of experiences to share — the burgers and soft-serve cones of my childhood — and there we were at the same red picnic tables, surrounded by

families lingering in the late-day sun. I felt both at home and, after decades away, a little out of place.

On those drives around Manitoba you're never far from a drive-in: the duelling dogs of Skinners and the Half Moon in Lockport; Ma's by the highway near Elm Creek; V.J.'s in downtown Winnipeg. Few places elsewhere have matched that feeling — the dusty, moth-freckled screens, stainless-steel counters with sliding windows, orders called into the open air over a tinny speaker. It's summertime magic.

Maybe it's our shorter prairie summers, when we savour every outdoor day. Maybe it's the long stretches between towns. Either way, drive-ins

are less about food than about place. In small communities, they're social hubs — animated intersections in a province of wide-open spaces.

From Syl's picnic tables I noticed the Tim Hortons next door, a local institution beside a national giant. Cars cycled through the window, reminding me of Toronto nights when I barely pause for an iced coffee. But prairie drive-ins ask us to pause. They connect the dots: generations catching up over onion rings, kids racing to the playground, families lingering for one more round of mini-golf.

Without our family's history at Syl's, I might have missed what that window really serves. More than a Buzz burger, it's a view into the past and a tie to the present — a place our son now plays before we take that long road into a boundless prairie evening.

Jennifer Lee is a Winnipeg-born, Toronto-based writer and communications professional.



The way it was 100 years ago Oct. 30

By Dennis Young

100 years ago — 1925: RM grants DAS \$3,600 to help with debt; Conservatives assured of a Dominion victory; Christie's Bake Shop suffers a fire; learn better letter writing at Carman Bible and Business Training School; postal rate for Manitoba, 1–3 lbs., is 15¢; Boyne River shows signs of freezing for skating; Harris's Clothier sells suits for \$34.50 and A.F. Higgins for \$27.50.

75 years ago — 1950: Of 1,174 eligible voters for town council, just 370 registered; Frank Harris returns as mayor; Shilson's Grocery sells packaged Rice Krispies with a plastic knife for 24¢; Boyne Theatre runs movies Monday to Saturday, including matinees; boars at a swine sale go for \$88; Sperling's Legion holds a dance and

bingo at the school hall; classifieds are full of horses for sale; Bruce Lowry and Hannes Vidal promote their Southern Electric; Safeway pumpkins are 5¢ per pound.

50 years ago — 1975: John Hildebrandt wins Ward 4 handily; Big Bore Shoot held at Bill Clark's; Carman Housing Authority conducts a survey to determine the need for senior units; Carduff Farmserve offers granular Avadex for 50¢ per acre; John Penner lists a '75 Dodge Dart for \$4,500 at Laycock Motors; Kinsmen "Bring a Buddy" night was a success, says president Peter Sanderson; fire at John Murta's causes \$40,000 loss in equipment and grain; 25 DAS members to attend the Western Canadian Fair Association convention in Regina.

25 years ago — 2000: Carman Beavers fold for the 2000-01 SEMHL season due to a shortage of players and executive members; Johnston Farm Supplies begins an 8,000-sq.-ft. expansion; Miami Co-op celebrates its 50th anniversary; the Chamber plans to install speakers to play Christmas music from the library bell tower; Homecoming 2000 committee announces a time capsule has been made; Carman RCMP seek applications for guardians for jail cells; Belfour voted to the 75th anniversary Chicago team; Curl for Cancer is a sell-out; The Holland Shop opens on 1st Ave. S.W.; town considers bidding for the 2006 Manitoba Games; Carman Area Foundation holds its first annual meeting.

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Carman Legion launches annual poppy campaign for remembrance

By Lana Meier

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 18 in Carman launched its annual poppy campaign, marking the beginning of remembrance activities leading up to Nov. 11.

A pinning ceremony was held on Saturday, Oct. 25, where Poppy Chairman and first vice-president Karen Maxwell pinned the first poppy of the season onto Carman Mayor Brent Owen. The ceremony signalled the start of this year's fundraising efforts in support of veterans and their families.

The official start of the Poppy Campaign is the last Friday of October. This year, the Ladies' Auxiliary will deliver poppy boxes to local businesses on Friday, Oct. 31, while Branch members deliver crosses and wreaths to display throughout the community.

Last year's campaign raised approximately \$9,000 — the largest poppy fund total the branch has recorded in recent years. The funds were directed to programs supported through Provincial Command, including the Homeless Veteran Furniture Fund and Foraging Ahead Incorporated, which assists veterans and first responders dealing with PTSD and operational stress injuries. Funding also went to the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Service League, which aids former service personnel in Commonwealth and former Commonwealth countries.

All expenditures from the poppy fund are subject to strict oversight. Requests must first be approved at a

branch general meeting before being forwarded to Provincial Command for final authorization. While confidentiality prevents the Legion from identifying whether individual veterans in the Carman area have been directly supported, Maxwell noted the campaign contributes locally through programs such as the annual Veterans' Supper, where meals for each veteran and guest are covered by the poppy fund. The branch has also contributed to community hospital equipment purchases that indirectly support veterans.

The campaign also supports youth and remembrance programming in the region. Branch 18 provides bursaries to local students and sponsors the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cadets.

Residents can support the campaign by wearing a poppy and making a donation.

Two community events are planned leading up to Remembrance Day. The Ladies' Auxiliary will host its Remembrance Day Tea on Friday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Legion Auxiliary Hall, featuring a light luncheon, raffle table, bake sale and fun auction.

The Remembrance Day service will be held at the Carman Community Hall on Nov. 11. Doors open at 10 a.m., with the ceremony beginning at 10:45 a.m. The program will include wreath presentations, music from the Carman Collegiate Band, the "Last Post" and "Reveille" by Jaclyn Knight, and participation from the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cadets, as well as local and retired military personnel.



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Karen Maxwell, first vice-president and poppy chairman of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 18, pins the first poppy onto Carman Mayor Brent Owen to launch the annual poppy campaign on Oct. 31. Funds raised help support veterans and their families in the Carman area.

Pumpkin patch pride



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Four-year-old Annie Kozak poses with the few gourds and pumpkins she and her brother Rhett grew on their family farm west of Carman. The siblings usually sell their harvest each year, but a poor crop left only a handful this season. She is the daughter of Chelsea and Lucas Kozak. Oct. 19 brought sunshine to Carman, with a high of 12 C and a low of 3 C — about a degree above average.



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Carman Cubs celebrate Halloween with creative pumpkin carvings



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Carman Cub Scouts show off the pumpkins they carved during last week's meeting. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts each took part in different seasonal activities, ranging from pumpkin carving to learning about Remembrance Day traditions and practicing geocaching skills. (Submitted)

Book Buddies builds connections through stories

By Lana Meier

The sound of giggles and storytime songs fills the children's area of the Boyne Regional Library every Thursday morning as families gather for Book Buddies — a preschool literacy program that has become a cornerstone of early learning in Carman.

Hosted by the Carman Family Resource Centre, the free drop-in program runs weekly from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and welcomes parents and caregivers with children aged newborn to five. Each session blends music, rhymes, storytime, and play, creating what organizers call "a gentle introduction to learning."

"We've always partnered with the library in some way," said Michelle Bergsma, executive director of the Carman Family Resource Centre. "When the building and renovations

were completed, we looked forward to having a regular program there — but just as they opened, everything shut down."

When pandemic restrictions lifted in spring 2022, the library was the first stop for the centre's return to in-person programming. The response from families was immediate.

"It was so successful that we adapted our popular Kit & Kaboodle program to create Book Buddies," Bergsma said. "It's now become one of our most consistent and well-loved programs."

Now entering its fourth year, Book Buddies operates from mid-September through mid-June, offering roughly 37 sessions each year. The format stays fresh through songs, games, and hands-on activities that promote literacy and social development.



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Children and caregivers gather around for songs, stories and play during the Carman Family Resource Centre's weekly Book Buddies program at the Boyne Regional Library. The free early literacy program runs Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

At the end of each session, children receive a craft bag and snack to take home — and occasionally, a free book. The program is facilitated by Bergsma with support from childminder Shau-na Oughton, ensuring every gathering runs smoothly.

"We really try not to cancel the program," Bergsma said. "Families plan their week around it. It's a warm, welcoming space where kids can learn and caregivers can connect."

The program's success is made possible through grants and community donations that sustain the Carman Family Resource Centre's outreach. No registration is required, and participation is free.

"Book Buddies shows what happens when community spaces work together," Bergsma said. "It's about giving children a love for books and giving parents a place to belong."



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Halloween fun brings costumed families to Ryall Park

By Lana Meier

Families gathered in Ryall Park on Saturday afternoon for the Carman Wellness Connections Halloween Scavenger Hunt. The free event ran from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 25 and welcomed participants of all ages.

Around 40 children, along with parents and caregivers, took part in the scavenger hunt through the park. Each child received a treat bag, and Homestead Co-op in Carman supplied snacks for families to enjoy. Outdoor games provided by the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce added to the activities.

The warm, sunny autumn weather encouraged families to stay and visit, with children proudly showing off their costumes as they made their way through the park. Volunteers supported the event by organiz-

ing games, helping participants, and handing out treats.

Pictured from top right, Avery, Nova and Hannah, dressed as a butterfly, Snow White and a prom queen, take part in the Carman Wellness Connections Halloween Scavenger Hunt in Ryall Park on Oct. 25.

Theron and Tara Tkachyk joined the festivities as Chuckie and Bat Girl during the Halloween scavenger hunt.

Volunteer Julie Hesketh helps Toby with the axe-throwing game at the community event in Ryall Park.

Volunteers included Jackie Labossiere, Susan Weppler (dressed as Cruella) with friend Meerna, and Iron Man (Maverick Pritchard), assisting with games and treat distribution.



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Martin Dewit retires after 35 years of fire safety education

By E. Antonio

After 35 years of serving as the Carman Dufferin Fire Department's (CDFD) public education officer, Martin Dewit is ready to hang up his jacket and helmet as he steps into retirement.

Dewit joined the department in 1990 as a volunteer firefighter but quickly discovered a passion for teaching children about fire safety.

"I have always gotten a kick out of kids, and when they came around it would only take a small part out of my day to do it," he said. "So eventually, I guess I just came to be the guy who did it."

School visits soon became one of the most meaningful aspects of his role. While he's lost count of the number of presentations he's given, Dewit says his goal was always the same — to make fire safety memorable and fun for everyone, including Barbie Que.

Barbie Que — a prop barbecue Dewit created himself — became the star of the show. During each presentation, he would toss his notes into Barbie's mouth and, at the end, invite the teacher to pull out one "special" note to remember. That note, in fact, contained all the safety tips together plus a hidden surprise — a pair of underpants.

"It's about keeping the kids engaged," he said. "I tell them all this stuff is important to keep in the back of their minds. I just like to make it fun with them."

Another signature teaching tool was his "brain scanner," complete with flashing lights.

At the start of each session, he explained that when you think, you create brainwaves. He'd take those brainwaves and turn them into seeds that would sprout different colours depending on what the students learned that day — red meant there was more to learn, while green showed progress.

"At the beginning, the seeds would sprout red and at the end, they would — hopefully — sprout green," he said. "I then take those seeds and plant them back into the brain scanner and give them back all their brainwaves so they always have this knowledge with them."

For Dewit, watching children leave with new awareness — and excitement — was proof of success.

"Talking about how to prevent fires is the easy part. It's making sure they can remember and know how to prevent them that's the hard part. You never see them trying to prevent fires — we only see them once the fire has started."

Looking back, Dewit says the highlight of his career has been the people he's had the pleasure of working with. He said he's been blessed to know so many other volunteer firefighters who treat each other like family. He's also thankful for the ongoing support the CDFD receives from the community.

"Firefighting is expensive — our training and our gear — it costs the taxpayers a fair bit. But it's safe to say you don't need to use it often, but when you need it, you really need it. So to be able to have the support we have, I think is just wonderful."

Now retired, Dewit is looking forward to keeping busy by trying out new activities, gardening, and



Dewit with Barbie Que and his "brain scanner," two props he created to make his fire safety presentations both memorable and fun.

spending time with family and friends.

"I will always find something to do," he added.

He encourages everyone to drive carefully, consider volunteering with the fire department — "it's a great thing to do" — and to always stay safe around fires.

Friends and colleagues commended Dewit on his wit, humour, and ability to educate others of any age, saying he will truly be missed at the CDFD.

Monica Halbesma, retired public education safety coordinator, said his contributions to education and to keeping the public safe were inspiring.

"He shared his passion for fire prevention with hundreds and hundreds of residents over the years. From fire hall tours, reading to children for I Love to Read Month, fire extinguisher training, fire safety with seniors and to being outfitted in the Sparky outfit at community events ... his technique for instilling fire prevention in the minds of children is extraordinary."

She described Dewit as committed, experienced, dependable, out-

going and community-minded — "he made fire prevention educational and fun," she added.

Rick Penner, retired fire chief, echoed Halbesma, noting Dewit's ability to always be there for others.

"In his earlier tenure, Martin was easily counted on to respond to calls at any hour. As time progressed, Martin would respond to the fire hall for a call but would assess the manpower situation and then decide whether to respond with us. He was always willing," he said.

Penner recalls when Dewit first applied — and was turned down — by the CDFD. One chief thought he lived too far away from the station to make a reasonable response time, but as times changed, so did their thoughts, and Dewit officially became the other "old guy" at the department, next to Penner, who began in 1978 — sparking a close connection.

"Martin will be greatly missed. I hope others have learned from him and what he has provided to the community. I'm going to especially miss his wry



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Martin Dewit retires after 35 years as a firefighter and public education officer with the Carman Dufferin Fire Department. He visited countless school groups, giving children tips on how to prevent fires and what to do when one sparks.



Martin Dewit shares fire safety stories with students during I Love to Read Month, combining books, humour and hands-on demonstrations to help children learn how to stay safe.

sense of humour and the one-liners he would post on our chat group," he added.

Lastly, current fire chief Chris Lemky offered Dewit well wishes for his retirement.

"His knowledge of the fire service was impeccable with all the work he did with public education. I am hoping we will be able to get to that level of service again, but it will be tough shoes to fill."

He said he will miss Dewit's lively attitude and his ability to light up every room.

"He left a lot of memories with the people he's worked with, and I know — for me — these memories are going to stick for a long time."

Lemky hopes Dewit will accept the department's invitation to be an honorary guest at the next winter ball.

"On behalf of the entire CDFD family, we wish him well and that he has a safe, enjoyable and re-

Carman Dufferin CIB reflects on year of growth, partnerships and remembrance

By Lana Meier

Carman-Dufferin Communities in Bloom marked a busy and community-minded year as members gathered for their annual general meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The group looked back on a full season of planting, beautification and community-building projects, highlighted by the completion and grand opening of the Friends & Family Playground and Clearwater Memorial.

"Our past year has been extremely busy," said Deb Penner of Communities in Bloom (CIB). "The late spring starts with the planting of all the pots in town as well as our own pots. The continuing work on the Friends & Family Playground; CIB was part of the committee for the Clearwater Memorial that was incorporated into the playground. After the completion of that, there was the very successful grand opening in the fall."

The group also hosted its long-table dinner in August, with proceeds directed toward the revitalization of Ryall Park. CIB members took part in the Book It Fun Run, shared parade duties at the Carman Fair, volunteered with the DAS and Kinettes, and wrapped the year with the creation and placement of winter pots throughout the community.

Penner said the organization is particularly proud of the Friends & Family Playground and the Clearwater Memorial, which honour Amanda Clearwater and her children Bethany, Jayven and Isabella, along with their cousin, Myah-Lee Gratton.

"This project not only gave to the children of our community a new playground, but also the memories for the Clearwater family to remember their precious grandchildren playing in this beautiful spot," Penner said. "The Turtles representing Bethany, Javyen and Isabella, and the Mother Turtle representing Amanda looking back at her children. Genesis turtle represents the support for help against domestic violence and the memory of Maya Lee. We have so much gratitude to our community for their support with donations."

CIB continues to see its work influence community pride in smaller, everyday ways as well.

"When the pots go out, you see businesses adding to the fronts of their establishments, which is wonderful," said Penner. "I think when the community sees what is done, it gets everyone involved."

This year's AGM featured guest speaker Cathie



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Colourful flower pots planted and maintained by Carman-Dufferin CIB brightened streets and public spaces across town this summer. The group oversees seasonal planting, watering and upkeep as part of its ongoing beautification work.

McFarlane, a board member with Manitoba Communities in Bloom. With Carman Dufferin planning to enter the provincial competition in 2026, her visit was both timely and encouraging.

"She welcomed our group to enter our beautiful community and that was so encouraging for us to get ready to enter the 2026 competition," Penner said. "She did mention that what she knew of Carman, we are well on our way to the judging next summer."

Because of McFarlane's involvement at the provincial level, the group has gained access to new resources, knowledge and programs that will support their competition preparation and future project planning.

CIB also acknowledged the importance of partnerships, including its ongoing collaboration with BRK, which has supported multiple local initiatives.

"CIB has a strong value for working and supporting other groups in our community," Penner said. "Many of us have the same goals and working together towards them only enhances the end project."

Looking ahead, CIB's priorities include preparing for the 2026 competition and continuing work toward the Ryall Park revitalization.

Residents are encouraged to take part in even



CIB volunteers Judy Neustaedter (left) and Deb Penner (right) present flowers to Manitoba Communities in Bloom board member Cathie McFarlane, who shared guidance and encouragement as Carman-Dufferin prepares to enter the provincial competition in 2026.

small ways.

"Everyone can do their part, whether it's while you're out for a walk picking up a little garbage or pulling a couple of weeds, it all helps," Penner said.

For Penner, the work is rooted in a strong personal connection to Carman.

"My grandparents, parents, myself, our kids and grandkids have grown up and are growing up in this community," she said. "It gives me personal gratification to see Carman become an even more beautiful place to live. We truly have a lovely town and people from other communities make comments to that."

Above all, she hopes residents see the care that goes into every project.

"My hope is that people know we care about this community."

> FIRE SAFETY, FROM PG. 12

laxing retirement."

Dewit's most important fire safety tips

Stop, drop and rock: If you are on fire, ensure the flames stay underneath you. "If you have fire on you and you roll, every time you roll the fire comes out on top again, so the idea is to keep the fire underneath you and squish it out," Dewit said.

Don't feel a wooden door: Wood doesn't transfer heat, so even if your bedroom door feels cool, there might be a fire blazing on the other side. Instead, Dewit encourages people to put pressure against the door, slowly open it a crack, and listen or look for signs of smoke. If you detect smoke or fire, find another way out.

Have a fire escape plan: Always have two ways out of every room and know where to go if a fire breaks out in your home.

Have working smoke alarms: Test them every six months. "Know that smoke alarms do save lives,"

Dewit added. "I know that from experiences I've been to at fire scenes."

Never play with fire: Always be responsible — all it takes is one spark to turn into a big disaster. As Dewit said, "Fire is a tool, not a toy."

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Farmers welcome extension of Crown land rent freeze

By E. Antonio

The Manitoba government has extended its current rent freeze of \$3.66 per animal unit month for Agricultural Crown Lands (ACL) forage leases through the 2026 growing season, Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced on Oct. 8. The rate remains the lowest in Western Canada.

"Manitoba producers are the backbone of the provincial economy and our government is committed to keeping life affordable for the hard-working Manitobans who put food on our tables," said Kostyshyn. "Continuing this rent freeze provides financial stability for producers and reflects our commitment to affordability."

The ACL program supports approximately 1,750 leaseholders across Manitoba, including Fisher Branch cattle farmer Allan Lindal. He owns about 100 Simmentals and farms 1,000 acres of Crown land—just under half of his total property. Lindal said the extended rent freeze will provide financial relief for him and other Interlake producers.

"I was happy to see the government's commitment to doing it again, as it is very financially helpful to us farmers," he said. "It truly shows their commitment to people working within the agricultural sector, and at the bottom line—when the agriculture industry thrives, so will the businesses. Because if cattle farmers have money to spend, we will spend it. If we don't, we'll definitely be cutting back on our purchases."

This past growing season has brought many challenges, both physical and financial. Farmers across the province have faced drought and feed shortages—two factors that have strained Lindal's operation. He said that despite the shortages, he expects to have enough feed to last the winter, though it's not a situation he's comfortable with.

While he appreciates the rent freeze, Lindal said it represents only a temporary measure for a long-term issue.

"They need to come up with something they can commit to long term. While the freezes are nice, it's just a short, one-time fix that leads to uncertainty for the future years. A long-term plan is needed to help farmers sustain their operations."

Lindal also wants to see changes to the allocation system, which he said makes it difficult for young farmers to acquire land.

He explained that under the current 15-year lease bid system, the higher the bid, the greater the chance of securing the lease. Once awarded, the land is leased for only 15 years. The previous system was based on need, and farmers could hold land indefinitely.

"Young farmers who are purchasing their land always have to think into the future, and what their plans might be to purchase more land once their 15-year lease is up," Lindal said. "It should come back to the—what I think was called—the legacy lease, so young farmers can know they are committed to their career and don't have to face that uncertainty."

Along with the rent freeze, the Manitoba government has launched the first phase of its public engagement process to help shape the future of the ACL program—something Lindal said he's pleased to see.



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Allan Lindal and his son, Arik, of Fisher Branch will benefit from the Agricultural Crown Lands rent freeze in 2026.

"I encourage all farmers to take part in the survey," he said. "It shows that the government is committed to helping improve the program, and I'm hoping that with the inclusion of farmers' voices, it will give the government some ideas and the go-ahead to proceed with changes. It's good they want to get our opinions—now I hope they listen."

Manitobans can complete the survey at engagemb.ca until Nov. 24. Feedback will help inform decisions for the 2027 ACL program.

"Our minister of agriculture does understand the importance of the agriculture industry and Crown land to rural agricultural operations," Lindal added. "We'll work together to ensure the industry is sustainable in all communities within the Interlake."

Boiler upgrade, religious instruction approved at Prairie Rose board meeting

By E. Antonio

The Prairie Rose School Division board of trustees approved several items at its Oct. 6 meeting, including a boiler replacement project for St. Laurent School and the continuation of religious instruction at two division schools.

Superintendent/CEO Kevin Clace reported that the province has authorized the division to proceed to tender for the St. Laurent School boiler replacement. The upgrade is identified as a key capital project for the 2025–26 school year.

Trustees also passed By-Laws 101/25 and 102/25, authorizing religious instruction at Carman Collegiate and St. François Xavier Community School for the remainder of the school year. In a separate motion, the board approved the daily recitation of the Lord's Prayer at Blooming Prairie Hutterian Colony School, following a petition signed by at least 75 per cent of parents and guardians, as required under provincial regulation.

Clace noted that divisional student achievement and staff development remain the division's two main focus areas this fall. The work is guided by four priorities: literacy, numeracy,

student well-being, and truth and reconciliation.

"Schools are implementing Continuous Improvement Plans based on local and provincial assessment data and are working with our new Literacy Leader to enhance instruction and student outcomes," he said. "Staff across the division have also completed Restitution training to promote safe, caring school environments that reduce learning disruptions and support positive behaviour."

For French immersion programming, PRSD educators are partnering with the Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF) and the Association canadienne des professionnels de l'immersion (ACPI) to participate in provincial and national learning cohorts. Locally, Lisa Tessier-Burch, divisional French academic achievement leader, will continue supporting classroom staff, while the French Revitalization Grant will fund initiatives that strengthen French-language environments and expand French programming.

As part of ongoing community engagement, the division reviewed results from the Carman Community Wellbeing Survey, which highlighted

the importance of belonging among students, staff and the broader community. Items of interest included:

- The need for increased youth employment, skills training and apprenticeship opportunities;
- Strong levels of trust between schools, staff, trustees and the community;
- Concerns regarding crosswalk safety and speeding in school zones.

The division will continue engagement efforts through its monthly divisional newsletter *The Pulse*, travelling board meetings and public budget consultations. The following schedules were confirmed:

2026–27 Operational Budget Consultations

- Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at 7 p.m. – Parent Advisory Councils Consultation, École Carman Elementary (PAC members only, hybrid)
- Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, at 7 p.m. – Hutterian Colonies Consultation, Maple Creek School – Miami Colony (colony members only, in-person)
- Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025, at 7 p.m. – General Community Consultation, St. Laurent School (all stakeholders, hybrid)

2025–26 Travelling Board Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, at 7 p.m. – St. François Xavier Community School (hybrid)
- Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, at 7 p.m. – École Carman Elementary (hybrid)

Financially, trustees approved July 2025 general expenditures totaling \$4,140,543.59. The board also passed By-Law 100/25 regarding borrowing and gave final approval to Policy 19 – Finances, which outlines financial governance for the division.

In other business, trustees discussed enhancing community engagement on divisional media platforms, confirmed meeting dates for the Carman Collegiate Theatre Access and Affordability Committee, and reviewed plans for the annual strategic planning session scheduled for Dec. 11–12. The division office will be closed to the public Dec. 29–31, and October has been proclaimed Dyslexia Awareness Month.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 at 7 p.m., held both in person at the division office in Carman and via Google Meet.

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Twisters edged in back-to-back outings, still seeking first win

By Annaliese Meier

The Pembina Valley Twisters remain in search of their first win of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season after dropping a pair of close contests over the weekend.

On Thursday night in Winnipeg, the Twisters came out firing offensively in a 6-5 shootout loss to the St. Vital Jr. Victorias at St. Vital Centennial Arena. Pembina Valley twice held the lead and got multi-goal efforts from Ryan Thiessen, but the Victorias forced ex-

tra time and secured the extra point on a shootout winner from Liam Saxberg.

Thiessen struck twice, with Ozymandis Atkinson, Vlad Stepic and Lucas Thomas also scoring for the Twisters. Rowan Cherkas was busy in net, turning aside 47 shots as St. Vital held a 53-48 edge on the shot clock.

The Twisters carried some of that momentum back to Morris on Sunday but again came up just short, falling 2-1 to the Charleswood Hawks.

After a scoreless first two periods, Charleswood's Tyson Sperber opened the scoring 1:30 into the third. The Twisters answered midway through the frame when Josh Guilford finished off a passing play from Lucas Thomas and Brayden Cox, tying the game 1-1. But the Hawks responded late, with captain Elliott Lewis scoring the game-winner at 17:32.

Goaltender Darion Penner kept Pembina Valley in it throughout, making 29 saves in a strong performance.

The Twisters sit at 0-7-1 to start the season, but have played in increasingly close games and have shown improvement in five-on-five play.

Pembina Valley is back on the ice Thursday, Oct. 31, when they visit the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins. The Twisters then return home to the Morris MultiPlex on Sunday, Nov. 2 to host the River East Royal Knights. Puck drop is 7 p.m.

Pembina Valley builds momentum with pair of victories

By Annaliese Meier

The Pembina Valley Hawks earned two wins and an overtime point over a three-game stretch in U18 AAA league play last week, highlighted by a come-from-behind overtime victory over the Winnipeg Wild and a dominant offensive showing against the Kenora Thistles.

The Hawks opened the week with a 3-2 overtime victory against the Wild on Oct. 22 at the Access Event Centre in Morden. After falling behind 1-0 early in the first, Pembina Valley responded in the second when Cole Secord tied the game on a setup from

Parker Henderson and Casey Magarrell. The teams traded goals again in the third, with Caden McMahon drawing Pembina Valley even 2-2 with just under seven minutes to play.

In overtime, the Hawks capitalized on a late power-play opportunity, as Paxton White finished a passing sequence from Secord and Magarrell at 2:12 of the extra frame. Goaltender Koen Bleznuk was outstanding, stopping 45 of 47 shots to secure the win.

Pembina Valley carried that momentum into Saturday's matchup with Kenora, where the Hawks controlled play start to finish in a 13-1 decision.

The Hawks scored nine times in the second period and outshot the Thistles 66-19 overall. McMahon, Nolan Bravo, Carson Hiebert and Machray Siler each scored multiple goals, while Henderson recorded five assists and White, Secord and Magarrell also registered multi-point nights. Brody Peters made 18 saves in the win.

The Hawks wrapped up the weekend with a 5-4 shootout victory over the Southwest Cougars on Sunday. Ocean Fehr opened the scoring for Pembina Valley, while McMahon, Henderson and Fehr added goals later in the game to force overtime after

the Cougars had built a 3-1 lead early in the second. Hiebert scored the lone goal in the shootout, and Bleznuk stopped all three Cougars shooters to seal it.

Over the three-game stretch, Pembina Valley outscored opponents 21-7 and generated strong balance throughout its forward group, while Bleznuk and Peters combined for steady work in net.

The Hawks return to the road this week, visiting the Winnipeg Wild on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Hockey For All Centre.

Hawks split weekend games in home doubleheader

By Annaliese Meier

The Pembina Valley Hawks earned a 6-3 win over the Central Plains Capitals on Friday before falling 6-1 to the Eastman Selects on Saturday in Manitoba Female U18 AAA league play at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

On Friday, the Hawks built momentum early and received offence throughout the lineup. Sophia Cox opened the scoring in the first period,

and Payton Manness added another before the intermission to give Pembina Valley a 2-1 lead.

The Hawks extended their advantage in the second with goals from Claire Boyd — who scored twice in the frame — and a shorthanded effort from Casey O'Brien. Cox added her second of the night late in the third to secure the win. Pembina Valley finished 1-for-2 on the power play, while

goaltender Madison Froese turned aside 35 shots in the victory.

Pembina Valley returned to home ice the next afternoon to face league-leading Eastman. Claire Boyd scored early to tie the game 1-1 in the first period, but the Selects took control late in the frame and added three unanswered goals in the second period. Eastman outshot the Hawks 41-7, and Froese faced another high-volume

workload in goal.

The weekend results move Pembina Valley to 3-4 on the season, sitting in the middle of a tightly grouped standings table as teams approach the one-third mark of the schedule.

The Hawks return to league action on Wednesday, Oct. 29 when they host the Central Plains Capitals at the Access Event Centre in Morden at 7:30 p.m.

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Sweet Pumpkin Soup

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red pepper flakes (optional)
In stockpot, saute carrots, celery and shallots in butter until slightly browned.

Add pumpkin, broth, cloves, allspice and ginger.

Bring mixture to simmer and cook about 20 minutes.

Remove from stockpot and puree using immersion blender.

Return to stove and slowly add cream and honey until well combined. Return to simmer and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, to taste.

Garnish with parsley and red pepper flakes, if desired.

1/2 cup carrots, chopped
1/2 cup celery stalks, diced
1 cup shallots, chopped
3 tablespoons butter
30 ounces canned pumpkin (not pie filling)
6 cups chicken or vegetable broth
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste



Stuffed Boneless Pork Loin Roast

In large bowl, combine bread, vegetable mixture, liquid ingredients, apples, sage and rosemary. Gently toss until bread absorbs most of the liquid.

Cut three pieces of butcher's twine about 4 inches longer than the longest side of butterflied roast. Lay string on cutting board horizontally and lay roast on top of string to cover.

Place half of the stuffing mixture onto butterflied pork loin and press down firmly. Roll roast up and tie with butcher's twine to hold it together, taking care not to tie too tightly, and press any stuffing that comes loose back into ends of roast.

Place stuffed and tied roast, fat cap up, on rack over baking sheet. Season liberally with salt and pepper; roast until meat thermometer inserted into roast registers 140 F, 75-90 minutes.

Place remaining stuffing in a small ovenproof casserole dish and cover with foil. After roasting 30 minutes, place extra stuffing in oven to cook alongside roast.

Remove foil from extra stuffing and remove roast from oven. Let rest for 10 minutes then remove the extra stuffing from oven.

Cut twine from roast and discard. Cut roast into six thick slices, taking care not to lose stuffing. Serve with extra stuffing and gravy.

Prep time: 40 minutes
Cook time: 95 minutes
Servings: 6
1 Coleman Natural boneless pork roast (3-4 pounds)
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 cup diced celery
1/2 cup diced carrots
1/2 cup diced onions
2 large eggs
1/2 cup milk
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon fresh sage
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
2 cups cubed fresh bread, crust removed
1 apple, diced
gravy, for serving
Preheat oven to 375 F.
Butterfly roast.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil and butter. Add celery, carrots and onions; cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

While vegetables are cooking, whisk eggs; milk; salt, to taste; and pepper, to taste, until well combined. Mince sage and rosemary.

Exercise and eating patterns affect brain health

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

Diet and exercise have a significant impact on memory, focus and overall brain health. Perhaps that will motivate you the next time you think about skipping a workout.

Many other factors play a role, including genetics, but research increasingly points to the importance of proper nutrition and physical activity for cognitive function. In fact, the No. 1 thing you can control to help keep your mind sharp is exercise.

Weight training is a must for almost everyone. It can be customized to your needs and target your weak spots, which is why you see such a diverse group in the gym—from older adults working with a trainer to athletes building endurance and explosive power for their sport. It's one more reason to lift, knowing the activity benefits brain health.

Both strength training and cardiovascular exercise support neuroplasticity—the brain's ability to form new connections between neurons—leading to improved attention and memory. This is due in part to increased blood flow to the brain during exercise. Physical activity also boosts dopamine and serotonin, which enhances mood and aids focus.

A balanced diet that includes key nutrients supports the brain as well. Aim to regularly consume omega-3 fatty acids, antioxidants, B vitamins and minerals to get the most from your training and support overall, especially mental, health. You can find healthy fats in fatty fish, chia



Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

seeds, walnuts and flaxseed, and there are many easy ways to work them into your routine.

Hydration is closely linked to brain function. Because the brain is about 80 per cent water, staying well hydrated helps prevent the brain fog and reduced cognitive function that can come with dehydration.

Have questions about improving your energy through exercise and diet? Email me at julie@juliegermaine.fit to chat, or schedule a free online consultation at calendly.com/juliegermaine.

Coach Julie Germaine Coram is dedicated to lifelong health. She is an active mom, Registered Personal Trainer, two-time pro fitness champion, and Certified Nutrition Expert & Fitness Specialist who has helped thousands worldwide improve their health since 2005.



Sweetpotato Goat Cheese Bites

for garnish

Preheat oven to 450 F.

Slice sweetpotatoes 1/4-inch thick.

Line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Layer sweetpotatoes on top of parchment paper.

Spray sweetpotatoes with coconut spray and sprinkle with seasoned salt. Flip sweetpotato slices and repeat.

Bake 10 minutes. Flip slices and bake 10 minutes. Transfer sweetpotatoes to serving plate.

Mix goat cheese and 1 tablespoon honey until whipped and creamy. Spread goat cheese over sweetpotato slices.

Sprinkle with pecans and cranberries. Drizzle remaining honey over sweetpotatoes.

Garnish with basil and serve.

Recipe courtesy of Katie Crenshaw on behalf of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 24

2 medium sweetpotatoes

2 tablespoons coconut or olive oil spray

1 teaspoon seasoned salt

5 ounces goat cheese

2 tablespoons honey, divided

1/4 cup chopped candied or toasted pecans

1/3 cup dried cranberries

1 tablespoon fresh basil, sliced thinly,

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Each year, Prairie Rose School Division's (PRSD) Board of Trustees consults with parents/guardians and community stakeholders of PRSD as they develop the annual Operational Budget for the following school year. This year, PRSD is hosting an in-person/virtual General Community 2026-2027 Operational Budget Consultation at St. Laurent School on November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the conversation on what should be the Board's focus in the 2026-2027 Operational Budget, please register online by visiting our website at www.prstdmb.ca or contact us by email at prsd@g.prstdmb.ca. A virtual meeting link will be sent via email to those who pre-register. The questions will be posted online prior to the consultation date.

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-Kathy Watson
and family

OBITUARY



Ronald John Owen

It is with great sadness and infinite love that we announce the passing of our Dad, Grandpa (Gpa), Great Grandpa, Brother, Brother-in-Law, and friend, on Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Carman Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his ever-growing family: Stephen and Doris and their children - Roxanne (Brent) Kylie, Brinley, and Olivia; Janine and boys Bodhi and Barrett; Michelle (Neil) Layla and Beckham; Tiffany (Scott) and baby due February 2026. Brenda (Bob) and her children - Troy, Mitchell (Maeghan) and Taya. Michael and his children - Jessica (Garry) Grayson, Lachlan, and Fletcher; Justin (Kenna) and Jensen. Also survived by brother Jim, sister-in-law Judie, and brother-in-law George (Noreen), as well as many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his wife Karen, son-in-law Pat, brother Lyall, and

sister-in-law Linda.

Dad was born on the family farm in Graysville on September 17, 1935 to Rod and Mary (Stewart). As a young man, he spent time in Alberta working in the oil fields, from which he shared many stories over the past few years. He returned home and married his love, Karen (Gray), on June 17, 1961. Together, they raised their three children on the original homestead, where he farmed with his brothers until moving into Graysville in 1980. Those were busy years filled with school, sports, and family events. Although the farm didn't allow for many family vacations, the ones taken were full of wonderful memories. Dad was also an avid curler and golfer for many years.

He continued farming with the help of the boys until 1984 when he decided to take up a new career path in real estate. He loved this new venture and worked alongside friends and colleagues at Klos Realty with Bert and later Nestor for 33 years. He had an incredible memory and could tell you when, to whom, and how many times he sold each property he had dealt with. When his grandson asked him what he'd like people to remember about him, he grinned and said, "That I had 78 real estate listings in 2003."

We, of course, will remember him for so much more than that.

He loved driving - chauffeuring his kids and grandkids to many events and appointments, which became a big part of their social lives over the years. His passengers would attest to him circling a parking lot 10 times, looking for the perfect parking spot.

Every year he purchased a new Day-Timer calendar journal, recording the weather of the day, birthdays, and special dates for his kids and grandkids' upcoming events, appointments, and vacations. He would open his calendar daily to see what everyone was up to and with whom he needed to connect to send a birthday wish or message of encouragement. He texted, emailed, and scrolled Facebook for updates and pictures of his favorite people.

Most recently, we were fortunate enough to celebrate his 90th birthday in Graysville with many friends and family. He later commented that there were 64 people in attendance - he had counted. We are so glad we had that time together.

He loved reading the daily newspaper, doing crosswords, and watching sports on TV. He was really hoping the Blue Jays would move on. They did and so has he.

He was the most genuine person, with an incredibly generous heart. The number of words needed to fully describe his character, and demeanor would be endless. He was deeply loved by all, and we will miss him immensely.

Family graveside service took place in Riverside Cemetery, Graysville. Gathering of family and friends took place at the Royal Canadian Legion #18, Carman on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025.

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OBITUARY



Brett Terry Carter

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brett Terry Carter, age 40, who passed away peacefully in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 4, 2025 after a brief but courageous journey with cancer, glioblastoma.

Brett was born on August 25, 1985 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After graduating from high school in Carman, Manitoba, he began a successful career with Costco Wholesale in St. James, Winnipeg, where he proudly served as Membership Manager. Brett's leadership, humour, and kindness touched the lives of everyone he worked with. He was not only a respected manager and mentor but also a loyal friend who had a special gift for making others feel valued and appreciated.

Family was everything to Brett. He lovingly referred to his wife and daughter as "his girls," and nothing brought him greater joy than spending time with them. Whether it was swimming in the pool, hosting family dinners, or watching his favourite Christmas movies year-round, Brett made every moment special. His warmth, laughter, and generous spirit will forever be remembered by all who knew him.

Brett will be deeply missed by his loving wife Erin and daughter Emily who reside in Oak Bluff, Manitoba. Also mourning their loss are: his father Terry Carter (Dang) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and his mother Reina McClain (Ron). He is survived by his sisters Shauna McIlmoyle (Dave), Amanda Rose, his nieces Mackenzie and Hailey Rose, stepsister Tyla Ens (Mac), his nephew Jack Ens, stepbrother Brady McClain, his mother-in-law Debbie Johnson, and fathers-in-law Neil Becholdt and David Johnson, along with a large extended family and countless dear friends who loved him deeply.

Brett's life was filled with love, laughter, and compassion. Though his time with us was far too short, his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, on Sunday, November 9th at 2 p.m.

OBITUARY



Frederick William VanKoughnet

Frederick William VanKoughnet died October 26, 2025. He was born October 11, 1928 in the Carman Memorial Hospital to Will and Clara VanKoughnet from the Ostrander District. He grew up on the farm with his four sisters and usually the teacher boarded with their family as well.

Fred gained some notoriety when he started playing hardball. With most of his peers off to war, skipping a grade and a late birthday, he still towered above the other players. And he could throw hard at 16. He played baseball for 20 years. He also enjoyed curling, and later golf and pool.

Fred married V. Joyce McCutcheon on July 31, 1954. Within seven years they had accumulated four children. Fred loved his family and did his best to provide for them. And he loved farming. He was still harrowing at 88 years. Fred enjoyed having clean fields

and trimmed around them to make things neater and for weed control. It must have caught someone's eye because the VanKoughnet Farm was put into a school resource book. Also Fred was nominated for Mr. Manitoba Farmer.

He was part of many boards thru the years: Graham Elevator Board, UGG Board, Farm Business Association, Carman Fair Board - Young Men's Section and Sr. Board including president, Carman Co-op Board including President, Carman Hall Building Project Chairman.

When the children all left home it was time for Fred and Joyce to travel. They went to Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Europe, several cruises in the Mediterranean and multiple trips to British Columbia and Mesa, Arizona to visit Fred's sister and her husband, Joyce and Dave Robertson.

In later years Fred became more attentive to his wife Joyce and her failing health. His desire was to live at least one day longer than her so he could take care of her. He spoke glowingly of her and their many happy years together.

Fred is survived by his children Jim and Cathy (dtr. Grace and Josh), Lois and Sri (dtr. Kiran), Colleen and Terry (dtr Lisa and Brad) [Alecia and Riley] [Ty and Brooklyn] Iverson, (son Mark and Ainsley, Shane, Bryn, and Jace) Reimer, (dtr. Jill and Jeremy, Avery) Klassen, Brent and Jocelyn (son Joel and dtr. Katie).

He was predeceased by his wife Joyce VanKoughnet September 3, 2023.

Funeral service will be held Friday October 31, 2025 at 11:00.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Carman Area Foundation or a charity of ones choice.

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MOVEMBER
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MEN'S HEALTH

Don't be afraid to get help



Studies show that men are less likely than women to seek treatment for physical and mental health issues. Does this sound familiar? If so, you should know that avoiding the doctor's office provides an opportunity for minor problems to worsen, which can reduce your life expectancy by several years.

PREVENTION IS THE KEY

Don't wait until you're in significant pain to seek help. As soon as you experience worrying symptoms, it's important to take the necessary steps to feel better. Keep in mind that the first thing you should do is visit your family doctor to get an accurate picture of your condition and learn about possible solutions. Depending on your age and medical history, your doctor may recommend getting certain vaccines, such as the one for shingles, or running specific tests, including a colorectal cancer screening or a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test. If one of the men in your life is neglecting his health, respectfully voice your concerns and offer to help him contact the appropriate resources, if necessary. If you want to advocate for men's health, consider donating money or volunteering your time to a local men's organization or foundation.

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