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A large crowd of supporters marched through the streets of Carman with rainbow flags, umbrellas and signs during the 2025 Pembina Valley Pride parade and celebration on June 7.

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# Pembina Valley Pride brings colour, courage and community to Carman

By Lana Meier

Hundreds gathered under cloudy skies in Carman on June 7 for the Pembina Valley's most vibrant Pride event yet—a full-day celebration capped by the town's first-ever Pride parade.

The day began with a Rainbow Church Service at the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall, led by Rev. Harold Kenyon from Carman United Church. Outside Ryall Park, the Rainbow Makers Market opened at noon, featuring local vendors, food booths, raffles, and a rainbow auction. Pembina Valley Pride merchandise was on offer, and the Carman Wellness Connection provided lunch by donation.

The main stage at Ryall Park drew a large crowd, where local and visiting speakers addressed identity, safety, community and belonging in rural Manitoba.

"We are what freedom looks like"

Pembina Valley Pride president Pauline Emerson-Froebe opened the program with a firm statement of purpose.

"If you're here to celebrate the 2SLGBTQIA+ community—as a member or an ally—you're welcome," she said. "We are not here to debate our existence or our place as part of the Pem-

bina Valley community."

She reminded attendees to report any harassment, noting past incidents where individuals had approached youth with literature or verbal intimidation.

The parade, led by Emerson-Froebe and community member Morty, looped through Carman and returned to Ryall Park. Though a small group of protesters displayed Bible-verse signage along the route, the event remained peaceful and well-supported by the community.

Drag performer and Paul's Place co-owner Melissa Emerson-Froebe (drag name - M. Westwood described their immigration to Canada after the 2016



Pembina Valley Pride president Pauline Emerson-Froebe.



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Supporters gathered in Carman on June 7 to celebrate the 2025 Pembina Valley Pride event, which featured a community march, speeches and activities promoting inclusion, visibility and love.

U.S. election and the difference they found living openly as a queer person here.

"I am a rebel yell creation of the anti-drag laws being passed in the United States. I pay American taxes—I can say this—land of the free doesn't try to erase a culture," they said. "Canada protects its 2SLGBTQIA+ people under law. That is what freedom looks like."

M. Westwood also announced they had recently passed the Canadian citizenship test.

"We are real, and there's nothing wrong with that"

Board member Xander Schieman spoke about the meaning of courage and identity.

"It doesn't mean we're not afraid—it means we still do it," they said. "We've always been here and we will continue to be here until the end of time. We are not confused, or going through a phase. This is simply who we are."

Local speaker Morty, a Carman Co-op employee, shared their experience coming out as trans and embracing their identity.

"Despite being told how homophobic Carman is, I'm not afraid of being here," they said. "I love myself—and I love this community."

One of the most emotional moments came from Emersyn Foxx, a trans woman originally from the Pembina Valley and now living in Winnipeg. She shared her journey of gender discovery, mental health struggles and ultimate transformation.

"This past eight months has felt like the longest decade of my life," she said. "The fact that I'm standing here, confident and strong, is only possible because of a community that extended arms to catch me, embrace me, and support me. That was this community. The gays, theys, queens, queers and allies of the Pembina Valley."

Fox described living for decades behind a hardened projection of masculinity, built to mask deep insecurity and internal conflict. She referred to it as "chasing the masculinity avatar"—a performance that stripped her of her sensitivity and kindness while reinforcing the illusion of control.

"I had built a fortress," she said. "But inside was a prisoner—a sweet girl who did not deserve to be kept there."

That girl, she revealed, was herself. Fox candidly described the moment her inner world collapsed under the weight of gender dysphoria and emotional turmoil.

"Despite my efforts, there was no putting her back in the box," she said. "She should have let me die... Instead, she offered forgiveness, kindness, and the strength to stand again."

Through her healing, Fox reclaimed her identity and shared the moment she welcomed that girl—herself—into a space of safety and warmth.

"She is so incredibly happy here. I know this with certainty," she said. "Because I am her. And I am home."

She closed with an original poem titled We Suffer the Same, honour-

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# Carman among southern fire departments answering northern wildfire call

By Lorne Stelmach

A half-dozen firefighters from the region — including three from Morden — headed to northern Manitoba last week to help battle forest fires.

The Morden trio, along with the department's water tanker, were joined by two firefighters from Plum Coulee and one from St. Jean.

Morden fire chief Andy Thiessen said the deployment reflects the dedication of fire department volunteers, who are always prepared to step up.

"These guys are all taking time away from work, so they're maybe using holiday time to go up and do this, and the employers are generous enough," said Thiessen. "It's pretty sweet when there's a need like this that everybody bands together, and everybody gives a little bit to help out."

"There's been some multiple deployments over the last two or three weeks, so quite a few other departments have sent guys," he added. "We went up with our tanker because it can carry a lot of water, and it can also pump and drive at the same time. A lot of other trucks can't do that, so it's a good asset for them."

Local fire departments such as Morden and Winkler are among nine that belong to the Pembina Triangle Mu-

tual Aid District (PTMAD), which receives requests from the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) to assist with structural fire protection in affected communities. Fires in more remote areas are coordinated separately through the Manitoba Wildfire Service.

PTMAD departments determine what equipment and personnel can be spared, while still ensuring they can respond to 911 calls in their own communities — a process known as "the mutual aid shuffle."

Winkler remains on standby and has not yet been asked to assist, although it did provide support a few weeks ago for a fire near Woodridge and Badger.

"It happens maybe every five or six years, perhaps," said Winkler fire chief Richard Paetzold. "We went to Ashern somewhere around 2018 or 2019 when they had wildfires."

"Manitoba is well-co-ordinated in this aspect through the Office of the Fire Commissioner that, at the drop of a hat, you can have a co-ordinated effort going anywhere in the province," he said. "The co-ordination on our part is to have people freed up to go and the apparatus to go."

"We're kind of at the farthest corner



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A local fire truck is put to work in northern Manitoba, where local crews — including firefighters from Carman, Plum Coulee and St. Jean — have been deployed to support wildfire suppression efforts.

of the province from the current situation ... but they've been kind of moving from the north to the south ... even Carman sent a crew up as well."


The local firefighters deployed last week would likely be playing support roles, Thiessen said, adding he expected the initial crew to be there for about a week.

"If things are still in rough shape, we'll maybe send another three or four guys up ... we'll leave the truck up there for a while," he said, noting

they can manage without the tanker for now due to favourable local conditions and mutual aid support from Winkler and Darlingford.

Thiessen expressed concern for those on the front lines up north.

"I can only imagine what it's been like, although I was involved a bit years ago where we were right on the front line. It's pretty horrific," he said. "And communication up there is not as good as you would like."



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## Local father shares his admiration for working with youth

By E. Antonio

Tyler Friesen is a father of three — but a father figure to many more as the director of Youth for Christ (YFC) Carman.

At his home near Carman, he and his wife, Jessica, care for their eight-year-old daughter, Sarah, six-year-old son, Titus, and four-year-old son, Judah. To Friesen, being a dad means growth — for both his children and himself.

“(Kids) keep you on your toes and probably teach you things about life — or yourself — almost as often as you teach them something,” he said.

Friesen enjoys spending time outside with his family. Together, they go swimming, biking, camping, tobogganing — or simply relax outdoors. He said the perfect Father’s Day would include an afternoon on a boat.

“But as long as it’s a relaxing day spent with my family — that’s all I need,” he added.

Although his kids are still young, Friesen said they already help out immensely around the house. Sarah takes on a leadership role by entertaining her brothers and preparing their lunch and snacks. Judah and Titus, meanwhile, are aspiring handy-men who enjoy helping their dad with home projects.

“I’m hoping I’m instilling a healthy work ethic in them as these things happen,” Friesen said.

He said he’s learned a lot about himself since becoming a dad, but one thing has always been clear — his passion for working with children. That passion, along with what he calls help from the Holy Spirit, led him to his current role with YFC Carman.

In his career, Friesen said he strives to be Jesus’ hands and feet, spreading kindness and love to the youth he works with.

“Because Jesus loves me, I get to love others and try to make others’ lives — and my community as a whole — a better place.”

Friesen said the students he serves motivate him every day, and their willingness to explore their faith



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The Friesen family — Tyler, Jessica, Judah (4), Sarah (8) and Titus (6) — enjoys spending time together outdoors near their home in Carman.

helps him thrive in his work. He cares for his students like they are his own, and feels inspired to make a lasting impact in their lives.

While his own children are still too young for YFC programming, Friesen said he looks forward to the day they can participate.

One of the highlights of his career, he said, was seeing his longtime dream

of expanding the YFC drop-in centre come to life in 2023. He also credited his parents for inspiring his approach to fatherhood and service.

“My parents showed us how to love and care for a family and create an atmosphere of fun and safety in our home,” he said. “They gave us an example of serving our church and community, being generous with their time, and making their town a better place.”

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# This week, the way it was through the years

**100 Years Ago — June 12, 1925:** Carman places first at School Field Day in Roseisle; Roland, Starbuck, Sanford and Sperling enter the South-eastern Manitoba Baseball League; Brunswick Records can be played at Sanders Drug Store; The Salvation Army Band performs on the Memorial Hall grounds.

**75 years ago — 1950:** 25th anniversary of the United Church of Canada; Dr. Telford Miller begins practice in Roland at Mrs. Edwards' residence; C.G.I.T. Girls hold a clothing drive

for evacuees; grasshoppers are a major concern, with new chemicals introduced; Marion McCutcheon earns top points at graduation for extracurricular involvement; Norm Langston offers interior and exterior work.

**50 years ago — 1975:** National Enquirer stops in Carman to investigate Charley Red Star sightings; Cargill announces its first grain elevator will be in Elm Creek; Carman Band is invited to perform at festivals in Altona, Morden, Morris and Carman; Hub Orchard of Miami becomes Chair of

the Regional Recreation Council; classified display ads in The Leader cost \$2.50 per column inch.

**25 years ago — 2000:** Kelly Hand gets her own sign on Highway 3; Don Halbesma named Potato & Blossom Festival Chairperson; Elm Creek principal Gerhard Sommerfeld steps down after five years; Carman Music Academy promotes a no-GST sale; Carman competes in national Communities in Bloom; Youth Job Centre opens in Carman Collegiate; Laine's Family Restaurant open seven days a week.

## Flashback: Carman's Homecoming 2000

By Dennis Young

In 1996, Ron Stanger had an idea to usher in the new century and celebrate Carman's upcoming centennial in a big way — a reunion that would welcome back all former residents to gather and celebrate together.

After consulting fellow councillors and friends, Homecoming 2000 was officially set in motion.

Ron was the driving force but surrounded himself with a team of capable organizers to build what would become a growing event year after year. With an estimated 3,000 guests expected, there were many logistics to plan.

"It's going to take a tremendous amount of planning," he said at the time. "We must organize things like preparing food to feed all these people, finding accommodations, planning decade socials — and one big evening as well!"

Ideas soon developed to attract former Carmanites through mini reunions. Events were planned around school grades, age groups (under 60 and 60+), former bands, hockey and ball teams, local organizations and businesses.

"And it won't just be for those born or schooled here, but for anyone who's ever called Carman home," Ron emphasized.

The dates were set to coincide with the Carman Fair — July 12-16 — making it a prime time for people to return. The two events worked together to offer a wide range of activities for visitors.

Mail-outs invited former residents to contribute \$5 donations to begin building an operating account and help develop a database of contacts. A formal budget was created for each special event, with registration and ticket purchases to follow.

As with any major plan, concerns arose. Organizers had to consider accommodations, parking, camping, the number of events, finding as many former residents as possible, and securing enough volunteers. The core committee of 10 members expanded in 1999, bringing more community movers and shakers on board.

After four years of planning, the big weekend arrived. Events included:

Wednesday: Registration and ticket pickup

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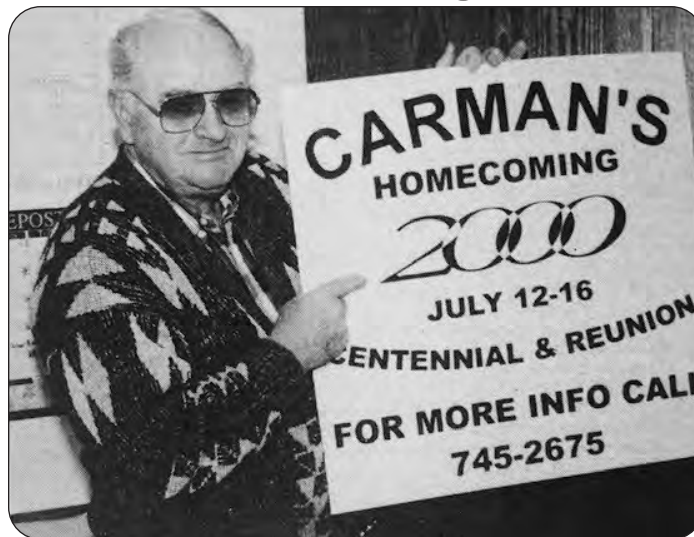


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Ron Stanger wasn't just the co-chair — he was the driving force behind organizing Carman's Homecoming 2000 celebration.

Sunday: A grandstand church service

A time capsule — spearheaded by Michael Funke and this reporter — was also promoted. It included current community information and personal family entries. Attendees signed a large banner with personal messages to be included in the capsule, which remains sealed at the Carman Museum today.

Roughly 2,000 people returned for what Ron called a complete success.

"There were a lot of hugs going on. It was just a wave of excitement," he said. "Exact numbers couldn't be determined as many didn't pre-register or chose to reminisce on their own. My biggest disappointment was that we didn't reach more people. There was a reluctance, an apathy, from locals to give us names of their family and friends."

Harold Kenyon: "People everywhere were visiting, renewing old friendships, working together and laughing. I was especially delighted by the community's support for the church service at the grandstand. About 800 came to worship and \$4,000 was raised for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank."

Dennis Young: "I came on as Ron's co-chair in '98 when things ramped up, but I can honestly say Ron was into this wholeheartedly for four years. My Beaver/Goldeye combined reunion in the hall was a blast — all generations attended. We had speeches and team photos for each decade, and the slapshot game was a hit with the younger ones after the older alumni headed to the arena for the band performances."

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I asked some famous people what their thoughts were on the subject (via Google): Artist Pablo Picasso felt that "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." Actress Audrey Hepburn said, "The most important thing is to enjoy your life—to be happy—it's all that matters." Scientist Richard Dawkins believes that "There is something infantile in the presumption that somebody else has a responsibility to give your life meaning and point. The truly adult view, by contrast, is that our life is as meaningful, as full and as wonderful as we choose to make it."

The book of Ecclesiastes explores the variety of activities that are done by mankind, from work to entertainment, and seeks to find the answer to the meaning of life. It was written by King Solomon, son of the greatest king in Israel's history, with a human perspective, yet a reliance on the one true God who had given him great wisdom. In it we find the truth that the Creator God is the only one who can fill the void of meaning and purpose in our lives. Reliance on Him and submission to His will, with the understanding that there is life after death, is what will help us understand why we do all that we do. This includes work, family, entertainment and rest. I pray that you take time to study God's Word and find that meaning in your life today.

Pastor Richard Heppner, Friends Community Church Carman



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ing the shared resilience of the queer community and offering support to anyone “falling through the cracks of their own identity.”

We Suffer the Same

I have suffered myself to be sufficiently broken,  
Then healed my self strong,  
To share in the weight that burdens your soul.  
As I suffered, while you suffer, we suffer the same.  
Your eyes, they move me.  
They stir my convictions and chill my bones cold.  
So I will offer my wisdom in words softly spoken,  
Holding space open as your story unfolds.  
To find myself worthy to watch you glow old.


Mac Rogers, a board member of Canmore Pride in Alberta, also shared a powerful poem about the trans experience. Rogers spoke candidly about growing up without representation, fearing for their safety during a 13-hour solo drive to Carman, and the emotional toll of being visible in rural spaces.

“Being trans isn’t hard because we’re trans—it’s hard because of what the world is doing and saying about us,” they said. “But being trans is also sacred. Holy. Because I carved myself out of a mould that didn’t fit and found what’s sacred in me.”  
“You don’t have to earn your place here”

Prairie Soundscape, an inclusive community choir, brought music and joy to the stage with songs themed around self-acceptance and courage. Dr. Shane Reitmeier, the event’s presenting sponsor and a provider of gender-affirming care in the region, offered encouragement.

“Pride in rural settings is always a statement of resiliency,” said Reitmeier. “Today, we’ve chosen each other over fear and silence. You are not alone. You are seen. You already belong.”  
As the afternoon wrapped up, Emerson-Froebe reminded attendees to visit Paul’s Place—a quiet and safe space during the event—and thanked the mental health workers, sponsors and vendors who helped make the day possible.  
“This day is for all of us,” she said. “Live your light and know that you have a place in this rainbow garden.”





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# Carman Farmers Market returns with music, vendors and community spirit

By Emma McGill

The Carman Farmers Market is gearing up for its 38th season, bringing back its popular mix of local vendors, live music and community connection.

Running Thursdays from June 13 to Sept. 19, the market will once again fill the Dufferin Agricultural Society Exhibit Hall with vegetables, baked goods, flowers, crafts, and locally raised meats — plus weekly performances and a rotating community booth.

“Personally, I love to see the people come back. Customers are very supportive, and I love that part of the market,” said Joyce Nicolajsen, the market’s secretary treasurer.

Musicians will be a staple once again, with long-time performers Tim Frost of Elm Creek, Lori Douma of Carman, and Don Swidinsky — who’s been part of the market since the beginning — all returning. A new musical duo, Barb Alarie from Carman and her brother Gregg Stangl from Winnipeg, will also take the stage.

To better draw attention from nearby campers, organizers are shifting the music to the south end of the building and relocating the community booth to the opposite side.

“I’m really interested to see how that will work out,” said Nicolajsen.

The market’s community booth, launched in 2013, allows a different local organization to connect with the public each week. This year’s lineup includes the Carman-Dufferin Museum, Dufferin Agricultural Society, the Garden Club, Carman Area Foundation, Health Auxiliary, Visions of Independence, Carman Wellness Connections, and the Carman Family Resource Centre.

“It’s a chance for us to pay back by supporting other community groups,” said Nicolajsen. “It attracts, each week, a different crowd for that group. Their supporters follow them to the market and in turn support the rest of what’s going on in the building. So it’s a full circle.”

The market is also working with Community Futures, a Canadian non-profit that supports rural entrepreneurship. The organization will help new vendors with financial assistance and startup advice.

“Community Futures have approached us and would like to encourage local entrepreneurs,” Nicolajsen said. “So, if anybody wanted to start the market as a vendor but they didn’t know how, they could approach Community Futures for support.”

Alongside the familiar favourites, the 2024 market comes with a few



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The Carman Farmers Market will be back in full swing on June 13 and will have a little bit of everything for those wanting to shop and support local. Fresh flowers, homegrown veggies, home baked and home made is the name of the game. Every Friday vendors set up in the Dufferin Agricultural Building at the fairgrounds from 4-6:30 p.m.

operational changes. Most notably, the 4 p.m. opening time will be more strictly enforced, with a rope across the door until the official start.

“Our market technically opens at 4. Many years ago we used to stick by that 4 o’clock opening time, but it kind of went by the wayside because customers like to come early,” said Nicolajsen.

Vendors are required to be in the building by 3:30 p.m., and the adjusted timing gives them more space to set up without interruption. Pre-ordered items can still be picked up at the door before the official opening.

The board is also narrowing its vendor eligibility to focus more tightly on the surrounding area. Only those from the RMs of Grey, Thompson, Dufferin, and Roland are eligible by default, though unique products from outside that area may still be approved.

“It’s just in an effort to keep the market local and to not duplicate products as much,” said Nicolajsen.

The market runs 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekly. On July 4 and 11, it will be held in the north side of the arena due to scheduling changes. Customers are reminded to bring cash, as there is no ATM on site.

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# Liv Dance Company wraps season with awards, recital and community spirit

By Annaliese Meier

Liv Dance Company recently wrapped up a successful season with its fourth annual recital and a strong showing on the competition stage.

"We opened Liv Dance in the fall of 2021 after the previous studio closed and their space was sold," shared studio director Jill Livingston in an email interview.

Since then, Liv Dance Co. has quickly grown into a regional hub for young dancers. Students travel from Carman and surrounding communities including Elm Creek, Roland, Miami, Notre Dame, St. Claude, Sperling, Somerset and even as far as Crystal City.

Held at the PW Enns Concert Hall, the 2025 recital featured dancers ranging in age from two to 18, along with an adult tap class. The performance showcased a wide variety of styles including tap, jazz, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, hip hop, musical theatre and acro.

This year's recital theme, "Seasons of Dance," was also the inspiration behind a custom T-shirt collaboration with Christa from @christaldl\_designs.

"The idea behind the collaboration with Christa came about last year when we decided to have recital shirts available for the students. We wanted the design for the programs and the shirts to be the same as our theme," said Livingston. "Christa came up with a design for the show and we used this on our programs and shirts. This year we asked her to do this again and she came up with a beautiful design for the theme which was Seasons of Dance."

The shirts featured the themed design on the front and the names of all the dancers on the back. "This has been very popular with the dancers and we see the dancers out in the community wearing their shirts. It is



Christa of @christaldl\_designs created the custom "Seasons of Dance" T-shirt design for this year's Liv Dance Company recital, featuring the show's theme on the front and names of all the dancers on the back.

important to us to work with local businesses as much as possible," said Livingston.

Liv Dance Co. also made its mark at four competitions this season, including the return of the Manitoba Dance Festival.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEASON INCLUDE:

- Send Me On My Way (Mini Comp Ballet): CNDC Judges Award, 2nd Overall Mini Novice Small Group
- Crazy Little Thing Called Love (Mini Comp Tap): CNDC Judges Award, 1st Overall Mini Novice Group
- Think: Terpsichore 3rd Overall Novice Solo
- A Day for the Cat and the Hat (Bekka Solo): Terpsichore Judges Award, 4th Overall Novice Solo, CSDC 2nd Overall Junior Novice Solo
- A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall (Inter



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Dancers from Liv Dance Company perform Take Me Home Country Roads during their 2025 recital. The Inter/Senior large group routine earned a Judges Award at the CNDC competition.

Comp Contemporary): OTF Judges Award, OTF 1st Overall Pre-Comp Junior Large Group, Terpsichore Judges Award, CNDC Session Choreography Award

• Take Me Home Country Roads (Inter/Sr Large Group): CNDC Judges Award

• Hide and Seek (Cora and Danyka Duet): OTF 3rd Overall Pre-Comp Duet/Trio, CSDC Judges Award

• Little Wonders (Rylee, Milania, Téya Trio): Terpsichore 2nd Overall Novice Trio, CNDC 1st Overall Junior Novice Trio

• Season of the Witch (Cora Solo): CNDC Junior Acro High Score

• Smooth Criminal (Ava Solo): CNDC Senior Tap High Score

• Rumour Has It (Senior Company

Jazz): CNDC Judges Award

• Everybody Knows (Senior Company Contemporary): OTF 3rd Overall Senior Pre-Comp Small Group, CNDC 3rd Overall Senior Competitive Group, CNDC Senior Contemporary High Score

• Looking ahead, Liv Dance Co. is planning to run three summer dance camps and will soon release its 2025-26 season schedule.

"The best way to keep up with us is to follow us on social media—Instagram @livdancecompany, Facebook @livdanceco. You can also go to our website, livdancecompany.com, to register and learn more about us!" the studio shared.



The junior contemporary group performs The Cave during the recital, showcasing expressive movement and storytelling through dance.



Young tiny taps preschool dancers perform "Yes I Can" with energy and enthusiasm.



# Carman groups team up for Long Table Dinner fundraiser with Charlie Redstar twist

Fundraiser features live music, theatre and UFO-themed fun Aug. 8 in Ryall Park

By Annaliese Meier

Ryall Park will host an evening of mystery, music and community spirit as Communities in Bloom (CIB) and the Boyne River Keepers (BRK) team up for a Long Table Dinner fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 8.

The event, which runs from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, will feature live entertainment from the Dirt Road Pilots and Back on Cue Live Community Theater, all wrapped in a Charlie Redstar-inspired theme — a nod to the UFO sightings that captivated the region 50 years ago.

Organizers hope to sell 300 tickets at \$75 each. Tables for eight are also available for \$600 and must be purchased via cash, cheque or e-transfer. Individual tickets can also be bought. Presales begin Monday, June 23 at Ryall Park from 4 - 7 p.m. or by calling 204-745-6134.

Guests will be seated at long tables and are encouraged to embrace the otherworldly Charlie Redstar theme by wearing white and donning imaginative headgear. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and most “out of this world” table displays. Attendees are asked to bring their own plates, cutlery and glasses.

The dinner will spotlight locally sourced ingredients in a “field-to-table” culinary experience. Chef Tracy Bernard confirmed, the full menu is still in development.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward revitalization efforts in Ryall Park, a central green space along the Boyne River in the heart of Carman’s business district. Recent upgrades, including the installation of a dock, have already expanded the park’s year-round recreational use.

“Since 2024, the biggest change has been BRK volunteers fundraising and installing a new dock into the Boyne River at Ryall Park,” said Susan Mooney, a longtime BRK volunteer and advocate for the space.

Mooney said the new dock has already helped increase public engagement with the river through activities like kayaking, skating, and snowshoeing. “The celebration of World Rivers Day in September has been increasing the awareness of the new dock and all it

has to offer for recreation to the local community and visitors,” she added. BRK initiatives have also highlighted the region’s biodiversity and deepened the community’s connection to the Boyne’s natural and cultural history, including Indigenous roots.

Looking ahead, organizers hope to use proceeds from the Long Table Dinner to address accessibility and safety issues in the park. “As it stands now, the landscape of Ryall Park is a mobility challenge and safety issue because of very uneven terrain,” Mooney explained. “Any funds raised will allow CIB to begin working towards improving the landscape. The Town of Carman Council has given its approval of the proposed plan.”

Mooney believes revitalizing Ryall Park is vital not just for recreation, but for strengthening Carman’s downtown economy and community life. “Ryall Park is a peaceful, beautiful place along the Boyne River to meet friends for lunch, a picnic or coffee,” she said. “The Bandstand in Ryall Park will draw interest for a variety of outdoor events — concerts, live theatre productions, family weddings, reunions...”

Most importantly, the goal is to make the space inclusive. “Part of the revitalization is to make Ryall Park accessible to all ages and all levels of mobility.”

For Mooney, seeing the community rally around the park through this fundraiser is deeply meaningful. “Carman is unique in its ability for local volunteer organizations to work together to accomplish positive change,” she said, sharing her favourite quote from Margaret Mead: ‘Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.’

For more on the dinner, Ryall Park’s future plans, or the enduring legend of Charlie Redstar, look for upcoming features in *The Standard*.



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Guests are invited to embrace the otherworldly spirit of the evening by donning imaginative UFO-themed headgear during the Charlie Redstar-inspired Long Table Dinner fundraiser at Ryall Park on Aug. 6.



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# Book It Fun Run sells out, boosts support for local green projects

By Lana Meier

Sunshine and a record turnout marked the 6th annual Boyne Book It Fun Run on Saturday, May 24.

The sold-out event welcomed 240 participants, who ran or walked 2K, 5K or 10K routes through the community. Organizers said registrations increased 20 per cent from last year, leading to an early sell-out and an encouraging sign for active living in the region.

"We are thrilled to see many new faces committing to active living," said organizers in a post-race statement.

Favourable weather conditions helped make the day even more enjoyable for runners and volunteers alike. More than 40 volunteers assisted with everything from set-up and marshalling to first aid, pancake flipping, and race take-down.

"Many comments from participants after the race were so grateful to see many faces cheering them on and ensuring their safety on the course. The volunteers are the heart of this event," organizers added.

Proceeds from the run will support the Carman Community Pathway and Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom projects.

For full race results, visit: [www.boynebookitfunrun.com](http://www.boynebookitfunrun.com)



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Participants line up at the start of the 6th annual Boyne Book It Fun Run in Carman on May 24, while volunteers in the kitchen prepare a hearty pancake breakfast to fuel the day.

# Brayden Cox honoured with Bev Ens, School Spirit awards

By E. Antonio

Carman Collegiate student council president Brayden Cox received two major honours recognizing leadership and school spirit.

Cox was presented with the Bev Ens

Award by teacher Larisa Ens, sister-in-law of the late Beverly Ens, a former student council president who died in a car accident in 1984. The award is given annually to the out-

going student council president who demonstrates a commitment to creating a positive school environment.

Cox also received the School Spirit Award from principal Mary Reimer.

First presented in 1966, the award recognizes students who work behind the scenes to support their school community with a positive attitude and dedication to others.



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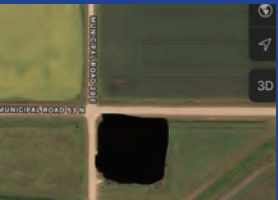
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# Soaring fun at Carman Airport celebration



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Visitors gathered at the Carman South Airport on June 7 for Carman-Dufferin Airport Day, featuring a pancake and sausage breakfast, aircraft displays and a special stop by an RCAF helicopter. Pictured above are the grandchildren of Donna and Beat Christian of Homewood.

## Man arrested following string of break-ins at Carman businesses

By Lana Meier

Pembina Valley RCMP have arrested a 30-year-old Winnipeg man in connection with a series of commercial break-ins in Carman over the past month.

Toban Roulette faces multiple charges following four incidents between May 4 and June 3, including three break-ins and one attempted break-in at local businesses.

The first incident occurred May 4 at about 1:30 a.m., when two suspects shattered a window at a business on Main Street but fled before entering the building.

On June 1 at approximately 1:15 a.m., RCMP responded to a break-in on 1st Street SW. Officers found the business's door damaged and an undisclosed amount of cash missing.

Just 24 hours later, police were called to 4th Avenue SW around 1 a.m. following an alarm. A glass door had been smashed and alcohol stolen. A golf club believed to have

been used to break the glass was left behind.

The suspects returned to the 1st Street SW location on June 3 around 2 a.m., but fled on foot before police arrived. Despite assistance from Police Dog Services (PDS), officers were unable to locate the suspect at that time.

Investigators later identified a suspect through surveillance footage. Roulette was arrested at a residence in Carman with support from the RCMP Emergency Response Team and PDS.

He is charged with four counts of break and enter, mischief under \$5,000, and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. He has been remanded in custody.

Police are still searching for a female suspect believed to have been involved in some of the incidents. The investigation is ongoing.

The Pembina Valley RCMP includes detachments in Carman, Morden and Manitou.

## Southern Health strikes



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Southern Health region bowlers captured medals at the Manitoba 55+ Summer Games held June 3-5, 2025, in Steinbach. From left, "The Pretenders" — David Dyck, Laurie Wiebe, Bob Wilson, Jacquie Russell and Randy McFarlane — earned bronze in the 55+ team bowling event. Russell also won gold in the 65+ women's singles, while Dyck claimed silver in the 65+ men's singles.



# Beavers tee up for third annual golf fundraiser

By Lana Meier

The Carman Beavers are inviting golf enthusiasts to hit the links in support of their senior hockey team next month.

The team is hosting its third annual fundraising golf tournament on Friday, July 11 at the Carman Golf Course. The event doubles as a season windup and awards day for players and supporters.

Tee-off is set for 11 a.m. with a shotgun start in a Texas scramble format. Entry is \$120 per player, or \$80 for course members, and includes a cart, supper, and the chance to take home some great prizes.

"This has been a great community team for many years and we look to celebrate together," said organizer

Lorne Zacharias. "We're hoping to attract at least 100 golfers, including Beaver alumni and anyone who wants to support local hockey."

Participants can sign up as individuals or as part of a team, and all skill levels are welcome. The tournament will feature contests for longest drive, closest to the pin, and a \$10,000 hole-in-one competition.

Funds raised will help cover team expenses including equipment, travel, and ice time, all of which are critical to keeping senior hockey thriving in Carman.

"It takes a substantial community effort to provide an opportunity for local players to play competitive hockey," said Zacharias.

Last season, the Beavers narrowly

missed the playoffs but notched a memorable series sweep against long-time rivals, the Portage Islanders. As a relatively young squad, they continue to build a strong team culture and look ahead to the next season with optimism.

"We want to be a playoff team," said Zacharias. "There will be some staff changes, and we're incredibly grateful to Rex and Mark Klassen for their contributions to the Beavers. While they are moving on, we have a committed volunteer base and are looking to bring in a few key people."

To register for the tournament, contact Mark at 204-751-0043 or the Carman Golf Course clubhouse at 204-745-2366.



## Roland students design sensory path for refurbished tennis courts

By Becca Myskiw

A Grade 5/6 class at Roland School is putting creativity and community spirit into action by designing a new sensory pathway for the town's refurbished tennis courts.

After the Rural Municipality (RM) of Roland received a grant to refurbish the old tennis courts, they asked the school if any classes would be interested in helping with the project. The idea was to create a sensory path to cover the floor of the courts, so people of all ages could use it for more than just tennis. Grade 5/6 teacher Vanessa Millions jumped at the opportunity, knowing she had numerous students in her class who enjoy art and are quite good at it.

Millions connected with the local council and designed a project for her class that would complete the task while combining math, English and art to do so.

"They can get their own design out there to see," she said. "And as they

grow up, they can see their work out there from when they were this age."

When she brought the idea up to her class, they were all excited about it from the get-go. The project allowed the students to create something from scratch for the community to use while incorporating their own interests into it.

First, Millions had her class research sensory pathways. They looked at the different kinds and found the one most feasible for them: a painted 2D path. She then had the students start designing their own sensory pathways, either alone or in groups, using an overall theme and meaning.

"They were in love with that because they got to choose something they like," she said, noting one student made their pathway on a Star Wars theme because it's their favourite movie series.

"I said, 'We have to think about the community first,'" said Millions. "Who will use it and what would

they want?"

The Roland School Grade 5/6 class decided their pathway, however it ended up, needed to be accessible. They ensured the pathway designs all had activities for people of all abilities so no one would be left out when it came to revamping the tennis courts. Millions said that wasn't part of the project — the students added that part themselves.

Once each pathway design was complete, the class did a gallery walkthrough and gave each other constructive feedback on their works. They then went back and revised, then brought forth each design to be voted on.

Students voted for a first, second and third place path, and the design with the most votes is what Millions submitted to council to be approved. The winning design had an overall animal theme. The entrance and exit started with the ocean and sea creatures, with the entrance leading into a

forest for forest animals, then a sandy sort of desert portion. Council was extremely excited about the idea, said Millions.

Each design also had to come with a set of rules written by the students for the graphic designer to use when scaling the image and applying it to the actual path. If all goes according to plan, the path should be sketched out sometime in June and ready for the Grade 5/6 class to paint before they leave for summer break. Community volunteers will help finish the painting as well during after-school hours.

"I just think it was amazing how well they worked together," said Millions. "One of my students, who's usually quite shy, totally came out of her shell while doing this. She was having so much fun."

Millions is excited for her class to see their work drawn out before them and for them to make it come to life with vibrant paints.



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## Central Energy teams battle through weekend matchups

By Annaliese Meier

It was a full slate of softball for Central Energy teams over the weekend as the organization's U13, U15, U17 and U19 squads hit the diamonds for league action and tournament play across Manitoba.

### CENTRAL ENERGY U13 CAPTURE BRONZE AT WHEAT CITY CLASSIC

Central Energy's U13 squad brought home a bronze medal from the Wheat City Classic softball tournament over the weekend, delivering a string of dominant performances against teams from across the Prairies.

The team opened the tournament Friday with a convincing 15-8 win over the Manitoba Angels. Kaitlyn B. drove in two runs with a key second-inning single as Central scored five runs to take early control. The Energy offence was relentless, piling up 13 hits, including inside-the-park home runs by Addison D. and Emma S.. Kaitlyn went 3-for-3 at the plate, while Brady W. struck out five over three innings in the circle.

Later that day, Central overwhelmed the Moose Jaw Ice 18-0 behind a two-homer, seven-RBI performance from Reese F. Her grand slam in the second inning put the game out of reach early. Addison D. and Collins V. combined for four shutout innings, giving up just one hit while striking out eight. The Energy collected 17 hits in total, with multiple players contributing offensively, including Kinley C., Brielle F., and Brady W.

On Saturday, Central edged the Westman Magic 9-6 in a back-and-forth battle. After falling behind early, the Energy responded with a five-run first inning that included a two-run single from Reese. In the fourth, Lindsay F. delivered a two-run homer to extend the lead. Emma S. and Collins split pitching duties, combining for six strikeouts and holding the Magic at bay.

Sunday's bronze-medal match saw U13 Energy defeat the White Butte Storm 16-8. The team exploded for six runs in the third inning and another five in the fifth. Jaidyn S. had five RBIs, including a three-run single in the final frame, while Brielle F. led all hitters with a 3-for-3 performance. Central stole 13 bases and committed no errors defensively.

With four wins and only one loss, the bronze-medal result highlights a strong midseason stretch for the Energy, who will travel to face the Eastman Wildcats next.

### CENTRAL ENERGY U15 POWER INTO GOLD MEDAL GAME AT WHEAT CITY CLASSIC

The U15 Central Energy softball team delivered a dominant performance over the weekend at the Wheat City Classic, storming through round-robin and playoff matchups before rain forced the gold medal final to be postponed. The team will finish the tournament at a later date.

After dropping their opening game 9-2 to the Eastman Wildcats on Friday, Energy quickly bounced back with five consecutive wins to earn a shot at gold. Bree Pearce drove in both runs in the loss to Eastman, and Shyanne Goertzen struck out four in the circle while giving up just three earned runs.

The bats came alive later that day in an 11-3 win over TCA U15A. Blaine Wiebe launched a solo home run to tie the game in the second, and Payton Manness doubled in two more runs to cap the inning. A five-run fourth sealed the win, with Ella Conrad, Zoey Shantz and Pearce each delivering RBI singles. Wiebe picked up the win in the circle with six strikeouts across four innings.

Energy kept rolling Saturday with an 8-3 victory over the Manitoba Angels. Wiebe stayed hot at the plate, blasting a two-run homer in the first and collecting three hits in the game. Kelsey Dyck drove in three runs, and Goertzen added a solo shot in the fourth. Kylie Wiebe earned the win with four strikeouts in four innings of work.

Goertzen stole the show in Energy's 12-3 win over Moose Jaw U15A later that day, going a perfect 4-for-4 with a three-run homer and scoring three times. Blaine Wiebe added a grand slam in the fourth, while Goertzen struck out seven in a complete-game win.

Energy capped their weekend on Sunday with a 14-0 rout of White Butte Storm. Pearce went 3-for-3 with a double and two singles, while Goertzen, Conrad and Hailey Baldwin each drove in runs during an eight-run second inning. Goertzen tossed four shutout innings, giving up just two hits.

Central Energy U15 is set to resume league play next weekend, while their gold medal final in Brandon will be rescheduled in the coming weeks.

### U17 CENTRAL ENERGY UNDEFEATED EN ROUTE TO WHEAT CITY CLASSIC

The U17 Central Energy softball team ran the table at the Wheat City Classic over the weekend, stringing together four straight wins to punch their ticket to the gold medal game before rain halted the final. The championship match will be rescheduled for a later date.

Central's weekend began with a statement win over the Manitoba Angels 17U, a game that saw Hailey-Jo Guffei go 3-for-4 at the plate and Taylor Wall pitch a complete game in an 11-6 victory. Eve English, Taryn Toews and Addison Nikkel each drove in runs as Central racked up 14 hits and six stolen bases while committing no errors in the field.

Later that day, Central defeated the Twin City Angels 9-5 behind Wall's two-run homer and a solid outing from Molly Cowan, who went the distance in the circle. Ava Bonik and English chipped in RBI hits, while the defence stayed sharp behind Cowan's steady performance.

On Saturday, Central surged to a 10-5 win over Westman Magic, powered by a six-run second in-

ning. Toews and Guffei each knocked in a pair of runs, while Guffei and Gabrielle Hildebrand recorded multi-hit games. Kennedy Funk started in the circle, and Nikkel came in as relief to close it out.

Central wrapped round-robin play with a dominant 12-1 win over Interlake Phillies. The team erupted for 10 runs in the sixth inning, highlighted by a two-run homer from Kara Buhler and RBI doubles by Cowan and Bonik. Nikkel tossed six efficient innings, allowing no earned runs and striking out four.

Toews led the team with a 3-for-4 performance in the finale, helping U17 Energy finish the tournament 4-0 and outscore opponents 42-17.

The U17 Energy return to league play Thursday when they host Westman Magic.

### U19 CENTRAL ENERGY SWEEP ANGELS/PHILLIES IN BACK-TO-BACK VICTORIES

The U19 Central Energy squad pieced together two solid team efforts this week to sweep a two-game series against the Angels/Phillies 19U/18U team, edging out a narrow 4-3 win on Tuesday before cruising to a 9-2 victory in the rematch.

In the series opener, Central Energy jumped out to an early lead with a four-run first inning, highlighted by an RBI single from Maddy Friesen and a two-run error that gave them a 3-1 advantage. Nelia Fehr drove in the eventual game-winning run on a groundout.

Rory Lumgair started in the circle and battled through four and two-thirds innings, striking out four while allowing three runs, only two of them earned. Friesen then shut the door in relief, tossing two and one-third scoreless innings and striking out three to preserve the one-run lead.

Friesen also led the team at the plate, going 2-for-3, while Central turned a key double play defensively.

The second game saw Nelia Fehr take command on the mound, striking out 12 and allowing just five hits and two runs over six innings in a dominant 9-2 win.

After falling behind 1-0 in the second inning, Central responded quickly. Ella Harkness tied the game with a single and Christina VanDeVelde brought home another on a groundout. The offence kept rolling from there, with VanDeVelde finishing the day 2-for-3 with three RBIs, and Emma Klassen going 3-for-4.

Central Energy racked up 15 hits in the contest, with Fehr, Lumgair and Hailey-Jo Guffei each posting multi-hit games.

With the wins, U19 Central Energy continues to build momentum midway through the season. They'll face Angels/Phillies again next Tuesday in the return matchup.



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(The above sketch is for illustrative purposes only)

## CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. The parcels of land described will be sold "as is".
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 PM on June 19, 2025. The successful bidder will be informed by 5:00 PM June 23, 2025.
3. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
4. Preference will be given to tenders submitted for both parcels. However, tenders for a single parcel may be considered.
5. Possession is November 1, 2025.
6. Tender must be accompanied by a refundable deposit of \$10,000.00 (cheque made payable to Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office).

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2. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
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4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2026.
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- Financial knowledge and integrity to handle daily monetary transactions.
- Comply with all food, beverage/liquor and VLT regulations including a Smart Choice certification and Food Handler Certification.
- Experience is an asset
- Able to work evenings with flexibility in hours.
- Ability to work in a team environment.

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## OBITUARY



**Walter Donald McTavish**  
March 13, 1941 to May 20, 2025

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of Walter McTavish, aged 84 on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 surrounded by his loving family, at the Health Sciences Centre.

Left to treasure his memory are his loving wife Beverley, daughter Rhonda (Rick) and son Barry (Marlys), his cherished grandchildren Max (Hannah), Ashley (Austin), Rachel, and Samuel and step grandchildren Travis (Mikayla), Justin (Sam), and Taylor (Morgan) and families; and Bev's sons Wayne (Janet), Ken (Melissa) and families; sister Helen, brother Edwin and several nieces and nephews.

Walter was predeceased by his first wife Dean of 46 years (2013), parents Jack and Jean, brother Brian.

Walter was born in Carman, MB on March 13, 1941. He grew up on the family farm and started farming unofficially at age six. Walter graduated from Miami Collegiate and was able to continue his farming career.

Walter was married to Dean in 1967 where they settled on a farm two miles south of his parents near Rosebank where they raised their two children Rhonda and Barry. Walter farmed with his father and brother Brian. Walter also was a school bus driver in the Miami area for 30 years. He was very community minded and was involved in many activities in Miami and Rosebank.

As his children grew up and started their own families, Walter enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Following the passing of his wife Dean, Walter later married Beverley. This meant the addition of more grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family brought the most joy to Walter. He was an easy-going Grandpa with a great sense of humour and the kids loved him. He spent countless hours attending sporting events or keeping the kids busy with activities on the farm.

Walter and Bev enjoyed travelling throughout Canada from the east to west coasts, including a St. Lawrence River cruise. They also ventured to Alaska, the Panama Canal, and Hawaii. However, his favourite trip with Bev was their tour through England and Scotland.

Hours were spent at the lake where Walter found a way to relax with family while making many cabin improvements.

He gradually retired from farming but remained on the farm and still did some haying and always kept an eye out for a tractor he may need.

He remained busy as a counsellor for the R.M. of Thompson for 31 years, many of them as deputy reeve. He had a passion for environmental conservation. There was not a water drain for miles that he did not know. Walter served on multiple boards and committees including the Pembina Valley Conservation Board, Manitoba Association of Watersheds Board, MSTW and the Morden Veterinary Board.

Walter had a full and active life until his passing. He had a passion for farming, community, and most importantly family and friends. His life was a life well lived. He will be greatly missed.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the caring health care professionals from Miami Fire & Rescue, Southern Health Ambulance, Boundary Trails Emergency Department, and HSC SICU.

A memorial service took place on June 7, 2025 at the Miami Event Center at 2 p.m.

In remembrance of Walter's life, the family suggests that any charitable donations may be made to the Miami Area Foundation, Box 334, Miami, MB, R0G-1H0.

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### BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Health professionals recommend engaging in 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every week. For example, activities like walking, running, swimming and gardening can positively impact your physical and mental well-being.

Moreover, physical activity has been shown to reduce symptoms of depression and chase away negative thoughts. Moving your body also reduces pain and stress by stimulating the neurotransmitters that release cortisol and endorphins.

### SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

It's normal to occasionally experience symptoms of anxiety or depression, like difficulty concentrating and low energy. However, if these feelings become overwhelming, don't be afraid to seek help.

The CMHF has a self-assessment tool to help you determine whether chronic stress, anxiety or depression are affecting your health. This resource can be found in the MindFit Toolkit on the CMHF website. This tool shouldn't be used as a substitute for professional medical advice.

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