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Young biz builders

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Peyton Ziso of Totes & Co., left, with her handmade tote bags and bracelets, and Meagan Ndou of Loops & Knots with her crocheted ducks and chapstick holders were among the young entrepreneurs who showcased their products at the 2025 Kid's Biz Camp pop-up market in Carman.

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Kid's Biz Camp wraps up with creativity, confidence and commerce

By Annaliese Meier

From homemade fire starters to crocheted ducks and dog treats, young entrepreneurs showed off their creativity and business savvy at this year's Kid's Biz Camp in Carman.

Hosted by Community Futures Heartland, the camp ran Aug. 18-22 at the Carman Arena, giving 9- to 12-year-olds a crash course in business development. The week concluded with a bustling pop-up market at the Carman Farmers Market, on Friday where campers sold their products to the public.

"This is the day all their lessons come together to help them succeed at their new business," said Penny Schoonbaert, CFH's community economic development coordinator. "They learn that marketing is important, but presentation and a ready smile go a long way, too."

Throughout the week, participants explored the fundamentals of entrepreneurship—brainstorming ideas, setting budgets, making products and marketing them. Alongside classroom lessons, they took part in business tours, including Carman Granite, Irwin Fitness Solutions, and Beukema Pneumatics. Kimberley Jensen Doty from Victorious Financial Services



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Pictured left to right, Byron Lepp of B Fresh with his science-based air-freshening material; Colby's Custom Prints showcasing 3D-printed gadgets, fidgets and hockey stick holders; Sam MacNair of Little Pup Bites with his homemade dog treats; and Connor Denheyer of CDOG Stickers with his locally inspired sticker designs.

shared insights into customer service.

Schoonbaert said the continued support of local businesses makes the program possible. "We want kids to learn, but also to have fun—and that wouldn't be possible without the many local businesses that open their

doors to us," she said.

Each camper brought their own passion and problem-solving skills to the table.

Sam MacNair, inspired by his pets, launched Little Pup Bites. "My dogs at home gave me the idea," he said of his homemade treats made from chicken or beef broth, one egg and whole wheat flour.

Colby's Custom Prints showcased 3D-printed gadgets such as fidgets, card holders and an Apple Watch charging stand. "Here I have a hockey stick holder," said Colby. "I picked this because I like hockey and lots of people here in Carman do too." When his first printing filament failed, he didn't give up. "The first type of filament I tried didn't print well, so I decided to try other kinds until I found one that worked."

Connor Denheyer, founder of CDOG Stickers, tapped into local pride with

decals. "I chose to do stickers as my biz because I have a Cricut machine at home and I knew it wouldn't take very long to make them," he said. One of his designs, a Boyne River canoe scene, was inspired by his own trips. "I was trying to capture my local customers' interest because I know they also have a connection to the river."

Byron Lepp used science for B Fresh, experimenting with vinegar, baking soda and pickling salt. "After the fizzing reaction, the leftover material can then absorb moisture from the air," he explained.

Esme O'Connor created Esme's Flames to help with camping. "I have a hard time starting fires without help from my dad, so I decided to make these fire starters," she said.

Danielle Wiebe turned a hobby into

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Left to right, Lily Burns with her painted wooden décor from reclaimed scraps; Aria McIntosh of Aria's Paws and Pearls with her dog treats and dog-themed keychains; and Avery Klassen with her crocheted slip-proof hangers.

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Danielle's Hand Painted Cards and Bookmarks. "I started painting with my grandma and then that inspired me to use that skill for my business," she said.

Avery Klassen crocheted colourful slip-proof hangers. "With these hangers, your clothes won't slip or leave rust stains on your shirts from the metal hangers," she said. She credited her grandmother for teaching her. "The thinner strings took me more problem solving and time than the thicker ones, so I ended up making more of the thicker yarn ones."

Lily Burns found a way to repurpose scrap wood from her dad's job. "My dad brings home scrap pieces of wood from work and then I thought that I could paint them," she said of her rustic décor signs.

Meagan Ndou crocheted ducks and chapstick holders under the brand Loops and Knots. "I have been crocheting for a while and chose these designs because I wanted to learn how to crochet something new," she said. She kept costs low by sourcing yarn at Walmart. But she admitted her timing could improve. "If I was to do this again, I would try to manage my time better," she laughed. "Last night I was up really late trying to fin-

ish them and lost out on sleep."

Peyton Ziso diversified Totes & Co. with handmade tote bags and bracelets. "I added up the cost of my materials and then decided how much profit I wanted from each item," she said. "I decided to have the totes and the bracelets because I thought that I could then make more money if I had more types of things to sell."

Aria McIntosh combined pet care and crafts with Aria's Paws and Pearls. "I found that the mix was too crumbly and it wasn't able to keep its shape in the molds, so then I added more water to fix this," she said of her homemade dog treats. She paired them with dog-themed keychains to round out her product line.

Schoonbaert said the young entrepreneurs impressed her with their innovation. "Every year the kids surprise us with how creative and resilient they are," she said. "Those skills will serve them long after the camp is done. Ken Reimer, General Manager with Community Futures Heartland added, "The kids this week have been great. They were eager to learn from day 1. Most of them sold out of product today and some even received custom orders for later. I hope they come back next year and bring their friends."



Left to right, Danielle Wiebe of Danielle's Hand Painted Cards & Bookmarks and Esme O'Connor of Esme's Flames with her fire starters for camping.

Mama Bears to host open house at Carman shop Sept. 6



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From left Pauline, Mikayla and Glen Noordenbos display a fabric with a Winnipeg Blue Bombers design.

By Patricia Barrett

Mama Bears Quilt Shoppe is inviting the community to celebrate at an open house next month.

The family-owned business will welcome customers to its Carman location at 82 Main St. South on Saturday, Sept. 6. Shoppers can expect in-store specials and door prizes as part of the event.

Run by Pauline, Glen and Mikayla Noordenbos, Mama Bears carries an extensive range of fabrics, quilt kits, notions and patterns. The company operates three Manitoba locations, including stores in Ashern and Brandon in addition to Carman.

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Mark your calendars for a “beary” fun day

By Lana Meier

One of Manitoba's most beloved summer traditions is set to return next month as the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba hosts the 36th annual Teddy Bears' Picnic at Assiniboine Park.

The event, presented by Johnston Group, takes place Sunday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature more than 20 tents filled with kid-friendly activities. The free community celebration helps families learn about health care and research in an interactive way while supporting HSC Children's Hospital.

Families can start the morning with the Teddy Bears' Pancake Breakfast by IHOP, running from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online in advance or at the event. New this year, the Foundation is introducing a pre-booking system for two of the most popular attractions – the Dr. Goodbear Clinic and the I Want to be a Scientist tent – with limited spaces available for advance reservations until Aug. 31. Walk-up visits will remain open throughout the day.

The Dr. Goodbear Clinic will once again triage stuffed animal patients,

offering mock MRIs, X-rays, casting and other medical treatments, while the science tent will provide hands-on activities presented by the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba.

“The Teddy Bears' Picnic is beloved by so many families in Manitoba, generation after generation,” said Scott McDonald, chair of the Teddy Bears' Picnic. “We're thrilled to host this free, fun and interactive event, and share important information about child health care and child health research.”

In addition to activity tents, families can enjoy main stage performances sponsored by Endless Events, including Heather's Pretty Parties, hoop dancers, baton twirlers, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's creative movement class and more. Activities such as face painting, GellyBall, character visits, Teddy's ball pit, and appearances from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Sea Bears will keep children entertained throughout the day.

A 50/50 draw, supported by Food Fare, is already generating excitement with a prize pot nearing \$30,000. Tickets are available online, with all proceeds going to support Manitoba's

only children's hospital.

In 2024, the picnic welcomed more than 35,000 visitors, with over 2,000 teddy bear patients treated at the clinic. Since its debut in 1987, more than one million children have attended the event with their bears.

“The Foundation team and Board are so grateful for generous community leaders, supporters and volunteers who make Teddy Bears' Picnic possible,” said Stefano Grande, president and CEO of the Children's Hospital Foundation. “We know kids and families make meaningful memories at this beloved community event and we are so thrilled to host it every year.”

Park and ride locations will be available at St. Paul's and Shaftesbury high schools, with the Assiniboine Park Trolley running every 30 minutes between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Visitors can also purchase food from on-site trucks, bring a picnic lunch, and browse Dr. Goodbear merchandise, with proceeds benefiting HSC Children's Hospital.

For more information, advance booking and ticket purchases, visit goodbear.ca/TeddyBearsPicnic.

The way it was this week in: Aug. 28

By Dennis Young

100 years ago, 1925... Roland and Brandon playoff in provincial baseball; C.K. Rogers appointed school inspector for Division 5; wheat goes at 39-42 bushels, barley 30-45, rye 15 and oats 60; back-to-school shoes at McClure & McCullough are \$3.50 per pair for boys and \$2 per pair for girls.

75 years ago, 1950... Rail strike ends as rail cars with coal, gas and gravel (for new school) arrive; 15-year-old Billy Anderson, goalie for Carman Juveniles, signs with Detroit farm club; 50 Legion members parade to Memo-

rial Hall to honour Decoration Day; Clarence Armstrong sells his prize-winning black Clydesdales to Standard Creameries of Winnipeg; Bank of Commerce's new manager is A.D. Gillan, who replaces R.J. Prentice.

50 years ago, 1975... Lawrence Aubin elected chairman of National Growers Association; Marion Vier named top pitcher at provincial B Ladies Senior Ball; Isobel Park wins Morden golf with an 86; hail damages crops and buildings; Brian Parker runs his hockey school with Muzz

MacPherson, Dennis Hextall, Brian Coates and John Neil.

25 years ago, 2000... Carman awarded the highest provincial honour possible in Communities in Bloom competition; racetrack barns not used since 1996 are a concern; Stevens Drug Store announces Club 55 for seniors 55 and over; 8th annual Medallion Hunt is on with weekly clue; Midland expects enrollment of 1,537 with another 85 at Adult Ed; the Big Bike Ride through Carman raised \$7,307 for Heart & Stroke.

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John Deere dealers help grow 4-H leadership in Manitoba

Submitted by Ana-Julia Reis

4-H Canada is celebrating a landmark partnership with the John Deere Foundation of Canada and participating John Deere dealers across the country, aimed at developing youth to take on leadership roles in the agriculture industry and in communities nationwide.

The initiative brings a total of \$175,000 in funding, including \$100,000 from the John Deere Foundation of Canada and an additional \$75,000 from 11 regional dealers.

The investment will help reach an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 youth through national 4-H programs such as Citizenship Congress and Members' Forum, as well as local activities across seven provinces. Participants will gain skills in agricultural innovation, sustainability, leadership and well-being — experiences that contribute to a stronger future for Canadian agriculture.

The impact builds on evidence from 4-H Canada's recent alumni survey. At least eight in 10 alumni reported 4-H helped them develop skills such as public speaking, leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, meeting management and responsibility. Seven in 10 also reported improvements in interpersonal skills, decision-making, self-esteem, positive values and record-keeping. On average, alumni

identified 14 skills, attitudes and attributes gained through 4-H, with responsibility, positive values, teamwork, leadership and planning/decision-making ranking highest.

Notably, 44 per cent of 4-H alumni report working in agriculture today, compared to just one per cent of the general population — demonstrating the program's influence in building a talent pipeline for Canada's agricultural sector. Alumni also report a higher sense of confidence than the general public, and 75 per cent agree 4-H helped them master skills they continue to use both professionally and personally.

"This partnership is about investing in young people who will drive the future of agriculture and rural communities in Canada," said Hugh Maynard, CEO of 4-H Canada. "By working together, we are giving youth the tools, networks and confidence to lead in a rapidly evolving sector."

"Supporting 4-H means supporting the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs and community leaders," said Karen DeBrau, communications and CSR lead at John Deere Canada. "The John Deere Foundation of Canada is proud to stand behind this vision for a thriving agricultural sector."

In Manitoba, the investment is strengthened through the support of local John Deere dealers Enns Brothers,

with nine locations across the province, and Greenvalley Equipment, with four. Their commitment ensures Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. can continue delivering relevant provincial programming that meets the needs of today's youth. From leadership workshops and judging competitions to career exploration initiatives and community service projects, these programs empower 4-H members to build confidence, develop life skills and explore opportunities in agriculture and beyond.

The backing of Enns Brothers and Greenvalley Equipment directly supports the growth and development of young Manitobans, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge, values and leadership skills to contribute meaningfully to their clubs, communities and the future of agriculture in the province.

The funding is part of the wider Tomorrow Needs 4-H campaign, an initiative led by the Canadian 4-H Foundation to raise funds to sustain and expand high-impact youth programs.

Beyond financial support, the partnership will create opportunities for mentorship, volunteering and stronger connections between local 4-H clubs and John Deere dealer communities — reinforcing shared values around rural prosperity and empowering youth.

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What does it mean to be blessed?

A couple of weeks ago I had the honor to be the resource leader for a week of Family camp at Luther Village in Kenora, Ont. The theme of the week was "God comes near"

Each day had a theme of how God comes near to us through: trusting, blessing, listening, serving, and following. I would like to share with you some on the theme of blessing.

We learned how God's word comes near as God chooses and blesses each one of us. As well as, how each one of us have experienced God's blessing in our lives.

The truth is, no matter who we are or how imperfect, God loves and has chosen each of us. God comes near to us in blessing and equips us to help share the message of love and forgiveness in the world.

We do this through the gifts we have been given. Whether it is something you do or is part of your personality. It could be a special skill or the ability to see the bright side. You may be a good cook or one who gives rides or volunteers in the community. It is amazing how God works through our gifts.

God created each of you with unique gifts and traits, and God loves you just as you are. God gives you a chance every moment to live in that love and tell others about it. Your story began when God created you, and your story continues—through your thoughts and actions, and through the stories you tell.

I invite you to trace the cross on your forehead while saying these words:

I am a beloved child of God, Blessed to be a blessing.

Go into the world Blessed by God to be a blessing to all.

Pastor Trudy Thorarinson
Grace-St. John's Anglican/Lutheran Church

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PVLIP looking for "welcomers" for photo project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) has put a call out for "welcomers" in communities across the region.

The agency has launched its second annual "I'm a Welcomer" campaign, inviting municipal councils, businesses, service groups, and individuals to pose with a giant selfie frame for photos that will be shared on social media during Welcoming Week Sept. 12-21.

Welcoming Week is a national initiative that celebrates the work in communities to become welcoming places for all, including immigrants. It provides individuals and organizations the opportunity to showcase their values through events and initiatives that foster connections and collaboration between immigrants and non-immigrants.

For PVLIP, a big part of the week is providing a visible platform for

communities to let newcomers of all stripes know they are most certainly welcome here.

"Let's show them that we appreciate their choice to move here, to become a part of our communities," said PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton-Saïndon. "We obviously take a newcomer perspective with it, but this really includes a broad section of people. Regardless of where you come from, we appreciate you living here, working here, participating in our community."

By posing with the "I'm a Welcomer" photo frame, participants are showing that "they support being welcoming, they support being inclusive," Burton-Saïndon explained, noting participants will also be given decals they can place on their windows or doors to further get out the message that everyone belongs in our communities.

Last year's campaign saw 90 photos taken featuring 271 people representing 38 different organizations. The social media posts got thousands of views and reposts.

"It's such a fun thing, so it was very positive and very well-received and a fun way to connect with others," Burton-Saïndon said. "It really was a very heartwarming experience."

You can take part in this year's campaign in a couple of ways: PVLIP reps can come to you with the giant selfie frame to snap a photo live or you can send them a photo of yourself or your group and they'll digitally put you inside the frame.

"Whatever's easiest for people—we want to make it accessible for everyone," Burton-Saïndon said.

To connect with PVLIP for this campaign, email info@pvlip.ca or find them on Facebook or Instagram or at pvlip.ca.

PRSD reminds drivers to slow down as students return to class

September marks the return of students to classrooms, and the Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) is reminding motorists to put safety first.

Beginning Sept. 1, school zone speed limits come into effect, requiring drivers to slow to 30 km/h from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drivers are also reminded they must stop when a school bus's red lights are flashing and stop arms are extended.

"Motorists should be reminded that school bus lights aren't just there for you to see the bus — they mean that the bus will be stopping," said Megan Bergen, PRSD's transportation manager.

"Amber lights start to flash 90 metres before a stop, and the red lights and stop signs are activated when students are loading and unloading the bus."

As of last year, all PRSD buses are equipped with high-resolution stop sign cameras and dash cams. Anyone caught passing a bus stop sign will be reported to the RCMP. The offence carries a fine of nearly \$700, and the cameras capture about 98 per cent of

offenders.

"It just takes 30 seconds out of your day to stop, and that 30-second 'inconvenience' could make the difference in a child's life."

Last school year, the division reported 65 violations to RCMP, with the most problematic area being Highway 3, just east of Carman. The division even installed a specialized stop sign with LED lighting in hopes of catching drivers' attention, but it hasn't proven successful yet.

"Our goal is that word gets out that we will catch people who don't stop and there will be consequences. We don't want to put anyone's safety at risk, which is why it is vital for motorists to be mindful of bus stops — even when they don't see any students — because they might be waiting to cross the road."

Bergen's top safety tip for motorists this fall is to remain vigilant. "Everyone needs to be mindful of their surroundings whether they are a driver or a pedestrian. This includes never running near a school bus, and always making sure the bus driver sees



STANDARD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

School zone speed restrictions are in effect starting Sept. 1. Drivers must slow to 30 km/h between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, in designated school zones.

you before crossing."

PRSD operates 38 bus routes that carry approximately 1,500 students.

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If you are interested in learning more about this rate application, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle at 204-945-2638 or toll-free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **September 30, 2025**.

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Yard of the Week honours



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Stephanie Propokowski, of 149 Third Street SE, is the Week 3 recipient of Carman's Communities in Bloom Yard of the Week Award. A teacher during the school year and passionate gardener in the summer, Propokowski propagates many of her own flowers and rescues end-of-season sale plants with a little TLC. Her yard, also featured in the Carman Garden Tour, showcases a vibrant mix of floral and vegetable gardens, creating a personal oasis.

Breakaway Family Restaurant closes after more than two decades

By Annaliese Meier

The doors of Breakaway Family Restaurant & Lounge have officially closed, marking the end of an era for a business that has been a cornerstone of the Carman community since 1998.

For longtime owner Ferne Morgan, the decision was both emotional and deeply personal. "Closing of the restaurant was very hard for me as my partner, Barry Bracken, passed away with prostate cancer," she said. "He wanted me to enjoy some of the retirement years while I am able and with no support from him anymore, I had no argument."

The community's support has meant a great deal to her during this transition. Ferne recalled receiving "condolences and a beautiful bouquet of flowers" from the Carman Chamber of Commerce. "They were beautiful," she said.

Throughout the years, Breakaway became more than just a restaurant, it was a gathering place where friendships were formed and memories made. "Something that was quite memorable to me, and I'm sure the rest of the staff would agree, our morning coffee guys were a lot of fun and it helped us start our days off with laughter," Ferne said.

Running the restaurant was not without challenges, especially during the pandemic. "The biggest challenge was trying to keep it going through COVID, and we did lots of takeout," she said. "It opened the door for us to promote more takeout foods."

Despite the difficulties, the work brought immense pride and fulfillment. "We were so proud of our food and to keep up with different menus and different ideas as we were able to try and create different menus all the time," she said. "Staff and customers became my family and I will miss this deeply."

Ferne said what she valued most was getting to know her customers and working closely with her employees. "This business was getting to know the



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

A "Closed" sign rests in front of Breakaway Family Restaurant & Lounge in Carman, symbolizing the end of an era for the eatery that had been a fixture in the community since 1998.

customers, which was very good for me to serve in the restaurant as I've always worked in the lounge previously," she said. "Our slower mornings I was able to help in the kitchen, getting to work with some of the employees and becoming a team."

After more than 25 years, she is taking things one step at a time. "I'm not sure yet of what's next for me. I say one day at a time," she said. "I want to thank everyone for their patronage, big or small orders, every bit

counted. I will miss this as I've been doing this since 1998."

As she looks toward the future, Ferne says she is grateful for the many kind words and gestures of support she has received. "I wish to thank the people who sent me flowers — I received so many of them. Thank you very much."

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Where are they now... catching up with Nate Leslie

By Dennis Young

This feature aims to renew some acquaintances with those who once called Carman and area home. I've randomly selected people to answer questions about their past and present, so readers can be brought up to speed on their lives.

Q. Firstly, let's get familiar with you again. When did you live in Carman?

I was born in Carman and lived there until Grade 5. Then we moved to Switzerland for two years and returned to Carman, where I stayed until graduating from Grade 12.

Q. What did you do for jobs as a student?

I believe I discovered entrepreneurship as a child in Carman. When S&K Strawberries paid me a couple of dollars per hour to pick strawberries, I realized I could sell them for more in the neighbourhood!

Later, I worked for Cliff Holliston at the pool concession around Grade 10. The following summer, I came back and he told me I should run it myself. He supported me by doing the ordering and purchasing. After that Grade 11 year, I crunched the numbers: working for him, I made \$5 an hour; working for myself, I averaged \$22 an hour. I grew it from there. I owe a great debt to the Strachans, the Kennedys and Cliff Holliston for those lessons.

Q. What activities did you participate in as a student?

I played hockey and baseball like everyone else, but I was pretty good at volleyball. I was a very average soccer player and also ran track and field. I absolutely loved my time in senior high drama — it helped me fall in love with the guitar.

Q. Did your family live here? Who and what did they do for a living?

Barb and Bob Leslie were teachers. I've told people all over the world how the four of us would drive to school together. The hardest part about having parents as teachers was that I couldn't get away with anything. The best part was that all my teachers were close friends with my parents — so it felt like I could get away with anything.

Q. What got you to leave Carman, and where did you go?

I left Carman after Grade 12 to play my second



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Nate Leslie, who spent his childhood and teen years in Carman, now works as a certified executive coach based in Vancouver.

year of Junior A hockey for the Portage Terriers.

Q. What was your chosen career after school?

I was lucky to spend almost a decade as a professional hockey player. The last 20 years have been a wild ride — I've worked as a teacher, spent 20 years in sport development, and I'm now a certified executive coach working with leaders around the world. www.nateleslie.ca

Q. Did you move around a lot in your career or life?

Since leaving, I've had almost 100 roommates and lived in 40 homes across Victoria, Portage, Switzerland, England, Scotland, Texas, New York City, Baltimore — and, since 2009, Vancouver.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here or elsewhere?

When I moved to Vancouver, I needed a short-term rental. I answered a Craigslist ad from a young

woman who needed to sublet her apartment while she spent a semester in the Caribbean working on her master's degree. While I moved out for a few months, I ended up marrying that woman a year and a half later.

Q. Did you raise any children here or elsewhere? Names, where now and doing what?

Tara and I have a son Ty and a daughter Aiden. They are 11 and 10 years old, and we're raising them just a few blocks from Stanley Park and English Bay Beach.

Q. Do you have extended family living in Carman?

No. My brother Boe lives in Washington, D.C., and my parents split their time between their cabin at Clear Lake, Man., and Vancouver.

Q. What passes your leisure time?

We're raising a family, so there's not much leisure time — lol. But we do have a cabin about three hours north of Vancouver on the Sunshine Coast, where we love to spend time.

Q. Have you travelled, and where?

My life has taken me to about 40 countries around the world. I speak German, Swiss German, French and a little bit of Spanish.

Q. Any future plans? Do you have a to-do list?

My wife and I are really committed to living our values and putting our family first. This January, we'll be taking the kids out of school for three months and travelling to India, Malaysia, Borneo and the Philippines. My parents gave me a similar gift when I was in Grade 6 in Switzerland, and I'm looking forward to doing the same for my kids.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

I had a very nostalgic moment a couple of summers ago when our baseball team was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. I rented a car and headed straight to Syl's. It was like the last 30 years never happened.

Q. What are some of your fondest memories of your Carman days?

The quality of the people. My parents always said that if your kids are hanging out with other good kids, they'll turn out just fine — and that helped create some of the best memories I could ever hope for.

High school musicals, the Cougar Hockey Tournament with full stands... I'm not sure I've ever again reached the emotional high of winning the Zone 4 championship.

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Pembina Valley Astro Club fall season begins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Astro Club is gearing up for its busiest year yet.

In addition to a host of events in Winkler again this fall, club founder Kenton Dyck will also be bringing his high-tech telescope to several other communities across the region.

"One of the bigger things we're doing this year is we're including Morden into the Astro Club program as well," he said. "So we will be having an equal number of events in both Morden and Winkler this year."

The club's schedule of "at home" events kicked off with a viewing party in Morden's Connor Hill Park on Tuesday and at Dead Horse Cider near Winkler on Thursday night starting at 9:30 p.m.

Future watch nights include Aug. 26 at Connor Hill Park starting at 9:30 p.m., Sept. 2 at Charley B's Classic Grill & Ice Cream Parlour in Winkler at 8:30 p.m., Sept. 9 at the Jurassic Clubhouse near Lake Minnewasta at 9 p.m., Sept. 20 at Dead Horse Cider's Apple Jam Festival at 9 p.m., Sept. 23 at Dead Horse Cider at 8:45 p.m., Sept. 30 at Jurassic Clubhouse at 8 p.m., Oct. 7 at Charley B's at 8 p.m., and back at Connor Hill Park Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

"We're partnering with a lot of local eateries this year," Dyck said. "We have a lot of events over at Dead Horse Cider again, because they're gracious enough to let us use their site pretty much whenever we want, which is massively helpful."

Located on property just outside Winkler, Dead Horse Cider is the perfect location for nights where they're looking for as little light pollution as possible.

Other times, though, they're setting their sights on brighter celestial objects, such as the moon.

"This year during our full moon events, we'll be heading to Charley B's in Winkler and the Jurassic Clubhouse in Morden," Dyck said, noting he hopes those locations will prove especially accessible for more casual or rookie stargazers.

In addition to the Morden-Winkler viewing nights, the club also has an extensive "road" schedule this fall. It got underway with a stop in Miami last Friday night and continues with gatherings in Altona (at the Access baseball field, 9 p.m.) Aug. 29, Steinbach (L.A. Barkman Park, 9 p.m.) Sept. 5, Clearwater Sept. 12 and Sept. 13 (Harvest Moon Festival grounds, 9 p.m. nightly), Miami (Alexander Ridge Park, 9 p.m.) Sept. 19, Steinbach Sept. 26 (8:30 p.m.), and Altona Oct. 3



PEMBINA VALLEY ASTRO CLUB PHOTO

The Wizarid Nebula is just one of the celestial objects the Pembina Valley Astro Club turned its telescopes to last viewing season. They're back at it again starting this week.

(8 p.m.).

"I was punching in my map routes just to see how big my little network area was," Dyck shared. "I did the math and it turns out that the square mileage of the area that I cover is 11,500 kilometres.

"Obviously I'm not driving every inch of it, but to go from just a slight interest with sidewalk astronomy to something that covers that amount of area is pretty cool."

On average, the club's viewing parties draw upwards of 50 people a night. Thanks to the support of companies like Schinkel Properties and Winkler Construction, Dyck has been able to purchase additional telescopes

to ensure everyone has plenty of opportunity to take a look through the viewfinder.

"I'm very happy with how it's going, and the interest is only growing," Dyck said.

If you've never been out to look to the skies with the Pembina Valley Astro Club, Dyck urges you to come check it out.

"Come out and see what it's all about—we'll show you how good of a time it is."

For more details or schedule changes, email astroclubpv@gmail.com or follow the Pembina Valley Astro Club on Instagram (@astroclubpv).

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Community spirit sizzles at customer appreciation BBQ



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ONE Insurance Carman branch and HillTop Meats teamed up to host a Customer Appreciation BBQ on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at ONE Insurance in Carman. Community members stopped by for a free lunch, connected with neighbours, and celebrated community spirit.

Driver in fatal 2024 crash arrested in Toronto

Staff

The truck driver wanted in connection with a collision that took the life of an Altona area woman and her eight-year-old daughter has been arrested.

RCMP reported last week that Navjeet Singh was detained by Peel Regional Police and Canada Border Services Agency at Toronto's Pearson International Airport on Aug. 21.

Singh arrived in Canada on an Ethiopian Airlines flight following a nine-month Canada-wide warrant for his arrest.

On Nov. 14, 2024, Pembina Valley RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Provincial Road 201 and Provincial Road 306 west of Altona.

A semi-trailer travelling east-bound failed to stop at the intersection with PR 306 and collided with a southbound SUV.

The 35-year-old female SUV driver, Sara Unger, was pronounced dead on scene. Her daughter, Alexa, later died at hospital.

On Nov. 20, RCMP charged Singh, 25, of Brampton, Ontario, with two counts of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death as well as obstructing a peace officer and issued a nationwide warrant for his arrest.

Since his arrest last week, Singh has been escorted back to Manitoba by RCMP and remanded in custody.

"This investigation was a combined effort and could not have been accomplished without the hard work of multiple policing organizations," said Pembina Valley RCMP Corporal Jamie Sokolosky. "From the CBSA to Peel Regional Police, and Manitoba Motor Carrier Enforcement—their assistance was vital.

"This has been an extremely tough time for the family. We thank everyone who put their concerns and comments out there," Sokolosky said. "We all came together to ensure this apprehension was successful."

The investigation continues.

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Five important things to consider when choosing a school backpack

The new school year is fast approaching! It's time to think about buying school supplies for your child. Do they need a new backpack this year? Making an informed choice will ensure they feel comfortable wearing it and can help prevent back problems. Here are five crucial elements to consider, along with some expert advice for safe use.

A backpack that's too large can negatively impact your child's posture and balance over time.

2. Straps. Look for straps that are at least five centimetres wide and adjustable to ensure better weight distribution and increased comfort. Consider a backpack with additional chest and hip straps to stabilize the bag and promote proper posture.

1. Dimensions. Choose a backpack that fits your child. The backpack should extend from the base of their neck to the small of their back without protruding beyond their shoulder.

3. Compartments. Select a backpack with multiple easy-to-use compartments. It will help distribute the weight of school supplies, such as pencils and textbooks.

4. Material and padding. Opt for a backpack made from durable canvas with a lightly padded back for added comfort. Ensure the shoulder straps are thick to prevent painful pressure points.

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Winkler's Peters makes MLB debut with Rays

By Kieran Reimer

The list of Manitobans to play in Major League Baseball isn't a long one. In fact, it only takes a few seconds to go through.

Brandon's Russ Ford (1909–1915), Souris' Mel Kerr (1925) and Virden's Harry Sketchley (1942) made up that list until 1998, when Anola's Corey Koskie started his MLB career with the Minnesota Twins.

Not long after Koskie's debut, Tristan Peters was born in Winkler to parents Jake and Gabi in 2000.

After Koskie's last game in 2006, nearly 19 years passed before another Manitoban played in the majors.

On Aug. 8, that drought ended as a now 25-year-old Peters suited up for the Tampa Bay Rays in his first MLB game at T-Mobile Park against the Seattle Mariners.

"Forty-five thousand fans was pretty absurd. I've never played in front of that many people," Peters said last Thursday.

Peters became the fifth Manitoban to reach the majors that evening. His wife Erin, his parents and family and friends from Winkler were all able to make the trip to cheer him on.

Many of them were there from the beginning, when Peters first picked up a bat at the ball diamond beside his home.

Like most Canadians, hockey was also a way of life for Peters. The two sports competed for his time, keeping him constantly active.

"At first in my childhood, I feel like hockey was the bigger thing. I feel like that's a very Canadian thing. But I enjoyed baseball, and I was always pretty good at it," Peters said.



Tristan Peters

He played both sports locally in Winkler until just before high school, when he quit hockey to focus on ball. He later returned to the ice for one season of high school hockey with the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs in Grade 10.

That, however, was a one-and-done stint, as opportunity knocked for Peters to move to Okotoks, Alta., to play higher-level baseball. The move gave him more exposure and the chance to be recruited by college scouts as a 16-year-old.

Just as he hoped, his two years in Okotoks earned him a commitment to play junior college ball in the U.S. for Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

After two seasons there, one shortened by COVID-19, Peters transferred to Southern Illinois University for the 2021 season. He made an instant im-

pact, batting .355 with 55 RBIs and six home runs.

That breakout season put him on the professional radar, and in June 2021 he was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the seventh round of the MLB amateur draft.

Peters credits his parents for giving him the opportunity to chase his dream.

"Just bringing me to all the sporting stuff when I was young," Peters said. "Just signing me up for that, and taking me to all those games. Obviously, that's a big part of many kids' childhoods when it comes to sports. But also just helping me through college. When I went to Chandler-Gilbert, I paved my way to getting a scholarship to Southern Illinois, but they helped me get in there, get my foot in the door."

Getting drafted was only the first step. Peters bounced around the minors in the Brewers, San Francisco Giants and Rays organizations for three seasons before earning his first Triple-A look with the Durham Bulls, the Rays' top affiliate.

His 2024 season with the Bulls wasn't dominant. He batted .238 with 46 RBIs and 12 homers in 123 games, leaving him with plenty to think about in the off-season.

When spring rolled around, Peters got another chance with the Bulls and made the most of it. He hit .282 with 58 RBIs and 11 home runs in 105 games, earning an in-season call-up and making the years of grinding it out in the minors worthwhile.

"There were plenty of those times, almost every time I struggled, it felt like you had no chance," Peters said.

"Then last year in Triple-A, I didn't have a great year, and it just didn't feel like it could be possible. But I tried to keep in my mind that I was going to make it. I made some improvements, and I played a lot better this year. Just feeling comfortable—obviously there's been struggles—but just continuing to get better every day and every year, improving on at least something, helped me get this far."

Peters was on a road trip with the Bulls in Memphis, Tenn., on Aug. 7 when he got the call from his manager during breakfast with a teammate.

At first, he thought the call was to check on a finger he had tweaked the night before. Instead, the message was that the Rays had called him up, and he'd be on a flight to Seattle just three hours later.

That left Peters with just enough time to pack his bags and make some calls—the first to his wife.

"She's the first person I call when anything like that happens. She's my number one. Then I made a bunch of other calls and tried to get packed up."

Now a few games into his MLB career, Peters said he has already learned a lot. He jumped in during the Rays' 12-game road trip that wrapped up Sunday in San Francisco.

On Tuesday, the Rays return home to Tampa to take on the New York Yankees in the first game of a five-game homestand. Now rolling with the big boys, Peters has opened the door for many Manitoba kids who dream of one day playing in the majors.

When he returns home to Winkler, his status as a local celebrity is sure to be even greater.

Sr. Aces returning to SEMHL after Hockey Manitoba ruling

By Kieran Reimer

The Ste. Anne Senior Aces have gotten their wish.

Last week, the Aces and team president and head coach Kevin Lansard announced on Instagram that Hockey Manitoba ruled in favour of their appeal regarding the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League's decision to remove them from the league.

The Aces were informed they had been removed from the SEMHL at a league meeting on May 4 at Carman

Golf Course, following an alleged vote by multiple member teams.

"This was a long process, and we are extremely grateful that Hockey Manitoba has recognized our position and confirmed that the league's actions were not in line with proper governance," Lansard said in the statement. "This ruling allows us to continue competing in the SEMHL, where we rightfully belong. From the beginning, our goal has been to build

a respectful, competitive team that represents our players, our community and our fans with pride. Today's ruling reaffirms those values and gives our players and supporters the clarity they deserve."

Now back in the league, the Aces will enter the 2025-26 season looking to defend their title as champions.

The Aces have captured the championship in all three seasons they've competed in the league.

In that three-year span, they have finished first in the regular season twice, posting a combined 31-5 record over the past two campaigns.

The Carman Beavers, Ile des Chênes Northstars, Morden Bombers, Notre Dame Hawks, Portage Islanders, Red River Wild, Springfield Winterhawks, Warren Mercs and Winkler Royals made up the other nine clubs that competed in the 10-team league in 2024-25.

Flashback... How Graysville's General Store shaped a prairie community

By Dennis Young with notes from the Graysville Reunion booklet

With the arrival of the railway in Graysville, Jim and Tom Bruce built the first general store and post office in 1903. The following year, John and Jean Dewar moved to the village and purchased the store, which sadly burned down in 1928. Until 1957, the post office — by then operated by John and his son Comrie — continued to run out of their home.

In 1908, George Gray built the second store, known as the Graysville Supply Company. It was operated by a series of owners until 1946, when Ray and Connie Dunphy purchased it. In the early 1950s, they sold the business to Glen and Edyth Cryderman, who renamed it simply Graysville Supply.

When a new schoolhouse was built in 1920, Gordon Dewar bought the former school building and opened a Red & White franchise. Several owners — the last being James Findlay — kept it going until 1954, when it was sold to the Crydermans. They opened a new store and used the old one for storage, but that building also burned down in 1955, leaving Graysville without a store.

Then came Howard and Ada Stephenson, who purchased what remained of the Red & White (the former school) the following year. In 1957, they added the post office, which had been run out of the Dewar home (that building now resides at the Dufferin Historical Museum). Stephenson's General Store served the community until 1985, when fire once again ended its operation. Over the years, ownership changed hands several times: Betty Cowen (1977-79), Ivan Lush (1979-80), Bill and Marilyn North (1981-82), and Don and Carroll Kostaskey (1982-85).

After the fire, the post office operated out of the Kostaskeys' home until their departure from Graysville. It was then moved to Stow Seed Processors, where Marlene Doerksen ran it — until Petticoat Junction came along.

This combination restaurant-post office-store was built in 1986 by Chris



Irene Stevenson serves Armand Jobin at her 1990 Grand Re-opening of Petticoat Junction.

Larson and Maggie Sandulak to restore Graysville's much-needed gathering place. Irene Stevenson became the owner in 1990.

"Our first year and a half were very good years, as we had the Stow Seed Plant employees who supported our little café very well," Irene recalled. "It was a great place to gather and enjoy conversation with neighbours and community happenings — but it was hard work and dedication."

Frank Elias and Barb Hicks took over next. "Barb and I tried something different, but it was not what we really wanted to do for the rest of our lives, lol," Frank shared. "We just basically got tired of waiting for customers to come on a regular basis. It was always hit and miss when we would be busy."

They sold the business to the Graysville Development Board in 2000.

Neil MacNair explained that the board was made up of 17 residents — mostly farmers — who banded together to keep the business alive. "The purchase was financed through a combination of contributions from the shareholders and a bank loan," he said. "Marlene Enns was running the business at the time, so the transfer to

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Petticoat Junction, built in 1986 by Chris Larson and Maggie Sandulak, served as a restaurant, post office and general store in Graysville. It became a popular gathering place for the community until operations ceased in 2006.

the new owners was relatively seamless."

Marlene operated the business successfully until 2002, when she suffered a fatal heart attack. Barb Reimer was then contracted to continue, which she did until 2006. At that point, the

board determined the operation was no longer financially viable, due in part to lost revenue after Canada Post installed community lockboxes. The building was sold, and the remaining funds were donated to the Graysville School Parent Advisory Council.

State of emergency ends, wildfire risk still high

By Haley Cvar

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's Emergency Management Organization says the provincewide state of emergency under the Emergency Measures Act expired at noon today and will not be extended.

The declaration was first made on July 10 and renewed Aug. 7 as wildfires across the province forced hun-

dreds of residents from their homes and strained firefighting resources. It gave the province temporary powers to mobilize resources, co-ordinate evacuations and bring in extra support under sections 10(1) and 10(2) of the Act.

Officials say while the emergency order has ended, evacuation orders

issued by local authorities remain in place until conditions are deemed safe for residents to return. Several communities in the north and Interlake remain displaced, with local councils continuing to monitor wildfire activity and air quality before lifting restrictions.

The province is reminding Manito-

bans that wildfire risk remains high in many regions despite recent rainfall. Crews are still working to contain active fires, and fire restrictions and burn bans continue in several municipalities.

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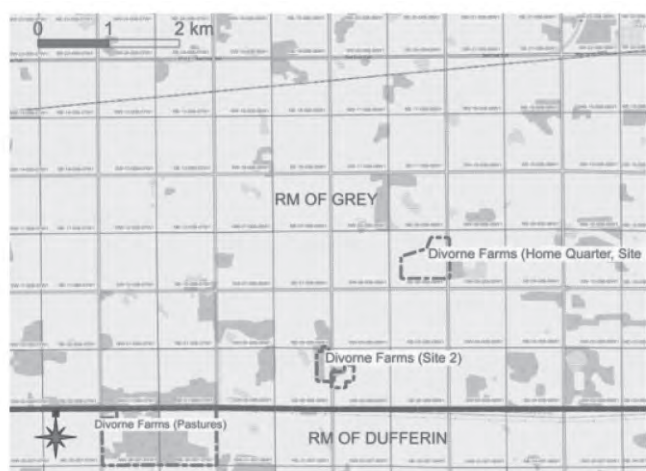
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PROPOSAL:	To increase the number of mature dairy cows (lactating and dry) including associated livestock from 535 (1,070 Animal Units) to 1,750 (3,500 Animal Units) across Site 1 and Site 2, which comprise a single operation. This includes heifers to be maintained on Site 2, not exceeding 533 Animal Units.
AREA AFFECTED:	Site 1: SE ¼ 8-8-6WPM Site 2: SE ¼ 6-8-6WPM and SW ¼ 5-8-6WPM 43060 RD 34W RM of Grey
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:	Heather Francis, Planning Administrator Carman-Dufferin Grey Planning District Box 160, Carman, MB R0G 0J0 Phone: 204-745-2509 Email: office@cdgplanning.com

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material, including the Technical Review Committee (TRC) Report for Divorne Farms 12-113 and 12-114, may be inspected at the Carman Dufferin Grey Planning District Office at 12 2nd Avenue SW, Carman, or at the office of the Rural Municipality of Grey, during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. The TRC report may also be found online at gov.mb.ca/mr/livestock/public_registries.html.



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2026 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Thompson has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43 (1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
 - serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, October 9th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications.

Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before **Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025**. Dated at Miami, in Manitoba this 7th, day of August 2025.

Melissa Brunel, Secretary
Board of Revision
The Rural Municipality of Thompson
530 Norton Avenue
P.O. Box 190
Miami, MB R0G 1H0



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OBITUARY



Harold "Bus" Gibson

Harold Gibson known as Bus, was born September 14, 1923 and passed away peacefully at Boyne Lodge in Carman Manitoba on August 22, 2025 three weeks shy of his 102nd birthday.

Dad was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Fern, in 2015, sister Noreen Gibson, sister and brother-in-law Lola and Delmar Dickey, brother Alton and brother-in-law Vic Pattle.

Dad is survived by his daughter Dianne and son-in-law Ross Pierce, older sister Verna Pattle and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mom and Dad met when she became the school teacher at Tobacco Creek School and were married in Winnipeg on July 7th, 1956.

Dad was a lifelong farmer in the Tobacco Creek District until his retirement to Carman in 2004. Dad loved farming and was always interested in how the crops were turning out, even after his retirement. You could always count on a conversation about the weather and how much it had rained.

Dad loved watching curling and the weather channel. Trips to the Austin Threshermen's Reunion were highlights each summer.

Celebration of Life was held at Doyle's Funeral Chapel, Carman, MB on August 27th, 2025, at 2 p.m. with officiant Lynne Sanderson. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Boyne Lodge, Box 1644, Carman, Manitoba R0G 0J0 or to a charity of your choice.

Doyle's Funeral Home
in care of arrangements
www.doylesfuneralhome.ca

REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

Are you a natural born storyteller with an eye for photography and a passion for community news?

The Carman-Dufferin Standard is currently seeking a full-time reporter and photographer who lives in the area to join its multi award-winning weekly community newspaper.

We are looking for someone who is both motivated and passionate about being the best outlet of interesting and breaking news stories and event coverage.

Qualifications:

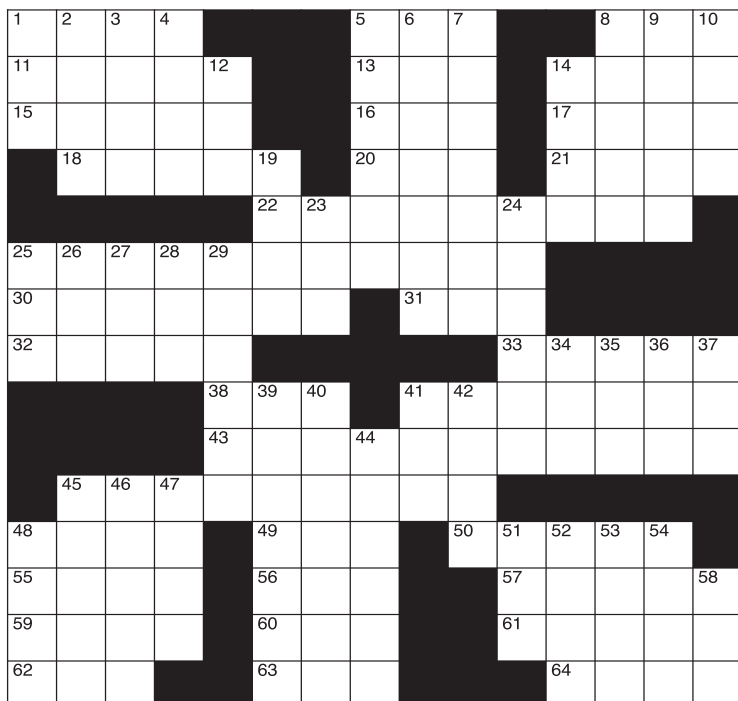
- A post-secondary degree/diploma in journalism or English degree.
- Strong photography and writing skills with an interest in social media
- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of Canadian Press Style

Please forward your resumé along with three writing and photography samples to: Lana Meier Email: news@carmanstandard.ca

The Carman-Dufferin
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> GAMES



CLUES ACROSS

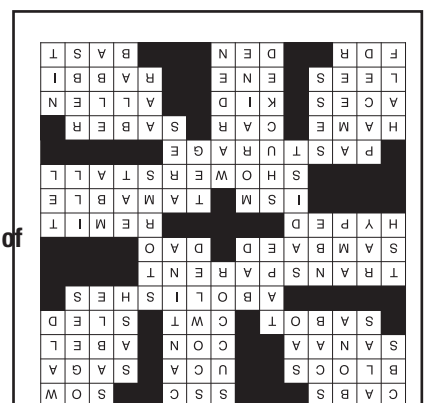
1. Taxis
5. Space Systems Command
8. Plant seed by scattering
11. Alliances
13. Fiddler crabs
14. Heroic tale
15. Yemen capital
16. Misleading gesture
17. Cain and ___
18. Simple shoe
20. Hundredweight
21. Children's toy in the snow
22. Gets rid of
25. Free of deceit
30. Performed a dance
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Exaggerated
33. Refrain from inflicting
38. A doctrine
41. Can be subdued
43. A place to bathe
45. Land used for pasture
48. Curved piece of iron
49. Automobile
50. Fencing sword
55. Breezes through
56. Child
57. NBA legend Iverson
59. Horsley and Iacocca are two
60. Midway between northeast and east
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish

- congregation
62. U.S. leader during much of WW2
63. Lair
64. Fibrous material

CLUES DOWN

1. Home of "60 Minutes"
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. ___ fide: legitimate
4. Immune response
5. Assistance and support
6. Glared
7. Spanish saloon
8. Pitch black
9. S-shaped lines
10. Statistical test
12. ___ Paulo, city
14. Graduation garb
19. A way to record
23. Not good
24. Weather events
25. A pituitary hormone
26. Jamie Foxx film
27. Rocker's accessory
28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
29. One who obtains pleasure from another's pain
34. Consume
35. Licensed for Wall Street
36. Sick
37. Israeli city ___ Aviv

39. Removed the husk
40. Mass of rocks and sediment
41. Two-year-old sheep
42. Area units
44. Prison overseer
45. Walked
46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
47. Tax
48. 50 percent
51. Swiss river
52. Tattle
53. Actor Idris
54. Resist authority (slang)
58. Egg of a louse



Crossword Answer

Classified booking deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. prior to Thursday's publication Please Call 204-467-5836

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Skillet Chili Mac

Shreds, divided

- 1 package (2 cups) Borden Cheese Sharp Cheddar Shreds, divided
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro

In large skillet over medium heat, cook ground beef and onion 5-7 minutes, or until meat is browned, stirring occasionally. Drain fat, if necessary.

Stir in tomatoes, chili powder, cumin and salt. Stir in cooked macaroni; reduce heat to medium-low.

Top with cheeses, saving some for topping; cover and cook until cheese is melted. Remove from heat; top with green onions and cilantro. Add final layer of reserved cheeses on top.

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 10

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 can (14 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups elbow macaroni (8 ounces), cooked and drained
- 1 package (2 cups) Borden Cheese Thick Cut Four Cheese Mexican



Watermelon Kebabs

Recipe courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board

Servings: 6

- 18 seedless watermelon cubes (1/2 inch each)

- 6 cubes smoked turkey breast
- 6 cubes cheddar cheese
- 6 coffee stirrers or beverage straws

Thread cubed watermelon, cubed turkey and cubed cheese on stirrers or straws.

Strawberries and Cream Popcorn



Recipe courtesy of The Popcorn Board

Servings: 4-6

- 1/4 cup freeze-dried strawberries
- 6 cups popped popcorn

- 1 cup white chocolate chips, melted

In small food processor or spice grinder, pulse freeze-dried strawberries until finely ground. Place popped popcorn in large bowl. Drizzle melted chocolate over top; toss until well coated. Sprinkle evenly with ground freeze-dried strawberries; toss until well coated.

Scrape onto large parchment paper-lined baking sheet, spreading into even layer.

Let stand at room temperature 30-60 minutes, or until chocolate is set and hardened. To serve, break into pieces.

Tips: To melt chocolate, place chocolate chips in heatproof bowl set over saucepan of barely simmering water, stirring 3-5 minutes, or until smooth.

To melt chocolate in microwave, place chocolate chips in microwave-safe bowl or measuring cup. Microwave on medium, stirring every 30 seconds, for 1-2 minutes, or until smooth and melted.

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady, I have two questions – I am turning 71 at the end of this year and I want to know if there is any way I can reduce the taxation on my RRIF? Thanks, Kim H.

Hello Kim – this is a great question, and something that I have talked about quite often recently, if you were at any of my presentations last month. There are only two ways to reduce the taxation on your RRIF (registered retirement income fund) and that is to start a home-based business and write off the expenses or to do an in-kind transfer when stock prices fall.

RRSPs and RRIFs are like a double-edged sword. The government knew exactly what they were doing when they first came out in 1957, since Canadian taxation is progressive. Originally, they were designed for the top-tier income earners in Canada. However, now they make up a major part of our financial landscape and have worked their way into Canadian culture with everyone being encouraged to use them as a savings tool for their future. Your financial advisor will want you to only take the minimum withdrawals from your RRIF once you hit the age of 71 to ensure that they keep the bulk of your investment on their books – but this is not a wise idea for the average Canadian. You see, if you die with a balance in your RRIF, regardless of you having named a beneficiary, the balance in your RRIF at the time of your death must be declared on your last tax return and taxed as income upon your estate. Of course, there is an automatic spousal rollover if your spouse dies before you to avoid the taxation; but what if you are the surviving spouse or a single when you die? In Ontario, the highest marginal tax rate is 53.5%, a far cry from what it was when RRSPs came out in the 50's at 11.4%. Let's look at an example together to get a better understanding as to why you need to drain your RRIF before you die. We will use a scenario of you dying with a balance of \$200,000 in your RRIF, (while I am sure there are many Canadians with much higher balance). Your executor will need to file your last tax return and by doing so, will tally up all your income during your last year. So, that would be OAS, CPP, GIS, perhaps a RRIF withdrawal already, pension income, widower pensions, etc. Then, they will add the balance of your RRIF at the time of your death (the \$200K balance). You can now see, it would not be hard for the average retiree to be pushing into the highest marginal tax rate with this inevitable calculation, paying out a hefty chunk of their RRIF balance to the CRA to cover the tax bill. This is why you must withdraw your RRIF before you die to avoid giving half of it to the government.



I know this sounds harsh—but it's the reality many Canadians don't see coming. And that's exactly why I've been talking about these issues so much lately during my Vibrant Living Series presentations. In fact, if you're someone who likes real-life examples and wants to understand the why behind the rules your advisor never quite explains, you'll love the presentations I'm giving this fall. If you're nearby, come out and join us for a free session. Check out my website to learn more at askthemoneylady.ca.

Now let's talk about how to reduce the taxation. While it's unlikely that most retirees want to start a business in retirement just to lower their taxation, some may want to consider an "in-kind-transfer." This would work great in our current rollercoaster stock market if your RRIF is currently invested in securities. What you will want to do is to wait until the stock market falls (perhaps when Trump says something ridiculous) and then transfer your stock "in-kind" to your TFSA (tax free savings account) if you have the room in your TFSA, or you could choose to transfer to a non-registered account too. You do not want to cash out the stock at this low market value but instead move it out of your RRIF into another registered account to avoid any further taxation. Of course, you will need to pay the taxation on the balance that you transfer at that time, however when the stock rebounds in the future and goes up again, you will now have these securities in your TFSA with no taxation or in a non-registered account with a much lower tax rate. Funds transferred to a non-registered account will only have the growth subject to capital gains tax, which will be much less than RRIF income tax. If you plan to use this strategy, make sure your advisor calculates all commissions and fees when working out your ACB (adjusted cost base) on the actual portfolio amount you plan to transfer.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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