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## Magical workshop invites Carman residents to explore creativity through movement and paint

By E. Antonio

A unique creative experience combining movement, breath work and intuitive painting is coming to Carman next month.

"The Magical Intuitive Painting Workshop" will take place June 6 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Golden Prairie Arts Council in Carman.

Led by artist and facilitator Liliane Régnier, the workshop is designed to help participants tap into self-expression and creativity in a supportive, judgment-free environment. Organizers say no previous artistic experience is required.

"Like laughter, making art is one of the best medicines," the workshop description states.

Régnier, who grew up in St. Claude, said she's been drawn to art her entire life, often engulfed in creativity when with her mother, grandmother and sisters.

"Those moments turned out to be some of the most significant of my childhood," she said. "I was also inspired watching my father discover painting in his mid-life, a beautiful reminder that creativity has no timeline."

A professional artist recognized by the Manitoba Arts Council, she mostly

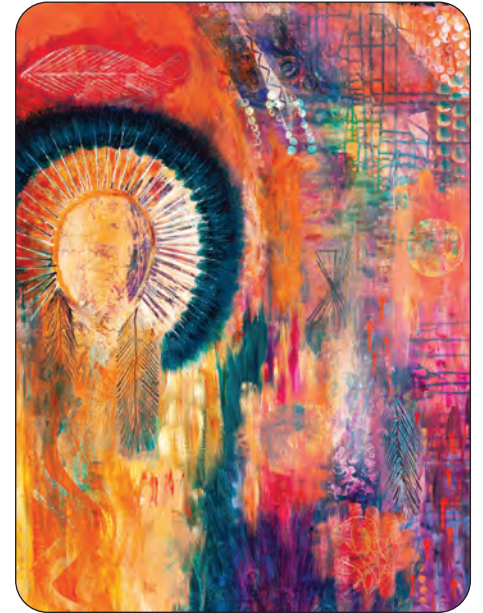
works with pottery and acrylic paints as an expressive artist, which explores emotion, healing and transformation by leaning into the unknown and allowing each piece to reflect what is ready to emerge from within.

"Painting is not just an act of creation, but a journey of self-discovery, and emotional truth," she explained. "Each piece I create is a reflection of a moment, a feeling, or a breakthrough, making my body of work deeply personal and entirely unique. I often ask myself, 'How can I lean in and dive deeper into the unknown?' This inquiry fuels my art, resulting in pieces that are full of texture, movement, and intuitive expression."

Her painting process typically involves stepping in front of a blank canvas and warming up either through breath work, meditation, gentle movements to music or a combination of the three. She explained her warm-ups help guide the process, often leading her to a specific colour, paint brush, style or technique.

Her paintings have as many as 20 layers, using her intuition to know once a painting feels like it is complete. "I've learned to listen to what

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Liliane Régnier is a professional artist offering "The Magical Intuitive Painting Workshop" at Golden Prairie Arts Council on June 6. Régnier lets her mind, body and soul guide her paintings, creating art from truly within.

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# RM of Roland fundraiser launches campaign for new fire truck

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Roland has launched a major fundraising campaign to help finance the purchase of a new fire truck expected to be needed as early as 2027, with its first community fundraiser raising more than \$32,000.

About 130 people attended a comedy night fundraiser held April 25 at the Roland Memorial Hall. The event featured dinner, cider tasting from DeadHorse Creek Cider and performances by Manitoba comedians Pat Gagne, Barney Morin and Dewey Parker.

The evening also included a silent auction, rainbow auction and 50/50 draw. Local businesses supported the event through sponsorships, including Bell Electric as evening sponsor, Brunet Construction as dinner sponsor, Roland Air Spray as auction sponsor and Winkler Construction as wine sponsor.

The fundraiser was organized by councillors Carrie Hennan and Robyn Linde, while members of the RM of Roland Fire Department volunteered their time bartending and selling tickets.

Reeve Jodi Gaultier said the municipality must replace its current fire truck to maintain its fire insurance rating and remain compliant with National Fire Protection Association regulations.

“We are purchasing a new fire truck to remain compliant with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) regulations and maintain our fire rating for insurance purposes,” Gaultier said. “Without this rating, home insurance prices in our area could increase significantly.”

The RM estimates a replacement truck could cost between \$900,000 and more than \$1 million.

Gaultier said council hopes to raise as much money as possible before proceeding with the purchase and plans to continue fundraising efforts over the next two years.

“We had been hopeful to have a good turnout and raise funds, but we were pleasantly surprised with the generosity of the community,” she said.

In addition to proceeds from the comedy fundraiser, the project also received a \$10,000 donation from the Carman Area Foundation.

Gaultier credited community members and local businesses for helping make the fundraiser a success.

“We could not have been successful without the support of our community and local businesses — large and small donations all contributed to the success of the event,” she said.

The municipality plans to continue fundraising with a Fireman’s Picnic scheduled for June 27.

Gaultier said residents can expect



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Members of RM of Roland council pose for a photo during the municipality's comedy night fundraiser held April 25 at the Roland Memorial Hall. The event raised more than \$32,000 toward the future purchase of a new fire truck expected to be needed by 2027. Pictured left to right: Jodi Gaultier, Jason McIntosh, John Fox, Carrie Hennan and Robyn Linde.

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# Free bike tune-up clinic rolls into Carman May 21



By Annaliese Meier

A new community event in Carman is aiming to help residents stay active, safe and connected — one bicycle at a time.

Carman Wellness Connections (CWC) is hosting a free bike tune-up clinic on Thursday, May 21 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Carman Community Hall. The event will teach

participants basic bicycle maintenance skills to help keep their bikes in good working condition and encourage safe riding throughout the community.

Holly Thorne-Wiebe of CWC communications said the idea for the clinic has been discussed for several years by the organization's Supporting Emotional Health working group.

"CWC is always interested in reaching all demographics in our community," Thorne-Wiebe said. "With the increasing number of people biking in the area, it seemed like a good time to promote some basic maintenance skills and hopefully also promote safe ridership skills."

She added that rising gas prices may also have influenced the decision to host the event.

During the three-hour clinic, Peter Loewen of Country Cycle will guide volunteer helpers through common bike maintenance tasks, including adjusting cables and brakes, lubrication and gear work. Participants are encouraged to bring their own bicycles to the session.

"This first event is a short three hours," Thorne-Wiebe said. "Our facilitator, Peter Loewen from

Country Cycle, will show the volunteer helpers how to do cables, brakes, lubrication and gears on the bikes that people bring."

The clinic is being held in partnership with the Carman Dufferin Recreation Commission, which is providing the venue and handling registrations. While the event is free, organizers are encouraging residents to register in advance so volunteers can prepare for the expected number of participants.

Thorne-Wiebe said the event aligns closely with CWC's broader mission of building community connections and promoting physical and emotional well-being.

"CWC tries to encourage community members to gather by holding events that are fun and engaging," she said. "Connecting with people and being active are great ways to stay fit physically and emotionally."

The organization hopes the clinic will become an ongoing community initiative, with support from CWC's Transportation, Affordable Recreation and Leisure, and Supporting Emotional Health working groups.

## > GPAC, FROM PG. 2

wants to emerge, what needs to be felt, and what the canvas is asking for," she said. "Over-time, my work has become richer in texture and more honest—much like the inner work I guide others through."

At her GPAC workshop, participants can expect to tap into their creative selves through breath work, journaling, movement and intuitive painting. They will explore a variety of mediums in a judgment free zone that values community, connection and embracing creativity.

"I support people and workplace teams to break free from unhealthy patterns and step into confidence, clarity, and self-trust," Régnier added. "I use a blend of reflective practice, creativity, and heart-centered facilitation to guide my clients and workshop participants to reclaim their worth, find their voice, and reconnect to a deep sense of aliveness."

Her goal for the workshop is for participants to leave feeling inspired and connected to their inner self, and she noted the workshop is perfect for those looking for ways to reconnect with their body.

Nigel Bart, GPAC executive director, said the organization was interested in bringing the workshop to Carman after Régnier reached out about sharing the experience locally.

"GPAC is interested in responding to trends in the arts and bringing artistic resources to our community," Bart said.

Bart believes workshops focused on creativity and wellness are gaining popularity as people search for alternative approaches to personal well-being.

"I think people are looking for alternative and holistic methods of healing and wellness that resonate with their belief systems," he said.

Unlike a traditional painting class, Bart said the workshop emphasizes the therapeutic side of artistic expression.

"This class focuses on the therapeutic aspects of painting," he said.

Bart added it is important for rural communities to have access to artistic experiences and emerging trends in the arts.

"I think it's very important for rural communities to be aware of trends in surrounding communities and to have access to creative and artistic resources and experiences," he said.

He noted the Golden Prairie Arts Council continues to play a major role in providing arts opportunities in the region through concerts, visual arts programming, classes and drop-in sessions.

"From concerts to visual arts, and from classes to drop-ins, GPAC serves a significant role in our community," Bart said.

According to the event description, attendees can expect "true community and connection," personal growth, inspiration and a reminder that "you truly are a creative being."

Bart said the workshop could appeal to a wide range of participants.

"This workshop could easily apply to a broad spectrum of demographics," he said.

He added there has been "steady to increasing interest" in hands-on arts learning and community creative events, while noting that many of GPAC's ongoing drop-in classes already incorporate wellness elements.

Bart also emphasized the importance of continuing to offer arts programming in smaller communities where access to creative resources can be limited.

"Rural communities face geographic barriers that limit access to artistic resources," he said. "As a hub, GPAC has the opportunity and responsibility to provide external art opportunities for our members."

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing suitable for painting and to bring a journal, pen and an open mind. Spots are limited and advance registration is required.

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# Farm Fest returns supporting Hope's Journey Home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The countdown is on to Farm Fest 2026.

The music festival returns Saturday, June 6, from 2-9 p.m. on a farmyard just south of Winkler.

Now in its sixth year, the focus of the day remains the same as always: providing an opportunity to hear good music for a good cause.

"That first year, the group came and said, 'Hey, this guy needs some money for back surgery. Let's do something.' We didn't even call it Farm Fest yet," recalls organizer Betty Hiebert.

In the years since, they've held one and sometimes two festivals annually for a range of local causes.

"That's the only reason we do this," Hiebert says, noting they've raised anywhere from \$6,000 all the way up to \$35,000, with thousands of people coming out to enjoy an afternoon and evening of country and gospel music.

This year's lineup includes The Threshermen at 2 p.m., The Porch Brothers at 3 p.m., Dusty Roads Band at 4 p.m., Jacob and Trudy Reimer at 5 p.m., Vic and Linda Wolfe at 6 p.m., Ed Wayne at 7 p.m., and Big City Filter at 8 p.m.

"It's a good variety," says Hiebert. "Starting with gospel and then moving more into country. And then we usually end the evening with something that's more kind of pop, just a fun band in the evening. Big City Filter is going to be amazing."

Admission is free, but as always, organizers will be accepting donations. This year's recipient organization is Hope's Journey Home.

"They're working on building a home in Portage la Prairie for women in crisis pregnancy situations," explains Hiebert. "It's a home where they can live for the duration of their pregnancy in the hopes of having the baby instead of aborting."

Glenda Dyck shares they've been working toward the facility for years.

"We had our first prayer meeting seven years ago," she says, explaining the group has its roots in four families who all had connections with the foster care system and saw a need



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Farm Fest 2026 takes place south of Winkler on Saturday, June 6.

for a maternity home that would give women the ability to choose life instead of ending a pregnancy due to a lack of housing options and support.

They broke ground on phase one of the five-bedroom home in 2023.

"We've seen God's hand so many times" in the fundraising and building process, Dyck shares. "Now we are almost ready to open."

When it opens later this year, the facility will be available not just to women in the Portage area but across the province, Dyck notes, offering mentorship throughout pregnancy and transitional support afterwards as well.

"We have a real passion for this," she says. "It is our mission."

They're raising funds not only for future phases of the building project but also for the facility's ongoing operations once it opens, Dyck says, noting they have faith that God and the community will come through for them on that front.

In addition to the music, Farm Fest will also feature bouncy castles and face painting for children, 50/50 tickets, silent auction prizes, a beef raffle

draw at 7 p.m., and food available for purchase from Hope's Journey Home's food truck.

To take in the festival, head 1.5 miles south on 14th St. until you see driveway #10090. There will be signs directing visitors to parking. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair

or blanket to sit on.

If you've not been before, Hiebert says you're in for a treat.

"It's a fun, outdoor family day. If you like music, just come listen and give to a good cause."



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## Flashback: Fertilizer warehouse opens in Carman

By Dennis Young

Saskferco opened a fertilizer warehouse in Carman 25 years ago, in 2001. The company was founded in 1984 as a joint venture between Cargill (50 per cent), the Government of Saskatchewan (49 per cent) and Citibank Canada (one per cent), with the goal of building a plant near Belle Plaine, Sask., at a cost of \$435 million. Saskferco became one of North America's major producers of granular urea (2,850 tonnes daily), anhydrous ammonia (1,860 tonnes daily) and urea ammonium nitrate (670 tonnes daily).

On July 12, 2000, company leaders and local politicians gathered to announce construction had begun on the Carman facility, intended as a central storage and distribution hub for fertilizers, especially granular urea. "It means the RM of Dufferin is open for business," Reeve Roth said at the time. "It also ensures the long-term viability of the CN rail line."

Company CFO Ron Cameron added, "The site near Carman is ideal due to its access to both road and rail, making distribution to customers efficient."

The 97,000-square-foot warehouse

was designed to store 80,000 tonnes of fertilizer for distribution throughout Manitoba, North Dakota and Minnesota. Construction was expected to last a full year, creating 30 jobs during the build and ultimately employing two full-time staff members upon completion.

Local builders faced weather-related challenges from the outset. Project manager Satish Lyer noted, "Since we started last summer, we've rarely had three weeks of good weather in a row. Last fall, earthmoving equipment got stuck in the mud and required heavier machinery to free it. Wind delayed sheeting work, and cold temperatures kept frost in the ground until May, which pushed back rail track construction."

The grand opening took place June 28, 2001. To highlight the convenience of rail transport, officials and dignitaries arrived by train from Winnipeg. The warehouse is supplied via the Central Manitoba Railway line from Belle Plaine, Sask., with fertilizers then trucked to their final destinations. A fireworks display marked the occa-



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Reeve Bill Roth (left) and Saskferco representatives.

sion for the large crowd in attendance.

Director of Marketing Ken MacQuarrie commented, "We're excited to join your community, and the RM and Town were key in attracting us here. This facility will be essential to our customer service strategy moving forward."

In 2008, the province and its then-partner, Mosaic, sold Saskferco to Yara, a Norwegian company recognized as a global leader in nitrogen fertilizer. The deal was valued at \$1.6 billion. Today, Yara operates in more than 60 countries and continues to shape the industry.

## Animato concert raises more than \$2,500 for Habitat project

By Annaliese Meier

A fundraising concert by local vocal ensemble Animato raised more than \$2,500 in support of the Habitat for Humanity Carman project last month.

The April 30 concert at Carman United Church welcomed community members for an evening of music, harmonies and humour, with proceeds going toward the local Habitat build initiative. Organizers said the event raised \$2,501.25.

"Carman-Dufferin Chapter Habitat would like to publicly thank the Animato performers and the community members who came out in support of our cause," said local Habitat representative Ernie \_\_\_\_.

The successful fundraiser followed weeks of preparation by the Carman-based ensemble, which has built a reputation over the past 15 years for

combining music with community support initiatives.

Prior to the concert, Animato member Colleen Reimer said giving back has always been central to the group's mission.

"Anyone that has ever joined our group has always been in favour of giving back," Reimer said. "We don't sing for the money. We just cover our expenses and give the rest back. People seem to enjoy hearing us sing and we love to do it. Win-win."

Animato, whose name means "with spirit," features singers from communities including Carman, Starbuck, Morris and Morden. The ensemble performed a variety of selections during the concert, ranging from pop and country to folk and nostalgic favourites, with performances that included full-group harmonies, smaller ensem-

bles and solo features.

Members of Carman's Back on Cue Theatre group also added entertainment throughout the evening by introducing selections in their own creative style.

Habitat organizers say support from the concert comes at an important time as the local chapter continues preparations for its next home build and searches for a family for the planned project.

The group is also preparing for additional upcoming fundraisers, including a walk/run event with Chris Dick on May 30, along with an e-bike raffle and 50/50 campaign.

Organizers say the strong turnout and generosity shown at the concert reflect continued community support for the local Habitat initiative.

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## PRSD confirms leadership appointments as cyber investigation continues

By E. Antonio

Prairie Rose School Division trustees confirmed leadership appointments and received updates on provincial funding, policy changes and an ongoing cybersecurity investigation at their May 4 board meeting.

Senior administration provided an update on the Manitoba Ombudsman's investigation into the Power-School cybersecurity incident, which remains ongoing. The breach involved unauthorized access to sensitive student and staff data through compromised contractor credentials and has affected school divisions across the province.

The board also received information about the province's new Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Play Structure Fund, set to launch in 2026-27.

Superintendent Kevin Clace said the Department of Education has invited school divisions to submit proposals for new play structures that promote safe and accessible play. Grants will cover the purchase and installation of structures that meet universal design principles and Canadian standards.

"It's to keep communities active, vibrant and glowing," Clace said, adding the funding could have a significant impact across the division.

"Historically, much of this responsibility has fallen to Parent Advisory Councils and communities, who have worked tirelessly to fundraise the dollars needed to bring these projects to life. This new funding eases that burden considerably," he said.

"As Superintendent/CEO, I welcome this announcement, which helps ensure that all elementary schools

in the province have access to a play structure where students can play, connect and grow."

Applications are due May 30. Funding will cover up to 75 per cent of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$100,000. Priority will be given to projects already underway, projects requiring accessibility upgrades and early and middle years schools without an existing play structure.

PRSD has one accessible playground project underway at Roland School, and administration is reviewing the application process.

Administrative updates included a revised harassment procedure and a new senior secretary job description, both presented for information.

Arli Cruikshank, PRSD's information technology supervisor, said the division's previous harassment procedure was outdated, and PRSD worked with outside organizations to update the language and process.

She said the new procedure is clear and easy to follow, and PRSD is the first school division in Manitoba to make the updates.

The revised harassment procedure applies only to staff incidents. Parents and students are covered under other codes of conduct.

Cruikshank also reviewed the new senior secretary job description. She said one staff member in the public schools and one staff member in the Hutterian schools have been carrying out senior-level duties for years.

Their work goes "over and beyond" the role of a regular school secretary, she said, and the new description better captures those duties while aligning with other position descriptions.

Student and staff achievements were also highlighted, including provincial basketball honours for Elm Creek Cobras athletes and coaches. Trustees also approved an off-site trip for St. Laurent School students to compete in the Manitoba Basketball 3x3 Championships in Winnipeg.

The board noted communications tied to Music Month and Treaty Week proclamations, along with correspondence from the Manitoba School Boards Association regarding provincial teacher collective bargaining.

Clace said PRSD is committed to recognizing Treaty Week from May 18 to 22, alongside its ongoing work to promote Indigenous learning.

"PRSD schools are committed to weaving these teachings meaningfully into the classroom experience throughout the entire school year, a commitment reflected in the rich and varied programming happening across the division from September through June," he said.

"PRSD teachers, staff, Knowledge Keepers and community partners are doing their part to ensure that Indigenous perspectives and Treaty education are a living, ongoing part of learning for every student in PRSD."

Earlier committee discussions included updates on a RM of Roland subdivision proposal and trustee representation at the funeral of a Carman Collegiate student.

Clace said the Roland residential development represents a positive growth opportunity, and the division is monitoring the proposal to assess potential impacts on enrolment, programming and capacity.

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## Closed Mouths, Open Minds

It's likely you've heard the saying, "you have two ears and one mouth, use them accordingly." It's a famous proverb that encourages twice as much listening than speaking in conversation.

The bible affirms this wisdom when it says, "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" (James 1.19).

But we're not very good at listening. At least, I know, I'm not.

Instead of recognising we have two ears and one mouth, we converse as though we have five mouths and no ears. Rather than being quick to hear and slow to speak, we can be quick to judge, hasty to speak, and slow to listen.

Isn't this what we see so often in public conversation, political discussion, and even in our personal dialogues.

Many conversations are not really dialogues - they're monologues. And we're the worse for it.

In previous articles, we've talked about the power of folly. According to the bible, foolishness often shows up in conversation.

"A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinions" (Proverbs 18.2).

Why is it foolish to speak only to express your thoughts?

Because wisdom and understanding comes through listening. If we desire truth and understanding, we need open minds, not just open mouths.

When we listen, we humbly acknowledge that we are not all-knowing and can be taught. It's that humility that readies us to find truth and receive understanding.

This is why Jesus Christ, who is called "The Way, the Truth, the Life" - so often said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Maybe what we need most is to stop and hear. We may just discover the truth.

Dathan Pleiter  
Pastor of Elm Creek Canadian Reformed Church

## The way it was this week May 21:

By Dennis Young

**100 Years Ago, 1926** — First bay horse of the year to Parks passes away; Sperling and Miami enter late submissions to ball league; CP and CN compete for Canadian travel excursions; Carman hosts retail merchants' courses; W.P. Hallett buys Carman Hardware Co.; Provincial Police raid premises over weekend for liquor violations; Carman council cuts licence fees for cigarette dealers to \$25 from \$50; council turns down tourist ads in the Winnipeg Tribune; A. Larson is your Great West Life agent; 15-jewel Swiss watches \$6 at Cochran's.

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your John Deere dealer in Elm Creek; Safeway standing rib roast 76 cents/lb.; Bob Hope's The Pale Face at the Boyne; blackleg disease affecting cattle in area; Southern Electric selling GE washer with Daily Dipper for \$171; Almer McKerlie back behind plate for Cards; G.H. Biehl is the Beaver Lumber manager in Elm Creek.

**50 Years Ago, 1976** — Ammonia leaks from A & M Soil concern citizens; council discusses options to dyke Memorial Hall; Madilene Murray heads United Way; Linda Kroeker opens Simpson-Sears to replace Eaton's; WW Implements selling MF 1805 four-wheel-drive 636-hp V8 for \$37,500; Dorothy North named chairperson for District D golf; council approves \$387,000 water/sewer im-

provements over \$1.2K option; Jack Ross and company have Carman Station House ready for opening; recreation director to incorporate Harness Festival into duties.

**25 Years Ago, 2001** — Carman Pharmacy sells 2.2-kg Tide for \$8.99; demolition of the CBC building is underway; Midland School Division prepares to renovate former Bank of Montreal; elementary students raise \$6,000 for kiddie slide at new pool; Junior Goldeyes drop season opener; Trans Canada Trail begins work in RM of Thompson; Carman-Dufferin Recreation Commission continues to hold bingos in hall; grand opening of Brunkild Bar patio; open house at Greenview Villa south of Subway.

# Carman Travel Club Explores Greece and Italy

Carman Travel Club takes 52 students and parents abroad for spring break trip

After nearly three years of fundraising, a group of Carman-area students finally got the opportunity to experience Europe firsthand this spring.

The Carman Travel Club, a parent-led community group founded in 2023, took 52 students and parents to Greece and Italy over spring break, giving many local students their first opportunity to travel internationally.

The club was founded in 2023 by Carman residents Carly Cox and Michelle Froese.

"We wanted to provide an educational travel experience for our families," Froese said. "I had the opportunity to travel in high school, and it was the best experience."

The group travelled from March 26 to April 4, visiting Athens, several Greek islands, Rome and Pompeii.

According to Froese, Greece and Italy were chosen because of their strong historical and cultural appeal.

"This was an easy decision," she said. "We knew the history and culture in Greece and Italy would appeal to a wide variety of students."



Lisa Pinkerton-Baschuk (left) and her daughter Nora in Italy.

For 16-year-old high school student Nora Baschuk, the trip marked both her first time overseas and her first visit to Europe.

"I really liked the cultures and the architecture in the different communities that we went to," Baschuk said. "It was really interesting to see, even within different countries in Europe, how distinct the communities and some of the cities we went to were, especially the islands."

The group began the trip in Greece, where they explored Athens before



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The Carman Travel Club poses for a group photo in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on Good Friday.

taking a day cruise to several Greek islands. After Greece, the group travelled overnight by ferry to Italy, where they toured Rome and Pompeii.

Baschuk's mother, Lisa Pinkerton-Baschuk, who was also part of the 52-person travel group, said several landmarks stood out to students and parents alike.

"A lot of us enjoyed seeing Pompeii because it was something a lot of us had learned about in school," she

said. "And with the Colosseum, a lot of people were familiar with it from the Gladiator movies."

The group also made a quick stop in Vatican City, the smallest country in the world, visiting on Good Friday.

"It was really special for a lot of the students and parents," Pinkerton-Baschuk said. "Just being at Vatican City on Good Friday was a neat experience. The crowds were absolutely insane."

Beyond sightseeing, students and parents participated in cultural activities, including learning how to make pasta and gelato from scratch, while also enjoying authentic Greek and Italian cuisine.

"The food was absolutely amazing," Pinkerton-Baschuk said.

A major highlight of the trip, particularly for the students, was the abundance of friendly stray cats in Greece that often sought attention.

Pinkerton-Baschuk also said the exposure to new cultures and languages helped broaden students' perspectives.

The trip was made possible through community fundraising efforts. According to Froese, students raised \$55,712 through various initiatives and activities over three years.

One of the Carman Travel Club's biggest fundraisers was A Night of Laughs, a Christmas dinner and entertainment evening held in both 2024

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## Rooted in Renewal: The Spring Blueprint for Our Backyards and Blocks

The definitive turning point of the year does not arrive with a rigid date on a calendar, but rather with the unmistakable, intoxicating scent of damp, warming earth. After months of cold winter hibernation, our neighborhoods are waking up to a collective, undeniable urge for physical renewal. This season, the traditional spring editorial is not just about passive appreciation; it serves as a comprehensive, actionable blueprint for active environmental restoration.

Transformation begins at ground level with the essential spring cleanup. Clearing away the skeletal debris of last year's growth is a therapeutic necessity for both the land and the mind. Raking away heavy, matted leaves and carefully pruning dead wood creates vital breathing room for the soil underneath. This foundational maintenance is the critical starting point that allows our shared landscape to breathe deeply once again, clearing the path for the vibrant new life waiting just beneath the surface.

Simultaneously, the local gardening community is channeling this fresh energy into intentional cultivation. Planting seeds in newly turned, nutrient-rich soil represents an unmatched act of pure optimism. Whether tending to small, sunlit patio herb pots or expansive backyard vegetable patches, citizens are actively nurturing sustainable, local growth. These green spaces do far more than simply beautify our public streets; they provide essential, life-sustaining ecosystems for local wildlife, support vital pollinator populations, and bring fresh, healthy food directly to our tables.

Beyond the soil, spring triggers a powerful, instinctual urge to build and fortify our surroundings. The steady, reassuring hum of power tools signals a community-wide effort to repair harsh winter damage and create lasting structures. Raising sturdy new fences, assembling organized raised garden beds, and meticulously restoring weathered wooden decks all serve to strengthen our immediate environments. These structural projects provide physical boundaries, enhance outdoor utility, and establish durable spaces where families can gather comfortably for years to come.

These individual efforts of cleaning, planting, and constructing quickly ripple outward to transform entire neighborhoods. By rolling up our sleeves and working hard under the open sky, we do

far more than improve property values. We actively cultivate deep personal pride, foster community resilience, and build a vibrant, living testament to our shared future. Every seed planted and every board secured acts as an investment in the collective well-being of our hometown.

As we move forward into this brighter season, the importance of personal accountability in our outdoor spaces becomes clear. It is easy to overlook a broken fence post or a patch of choked soil, but addressing these minor flaws prevents systemic decay. Neglected yards can harbor pests, encourage invasive weed

growth, and diminish the visual harmony of an entire block. Conversely, a single well-maintained property acts as a catalyst, inspiring neighbors to invest their own time and energy into property revitalization.

Furthermore, this seasonal shift offers a profound opportunity for multi-generational collaboration. Spring projects are inherently scalable, allowing children, parents, and grandparents to work side-by-side. Younger generations learn the practical mechanics of carpentry and the patient science of botany, while older generations pass down invaluable regional knowledge about frost dates and soil com-

position. This intergenerational exchange strengthens familial bonds and ensures that traditional stewardship practices are preserved and carried forward into the future.

Ultimately, the physical work we perform during these warming months reflects an internal renewal. Shedding the stagnation of winter allows us to realign with the natural rhythms of productivity and growth. The sore muscles and sun-warmed skin that result from a day of manual labor are badges of honor, signaling an active participation in the world's rebirth. We cease to be mere spectators of the changing seasons and in-

stead become active co-creators of our immediate environment.

Let us then embrace the dirt under our fingernails and the ambitious project lists on our counters. The tools required are simple, but the potential outcomes are monumental. By dedicating our weekends to the cultivation of our land and the fortification of our structures, we lay the groundwork for a prosperous summer. Our neighborhoods are ready to shed their winter coats, and the responsibility to guide this awakening rests firmly in our hands. Together, we can turn this editorial vision into a tangible, thriving reality.

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and 2025.

Students also volunteered at Kinsmen Connect booths during the Carman Fair and participated in additional fundraising initiatives, including gift card sales, cash calendars and movie nights.

"I know they'd all like to thank everyone who supported their fundraisers to help them have this opportunity," Pinkerton-Baschuk said.

While the Carman Travel Club is not officially affiliated with any local schools, all participating students were in Grades 10 to 12 from the Carman area.

For many students, the experience also provided a new sense of independence, particularly because it was the first time many had travelled internationally without parents guiding them through every step.

"They had to answer questions from customs and security on their own, scan passports and do a lot of things independently for the first time,"

Pinkerton-Baschuk said.

Baschuk believes travel opportunities like this help students build confidence while preparing for future international travel, post-secondary education and careers.

"From the perspective of a high school student who would like to go to post-secondary education, I think travelling and meeting people from all these different places is so valuable for communication and understanding of different cultures," she said.

Just days after returning home from Europe, Baschuk travelled to Ottawa on her own to attend a Canadian citizenship conference through 4-H, something her mother said reflected the confidence and independence students gained through the Carman Travel Club spring break trip.

As for future trips, Froese said another Carman Travel Club excursion is being discussed, although details about the next destination remain limited.



Students participating in a pasta-making class in Italy.

# All paces welcome



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Members of the newly renamed Carman Run and Walk Crew gather for a group photo during the club's season opener last Thursday at Ryall Park in Carman. The community-based running and walking group is beginning its eighth season and meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. from May to Thanksgiving weekend, welcoming participants of all ages and abilities with the motto "All Paces, All People."



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## Why Annual Well Water Testing is Essential in Manitoba

For many rural Manitobans, a private well is the primary source of drinking water. While groundwater is often clean and reliable, it is not automatically safe. Unlike municipal water systems, private wells are not routinely monitored by government agencies—meaning the responsibility for ensuring safe drinking water falls entirely on the landowner.

### You Can't See What's in Your Water

One of the biggest risks with well water is that contamination is often invisible. Harmful bacteria, nitrates, and other contaminants typically have no taste, smell, or colour.

Water may appear perfectly clean but still pose serious health risks to you and your family.

### Bacteria Can Enter Your Well at Any Time

Well water can become contaminated by bacteria such as coliforms and E. coli, which often come from human or animal waste.

In Manitoba, contamination is especially likely:

- After spring snowmelt
- Following heavy rainfall or flooding
- If a well is older or improperly sealed

For this reason, Manitoba health guidelines recommend testing private wells at least once every year, ideally in the spring.

### Nitrates and Other Contaminants Pose Serious Health Risks

Nitrates—commonly from fertilizers, manure, or septic systems—can seep into groundwater. High levels are particularly dangerous for infants, potentially causing “blue baby syndrome,” which reduces the blood’s ability to carry oxygen.

Other contaminants that may be present in well water include:

- Bacteria and viruses
- Parasites
- Chemicals from agriculture or industry

Regular testing helps identify these risks before they impact your health.

### Water Quality Can Change Over Time

Even if your well has tested safe in the past, conditions can change. Factors like weather, nearby land use, and aging well infrastructure can all affect water quality.

Manitoba experts emphasize that wells located close to each other can have completely different water quality, so you cannot rely on a neighbour’s test results.

### Early Detection Saves Time, Money, and Health

Routine testing allows you to:

- Catch contamination early
- Take corrective action (such as disinfecting the well)
- Avoid costly repairs or health issues down the road

If contamination is found, steps like chlorination, filtration, or well repairs can restore safe drinking water.

### It's Your Responsibility

In Manitoba, private well owners are responsible for testing and maintaining their own water supply.

Regular testing isn't just a recommendation—it's a critical part of protecting your household.

### Bottom Line

Testing your well water annually is a simple, affordable way to ensure your drinking water is safe. Because contamination can happen without warning and cannot be detected by sight, smell, or taste, regular testing is the only reliable way to protect your health and your family.

The Redboine Watershed District, Pembina Valley Watershed District and the Central Assiniboine Watershed District is offering a well testing program on Wednesday, June 10th and Wednesday, June 24th. Landowners can pick-up testing supplies and drop-off samples at various locations within the districts (see the advertisements for more details). The Watershed Districts then takes care of getting the samples into the lab in Winnipeg at no additional cost to the landowner.

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## EMILI invites producers to upcoming event



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EMILI Innovation Farms manager Leanne Koroscil shares a presentation on ag-tech innovation with farmers at EMILI Producer Day.

By Jennifer McFee

Calling all local producers — this event is just for you.

On Wednesday, June 10, EMILI is hosting Producer Day with Keystone Agricultural Producers. The event takes place at EMILI's Innovation Farms in Grosse Isle from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EMILI works collaboratively with producers, industry, investors and innovators who share the vision of Canadian agriculture leading the world through transformative innovation.

As an industry-led non-profit, EMILI provides innovators with access to leading-edge equipment, technology and production practices, along with unbiased feedback on how their in-

novation works on a full-scale farm. “EMILI was founded 10 years ago, in 2016, and launched Innovation Farms powered by AgExpert in 2022 to create space for innovation on a full-scale farm. EMILI's Innovation Farms provides innovators with access to leading-edge equipment, technology and production practices to increase productivity, sustainability and profitability across the agriculture and agri-food sector,” said Leanne Koroscil, EMILI's Innovation Farms manager.

“EMILI's Innovation Farms currently operates in two locations in Grosse Isle and MacGregor. EMILI's Innovation Farms Grosse Isle site is

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## Well Water Testing Program

**Wed. June 10th and Wed. June 24th, 2026**

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- Grassland (Hartney, MB)
- Argyle (CAWD office - Baldur, MB)
- Souris Glenwood (Souris, MB)
- Whitehead (Alexander, MB)
- Elton (Forrest, MB)
- North Cypress Langford (Carberry, MB)
- Oakview (Oak River, MB or Rapid City, MB)
- Riverdale (Rivers, MB)
- Sifton (Oak Lake, MB)
- Minto-Odanah (Minnedosa, MB office)

#### Drop off by 10:00 am:

- Louise (Crystal City, MB)
- Lorne (Somerset, MB)
- Rhineland (PVWD office - Altona Mall)
- Pembina (PVWD office - Manitou, MB)
- Victoria (RBWD office - Holland, MB)
- Norfolk Treherne office (Treherne)
- Thompson (Miami, MB)
- Woodlands (Woodlands, MB)
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located on Rutherford Farms, a 5,500-acre grain and oilseed farm. Crops include spring and winter wheat, oats, barley, corn, canola, soybeans, field peas and forage peas. EMILI's Innovation Farms MacGregor site, which launched in 2025, is located at J.P. Wiebe Ltd., a 10,000-acre potato and grain farm with approximately 3,000 acres dedicated to potatoes."

The producer-only field tour aims to create space for farmers to ask questions and share insights about what matters to them.

"EMILI Producer Day is one of several field tours that EMILI hosts throughout the season to showcase new agricultural technologies, expand innovation opportunities, and increase understanding and adoption of digital tools," she said. "EMILI Producer Days are unique in that they are producer-only events."

During these events, producers get a firsthand look at how EMILI's Innovation Farms is advancing digital agriculture in the Prairies. They focus mainly on technology that's close to commercial-ready to ensure discussions and demonstrations are relevant to attending farmers, since they might be thinking about adopting new tech on their farms.

Attendance is limited to producers to provide them an opportunity to learn about EMILI's work to reduce risks related to agricultural technology. At the same time, they can connect with other producers interested in ag tech, while also having the chance to ask and answer questions about the demonstrated technology without anyone trying to sell them products.

In 2026, EMILI will host two Producer Day events. The first will take place on June 10 in Grosse Isle. The other event will take place on June 18 in partnership with Elmer's Manufacturing at their site in Altona.

The Grosse Isle event will feature a half-day workshop featuring a producer panel that will share real-world experience and practical insights about adopting new on-farm technology. Attendees will also have the chance to exchange ideas with other producers and enjoy a free barbecue lunch.

The panel discussion will focus on adopting technology and driving in-

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# Your FARM



Producers learn ways to optimize their combine calibrations as part of a free combine clinic with Bushel Plus as part of EMILI's 2025 Producer Day.

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novation on the farm, while also highlighting how producers with different operations approach new technologies and how they believe these technologies make their operations more productive and sustainable.

Koroscil will moderate the panel with Andrew Doerksen, Hailey Jefferies and Jake Ayre. Doerksen is a partner at Beaver Creek Farms Ltd., a family-owned third-generation potato and grain farm near MacGregor. Jefferies is the co-founder and president of Prairie Fava, a Manitoba-based agri-food company. Ayre is vice-president of KAP and a producer at Southern Seed Ltd., a family-owned and operated pedigreed seed farm and retail business near Minto.

"During our 2024 event, attendees gained insight into how sensors benefit production practices, learned about the future of remote crop imaging and monitoring, and heard how EMILI uses drones to gain insight into crop health throughout the season," Koroscil said.

"At our 2025 event, producers learned new ways to optimize harvest and took part in a free combine clinic in collaboration with Bushel Plus."

At last year's event, organizers also took the time to ask producers what type of topics they'd like to focus on for future events.

"Our 2026 planning has centred around this feedback and is one of the reasons we are hosting two events this year. Our event in Altona will provide producers an opportunity to get behind the scenes at a made-in-Manitoba equipment manufacturer while learning about the results from EMILI's collaboration with them over the past few seasons," Koroscil said.

"Our event at Grosse Isle will include panel discussions and ag-tech demonstrations centred around adopting new on-farm technologies, financing innovation and improving productivity — topics that we have heard are top of mind for farmers in our community."

In addition, Grosse Isle attendees can look forward to ag-tech demonstrations that highlight projects EMILI is working on this season with Crop Intelligence, TerraWave, John Deere and Redekop Manufacturing. These demonstrations will showcase how their technology improves farm productivity and sustainability.

EMILI Producer Day is free, but space is limited and fills up quickly. Producers are encouraged to register as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

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## Highway work at Oak Bluff set to begin

### Staff

Work is moving ahead on the new highway interchange at PTH 100 and PTH 3 near Oak Bluff.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure advised last week that drivers in the area should expect to see more construction activity at the site, including temporary traffic control and automated flagger assistance devices as workers prepare the area for the scheduled improvements.

Currently, no major road closures

or detours are planned. However, drivers should expect reduced speed limits, increased signage, heavy truck traffic, and short delays near construction access points.

Drivers are reminded to slow down, remain alert, be prepared to stop, watch for workers, and follow all posted signs and signals to help ensure the safety of both workers and the travelling public.

For up-to-date information, visit [www.manitoba511.ca](http://www.manitoba511.ca) or call 511.

# On the catwalk for SCCR



STANDARD PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

South Central Cancer Resource's annual fashion show drew a near sold-out crowd to the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler on May 14. The evening featured models sharing personal cancer journeys—either their own or those of loved ones—while showcasing fashions and accessories from local businesses. Proceeds from the event support SCCR programs for Pembina Valley residents facing a cancer diagnosis. Pictured from left are Jeannette Labossiere, Michelle and Cheryl.

## Manitoba junior golf champs



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Reagan Wilde won a spot on the Manitoba Junior Girls' team and competed in the Nationals played in Ottawa in 1995.



Deb Pritchard qualified for the Manitoba Junior Girls' team that won the Manitoba/Saskatchewan interprovincial tourney in Dauphin the same year.

## Dr. Joss Reimer to receive Order of MB

### Staff

Among the 12 people selected to receive the Order of Manitoba this summer is a Winkler native who has gone on to national success.

The award, our province's highest honour, is presented annually to Manitobans who have demonstrated excellence and achievement, thereby enriching the social, cultural or economic well-being of the province and its residents.

Among the recipients for 2026 is Dr. Joss Reimer.

Reimer was the medical lead for Manitoba's COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Task Force, where she led the province through the largest vaccine campaign in history.

Among her many leadership roles, she has served as chief medical officer for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and as medical director of public health for the City of Winnipeg. More recently, she was appointed as Canada's chief public health officer.

Also being honoured at the formal investiture ceremony scheduled to be held



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Dr. Joss Reimer will receive the Order of Manitoba this summer.

on July 16 at the Manitoba Legislative Building will be Tracy Dahl, Andrew Harris, Chantal Kreviazuk, Jocelyne Larocque, Dr. Peter MacDonald, Ash Modha, Brian Pallister, Diane Roussin, Elder Billie Schibler, Dr. Lotfollah Shafai, and Douglas Stephen.

# sports & recreation

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## Carman's Bartlett captures Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour title

By Annaliese Meier

Carman's Makenzie Bartlett opened the 2026 junior golf season in impressive fashion, capturing her first-ever Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour title at the MJT Junior Worlds Qualifier presented by Maui Jim in Winnipeg.

Held May 9 and 10 at Kildonan Park Golf Course, the tournament marked the launch of the 2026 Manitoba season for the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, Canada's leading junior golf circuit. The event drew a record-setting field for Manitoba, with 91 players aged 19 and under competing after the tournament was wait-listed weeks in advance. The qualifier was one of six national stops on the MJT's Maui Jim Series in 2026.

Bartlett, 14, battled back with an outstanding second round to win the

U15 Girls division by a single stroke. After opening with an 85, the Carman golfer fired a 75 on day two to finish with a two-round total of 160 and claim the title.

Winnipeg's Angelina Sitarz finished second at 161 after rounds of 80 and 81, while Sadie Blazeiko of Winnipeg placed third with rounds of 85 and 91 for a total of 176.

"It feels amazing, especially because I have never (won) before," Bartlett said following the victory. She also credited the condition of the course during the early-season event, saying "the course conditions were great considering that it was the start of the year."

The win earned Bartlett qualification for the 2026 MJT East Coast Junior Championship and the 2026 FCG

World Championship. She was also shortlisted for the Uswing Mojing Junior World Golf Championship.

In the Girls 15-19 division, Winnipeg's Camryn Thomas claimed the title after rounds of 79 and 74 for a total of 153. Payton Chapman of Winnipeg placed second at 163, while Oakville's Kora Montour finished third at 186.

The Pee wee Boys division saw Winnipeg's Ryan Small take top spot with rounds of 76 and 77 for a total of 153. Tiago Miranda of Winnipeg finished second at 157, while Jackson Kippen of Winnipeg placed third at 166.

In Bantam Boys action, James (Chenrui) Qiu of Surrey, B.C., carded rounds of 70 and 71 to win with a total of 141. Zack Cahill of St. Pierre Jolys placed second at 154, while Winnipeg's Kai Lussier finished third at 160.

The Juvenile Boys division required a playoff after Hunter Oakden of Brandon and Ryder St. Laurent of Île Des Chênes both finished tied at 140. Oakden secured the victory after rounds of 69 and 71, while St. Laurent posted scores of 73 and 67. Morden's Darren Hesom finished just one shot back in third place after rounds of 74 and 67 for a total of 141.

Another playoff was needed in the Junior Boys division, where Gavin Carver of La Salle emerged victorious after finishing tied at 142 with Winnipeg's Liam Silvaggio and Tanner Grose of Laberriere. Carver rebounded with a tournament-best second-round 65 after opening with a 77, while both Silvaggio and Grose posted rounds of 72 and 70.

## Drive for Cancer cruises through region Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Car aficionados from across the region will set out from Altona this weekend for the Legends Car Club's annual Drive for Cancer.

"We usually see between 30 to 40 cars come out, depending on the weather," shares organizer Lyle Dunsmore, noting the club has hosted this ride in support of South Central Cancer Resource for decades.

The 2026 edition leaves from the Altona Co-op grocery store parking lot Saturday morning, with registration running from about 9:30-10:30 a.m.

From there they'll head for Winkler, stop for lunch at Syl's in Carman, pop by the Miami Railway Station Museum, Morden Nursery, and then back to Altona for a barbecue supper.

Registration is \$10 per person, which includes supper and your first hand for the poker run. Additional hands are \$5 each or three for \$10. The first-place winner will take home 25 per cent of the winnings, second-place gets 15 per cent, and third gets 10 per cent. The other 50 per cent goes to SCCR.

"The poker thing is just an excuse to go for a drive with our cars," says

Dunsmore. "They don't necessarily make us that much money, but the members are hopefully getting pledges from friends and family members—that's when the money adds up."

Can't make the drive this Saturday? You have another chance to see a host of classic wheels at the fundraising barbecue and car show taking place on Saturday, May 30 in the Janzens Chevrolet parking lot in Winkler. It runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is by donation, with all funds once again going to SCCR.

Last year's drive and Winkler car show together bought in upwards of \$35,000 for SCCR, which offers a host of free support programs for people navigating a cancer diagnosis.

Dunsmore is a volunteer with SCCR's transportation program, which connects people with drivers and covers the cost of mileage to and from cancer-related medical appointments.

It's one less thing for a person to have to worry about while dealing with everything else that comes with a medical illness, Dunsmore says.

"They've got maybe five weeks of radiation treatment. It take 10 min-



STANDARD FILE PHOTO

Legends Car Club's Drive for Cancer sets out from the Co-op grocery store in Altona this Saturday morning in support of South Central Cancer Resource.

utes a day, but you have to be there five days a week," he says. "That's 25 trips—you've got to hit up family and friends 25 times if you don't have somebody who can help you out with this stuff. Plus the cost of driving there and back every day. SCCR takes care of all that."

The agency, which relies solely on community donations, has always been a cause that's close to the Legends members' hearts.

"Right from the beginning we've supported them," says Dunsmore, "and, sadly, through the years we have lost a number of our members to cancer."

If you'd like to take part in the Drive for Cancer, stop by the starting point this Saturday, May 23. You can also download pledge forms online at legendscarclub.ca.

That's also the place to go to stay updated on the club's upcoming summer events. They meet every Tuesday night at The Ice Cream Hut but also have car shows scheduled for July 26 and Aug. 15.

"We're always looking for new members," says Dunsmore. "We're a welcoming group."

# Annual Car Show on the Ridge returns May 23

Fifth annual Woodridge event continues to fuel community projects

By Annaliese Meier

What began as a grassroots fundraiser has grown into a signature spring event for southeastern Manitoba, with the fifth annual Car Show on the Ridge set to return May 23.

Hosted by the Woodridge Community Club in partnership with the Woodridge Firefighters Association, the event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Woodridge Community Centre and M.A. Queral Community Park.

Now in its fifth year, the show has raised more than \$28,000 since its inception in 2022, supporting a range of community projects and emergency services.

Funds raised in previous years have gone toward the purchase of a community-accessible automated external defibrillator, renovations to the Golden Star Games Room, construction of a heated ice rink shelter and the acquisition of firefighting equipment, including a thermal imaging camera and wildland gear.

Organizers say the event continues to grow thanks to strong volunteer support and participation from car enthusiasts across Manitoba.

"We've had an incredible response over the years," organizers noted. "It's an opportunity to bring people together to share their passion for vehicles while raising funds that directly benefit the community."

This year's fundraising goal will support additional firefighting equipment for the Woodridge Fire Department, along with continued upgrades to the community centre.

Among those planning to take part is local car enthusiast Richard Schellenberg, who will be showcasing his 1950 Chevy pickup — a project more



Richard Schellenberg turned his late grandfather's original tailgate into a custom bench, preserving a piece of family history.

than a decade in the making.

"I've owned this particular truck for the last 12 years and have been working on it for 12 years and counting — they're never done," Schellenberg said.

The truck carries deep personal meaning. His late grandfather once owned the same model, purchased new in the 1950s in a similar shade of blue.

"I do still have his original tailgate that we found in his old barn on the farm," he said. "We made a custom tailgate bench out of it, which he got to enjoy."

Rather than a traditional restoration, Schellenberg describes the build as a "rustoration," blending modern mechanical upgrades with the truck's original exterior.

"In my opinion you only get factory paint once, and mother nature just fine tunes it to perfection as the years go by," he said.

The process of updating a vehicle more than 75 years old comes with challenges, from sourcing parts to retrofitting modern components.

"It takes out-of-the-box thinking, patience and mechanically inclined friends to pull off something like this," he said.

For Schellenberg, the reward comes



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED

Classic cars, trucks and specialty vehicles line up during the annual Car Show on the Ridge in Woodridge, drawing enthusiasts and families for a day of community fundraising and automotive appreciation.



A 1950 Chevy pickup restored in a "rustoration" style blends modern upgrades with its original patina finish.



not only from the finished product but from the reaction it draws.

"Showing my vehicles gives me a feeling of pride," he said. "All the hard work, parts hunting, late nights, head scratching and bruised knuckles is all worth it when you see people gawking and taking pictures."

He added that the experience often sparks connections with others.

"This usually leads to hearing a story about 'the truck' their grandpa or father had on the farm," he said.

The event will feature a wide range of vehicles, including classic and vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles, hot rods and specialty builds. Car show registration is by donation and includes a souvenir dash plaque and entry into a prize draw, while public admission is free.

In addition to the vehicle showcase, attendees can enjoy a full day of activities, including a BBQ lunch, beer

garden, tailgate swap meet, silent auction, 50/50 draw and a "Chase the Ace" fundraiser.

Music will be provided throughout the day, and the Woodridge Fire Department will host a display highlighting its equipment and operations.

Awards will be presented in several categories, including best car and truck, best bike, best import, best rat rod, best other and a people's choice award.

Organizers say the show is as much about community connection as it is about cars.

"This event is a win-win," they said. "Vehicle owners get to showcase their pride and joy, and the community comes together to support meaningful local initiatives."

The event will take place rain or shine, with a rain date scheduled for May 24.

## Tips for safe ORV use

Staff

Manitobans gearing up to climbing onto their off-road vehicle (ORV) over the next several months are encouraged by RCMP to have their fun while keeping safety top of mind.

Every spring, RCMP officers respond to reports of Manitobans being injured, or worse, because of mistakes made while operating their ORV.

Police urge drivers to consider the following rules and safety tips regarding their ORV usage:

- Learn about the area you will ride in and ensure you carry your cell phone and/or GPS device.
- Tell someone where you're going and when you expect to be back. It's always safer to ride in a group of two or more.

- No person under the age of 14 is allowed to operate an ORV unless supervised and accompanied by an adult.

- You must wear your seat belt if your ORV is equipped.

- No person should be operating an ORV without a helmet—and it must be securely fastened.

- You cannot carry a passenger unless your ORV is designed for two riders.

- You are not allowed to travel on or through private property, including farmland and gravel pits.

- Operating an ORV on a roadway is strictly prohibited. Crossing a roadway is permitted if you hold a valid driver's licence.

- Riders should never operate an ORV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- Every ORV must be equipped with a noise muffler in good working order.

- Carry the proper safety equipment related to the type of ORV you're operating.

For further information regarding ORV safety, visit [mpi.mb.ca/off-road-vehicle-safety](http://mpi.mb.ca/off-road-vehicle-safety).

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Rainbow Tuna Bowls

- 3 tablespoons shelled edamame
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1/4 cup shredded red cabbage
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced scallion
- furikake, for serving
- Sriracha, for serving

In two shallow bowls, layer rice on bottom then evenly divide radish, tuna, mango, edamame, avocado, cabbage and scallion. Sprinkle with furikake and Sriracha.

- Servings: 2
- 2 cups cooked sushi rice
  - 2 radishes, sliced
  - 1 can Bumble Bee Snackers Sweet Heat Tuna
  - 1 mango, cubed



## Bang Bang Tuna Sliders

- 2 tablespoons sweet Thai chili sauce
- 1 can Bumble Bee Snackers Thai Chili Tuna, included whole chili minced and reserved
- 4 slider buns

In small bowl, mix cabbage, lime juice, oil and salt.

In another small bowl, mix mayo, chili sauce and minced chili from tuna can.

On bottom of each bun, evenly divide layer of coleslaw followed by tuna. Drizzle sauce over top, to taste. Cap with top bun and serve.

- Servings: 2
- 8 ounces tri-color shredded cabbage (coleslaw mix)
  - 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice (1 lime)
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
  - 1/4 cup mayo



## Sheet Pan Pancakes

- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/4 cup blueberries
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 425 F. Cover baking sheet with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In large bowl, mix flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Add milk, egg and melted butter; mix until smooth.

Pour batter onto prepared baking sheet and smooth into even layer that covers pan. Top with strawberries, blueberries and chocolate chips.

Bake 5-7 minutes, or until cooked and golden brown. Let cool slightly before cutting into squares.

- Recipe courtesy of the Healthy Family Project
- Prep time: 10 minutes
  - Cook time: 5 minutes
  - Servings: 6
  - Nonstick cooking spray
  - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 1 teaspoon salt

## Five steps to keep kids sun-safe for Sun Awareness Month

By News Canada

May is Sun Awareness Month, and it's also when soccer and baseball games and long bike rides kick into full gear. Active days have a way of stretching longer than you planned. You pack the water bottles, the extra socks, the snacks, and then the sun creeps up on you. For family fun that includes movement, sunscreen is an essential part of staying protected all day long.

**Here are five things to remember before you head out the door.**

Prepare before leaving the house. Start by applying sunscreen 15 minutes before you go outside.

"When families are heading out for sports, field trips or active summer plans, the best time to think about sun protection is before walking out the door," says dermatologist and mom of two Dr. Katie Belezny. "Start by applying a generous layer of SPF, about two tablespoons for the whole body and rub it in well so that you're well protected from the start."

Plan for sweat. If your kids are running drills, climbing or racing scooters, they're sweating—even if it doesn't look like it. Choose broad-spectrum UVA/UVB protection with SPF 30 or higher, and remember that towels and shirts can rub sunscreen off. Sunscreen should be reapplied after 80 minutes if they've been sweating.

Don't forget the grown-ups. Kids take their cue from you. When you top up your own sunscreen, they're more likely to cooperate with theirs. Using water and sweat-resistant sunscreens like Banana Boat Ultra Sport Sunscreen Spray SPF 50+ is an option for parents who are out-



side cheering or playing alongside their kids.

Build reapplication into natural breaks. Between games, do a quick scan of noses, cheeks, ears, backs of necks as well as shoulders. Use snack time or bathroom breaks as another opportunity to reapply sunscreen. Don't go longer than two hours before reapplying, or 80 minutes if they've been sweating.

Dress for the sun. Finish with simple add-ons for the family: brimmed hats, lightweight long-sleeves and shade breaks when the sun is strongest. Sun safe family fun doesn't have to be complicated. You just need something you can stick to consistently.

A little preparation can go a long way on busy summer days. By making sunscreen, reapplication and sun-smart habits part of the routine, families can stay focused on the fun while helping protect their skin outdoors.

## Healthy Sausage Breakfast Muffins

Recipe courtesy of the Healthy Family Project

- Prep time: 3 minutes
- Cook time: 23 minutes
- Servings: 12
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 pound turkey sausage
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup protein pancake mix
- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

Spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray.

In prepared skillet over medium heat, cook onion until translucent. Add turkey sausage and cook until no longer pink. Remove from heat.

In large mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add shredded cheese, pancake mix and sausage and onion mixture; mix well.

Fill prepared muffin cups about 3/4 full with mixture.

Bake 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown on top.

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