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South Central Cancer Resource held its most successful fashion show yet on May 15, drawing a record-setting crowd of 497 people to the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler. The annual fundraiser, which began in a church hall in 2013, hit a new milestone in ticket sales this year. Proceeds from tickets and a rainbow auction support SCCR programs that help improve the lives of patients and their families as they navigate a cancer diagnosis. This year's show carried the theme "Stronger Together." Walking the catwalk as models and sharing their personal stories were cancer survivors and loved ones of cancer patients. Clockwise from above left: Brendan Heppner, Pam King, Susan Fehr, Katie Beckett and Cathy Dueck model clothing from local retailers.



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Carman to host Pembina Valley Pride Day June 7

By E Antonio

Carman will host its first-ever Pembina Valley Pride Day on June 7, marking a milestone for the 2SLGBTQA+ community and its allies in the region with a full day of celebration, solidarity and support.

Pembina Valley Pride has hosted annual events since 2019 in Altona, Morden and Winkler. This year marks the first time all the day's celebrations will take place in one community.

"It is the different communities that come together that make this celebration whole," said Pembina Valley Pride president Pauline Emerson-Froebe.

She and her wife moved to Carman eight years ago, and said she's felt a whirlwind of support since.

"It just means so much to me celebrating at home, knowing the community we have built here," she said.

Pride Day kicks off at 10:30 a.m. with Rainbow Church — a service focused on love and acceptance — at the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall on 1st Street N.W. The service will be led by Rev. Harold Kenyon of Carman United Church.

At noon, Ryall Park will host the Rainbow Makers Market, food vendors, raffle sales and a fundraising lunch for a local charity. Details about vendors and the chosen charity will be announced on the day of the event, due to past threats made toward participants, Emerson-Froebe said.

Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available, alongside a range of unique offerings from market



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Pembina Valley Pride's Pride Day is being celebrated in Carman on June 7. The event will include a Rainbow Makers Market, live entertainment, community rally and bowling party.

products and sewing clothing in 2021 after her youngest child graduated high school. Encouraged by her daughter, who studies environmental sciences, she looked for ways to reduce plastic usage and began crafting shampoo, conditioner and soap bars from home.

"I fell in love with being creative and adding lots of colours into everything ... this led to me having mountains of soap," she said.

Her creativity soon extended to fabric, which she sources from thrift stores to create retro-style clothing. She posts her creations on Instagram at @sudzymamasoaps.

Entertainment begins at 1 p.m. with speeches from local 2SLGBTQA+ leaders and residents, including Dr. Shayne Reitmeier, drag performer M. Westwood, and board member Xander Schieman.

Performances will follow from Prairie Soundscape — an inclusive Winkler-based choir — Pembina Valley trio A Band Named Chloe, and Carman's House of Dale drag group. A 20-minute community rally will wrap up the park events, with council-approved road barricades in place for the march. Emerson-Froebe said organizers will stay on sidewalks as much as possible.

"We want to be respectful to the town since they have already shown overwhelming support for us," she said.

Heidi Friesen, with Prairie Soundscape, said the choir is excited to participate.

"The goal of Prairie Soundscape is to welcome anyone and everyone who is interested in joining our choral community," she said. "Inclusivity for us means we celebrate diversity and provide a safe place to be yourself in a respectful environment."

Sally Friesen, guitarist and vocalist for A Band Named Chloe, echoed the sentiment.

"Pembina Valley Pride is hugely important. It says to our communities, loudly, that we're here, and that we're not going anywhere," she said. "There's strength in numbers, and I'm excited to see the rainbow community and those that love and support us showing up each year."

The band will also play at the Carman Motor Inn before the afterparty begins at 8 p.m. at Carman 5 Pin Bowl — a tradition for Pembina Valley Pride.

"It is important to us that we support local businesses and try to keep people in the community the full day," Emerson-Froebe said. "I am really proud of the board and the Carman community who have helped to make this happen."

ASL interpreters and sensory-friendly zones will be available at Ryall Park to ensure accessibility for all attendees.

Emerson-Froebe said she's looking forward to people coming together in a space where they can feel safe and be themselves.

"Having all these people around that are in a happy mood ... to be amongst others that are accepting and loving ... everyone wants to be themselves without judgment. That is what makes this whole day worth it."

Pembina Valley Pride hosts events year-round in Carman, Morden and Altona, including an upcoming Open Mic Night at the Manitou Opera House on June 21. A full calendar is available at www.pembinavalleypride.ca.

vendors.

Raffle proceeds will support Pembina Valley Pride. Among the prizes is a handmade quilt donated by Evelyn Froebe, a five-time best quilt winner at the Carman Fair and mother of Emerson-Froebe. Tickets range from \$2 to \$10, with the draw taking place at about 4 p.m. at Ryall Park. Winners must be present to claim the prize.

Among the returning vendors is Jodi Linklater, owner of Sudzy Mama Soaps. An ally of the 2SLGBTQA+ community, she said she aims to spread love and acceptance through her business.

"The amount of love and acceptance of everybody just oozes in the air," she said. "It is such a feel-good environment knowing you are in a place of acceptance — and that is what I want for everyone."

Linklater, based in Altona, began making bath

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Gretna girl aims to win \$20,000 in nature competition

Supporters can vote daily online until May 29

By E Antonio

Gemma, a spirited and adventurous seven-year-old from Gretna, has a shot at winning US\$20,000, learning from wildlife expert Jeff Corwin, and being featured in Ranger Rick magazine.

Her mom, Crystal Payment, said Gemma has always felt connected to the outdoors.

"She is looking to make the most of her life and just wants to be outside," said Payment.

Gemma is competing in the Jr. Ranger Competition—an online contest for children ages 4 to 12 who love nature. Contestants advance through eight rounds by collecting public votes, vying for a grand prize package valued at US\$40,000. The winner will receive a US\$20,000 honorarium, virtual mentorship sessions with Corwin, and a photo shoot in an American city to appear in Ranger Rick.

Payment found out about the com-



Scan the QR code to vote for Gemma.

petition through Facebook and immediately signed Gemma up.

"This opportunity would truly help Gemma shine," she said. "She's a wonderful example for kids to get out and appreciate nature—her first instinct is to help."

Gemma says she loves everything about nature. "From plants to pinecones, I'm always looking for something new to discover," she said. "I love riding my bike and collecting things in my basket to bring to my mom."

She's also what her family calls a



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Gretna's Gemma, 7, hopes to win the Jr. Ranger Competition, which carries a prize package worth US\$40,000.

"nature nerd." Payment said Gemma often boils her nature finds over a tealight candle, calling them science experiments. "She's always brewing up her little potions," said Payment. "She thrives when she's working with nature."

If Gemma wins, Payment plans to save a portion of the money for her daughter's future. Gemma, however, has one dream in mind.

"I want to go see polar bears and other Arctic animals," she said, refer-

ring to Churchill, Man.

To advance to the second round, Gemma needs to stay in the top 20 by May 29.

Anyone with a Facebook account can vote once daily at www.jr-ranger.org/2025/gemma-40db. Bonus votes can be cast through donations to the National Wildlife Federation via Gemma's voting page. Donations are in U.S. dollars and must be made through Gemma's voting page to count as bonus votes.



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Branden Leslie sworn in as Member of Parliament for Portage-Lisgar

By Annaliese Meier

Branden Leslie was officially sworn in as the Member of Parliament for Portage-Lisgar after securing re-election with nearly 70 per cent of the vote in last month's federal election.

"I am ready to get to work, especially after the Liberals have prorogued Parliament for over five months," said Leslie. "Our country is facing serious challenges, and more than ever, Canadians are looking to their elected representatives for leadership."

Leslie said he feels a strong sense of pride and humility in once again representing the people of Portage-Lisgar in the House of Commons.

Following the first post-election caucus meeting with his Conservative colleagues, Leslie said it was clear that many of the issues facing residents in his riding are being echoed across the country. Chief among them is the rising cost of living, which he said is affecting families and seniors nationwide.

Over the past year, Leslie and the Conservatives have raised concerns about Canadians struggling to cover

basic expenses.

"We must bring inflation under control by fixing the federal budget. The Liberals have taxed everything: your work, your food, your fuel, while blocking major projects that would create jobs and lower prices," he said.

Leslie pointed to stagnant economic growth under the Liberal government, noting that real GDP per capita in Canada now stands at about \$44,400, compared to \$66,300 in the United States. He also cited a federal deficit of more than \$50 billion this fiscal year and soaring debt interest payments projected to reach \$53.7 billion—up from \$20 billion in 2020-21.

Public safety remains another key priority for Leslie, who pledged to continue pressing for bail reform. In response to the death of Kelie Verwey, Leslie launched a petition that garnered more than 4,000 signatures calling for changes to federal bail laws.

"We need to keep dangerous criminals off our streets, while expanding support for addiction and mental health treatment," he said. "I hope to hear bail



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Branden Leslie, alongside his wife and daughter, at his swearing-in ceremony.

reform mentioned specifically in the Throne Speech next week, but if I don't, my office will spend the summer drafting legislation to table this fall."

Leslie also emphasized the importance of federal support for farmers, small businesses and the rural economy. He said removing interprovincial trade barriers, lowering taxes, and

streamlining regulatory approvals are crucial steps to unlocking job growth.

"It is time to rebuild our economy and open new markets so we can reduce our reliance on the United States," said Leslie. "We owe it to every young person, every parent, every worker, and every senior to bring home the promise of Canada."

This week, the way it was through the years

By Dennis Young

100 Years Ago — May 29, 1925: Rebekahs arrange for 70 vehicles to take children to Roseisle Field Day; Town Wide Sales Day promotion is a hit with a free picture show; Gordon Peck's team wins the crow/gopher hunt with 556 eggs, 528 feet and 18 tails; Co-op sells large catsup for 30 cents; Dufferin Leader subscription is 50 cents for the remaining seven

months of the year.

75 years ago, 1950: Cardinals lose season opener to Elmwood in front of 1,300 fans; the club signs contract with Manitoba Power Commission for \$5,000 down and \$8,000 over three years; Kinsmen volunteer to canvas for flood relief; Stout's Service sells Allis-Chalmers Model C tractors; Louise Johnston named captain of ladies' softball team.

50 years ago, 1975: Carman Flying Club sees renewed interest; collegiate performs Oklahoma!; Carman Radio & TV sells Radio Shack CB radios starting at \$44; tenders go out for a 38-by-72-foot seniors' centre; Terry Barlow wins Carman Beavers MVP; the Triangle Tennis Club is formed in Carman.

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Culturefest: Carman hosts the world

By Dennis Young

In 1997, development officer Ron Funk was tasked with organizing a new event unique to Carman.

"Culturefest was an initiative through our tourism committee to bring people into the community to see the shops and to help educate the visitors and community at large about some of the cultures that made up our community," Funk said.

The event featured six pavilions—Dutch, English, French-Canadian, Irish, Mennonite, and a 1950s–60s celebration—which attracted more than 1,000 visitors from near and far. Each pavilion showcased its own food and memorabilia at various locations around town.

Visitors could pre-purchase adult passports for \$5 or family passports for \$12, which granted access to all—or selected—pavilions. The funds raised were kept by each participating group as part of their own fundraising efforts.

In 1998, Culturefest was scheduled for the Sunday following the Potato Blossom Festival and a soccer tournament, in hopes of keeping visitors in town longer and giving merchants a chance to enjoy the pavilions as well. However, attendance declined and the organizing committee began re-evaluating the event's future.

"It ran for just those two years," Funk said. "Some of the groups were having trouble getting enough volunteers to work their booths and provide entertainment, so in '99 it was over as far as Culturefest. Syl's and the Legion still ran a stripped-down version. The small amount remaining in the organizing committee's account was turned over to the community foundation."

Theresa Bergsma recalled her time



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The term "Mini-Folklorama" appeared in this 1997 ad, prompting a letter from Winnipeg's Folklorama organization requesting Carman cease using the name. As a result, the event was renamed Culturefest.

working at the Dutch pavilion.

"I was only involved with the food side of our Dutch pavilion, and I do recall it was well enjoyed by all," she said. "One funny thing was that we made a small plate of Roggebrood—Dutch rye bread layered with Gouda cheese. It looked a bit like Nanaimo bars, and even though we had everything labelled, folks thought they were picking up bars. I remember many surprised faces when they first bit into it—lol!"

"Our pavilion also had a choir singing some Dutch songs and a group that did a Klompen (wooden shoe) dance. They were all dressed in traditional Dutch clothing from different

regions of the Netherlands."

Barb Alarie, who represented the French-Canadian pavilion, shared her experience as well. "As Deerhaunt, I had the community hall as a venue and the culture I was representing was French Canadian," she said. "I hired a band from St. Boniface, and I also hired a Métis couple to play Louis Riel and his wife in costume and dance for us. My venue stayed open long after all the food was served as people came to hear the music. It was great fun, but I'm pretty sure I didn't make any money, as my help was paid, whereas the other venues had mostly volunteers. Still, I would do it over in a heartbeat."

SAFE Roads campaign launches in Manitoba

Staff

Manitoba's fifth season—construction season—is well underway, and drivers are being reminded to take extra care on the roads.

A report provided by the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba on behalf of the SAFE Roads committee shows that there were 40 transportation-related claims in 2024 in the construction industry alone.

"On the other side of those drive slowly signs are Manitobans doing their job. And when motorists speed through construction zones, they're putting workers at risk," said Dave Kramer, vice-president of the WCB's SAFE Work Manitoba division.

Construction workers are not the only ones affected by transportation injuries, the committee notes. Tow truck drivers, utility workers, first responders, railway workers and others in the manufacturing and transportation industries face the same dangers.

When taking other industries into account, the number of transportation-related claims in 2024 jumps to 201—meaning hundreds of Manitoba families are impacted by work-related injuries, near-misses and fatalities each year. "Even one incident is too many," said Chris Lorenc, president and CEO of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association and chair of the SAFE Roads committee. "Ev-

ery worker should trust they'll return home safely at the end of the day."

The 2025 SAFE Roads campaign launched last week reminds motorists across the province to reduce their speed and drive with extra caution as increased construction brings more workers to Manitoba roadways.

The campaign emphasizes that "They're Not In Your Way, They're At Work."

The SAFE Roads committee believes staying vigilant on the road will help protect workers and reduce worker injuries. "Raising awareness of safe driving practices is vital in reducing the number of injuries that happen on the road," said Lorenc.

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But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)

The Truth About Ourselves

I have heard the story of Genesis 3 often. Most of the time the emphasis of the chapter is considered to be the fall of man into sin. In fact, many Bible translations have inserted a chapter heading, like, "The Fall" or "The Fall of Man." The title, if such a thing should be added at all, belies the translator's emphasis. Consider whether the inserted title should read, "God's Gracious Act." This is God's story.

The Bible opens with a beautiful story of God's creative power, a beautiful garden for the creatures He had made in His own image. The pinnacle of God's creative work, mankind, disobeyed God's voice while giving credence to the strange voice of a usurper, Satan. The facts are laid bare. Mankind could not remain faithful to one little rule, "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat" (Genesis 2:17). They didn't resist the temptation of Satan. They ate the forbidden fruit.

The Truth About God

How does God respond to their fall into sin? Even though God knew exactly what had taken place, He comes into the Garden as He always had, to meet with those He had placed in royal authority over the Garden. When they didn't show because of their own fear and shame about their sin, He gently called out to them, "Where are you?"

Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Indeed, in Jesus Christ, God has shown the same love to the world as He had to Adam and Eve. In fact, Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the promise God had made in the midst of the thunderous consequences the fall into sin had perpetrated. He continues to call us in His steadfast love, "Where are you?" He invites our response, and though the consequences of our actions may be heavy, the promise of redemption and restoration remains.

Len Lodder, Canadian Reformed Church Carman East

Governments boost wages for Manitoba early childhood educators

Federal and provincial funding to support recruitment, expand child-care access

By Lana Meier

Early childhood educators across Manitoba are getting a significant wage increase, the largest in provincial history, through funding from the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages Patty Hajdu and Manitoba Education Minister Tracy Schmidt announced the increase Friday, saying it aims to strengthen the child-care workforce and help expand access for

families.

"In order to provide families in Canada with high-quality, affordable child care, we need to support the early childhood education workforce with better compensation," said Hajdu. "Development that happens in early childhood plays a big role in future learning, so it's important to keep highly trained, qualified people in this field and also attract future educators."

The new provincial wage grid, retroactive to April 1, boosts hourly pay

by up to \$5 depending on certification level and centre size. This year's update targets frontline educators.

"Early childhood educators are the foundation of a humming and productive economy," said Schmidt. "Because of their work, parents across Manitoba can go to school or build careers that power our province. With this historic wage increase we are valuing the role ECEs play in our province."

The federal and provincial governments will provide \$60.4 million to licensed and funded child-care facilities to support wage increases — \$56.2 million from Ottawa and \$4.2 million from Manitoba. A two per cent boost to base operating grants, totalling

\$4.55 million, is also included.

"This is both a historic and monumental day for ECEs across the province," said Jodie Kehl, executive director of the Manitoba Child Care Association. "ECEs are the essential foundation on which we will develop a high quality ELCC system for Manitoba children and families."

The five-year Canada-Manitoba agreement, signed in 2021, directs \$1.2 billion in federal funds toward building a \$10-a-day child-care system and expanding access for children under seven. A February extension added \$1.9 billion in funding through 2031.

More information and the full wage grid are available at gov.mb.ca.

Federal Liberal government to provide income tax cut to help with cost of living

By Patricia Barrett

The federal Liberal government announced last week that it will bring in legislation to provide a tax cut for nearly 22 million Canadians.

Finance and national revenue minister Francois-Philippe Champagne announced the tax relief measure last Wednesday, saying Canadians expected to see a plan for change to address the high cost of living when they voted for a Liberal government, and that the government is now delivering that change.

The tax cut aims to provide relief to middle-class workers. Those with incomes in the two lowest tax brackets — those with taxable income under

\$114,750 in 2025 and those with taxable income of \$57,375 and below in 2025 — will receive the bulk of the tax relief measure.

"With today's middle-class tax cut, we are setting the stage for economic growth by helping hard-working Canadians keep more of their paycheques to spend on the priorities that matter most to them. Every Canadian should be able to afford necessities, feel secure and get ahead financially—and this tax cut will help them do just that," said Champagne in a May 14 news release. "As Canadians continue to feel the impact of ongoing challenges including trade and tariff uncertainties, they should be able to

keep more of what they earn to help build a stronger future and a more resilient Canada."

Once legislated, the lowest marginal personal income tax rate will be reduced from 15 per cent to 14 per cent effective July 1, states the news release.

The tax cut is expected to deliver over \$27 billion in tax savings to Canadians over five years, starting in 2025-26. Two-income families are expected to save up to \$840 a year in 2026.

To reflect a one-percentage-point cut in the lowest tax rate coming into effect halfway through the year, the full-year tax rate for 2025 will be 14.5

per cent and the full-year rate for 2026 and future tax years will be 14 per cent, states the release.

The Canada Revenue Agency will update its source deduction tables for the July to December 2025 period so that pay administrators are able to reduce tax withholdings as of July 1. This means that, effective July 1, individuals with employment income and other income subject to source deductions could have tax withheld at 14 per cent. Otherwise, individuals will realize this tax relief when they file their 2025 tax returns in spring 2026.

MMR vaccine eligibility extended as case numbers rise

Staff

As Manitoba's measles case numbers continue to rise, the province has broadened eligibility for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine to include infants from six months to under 12 months of age residing in Southern Health-Santé Sud (SH-SS) and Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA).

This vaccine is also now available to children aged six months to under 12 months of age who travel regularly to and have close contact with residents of the these two health regions.

Health officials note this early dose does not include protection from varicella, as the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine is not recommended for use in infants under 12 months of age. All in-

fants should still receive two doses of MMRV after their first birthday and at least four weeks after the previous dose of any measles vaccine to ensure long-lasting immunity.

To learn more about measles, including information on symptoms, treatment, prevention and current cases and exposures within Manitoba, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html.

Meanwhile, another local exposure site has been announced.

Public health officials last week notified the public that anyone who was at Prairie Dale School in Schanzenfeld on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. should monitor for measles symptoms until June 3.

Officials are communicating directly

with the school to notify staff, volunteers, and families of students who attend the school and/or who ride the school bus to provide advice specific to their exposure.

If you think you may have been exposed at the school but have not been directly notified, you are asked to call Health Links-Info Santé toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

Symptoms of measles generally appear seven to 21 days after exposure. Initial symptoms may include fever, runny nose, drowsiness, irritability and red eyes. Small white spots may also develop on the inside of the mouth or throat. Several days after the initial symptoms, a red blotchy rash appears on the face and progresses down the body.

If symptoms appear, isolate at home and contact your health care provider.

Immunization is the only means of protecting people from contracting measles, officials stress, urging people to contact an immunization provider such as a local public health office, physician, or nurse practitioner to ensure everyone in your family is up to date on their vaccinations.

As of May 17, there have been 60 confirmed cases of measles in Manitoba and four probable cases. Forty-two of those confirmed cases have been identified in May alone.

Health officials note some of the recent cases did not have any known contact to a previously-identified case.

Legends Car Club revs up support for cancer care

By Lori Penner

The weather was perfect last Saturday for the Legends Car Club annual Drive for Cancer fundraiser in support of South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR).

With the sun shining and a convoy of classic and modern cars winding through southern Manitoba, the event was about more than horsepower and nostalgia—it was about hope, community, and compassion.

“It was a great day for it,” said organizer and club member Lyle Dunsmore. “We went first to Morris, then had lunch in Carman at Syl’s, and stopped at Morden Nurseries between Morden and Winkler before returning to Altona for a barbecue supper at the fire hall.”

The Drive for Cancer has been an annual tradition for more than 20 years, raising funds and awareness for SCCR, an organization that provides essential services to cancer patients and their families.

Money raised goes directly to support patients through SCCR’s transportation program, which is its largest initiative. Last year alone, SCCR provided over \$175,000 in mileage reimbursement and transportation costs—all thanks to the tireless efforts of more than 70 volunteer drivers and coordinators.

“People donate at the different stops along the way,” explained Dunsmore of the drive. “I’m always amazed by the generosity. Some people just walk up and hand over a cheque, even if they weren’t planning to take part. One gentleman I’ve known for years came with his old car, just to give us a donation. He’s been dealing with cancer for two years, and he made a point of showing up. That really puts a face to the cause. I couldn’t stop thinking about it.”

While fundraising is the mission, the day is also about connection and camaraderie.

“When we get to drive our old cars, hang out with each other, and eat twice—it doesn’t get better than that,” laughed Dunsmore. “We had people show up who we’d never met, like two young guys from Rosenort with a Dodge truck, and even a couple of fellows from Winnipeg who didn’t have classic cars but wanted to tag along. That kind of spirit is what makes this event special.”

The event isn’t exclusive to classic car owners—anyone can join in, admire the lineup of vintage vehicles, enjoy a hot dog and a drink, and make a contribution.

“This cause hits close to home,” said Dunsmore. “We’ve had many club members pass away from cancer in



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Classic car aficionados started out Saturday in Altona before hitting the road in Legends Car Club’s annual Drive for Cancer, which raises funds for South Central Cancer Resource.

recent years. It’s personal. We’re not just raising money—we’re standing beside people in our community who are going through the toughest time in their lives.”

Dunsmore expressed deep gratitude for everyone who donated, participated, or helped make the day a success.

“Every year I say the same thing: all we are is a vehicle to encourage people to make a donation. And every year people come through for us. Someone will walk in off the street,

hand over a cheque for \$400 for a hot dog and a drink, because they’re thinking of someone they lost. That means something.”

Dunsmore hopes, between last weekend’s Drive for Cancer and an upcoming Legends Car Club fundraising BBQ this coming Saturday, May 31, at Hometown Service in Winkler, they would be in the neighbourhood of \$25,000 raised total. That BBQ will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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The racing season at Dead Horse Creek Speedway kicked off last weekend with the McNaught Cadillac Cup. Above: Malachi Klassen of Winkler powers through the track in his M47 Midwest Mods car. Right: Winnipeg’s Paul Veert, in car No. 88, makes a pass in the same division. The next event is the Father’s Day Spectacular, set for June 20–21.

Speedway action kick off



Hope in motion: Lefley family walks for ALS

Walk to End ALS
set for June 7 at
Assiniboine Park

By Jennifer McFee

A local woman is sharing her story in an effort to raise awareness about ALS.

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a disease that progressively paralyzes people because the brain is no longer able to communicate with the muscles of the body.

Over time, the brain's connection with the muscles of the body break down to the point that someone living with ALS will lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, swallow and eventually breathe.

In Canada, nearly 4,000 people live with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Sandy Lefley of Grosse Isle is one of them.

"When I think back, it started in 2011 with just a minor breathing issue. I have exercised for many years and knew something was off. So over the

years, I went through some tests and it was said I had acid reflux or anxiety. So I went with that," 66-year-old Lefley shared via email.

"Then in June of 2022, all of a sudden I started slurring my words. It was very minor and periodic at the time. Then I started having trouble swallowing and would sometimes choke when I ate or drank. I got in to see a neurologist and he came to the conclusion that it was stress or anxiety also or an adult stutter."

In May 2024, Lefley went to the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis seeking more information.

"We spent a week there going through numerous tests. The hard part is ALS isn't diagnosed in CT scans or MRIs. It is a process of elimination. I was tested for many other things and everything came back negative," said Lefley, who led a healthy lifestyle with exercise and diet.

"And the breathing part I described was not my lungs or heart. It is the muscles around it that are not functioning properly. So in the end, that left ALS. Mine is predominately the bulbar ALS. My type of ALS is not genetic. I do have some minor symptoms in my body but nothing major yet."

Since 2022, Lefley's ability to speak has gradually declined.

"Now it is to the point where no one understands what I am saying, so I have an app which I can type in what I want to say and it says it out loud. Or I just type something in my phone and show them. As you can imagine, it is hard to get a word in edgewise," she said.

"If I am with a group of people, the conversation moves so fast — by the time I type something, it is too late. Being with one or two people, it is more manageable. And the swallowing part, I am now restricted to eating and drinking certain foods or using my feeding tube. It is very difficult to go out for supper or eat at someone else's house because of my restrictions."

Although Lefley is dealing with many changes and challenges, she remains grateful for all the resources available in Manitoba.

"We do have wonderful resources for people living with ALS. There is an ALS clinic at Deer Lodge that specifically monitors ALS patients.



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Sandy Lefley, left, of Grosse Isle is surrounded by her family, Chris, Sarah, Chuck Wren and Kit, as they prepare to take part in the Walk to End ALS on June 7 at Assiniboine Park. "Sandy's Team" is raising awareness and funds for ALS research and support services.

They really take good care of you and help you with what you need to do to live with this disease. You have a whole team at your side," she said.

"There is also the ALS Society, which you can go to for things you might need free of charge. I also have a feeding tube and there is the Manitoba Home Nutrition Program that takes good care of your journey. You get all the supplies and formula you need from them for your feeding and delivered to your door at no extra cost."

At the same time, Lefley embraces some wise words shared with her more than once: Just live your life.

With that in mind, she will be participating in the Walk to End ALS with friends and family on Saturday, June 7 at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg.

"I had been thinking about going in the walk but never did anything about it. But my daughter Sarah brought it up to me. She said she was putting in a team. She got the ball rolling. It's like anything — until it affects you, you don't pay much attention to it. I'm so glad she decided to," she said.

"I am on a medication to slow the disease down but, of course, I would like to see more money go towards research so that maybe the next generation can have a cure."

awareness and support.

"It has gone through countless friends and relatives over the last couple of weeks and is still going strong. I am so humbled by the participation — it is very overwhelming. I am so lucky to have so many friends and relatives I know I can count on with this path that was chosen for me," she said.

"And, of course, my husband Chuck, my daughter Sarah, her husband Chris and my two grandchildren Kit and Wren have all been a huge support for me."

"Sandy's Team" is currently collecting online pledges for the Walk to End ALS at <https://alscanadawalktoendals.als.ca/manitoba2025/sandys-team>. Cheques are also accepted.

And all are welcome to join Lefley and her team for the Walk to End ALS, which takes place on Saturday, June 7 at Assiniboine Park, 55 Pavilion Cres. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the five-kilometre walk starts at 10 a.m. There is plenty of parking on site, washrooms are available and snacks will be provided for participants.

Looking ahead, the ALS Society will hold another fundraiser on Thursday, June 19 at a Goldeyes game in Blue Cross Park.

Learn more about the Walk to End ALS and An Evening with the Goldeyes events at <https://alsmb.ca>.



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Manitoba Coin Club shares rich currency history with rural Manitoba

Spring coin show set for May 31 in Morden with Royal Canadian Mint on site for coin exchange

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba Coin Club is heading back on the road with a renewed mission to promote numismatics in communities across rural Manitoba.

Numismatics—the study and collection of currency, including coins, tokens, paper money and medals—is one of the world’s oldest hobbies. Since 1954, the Manitoba Coin Club has brought collectors together to share in that passion. Over its 70-year history, the club has hosted two national conventions and remains a hub for currency collectors across the province.

“We’re always working to expand interest and awareness, especially outside Winnipeg,” said Larry Dalman of the Manitoba Coin Club. “Bringing our spring coin shows to rural communities has really helped us connect with a wider audience.”

That rural outreach began in 2023, when the club hosted its first-ever Spring Coin Show outside the city—at the Red Barn in the RM of Rockwood. With strong local promotion, including stories in the Stonewall Teulon Tribune, the event drew hundreds of visitors from the Interlake and southern Manitoba.

“People came who had never heard of the club but were already collectors in their own way,” Dalman said. “They brought coins and bills to learn more about them, to get appraisals, and to buy pieces to build their collections.”

Encouraged by the turnout, the club brought its 2024 Spring Show to Stein-

bach, again reaching new hobbyists through local media and community interest.

A popular highlight at each show is the Royal Canadian Mint’s coin exchange booth, where attendees can trade cash for five newly minted commemorative coins at face value. Visitors also receive two free passes for a tour of the Mint’s Winnipeg facility.

“Having the Mint attend our shows adds a huge draw,” Dalman said. “People get a chance to collect brand new coins and see where they’re made.”

This year’s spring coin show will take place in Morden on Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Morden Access Event Centre (111-D Gilmour St.). The Royal Canadian Mint will be onsite for the full event, offering its coin exchange and sharing insight into Canada’s coin-making process.

The outreach comes as the club prepares for a major milestone—hosting the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association’s 2026 Convention and Numismatic Show from July 14 to 19 at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg. That same year, the Winnipeg Mint will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

“The Mint is a global leader in coin production, making currency for around 80 countries, not just Canada,” said Dalman. “It’s fitting that Winnipeg will host the national show during such a major anniversary.”

Dalman noted that numismatics is more than just collecting—it’s a window into the past.

“Coins and currency tell stories,” he said. “They’ve been used for trade, for propaganda, even as emergency money in wartime.”

In 17th-century New France, for instance, a shortage of coins led officials to issue playing cards marked with monetary values as temporary promissory notes. During the Second World War, resistance forces in Norway smuggled currency plates out of the country so allies could print banknotes to support underground movements. And during the fur trade era, beaver pelts were exchanged for goods, with token systems used by companies like the Hudson’s Bay Company.

“People don’t realize how much history is sitting in their pockets or tucked into a drawer at home,” Dalman said. “Numismatics helps bring that history to life.”

The Manitoba Coin Club continues to welcome new members of all ages. Monthly meetings, educational sessions and public shows offer opportunities to learn, trade, and build collections.

“We invite anyone with an interest in coins or currency to stop by the show in Morden,” Dalman said. “It’s a great way to get started or to connect with others who share the same passion.”



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In 1685, playing cards were used as emergency currency in New France due to a coin shortage—each marked with a denomination and used as a promissory note until more coins arrived from France. These cards and other older coins are still in existence and being sold at Coin Shops and Auction houses in Canada.

Stay N Play correction

Staff

In the article “Elm Creek celebrates new daycare 25 years in the making,” published in the May 22 edition of the *Carman Dufferin Standard*, it should have read:

Karla Last, board chair of the ECSP Build Committee, thanked the governments of Canada and Manitoba for providing up to \$1.23 million through the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and

Child Care Agreement to support the 40-space standalone child-care centre for children under seven years old. The facility will also serve as Elm Creek Stay N Play’s second site.

The *Standard* apologizes for the error.

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Fundraising underway for new Habitat in Carman

Habitat for Humanity returns to Carman for a second chapter

By Emma McGill

In a world where the housing crisis continues to grow more daunting, many families doing their best still struggle to keep up with the cost of living. Habitat for Humanity remains committed to providing stability for those who need a helping hand. Back for a second chapter in Carman, the organization has supported families across the Interlake — including in Selkirk, Gimli, and Winkler-Morden — in their fight against housing insecurity.

The first Carman-Dufferin chapter was formed in September 2012 under chair Harold Kenyon, and the home was completed in 2016. Thanks to private donations, a crop harvest, and proceeds from golf and curling fundraisers, local volunteers were able to provide a home — and a fresh start — for a family in need.

Now working to revive the chapter are Brent McDonald, a member of the original project, and Ernie Bart. With a projected cost of \$250,000, the pair is leading fundraising efforts through

community events such as concerts, local business donations, and grant applications. Gifts of materials and volunteer labour are also welcome. So far, approximately \$30,000 has been raised for the project. At this rate, organizers hope the family selection process can begin in 2026.

That process will involve forming a selection committee to begin taking applications. In addition to meeting eligibility criteria — such as having children under 18 and not currently owning a home — applicants must undergo credit checks, provide references, and participate in credit counselling. Selected families must have minimal debt, a stable income, and hold a job within the community.

Christina Falk, manager of Chapter Support at Habitat for Humanity Manitoba, said the impact of the program on families and communities is clear.

“We hear about the affordable housing crisis across this country constantly on the news. It is a problem in every corner of the country, and Manitoba is no exception,” she said. “Carman has many people who are bussed in to work at local businesses because there are not enough homes in which they can live.”

Falk began working with Habitat after she and her husband helped start



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Volunteers and the partner family from Carman's first Habitat for Humanity build gather outside the completed home in 2016. Plans are now underway for a second Habitat home in the community.

the Winkler-Morden chapter seven years ago. She volunteered until last year, when she accepted her current role.

“My position is to give support to all of the chapters outside of Winnipeg and Brandon around the province,

and I love it. It's the ideal scenario — when the volunteering that you love to do in your free time actually turns into a job.”

Families that partner with Habitat receive a mortgage based on their income. The mortgage is interest-free and requires no down payment. Homes are purchased at market value.

“As partner families make their monthly mortgage payments, those payments will stay in Carman and be used towards the next house build,” Falk said. “This means that every Habitat homeowner is not only strengthening their own family's financial situation, but just by making their mortgage payments, they are helping the next family get into a home of their own.”

“There are many different approaches to dealing with the affordable housing crisis, and I believe that the Habitat model is an actual solution to this problem,” she added. “It has been working in Canada for 40 years, and we believe it will continue to be a solution for hard-working families in our province.”

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help get the next chapter in Carman off the ground. Anyone interested in joining the committee or supporting the build is encouraged to reach out.

To get involved, contact Ernie Bart at erniebart70@gmail.com or Christina Falk at 204-362-5026.



Physiotherapy Moves Communities

It's National Physiotherapy Month and this year's theme certainly resonates with the staff at Morden Physiotherapy.

“It's ‘physiotherapy moves communities’ and I think it's a fantastic theme because we're seeing growth in physiotherapy in our community tremendously,” says physiotherapist Ashley Froese, one of the owners of the clinic which has locations in Morden, Winkler, and Carman.

As people struggle to find and access local doctors, physiotherapy has become the first stop for many looking for relief from a myriad of medical challenges.

“People are now seeking out physiotherapy as their first line of assessment,” Froese says, noting her skilled team can be an integral part of the care process as patients navigate the exercises, imaging, mobility aids, and treatments they need to heal. You don't need a doctor's

referral to seek out their services, which run the gamut from sports injuries to women's health to neurological injury recovery and beyond. “Our goal is really to help reduce wait lists and wait times in urgent care and unnecessary visits to the ER.”

The awareness month's theme has a broader meaning as well.

“When you say physiotherapy moves communities, it fits so well with the fact that we're seeing more and more patients wanting to move their bodies in all different ways, shapes, and forms,” Froese says. “May is the perfect month to highlight

movement, because everyone's wanting to get outside and enjoy spring, enjoy the fresh air. And as physiotherapists, that is our bread and butter: helping people with movement.”



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Miami Arts celebrates its new home, looks to the future

By Lorne Stelmach

It's been a journey to get to this point, but the Miami Arts Association saw its dream come true with the opening of its first exhibit in the former local United Church last Friday.

For those who had helped spearhead the project, it was most certainly cause for celebration.

"We just started out two years ago, tentatively seeing if there was interest in the community for an arts association, and there was," said chairperson Heather Imrie.

"Last year, unfortunately, the United Church closed, and we were looking for a home, so it was just so fortunate that those two things coincided, and we are just so grateful for the ability that the United Church gave us to purchase this building, and we're just very pleased that it will remain as a public facility for many years," she said. "The community hasn't lost the building, and it's been given a new life."

"We didn't really have an arts scene in town, so this has really allowed all the artists in this area to come together and come together and celebrate what they all do," added vice-chair Wendy Pearson.

"Art is actually extremely important for your whole well-being," she suggested. "It's a necessity in your life, and everybody is an artist in their own way ... it's not just a chosen few."

"I think we really just need to come together and show people what's out there and that it's exciting."

The first show at the Miami Centre for the Arts featured a variety of work by local artists, and the response from the community has been encouraging.

"We put out a call for some artwork by past and present artists, and we just had a tremendous response," shared Pearson. "We almost had trouble getting them all displayed."

"We have already done a lot of programming as well. We have had some really successful programs and workshops, and we have had people come from other communities for this as well, even as far as Winnipeg."

"I think we're central, so it's kind of nice that we can draw from a big area," she added.

Imrie noted they are looking at doing a variety of artistic and cultural events at the centre in the months ahead.

"We really are big on trying to keep it accessible to everyone," said Pearson, who added they are grateful for a number of sponsorships as well as grants that have allowed them to offer something like the free junior art



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Miami Arts Association chair Heather Imrie (seated) and vice-chair Wendy Pearson are excited at what the future holds for the organization's new arts centre, located in the former United Church building. The Miami Centre for the Arts celebration held earlier this month included music, historical artifacts from the former church building, and, of course, a display of art from local artists—the facility's first such exhibition.

program.

"The fiber arts is really going to be a bit of our niche for the next little while. It's really pretty popular here," Pearson said, noting that would be the subject for a planned fall exhibit.

"We'll see how this goes, and I think we will learn a lot ... and there's lots of possibilities," added Imrie.

Both of them also emphasized the importance of being able to ensure this beautiful historic building would remain a public facility that their community can continue to enjoy for many more years.

The exhibition on right now is in honour of the life of the Miami United Church, and they were featuring some mementos from the church along with the art.

"We're just so grateful that the United Church put their faith in us to take care of this beautiful building. There is no other building in town that would suit us better," concluded Imrie. "It was a perfect fit."



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Back 40's 37th festival takes place Saturday, June 7

By Lorne Stelmach

The Back 40 Music Festival not only makes the move to Saturday this year but also signals its ideas for further growth moving ahead.

As the festival prepares for its 37th edition June 7 in the Morden Park, directors are optimistic about the years ahead.

The festival will continue to showcase local talent and other artists from further afield as part of its mission to keep homemade music alive, but organizers are also looking to reflect the growing diversity of the community.

"Because the southern Manitoba region has diversified so quickly, this festival has to respond and reflect the community," suggested Sonia Funk, noting they are making an intentional effort in line with their five-year strategy that aims to musically and culturally diversify the festival.

"The lineup this year is the beginning of that," she said. "We were looking for even more diversified acts this year ... we kind of have an even bigger plan for that next year."

"Supporting our local music scene is always on the forefront of our mission ... but bringing in outside acts that can draw more people is a way to also celebrate that and give our local acts a spotlight and be able to showcase them while also just making it a wonderful diversified day."

Here are some of the highlights of this year's performer lineup:

- Roman Clarke: A multi-instrumentalist, producer and artist from Winnipeg who started playing drums in touring bands at the age of 17 and ended up performing all over with acts such as The Bros. Landreth, Ariel Posen, Fieldguide, Boy Golden and many others. He has produced music for Joey Landreth, Fieldguide and Taylor Janzen and played, sang and recorded everything on his first album *Scorcher*.

- Curubandé: Formerly known as the Indestructible Latin Orchestra

featuring heavyweights of latin music in Winnipeg such as Rodrigo Muñoz, aka Papa Mambo, Amber Epp and Jaime Chinchilla. This band is a guarantee of authentic Afrolatin genres such as Cumbia, Salsa and Merengue, and it has played at major festivals in western Canada and been repeatedly selected to headline the Latin night at the Winnipeg Jazz Fest.

- Boreal: The magical collaboration of Tannis Slimmon, Angie Nussey and Katherine Wheatley. These three renowned singer-songwriters, each with a long history of award-winning solo careers have come together to create a sound that resonates deeply with audiences with spellbinding harmonies, powerful songwriting and honest storytelling.

- Fontine: An indie-folk/pop artist from Winnipeg and a queer and Indigenous musician of Nehiyaw Iskewew heritage. Inspired by the prairies and the Winnipeg music scene, her music is a fusion of culture and creativity.

- Paige Drobot: An award-winning guitarist, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, band leader, guitar instructor as well as a session musician and live guitarist for other artists.

- Joe Wilson: A country and western singer/songwriter from Winkler currently focusing on writing and performing songs that have a balance between two prominent ways of life in the west: farming and ranching.

Aside from a day of great music, the festival will also offer its usual array of amenities including the artisan village, kid's tent, food trucks, and a beer tent.

Funk noted it is an exciting time for the festival with a number of new board members having joined in the last two years, and she sees an opportunity for the festival to really grow and reflect the community.

"We do have big dreams, but we are also cognizant of the steps that need



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Boreal, a trio featuring Tannis Slimmon, Angie Nussey and Katherine Wheatley, brings its signature harmonies and heartfelt songwriting to the 37th annual Back 40 Music Festival in Morden on June 7.



Curubandé, featuring top Latin musicians from Winnipeg, will bring high-energy Cumbia, Salsa and Merengue to the festival.

to happen to achieve those dreams," she said. "The move to Saturday was huge because the only way we could increase our attendance was to move to a day that was easier for people to travel for the day ... to make it more accessible."

Funk also sees the future possibility

of expanding to two days.

"That is our long term dream, so we're already taking the small steps to already achieve the goals of growing the festival."

For tickets and performer information, head to backfortymusicfestival.com.

Classrooms can 'tackle finances' with Bomber-led workshops

By Annaliese Meier

Manitoba classrooms have a chance to score a touchdown in financial literacy, thanks to a returning partnership between Access Credit Union and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Schools across the province are invited to apply for the "Tackle Your Finances like a Pro" workshop—an engaging, 60-minute session co-led by an Access Credit Union Financial Literacy trainer and a Winnipeg Blue

Bombers player.

Back for the 2025-26 school year, the workshop uses interactive activities to help students build practical money management skills. Exciting giveaways and prizes are also part of the experience.

"These workshops were introduced last year to great success. We found students were very engaged, asked thoughtful questions, and showed genuine interest in learning how to

take control of their financial future," said Emily Suderman, Financial Literacy Specialist at Access Credit Union.

Last year, Blue Bombers receiver Nic Demski attended every workshop—a highlight for many of the participating students.

"We are excited with all the interest from the local schools for the Financial Literacy Program and look forward to building on last year's success," said Wade Miller, president and CEO of

the Winnipeg Football Club. "We are thrilled to be in partnership with Access Credit Union on this important community initiative."

Schools interested in applying can visit accesscu.ca/bombers. The application deadline is June 30, 2025.

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Blackberry Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

2 slices provolone cheese
10-12 blackberries, cut in half
Heat medium skillet over low heat.

In small bowl, mix mayonnaise and mustard; spread on one side of each slice of bread.

Place bread mayo-side-down in skillet. Top with cheese and blackberries. Add second slice of bread mayo-side-up.

Cook 3-4 minutes per side, or until bread is toasted and cheese is melted. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 2
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1 tablespoon stone-ground mustard
4 slices whole-grain bread



Chicken and Apple Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Heat large skillet over medium-low heat.

Lightly butter one side of each slice of bread. Place bread butter-side-down in skillet. Top with chicken, cheese and apple slices. Top with slice of bread butter-side-up.

Cook 2-3 minutes, flip and cook 2-3 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

Remove from heat and cut in half. Repeat with remaining sandwiches.

Serve with prepared salad.

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
8 slices whole-grain bread
8 ounces sliced rotisserie-style chicken breast
4 slices sharp cheddar cheese
1 apple, thinly sliced
prepared salad, for serving



Pork and Bacon Burgers

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6
2 pounds Coleman Ground Pork
1/4 pound ground pork chorizo
1 medium onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon salt
6 cheese slices (optional)

Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

So, your doctor has ordered tests or told you they're referring you to a specialist — but it's been a month and you haven't heard anything. What should you do?

Chase them.

I recently had an appointment with a specialist who asked me to put together a symptom timeline. (No specialist has ever asked for this before, so it gave me hope for a proper diagnosis.) When I asked him when I'd hear from him, he said that once his secretary received my email with the timeline, I'd hear back within a week to discuss next steps.

Guess what. I didn't.

What did I do?

I emailed the secretary and politely asked when I might expect to hear from him. I told her I wanted to "manage my expectations." I didn't come in hot — but I did assert myself. She responded the same day with, "I'll chase this up with the doctor." A few hours later, I received another email saying that he would be ordering tests.

Result!

It doesn't always go this smoothly. I have a friend who — twice — had an MRI and biopsy done for a problem, and by the time she got a follow-up appointment, the test re-

sults were out of date! The third time around, she told them she wouldn't proceed with the tests until a follow-up appointment was in the books. She wasn't going to put her body through those unpleasant procedures without a plan of action.

Imagine — two internal biopsies! Ouch! (Don't get me started on the waste of financial resources the first two rounds cost.)

Because she asserted herself that third time, she now has a follow-up appointment to discuss surgery.

I'm sure you can see from these examples that sometimes, as patients, we have to "get in the medical system's face" and advocate for our needs. It shouldn't be this way — but since it is, if we want the desired result (Did you see my column from two months ago?), we need to do what needs to be done.

And if you don't feel comfortable picking up the phone to push the system forward, ask a friend or relative to do it for you — preferably with you in the room in case they need any information from you during the call.

For some reason, some people feel like, "I should just wait," or "Maybe getting the tests isn't that important." Meanwhile, your case may have simply slipped through the cracks. (Where do those cracks lead, anyway? I picture so much torn paperwork down there.)

So remember: ask your doctor when to expect an appointment or test — and then follow up!

It's not only your right — it may save your life.

Less health stress, yes?

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Divide meat into six burger patties.

Cook burgers 3-4 minutes per side until internal temperature reaches 145 F or desired doneness.

During last 2-3 minutes of cooking, place cheese slices on top of burgers to melt, if desired.

Transfer burgers to platter. Assemble burgers with buns, bacon, tomato slices, red onion slices, lettuce, ketchup and mayonnaise, as desired.

Tip: Burger patties may be frozen up to 1 month. Fully defrost before cooking.

6 hamburger buns
6-8 strips Coleman Hickory Smoked Uncured Bacon, cooked
tomato slices (optional)
red onion slices (optional)
lettuce (optional)
ketchup (optional)
mayonnaise (optional)
Preheat grill to medium heat.
In large mixing bowl, combine ground pork, chorizo, onion, garlic, salt and pepper.
Gently mix ingredients, being careful not to overwork meat.

More than a fad: Manitoba farmer growing herd of Highland cattle

By Becca Myskiw

For Fran Wilkinson, Highland cattle aren't a novelty — they're the backbone of a growing operation rooted in tradition, sustainability and a love of the land.

Originally from Wales, Wilkinson grew up surrounded by the shaggy, horned breed on moorlands and hills. When she moved to Canada, her boyfriend — then training horses — expressed an interest in raising cattle. For his 30th birthday, she bought him a few Highland cows.

Seven years later, the couple has grown their herd to 40 animals at their farm near Teulon, with Wilkinson now caring for them full-time alongside her boyfriend and her 13-year-old daughter Gracey.

"Even when this fad goes away, we will never not have Highlands," she said. "You're working your butt off and with farming, it's overwhelming sometimes... but at the end of the day, when you go on your side-by-side, it's a beautiful evening, the sun's going down, and you look at your cattle, you're like, 'Oh, this is what I'm doing this for.'"

Highlands are believed to be the world's oldest cattle breed, dating back to the sixth century. Known for their long horns and shaggy coats, they have a lifespan of up to 20 years — longer than the average beef cow — and are well-regarded for their lean, marbled meat, which is lower in cholesterol and higher in iron. Queen Elizabeth II reportedly ate only Highland beef and kept her own herd.

Wilkinson raises her Highlands as she would any beef herd — grazing in summer, hay-fed in winter



Bullrush Highland Acres near Teulon is home to a growing herd of 40 Highland cattle, known for their long horns, gentle temperament and lean beef.

— but the breed offers additional benefits. They feed on marshes, shrubs and trees, using their horns to rip branches and knock back brush in dense areas, making them land-friendly grazers.

While Highland calves take longer to wean — about a year more than typical beef cattle — they eat about a third less due to their smaller size and slower growth rate, making them economically viable for small farms.

The breed is also known for its docile temperament. Wilkinson and her family know each cow by personality, and the animals return the favour.

"They're very smart," she said. "If we have to work with them, I have to prepare a couple of days in advance to make sure they're hungrier so I can motivate them with food."

The demand for Highland cattle rose sharply during the pandemic. With people spending more time at home, Wilkinson suspects hobby farmers sought animals they could bond with. While some bought Highlands as pets, others now seek them for meat or breeding, giving farmers like Wilkinson more opportunities.

"The breed's been pushed to the bottom and they're finally coming back up," she said.



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Clarke Childs, left, and Fran Wilkinson co-own Bullrush Highland Acres, where they raise Highland cattle and other animals.

Wilkinson also appreciates how well Highland cows protect their young. In seven years, her farm hasn't lost a single calf to predators — a stark contrast to a nearby commercial beef farm that has lost several.

Each Highland cow will protect all calves in the herd, not just their own, she said.

"All these people buying them for pets are realizing they're more than that," said Wilkinson. "They're functional. They're tough. They're smart. They're amazing mothers."

All of Wilkinson's Highlands are registered pure-breds, but the farm has kept a few unregistered cows they were too fond of to sell. Their calves are raised and sold at a lower cost. Last year, the family also purchased six Shorthorns and plans to grow that herd while experimenting with crossbreeding.

The farm, Bullrush Highland Acres, is also home to free-range chickens, ducks, cats, seven dogs, a few pigs — and even emus.

Gracey will be taking part in the 4-H Beef Achievement Day at the 71st Annual Lundar Fair being held June 13 and 14.



Gracey Wilkinson, 13 will be showing a shorthorn steer and a highland heifer at the Lundar Fair 4-H Beef Achievement Day on Friday, June 13.

Manitoba and Ontario agree to knock down interprovincial trade barriers

By Annaliese Meier

The Manitoba government has signed an agreement with the Ontario government to boost the flow of goods, services, investment and workers between the provinces, Premier Wab Kinew and Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced Tuesday.

"We're facing a tariff war on two fronts and now is the time to build up this country we love so much," said Kinew. "Through this agreement with Ontario, we will unlock more economic opportunities for people in

both provinces. As premiers, we are all working toward the common goal of powering our Canadian economy toward the future."

The premiers signed a memorandum of understanding at Queen's Park to signal their intention to reduce interprovincial trade barriers, including direct-to-consumer alcohol sales and improved labour mobility between Manitoba and Ontario.

"Working together with provinces and territories across Canada, we are building a stronger, more competitive

and more resilient economy that will protect our workers and communities and tie our country together," said Ford.

"Today's MOU is just the latest step we are taking to unlock the enormous potential of true free trade within Canada, which will lower costs for families and add up to \$200 billion to our national gross domestic product. I'm grateful to Premier Kinew for his partnership and leadership in getting this MOU done, and I look forward to signing additional MOUs with other

provinces as we move forward."

The premiers said the agreement would see the provinces rely on both existing legislation and upcoming legislation in Manitoba to help grow Canada's economy. They also encouraged other provinces to remove internal trade barriers, including through reciprocal mutual recognition.

In 2021, the value of interprovincial trade between Ontario and Manitoba totalled \$19.5 billion.

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Friesen powers Central Energy U17 to doubleheader sweep over Phillies

By Annaliese Meier

Central Energy softball teams came away with a string of wins and strong showings across all three age divisions over the weekend, highlighted by big bats, timely pitching, and consistent defence in games played in Stonewall and Winnipeg.

The U17 Central Energy squad opened their weekend doubleheader on Saturday with a 7-2 win over the Interlake Phillies. Brooklyn Friesen led the charge at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a double, single and a home run to centre field in the third inning that drove in two. Third baseman Kara Buhler chipped in with a two-hit game and three RBIs, while Kennedy Funk added a solo shot in the fifth.

Taylor Wall earned the win from the circle, allowing six hits and one run over four innings, striking out five. Gabrielle Hildebrand closed out the final three frames in relief.

Game 2 of the doubleheader also went Central's way in a 6-3 victory. Molly Cowan opened the scoring in the first with an RBI single before the Phillies briefly pulled ahead thanks to a two-run bottom half, which included a homer by Abi Minnie. Funk responded with a solo homer in the third to tie the game, and Friesen followed with a two-run blast in the fifth to retake the lead.

Funk pitched four innings for the win, with Addison Nikkel tossing three no-hit innings in relief. Offensively,

Ava Bonik and Eve English both collected two hits for Central, while Cowan led the team with three RBIs.

Central's U17 squad split their Sunday matchups with the Manitoba Angels at Optimist Park. In the opener, Central held a 10-8 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh before a triple from Lacey Bayes and a walk-off single by Mia Milloy lifted the Angels to an 11-10 win. Despite the loss, Central put up 10 hits, including three from English and two each from Gufei and Cowan.

The U17 team bounced back in the rematch with a decisive 12-3 win. English hit an inside-the-park home run and finished with two hits and two RBIs, while Friesen and Anderson also delivered multi-hit efforts. Central scored five in the fifth, with RBI hits from Friesen, Toews and Anderson. Nikkel went the distance in the circle, allowing six hits and striking out four.

The U15 AAA Central Energy team also swept their weekend doubleheader against the Manitoba Angels. In Game 1, a five-run second inning put Central in control, capped by a three-run home run from Ella Conrad. Kylie Wiebe and Payton Manness each drove in a run during the inning. Blaine Wiebe picked up the win, striking out four over three innings, while Goertzen pitched two scoreless frames in relief.

In Game 2, Hailey Baldwin led the



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Kennedy Funk gets the out at third during a run down against the Phillies last Saturday. The Central Energy U17 girls team defeated the Phillies in a doubleheader on the road, 7-2 and 6-3.

offensive charge, going 4-for-5 with a triple and three singles in a 10-6 win. Goertzen and Shyanne Wiebe added multi-hit games, with Central racking up 18 total hits. Goertzen earned the win with two clean innings, while Manness and Wiebe also saw time in the circle.

The U13 Central Energy picked up a pair of wins over Westman Magic. In the first game, Reese F. went a perfect 3-for-3, and Brady W. tripled in the second inning of a 9-5 win. Kaitlyn B. and Beaudry E. both delivered multi-hit games. Central played error-free

defence behind Addison D., Emma S., and Brady W., who shared pitching duties. Central Energy followed that up with an 8-3 win in Game 2, powered by a seven-run third inning that included a two-RBI triple from Brady W. Jaidyn S., Brielle F., and Lindsay F. each contributed RBIs. Kaitlyn B. and Jaidyn S. both had two-hit games and drove in multiple runs. Collins V. pitched two scoreless innings to secure the win in relief. Central Energy's softball teams will look to carry their momentum into another busy week of games across the province.

Sanford's Mann to represent Canada at FISU Games

By Annaliese Meier, with files from Mike Still, Bison Sports

Dawson Mann's track career is headed to the international stage.

The Sanford local and University of Manitoba Bisons middle-distance runner has been named to Team Canada for the 2025 FISU World University Games in Bochum, Germany, where he'll compete in the 800 metres. The athletics portion of the event runs from July 21-27, 2025.

As a fifth-year athlete, Mann, 5' 11" has built one of the most impressive resumes in Bisons track and field history. He captured national gold in the 600 metres at this year's U SPORTS championships, and is one of just two men in program history to run the event in under 1:17—joining legendary Canadian runner Byron Goodwin

in the elite club.

Over his university career, Mann has collected 18 U SPORTS and Canada West medals and played a key role in the Bisons' four consecutive conference team titles. He became the first athlete in more than 30 years to compete in all three relay events—4x200, 4x400 and 4x800—in a single season, and was named Manitoba's Male Team MVP for his outstanding contributions.

He also took home the 800m title at last summer's Canadian Track and Field League Championship, competing against some of the country's top runners.

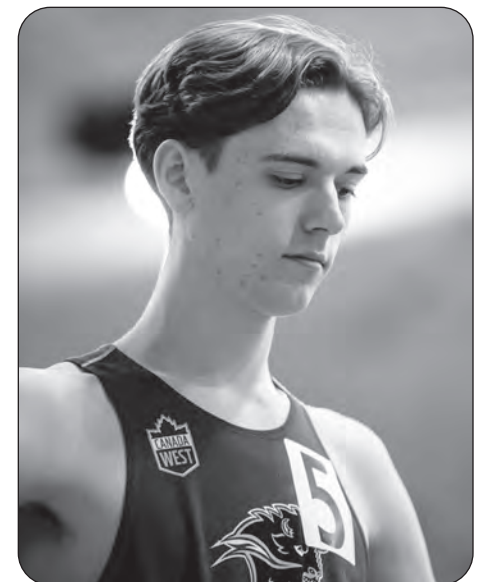
"My second year when we won our first title, I scored maybe a point or two for the team. I didn't feel like I

really earned it," Mann told U of M's Mike Still. "But getting to know more people on the team and being more a part of this group and seeing how well we've done, it's exciting to keep it going year after year."

Known for his consistency and work ethic, Mann has shown remarkable range in events from 300m to 1000m, and his leadership on and off the track has earned him praise from coaches and teammates alike.

"I like racing, and I want to do it as much as I can," said Mann. "The 600 has been my event through university. I think with all the training I've done and the experience with the races, it's just sort of spread out to the other events as well."

Mann will now represent Canada on



Dawson Mann

one of the biggest stages in university sport, capping off a remarkable collegiate career with an international debut.

Carman duo nets silver at badminton provincials

By E Antonio

A pair of Grade 10 athletes from Carman Collegiate smashed their way to second place at the provincial high school badminton championships earlier this month.

Linden Findlay and Carson O'Connor placed second in junior varsity boys doubles at the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association (MHSAA) provincials, held May 3 and 4 at the Sport for Life Centre in Winnipeg.

The silver-medal finish capped off a dominant season for the duo, who remained undefeated in all matches leading up to provincials and claimed the Zone 4 championship banner for their school.

Findlay said they were "pumped" to take home the banner. He added they finished second last year and made it their goal to win this season.

Sixteen teams competed for the top spot, with Carman's team falling in the final to a Grade 10 duo from Sisler High School.

This is the second year Findlay and O'Connor have played together, and

their dedication showed — practicing and competing five days a week over the course of an 85-game season.

They both shared their excitement for competing, even though they fell short of first place.

"We really felt like we were good enough to win first in provincials but happy to have place second at the end of the day," Findlay said.

Their badminton careers both began in elementary school after noticing the popularity of the sport in Carman. They like the fast-paced atmosphere and the competitive nature.

"We really enjoyed playing against and seeing competitors from all over Manitoba at the provincial competition," Findlay added.

Mark Findlay, James Ballantyne and Mark Pritchard coached the boys through their 85 games this year. Mark Findlay, Linden's dad, said they are a pleasure to coach, commenting on their drive and commitment.

"They played a consistent high caliber style of game right through to the finals," he added.



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Linden Findlay and Carson O'Connor, Grade 10 students at Carman Collegiate, won the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Zone 4 badminton banner and placed second at the provincial championships in May.

Anderson, McCallum win gold at National Aboriginal tourney

By Annaliese Meier

Two students from Carman Collegiate returned home with gold medals after helping Team Manitoba sweep both the male and female divisions at the 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championship (NAHC) in Kamloops, B.C.

Jessica Anderson of Myrtle, recorded two goals and two assists in the tournament. The forward, who plays for the Pembina Valley Hawks during the regular season, was part of the dominant Manitoba squad that shut out Team B.C. 2-0 in the women's final.

On the boys' side, defenceman Cade McCallum of Carman, contributed an assist during the week-long tournament, helping Team Manitoba to a 4-2 win over Team Alberta in the championship game. McCallum also plays for the Pembina Valley Hawks.

Team Manitoba's gold-medal victories capped off a strong showing from both squads at this year's tournament. In the male division, Manitoba advanced to the final after defeating Saskatchewan 5-4 in a thrilling semi-final matchup. During round-robin play, the team beat Saskatchewan 5-3, British Columbia 4-2, and Eastern Door and the North 8-1, tied Ontario 1-1, and suffered a 3-0 loss to Alberta.

In the final, Manitoba clinched gold with a 4-2 win over Alberta.

On the female side, Team Manitoba went undefeated en route to a 2-0 win over Team British Columbia in the gold medal game, securing the tournament sweep.

Hosted by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and the City of Kamloops, the NAHC brought together over 500 participants from across Canada. The event is the country's premier showcase of Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) U18 hockey talent, celebrating athletic excellence and cultural pride.

This year's edition featured six male and six female teams competing for national titles and the Turtle Island Cup. The tournament opened May 11 with a cultural ceremony and wrapped up May 17 at the Sandman Centre.

The NAHC also offers opportunities for cultural exchange, with athletes, coaches, and fans sharing traditions and building community throughout the week.

Team Manitoba's dual gold medal victories highlight the province's strong Indigenous hockey development programs and the dedication of its athletes and coaching staff — and mark a proud achievement for the Carman community.



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Carman Collegiate students Jessica Anderson and Cade McCallum show off their gold medals after helping Team Manitoba sweep both divisions at the 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championship in Kamloops, B.C.

Engines roar back to Morris for Rumble in the Valley

By Siobhan Maas

Manitoba's largest motorsports event is back June 6-7 as Rumble in the Valley returns to Morris.

The Valley Agricultural Society's

two-day event features truck and tractor pulls, monster truck rides, beer gardens, live music, and a strongman competition. It also marks the season opener for the Prairie Pulling League,

with teams such as Hoffart Pulling from Odessa, Sask., and Morden's Wiebe Pulling Team set to compete.

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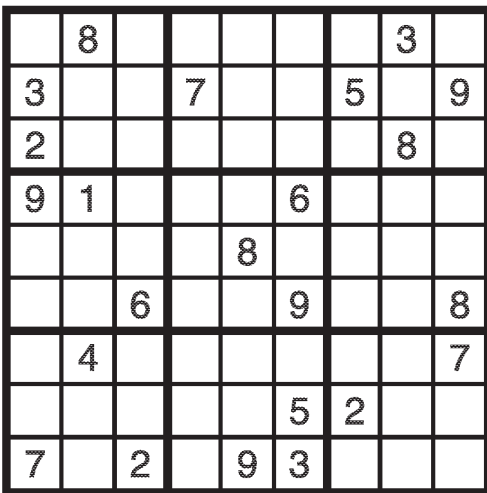
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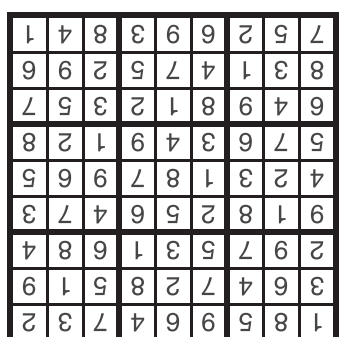
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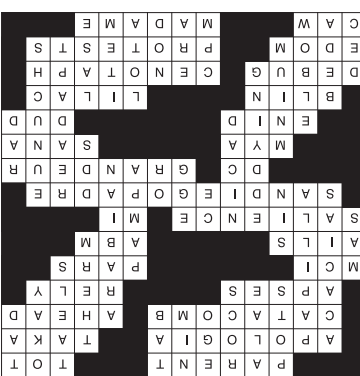
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12. Bangladeshi currency
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14. In the lead
15. Large recesses in a church
16. Count on
17. Defunct phone company
18. Golf scores
19. Afflicts
21. Defensive nuclear weapon
22. Prominence
27. "The Great Lakes State"
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House
34. Magnificence
36. Hip hop songstress
37. Capital of Yemen
38. ___ Blyton, children's author
39. Bomb
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
41. Pinkish-violet color
44. A way to make right
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
48. Region south of Dead Sea
49. Acts out against
50. Harsh cry of a crow
51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN
1. Kitchen devices
2. Wings
3. Mythological birds
4. Everyone has one
5. Matchstick game
6. Bar bill
7. Weights
8. Satisfactorily
9. Small amount
10. Tree types
11. Small protuberances
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
14. Type of horse
17. More (Spanish)
18. Argentinian province
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It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of David Glen Beaulieu on May 12, 2025 at his home in Carman, MB, at the age of 57.

David will always be remembered by his loving wife of 28 years, Shelley; his mother, Sandra Wadge (Don); his mother-in-law, Gloria Conger; and his "sister"-in-law and "brother"-in-law, Monica and Donny Morrison. He was a cherished uncle (Unkie) to Chloé and Kaiden. David will also be fondly remembered by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

David was predeceased by his father, Dave; his sister, Tracie; and his cousin, Christopher Wowryk.

David found great joy in spending time with his Ghost River family at his cabin in Ontario and enjoying winters in his retirement with Darrell, Tena, and others in Teacapan, Mexico. He and Shelley

embraced life fully—sharing a love of travel, making lasting friendships around the world, and enjoying the outdoors together. David especially loved boating, beach time, and embarking on moose retrievals deep in the wilderness with Donny.

David's loving, kind, and humorous spirit will always be remembered - especially the time he spent with his beloved niece, Chloé (Coco), and nephew, Kaiden (Nick). We will miss you deeply and love you always.

A private family viewing was held on May 21, 2025 at Doyle's Funeral Home in Carman, MB. A private family interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a local animal shelter or the humane society. David will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

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- Working closely with the Executive team to provide a warm, friendly and efficient service to our patrons.
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- Experience is an asset
- Able to work evenings with flexibility in hours.
- Oversee staff including scheduling
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- Hire, train new staff with Executive Liaison's approval.
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Familiar faces remain at Gaslight Harley Davidson

There may have been a change in ownership, but Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden remains a local family-operated business.

It has been selling and servicing Harley Davidson motorcycles since 1977, and it continues under the new ownership of the Walters Automotive Group.

“They are very experienced in the auto world,” noted Tammy Ens, who remains as a manager working alongside sister Lori and her husband Dave.

“We’re still the same Gaslight Harley Davidson that everybody has come to know,” she said. “The familiar faces that everyone has come to know at Gaslight will still be there. We’re all still here to serve everybody the same way as they are used to.”

Gaslight has always been proud of their genuine parts and service and they continue to serve the Morden area in offering the best in new and pre-owned motorcycles.

The friendly and knowledgeable sales, financing, service and parts departments are ready to offer outstanding service at every point—from assisting while you’re making your choice to ongoing maintenance and customization.

They value the opportunity to create a lasting relationship with their customers and do that by making sure to exceed expectations.

Ens said having the loyalty, commitment and dedication of long-term staff is really what has continued to drive the business forward.

“Having all these familiar faces still here, it’s really nice to be able to have that,” she said. “I would say most of them have been here at least 10 years or more, so we’re very happy and lucky to have everything continue in the same way.”

“We’re going to be carrying forward with the same people and the same service that everybody is used to,” Ens stressed. “That has all stayed the same.”

Gaslight is holding a celebration with a grand re-opening on Sunday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festivities will include food trucks and live music.

Ens encouraged people to stop by and for the motorcycle enthusiasts to come with their rides.

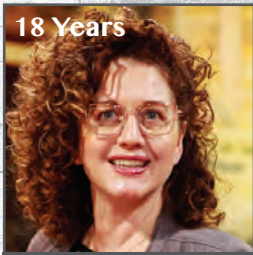
“Come on down and say hello,” she said. “Show off your motorcycle and enjoy the day with us.”

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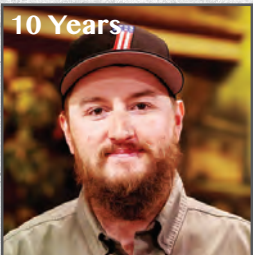
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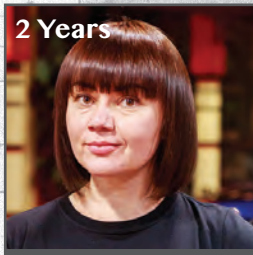
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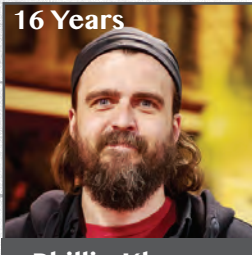
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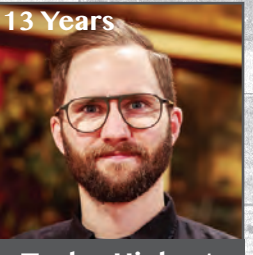
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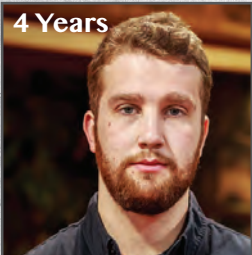
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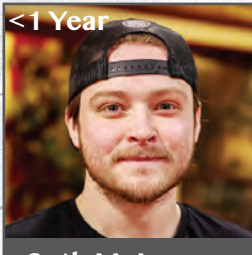
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