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Veteran honoured with Quilt of Valour in Carman

By E. Antonio

A longtime Canadian Armed Forces veteran was recognized for his service during a special presentation at the Carman Legion late last month.

Don Lemon received a Quilt of Valour on March 31 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #18 in Carman, surrounded by family, fellow Legion members and friends.

"I feel honoured to have received the Quilt of Valour," Lemon said. "It was unexpected — and I think there are people out there more deserving than I am — but I am proud of this recognition."

The quilt was presented by Nicole Young, regional representative from Quilts of Valour-Canada — a national organization that honours injured or ill military members and veterans with handmade quilts as a symbol of comfort and gratitude, and Edith Taylor who made the quilt.

Lemon served for 36 years as a communications technician with the Royal Canadian Air Force, with postings across Canada and at NATO in Europe. His decades-long career included supporting operations and communications systems both domestically and internationally.



Overall, Lemon said he had a very good career with the Air Force.

"When I retired, I was sorry because I still enjoyed my career and thought I had something to give," he added. "The work wasn't always easy, but it was worthwhile."

The most impactful parts of his career was travelling all over Canada and Europe, living, working and serving across much of the two countries.

His favourite spots include Gander, Nfld. and Germany because of the people and scenery.

As a communications technician, Lemon had opportunities to work on "state-of-the-art" equipment, includ-



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Edith Taylor and Quilts of Valour regional representative, Nicole Young, present Carman's Don Lemon with a Quilt of Valour. The quilt was made by Taylor and gifted to Lemon in honour of his 36 years of service with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

ing some of the earliest computers.

"They were huge and it was really something to experience," he said. "It's crazy to think something that size can all fit inside your phone now."

The presentation ceremony recognized not only his years of service but also the sacrifices made by his family along the way.

Lemon's wife, Valma, and son, Bryan, were in attendance for the ceremony, joining members of the legion branch and community supporters in marking the occasion.

Valma said she and her three sons — Bryan, Dwayne and Troy — were very fortunate to travel with Lemon through all of his career. They valued being able to stay together and said it shaped their relationships.

"We got to experience life together," Velma added. "The military was very good to our family and Don receiving this quilt was such a great honour. He gave the military the best they could and now they are giving him the best."

Quilts of Valour presentations are intended to provide a tangible expression of appreciation to veterans, offering both comfort and recognition for their contributions and commitment.

Young explained, to date, 28,002 Quilts of Valour have been compassionately stitched as a "heartfelt thank you" to veterans and Canadian Armed Forces members who have been injured, for their sacrifice and dedication to Canada.

"A Quilt of Valour is far more than a handmade blanket— it is a tangible expression of gratitude, respect, and comfort," she added. "Each quilt is carefully crafted and presented with the intention of wrapping the recipient in warmth, both physically and emotionally. It symbolizes that their service has not been

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forgotten, and that Canadians deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made. For many recipients, it offers a sense of recognition, healing, and connection."

Recipients are nominated by the public, friends or family, then each nomination is carefully reviewed to ensure they meet the criteria. Young described the Quilt of Valour ceremonies as an "incredibly moving and humbling experience," and the mo-

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Sonatrice Singers present “Life’s Rhythms” spring concert

By Lana Meier

The Sonatrice Singers will present their annual spring concert, Life’s Rhythms, with performances on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Carman United Church.

The theme reflects the many ways rhythm shapes everyday life — from the natural cycles of seasons and sleep to emotional highs and lows, musical patterns and shared human experiences.

Anne Hamilton said the program was designed to reflect both the science and experience of music.

“Research shows there are positive benefits to singing together, including synchronized heartbeats, and those benefits can extend to audiences as well,” she said. “Listening to music can reduce stress and improve overall well-being.”

Hamilton said that sense of connection is woven throughout the repertoire.

The program touches on life stages with Wide Open Spaces, emotional moods through classics like Blue Moon and Mood Indigo, and quieter reflective moments in pieces such as The Seal Lullaby and Homeward Bound. Seasonal and natural rhythms are also explored in selections like Everything’s Coming Up Roses and A Girl’s Garden, leading into the finale, Rhythm of Life, which will include local references to Carman and the Boyne River Bridge.

Audiences can expect a wide variety of music, from a medley of familiar 1950s tunes to the upbeat and percussive Come Alive from The Greatest Showman.

“We’re really focusing on emotional connection and conveying the meaning behind each song,” said Hamilton, adding that balance between the soprano and alto sections is key to the choir’s sound.

Musical highlights also include The Cat’s Ramble, a lively medley of Irish melodies that showcases the choir’s precision and musicality.

The 21-member choir is directed by Brenda Doell, with Audrey Myers accompanying on piano. The acoustics of Carman United Church help highlight the ensemble’s warm, blended choral sound.

Hamilton said Sonatrice has remained strong for more than 50 years thanks to both musical leadership and the relationships within the group.

“With a core group of members who have sung together for years, the choral sound blends into a warm tone, and newcomers become part of that Sonatrice sound,” she said.

She added that the experience goes beyond performance.

“There’s something special about learning a full repertoire together each season — building those harmonies, making connections through breathing and listening, and sharing that sense of achievement.”

Preparation for the concert has in-



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Members of the Sonatrice Singers rehearse for their upcoming spring concert, Life’s Rhythms, set for April 23 and 24 at Carman United Church.

cluded weekly rehearsals, individual practice and sectional work, where each voice group refines challenging passages before coming together as a full choir.

“We aim to reach that point where the music is polished but still full of life and spontaneity,” Hamilton said.

Tickets are valid for one performance

and may be used for either evening. Posters promoting the concert can be found in local businesses throughout the community.

Hamilton encourages residents to attend and experience the performance.

“Come once, tell a friend — or bring a friend and come twice. Sit back and enjoy.”

> HONOUR QUILT, FROM PG. 2



ment carries a profound meaning for everyone involved.

“Being part of that moment is not just an honour— it is something that stays with you long after the quilt has been wrapped around the shoulders of a deserving recipient.

The Carman ceremony served as a moment to reflect on Lemon’s military career and to thank him for his service to Canada.

Karen Maxwell, Carman Legion president, said the legion values moments like this.

“The motto of the Royal Canadian Legion is ‘We Will Remember Them,’”

she said. “Don Lemon is a veteran and this is a special way of remembering his commitment to his Branch, Country, and Sovereign.”

She added Lemon’s service impacts past, present and future generations as an advocate and heavily involved legion member.

“The legion continues to support veterans today by providing support for their mental health, housing, and social reintegration,” she said. “Whatever is needed, the Legion is there for our veterans— we, as members of the Royal Canadian Legion, owe it to them to remember, honor and support them.”

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Manitoba pharmacists can now administer measles vaccines

By Lorne Stelmach

Pharmacists across the province are stepping up in the fight to battle the ongoing measles outbreak.

Pharmacists Manitoba had grown increasingly worried about the toll the rising case count is taking on the health of Manitobans and the impact on the health care system, so the association asked the province last week to make the vaccine readily available for pharmacists to administer.

According to public health data, the number of cases of measles in Manitoba in 2026 as of last week had been the highest in Canada and actually higher than every other province combined, with 352 in Manitoba compared to 230 in the rest of Canada, so an all-hands-on-deck approach is needed, said Gayle Romanetz, president of Pharmacists Manitoba.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent the highly contagious disease, yet 90 per cent of cases in Manitoba this year have been in people who were not immunized.

"More needs to be done and pharmacists can be part of the solution," said Romanetz. "There are hundreds of pharmacists working throughout Manitoba. Pharmacists are highly accessible and trusted health professionals and have ongoing relationships with their patients. Pharmacists can offer convenient, professional service to help boost vaccine uptake—just like flu and COVID-19."

Fellow Pharmacists Manitoba representative Britt Kural said they put out the call to the provincial government and things moved quickly, with the province giving them the go-ahead within days.

"We were really pleased to see that the health minister responded so quickly to the concerns that we

raised," she said. "We know there is a growing problem with measles in the province, and we saw there to be an opportunity for pharmacists to help with protecting the population more than we are currently and with the goal ideally of reducing the number of incidents of measles that is coming up in Manitoba."

Kural noted they have an ongoing message to the government that pharmacists overall can play a much greater role in providing care in many ways.

"Pharmacists are in a good position to be providing much more care and access to primary care especially in these communities," she said. "In this province, pharmacists are actually the most restricted in the number of things that we could do to provide care in community settings compared to every other province.

"We've been asking for this for awhile, and we were pleased to see that the minister moved so quickly on it," she said.

"We see that there has been some unique opportunities for individuals especially in the Southern Health region," added Kural, noting it is a region with low vaccination rates along with Prairie Mountain and Interlake.

"We know that the vaccine is very effective ... but we know vaccination rates have dropped to the point where we are seeing the numbers creep up in the incidents rates. They were well under control just a few years ago, so we would really like to see improved uptake of the vaccine, and the improved accessibility is the first step."

There are over 1,700 pharmacists working in nearly 500 pharmacies throughout 90 communities. Most pharmacists already have access to Manitoba's public health information

management system to access immunization histories and schedules while also having the ability to inform physicians of any new vaccinations.

"This is a common sense step that will help more Manitobans get protected," said Health Minister Uzoma Asagwara. "Pharmacists are trusted, accessible health care providers in communities across Manitoba, and expanding their role makes it easier for families to get vaccinated and protect those most at risk."

Asagwara signed an order to allow pharmacists to administer measles vaccines to Manitobans aged two to 19. The vaccine will continue to be provided at no cost through Manitoba's publicly-funded immunization program.

Children should receive their first dose of measles vaccine at one year and a second dose at between four and six years of age for routine immunizations.

Children living in regions most impacted by the current outbreak may be eligible for an additional dose as young as six months. Manitobans are encouraged to speak to their health-care provider to find out more.

"This is a good first step in making these vaccines more available," said Romanetz. "Pharmacists are ready to work with Minister Asagwara and public health to support convenient access to care and the continued expansion of services in communities across Manitoba."

With measles cases now outpacing the rest of the country combined, expanding access to vaccination has become an urgent public health priority in Manitoba.

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The way it was this week in: April 16

By Dennis Young

100 Years Ago, 1926... The first egg shipment from the Carman Egg Station totalled 430 dozen, valued at \$3,400; potato buyers were paying \$1 to \$1.10 per bushel; the Main Street bridge, known as the McKnight Bridge, was to be strengthened due to increased heavy traffic; a Fannystelle restaurant and pool room was raided and fined \$300 for liquor on premises not considered a dwelling; D.S. McKay at the Carman Harness Shop offered Car-Tops; with poor roads, the trip from Carman to Winnipeg took 2¼ hours at a maximum speed of 25 mph; Doug Woods offered tennis racquet restringing.

75 Years Ago, 1951... The Schmidt family of Graysville was murdered by a son; Roland Hospital was nearly complete; a bylaw was passed in Miami for a \$30,000 skating rink; Rosebank's \$6,000 bylaw for curling, skating and a hall failed to receive majority

support; two farmers were charged for excess quota grain delivery at McCabe's; the Elm Creek Meat Market and Locker Plant opened under manager Bob Stewart; W.T. McCorchuk & Son were Roland's Massey-Harris dealer; 40 acres near Stephenfield sold for \$200; ball gloves were \$1.25 at Marshall Wells; Harry Malcolmson at Carman Pharmacy stocked Max Factor's newest beauty products.

50 Years Ago, 1976... The Recreation Commission revamped director Tom Rockey and arena manager Hans Veenendal's job descriptions; Harold Garnett received the first-ever Curling Club life membership; Ed's Tire Service introduced Paul LaJeunesse as an in-field tire repairman; Bruce North hosted a golf clinic every Tuesday evening at the Collegiate gym; golf season rates were \$80 for men, \$70 for ladies, \$35 for juniors and \$150 for families, with green fees at \$4; Manitoba Pool Elevator agents were John

Veldman of Fannystelle and Henry Veldman of Elm Creek; Carman girls won the provincial high school five-pin title; 400 Club tickets for arena improvements sold out; D.H. Friesen Jeweler held a closing sale.

25 Years Ago, 2001... The Leader won three MCNA awards; Ken Reimer began as the new development officer; the fate of the vacant CBC building was to be determined; Carman Bar 8s celebrated its 50th anniversary; Boundary Trails Health Centre was set to open in May after 20 years of planning; the Sears outlet marked 25 years; the Tempo Festival of the Arts prepared to begin; Cheryl Young won the Bronze Hog and Dennis the Golden Boot at curling windups; the Notre Dame Female Midgets won B provincials; Boyne River Sports sold and stocked Everest model bikes; the Fair Board announced a change from a four-day to a three-day event; Dale Fry Trucking opened in Carman.

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"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2Peter 3:9).

God's promise for this moment

On Easter Sunday morning, as I mused on how Jesus's disciples could have been so shocked at the empty tomb, even though he had explained to them again and again that he would rise on the third day, huge snowflakes fell from the sky. I was bemoaning that it did not look at all like spring, and concerns began to arise. Just then, some young boys darted out of the church doors, their mouths open wide to the sky. What delight they felt as they tried to catch the flakes! They did not give a moment's thought to the fact that it was snowing, even though the calendar had marked spring's arrival. Their squeals filled the air. Jesus used a child as an illustration for the grown-ups of his day: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). We are in God's good hands in this moment.

God's promise for the future

The time between Good Friday and Easter Sunday must have felt like an eternity to Jesus's trembling disciples. They did not remember his promise that he would rise from the dead on the third day. Even when they saw the empty tomb, they thought not of resurrection but of foul play. Each Easter, we are reminded of God's promises to his people through Jesus Christ. He has not abandoned this world. We live in difficult times, no doubt, yet God's promises stand firm. How easy it is for us to forget to live in light of his promise, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Let God's promise-keeping actions encourage you to trust in him for this world's future and your own. We are in God's good hands for the future, too!

Len Lodder, Canadian Reformed Church, Carman East

Flashback: Elm Creek Cargill turns 50

By Dennis Young

In 1976, the Elm Creek Cargill inland terminal opened its doors, marking a significant milestone in the history of grain movement on the Prairies. The project was a substantial undertaking, requiring an investment of \$4 million and the use of 14,000 yards of concrete to construct the impressive 187-foot-high facility.

The journey to this achievement began two years earlier, when Cargill's head office announced the acquisition of Miller land. This strategic purchase paved the way for the development of a groundbreaking "high-throughput" elevator — a concept that was brand new to the region at the time. The innovative design aimed to transform how grain was handled and transported, setting a precedent for future advancements in the industry.

The official opening lasted two days, featuring tours, appearances by Bobby Hull, children's rides, a ceremonial corn delivery by Jim Miller, and a steak barbecue. More than 5,000 attendees enjoyed speeches and meals.

The opening of the terminal quickly became a landmark event for the community, drawing attention not only for its sheer scale but also for its potential to revolutionize region-



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Director of operations Gerry Lush explains the workings of the grain terminal to tour guests in 1976.

al agriculture. Local farmers and businesses anticipated increased efficiency and new opportunities, as the facility promised to streamline the grain-handling process — not to mention create jobs.

Visitors from near and far considered it a must-see destination. Staff warmly welcomed schools, universi-

ties, foreign businesses and curious locals, all eager to learn more about the grain industry.

Over the years, the facility saw significant upgrades, including a high-throughput natural gas drying system, a 400-ton bulk fertilizer blending plant, a 10,000-square-foot warehouse and additional enhance-

GPAC marks 30 years of arts and culture

By E Antonio

The Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) has been part of the “cultural fabric of Carman” since it first opened its doors in 1996, says executive director Nigel Bart.

Now, as the organization prepares to celebrate its 30th anniversary, Bart is reflecting on the role GPAC has played in the community over the past three decades.

“What stands out most is not just one event or milestone — but the steady presence of creative opportunity over three decades,” he said. “Leadership and staff have changed over time, but the commitment to making arts participation accessible has remained constant. GPAC has evolved alongside the community, responding to new generations, new interests and new ideas.”

GPAC was founded to support the region’s developing arts community. While its core mission has remained the same, the ways it delivers on that vision have evolved.

Today, the organization offers free drop-in visits to the centre, connects aspiring artists with skilled instructors, provides exhibition opportunities for local creators and brings professional performances to the community.

“The heart of the organization remains the same,” Bart said. “Making the arts accessible and relevant close to home.”



Leo, the friendly four-legged companion of Golden Prairie Arts Council gallery attendant Kate Froese, has become a favourite with visitors to the gallery. Many say Leo has a calming presence and is “much like a therapy dog” for those stopping in to view the exhibits.

According to Bart, GPAC didn’t create Carman’s creative spirit — it simply helped give it a place to grow.

The centre has helped make art more visible and accessible in the community, offering a welcoming space where artists can explore their talents, share ideas and find inspiration.

“That journey — from curiosity to connection — captures what GPAC is about,” he said.

Community support — particularly from volunteers — has been vital to the organization’s success. Volunteers help guide the council through leadership roles on its board while also assisting with programming and events.



GPAC executive director Nigel Bart reads a story to a group of children during art camp.

Bart said continued community engagement will remain essential as GPAC looks to the future.

The organization has also faced its share of challenges over the years, including shifts in funding, leadership and community engagement. But Bart believes the strength of the community has helped GPAC continue to grow.

“Reaching 30 years demonstrates that our community values creativity and cultural life,” he said. “In a rural setting, arts access does not happen automatically — it requires intention and participation. The longevity of GPAC reflects a community that understands the importance of connection, creativity and shared experiences.”

To mark the milestone, GPAC plans to celebrate throughout the year with storytelling initiatives, special programming and anniversary events that highlight the organization’s past, present and future.

More details about the celebrations will be shared in the coming months, but the organization is already launch-

ing its first fundraiser of the year — a community donation drive.

Until May 31, all donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous donor up to \$5,000.

Bart says the campaign will help support the stability of GPAC’s programming and events, and he hopes the community will help the organization reach the full matching amount.

“Their commitment sends a clear message — investing in local creative opportunity is a shared responsibility,” he said.

Looking ahead, Bart encourages community members to become part of GPAC’s story, whether by visiting the centre, volunteering, donating or serving on the board.

He is also inviting residents to share their favourite GPAC memories as part of the anniversary celebrations.

“The story of GPAC is really the story of the people who have walked through its doors,” he said. “Their memories are an important part of this 30-year celebration.”

Anyone interested in getting involved or learning more about GPAC can visit goldenprairieartscouncil.com.

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Elevated flood risk flagged for Interlake in latest provincial outlook

By Haley Cvar

An increased risk of spring flooding is taking shape across Manitoba's Interlake, with provincial forecasters warning that above-normal snowpack and a delayed melt could lead to significant runoff in the weeks ahead.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's Hydrologic Forecast Centre released an updated 2026 spring flood outlook, identifying the Interlake — including the Icelandic River and Fisher River basin — as an area of elevated concern. The

Parkland region is also facing a heightened risk of overland flooding, while conditions elsewhere in the province remain moderate to low.

Officials say the elevated risk stems from a combination of factors, including significantly above-average snowpack, cooler temperatures that have slowed the onset of melting, and the potential for rapid runoff if conditions change quickly.

Recent snow surveys show the snow water equivalent in the Fisher River basin is among the highest recorded in recent

Grey council sets budget hearing, updates policies and rates

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Grey approved updates to water and sewer connection policies, set 2026 gravel hauling rates and scheduled a public hearing for its financial plan during its March 18 meeting.

Council adopted amendments to its town and rural water and sewer connection policies. Details of the changes were not outlined in the minutes.

A public hearing for the municipality's 2026 financial plan was set for April 30 at 7 p.m. The hearing will allow residents to review and comment before the budget is finalized.

Council approved 2026 trucking rates for hauling municipal road gravel and set rates for hauling crushed rock from multiple quarries.

Drainage work also moved forward, with council approving an application for multiple ditch and culvert maintenance projects across the municipality. A private drainage licence application from Noreydo Farms was also approved.

Council approved the

purchase of two cordless impacts at a cost of up to \$2,500.

Utility-related work included approving about \$4,100 for a new alternator cooling fan at Booster 2 and renting a pump for the St. Claude lagoon at \$2,400 per month until a replacement arrives.

Council supported a proposal from RFNOW to expand fibre optic infrastructure along Road 45N northwest of St. Claude.

Council accepted its 2024 audited financial statements and approved about \$21,800 for audit services.

Grants of \$1,500 and \$250 were approved for the Golden Prairie Arts Council and the St. Claude Advisory Council for School Leadership, respectively. Council also approved \$500 scholarships for four local schools.

Fire department appointments for the 2026–27 term were approved, including Leen Blok as fire chief. Council also set 2026 firefighter honorariums, including hourly rates for calls and training, with a minimum two-hour payment per call.



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Swans and Canada geese gather in a patch of open water beneath the Hecla causeway bridge on April 7, as lingering ice covers much of the lake. Wildlife activity continues despite delayed spring melt conditions across the Interlake region.

years. Levels are currently sitting at approximately 113 millimetres — nearly double the long-term average — and comparable to amounts seen during past flood years.

With temperatures expected to hover near the freezing mark through mid-April, the spring melt is being delayed. However, that delay could increase the risk of a fast, concentrated runoff period once warmer weather arrives.

Flood risk in the Fisher River basin remains high, with the potential for peak flows similar to the 2014 spring flood. In a faster melt scenario, water levels could approach those seen during the 2022 flood, which were roughly two feet higher.

In response, the province has begun mobilizing resources to vulnerable communities. Tens of thousands of sandbags are being delivered to Peguis First Nation and nearby areas, while provincial volunteers are already working with local residents to prepare flood protection measures.

The Icelandic River is also now considered at high risk of flooding following recent snowfall and the likelihood of a delayed runoff. Ice-jam flooding remains a concern along the river, as in previous years.

In the Parkland region, warming temperatures expected to exceed 10 C in the coming

days could trigger overland flooding. This type of flooding typically occurs when rapid snowmelt overwhelms frozen or blocked drainage systems such as ditches and culverts.

Elsewhere in Manitoba, the flood outlook remains largely unchanged from March. Moderate risk continues along parts of the Red, Assiniboine, Souris, Saskatchewan and Carrot rivers, while low flood potential is forecast for tributaries of the Red and Assiniboine rivers and much of eastern Manitoba, including the Winnipeg River basin.

Provincial officials note that spring flood conditions can shift quickly, particularly if warm weather or rainfall accelerates melting over a short period.

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates as the spring runoff approaches. Residents, particularly those in low-lying or flood-prone areas, are encouraged to stay informed and be prepared.

The Manitoba Emergency Management Organization is also working with municipalities, First Nations and emergency partners to review plans, share information and ensure resources are in place to respond if flooding occurs.

Bridge work underway



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Crews work beneath the Road 25W (Sexsmith Road) bridge over the Boyne River as part of scheduled maintenance in the RM of Dufferin. The project includes structural repairs to the abutment and pier components to extend the lifespan of the bridge.

Carman teen killed in highway collision

By Haley Cvar

A 17-year-old male from Carman is dead following a two-vehicle collision east of the community early Tuesday morning.

Pembina Valley RCMP say officers were called to the scene on Highway 3 at approximately 6:35 a.m. on April 8.

Investigators believe an eastbound truck lost control on snow- and slush-covered roads and crossed into the path of a westbound truck.

The 17-year-old passenger in the eastbound vehicle died from his injuries.

The driver of the westbound truck, a 40-year-old man from Winnipeg, was transported to hospital in Winnipeg and was in stable condition at last report.

Poor weather and road conditions are believed to have been factors in the collision.

RCMP continue to investigate.

Tickets on sale now for SCCR fashion show

Tickets are now on sale for South Central Cancer Resource's annual fashion show, with organizers expecting another near sellout.

The May 14 fundraiser returns to Winkler's Meridian Exhibition Centre after last year's move from Morden drew a larger crowd.

"We had just over 300 seats in Morden and now we're shooting for 500," said committee member Cali Suderman. "We needed a bigger space ... there were only eight seats left last year."

Dubbed the Building Bridges Fashion Show, the event highlights the support network surrounding those facing a cancer diagnosis.

"With a cancer diagnosis, you're now looking at building a bridge,"

Suderman said, explaining each "slat" represents support from drivers, nurse navigators, family, friends and others. "It's a tough bridge to walk, but it's easier when you have people to lean on."

The evening will include a rainbow auction, wine bar, desserts and a panel discussion featuring volunteers and staff who help co-ordinate services across a region stretching from Morris south through Winkler, Morden and Pilot Mound.

Models will walk the runway in fashions from several local businesses, sharing personal connections to cancer.

"All of the models are either walking in honour of someone ... or for themselves," Suderman said. "Their stories

deserve to be shared. It's a very emotional evening, but it's beautiful."

The fundraiser supports SCCR programs including patient transportation, accommodations, wigs, screening clinics and wellness services — all offered free of charge.

"We in the Pembina Valley are so blessed to have SCCR," Suderman said. "You qualify because you live here and it is funded by our communities."

The organization receives no government funding, relying entirely on donations. Last year's event raised more than \$77,000.

Tickets are \$65, with the show beginning at 7 p.m. More information is available at sccr.mb.ca.



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South Central Cancer Resource's Building Bridges Fashion Show takes place at the Meridian Exhibition Centre May 14.

RM of Thompson approves water rate bylaws, service agreements

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Thompson passed new water utility rate bylaws and approved service agreements for emergency response and communications during its March 26 regular meeting.

Council gave second and third readings to By-Law 2-2026 for Miami water utility rates and By-Law 3-2026 for rural water utility rates. A bylaw to establish a fire protection reserve received first and second readings.

The municipality also approved a three-year agreement with Valley Fibre to provide internet and television services at the Miami Fire Hall. Coun-

cil also renewed its subscription to "I am Responding" for one year.

Infrastructure and seasonal planning were key topics during a public works report, including spring runoff, bridge and culvert conditions, wastewater inspections and 2026 gravel pricing.

Council heard a presentation from the local urban district (LUD) committee outlining its 2026 budget and service plan.

Administrative updates included followup on a recent community survey, preparations for a public hearing on the municipality's financial plan and a zoning bylaw review expected

to come forward for first reading. Other items included upgrades to the clinic and municipal office, and a commercial lot listing.

Several operational decisions were also made, including appointing Tax-service Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery for a three-year term. Council also approved a tile drainage application for land in the southeast quarter of 10-4-7W.

A transfer of \$80,275.30 from the replacement reserve to the general operating fund was approved to cover the annual payment on a 2021 motor grader.

Council agreed to submit a resolu-

tion to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities regarding waste disposal ground engineering, regulatory requirements and increased limits.

Support was also given to the Miami Golf and Country Club's application to the Off-Road Vehicle Land and Trail Rehabilitation Grant Program for improvements to golf cart paths, with administration directed to provide a letter of support.

Following an in-camera session, council authorized the reeve and chief administrative officer to sign a land sale agreement.

Your FARM



Carman Garden Club gears up for growing season

Strawberry growing tips April 27 and honey production May 25

By E. Antonio

Spring has arrived, and with it the return of the Carman Garden Club, which is preparing for another season focused on growth, education and community connection.

Elise Dubourg, president of the Carman Garden Club, said members are looking forward to a full slate of activities, including feature presentations, the annual plant sale and the return of the Junior Gardeners program.

"We are excited to welcome spring with the community," said Dubourg. "It's the perfect time of year to get our gardens ready, all while in good company."

The club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Carman Pentecostal Assembly Church at 6 p.m. Established in 1929, the group continues to bring together local gardeners of all experience levels. Meetings typically include a social period, a brief business session and a guest presentation from a local speaker.

April's lineup will feature Brady Moxham of Coulee Ridge Farms, who will offer practical advice on growing strawberries at the club's April 27 meeting. Moxham and his partner, Morgan McCormick, began cultivating strawberries in 2022 at their property south of Oakville after exploring alternative farming opportunities.

"It's been a great option for us, being a direct-to-consumer product, and we did not need to add any additional acres to get started," he said.

His presentation will cover key topics such as agronomy, variety selection, pest and disease management, and winter preparation.

"I think those that are trying to grow strawberries may pick up a couple key things that will help them be successful at home," Moxham added. "It's a highly intensive crop that takes a lot of attention and proper timing of applications."

Also in April, Deb Penner of Communities in Bloom will speak about ways residents can contribute to community beautification efforts. The national program promotes civic pride through landscaping and environmental initiatives.

"Every gardener can make a real difference," said Penner. "Community participation is important. People talk, and when they see something or a place worth visiting, the word will spread and more people will come to see what the excitement is all about. We are so excited to show off our beautiful community."

On May 25, beekeeper Ryan Cumber of RAC Farms will present on the importance of pollinators, including bee life cycles, honey production and their role in agriculture.

"Around a third of our food supply depends on some type of animal pollination," said Cumber. "Of that, about 75 per cent of Canada's food crops rely on pollinators."

Cumber, who developed an interest in colony insects at a young age, later pursued beekeeping through studies at the University of Manitoba. He now manages his own hives and shares his knowledge with others.

"Honey bees play a critical role in pollination, which directly impacts both large-scale agriculture and backyard gardens," he said. "Without them and other pollinators, many crops wouldn't produce the fruits and vegetables we rely on."

The club's Junior Gardeners program will also return in May, offering children aged six to 12 the opportunity to



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Brady Moxham (centre) is joined by partner Morgan McCormick and their dog Koda in their strawberry field at Coulee Ridge Farm. Moxham will present at the Carman Garden Club's April 27 meeting.

grow their own produce with guidance from experienced members.

"It's about providing them with that hands-on education and helping the future generation of growers get excited about the years ahead," said Dubourg. "We want to see gardening flourish for many years to come, so it is important we instill the benefits of gardening — like combatting rising food costs — while they are young."

Registration for the program closes April 24, with a \$10 fee per participant. Those interested can email annettedewit5@gmail.com or text 204-750-1958 for more information.

Preparations are also underway for the club's annual perennial sale, set for May 28 to 30 at the Carman MCC Thrift Store from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Members will spend the coming weeks collecting, repotting and caring for plants ahead of the sale, which offers a wide selection of affordable options for local gardeners.

Anyone interested in donating plants can contact Debbie Vanderzwaag at 204-750-1482.

Dubourg said the season ahead represents an opportunity for both new and returning members to get involved.

"Spring means new ideas, new members and fresh beginnings," she said. "Whether you are a beginner or an experienced gardener, there is always room to learn and grow."



Beekeeper Ryan Cumber stands among his hives at RAC Farms. Cumber will speak at the Carman Garden Club on May 25 about pollination and honey production.

Your FARM



Seymour Farms named PVWD Conservation Award winner

By Lorne Stelmach

A Manitou-area farm has been recognized by the Pembina Valley Watershed District for its commitment to conservation, sustainability and responsible water stewardship.

At its annual meeting in La Riviere March 20, the district presented the 2026 Conservation Award to Dale Seymour and sons Chris and Brett of Seymour Farms for their outstanding work as stewards of their land.

Seymour Farms philosophy of "healthy land provides healthy food" is an encouragement to all who work toward building and maintaining a healthy watershed.

"We're honoured to receive the recognition," said Chris Seymour. "We've been doing a lot of interesting things on the farm, and it's been working out well for us, and it also fits in well with what the conservation principles would be as well."

Angela and Dale Seymour took

over the farming operation originally established by their parents in the 1960s. What began as a traditional family farm has grown into a diversified, forward-thinking agricultural operation rooted in long-term land stewardship.

Over the years, the farm has expanded significantly in both acreage and scope, incorporating cattle, chickens, and hog production alongside crop operations.

When their sons joined the business, they brought renewed energy and a strong focus on sustainable management practices that continue to shape the farm's direction today.

At the heart of Seymour Farms' philosophy is the simple but powerful belief that healthy land provides healthy food for their own families and for the consumers they serve. Every management decision is made with long-term soil health, environmental protection, and water conservation in mind.



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Dale, Brett, and Chris Seymour receive this year's Conservation Award from Pembina Valley Watershed District manager Samantha Leech.

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To protect soil structure and reduce erosion, Seymour Farms eliminated conventional tillage practices, transitioning to a no-till system. This approach minimizes soil disturbance, improves water infiltration and reduces surface runoff, helping to protect nearby waterways within the watershed.

The farm has also adopted intercropping and cover cropping systems to improve soil resilience. These practices enhance biodiversity both above and below ground, improve nutrient cycling, reduce erosion risk and increase or-

Your FARM



Lundar inventor earns Ag Days farm safety honour

By Lana Meier

A Lundar-area inventor is gaining provincial recognition for a farm safety tool designed to reduce the risk of serious injury during tractor hitching.

Kurtis Howardson earned second place in the Farm Safety category at the Innovation Showcase during Manitoba Ag Days, held Jan. 20–22 in Brandon. The annual agricultural trade show featured 28 new products and services across seven innovation categories.

Howardson's invention, called The Drawhand, is a handheld, extendable tool that allows an operator to insert a hitch pin from the cab of a tractor, eliminating the need to step between equipment while hitching implements.

"You feel like Wile E. Coyote standing back there — you're right in the line of fire," Howardson said. "That's where the idea came from. I thought there had to be a safer way to do this."

The idea was sparked in 2020 while Howardson was helping his father-in-law, Donald, with haying. Not a full-time farmer himself, Howardson found himself repeatedly getting on and off the tractor to line up equipment and insert hitch pins — a common task that can turn dangerous in slippery or uneven conditions.

Once the hitch pin was finally in place, the concept for The Drawhand took shape.

The all-aluminum tool holds the full hitch pin at one end and is designed to be used through the rear window of a tractor cab. After backing up to the implement, the operator inserts the pin using the tool, applies slight pressure by easing the clutch, then releases the pin with a simple twist.

"You can do the whole job yourself, from the cab," Howardson said. "There's no one standing behind the tractor, and you're not climbing in and out multiple times."

Howardson said the tool is intended to reduce the risk of crushing injuries, finger loss and fatalities that can occur during hitching. He also noted its benefits for older farmers or those with mobility issues.

"I talked to a lot of older farmers at the show with bad knees or hips," he said. "They said, 'Where was this



The Drawhand, is a handheld, extendable tool that allows an operator to insert a hitch pin from the cab of a tractor.

tool years ago?' Anything that cuts down steps and downtime

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Lundar-area inventor Kurtis Howardson, second from left, poses with his eight-year-old son, Harlon, after accepting a runner-up Farm Safety Award for The Drawhand during the Innovation Showcase at Manitoba Ag Days 2026 in Brandon.

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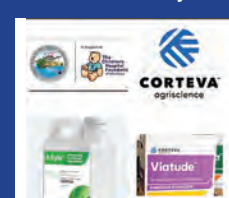
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Your FARM



The Drawhand, a handheld, extendable tool that allows an operator to insert a hitch pin from the cab of a tractor, was the runner-up at the Innovation Showase during AgDays.

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makes a big difference.”

The Drawhand is designed for tractors ranging from approximately 20 to 140 horsepower

and features an adjustable friction-lock system that allows the tool head to be angled for different drawbar heights.

The Farm Safety category at the Innovation Showcase was sponsored by Manitoba Ag Days

and *Grainews*. First place was awarded to the Fence Mower by R-Tech Industries, which cuts grass along fence lines without damaging posts.

Runner-up winners receive a cash prize and advertising credit as part of the recognition.

Howardson said the experience at Ag Days was overwhelmingly positive and provided valuable feedback from producers across Manitoba and beyond.

“It was my first time at Ag Days and my first time showcasing anything like this,” he said. “The interaction with farmers was huge. People really saw the benefit right away.”

Howardson holds patents for The Drawhand in both Canada and the United States and is now exploring manufacturing and investment options to bring the tool to market.

“I’m keeping my options open,” he said. “I’m looking for the right partner — someone with deeper pockets — to help take this from prototype to production.”

Howardson said showcasing The Drawhand at Manitoba Ag Days also helped validate the years of work that went into developing the tool. A patent agent he worked with during the process was surprised a similar product hadn’t been introduced decades earlier.

While the tool is not yet in commercial production, Howardson said interest from farmers, manufacturers and potential partners continues to grow. Several attendees at the show expressed a willingness to purchase the tool immediately if it were available.

“For me, this was about proving the concept,” he said. “Now it’s about finding the right path to get it into farmers’ hands.”

For now, Howardson is focused on spreading the word and building momentum through agricultural shows and community exposure.

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ganic matter. Cover crops help retain moisture, prevent nutrient loss and provide continuous ground cover—all of which support improved water stewardship across the landscape.

Strategic cattle management has been another key conservation tool. Managed grazing practices allow livestock to play a regenerative role in soil health, stimulating root growth, increasing organic matter and improving soil structure. Proper rotation and pasture management reduce compaction and runoff while strengthening the land’s natural ability to retain water.

Tree planting initiatives have further enhanced environmental benefits on the farm. The addition of shelterbelts and tree corridors helps reduce wind erosion, capture carbon, improve

wildlife habitat and stabilize soils, contributing to long-term watershed protection.

Through improved soil testing and precision nutrient management, Seymour Farms has also achieved a significant reduction in fertilizer use. By applying nutrients more efficiently and relying on natural soil-building processes, the farm reduces the risk of nutrient runoff into surrounding waterways while maintaining strong productivity.

Together, these conservation efforts reflect a multi-generational commitment to farming in a way that protects the land and water for the future.

Chris Seymour observed that their goal has perhaps not been specifically with conservation in mind, but it has

been the right thing to do for the success of their farming operation.

“The principles with our mixed farm and the principles that work well for profitability are the same thing as what is good for the eco-system,” he said. “We’re trying to work in partnership with nature rather than fighting with Mother Nature.”

It can all be done not at the cost of profitability, he emphasized.

“Sustainability doesn’t happen without profitability,” said Seymour. “What a lot of farmers fail to realize is if you work with nature, it’s a lot more efficient than trying to work against nature.”

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Shipping container full of food, clothes arrives on the front lines in Zaporizhzhia

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The work and generosity of local volunteers and donors is making a difference half a world away.

In mid-December, Southman Gleaners in Reinland, Faith Mission in Winkler, and Mission Eurasia Canada teamed up to send a shipping container filled with dried soup mix and clothing to those in need in Ukraine.

The Russian invasion of the country caused the container to take a bit more of a circuitous route than first expected, shared Winkler's Martin Harder, board chair of Mission Eurasia Canada.

"It was coming through Odessa, and the bombs were flying around Odessa, so we weren't sure how it was going to work," he shared. "Eventually it made it through the port in Odessa but where they were originally destined for, which was a warehouse in Poland for distribution to Ukraine, that road was blocked, so they couldn't take it there."

The shipment finally made its way to Zaporizhzhia, a Ukrainian city with deep ties to southern Manitoba.

"When we started with this thing in the first place, my first thought was I hope we get it to Zaporizhzhia, because that's where our Mennonite people came from. So it was my hope and my prayer that at least some of it would get there. Well, now the whole container got there."

The soup within came courtesy of Southman Gleaners, which transforms unmarketable vegetables into shelf-stable mixes that require only water to feed 100 people, while Faith Mission provided the gently used clothing from its stockpile of donations collected in support of both Ukraine and Moldova.

Volunteers from Sixteen13 Ministry also lent a hand in this initiative, helping to get it all packed up and ready to go.

"The Ukrainian refugees who came to help us load it up, for them it was equally as meaningful," Harder shared. "For them to be able to contribute, even if not financially, but just to physically contribute to the welfare of their own people, that spoke huge volumes."

Mission Eurasia took care of the costs and shipment details to get it all where it could do the most good.

"The need there is huge because it is on the front line of this conflict," Harder noted. "Families are broken up because of all the soldiers that have to go and fight, and so you have the rest of the family at home trying to fend for themselves."

The shipment arrived in late February and the goods have been rapidly distributed by partners on the ground in the Ukraine over the past few weeks.

"Thank you so much for your efforts in finding and sending humanitarian aid to Ukraine," Roman Rakhuba, a leader in the affected area, said in a message to Mission Eurasia supporters last week. "This is incredibly important to us. Food is currently in short supply. Our teams are working hard to distribute the aid as efficiently



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Southman Gleaners, Faith Mission, and Mission Eurasia Canada teamed up just before Christmas to fill a shipping container with locally-sourced soup mix and clothing donations for shipment to Ukraine. It arrived there a few weeks ago and the items within are getting to the people who need them.

as possible, and the majority of the containers have been distributed to people living near the front lines."

"This isn't about receiving random handouts; it's about restoring a vital piece of personhood," the ministry shared in its report on the distribution efforts. "Here, individuals are empowered to choose garments that fit, that suit the season, that resonate with their own style, and that they will genuinely use."

"For many, this simple act rekindles a lost sense of dignity, a flicker of normalcy in lives upended by conflict."

The food was equally welcomed, helping families put food on the table during challenging economic times.

"It might seem like a small offering in the grand scheme of a war-torn region, a humble packet of dried ingredients," the agency noted, sharing, however, that for those receiving the soup mixes, it's a profoundly uplifting gift, "a tangible touch of care, a whisper from far across the world reminding them that they were not forgotten in their difficulties, that their struggles were seen. It offered a moment of reprieve, a gentle 'disconnection' from the relentless weight of their daily anxieties."

Seeing the photos of the distribution of the goods and hearing stories of their impact made all the work behind getting the container filled and shipped more than worth it, observed Harder.

"It's a feeling of elation ... what we actually did here is helping people and we have the reports, we have the pictures," he said. "When those pictures came in, it was just overwhelming to be able to say, yes, it worked."

And it was a real community effort across multiple ministries, Harder noted.

"We're all part of a big puzzle. And this puzzle now has a picture."

Coin show returns with collectibles, youth focus

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba Coin Club is set to host its annual Spring Coin & Collectible Show on April 25 at the East Selkirk Community Centre, offering a full day dedicated to numismatics and collecting for enthusiasts of all ages.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature a wide range of dealers from across Manitoba showcasing collections that span centuries — from ancient coins to modern currency, along with paper money, stamps and other unique collectibles.

A highlight of this year's show will be the presence of the Royal Canadian Mint, which will offer its popular coin exchange. Attendees will have the opportunity to obtain newly released collectible circulation coins directly from the Mint's production line.

"We're excited to welcome collectors and the public back for another great show," said Larry Dalman. "Whether you're a seasoned numismatist or just curious, there's something here for everyone."

Organizers say the show continues to grow, with an increased focus on youth engagement to help foster the next generation of collectors.

"One of our biggest priorities is growing interest among young people," Dalman added. "By expanding our youth programming, we're helping ensure the hobby continues for generations to come."

Coins have long played a role in documenting history, from marking major world events and Olympic Games to commemorating cultural icons. Today's collectible coins often feature themes ranging from pop culture, including Marvel and Disney, to significant national milestones.

In addition to browsing dealer tables, visitors can look forward to door prizes and educational opportunities throughout the day. Admission will also include a chance to obtain passes for a tour of the Royal Canadian Mint, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary since opening its Winnipeg facility.

The show also comes ahead of a major event for collectors, as the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association prepares to host its national convention in Winnipeg from July 14 to 18.

"This show is about more than just coins — it's about history, storytelling and community," Dalman said. "Every item has a story behind it."

Organizers encourage collectors, families and curious newcomers alike to attend and discover the stories behind coins and collectibles from around the world.

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Interactive Wellness Day returns to Carman May 2

By E. Antonio

Back by popular demand, Carman's Interactive Wellness Day is returning to the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall on Saturday, May 2, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

First held in 2023, co-organizers Lee Collingridge and Evelyn Hoogerdijk said community members have been eagerly awaiting the event's return since its last edition in 2024.

"Evelyn and I are avid health advocates in our different fields, and we know there are many ways to be well and to advocate for ourselves," Collingridge said. "We are passionate about helping others live just a bit better and be at their own best fitness levels. For me, it is exercise, oils and trying new things."

A variety of activities will be offered throughout the day, with a focus on supporting mental, emotional and physical well-being. Collingridge said each session was carefully selected to introduce guests to a broad spectrum of enriching experiences.

"You will have the opportunity to participate in a memorable, action-packed afternoon," she added. "Our hope is that you will walk away having had an enjoyable afternoon, with a renewed vision of your healthy life going forward."

This year's lineup includes massage therapy, taekwondo self-defence, line dancing, essential oils, theatre, therapeutic gardening, community involvement, aromatherapy, exercise and healing techniques. Prizes, food and refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

Diane Gillingham will guide participants through an aromatherapy massage session, which involves basic hand movements using a moisturizer with a very small amount of lavender essential oil.

"The method is very gentle and will be offered only to those wishing to participate in pairs," Gillingham said.

A retired nurse, Gillingham uses a gentle-touch approach. She was first introduced to aromatherapy while conducting a research project on the use of lavender essential oil with individuals living with dementia. She said she observed reduced anxiety levels, along with a reduction in other symptoms related to dementia behaviours, such as wandering, emotional outbursts and sleep disruption.

Gentle touch also has its own benefits.

"Touch has been proven to reduce anxiety, depression and pain, whether given by a friend, caregiver or massage therapist," she said. "Individuals of any age or experience can give a massage that will benefit the recipient."

Her session at Interactive Wellness Day will provide a brief introduction and offer a simple yet effective demonstration.

Access to Gillingham's session, along with every other activity offered, is included in the ticket price. Tickets cost \$20 per person and must be purchased by April 30 by contacting Collingridge at 204-750-1338 or Hoogerdijk at 204-750-1746, or by email at tkdmedic1@gmail.com.

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Mennonite historical soc. hosting events in our area this spring

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society has a trio of events coming up in the area this spring.

Up first is its annual meeting on Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre (547 Park St.).

It's a chance to hear from some of their partnering organizations, shares society treasurer Sean Goerzen.

"We're kind of the parent organization over many of the other local heritage groups, like the Mennonite Heritage Museum, the Mennonite Archives in Winnipeg ... they all report to us there at the AGM."

The meeting will also share reports about the agency's own work fostering awareness about Mennonite history and culture.

"We're also always looking for

new people to join us," notes Goerzen. "So if people are interested in becoming a member, this is the place to do it."

The meeting will be followed at 3 p.m. by a free showing of *The Russlander Migration: From Revolution to Reflection*.

The documentary shares interviews done with Mennonites who migrated to Canada from Russia during the 1920s.

"They recorded their experiences in pre-revolutionary Soviet Union and then living through the [1917] revolution and subsequent migration to Canada, settling here and going through the Great Depression and having to make a new life," Goerzen says, noting there are also interviews done with the children of these immi-

grants reflecting on how their parents' experiences of war, famine, and displacement shaped later generations.

"And then the other part of the film is commemorating the train tour that was done as a centennial recognition of the Russlander migration," he adds, speaking of the 2023-2024 cross-country train that re-enacted the immigrants' journey from Quebec to British Columbia.

Following up on the documentary showing, the society on May 23 is hosting a bus tour of the West Reserve, where thousands of Russian Mennonites settled in the late 1800s.

Conrad Stoesz, a historian with the Mennonite Heritage Archives, will be providing educational context behind stops at sites in Dufferin, Edenburg, Neuanlage, Neuhorst, Reinland, Ho-

chfeld, Osterwick, Waldheim, and Mountain City.

"They're going to be visiting some significant sites," Goerzen says. "And it's not just we get off and you look—they will all include a very interactive, engaging talk from Conrad."

"I think there's things that people see every day in their life, commuting around the area, that maybe don't seem like very significant historical things but, in reality, there are all sorts of stories attached to these locations," he says. "So this is a chance for people to connect with that and learn more about their own history."

The tour will set out from Winkler that Saturday morning. Registration is \$50 per person, which includes lunch. You can sign-up online at mmhs.org.

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Carman/St. Claude earns second in pool at rookie tournament

By Annaliese Meier

The Carman/St. Claude (Co-Op) Cougars turned in a strong round-robin performance to advance to the playoff stage at the 2026 WSHL Rookie Tournament.

The Cougars finished 2-1 in Pool 4 to secure second place and move on to the A Division playoff bracket.

Carman/St. Claude opened with a narrow 4-3 win over the Béliveau Barracudas before dropping a tightly contested 5-4 decision to the Linden Christian Wings, who claimed top spot in the pool. The Cougars closed out round-robin play with a convincing 6-1 victory over the Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau Canadiens.

With 14 goals scored over three games, Carman/St. Claude showed offensive depth while remaining competitive in each matchup.

Head coach Darren Nykoliation said the focus heading into the tournament was less about results and more about effort and development.

"I really wasn't sure what to expect going into this tournament other than to get the most out of every player individually and believe we could come together to perform at a high level," he said. "The results ultimately don't matter so long as they all feel like they've given their very best effort throughout the tournament."

The Cougars roster was assembled from players representing eight dif-



Carman Cougars forward Brock Bartlett looks to get a shot off while being pressured.

ferent teams during the regular season, making early chemistry a key challenge.

"For some of these students this team is the first time they've met, while others knew each other but have never played together prior to this weekend," Nykoliation said. "It took a few practices and these first few games to work out the kinks, but I'm most proud of the way they've embraced each other so quickly to come together to compete at this level."

The one-goal loss to Linden Christian provided a measuring stick for



STANDARD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Carman Cougars forward Owen Nykoliation is tied up by defenders as he works for the puck during WSHL Rookie Tournament action at Seven Oaks.

the group's resilience.

"That was this team's first loss and as the game progressed and we found ourselves behind, this group never felt like they were out of it," he said. "We had to battle through some penalty trouble and injuries but showed resilience as they continued to believe they could come back and battled right until the final buzzer."

Carman/St. Claude is now set to face the Prairie Mountain/Notre Dame/Miami/Gilbert-Rosset (Co-

Op) Mountain Mustangs at 2:45 p.m. on April 13 at Seven Oaks in A Division playoff action.

Looking ahead, Nykoliation said the emphasis will remain on consistency and teamwork.

"We'll need to continue to stay focused on winning every shift," he said. "The games will only get more difficult as we move forward, so continuing to come together and work as a team will give a good foundation for success."

Sanford earns second-place finish at WSHL rookie tournament

By Annaliese Meier

The Sanford Sabres turned a strong round-robin showing into a playoff opportunity at the WSHL 2026 Rookie Tournament.

Sanford finished 2-1 in Pool 6 to place second and advance to the B Division playoff bracket.

The Sabres opened with a narrow 3-2 loss to the Pembina (Co-Op) Tigers, who went on to finish first in the pool with a perfect 3-0 record.

Sanford rebounded with a 5-1 win over the Dakota Lancers before clos-

ing out round-robin play with a tight 3-2 victory against the Murdoch MacKay JV-Rookie team.

The Sabres' ability to respond after their opening loss proved key, as they secured back-to-back wins to lock in their playoff spot.

Sanford is now set to face the Lorette Scorpions on April 13 at 1 p.m. at Seven Oaks in B Division playoff action.

With momentum from consecutive wins, the Sabres will look to carry their balanced scoring and steady play into the postseason matchup.



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Sanford Sabres forward battles a Dakota Collegiate Institute defender for control of the puck during WSHL Rookie Tournament action. The Sabres went 2-1 in round-robin play to advance to the B Division playoffs.

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SEMHL champions reflect 75 years of league excellence

By Annaliese Meier

With the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League celebrating its 75th season, its championship history tells the story of a league built on tradition, rivalry and sustained excellence across generations.

Since its inception in 1951, the SEMHL has crowned champions from communities across southern Manitoba, with several franchises establishing long-standing dynasties while others have etched their names into league history with breakthrough titles.

Leading the way is Morden, which stands as the league's most successful franchise with 16 championships. The team's dominance has spanned multiple eras, beginning with its first title in 1975/76 and continuing through a sustained run of success in the 1990s and early 2000s. Morden added its most recent championship in 2018/19, reinforcing its status as the benchmark for excellence in the SEMHL.

Close behind are Carman and Altona, each with 10 championships. Carman's titles stretch from the 1960s through to its most recent win in 2017/18, highlighting decades of competitiveness and strong local talent development. Altona, one of the league's longest-running franchises, captured its first title in 1951/52

and most recently won back-to-back championships in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Portage has also been a consistent contender, winning five championships during a dominant stretch in the 1980s before adding another in 1994/95. Winkler, another historic franchise, has captured four titles, including their first in 1956/57, a second in 1970/71, followed by a championship in 1988/89 and its most recent title in 2025/26.

Notre Dame has claimed three titles, with championships coming in 1995/96, 2004/05 and 2016/17, while Warren has emerged more recently with titles in 2009/10 and 2021/22.

The league's competitive balance is further reflected in several teams that have captured single championships, including Stonewall (2006/07), Swan Lake (1997/98) and Warroad (1989/90), each marking memorable seasons in their respective communities.

In recent years, Ste. Anne has emerged as a modern powerhouse, capturing three consecutive championships from 2022/23 through 2024/25 — one of the most dominant runs in league history and a sign of the evolving competitive landscape in the SEMHL.

While current franchises continue to battle for supremacy, the league's

history is also shaped by now-defunct teams that played key roles in its early decades. Miami captured five championships between 1957/58 and 1964/65, while Oakville won four titles during a strong run from the late 1960s into the early 1970s. Pilot Mound and Ste. Anne (in its earlier iteration) each secured three championships, further contributing to the league's rich competitive tapestry.

The SEMHL's longevity is equally reflected in the stability of its core franchises. Teams such as Altona, Morden and Carman have been part of the league for more than six decades, providing continuity and helping maintain strong community connections.

Altona has competed in 72 seasons since 1951/52, while Morden and Carman have each surpassed 60 years of participation. Winkler has also been a mainstay, returning to the league in recent years after an extended absence, while newer franchises such as the Ile des Chenes Northstars, Red River Wild and Springfield Winterhawks represent the next generation of SEMHL competition.

The league's championship record also reflects broader moments in history, including the cancellation of the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons due to the COVID-19 pandemic, marking the only years in which no champion



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The South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League is celebrating 75 years this season, with its championship history reflecting decades of excellence across communities in southern Manitoba.

was crowned.

Through decades of competition, the SEMHL has remained a cornerstone of senior hockey in Manitoba, combining high-level play with deep-rooted community pride. Each championship banner represents not only a season of success but also the dedication of players, volunteers and fans who have helped sustain the league for 75 years.

As this year's finals unfold, another chapter will be added to that history — continuing a tradition that has defined the SEMHL for generations.

PV Orioles open spring tryouts, eager for season ahead

By Lorne Stelmach

There are high hopes for the new Manitoba Junior Baseball League season that lays ahead for the Pembina Valley Orioles.

The team began their tryouts last week, and while there is always some turnover on the roster, coach Bobby Matuszewski thinks there is good potential.

"We've got a lot of guys who graduated from AAA last year moving up now to the junior team ... and there's also only two players who graduated from this team last year," he noted.

"It's tough to say what the roster may look like right now," Matuszewski said. "I think there's a good core of players to work with ... we should have some good pieces. The team had a pretty good young core last year."

Pembina Valley finished third in the regular season last summer on a 17-13 record behind the league-leading Elmwood Giants and Carillon Sultans.

After taking down the sixth-place Winnipeg South Wolves in the opening round of the playoffs, the Orioles had a tough semi-final battle with the first-place Giants. After dropping the first two games of the best-of-five series by scores of 8-1 and 10-9, Pembina Valley rebounded with 9-3 and 6-5 wins before dropping the final one 9-2.

Last season's showing has Matuszewski feeling optimistic about the months ahead.

"They finished just over .500, and they had a good playoff series, won a round in the playoffs," he said. "I think we have good potential."

They're now looking to put the pieces together as junior hopefuls take to the indoor field in Winkler's Meridian Exhibition Centre over the next few weeks.

"Obviously, the ability is the main thing ... but also good character guys," Matuszewski said on what they're looking for. "That always makes it easier to come to the ball park."

"We want guys who really want to be there. That's kind of the big one with junior ball is you want guys who want to be there and who want to win ... we want the guys who really want to put the work into it and be on the ball club."

"The level of baseball in the league has been getting better and better over the past few years ... it is a very competitive league."

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- Leaked blood
- Confronted
- Negligible amount
- Facilitated
- Hill or rocky peak
- Minneapolis suburb
- Songs to one's beloved
- Brake horsepower
- Angry
- Children's game
- Spelling is a type of one
- Obtained in return for labor
- Indicates center
- Chinese dynasty
- Old World buffaloes
- Slang for time off
- Fabric
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Defunct regional economic organization
- Philly footballers
- Female sibling
- Peter Griffin's daughter
- Digital audiotape
- Insecticide
- Scientific instrument
- Pages may be dog-__
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Type of sword
- Middle Eastern military title
- Wise individuals
- French Polynesian island Bora
- Popular shoe type
- One of 50
- Divulge a secret
- Dish of cooked meat mixed with potatoes
- Actress Zellweger
- Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- Greek cupbearer of the Gods
- Ancient Syrian city
- Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- Range of mountains
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Spoke
- City in Georgia
- Theatrical
- CNN's founder
- Icelandic poems
- Bjorn __, tennis player
- Bowfin genus
- One point north of northeast
- Political divisions in ancient Greece
- Electroencephalograph
- Cool!
- Male parent
- Where some gymnasts work
- Capital of Vietnam
- Sailboats
- Shelter (Scottish)
- Completed
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- Partner to cheese
- Coffee receptacle
- Stagnate
- Satisfies
- Snakelike fish
- Consume food
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- Inform
- Girl's given name
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Every one of two or more things
- Northern India city
- Seventeenth stars in a constellation
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- Amounts of time
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- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Witness



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of the Municipal Act that Council for the Rural Municipality of Thompson intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing located at:

Miami Civic Centre - Council Chambers
530 Norton Avenue, Miami, MB
Friday April 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan. Copies of the Financial Plan will be made available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office at 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, MB.

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R.M of Grey Council Chambers
27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba
Thursday April 30, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office at 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



Alice Albertha Wiebe

Alice Albertha Wiebe of Carman, MB passed away peacefully on April 5th, surrounded by family.

She was born on August 16th, 1945 in Stoutenburg, Netherlands and lived there until her family immigrated to Canada when she was 14. Arriving in a new country proved difficult as she was unfamiliar with the language, so she entered the workforce. She spent several years employed at the Carman Hospital and began to build her life. This included much socializing with new friends; one was a young man she met at the Carman Bowling Alley.

On October 20th, 1967 she married Rollin Jamieson Wiebe, and together they shared 58 years of marriage, raising their children and working on the family farm in Homewood. In her retirement years, Alice was blessed to enjoy her grandchildren, many close friendships, a new home in Carman and travelling adventures around the world with her husband. Unfortunately, she also struggled with the unpredictable consequences of arthritis which limited her choices as the years progressed.

Alice was well known in her family and community for her vibrant personality. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

She is survived by her husband, Rollin J. Wiebe; children, Jason, Marcia, Ryan, and Evan; grandchildren, Rhett, Jackson, Ian, Danielle, Blake and Morgan; her brother, Cornelius and sister-in-law, Shirley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mass and Leintje Ruiter; her brothers, Gus and Pete; sister-in-law Hennie; and granddaughter Ava.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Carman Christian Fellowship with Bob Pauls officiating. Interment will follow at Carman Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Margaret "Maggie" Neumann (Colvin) February 20, 1939 – April 10, 2026

With great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Margaret "Maggie" Neumann on April 10, 2026, at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Maggie was predeceased by her beloved husband Joseph Delmar Neumann on August 17, 2004. She was also predeceased by her parents Allan and Myrtle, sisters Jean (Clarence) and Idris (Bert), brother Bill (Carol) and sister-in-law and Norma. Also predeceased by her mother-in-law and father-in-law as well as brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law of the Neumann family.

Maggie is survived by her sister Cathy (Edgar) Cumber, brother Jim (Elaine) Colvin, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

Margaret was born in Carman, MB on February 20, 1939. As a child she lived on the family farm at Roseisle, MB and later in the Village of Roseisle. After leaving home, she began her life at Elm Creek working at Wamley's store. While at Elm Creek she played with the Elm Creek Aces. Later she moved on to work at Dick's Printing and living in Winnipeg, MB. In 1976, her and Joe moved back to the Village of Roseisle and then to the family farm in 1979, where they raised cattle and grain. Maggie then began her career at the Carman Golf Club until her retirement. Maggie's last years were spent at Riverview in Carman, MB where she enjoyed many friends and activities.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 2:00 at Carman United Church. Interment in the Greenwood Cemetery.

At her request, in lieu of flowers, she would like donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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Crossword Answer

Carman Legion - Branch 18
in collaboration with the
Carman Collegiate Parent Advisory Council
are excited to announce the next

\$300 JACKPOT & \$600+ IN GAME PRIZES

MONSTER BINGO

● CONCESSION ● 50/50 ● NEVADA

Sunday, April 26, 2026
at the Carman Legion - Branch 18
28 1st NW, Carman, MB

Doors open at 12:00 noon
Early Birds at 1:30pm
Regular & Special games to follow

All concession proceeds will support the Collegiate's outdoor schoolyard project

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The Carman-Dufferin STANDARD

Congratulate your loved ones with an announcement in the Carman Standard.
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with an Announcement in the

The Carman-Dufferin STANDARD

Call 204-467-5836



Be the change




CARING CONNECTS US AS A COMMUNITY!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated volunteers for their generous work in our community.



The ripple effect of volunteer work

National Volunteer Week (NVW), celebrated from April 19 to 25, 2026, shines a spotlight on the power of giving back. This year's celebration aligns with the United Nations International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development. Under the theme "Ignite Volunteerism," the campaign encourages Canadians to find personal ways to serve while contributing to a stronger, more connected society.

Beyond the immediate impact, every act of service creates a ripple effect, helping shape lasting change.

be more resilient, connected and better equipped to face challenges together.

- **Empower yourself.** Volunteering inspires personal growth. It helps you build confidence, develop new skills and deepen empathy. Volunteers often carry these benefits into their workplaces, schools and neighbourhoods, further amplifying their impact.

This National Volunteer

Week is a reminder that even small acts of service matter. When people come together, positive change multiplies. Join the movement and #IgniteVolunteerism in your community today!



WAVES OF CHANGE

Here are just a few ways your volunteering can make a lasting impact.

- **Inspire others.** When you volunteer, you lead by example. Your family, friends and colleagues may see what you're doing and feel motivated to get involved themselves. One person's commitment can spark a chain reaction of generosity and kindness.

- **Strengthen your community.** Volunteers help address local needs, build relationships and create networks of support. Communities with strong volunteer engagement tend to

WE LOVE our Community Volunteers!

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Passionate Charitable Wonderful
Loving Friendly FUN
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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

20% OFF
BLUNDSTONES!! FOR ALL AGES!

DRYSHODS

Congratulations do our 3 Winners of the Colouring Contest
1st prize: Katie
2nd prize: Emma
3rd prize: Tina
It was difficult picking 3 winners. All 89 entries were well drawn. Thanks for participating. Keep on Drawing!
Ken + Annette

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TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

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