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Pirates fire up Rivers Day

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Bob and Martha Pauls dressed as pirates, turned their riverside dock into one of the liveliest poker derby stops during Carman's World Rivers Day on Sept. 13. Paddlers paused to draw a card as the couple added to the fun with booming cannon fire that echoed along the Boyne River.

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Yo ho ho, Carman celebrates Rivers Day in style



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Ryall Park was awash in pirate costumes, paddles and community spirit as more than 80 participants took to the water for Carman's fifth annual World Rivers Day celebration on Sept. 13. The event, hosted by the Boyne River Keepers with support from the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce, Wheels Car Club and local sponsors, featured a river poker derby for kayaks and canoes alongside a landlubbers' poker walk. The lucky winners were siblings James, Dylan and Paige Baxter of the United Kingdom, who drew a royal flush to claim a new kayak. On shore, Wheels Car Club staged a car show that drew dozens of entries. The People's Choice Award went to the late Clark (Chuck) Werry, remembered fondly by fellow enthusiasts. Carman's Allen Peters also displayed his collection of Ford Model T cars, drawing plenty of attention from visitors. Children enjoyed a treasure hunt and pirate-ship bouncy castle, while vendors, food trucks and live music kept the day lively. Organizers said this year's event was the largest yet, with proceeds supporting the Ryall Park Revitalization project.

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Carman Palliative Care celebrates 30 years of service

By Annaliese Meier

Carman and Area Palliative Care celebrated its 30th anniversary Sept. 11 with an open house in the newly renovated Palliative Garden at Carman Memorial Hospital, followed by a come-and-go gathering at Boyne Lodge. Founded in 1995 by the late Sandi Mae Richardson and a group of community volunteers, the program has grown into a cornerstone of support for patients and families, providing comfort baskets, respite, grief resources and specialized equipment. The anniversary highlighted the legacy of Richardson and the dedication of volunteers who continue to sustain the program entirely through community donations and fundraising initiatives.



Deb Penner and Sandy Cameron at the 30th anniversary celebration of Carman and Area Palliative Care on Sept. 11.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG
Volunteers, supporters and community members gathered Sept. 11 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Carman and Area Palliative Care with an open house in the newly renovated Palliative Garden at Carman Memorial Hospital, followed by a come-and-go at Boyne Lodge.

PAC and Student Council welcome Carman Collegiate back to school



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Carman Collegiate celebrated back-to-school week with Parent Advisory Council members handing out breakfast items to students and staff on Thursday. On Friday, Student Council members hosted a school-wide barbecue.



AgTalk builds a supportive mental health community for Canadian farmers

By E. Antonio

AgTalk is an emerging mental-health forum through the Do More Agriculture Foundation (Do More Ag) dedicated to improving the wellbeing of farmers across Canada.

Launched in 2023 and funded by BASF Agricultural Solutions Canada Inc., RBC Foundation and the McCain Foundation, AgTalk promotes peer-to-peer and professional mental-health support through the platform Togetherall.

"One of the things we know in the mental-health field, as we encourage farmers and ranchers to take care of their mental health, is that most people view it as either doing well or needing the crisis line," said Merle Massie, Do More Ag executive director. "In reality, most of us fall in the middle, so there is a lot to be said about peer-to-peer support. That's where AgTalk shines."

AgTalk allows anyone over 16 working in agriculture to anonymously share concerns, receive replies from other users and connect with a clinician 24/7 if needed. Hundreds across

Canada have already registered, with free access made possible by funding.

"Through the support of the McCain Foundation, RBC and BASF, we are able to ensure Canadian farmers have access to the support they need. The more individuals who have this access, the brighter the future for agricultural mental health," Massie said.

International farmers have also used Togetherall's farmer's corner. "Every farmer experiences pressure and stress whether you are raising horses or working on a grain farm. We want AgTalk to be a space where farmers can share what's in their hearts and get it off their chests," she said. "Sometimes, you just need to safely express your thoughts to feel better, and other times you might need more support—and that is fine too."

Togetherall is moderated by certified mental-health professionals who can step in if a crisis arises. Surveys show more than 80 per cent of users find the program beneficial. Among Canadian users, stress, depression, anxiety, loneliness and relationships are the most common issues, with people of

all ages logging on for support.

"People tend to think that it's just the younger generations who are going online—but we know that's not the case," Massie said. "Research is clear that our users range from 16 to people in their 80s, and the number of users is very even across generations."

She added that users include both first-generation farmers and those with decades of experience.

"We are more than just farmers. We are parents, spouses, children of aging parents—we are part of communities, and we want to connect with others over various interests. We are whole people who want to share our whole beings."

Anyone over 16 in agriculture can register for AgTalk for free through www.domore.ag/agtalk.

"The more people are online, the more robust and helpful it becomes," Massie said.

Do More Ag also provides resources for farmers under 16, including 211, 988, Kids Help Phone and the Manitoba Farm and Wellness Program.

"It is important to remember that mental health is a regular and everyday thing," Massie said. "Reaching out doesn't mean you are in crisis—it means you value connections and understand how they can make a difference."

Bountiful harvest



STANDARD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Aubin's Tree Nursery, just east of Carman, offers a spectacular fall display at its pumpkin shack, with bins brimming with carving pumpkins, pie pumpkins, striped gourds, warty ornamental squash and hearty table varieties like butternut and acorn. There is large range of shapes and colours ready for kitchens or front-porch displays. Potatoes, zucchini and cumpers were also available for purchase. Saturday's unseasonably warm weather — a high of 25 C and a low of 17 C, about five degrees above average — added to the seasonal scene. Help record the weather of the week and share photos of friends and family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@carmanstandard.ca

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Grey council backs fibre expansion

By Haley Cvar

Council for the Rural Municipality of Grey approved several infrastructure and reserve fund measures at its Sept. 3 regular meeting, while also ratifying an insurance claim settlement and supporting multiple fibre optic expansion projects.

Reeve Gail Johnson chaired the meeting with councillors Don Guyot, Doug Middleton, Nathan Rey and Marcel Gauthier present. Coun. Bert van der Steen was absent.

- Council passed four resolutions backing RFNow's proposals to expand fibre optic service across various areas of the municipality, including along Road 53N north of St. Claude, Road 28W near and northwest of Elm Creek, and along Roads 52N and 41W north of St. Claude. RFNow will be responsible for locating all utilities prior to directional drilling.

- St. Claude lagoon project. Council ratified the acceptance of Rob Smith & Son's \$90,000 quote to supply, fuse pipe and complete di-

rectional drilling for the Manitoba Water Services Board lagoon project in St. Claude. Funds will come from the CDI Reserve, with the CAO authorized to sign the agreement.

- Drainage and subdivision approvals. A request from Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Gerald Rouire was approved, allowing a private drain tile project crossing Road 46N to proceed using open cut methods. Council also supported a subdivision application from No Hill Farms Ltd. near Elm Creek, subject to access and land division conditions.

- Insurance settlement. Council ratified an insurance settlement of \$121,500 through the Municipal General Insurance Program following losses to a John Deere tractor and Capital I mulcher.

- New reserve funds established. Third reading was given to five by-laws, including the creation of three new reserve funds:

- Emergency Recreation Repair Reserve Fund
- Weed and Brush Reserve

Fund.

- Grey Regional Water and Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund

Two older water and sewer reserve by-laws, dating back to 1986, were rescinded. All readings carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Council voted to terminate a gravel agreement with the RM of Cartier effective Dec. 31, 2025.

- The RM's July 31 financial statement was received and filed.

- The August report from the Grey Fire Department was also filed.

- Several items — including new RM signage, fire ban protocols, tractor quotes, and a Kubota tractor matter — were tabled for future discussion.

- Council later met in closed session to discuss a human resources matter before reconvening. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

The next regular council meetings are scheduled for Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. and Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.

The way it was this week in: Sept. 18

By Dennis Young

100 years ago, 1925... Porter's introduces the four forward and two reverse speed transmission by Ford; Frank Bridge Co. Ltd. obtains the Hudson-Essex auto agency; Carman's Robt. Scott's horse Billy Wotan wins the \$2,000 purse in Minneapolis; council buys firemen rubber coats at \$8.75 each; Tobacco Creek Church joins Carman's St. Andrew's United; Manitoba Flint corn test plots show promise as a new crop option.

75 years ago, 1950... Roland's four-bed hospital contract is awarded to Fred Thompson; Gerald Aubin donates his time, shrubs and hedges

to beautify Carman Hospital; Carman Collegiate elects officers for the year — Grade 9 Ken Hardy, Grade 10 Carol Cochran, Grade 11 Elaine Hand and Grade 12 Joan Proulx; Carman Business Association (pre-Retail Merchants) elects W.S. Hallett as president, Don Doyle vice-president and W.R. Cunningham secretary-treasurer; with the new luxury tax, Southern Electric encourages repairs over new purchases.

50 years ago, 1975... RM won't sit on CN Renovation Board; Safeway Grade A turkeys are priced at 75 cents per pound; Erna Peters retires from teaching after more than 25 years;

the Collegiate underground track is inspected and passes; Almer Dunn wins his first harness race of the year with Hooper; former Bomber Don Jonas speaks at the Collegiate; CBC produces a Paul Hiebert documentary.

25 years ago, 2000... Water bombers are called in to fight a bale blaze in Elm Creek; Sunday sales of alcohol are reviewed by the province; Breakaway celebrates its second anniversary; the first-ever Bluey Day is held by emergency service providers for CancerCare; Kelly Hand heads to Australia as assistant coach in a sailing event; the first Seniors Men's 4 x 4 league wraps up with awards.

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Back to action at Active Living Centre

By Lana Meier

The Active Living Centre (ALC) in Carman celebrated its 20th anniversary with member registration days on Sept. 11 and 12.

They welcomed around 150 visitors to their centre, offering free tea, coffee and snack to those who stopped by.

"It was a great two days and we are glad to be back," said Linda Baleja, board member. "Just people being able to get out and visit each other again is really the most important thing."

New and returning members registered for their plethora of programs, participated in live demonstrations, toured the ALC and formed new friendships.

Programming starts in October, and while advanced registration is preferred to finalize numbers and teams, anyone can sign up for the \$30 yearly membership or drop-in to select programs at any time. Registration forms can be dropped off at the ALC, 47 Kings Rd. and Handi-Van transport is available if needed.

"Stop by and see all the great things we have to offer," Baleja added. "I am looking forward to everything starting again."



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Guests enjoyed coffee and conversation at the Active Living Centre in Carman during its 20th anniversary member registration days, Sept. 11-12. About 150 visitors stopped by for refreshments, tours and program sign-ups as the centre prepares for a busy fall season.



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Watch the Floodgates!

Arguments have a tendency for escalation, sometimes rapidly so. Things can go from zero to 100 in the time it takes to say, 'Good morning.' You said something small, though unkind, and suddenly you face a barrage of accusations.

Other times, we're the ones blowing up. Someone says something that triggers us, and that's it. We lose it. Now we're the ones giving full vent to our anger, as we hurl the record of wrongs back in the person's face.

Does that sound familiar?

The bible has some wisdom for the way we live in relationships. Proverbs, which is known for its wisdom literature, makes this profound observation about life.

"Starting a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so stop before a dispute breaks out." (Proverbs 17:14, New Living Translation).

So how do we prevent the water from bursting in our relationships?

By not letting the water build up in the first place.

That's easier said than done. It takes humility on our part, and a willingness to acknowledge our wrongs. But it is vital to any flourishing relationship.

This means acknowledging your faults to others and making amends. "I said/did____, and I'm sorry for the way it hurt you."

Again, easier said than done.

On the flip side, it means be honest with others when they've wronged us. "You said/did____, and this is how it made me feel."

Often though, it's far easier to nurture our grievances than address them. Sometimes we don't want to for insurance reasons. Keeping a record of wrongs means we have something to defend ourselves. It means we can say, "Well, what about you, you did this...etc"

But that only builds up water in the dams of our hearts. At some point it will burst.

And when it does, it's destructive. The force of the water ruins whatever is in its path.

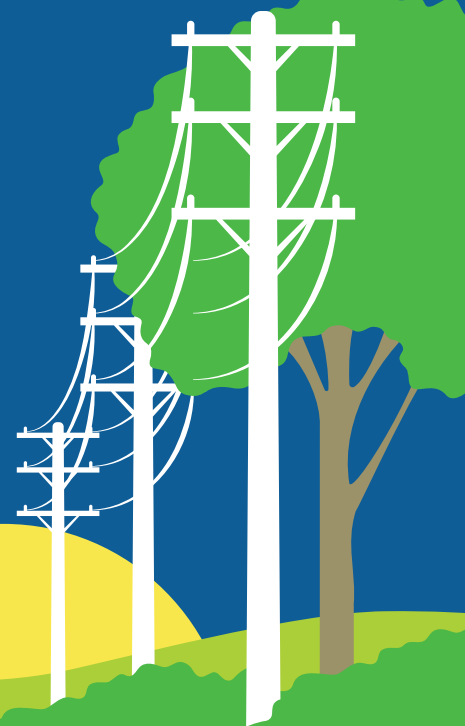
In this case, the people around us.

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Your FARM



Carman farm hosts demo of advanced agricultural drones

By Lana Meier

A low hum rose above a soybean field east of Carman last week as a 100-kilogram agricultural drone lifted into the air, drawing the attention of farmers and industry reps gathered to see the machine in action.

On Aug. 28, Eric Melvin, a licensed advanced pilot with Vantage Drones Canada, demonstrated the DJI Agras T100 — the company's fully loaded flagship model — during a public event designed to showcase how drones can support agriculture and other industries.

"These drones are another tool for the toolbox," Melvin told the crowd. "They aren't meant to replace aerial spraying, but they can be used for wet holes, fence lines, headlands and drownouts where traditional equipment struggles."

The Agras T100 is equipped with dual sprinklers, a spreading system and advanced radar sensors that allow it to fly at low altitudes of 10 to 20 feet with centimetre-level accuracy. Its maximum payload is 100 kilograms, giving it the capacity to spray or spread across 70 to 80 acres an hour while avoiding soil compaction.

For many producers in attendance, the demonstration highlighted both the promise and the practicality of drone spraying. Melvin noted that



The T25 is a compact agricultural drone operated by a single person and carries payloads of up to 20 kilograms for spraying and 25 kilograms for spreading. It is equipped with phased array radars, a binocular vision system and a high-resolution FPV gimbal camera for precise and efficient field work.

crop compaction alone can reduce yields by up to two per cent — losses that can add up to tens of thousands of dollars.

"These drones have very advanced safety features," Melvin said. "At five per cent battery life it lands automatically, and it will stop if it detects a pole, tree, person or even a wire. But you still need to be aware of your surroundings — don't rely on the safety system to do the flying for you."

Agricultural drones are considered



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG

Eric Melvin of Vantage Drones Canada demonstrates the DJI Agras T25 east of Carman on Aug. 28.

aircraft under Transport Canada rules. Operators must hold an advanced pilot certificate, register their drones, and apply for a Special Flight Operations Certificate to conduct spraying. Training can involve in-person coursework or self-study, with exams starting at \$10.

Adding to the challenge is the limited range of products that can legally be sprayed. Health Canada currently allows only five chemicals to be applied by drone, a bottleneck Melvin expects will ease in the coming years as regulators approve more labels.

"Drones have only been in Canada for five years," he said. "We expect more approvals to come as the industry grows."

The T100 retails at about \$48,500 in its core package, with upgrades such as GPS positioning, mapping systems and extra batteries. Battery life can be as short as 10 minutes when flying with a full tank, making multiple batteries essential for larger jobs.

Melvin emphasized that Vantage Drones also provides Canadian-based service and repairs, meaning producers won't face delays from overseas shipping. Most damage, he added, comes from human error such as crashes, with replacement arms or landing gear among the most common fixes.

Melvin acknowledged that holding a demo in the middle of harvest season wasn't ideal, but said curiosity about the technology drove the event forward.

"People are curious, and we want to show them what this technology can do," he said.

While drones are unlikely to fully replace aerial applicators, Melvin said the technology offers farmers more flexibility, efficiency and safety. For those looking to cut input costs or reach areas of a field conventional equipment can't, drones may soon become part of everyday operations.

For more information or consultations, Melvin can be reached at eric@vantagedrones.ca



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Blaze of India brings authentic Indian cuisine to Carman

By Annaliese Meier

A new family-owned restaurant is offering Carman residents a taste of India with the opening of Blaze of India on Main Street North.

Located at 96 Main St. N., the fully licensed restaurant offers dine-in service, catering and takeout. The owners say their mission is to combine tradition and taste, with recipes rooted in their home country and perfected over two decades of experience.

"Our family has always been passionate about food and hospitality," said owner and head chef Om Raturi. "After many years of running restaurants in Winnipeg, we were looking for a quieter, close-knit community where we could really connect with people. Carman stood out to us for its friendly atmosphere and strong sense of community. We felt it was the perfect place to share our love for East

Indian cuisine and offer something unique to the local dining scene."

With more than 20 years of professional kitchen experience, Raturi has refined the dishes that make up Blaze of India's menu. "Many of the items are the result of experimenting, learning and perfecting over the years," he said. Popular options include butter chicken, chicken tikka masala and biryani, alongside homemade naan, samosas and a variety of vegetarian and vegan choices.

Family plays a central role in the restaurant's day-to-day operations. "From helping with the cooking and managing daily operations to welcoming guests with warmth and care, every family member contributes," Raturi said. "That connection is incredibly important; it creates a supportive environment and ensures that the passion and values we share are

reflected in every dish and interaction."

Raturi said he balances authentic Indian flavours with adjustments to spice levels to suit local tastes. "This way, the dishes stay true to Indian cooking while being approachable for everyone in Carman," he explained.

When asked



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Owners Om Raturi, left, and his wife Durga, with their son Deepak, are behind Blaze of India, a new family-run restaurant on Main Street North in Carman.



Chef and owner Om Raturi prepares a dish in the kitchen at Blaze of India, which offers dine-in service, catering and takeout.

what he hopes people feel when they visit, Raturi kept it simple: "I want customers to feel welcomed like family and experience rich, authentic flavours made with love and care. More than just a meal, I hope they leave with a memorable experience that brings them back again and again."

The Carman community has already responded positively since Blaze of India opened its doors. "The sup-

port has been incredible," Raturi said. "Looking ahead, I hope we can continue growing, sharing authentic Indian cuisine, and becoming a beloved spot where people gather to enjoy good food and great company."

Blaze of India is open now in Carman. Orders can be placed by calling 204-745-9610 and by visiting the menu on line: <https://www.blazeofindia.com/menu>

ProAm donates \$2,000 to SCCR



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Carman Golf Club pro Dean North, right, presented a \$2,000 cheque to South Central Cancer Resource board member Jack Pethybridge following the Access Credit Union Community ProAm, which featured 104 golfers and support from sponsors.

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Rare crossbreed reunites Crawford brothers with a one-of-a-kind animal

By Lana Meier

A pair of Manitoba brothers stumbled across a remarkable animal this summer — one they had last seen a decade ago under extraordinary circumstances.

Ten years ago, Ken and Don Crawford were visiting a Hereford cattle operation in Alberta when they heard the story of an unusual birth. A bull buffalo had escaped its enclosure and found its way into a Hereford pasture. In that single day, it bred with a cow.

Months later, the cow struggled during calving, prompting the rancher to call in a veterinarian. A caesarean section was performed, and a very large calf — half buffalo, half Hereford — was delivered.

"It was incredible to see," said Ken Crawford. "Nobody expected the calf would even survive."

Because of genetic differences between the two species, calves like this are almost always sterile and cannot be used for breeding. For that reason, many are kept as novelties or raised for meat rather than as herd animals.

Fast-forward a decade, and the brothers were back in central Alberta, seeking directions to another farm when they noticed an unusually large animal standing in a pasture. Curious, they asked a rancher friend about it the following day.

"He just laughed and said, 'I know

exactly which one you mean,'" recalled Don Crawford.

The rancher took them out on a side-by-side to the pasture, where they came face to face with the same calf they had first encountered years earlier. Now fully grown, the rare crossbreed tips the scales at about 2,500 pounds.

What are the odds, the Crawfords mused, of meeting the animal again after so many years — not only alive and thriving, but kept as a kind of pet?

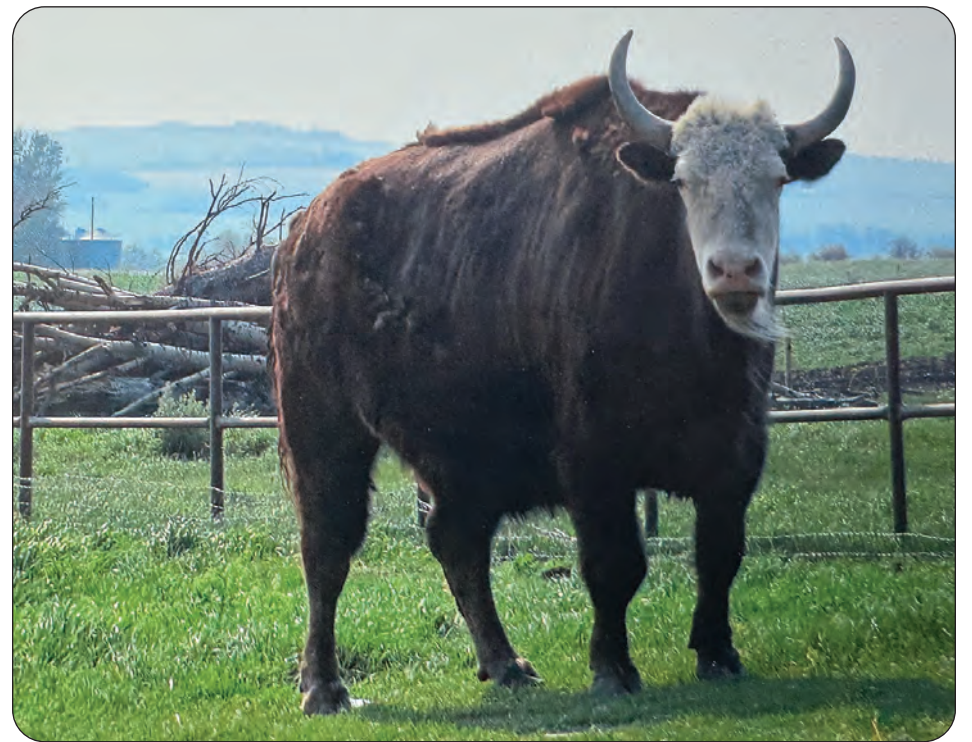
"It was just one of those once-in-a-lifetime things," Ken said. "To see it again all grown up — you couldn't script a story like that."

WHAT IS A BUFFALO-CATTLE HYBRID?

Buffalo-cattle hybrids, sometimes known as "beefalo" or "cattalo," are rare crossbreeds resulting from a mating between a buffalo and domestic cattle.

While ranchers in North America experimented with creating hybrids in the late 1800s and early 1900s in hopes of producing a hardier animal with good beef qualities, natural occurrences remain uncommon.

Hybrids typically inherit the size and strength of a buffalo along with



STANDARD PHOTO BY KEN CRAWFORD

Ken and Don Crawford of Argyle were reunited this summer with a rare buffalo-Hereford cross they first saw as a calf 10 years ago in central Alberta. Now fully grown at about 2,500 pounds, the sterile hybrid has been kept by a rancher as a pet.

the temperament and beef traits of cattle. Mature bulls can weigh well over 2,000 pounds.

Because of genetic incompatibility, most hybrids are born sterile and cannot reproduce, limiting their long-term use in breeding programs.

Though some commercial herds of beefalo exist in Canada and the United States, most accidental hybrids are one-off stories that spark local fascination — much like the Crawford brothers' chance reunion.

Weekend gaming event supports Puerto Rican drop-in

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Video and board game players will gather in Winkler next weekend to help youth half a world away.

The Bunker youth ministry (545 Industrial Dr.) hosts its annual Etherlan gaming tournament Friday, Sept. 19, and Saturday, Sept. 20.

Since the first Etherlan in 2004, the goal has remained the same: raising funds for The Bunker's sister ministry, El Fortaleza, in Puerto Rico. Both ministries provide youth with fellowship and opportunities to learn about the Christian gospel.

The first decade of proceeds went toward getting the Puerto Rican drop-in

centre running. Since then, The Bunker has sent local youth on mission trips and supported ongoing programming with financial donations.

"Our goal within the year is to raise \$3,000 USD for El Fortaleza, because that's all it requires to function," said Harold Espinosa, who co-founded Etherlan with Hank Wall. "That all goes directly to their operations."

The gaming weekend at The Bunker is a chance for youth—and the young at heart—to play their favourite games and build relationships with other gamers.

"We make sure everybody has lots of time talking, connecting," Espi-

nosa said. "We want people to understand this is a place for gamers, where there's always someone there to hear your heart."

"Everybody will hear the story of what we're doing in Puerto Rico, what the ministry is about and the people they're helping."

This year's event includes competitions in MarioKart World, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, League of Legends, Rivals, Halo, Settlers of Catan, Rocket League, Fortnite, Valorant, Advance Wars 1 and 2, Call of Duty 2, Minecraft, Doomlings and Fall Guys.

"All of us are involved in the gaming world, so we look at what's hot

and what's not," Espinosa said. "Sometimes you go back to a nostalgia game, like Call of Duty 2."

Everyone who registers will be entered to win a Nintendo Switch 2. Trophies will also be awarded to game winners.

"It's a fun event where, whether you win or lose, it doesn't really matter," Espinosa said. "We're all just having fun."

Pre-pandemic, the weekend drew upwards of 200 people. Attendance has been about half that in recent years, but Espinosa said numbers are growing.

"It takes time to restart things, but we'll get there," he said. "We invite anybody who wants to come. Everything is family-friendly, to the best we can. Obviously, some games will only be played if a parent allows, because they might not be meant for young kids."

Admission is \$30 for ages 15 and up and \$10 for kids.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Friday and at noon Saturday. For the full schedule, visit etherlan.ca.

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Swan Lake potter opens studio for community workshops

By Lana Meier

This fall, longtime potter and retired teacher Cathy Rondeau will once again open the doors of her farm studio to the community, offering a series of pottery workshops that promise to be equal parts hands-on learning and creative discovery.

From Oct. 1 to 29, Rondeau will lead Wednesday evening classes in wheel throwing and hand building, followed by Saturday sessions from Oct. 4 to Nov. 1. Each five-week program costs \$200 and includes supplies, tools and firing, with participants creating and finishing their own mugs, bowls, vases or decorative pieces.

"I've taught pottery from kindergarten to older adults, and everyone has had success creating something they love," Rondeau said. "In any given class I individualize the instruction so that beginners and experienced students alike are challenged."

For Rondeau, the joy of pottery is lifelong. Born in Swan Lake in 1951, she grew up on the family farm as the eldest of nine children, often leading her siblings to dig clay from the ditches near their yard. "We would spend countless afternoons playing with this natural clay," she recalled. "That's where my passion began."

That early spark grew into more than 50 years of creating and teaching. Rondeau farmed and raised her family with her husband while spending 16 years as a teacher and principal in local schools. After retirement, she continued to share her craft, teaching workshops in schools, recreation centres and galleries across southern Manitoba. Her pieces have been displayed and sold through outlets such as Pulse Gallery at The Forks in Win-

nipeg, the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba in Brandon, the Inspire Gallery of Fine Art in Minnedosa, the Portage and District Art Centre and the Tiger Hills Arts Association in Holland. For many years, she also held a federal contract to produce crop-impressed ceramic wall hangings for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, gifts that were presented to visiting dignitaries and diplomats. Today, Rondeau has her pottery for sale at Toews Printing and Gift Shop in Carman.

"I love opening people's minds to the creativity within themselves using clay, glass, metal and other mediums," she said. "It's still exciting to see what comes out of the kiln — it's like Christmas as a child every time."

Rondeau said she draws inspiration first and foremost from the alluring beauty of nature on the prairies — along with her upbringing and her students, who often spark new ideas with their designs. She balances technical lessons — from pinch pots and slab work to glazing and firing — with space for individual expression. "My favourite part is the smiles and joy I see on their faces when their finished items come out of the kiln," she said. "That smile says it all."

Her upcoming workshops will be held at her farm studio at 30026-61W Hwy 34 near Swan Lake. Wednesday classes run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (wheel throwing) and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (hand building). Saturday sessions include wheel throwing from 1 to 2 p.m. and hand building from 2 to 4 p.m. Spots are limited. Registration is available by calling or texting 204-825-7950 or emailing prairieallure@gmail.com



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Cathy Rondeau demonstrates wheel throwing in her farm studio near Swan Lake, where she will host pottery workshops this fall. The longtime potter and retired teacher has been sharing her craft for more than 50 years.



The 2015 "Blue Gold" teapot set showcases Rondeau's signature blend of functional design and artistic detail.

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Manitoba farmers compete for national sustainability award

By Lana Meier

When you manage more than 20,000 acres of prairie, your biggest business partner is the soil beneath your feet.

Clayton and Shauna Breault have built their ranch around regenerative practices that have tripled soil organic matter, supported biodiversity and kept their cattle healthy.

The Breaults were recently recognized by Manitoba Beef Producers as the provincial Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA) recipients for their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable ranching.

"The award recipients show the variety of beef production systems that thrive across Canada," said Jessica Davey of the Canadian Cattle Association. "What sets the Breaults apart is the sheer scale of their herd and grasslands, and their ability to remain sustainable by applying regenerative practices with measurable results."

The couple raised cattle in southern Saskatchewan before purchasing the home of Breault Ranches Ltd. in Manitoba in 2002. As first-generation farmers, they built their own beef herd from the ground up. Today, they manage 4,300 head of cattle, including 2,500 breeding females — 1,800 cows and 700 heifers — on a ranch that spans 22,000 acres of pastureland. They also operate a feedlot south of the home ranch with cropland dedicated to producing winter feed.

At the heart of their approach is soil health, which they believe is the foundation of their operation and the key to its long-term success. Over time, they have roughly tripled their soil organic matter, a major improvement that enhances both soil fertility and carbon storage.

"When you run an operation of this size you have to work with nature, because at this scale you cannot work against it," said Clayton. "We've learned over the years that when you work against Mother Nature it drastically increases the challenges."



Clayton and Shauna Breault

Rotational grazing is a cornerstone of their system. Cattle are moved through 137 pastures in 11 groups, a highly managed approach designed to mimic the natural movement of keystone grazers like bison. This allows grass to rest and regrow, improving plant health, soil structure and overall biodiversity.

"We are most proud of the increase of plant diversity on our pastures, as well as the wildlife, insects and birds," said Shauna. "The rapid improvement of organic matter in the soil gives us more structure, water infiltration and water holding capacity. That helps during drought or excessive moisture, keeps water from running into rivers and streams, and stores carbon in the soil."

Over the past two decades, the Breaults have applied six key principles of regenerative agriculture:

- Context – understanding local climate, soil types and natural resources.
- Minimize disturbance – avoiding tillage and chemical inputs.
- Armour the soil – keeping the ground covered with living plants or crop residue.
- Diversity – encouraging a wide range of plant and animal species.
- Keep living roots in the soil – maintaining green cover to support nutrient cycling.
- Livestock integration – using animals strategically to improve soil

ing up with trends.

The Royal Canadian Mint will attend both days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering three new coin varieties — two toonies and one loonie. Each individual will be limited to purchasing five coins of each type.

Dalman said the club has grown considerably since COVID-19, thanks in part to its involvement in Mint exchanges and continued support from local media.



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Cattle graze in one of the 137 pastures at Breault Ranches Ltd., where Clayton and Shauna Breault use rotational grazing to improve soil health, biodiversity and herd sustainability.

They have also moved away from monoculture crops in favour of diverse polycrop blends, sometimes planting up to 14 different species. These blends provide a more balanced and nutrient-rich diet for cattle while improving soil biology. The shift has led to healthier animals, reduced disease and improved environmental outcomes, including increased songbird populations and more beneficial insects.

"The most rewarding part has been seeing the overall health of both soil and cattle improve, along with the increase of wildlife, insects and birds," said Clayton. "The hardest part was getting everything to work together. There are a lot of different pieces that have to fall into place."

The Breaults say they've even spotted endangered bird species on their land, a sign that their efforts are creating real ecological change.

As first-generation ranchers, they also hope to inspire others. "Don't be afraid to ask questions," Shauna said. "Use resources like Manitoba Forage and Grasslands, Understanding Ag, tours, podcasts, and find a mentor. Learn and follow the six soil health principles."

Asked how they balance profitability with their environmental goals, Clayton said it comes back to letting nature lead: "By working in sync with nature, you cut down on crop inputs, and in the long run that leads to healthier plants, healthier cattle and healthier people."

Receiving the provincial TESA has also been affirming. "It's shown us we're on the right track," Shauna said. "We'll continue to practice regenerative agriculture because we've seen large benefits within our soil and cattle health."

And for those still on the fence about whether to make the leap, Clayton is blunt: "Just go for it. You are improving the environment, livestock, human health and your bottom line. It's a win-win for everyone."

"Manitoba beef producers are leaders in sustainability, preserving endangered grasslands while producing high-quality beef," Davey added. "Ranchers like the Breaults provide benefits well beyond their operations, ensuring healthy ecosystems for future generations and earning the trust of consumers."

Each year, provincial TESA winners

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Coin club prepares for fall show

By Staff

The Manitoba Coin Club is set to host its Fall Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show later this month, giving the public a chance to learn more about numismatics and connect with collectors.

The event takes place Sept. 27 and 28 at Access Credit Union in Stonewall. Organizer Larry Dalman said this year's show will feature more dealers, along with opportunities for attendees to learn about collecting, protecting investments and keep-

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Remembering Bob McKenzie: Lawyer and local activist

By Dennis Young

No one put on more miles crossing Main Street from his office to Memorial Hall and back than Bob McKenzie. For seven years as a councillor and another seven and a half as mayor, Bob devoted much of his personal time to serving Carman and the wider community.

Bob grew up in Roland, where his father, Bert, owned a GM garage and his mother, Kay, taught in the Albert district. After completing his schooling, he headed to the University of Manitoba to study law. There, he became leader of the student Liberal party and served as editor of the university paper.

In a 1988 interview, he admitted: "I was basically hired as a compromise editor, but that experience instilled my love for writing and the whole business of journalism."

His law career began in 1964, when he moved to Carman to work with colleague Ron Howard. Soon after, he established his own practice in the former Fred Garnett Insurance building (now Klos Realty), next to Sanders Drug Store. His first purchase was a \$170 floor heater. "Every time the door would open, we'd freeze to death and the floor was sloped. So bad one time a client asked if I was drunk," he recalled.

He later moved to the back of Malcolmson's Carman Pharmacy (now Peace Lily Therapeutics) before purchasing the Gardiner Block at 71 Main Street South, where he wrapped up 37 years of practice in 2000. "It's been awful nice having partners (Tom Mooney in 1971 and Mona Brown in 1980) and satisfying to see the business grow," he said at the time.

Bob also loved politics. He was a delegate to the 1968 federal Liberal leadership convention and ran provincially as the Liberal candidate for Pembina in 1973. Locally, he served as a town councillor from 1970 to 1978

and returned as mayor from 1986 to 1992.

His proudest achievement was securing an agreement in 1988 from all levels of government to build the Carman Flood Protection Diversion. The project was motivated by major floods of the Boyne River in 1893, 1923, 1970, 1974 and 1979 that caused extensive damage and discouraged businesses from locating in Carman. The diversion, affectionately referred to as the "McKenzie Ditch," became a reality in 1992.

Other projects he championed included Boyne Lodge/Tower, the sewage lagoon, the industrial park, the community pathway, the medical clinic, Riverview, and the health centre.

He did, however, admit to one regret. "If I could change one thing, it would be to have continued the public environmental hearings on diverting Assiniboine water to Stephenfield. We were pressured by the Filmon government to end them, and we listened."

Outside politics, Bob was an outdoorsman. He loved cross-country skiing, hiking, birdwatching, jogging and travel. He ran marathons and often joked that "running marathons was way harder than childbirth." For years, he volunteered every Saturday at La Barriere Park, cross-country skiing with a blind skier — a commitment he refused to rearrange no matter the alternative.

He also served on the board of the Southern Regional Health Authority and contributed articles to the Winnipeg Free Press on issues of rural importance.

In 2010, Bob moved to Ottawa. He died there in 2018 and was buried in Roland.

Tributes from colleagues and friends Mona Brown: "For many years Bob ran off to meetings with PFRA, Margaret Burnett and Paul Saunders, the

object being to achieve the Carman Flood Diversion. The vision Bob had to see the absolute necessity of protection from devastating floods ensured the continued safety and prosperity of the town and its occupants. Bob, always demure and unpretentious, was very proud of this achievement. We had a lot of 'fun' in the office in those days. Sometimes the library turned into the bar and many heated discussions happened on the politics of the day, whether that was affirmative action, the merits of public versus private school, or even religion."

Carol Roulette: "I started working for him in 1981 until his retirement. He was a character. He didn't mean to be, he just was. Always appreciative of everything I did for him and so kind to everyone. With a soft spot for anyone struggling financially, he'd give them a break on his fees. Before work he'd go to Chicken Delight and come back with notes scribbled on a coffee-stained napkin or a piece of paper for me to type out. Then off to his office on the phone to buy or sell stocks, usually slamming the receiver down a few times and consistently dialling the wrong number. Bob loved when anyone would bring baking to the office as he had a real sweet tooth, resulting in chocolate fingerprints all over them. Around 4:30 daily you would see him reading his newspaper, but when one of us popped into his office, he would throw it under



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Public service was a central part of Bob McKenzie's life.

his desk and pick up a pen as if he was busy. He was like a child that got caught with his hand in the cookie jar."

Tom Mooney: "Bob was a good friend and a generous man. In 1973 he offered me an articling position with his law firm at the princely sum of \$400 per month. That doesn't seem like much now, but the going rate at Winnipeg firms was \$300 per month. So I took the offer, which was written on a page of his letterhead, in one sentence, in his almost illegible handwriting. Except for a variation in salary, that was our entire employment contract for the next 27 years. I still have that piece of paper."

Woodticks stick it to the Cougars



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The St. Daniel Woodticks came from eighth place in round-robin play to defeat the first-place Carman Cougars 14-6 and win the 1986 Men's League title. Team members, back row from left: Joe Forster, Bruce Dracass, Barry Fraser, Scott Allen, Chris Allen, Ken Allen, Gerald Harder. Front row: Dave McInnes, Darrin Citzel, Fred Dunn, Dean Sandulak, Greg Forster, Pete Dyck and Doug Sisson.

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vie for the national award, a partnership initiative between the Canadian Cattle Association, Birds Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. This fall, the Breaults will join six other provincial nominees in competing for the 2025 national title.

While the award has been presented for more than 26 years, recent years have brought growing recognition of the positive role

beef cattle can play in the environment. A national survey conducted in July 2025 found 80 per cent of Manitobans agree beef is an environmentally friendly food choice — among the highest rates in Canada and up seven points since 2023.

The Breaults' commitment to soil health, biodiversity and herd management has created a ranching operation that works with nature, not against it.

Music of the Night in Manitou Sept. 21

Enjoy a taste of Broadway in this celebration of the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

By Lorne Stelmach

A taste of Broadway will be coming to the region with an acclaimed touring musical production.

Music of the Night is a celebration of Andrew Lloyd Webber's greatest works, and it is coming to the Manitou Opera House on Sept. 21.

This concert production by the Vancouver-based Sound The Alarm is a greatest hits celebration of Lloyd Webber and his acclaim as the most successful musical theatre composer of all time.

Featuring his most iconic theatrical music, the show features an acclaimed all Canadian professional cast and live band.

"It's quite a powerhouse group of singers, and they are extraordinary," said Alan Corbishley, artistic and executive director for Sound the Alarm. "It's really built around the singers."

"I would say there's not many shows that I have been part of quite like this where we get to showcase the best of the best," said Tainui Kuru, who is not only involved with Sound The Alarm but is also one of the performers.

"It seems to reach people who don't necessarily go to musicals but they know Andrew Lloyd Webber," said Kuru, who called it a magical opportunity for him to be involved in such a company and production. "You know what *Phantom Of The Opera* is or you've heard of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. These musicals really hold up."

He suggested there is a need to really respect the songs "in a way that doesn't take them too far away from the original arrangements and to the instruments and arrangements that people love."

This concert celebration of Lloyd Webber last toured western Canada in the fall of 2023 and has since toured across Canada to sold-out audiences from Victoria to Montreal.

This production is something a little bit different for Sound The Alarm, Corbishley noted.

"Through our programming, we try to sound alarms on social needs, so we've done an opera based on hu-

man trafficking. We have an entire concert called *Ebony Roots*, which is amplifying the African descent community and which is coming up in February," he said, while acknowledging this show is a little different. "It doesn't have thematic material within the concert that sounds an alarm, but the production and the tour itself is serving smaller communities that often get overlooked, so that is where the alarm comes into play.

"This tour is meant to be very inviting and is meant to give an experience that can be for all generations but also for people who love seeing people come together for a common experience."

Corbishley added there is also a practical element to the production.

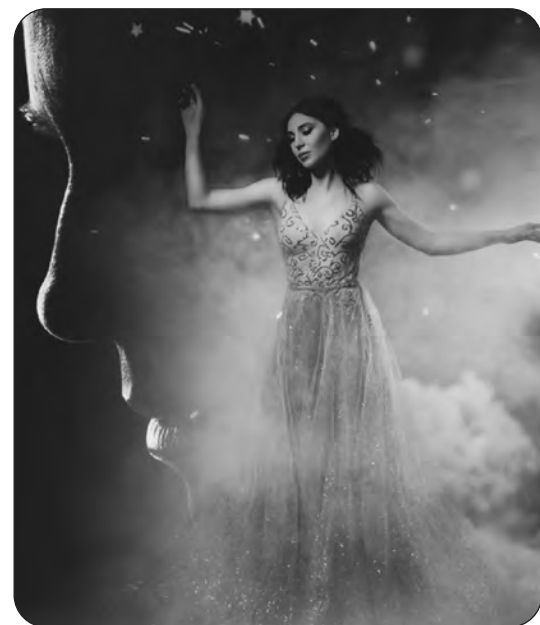
"It ensures that the company is relevant, that what it's doing is speaking to a need in some capacity, that it's not just fluff for fluff's sake," he suggested. "It's designed to build the capacity of our organization so that we're less dependent on government granting, and it's a little more self sustaining."

"We're trying to be a little more self sustaining, so therefore it's something popular that is going to generate income ... but it's also Andrew Lloyd Webber, which makes it so compelling on an artistic level. His music is so emotional, and it connects to people right at their core, which is why he was such a phenomenon. A lot of his productions were so pivotal with people going to musical theatre for the first time."

Corbishley said they have especially liked bringing the show to smaller communities across Canada like Manitou.

"I think this is likely the smallest centre we've ever come to," he noted. "Manitou seems to be responding really really well, and the opera house there has been really great to work with, so we're actually quite excited to be coming there."

"It's really quite an opportunity where we make this just about the music and the performance in a really intimate way," he said, noting there were some venue restrictions such as having no haze or fog effects.



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Music of the Night's tour across Canada has a stop at the Manitou Opera House Sept. 21.

"Quite often, they really become the more satisfying shows."

"They're making it their mission to make all shows as accessible as possible," added Kuru. "People deserve to have these sorts of shows in their theatres. There's some beautiful theatres in these places across Canada, and we are lucky to experience some of them."

The show is set for Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be booked at soundthealarm.ca/music-of-the-night/.

Bridge out at Brunkild for foreseeable future

Staff

Hwy. 3 travellers are going to want to find an alternative route into the city for the foreseeable future.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure has closed the bridge over the Morris River on PTH 3 near Brunkild until further notice.

"Due to structural instability, an emergency closure is in place to ensure the safety of travellers," the province said last week. "Both westbound and

eastbound lanes on PTH 3 are closed to traffic, with a detour in place directing traffic to PTH 13 and PTH 2."

Plans are underway to replace the structure, the province has said, though no timeline was provided.

Up-to-date information on highway conditions, including detours, restrictions, and road closures, is available at www.manitoba511.ca/ or by calling 511.

Beavers need coaches to ice team

Staff

The Carman Beavers Hockey Club is urgently seeking coaches for the 2025-26 season. While the roster is already filled with committed players and off-ice volunteers are in place to handle operations, the team cannot take the ice without on-ice leadership.

The club is hoping one or more individuals will step forward to



coach. Upcoming ice times are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22 (8:15-9:45 p.m.); Tuesday, Sept. 23 (8:15-9:45 p.m.); Thursday, Oct. 2 (8:30-10 p.m.); and Wednesday, Oct. 8 (8:45-10 p.m.).

Those interested are encouraged to contact club president Lorne Zacharias at 204-249-0326 for more information.

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Dean North ties for runner-up at Senior Championship

By Lana Meier

Carman Golf Club professional Dean North finished in a tie for second at the 2025 Hodson Financial Men's Senior Championship, held Aug. 11-13 at Glendale Golf and Country Club.

North, who won the event in 2022, carded rounds of 74 and 72 for a 146 total, sharing runner-up honours with Steve Wood of Winnipeg. Both trailed Steinbach's Walt Keating, who fired rounds of 69 and 68 to claim the championship at 137.

Geoff Kehler (72-76), Rob Damsgaard (76-72) and Ryan Sommerfeld (73-75) rounded out the top five at 148.

North said the difference between his 2022 title run and this year's result came down to the smallest margins.

"In 2022 I had a few key putts go in to help me win the event," he said. "This year, those putts seemed to slip by the edge. I feel pretty good about my game though, and I'm proud to still be around the leaderboard in this event."

He added that his steady results are rooted in experience. "I believe my consistent play is due to the years I spent competing on the PGA Tour Americas," he said. "This was our last event for 2025, and it means a lot to be near the top again."



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Carman Golf Club professional Dean North placed second at the 2025 Hodson Financial Men's Senior Championship, held Aug. 11-13 at Glendale Golf and Country Club.

Bell Ringer returns Sept. 20

By Lorne Stelmach

The local cross country skiing community is again putting on an event that they see as also drawing on people active in other ways.

The Boundary Trails Nordic Club is holding its third annual Bell Ringer, a five-hour trail running race.

"It's open to runners, walkers and hikers, and it's kind of geared to all ages and abilities ... and you kind of just do what you can," said Cheryl Koop, who is the coach and manager for the club. "It's kind of unique that it's a trail running race put on by a ski team, and it's also on bike trails, so we're trying to target all

three communities to come out and exercise in nature and try to do as many laps as possible."

The Bell Ringer takes place Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Schinken Wald Trails just north of Thornhill in the area of the Shannondale valley, which boasts some elevation to test your mind and body. The race features 100 meters of elevation per four kilometre loop.

Things get underway at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. with a finale and barbecue where organizers will also hand out awards.

"It's a 4 km. loop around on single track trails, and you have five hours to do as many loops as you can," explained Koop, who

noted there will be an aid station available.

She stressed people can participate regardless of how serious they are about it.

"Some athletes are trying hard to get as many kilometres as they can, and some get up to almost 50 km in of running," she said. "For others, they maybe try to do a lap an hour or just come out for the morning and run or hike with their kids."

Koop feels the event has been well received.

"Our numbers have generally increased each year. This year, they seem pretty steady, but we often get lots of walkups as well," she said, estimating they

Hawks join 'Coming Together' campaign in support of ailing Winnipeg player

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks are tuning up for the regular season, but they also took the initiative with a pre-season game to support a fellow player.

In conjunction with the game against Central Plains Saturday, the Hawks held a fundraiser in support of Payton Chornley, a 16-year-old Winnipeg player who has had to step away from the rink as a result of her battle with lymphoma.

"Everyone is going to come together and try to support it ... and it's great to see it," said Hawks coach Matt Victor, who estimated they brought in just under \$650 for the Cancer Care

Manitoba Foundation with the help of a 50/50 raffle.

He suggested there would be the desire to support anyone in the extended hockey community who needs it.

"I know she has a lot of friends even on our team and all the other teams in our league," he said.

"Her dad reached out to me this last month and asked if we would help support, and it was an easy call for us," Victor said. "It's tough for anyone who has to go through something like cancer ... but for a 16-year-old hockey player, it's super unfortunate."

The Hawks continue to gear up for the new season, and Victor was encouraged by what he saw from the

players in a couple pre-season game, including a 4-3 win over Central Plains and a 5-0 loss to Eastman.

"We stayed in there for most of the [latter] game," he suggested.

"Right now, with our coaching group, we implemented some systems, and I was honestly quite impressed with how quickly they started to pick it up," Victor said. "I was quite proud of them how they were able to execute some of these systems. The consistency is not there yet, but that's going to come with time."

"I'm pretty sure optimistic about this group," he continued. "I always talk about identity, and that's something we've aimed to build right from

training camp. Our identity can be built on compete and grit ... those are controllable by the players themselves, and that is something we really push in practice."

"We're going to need everyone to really step up and deliver night in and night out," said Victor. "With that, I think the skills will come and the outcomes will come ... it's all about growing and gaining that confidence."

The Hawks kick off their regular season with games against Westman Oct. 4, Winnipeg Avros Oct. 5, and Eastman Oct. 6.

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This position performs a variety of tasks related to the maintenance and operation of Carman Dufferin Recreation facilities and grounds and works in accordance with approved practices and procedures. Some of those tasks included are ice maintenance, park and pathway cleaning and maintenance and general pool maintenance.

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- Able to complete all tasks as a team player.

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OBITUARY



Karl Dyck

Karl Dyck, beloved son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and friend, with sadness and love in our hearts, we say goodbye as he peacefully passed away on September 4, 2025 at the age of 54, in Treherne, Manitoba.

He leaves to mourn, and cherish his memory, his wife Jennifer, son Ashton, two step children Brandi and Courtney Dyhm (Lior Shpindler); his grandchildren Jayden, Orianna, Paisley, Liam, Naava and Ariel. He will be lovingly remembered by his mother Stella (Henry); siblings Wynita Nichols and Melinda Ricard (Joël); his nieces and nephews, Matthew Siemens (Rachelle), Marie Siemens (Christopher), Amanda Siemens, Stephanie Siemens, Jordan Ricard (Nicole), and Devlin Ricard (Nicole Beck).

Karl was preceded in death by his father Wayne.

Karl also leaves many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends that held a special place in his heart.

Karl was born to Wayne and Stella Dyck and grew up in Elm Creek, Manitoba. He was known for his warmth, a "go above and beyond for others" attitude of deep kindness, strong work ethic and his unwavering love for his family. Karl was a devoted father to Ashton and a loving husband to Jennifer.

Among his many traits was his trademark mischievous laugh and his propensity to tease people that would pull someone into a good mood and share a good laugh. His kindness and thoughtfulness of others was renowned and felt by so many. He will be deeply missed by those that grew to know him well.

His hobbies included tinkering with cars, helping friends and fishing. He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Tiger Hills Health Center, which gave excellent care and heartfelt consideration to Karl in his stay with them.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at Crossway Elm Creek, 146 Poplar Ave., Elm Creek, MB. Interment will follow in the Elm Creek Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

George Desmond Watson

July 2, 1941 – September 9, 2025

With deep love and gratitude for a life well lived, we announce the peaceful passing of George Desmond Watson on September 9, 2025, at home, held in the love of his family - a love we learned from him and will carry forward. His legacy of devotion, kindness, and unwavering strength remains a lasting gift to us all.

A man of unwavering faith, George had a strong belief in God, and often said he would one day go "home to the Good Lord." On this day, he did just that.

Born in Canora, Saskatchewan on July 2, 1941, George lived a life full of laughter, purpose, creativity, and connection. He had a contagious zest for life - the kind of man who could light up a room with his smile, a gleam in his eye, and the warmth of his presence. Outgoing and endlessly generous, George made everyone feel



welcome and valued. He was a family man through and through — devoted, big-hearted, and deeply proud of his loved ones. He gave us a love so steady and certain that it will forever remain the foundation of our lives.

George was the beloved husband and sweetheart of Katherine Watson, his partner in life and love for 62 incredible years, who now carries forward his memory. He cherished her deeply, and their enduring love for one another remains one of the greatest gifts to their family.

George leaves behind his daughters, Joanne (Blaine) Page and Wendy (John) Watson; grandchildren, Delaney (Chris) Ward, Shelby (Jonathan) Page, Brandon Page, Parker (Kassidy) Page, and great-grandsons Munro and Kincaide Ward.

He was predeceased by his parents John Lloyd Watson and Pauline Watson, sister Donna (Paul) Zabrodski, brother Eric (Louise) Watson, as well as numerous dear friends and Masonic brothers.

George built a meaningful career as a central office-man for Manitoba Telephone System, where he worked for 35 years. He was also a proud Masonic brother, serving the fraternity and his community with dedication since 1969.

Music, especially jazz and blues, was the soundtrack of George's life. A talented trumpet player, he found joy in both performing and listening - wherever the music played, George was happy to be. A committed volunteer, George was always ready to lend a hand locally - and for many years, he played "The Last Post" on his trumpet at remembrance ceremonies with deep reverence and pride.

He was also a man of action, with a love for swimming, scuba diving, and biking. He had a playful, adventurous streak - most clearly seen on his cherry apple red Honda Goldwing, which he rode with his sweetheart Kathy on many road trips and escapades.

George's creativity knew no bounds. He was a gifted woodworker and stained-glass artist, crafting intricate puzzles, beautiful jewellery boxes, and a stunning dollhouse that his grandchildren cherish. He had an eye for detail and a heart for storytelling - always with his camera at the ready to capture life's most meaningful moments.

A devoted Toronto Blue Jays and Saskatchewan Roughriders fan, a passionate home cook (with a legendary Caesar salad), a BBQ master, and someone who always made room at the table - George made life better for everyone around him.

He loved out loud and made people feel like family. His heart was big, his spirit bold, and his legacy will live on in every act of love and creativity he inspired in others.

As we remember George, we hold close these words:

"All those we love are part of us,
for things of beauty leave their trace,
and memories of all we've shared,
are treasures time cannot erase."

While we mourn his loss, we find peace in knowing George has gone home - just as he said he would - to be reunited with his parents and siblings in heaven.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Carman United Church on September 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., with a lunch to follow. All are welcome to attend and help honour George's incredible life.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to either: Carman Handi-Van Corp., P.O. Box 1294, Carman, Manitoba, R0G 0J0 or Wheels of Hope - Masonic Foundation of Manitoba, 420 Camden Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R2L 0N8.

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- 1 cup Maple Hill Creamery Vanilla Kefir, plus additional for serving
- 20 grams unflavored collagen peptides
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 cup ice
- ground cinnamon, to taste

In high-speed blender, blend banana, pumpkin puree, 1 cup vanilla kefir, collagen peptides, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice and ice until smooth.

In glass, add drizzle of additional vanilla kefir then layer smoothie on top. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon, to taste.

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Servings: 2

Salad:

- 4 sticks Dandy Celery, divided
- 4 strawberries, cut in half
- 1 handful blackberries
- blueberries
- raspberries
- 1 medium burrata ball, cut in half
- 3 cups arugula
- 1 handful hemp seeds

Dressing:

- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pinch sea salt

Using grill pan or directly on grill, cook two celery sticks and strawberries until soft with grill marks on either side.

While celery and strawberries grill,

Fresh Salad with Grilled Strawberries and Celery, Berries and Burrata

make dressing. In jar, mix orange juice, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, honey, olive oil and salt.

Cut grilled and remaining raw celery sticks at angle into 1/4-inch pieces.

In mixing bowl, toss celery, strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, burrata, arugula and hemp seeds with dressing. Mix well.



What makes weight loss so challenging for some people?

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

After I stepped away from training competitive athletes for fitness contests, it seemed nearly every client who walked through my door had the same goal: weight loss. It's common to struggle to shed fat—especially around the midsection—and research shows it can be more difficult for some people than for others.

Fair or not, genetics plays a major role in body composition and response to food. Some genes are linked to a higher risk of obesity, while others affect fat storage, appetite or metabolic health. Age is another factor you can't control; it influences the rate at which your body converts food into energy (your metabolism). Hormonal imbalances can slow metabolism and lead to weight gain. So can alcohol use, stress, poor sleep and chronic inactivity.

Rather than feel discouraged about what you can't control, use this information as motivation to focus on what you can—your nutrition. Working with an expert can help you identify the dietary choices that support your individual goals.

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Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

for all fitness levels. If you're navigating other barriers, such as limited access to healthy food or a tight budget, ask for help. Two brains are better than one when it comes to finding creative ways to get fit and break through plateaus.

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Thai Lime Chicken Salad

Servings: 4

- 4 stalks Dandy Celery, sliced on bias
- 1 cucumber, split, seeded and sliced on bias
- 2 carrots, peeled and julienned
- 2 cups Jasmine rice, cooked and cooled slightly
- 1 bunch scallions, green section finely chopped and white ends julienned
- 2 cups poached chicken breast, shredded
- 3 tablespoons avocado seed oil
- 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon palm sugar
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

- 2 tablespoons tamari
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed chili flakes (optional)
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cup roasted peanuts or cashews, crushed
- 1 cup fresh cilantro sprigs
- 4 lime wedges

In medium bowl, combine celery, cucumbers, carrots, cooked rice, scallions and shredded chicken.

In another bowl, whisk avocado seed oil, rice vinegar, palm sugar, sesame oil, lime juice, tamari, fish sauce and chili flakes, if desired, until sugar is dissolved. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, to taste.

Pour mixture over celery and shredded chicken mixture; toss to mix.

To serve, portion out salad and top with crushed nuts, cilantro sprigs and lime wedges.