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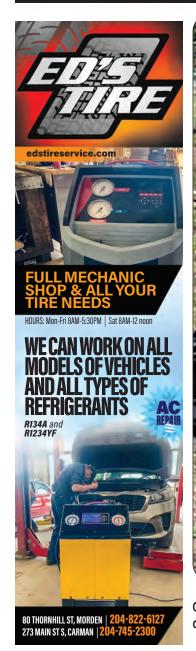
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Clockwise from left, Oaklan, Nixon and Jensen Nakonechny try out the new giant chess board at King's Park. The game is free to use daily, with pieces available at the pool house.

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### Prairie Ag N' Auto celebrated grand opening of new supply store Aug. 1

Local business continues to expand with bigger space, more bays and new services

#### By Lana Meier

A decade after launching as a smalltown tire repair and parts service, Prairie Ag N' Auto is entering a new chapter.

On Aug. 1, the locally owned business celebrated the grand opening of its new expanded supply store in Roseisle—a move that owner Kelvin Dyck says reflects steady growth and strong community support since Prairie Ag N' Auto first opened its doors in January 2015.

services our community hadn't had in many years," Dyck said. "That's always been our goal—helping people quickly and honestly. I think that's why we've been able to grow."

What began as a simple operation focused on parts supply and tire repairs



Midland MLA Lauren Stone brings greetings and a congratulatory message during the grand opening of "We started with a vision to provide Prairie Ag N' Auto's expanded supply store in Roseisle.

> has since evolved into a full-service automotive repair shop, complete with auto sales, parts, and a host of additional services. With everything from oil changes to engine overhauls,



STANDARD PHOTOS BY GWEN DYCK

Owner Kelvin Dyck invited the community to celebrate Prairie Ag N' Auto's grand opening on Aug. 1 at their expanded supply store in Roseisle location. Left to right, Don Cruickshank (for Branden Leslie), Kelvin Dyck, Leanne Dyck and Midland MLA Lauren Stone.

alignments and tires for lawnmowers, farm equipment, and transport trucks, the shop now covers nearly every local auto and ag need.

In 2018, Prairie Ag N' Auto added a mobile service truck for on-site tire repairs—available for everything from tractors to tractor-trailers.

"If the truck's not out on a call, we can usually get to someone really quickly," Dyck said. "If a tire can be safely repaired, we do it. If it's not worth it, we're honest about that too."

The business also operates a second location in St. Claude, which opened in 2018 and carries Husqvarna outdoor equipment. It's one of several newer product lines Prairie Ag N' Auto has taken on, including Pineview Buildings—customizable, highquality storage and utility structures popular with gardeners, farmers, and cottagers alike.

The business also carries baler twine,

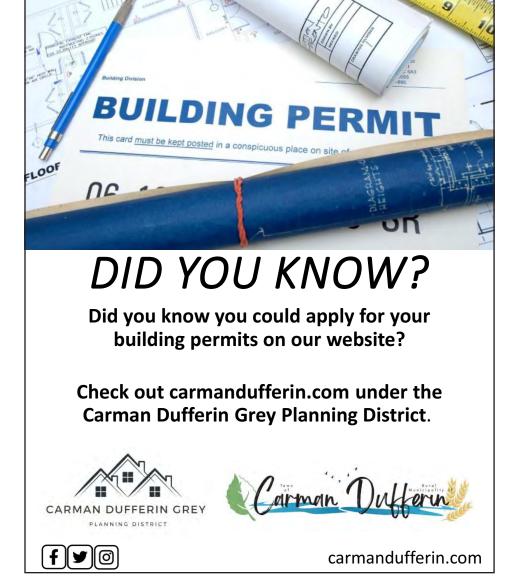
net and silage wrap, livestock feed as a New Rosedale Feeds dealer, and Boss lubricants available in everything from litre jugs to full drums and bulk orders. Hydraulic hose crimping is available in-house, and a wide selection of Interstate batteries is always in stock.

As an Integra Tire affiliate, customers can browse and order tires online for either location, with most orders filled within one business day from Winnipeg's 200,000 sq. ft. warehouse or other Prairie-based suppliers.

The expanded supply store will allow the Roseisle location to grow from two to four bays, with plans to increase auto sales as a new dealership license allows for future inventory growth.

And while the product lines and services have grown, Dyck says the fo-

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The youngsters had lots of fun on the bouncy castles.

# Checkmate! Giant chess board brings fun to King's Park

A new feature in King's Park is offering a fresh way for residents to get outdoors, connect with others — and even test their strategic skills.

A giant outdoor chess board was installed this spring along the pathway to the Carman Dufferin Pool. Free to use daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., the larger-than-life game is already drawing interest from families and park visitors.

"We wanted to add another activity to King's Park that could bring people of all ages and abilities together," said Sheena Nakonechny, recreation programmer for Carman-Dufferin. "We saw other communities have been successful with their giant chess boards, so we figured it would be another nice thing to add to the park."

The \$1,900 project was funded through the Healthy Together Now grant program. The board, ordered through Sport Direct, is constructed

from 64 concrete slabs, each 12 inches square. The durable plastic chess pieces stand about two feet tall and are designed to withstand Manitoba's outdoor elements.

"Our project is about fostering a sense of community, creating new friendships, and promoting a healthy lifestyle — all free for park users," Nakonechny said.

Game pieces are available at the pool house, and a box with the rules is provided for anyone who needs a refresher. While the space is currently geared for casual community use, Nakonechny is open to expanding it into something more formal down the

"If there's a chess guru out there who would want to organize something like that, that would be neat for sure," she said. "But in the meantime, come out and test the game board with your family and friends - it's fun for the whole family."



#### STANDARD PHOTO BY SHEENA NAKONECHNY

A new giant chess board at King's Park in Carman is giving residents a fun, strategic way to connect outdoors. The life-sized board, installed this spring near the Dufferin Pool, is free to use daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and already proving popular with families and parkgoers.



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Prairie Ag N' Auto's promoted their grand opening of their expanded supply store in Roseisle during the Carman parade.

cus on service remains the same.

"We treat our customers and their equipment the way we'd want to be treated," he said. "Seat covers, clean hands, and no damage—plus a fresh coffee while you wait and a cozy spot to relax."

A new addition inside the store the "Country Candy Corner"—offers a sweet way for visitors to browse while they wait, along with magazines and a growing lineup of hardware and building supplies. Orders placed by noon are typically available the next morning.

"Why go to the big centres when you can get it local at a reasonable price?" Dyck said.

The Aug. 1 grand opening celebration welcomed the community into the new space and mark the next step for a business that continues to grow with its neighbours.

"We like to say, 'Helping you is what we do," Dyck said. "And we



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## Applications open for Ag Days gives back program

Manitoba Ag Days is once again inviting applications for its annual Ag Days Gives Back program, which supports agriculture education and rural community development.

Applications are now being accepted for community grants, AED cost-share funding and post-secondary scholarships. Successful applicants will be announced during the 2026 Manitoba Ag Days show, set for Jan. 20 to 22 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

The program awarded \$55,000 at the 2025 show through 16 community grants, three student scholarships and funding support for Ag in the Classroom–Manitoba. Since 2013, Ag Days Gives Back has invested more than \$536,000 in agriculture-related initiatives across Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"Our 50/50 fundraiser allows us to pool community support and make a lasting difference — both in our rural communities and in the lives of students pursuing careers in agriculture," said Sharon Finlay, chair of the Ag Days Gives Back committee. "There really is a ripple effect through this program."

Community fire departments are eligible to apply for \$2,000 grants, which may be used for any aspect of a project — including infrastructure, equipment, training, volunteer support or supplies. Projects must have a total budget

under \$50,000, and priority will be given to communities that have not received funding in the past three years.

Ten cost-share grants are also available to community organizations interested in installing an automated external defibrillator (AED). The program will cover two-thirds of the cost of each life-saving device.

Three \$2,000 scholarships are available to students in their final year of high school or currently enrolled in postsecondary education. Eligible fields include any ag-related diploma, degree, certificate or trade program.

Applicants must complete a form and submit a short written or video biography outlining their volunteer experience, career goals and how they see themselves contributing to the agriculture industry.

All funds distributed through Ag Days Gives Back come from proceeds of the annual Manitoba Ag Days 50/50 draw, which supports kindergarten to post-secondary ag education, as well as community organizations throughout Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

To apply, visit agdays.com/community-giving-program. The application deadline is Nov. 1, 2025.

For event updates or to purchase admission tickets for the 2026 show, visit agdays.com or follow @mbagdays on Facebook, X, TikTok and Instagram.

### MB Hydro boosts tree trimming, vegetation management

Manitoba Hydro is increasing its tree trimming and vegetation management activities across the province in an effort to improve power reliability and enhance public and

The utility says the intensified efforts will help prevent power outages and protect critical infrastructure from hazards such as wildfires.

"Maintaining a power system that is reliable, and safe for our employees and customers, is always our goal," said Manitoba Hydro president and CEO Allan Danroth. "Our enhanced vegetation management work this year is part of those efforts."

Tree contact remains one of the leading causes of power outages in Manitoba. In 2023, there were 2,612 outages related to trees — more than in any of the past 14 years.

Falling trees or branches can bring down live electrical lines and spark fires, creating safety risks for the public and Manitoba Hydro crews. Dense vegetation can also slow down restoration efforts following storms.

To mitigate these risks, Manitoba Hydro crews and contractors will be trimming or removing trees too close

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A Manitoba Hydro crew trims trees near power lines as part of the utility's enhanced vegetation management efforts to reduce outages and improve safety across the province.

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### **Pritchard Memorial tees up support with \$136K gift**



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The Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament raised \$136,000 for South Central Cancer Resource, with organizers presenting the cheque on July 30. The annual tournament honours the legacy of Mike Pritchard and continues to draw strong community support. Funds raised help ensure local cancer patients have access to transportation and support services during treatment. The cheque presentation photo includes members of the Pritchard family and the SCCR committee. Since moving the tournament to Carman in 2013, it has raised a total of \$763,000.

# A look back: This week in local history

By Dennis Young

100 Years ago, August 7, 1925... D.S. McIntyre is named new principal at Carman School at a salary of \$2,250 per year. Winnipeg Auto Bus now makes a stop across the street from Eaton's. Dial 1 for Dr. Cunningham's office, but 17 for his residence. Sanders Drug Store recommends Pure Test Mineral Oil for constipation. RM of Dufferin contributes \$1,000 to the

75 Years ago, 1950... The new Legion opens with a strict members-only policy and Johnny Bossio as manager. Elm Creek welcomes a new doctor, J.R. McDougall. Cards Ball Club files complaints about questionable umpiring in Brandon and Minot. The Dufferin Leader installs a neon sign on the front of its building. Southern Electric promotes the new G.E. washer featuring the "Daily Dipper."

50 Years ago, 1975... The 7th Annual Tractor Pull hosted by YMS sets attendance records. Allen Wiebe wins the 10,000 class with an 1100 Massey, Glen Kippen places second, and Terry Dyck takes third in the 15,000. UFO sightings continue in the region. The Diemerts purchase a S-51 Sikorsky helicopter. Dave Jones retires after 20 years at the water treatment plant. Carduff Farmserve offers 2,4-D at \$31

per pail. Safeway advertises chuck and round roasts for 79 cents per pound.

25 Years ago, 2000... Tornadoes and hail batter the Elm Creek area. Residents raise concerns over high algae levels in the Boyne River. Linear Grain Crop Inputs promotes Transorb. Letters to the editor pour in thanking everyone for a successful Homecoming 2000. Phillip Weiler's grand champion steer sells for \$1.47 per pound at the 4-H auction to DCU. Southdale Sales features Stihl, Snapper and Murray products. Manitoba Youth Job Centre manager Twila Falk reports 60 job orders fulfilled during the summer.

### > TREES, FROM PG. 4

to power lines and clearing brush around infrastructure, particularly in rural areas. Herbicides will also be used in targeted locations to control regrowth and reduce fire risk.

In urban centres, trees are typically trimmed to maintain clearance from power lines. However, the utility says removal may be necessary in some cases depending on the tree species, its proximity to electrical infrastructure, and the potential danger it poses.

While Manitoba Hydro aims to notify property owners ahead of time, the utility notes that urgent situations

such as storm damage or emergency repairs may require immediate action without notice.

Residents who see crews working nearby are reminded to keep a safe distance as falling debris may pose a hazard.

More information about Manitoba Hydro's vegetation management practices is available at hydro.mb.ca/vegetation.



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One way to tell the difference is given in Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the Spirit. The Bible lists the attributes of this fruit as "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control." When you see a person demonstrating all of these, then you can be reasonably sure that God's Spirit lives in them.

Another way to tell the difference is by how much time and effort they spend caring for others, especially those who cannot repay the kindness. Micah 6:8 tells us "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does Jehovah require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?" In the New Testament, James explains that Christ-followers are to "to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (James 1:27b)

A third way to tell a genuine Christian is by their acted out priorities. Someone once used the acronym JOY to describe the order of priorities that should be in place for a genuine follower of Christ: Jesus, Others, You. This comes from what Jesus described as the greatest command. In Matthew 22:37-38 this summary of the law is given as love God and love others. This godly love is demonstrated by putting the other ahead of yourself.

I dare you to examine your life and priorities to see if you fit the bill as a true Christian, properly representing the Church of Jesus Christ, no particular denomination. The God who created us designed us for a personal relationship with Him, demonstrated by obedience and love in His way. It is a far more exciting way to live than otherwise!

Pastor Richard Heppner Friends Community Church, Carman

# Carman completes construction on nine roads

By E. Antonio

The Town of Carman recently wrapped up roadwork on nine streets through a milling and filling project that spanned two weeks.

Construction began July 14 and was completed by the end of the month.

Chief administrative officer Susan Stein said each roadway was selected based on predetermined criteria, including age, condition and repair or replacement costs. The number of roads receiving either full reconstruction or a mill and fill is determined annually through the town's budget and infrastructure plan.

"The town has an asset management plan which helps identify roads that need repair or a mill and fill, or will require full reconstruction," Stein said. "It is reviewed with council and, based on the budget, the roads are then chosen."

This year, council allocated

\$525,000 toward construction costs, which includes curb and gutter repair or replacement. If a roadway requires restricted access, the town posts alerts on its website and social media platforms. Members of the public works department also speak directly with residents when construction is expected to impact road access.

"We like to get construction projects completed as soon as possible each year to help maintain infrastructure, support future asset management planning, and improve streets for residents," Stein added.

She noted two roadways still require work. One has a soft spot that required additional excavation and will be patched in two to three weeks when the contractor, Maple Leaf Construction, returns to the area.

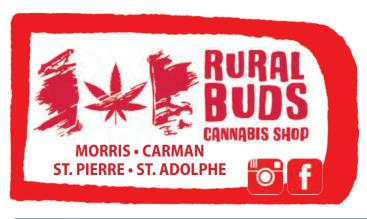
Work has also begun on 1st Street SW, which is being fully reconstructed with concrete.



#### STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

The intersection of 3rd Avenue SW and 13th Street SW in Carman is one of nine roadways recently improved through the town's summer milling and filling project.

# Flashback: Carman teen runner shines at '67 nationals







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Coach Marsh Kennedy inspects the trophy Marj Dunn won for placing second at the Canadian cross-country championships.

#### By Dennis Young

In November 1967, Carman's Marj Dunn raced in the Canadian juvenile women's 1.5-mile cross-country championship. Competing against 30 runners from across the country, Dunn placed second behind Winnipeg's Lynda James.

She qualified for nationals at the Amateur Athletic Union meet earlier that fall. Dunn still had two more indoor meets ahead with the Midland Track Team, coached by Marsh Kennedy.

### Carman Community Garden unveils new sign and shed with local support

The Carman Community Garden has unveiled a brand-new sign as part of its ongoing efforts to grow and beautify the space, which has become a permanent and valued part of the community.

With funding from the Carman Area Foundation, donations from the public, and leftover proceeds from last year's successful raffle fundraiser, the committee was able to purchase the new sign, designed and built by Beukema Pneumatics of Carman.

"We really feel the garden is a permanent, needed venue for our town—so what better way to acknowledge that we're here to stay than by having a beautiful permanent sign," said committee member Pat Veldman. "Beukema Pneumatics was as excited about the idea as we were. They're a local company and were happy to support another local initiative."

While the new sign will welcome gardeners and guests alike, the garden plans to keep its original handpainted sign by Liz deWit, which still bears the garden's motto: "Grow your food, feed your soul." "It's a beautiful piece that needs a bit more upkeep, but it still represents the spirit of what we do," Veldman added. "Nothing beats an hour in the garden."

In 2024, the garden also added a new shed with help from a Carman Area Foundation grant and generous pricing from local businesses. Volunteer hours and public support helped cov-



The Carman Community Garden's new shed, added in 2024 with support from a Carman Area Foundation grant and local businesses, provides convenient storage space for tools and supplies.

The Carman Community Garden began in 2018 as an initiative of the Carman West Canadian Church, designed to bring neighbours together, promote the joy of gardening, and offer a peaceful place for community connection.

It has since grown from a ¾-acre lot with 30 plots to a thriving 2.2-acre space. This year, 72 gardeners are tending 99 plots filled with vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

"Our hope and prayer is that this continues for the next 100 years," said Veldman.

The garden's continued success wouldn't be possible without the support of the Town of Carman, the Carman Area Foundation, local businesses and countless volunteers.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY PAT VELDMAN

The garden's original hand-painted sign by Liz deWit still stands near the entrance, bearing the motto "Grow your food, feed your soul." Committee members say it remains a beloved symbol of the garden's grassroots beginnings.



A newly installed sign designed and built by Beukema Pneumatics of Carman welcomes visitors to the Carman Community Garden.



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### Carman teen's summer startup leaves windows—and customers—beaming

With a bucket, a dream, and a 45foot pole, 17-year-old Nathan Froebe is making windows shine across Carman—one streak-free pane at a time.

Froebe is the proud owner and founder of Shimmer & Shine Window Co., a window, screen and gutter cleaning business he launched to offer next-level service to local homeowners and businesses.

"I started this business because I wanted the freedom of a summer job that allows me to work at my own pace and be my own boss," said Froe-

What began last summer with a simple squeegee and a water bucket has since grown into a full-time seasonal operation with two employees and a professional-grade Xero Water Fed Pole system. The new equipment capable of cleaning windows, sills and frames up to 45 feet high—uses a reverse osmosis system that ensures a streak-free finish.

"It was a big investment for me-especially since I was just starting out but it has definitely paid off and has led to happy customers," he said.

Froebe, who grew up helping clean the windows at home, saw an opportunity to bring a full-time window cleaning service to Carman. After a fall from a ladder early on, he knew he needed to upgrade his tools if he wanted to do the job safely and effectively.

"Sometimes, you gotta take that leap



and start something big," he said. "You will learn as you go and work through the challenges, but as long as you have a goal in mind and stay organized you can be successful.'

Froebe said one of the keys to his success is building strong customer relationships.

"At the end of the day, treat every customer like they matter-because they do," he said. "They mean everything to me and Shimmer & Shine Window Co."

The business offers interior and exterior window washing, screen and gutter cleaning in Carman and surrounding communities. Pricing varies based on the size and scope of each job, and quotes are always free.

"For me, that's the best part—I love to learn and this job has allowed me to challenge myself and grow from my experiences," Froebe said.

He plans to continue operating through the fall while juggling Grade 12 at Carman Collegiate. After gradu-



STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Crystal clear commitment - Carman's Nathan Froebe offers window, gutter, and screen cleaning services to the Carman area with his company, Shimmer & Shine Window Co.

ation, he's considering a career in agriculture but says he's keeping his options open.

"My younger brother has already shown interest in the business," he added with a smile. "As long as I am able to continue supporting the community and the community continues to support us, I'm not sure what my next chapter looks like—but I have some time to decide. I just look forferent ways, because that's what mat-

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### Homestead Co-op Carman Cardlock adds debit, credit payment options

It's now easier to fuel up in Carman thanks to new payment options at the Homestead Co-op Cardlock.

The site now accepts debit and credit cards, including AMEX, VISA and MasterCard, in addition to traditional Co-op Cardlock Cards.

The upgrade adds convenience for local residents and professional drivers alike, whether they're filling up a work truck, farm vehicle or just making a quick stop while travelling. The new pay-at-thepump system features updated payment pedestals, complete with step-by-step instructions for users.

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Homestead currently operates Cardlocks in Austin, Carman, Oakville, Portage la Prairie and Treherne. So far, Carman and Treherne have been upgraded to accept debit and credit cards, with plans in place to expand the feature to other locations.

The Carman Cardlock also serves as a rest stop for professional drivers, with amenities including restrooms, showers and overnight parking.

For more information, contact Homestead's bulk fuel manager, Ryan Piche, at 204-745-6702, download the Co-op app or visit www.homesteadco-op.



STANDARD PHOTO BY SHANNON VAUGHAN

Homestead Co-op's Bulk Petroleum Manager, Ryan Piche, stands at the upgraded Carman Cardlock, which now accepts debit and credit payments for added convenience.





### Graysville 4-H Light Horse Club wraps up season with Achievement Day

**By Lana Meier** 

The Graysville 4-H Light Horse and Pony Club celebrated the end of a successful season with its 2025 Achievement Day at the Dufferin Agricultural Fairgrounds on July 25.

Members Eden and Bailey opened the event by welcoming guests and leading the 4-H pledge, reinforcing the group's commitment to clear thinking, loyalty, service and better living.

This year's programming included the club's annual horse camp, led by Kristine Bergen and Faye Duchak, and featured lessons from instructor Brenda Rinneberg. Camp activities covered a wide range of equestrian topics including braiding, liberty work, desensitizing horses, standard-bred racing, and show preparation. Members also took part in crafting, line dancing and making homemade horse treats.

The camp wrapped up with a public demonstration showcasing members' developing skills such as cart driving, bareback riding, pole bending, jumping, and performing tasks like opening and closing gates while mounted. The performances were met with enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

Head leader Lindsay Hoffman presented plaques to nine new riders, bringing total membership to 20 this



season

Throughout the year, members participated in six weeks of riding lessons with Equine Canada-certified coach Alex Buskens and attended a jumping clinic led by Jessi Good. They showcased their riding skills at the Portage and Carman fairs and took part in the 4-H Rally in Brandon.

Club members were also active beyond the saddle, participating in the 4-H curling bonspiel and a variety of camps. Winter activities included monthly business meetings, a polepainting project that now brightens the fairgrounds show ring, and a tubing day.



STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Graysville 4-H Light Horse and Pony Club welcomed nine new riders during their 2025 Achievement Day, held July 25 at the Dufferin Agricultural Fairgrounds. Pictured from left to right: [insert names if available]. The club celebrated a season filled with riding lessons, horse camp, competitions, and community activities.

Communications remains a key pillar of the 4-H program, with members competing at the club, area and provincial levels. Several Graysville members advanced through the ranks this year. Paisley Kehler earned

the provincial title in the intermediate

speech category, while Bailey Dyck represented the club with her visual presentation.

With another successful season complete, the club continues to foster leadership, confidence and horsemanship in its young members.











# **Mastering moguls**



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Lukas Sweere, 8, of Fannystelle flashes a big smile as he loops around and up and down the moguls in Carman — a favourite outing with his grandma.

# Sportside > OUTSIDE > OUTSIDE > OUTSIDE DOWN

### Central Energy U15AAA claims silver after rain-delayed provincial final

The Central Energy U15 AAA softball team brought home silver from the 2025 Softball Manitoba U15 AAA Female Championships, which concluded Wednesday in Winkler after rain delays paused play the previous

Central fell 10-6 to the Eastman Wildcats in the rescheduled gold medal game, despite a strong offensive performance. The squad collected 15 hits to Eastman's seven but couldn't hold a late lead, surrendering eight runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Ella Conrad went 3-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI, while Payton Manness, Shyanne Goertzen, and Bree Pearce each added multiple hits. Central opened the scoring in the first with an RBI single from Zoey Shantz and led 4-2 by the fourth, but Eastman capitalized on defensive miscues and timely hits to secure the championship.

Earlier in the day, Central earned a berth in the gold medal game with a 14-5 comeback win over the Inter-



Central Energy's Shyanne Goertzen pitched back-to-back games in the bronze and gold medal matchups. helping secure a comeback win over Interlake before delivering a standout



The Energy's Payton Manness scores a run, beating the throw to Interlake Phillies catcher Jersey Macmillan during 2025 provincial championship action at Ray Fennell Park in Winnipeg.



The Central Energy U15AAA team poses for a photo after winning silver at the 2025 Softball Manitoba Provincial Championships. Pictured left to right, back row: Morgan Miller (assistant coach), Kylyn Shindle (head coach), Shyanne Goertzen, Hailey Baldwin, Shayna Driedger, Ella Conrad, Kylie Wiebe, Blaine Wiebe, Jenai Buchanan (assistant coach), Kevin Convery (manager/coach); front row: Harper Manness (bat girl), Bree Pearce, Amelia Wytinck, Sinead Convery, Payton Manness, Kelsey Dyck, Zoey Shantz, Arabella Goertzen (bat girl); Missing from the photo are Todd Folkett (assistant coach), Melissa Pearce (manager), and Ashton Wytinck (bat boy).



STANDARD PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Central Energy's Zoey Shantz slides safely into third base, beating the throw to Interlake Phillies' Brynn Williams during the bronze medal game at the 2025 Softball Manitoba U15 AAA Female Championships.

Down 5–0 in the first, Central exploded for five runs in the third and seven more in the fourth.

Hailey Baldwin powered the comeback with two hits and four RBIs, including a key two-run single. Manness, Pearce, and Conrad also drove in runs, while Goertzen picked up the win in the circle, allowing one earned run over five innings.

The strong finish capped a dominant run through round-robin and early playoff play, where Central posted shutout wins over the Manitoba Angels, Winnipeg Lightning Slatch, Westman Magic, and Interlake Phillies, as well as high-scoring victories against Smitty's Terminators and others. Their only losses came at the hands of eventual gold medallists Eastman.

With their silver medal, Central Energy now turns its attention to the U15 Female Canadian Championships, which they will host in Winkler from Aug. 13–17. Eastman and one other top-finishing team will join them at nationals, while Interlake and another qualifier will represent Manitoba at the U15 Female Western Canadian Championships in Calgary, Aug. 1–4.

## Central Charge takes silver at U17 AA provincials in Carman

By Lana Meier

The Central Charge came within a run of a provincial title at the 2025 Softball Manitoba U17 AA Female Championships, earning silver after a dominant run through round-robin play and a standout semifinal performance.

The Carman-hosted event began July 25 and was initially scheduled to conclude on July 27, but heavy rain shut down the medal round last Sunday, bringing the tournament to a premature halt. Play resumed on July 31 to complete the semifinals and finals.

Central Charge stormed through Pool A with a 4–0 record, including a 16–0 shutout over the Manitoba Reapers, a 15–3 win over the Southwest Strikers, and a 13–6 win against the Eastman Blaze. They capped roundrobin play with a 14–5 win over the Bonivital Bolts.

"I think there were a couple factors that helped the girls peak for provincials," said head coach Matt Victor. "They had a disappointing Showcase in June that saw them outside the toptier teams. They took that one hard. Jason [Wolfe] has been instrumental—keeping the girls focused in the practices and games, and giving them purpose. They really improved from start to finish. Lastly, the ladies want to play for each other. That's special."

In the semifinal on Thursday, Central defeated Westman Storm 13–0 on the back of a clutch performance from Megan Preteau, who drove in four runs on two hits, including an inside-the-park grand slam in the second



Central Charge pitcher Brielle Thiessen was dominant in the semifinal win over Westman Storm, striking out six and allowing just four hits over five shutout innings to help her team reach the gold medal game at the 2025 Softball Manitoba U17 AA Championships in Carman.

inning. The team scored five runs in that frame alone and added insurance in the third with an RBI single from Lauren Kutny.

"That was a big moment for Megan—and our group," said Victor. "Down two strikes, bases loaded and able to square up the barrel like that for a grand slam... just special."

Pitcher Brielle Thiessen earned the win, allowing just four hits over five innings while striking out six.

"Brielle was absolutely dominant on the mound," said assistant coach



The Charge's Mia Van Den Bosch is greeted at home plate by teammates after blasting a home run during the Championships.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER AND CRYSTAL THIESSEN

Central Charge earned silver at the 2025 Softball Manitoba U17 AA Female Provincial Championships, falling 7–6 to the Westman Heat in a thrilling gold medal final July 31 in Carman. The team went undefeated through round-robin play and shut out Westman Storm in the semifinal. Pictured left to right, back row: Tasha Worms (assistant coach), Matt Victor (coach), Megan Preteau, Madison Guthrie, Brielle Thiessen, Presley Wolfe, Ella Victor, Lauren Kutny, Jason Wolfe (coach), Delany Darby, Ivy Hildebrand, Kara Hildebrand (manager); Front row, Taytum Worms, Alexa Desrochers, Mia Van Den Bosch. Missing from the photo are Leah Marek and Madeline Bergen.

Jason Wolfe. "She was hitting her spots, changing speeds effectively, and keeping hitters off balance all game. Even with the pressure of the game on the line, she didn't flinch. She worked quickly, stayed focused, and trusted her defence."

The Charge tallied 14 hits, including multi-hit games from Kutny, Delany Darby, Ivy Hildebrand and Alexa Desrochers. Defensively, the Charge played error-free ball and turned a double play, with Madison Guthrie recording a team-high six chances in the field.

"Those were standout performances in the semis, no question," said Wolfe. "But if you ask them, they'll be the first to tell you it was about the team. Every success was shared, and that's what made it so fun to be a part of."

In the gold medal game later that evening, Central's comeback effort fell just short as they dropped a 7–6 heartbreaker to the Westman Heat. Down four runs in the fourth, the Charge clawed back to take a 6–5 lead in the top of the seventh, with runs scored by Thiessen and Presley Wolfe. But the Heat tied the game in the bottom of the seventh and pushed across the winning run to take gold.

"It was a rollercoaster of a game—especially the seventh inning," said Victor. "There wasn't much to say after those types of games. We were proud of their season and how resilient they were to come back from

5–1 and fight to take a 6–5 lead into the bottom of the seventh. We talked about how these moments build character and will make you stronger. We had a great group."

Desrochers went the distance in the circle for Central, striking out nine and walking six while allowing four earned runs. Thiessen led the team with two RBIs, while Darby and Mia Van Den Bosch collected two hits apiece. Central showed discipline at the plate, drawing 12 walks and turning two double plays.

"These ladies will remember the bonds created with each other and not the one-run loss," added Wolfe.

Looking ahead, Victor said the tournament reinforced the importance of building strong development programs.

"The AA program is growing and showing more interest throughout our region," he said. "These programs need to continue to teach the basic skills and build them into habits, and have good mentors to keep the players engaged and curious. Make the programs competitive and fun—we'll keep players coming back if there is purpose and fun doing it."

Despite the narrow defeat, the Charge left Carman with heads held high after a tournament full of strong pitching, timely hitting and excellent team defence. Westman Storm claimed bronze with a 14–1 win over Bonivital in the third-place match.

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Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
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- The Municipality **may** exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
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  - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
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Dated this 28th day of July, 2025.

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION **TOWN OF CARMAN REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES CARMAN WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

July 23, 2025

The Town of Carman (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Carman Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 2089, read the first time on June 3, 2025. Rates were last approved in 2022 in Board Order No. 133/22, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2025. In addition to the revised rate application, the Town has also applied for the recovery of a 2021 Utility operating deficit by transfer from the Utility's accumulated fund surplus.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates			Proposed Rates							
		By-Law 21/2050		By-Law 2089 Year 1		By-Law 2089 Year 2		By-Law 2089 Year 3		By-Law 2089 Year 4	
Quarterly Service Charge	\$	31.36	\$	30.72	\$	30.08	\$	29.44	\$	28.80	
Water (per 1,000 gallons)*	\$	17.34	\$	19.14	\$	20.63	\$	22.12	\$	23.61	
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$	3.50	\$	3.84	\$	4.18	\$	4.52	\$	4.84	
Minimum Quarterly Charge**	\$	93.88	\$	99.66	\$	104.51	\$	109.36	\$	114.15	
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Wastewater Only***	\$	41.86	\$	61.44	\$	63.52	\$	65.60	\$	67.52	
Bulk Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$	22.18	\$	26.25	\$	29.50	\$	31.00	\$	31.50	
Septic Truck Tipping Fee****	\$	8.00	\$	30.00	\$	30.00	\$	30.00	\$	30.00	
Annual Hydrant Rentals	\$	130.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	
Meter Testing	\$	-	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	

<sup>\*</sup>Current rates per By-Law 23/2069, including pass-through increase from Pembina Valley Water Co-op

Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the Town.

Details of the Town's application are available for review at the Town office or the Public

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Town's application for water and wastewater rates, please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the Town.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before September 6, 2025.

The Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

Frederick Mykytyshyn

Assistant Associate Secretary Manitoba Public Utilities Board

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Current rates based on 3,000 gallons, proposed rates based on 8,000 gallons

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#### RURAL MUNICIPALITY **OF GREY BOARD OF REVISION** 2026 REAL AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls for 2026 to be revised, have been deposited in this office and are open to public inspection at the R.M. of Grey Office, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, during regular office hours.

THE BOARD OF REVISION for the R.M. of Grey will sit to hear complaints received regarding the said Assessment Rolls, in the R.M. of Grey Council Chambers, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

ANY PERSON who believes that an assessment ought to be revised may make application in accordance with Sections 42 and 43;

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) "A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- a) liability to taxation;
- b) amount of an assessed value;
- c) classification of property;
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)."

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 43(1) "An application for revision must
- a) be made in writing;
- b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- d) be filed by
- (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
- (ii) serving it upon the secretary,

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."

Applications for revision of assessment roll shall be addressed to: THE BOARD OF REVISION, R.M. of Grey, Box 99, Elm Creek, Manitoba R0G 0N0.

Deadline for filing application is September 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

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Allie Henderson, Secretary Board of Revision

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**HEARING:** LOCATION: R.M. of Thompson Council Chambers 530 Norton Avenue Miami, MB

DATE & TIME:

August 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**GENERAL** 

1. To amend permitted and conditional use

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2. To rezone Lots 1-7, Plan 67127 MLTO in the NW 8-5-5WPM (Rosebank) FROM: 'CH' Commercial Highway TO: 'CC' Commercial Central as shown on the sketch below:



FROM: 'CH' Commercial Highway TO: 'CC' Commercial Central

FOR INFO. **CONTACT:**  Melissa Brunel, Chief Administrative Officer RM of Thompson

Box 190 Miami, MB R0G 1H0 Phone: 204-435-2114

Email: cao@rmofthompson.com

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies may be made, and extracts taken there from.



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**HEARING:** R.M. of Thompson Council Chambers LOCATION: 530 Norton Avenue Miami, MB

DATE & TIME: August 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL To pass by-law designating Dunston **INTENT:** Church Site located at SE 3-4-6W in the Rural Municipality of Thompson as a

Municipal Heritage Site.

#### FOR INFORMATION

**CONTACT:** Melissa Brunel, Chief Administrative Officer

RM of Thompson



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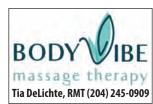
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- red, itchy or watery eyes.

If your child shows any of these symptoms you may want to call an Optometrist.

Many provinces in Canada have

the Eye See...Eye Learn® program which is a program designed to educate teachers, children and parents in the importance of eye health. Through this program Optometrists detect, diagnose and treat eye health and vision issues in kindergarten children.

The program offers routine eye exams to kindergarten children and even provides free eyeglasses to them if needed. Each year in Alberta, between 1,500 and 1,800 pairs of free eyeglasses are distributed and of those, about 60% are first-time prescriptions.

Untreated vision problems can

- learning at a slower rate than other children
- frustration with learning
- negative self-image
- · behaviour and discipline prob-
- possible need for special education and related services
- higher risk for school drop out
- · lifelong disadvantages and underachievement

A comprehensive eye exam will ensure your child's vision health

A vision screening test is not the same as a comprehensive eye exam. While vision screening tests the ability to see clearly at a distance, a comprehensive eye exam looks at all aspects of a child's vision function, including how well the eyes focus up close, how the eyes work together and the overall health of the eyes. Even if your child has 20/20 vision, they still need to have an eye

#### What else can you do

Your child's eyes get a workout at home with computers, video games and homework. Make sure the rooms are eye-friendly by reducing glare and offering soft overall light. Encourage periodic breaks from digital screens to give their eyes a much-needed break. Optometrists recommend the 20-20-20 rule: every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break and focus on something at least 20 feet away.

Balance computer time with plenty of creative, outdoor and quiet play - their eyes, developing minds, and their growing bodies will thank you.













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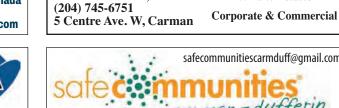
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