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Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan returning to Manitoba, spotlighting kindness in rural communities

The Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan is rolling back into Manitoba this season, bringing its illuminated red truck, Santa meet-and-greets and a renewed focus on celebrating acts of kindness across the province. Winnipeg and rural Manitoba are again part of the cross-country tour, which launched Nov. 13 on World Kindness Day and encourages Canadians to share stories of generosity through Canada's Kindest Community — an initiative that could award \$100,000 to a Manitoba charity.

Teresa Woyna, General Manager of the Winnipeg Distribution Centre for Coke Canada Bottling, said rural Manitoba remains central to the tour's purpose.

"We're an independent, family-owned business... Our purpose is intrinsically linked to making a positive difference in the communities where we operate — and we know how much community means to this province," she said.

Woyna said the Caravan was created to "spread optimism and share moments of joy nationwide," and Manitobans have consistently submitted standout kindness stories. Last year's examples included neighbours installing park benches for seniors, community gardens offering free pro-

duce and volunteers delivering weekly groceries.

"No act of kindness is too small," she said. "We're hopeful kindness will be even more contagious this year."

Caravan stops are planned to keep the tour coast-to-coast while honouring long-standing local ties.

"We are Winnipeg's Local Bottler and we've operated locally for over 55 years," Woyna said. "Our local teams service thousands of customers from Winnipeg to Gypsumville to the north and to the Canadian-American border to the south."

The Manitoba portion of the tour is staffed entirely by Coca-Cola employees, many volunteering their time. If a Manitoba community is named Canada's Kindest Community, Community Foundations of Canada will administer the \$100,000 award to a local charity.

Woyna said the heart of the initiative is recognizing simple generosity. "By participating, Manitobans have the chance to bring meaningful support to their community... This program is proof that even the smallest actions can make a big impact."

HOW TO ENTER

Manitobans can submit 100- to 500-word stories about acts of kindness —



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Canadians can enter Canada's Kindest Community by submitting a 100- to 500-word kindness story at [coke.ca/holiday](https://www.coca-cola.ca/holiday) for a chance to win a \$100,000 donation for their hometown.

their own or those they've witnessed — and nominate their community before Jan. 1, 2026. Entries can be submitted online at <https://www.coca-cola.ca/en/offerings/holiday/kindest-community>, at Manitoba Caravan stops or by scanning QR codes at select retailers.

In early January, Coca-Cola will highlight the top 10 communities per capita. A judging panel will then select finalists and choose Canada's Kindest Community, which will receive a \$100,000 donation.

The tour features the twinkling red

truck, Santa and kindness-themed displays. Two Winnipeg stops remain this season:

- Nov. 26, 6–7:30 p.m., Food Fare, 2285 Portage Ave.
- Dec. 3, 6–7:30 p.m., Food Fare, 839 Cavalier Drive

Families can meet Santa, take photos, explore displays and enjoy holiday activities. The full schedule is at www.coke.ca/holiday.

"Kindness is contagious — and now, more than ever, the world needs more of it," Woyna said.



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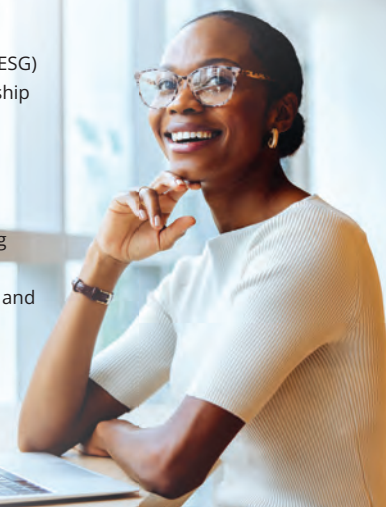
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Small-Town Run and Walk Crew wraps seventh season

By Lana Meier

The Small-Town Run and Walk Crew has closed out its seventh season, finishing the year with a final meet-up on Oct. 9.

Organizer Chris Dick said the 2025 season saw participants from across the region — including runners and walkers from Carman, Portage la Prairie, Oakville, Roland, Winkler and Sperling — along with one special guest who joined from Australia

while visiting a friend.

“That was definitely our farthest visitor,” Dick said, adding that the group enjoyed another great season of community movement and connection.

The crew plans to launch its eighth season in late April or May 2026, depending on spring weather and pathway conditions. A photo from the group’s final fall meet-up is included with this article.

Roland awards contract for revitalizing Millennium Pathway

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Roland advanced several planning, infrastructure and financial items at its Sept. 11 regular council meeting, including approval of a residential variation order, community grants, pathway upgrades and a development agreement tied to new growth.

Council approved Variation Order 2025-02 for 13 Parkview Dr., reducing the front-yard setback from 25 feet to 20 feet to accommodate a new home. The decision followed a public hearing earlier in the meeting.

On infrastructure, council awarded Capital Landscapes the contract to revitalize the Millennium Pathway. A ratepayer request for reimbursement of a water-leak repair was defeated. Council also confirmed more than \$16,000 in 2025 municipal grants to local organizations, including the Roland Historical Society, multiple cemeteries, the Golden Prairie Arts Council, the Carman Cheerboard, Katie Cares and the Winkler & District Health Care Board. Council further approved moving to a standardized annual grant-application form.

Reeve Jodi Gaultier reported that a preliminary utility rate study has been completed, with consultant Dale Lyle scheduled to present details to council next week. A discussion on

land gifted to the municipality by the Tractor Club was tabled for further review. CAO Taya O’Brien said council is considering all options for the property and encouraged ratepayers to share ideas on potential uses.

Council also heard interest from a community member in a potential handi-van-type transportation service. While the municipality would not operate such a service directly, O’Brien said the RM would potentially approve annual funding if a community group decided to lead the initiative.

Financial statements and income reports to Aug. 31 were adopted, as was the development agreement with K Block. Council appointed its 2025 Board of Revision, naming Councillor Jason McIntosh and Councillor Carrie Hennan to the board. A subdivision application was approved, Utility Pass-Through By-Law 2025-12 received second and third readings, and building permits were issued for a garden shed, grain bin and pole shed at three rural properties.

In committee reports, councillors noted several ongoing road and signage concerns, including graveling needs on Road 25W, maintenance is-

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Members of the Small-Town Run and Walk Crew gather during their final meet-up of the season on Oct. 9, wrapping up their seventh year of community running and walking before the group resumes again in spring 2026.

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Carman council wraps up key financial and staffing decisions

By Haley Cvar

Carman council addressed major financial approvals, staffing matters, policy updates and ongoing development issues across its Oct. 7 and Oct. 16 regular meetings, advancing several administrative and operational files as the municipality prepares for 2026.

At the Oct. 7 meeting, council approved the Town of Carman's 2024 audited financial statements following a presentation from BDO Canada LLP. CAO Susan Stein said the municipality "ended the year in a surplus; and there were no concerns from the auditor. The only recommendation was to move any surplus into the General Reserve in the future."

Council also authorized a \$60,000 withdrawal from the Machinery Replacement Reserve to support the budgeted purchase of a public works truck. Stein said the truck is needed to support "day-to-day public works operations such as hauling materials, maintaining roads and infrastructure, responding to emergencies, and completing seasonal tasks." She noted that fleet replacements are based on "the vehicle's age and mileage, rising maintenance and repair costs, operational downtime, safety concerns, whether the vehicle still meets current operational needs, and overall cost-effectiveness over its lifecycle."

Council confirmed \$125,000 in reserve transfers to the machinery, storm sewer, fire department, general and utility accounts. Stein said these contributions "strengthen the municipality's long-term financial stability and ensure essential assets can be maintained and replaced when needed."

Members also supported a resolution calling on the province to increase the Manitoba Water Services Board's capital budget to \$100 million starting in 2026. Stein said expanded funding would support "large scale projects in the future such as lagoon expansion and work at the Pembina Valley Water Coop where we purchase our water and are members with other municipalities."

Council received updates on upcoming

planning-district open houses, employee benefits comparisons, Clearwater Memorial Park grand-opening photos and a denied signage request for the industrial park. Stein said the request was turned down because "the signage is not in conformity with the by-law. They would need to apply for a conditional use to place the sign. The application would need to be made to the Planning District. The new zoning by-law will have the same regulation regarding off-site signage."

Committee reports from numerous community groups and regional bodies were received, including planning, recreation, protective services, the Carman Wellness Committee, Boyne Regional Library, Carman Handi Van, watershed districts and the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation. Council also reviewed communications related to the municipal operating grant, correspondence about the PTH 3 bridge closure, RCMP contract-management minutes, the September water outlook, lagoon licence renewal information, the MMSM 2024 audit and a notice of service impact from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative. Community announcements included upcoming wellness suppers, a volunteer-fair discussion, a Boyne River Keepers educational event, a seniors' coffee session with MLA Lauren Stone and fall line-dancing lessons.

At the Oct. 16 meeting, council approved a new termination policy outlining procedures for voluntary and involuntary staff departures. Stein said the policy "strengthens HR governance by providing clear, consistent procedures for both voluntary and involuntary departures."

Council also ratified updated employment agreements for CAO Susan Stein and Public Works Director Joe Richardson through 2028. Stein said the new terms bring administrative leadership in line with previously negotiated employee agreements. "We approved new agreements as we had already negotiated the employee agreement through 2028 but not for myself and Joe, so now the timelines

of the agreement match the employee's agreement," she said. "Multi year contracts support better long-term planning, organizational stability and generally improve recruitment and retention as employees know what the organization provides/requirements."

Council voted to transition employee medical and dental benefits from Canada Life to Manitoba Blue Cross effective Dec. 1. Stein said Canada Life's rates were expected to rise sharply, making Blue Cross a more stable option. "Staff will notice no changes other than therapeutic options go from \$750 a year to \$500.00," she said.

Members also confirmed the town's annual Christmas gift of \$250 in Chamber Bucks for full-time staff and \$125 for part-time staff. Stein said the program "ensures the money is spent locally, directly supports local business and shows support for the Community Chamber."

Development-related items included amendments to water and sewer servicing in Parkview Estates due to Manitoba Hydro requirements, notice of a public hearing for Lite Stop Foods, and approval to retain PKF Lawyers in connection with rail-line matters in the industrial park. Stein said the legal review will help the town respond to potential new business interest. "We have had some inquiries into adding a spur line however there were some questions on who owns/operates different portions of the rail, so we were looking for Clarity, so we are proactive and not reactive when there are inquiries," she said.

Council also appointed Les Vanderveen and Debbie Iverson to the Carman Community Health Centre Board for three-year terms and approved a shared Hydro billing agreement between the town and the Carman Legion for joint utility costs.

Committee reports were again received from planning, protective services, the chamber of commerce, the Dufferin Agricultural Society and the Carman Handi Van, along with the

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Thompson backs fire hall review, mower purchase and tariff-relief lobbying

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Thompson moved ahead on several infrastructure and administrative items at its Nov. 5 regular meeting, including approving a fire hall evaluation, a capital equipment purchase and support for national lobbying on agricultural tariffs.

Council heard a delegation from the Miami Agricultural Society regarding operations and property matters. Public Works staff provided updates on road access to Roll No. 92300.000, the Bridge 11 hydraulic study, Sylvester Bridge, drainage on 24-5-6W and Road 30W, ditch cleanouts and planning for the 2026 budget. Council also approved time-off requests for three

municipal employees and received a report on waste-disposal operations.

Council authorized the Miami Fire Hall evaluation by SeaHawk Service, with funding to come from the Emergency Preparedness Reserve. Council also approved CAO Melissa Brunel's training request as part of ongoing work on accessibility, emergency planning, conditional-use hearings set for Nov. 20 and internal staffing items. Council further endorsed the Miami Golf and Country Club's capital request to purchase a new rough mower.

Accounts totalling \$848,193.37 were approved, along with a reserve adjustment that will split \$20,000 in land-sale revenue evenly between

the Waste Disposal Grounds Reserve and the Fire Vehicle Reserve. Council passed a resolution calling on federal and provincial governments — as well as AMM and FCM — to lobby for compensatory payments to agriculture producers affected by reciprocal Chinese tariffs on canola, pork and seafood.

Council also transferred the first 2025 Canada Community Building Fund payment of \$43,965.50 into the Gas Tax Reserve Fund, and approved payments to Pier Solutions for the completed Bridge 11 hydraulic evaluation and to Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants for audited financial services

RM of Grey advances fire service upgrades, public works

By Haley Cvar

Grey council approved major fire service upgrades and several equipment and maintenance contracts at its Nov. 5 regular meeting.

Council awarded a \$736,458 contract to Acres Industries for a new VORTEX emergency vehicle, to be purchased without a deposit and funded through the Fire Truck Reserve in the 2026 capital plan. The decision followed a presentation from Fire Chief Anton Borst and Deputy Chief Leen Blok, who reviewed fire truck pricing with council.

Council also accepted Brandt's \$38,300 quote to replace the transmission, torque converter and related

parts on the municipality's 2012 John Deere 410, and approved Extinguisher MD's annual \$1,262.50 inspection and testing contract for fire extinguishers and emergency lighting. A contract for 623 miles of municipal mowing, valued at \$46,506.95, was ratified with Silver Dirtworks Inc.

RfNow received council's support for a proposed fibre-optic expansion north along Road 14W and west on Road 53N, with the company responsible for locating underground utilities. Council also approved cost-sharing on a dust-control application in Ward 2.

Council authorized staff and elected

officials to attend upcoming AMBM and MMA training sessions, with expenses covered by the municipality. A \$500 grant was approved for Manitoba Crime Stoppers, and the St. Claude Handivan Committee will receive a \$3,666 interim operating grant through the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program.

Several planning and administrative items — including a farmland tender, a subdivision application, drainage and fire protection matters, and the former dump site — were tabled for further review. The municipality's September financial report was received and filed.

The way it was this week in: Nov. 26

By Dennis Young

100 years ago — 1925: There is talk of reviving the Boys & Girls Club; Hydro poles are all in from Carman to Sperling — next come the wires; hats are half-price at the Carman Millinery Parlor; a detachment of the Mounted Rifles sets up an office in Carman; local Masons attend a Winnipeg convention; H.A. Rogers & Son Apiary outside Carman produces 15,500 pounds of honey; bowling is popular at Rutherford's Lanes.

75 years ago — 1950: John Wilson heads DAS for the sixth consecutive year; Song Jack of the York Café is acquitted of charges related to the theft and slaughter of a heifer; lo-

cal caretakers are Harold Ferris at the skating rink and Lloyd Foster at the curling rink; the Town sets aside \$9,000 for river diversion north of the Main Street bridge; a half-section of land close to town goes for \$20,000 at Berkeley Newman; a measles epidemic hits youngsters; Mayor Harris reports that 27 cents of every tax dollar goes to town maintenance.

50 years ago — 1975: Christmas shopping hours are set for 9-9 starting Dec. 11; Marlene Rose reports over 70 figure skaters have registered; the Kinsmen Pool posts a loss for the year; Northland Pro Hockey sticks are \$3.95 at the Co-op; the Sperling Turkey Shoot supplies .22 rifles and

ammunition; Brian Coates scores the winner for the Indianapolis Racers versus the New England Whalers; the Cougar girls win the Zone 4 volleyball title.

25 years ago — 2000: Pallister, Hoepfner, Gebler and McDonald race for the Portage-Lisgar seat; the first annual Carman Christmas Coupon 39-page booklet is released; an IBM NetVista computer system sells for \$1,469 at Carman Music Academy; Christmas Cheer Board chair Deb Penner expects more than 75 hampers this year; the Ducks Unlimited banquet raises \$18,000; the Carman-Dufferin Recreation Commission runs Bingos at the hall.

> CARMAN COUNCIL, FROM PG. 4

CAO's monthly report. Communications included an in memoriam notice related to the AMM Fall Convention, a Carman Wellness Connections update and information on the provin-

cial security-camera rebate program. Seasonal events were also highlighted, including a Halloween scavenger hunt on Oct. 25 at Ryall Park and an accessible Halloween village hosted

by Carman 5 Pin Bowl on Oct. 31.

Council moved in and out of closed sessions at both meetings to address personnel and development matters before concluding the proceedings.

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What is Christmas?

When asked this question, 'What is Christmas?', many different answers would be shared, depending on the person's background and beliefs. People might answer with 'holidays', 'family', 'gifts', 'commercialism', 'Santa' or songs about snow. Some might point to the Nativity as a part of the celebrations.

The origin of this season traces back to an edict by the Pope, meant to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. It may or may not be His exact birth date but is meant as a reminder that He was born in fulfillment of prophecy. All the other trappings of what we do during the season is meant to help us celebrate but often can take away the focus from where it should be.

Holidays are great as they provide an opportunity to take a break from work to rest and focus on positive things that will lift your spirit. It usually is a good idea to remember why you are taking a holiday though as traditions have a way of becoming habits to the point where you forget why you are doing those things. For example, Easter is a good reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross to pay for our sins and that He rose from the dead to guarantee our resurrection. Thanksgiving is a reminder that we have much to be thankful for because of God's blessings, whether we are rich or poor, and is a look back at the first settlers who arrived in North America.

Gifts are always appreciated and remind us of the love we are to have for each other, as long as they don't become a thing of selfishness and greed. The original Santa, St. Nicholas, started a tradition of anonymous gift giving to help the poor. The most important part of gift giving is the reminder of the greatest gift of all, the arrival of Immanuel, which is God with us in the person of Jesus Christ.

No matter what you do to celebrate Christmas or observe holiday traditions, let us remember that December 25th is a day to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. It is always important to focus more on the One being honored more than the other guests or the traditions. Take time to say, 'Happy birthday Jesus. We are so glad you came.'

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Dufferin Historical Society reviews busy year, elects new director

Christmas at the Museum planned for Dec. 6

By Lana Meier

The Dufferin Historical Society highlighted a year of upgrades, community support and ongoing preservation work during its annual general meeting on Nov. 17 at the Legion Auxiliary Hall. More than 20 people gathered for reports, elections and a special presentation celebrating the region's rural school history.

The AGM followed the society's regular monthly meeting, where president Irene Stevenson and vice-president Lori Keith reviewed ongoing projects. Keith said the past year has been one of the museum's most productive in recent memory.

"There are many things we're proud of," she said. "We were able to complete our renovation, we increased our attendance, and we've entered about three-quarters of our artifact information into our database."

That increase amounted to 634 guests through the doors in 2024-25, supported by more than 1,700 recorded volunteer hours — a level of community involvement Keith called "remarkable."

Earlier this fall, the society received a \$5,000 operating grant from Manitoba Culture, Sport and Heritage, part of a series of investments that helped advance several priorities.

Keith said two recent grants made a tangible impact.

"The grant from the Carman Area Foundation allowed us to purchase a new computer and new dehumidifiers to replace our aging equipment," she said. "The grant from the Province of Manitoba allowed us to hire someone to assist us in entering information into the database."

The board is also seeking two to three quotes for a large mural on the front of the main museum building.

"We're thinking about having pictures of buildings or structures that were originally part of the town but are no longer here — the water tower, the grandstand, things like that," Keith said.

Electrical upgrades are planned for the historic Boyne School after volunteers encountered issues during a fall evening program.

"We used the Boyne School one evening in October when the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts came to visit, and we noticed the front area was quite dark," Keith explained. "We'd never used the school in late fall before, so we didn't realize how dark it was. The humidity is also high, and we need a second dehumidifier — but we had nowhere to plug it in. Having lights at night will allow us to use the school for evening tours if needed."

Volunteers have been reorganizing displays throughout the fall, efforts that have not gone unnoticed by visitors.

"We received a great response to our wedding dress display," Keith said. "We also moved scrapbooks that had been in the workroom out to the front so people can now read them."

Board members also reported that only 35 copies remain of the 1,000 calendars printed for 2026, with final sales planned for the Nov. 22 Shop at the Hall event.

"Our community support has been great," Keith said. "It shows that the community does feel we are an important part of the community."

Plans are also underway for the annual Christmas at the Museum on Dec. 6, including horse-and-wagon rides generously sponsored by an anonymous member.

"Each event gives the community an opportunity to come to our museum and see what we have," Keith said. "It's important to maintain the history of the area."

During the AGM, members approved the 2025-26 budget and held elections presided over by Mike Kippen. With no nominations from the floor, Stevenson was acclaimed for another term as president, while Bob Wilson was elected as a new director, replacing outgoing director Elaine Owen.

The 2025-26 executive includes Stevenson, Keith, secretary Sandra Kippen, treasurer Cheryl Young, and directors Dennis Young, Stan Reitsma



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Retired teacher Della Heaman sits with former Boyne School students: Dorothy "Meijer" Visscher and Mike Kippen

and Wilson.

Annual reports highlighted progress in operations, collections and property management, including donations made to the Legion for hall use and in memory of Violet Morgan, whose family co-donated the museum's log cabin.

Keith said the new board is setting an ambitious agenda for the year ahead.

"We're going to be reviewing our displays this winter to get ready for our opening in the summer," she said. "We hope to bring out items that haven't been seen before or rearrange items to make them more visible. We're also taking pictures of each artifact and uploading them into the database."

The board has also committed to raising enough funds over the next two years to launch an endowment fund to support long-term operations.

"We would always like an expansion, and we're in the early stages of looking at whether that might be possible," she added. "We're also work-

ing on creating QR codes to give visitors more information during their visit."

Volunteers remain essential to everything the society accomplishes.

"Our museum is totally operated by volunteers, except for the summer student we hire," Keith said. "Like many community organizations, we could not operate without volunteers."

Memberships remain open to the public, and residents are encouraged to get involved.

"Check out our website and contact any board member," Keith said. "Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Memberships are \$10 per person or \$25 for a family."

To close the evening, guest speaker Della Heaman, a former Boyne School teacher, delivered a presentation introduced by Kippen — one of her former students. Heaman shared stories of rural education, describing how teachers instructed eight grades at once and how older children helped younger classmates.

"Her stories were very interesting and brought back many memories for people who attended," Keith said. "The school was a big part of the community."

Her talk, accompanied by her original desk, school bell and the strap, was warmly received and underscored the society's commitment to preserving local history.

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Miami and Area Foundation announce annual grant recipients

By E. Antonio

The Miami and Area Foundation announced the recipients of 12 grants at their annual dinner on Nov. 15.

Community members gathered at the Miami Event Centre to hear the grant announcements and to discover who would receive the honour of Miami and Area Citizen of the Year. Foundation chair, Gordon Simpson, said their celebration was an overwhelming success.

"We are very pleased with the results this year after raising a good amount of money for our grants, and our auction was a success as well," he explained.

This year, the foundation raised \$55,000 through the Miami and Area Foundation's endowment fund and through a gift from the Thomas Sill Foundation, setting a new record for the most amount of grants handed out in a single evening. This year's recipients were,

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- Miami Museum - Museum restoration project: \$3500
- Blair Sharpe Active Living Centre - Gym equipment: \$2500
- Lloyd Orchard Community Arena - Ice Surface CO2 detector: \$3000
- Miami Children's Facility - Cordless Blinds Project: \$3000
- Miami School Parent Advisory Council - Farm Safety Day for Students: \$1500
- Pumpkin Creek Cross Country Ski Club - Ski Rental Equipment: \$1000
- Miami Golf & Country Club - Bathroom renovation project: \$3000
- Miami Curling Club - Fire Exit Door Replacement & Fire Protection Upgrades: \$5000
- Miami Fire & Rescue - New Battery Operated Extraction Tools: \$10,000

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- Altamont Community Centre - AED & Door Upgrades: \$3000



Award recipients gather for a photo during the community's 25th-anniversary business awards celebration, held Nov. 15. The event recognized outstanding achievement and contributions to local economic growth.

- Dunston Church Historical Restoration - Building: \$7000
- LUD of Miami/RM of Thompson - Playground Equipment Miami Park: \$13,000

Bob McMillan was also named Citizen of the Year.

Simpson thanks those who made monetary and auction prize donations, claiming they helped make the evening a success.

Next year, the foundation will be

heading into their 16th year and have set a goal to surpass \$1 million in raised assets through the foundation. Simpson noted this would make next year's gala extra special.

"We are here to help the community grow, an attribute we share with many others," he said. "We are out here just doing the best we can with whatever we got to work with."



Bob McMillan was awarded The Huntley Knox Memorial Citizen of the Year Award 2025.



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Members of the board pose following the 25th-anniversary business awards ceremony. The board will continue to guide the organization through upcoming projects and community initiatives.

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sues on Road 25N, repairs to a park bridge and missing welcome signs. Public works reported ongoing fall maintenance, including sewer flushing, bridge repairs, hydrant flushing and rural mowing. The department added that student summer staff collected more than 200 pounds of metal from municipal roads this season.

The Roland Fire Department re-

ported responding to 17 calls so far in 2025 — nine motor-vehicle incidents and eight fires, four of which were mutual-aid assists. Work continues on firefighter training, equipment upgrades and planning for a future pumper truck.

Council approved accounts totalling \$226,768.04 and payroll of \$32,013.36 for the period ending Sept. 11.

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Shoppers visit Carman's One Stop Shop craft sale



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Shoppers filled the Carman Community Hall during the annual One-stop Shop on Nov. 22, hosted by the Carman Family Resource Centre and the Carman Kinettes. The event featured a wide range of crafters and local vendors — including The Leather Shoop, Simply Sourdough, Dominion Coffee small-batch roasters, Kat's Kritters Rescue, Border Hills Honey and Maria's Puzzle Pantry — along with a home-style lunch provided by the Carman Kinettes and the Graysville Light Horse and Pony Club, and a silver collection at the door.



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New CEO for Kroeker Farms

By Ashleigh Viveiros

One of the nation's largest potato producers is seeing some big changes this fall.

Winkler-based Kroeker Farms has announced longtime chief executive officer Wayne Rempel is moving into an advisory role next month, paving the way for current chief operating officer Harwin Bouwman to step into the top job.

Rempel has headed up Kroeker Farms since 2022 when he became its first non-family CEO. He joined the company in 1988.

In the decades since, Kroeker Farms has expanded its specialty in premium table potatoes, became one of Canada's largest producers of organic potatoes, onions, and hemp, and invested heavily in long-term sustainability practices such as irrigation, tile drainage, reservoirs, and soil stewardship. Rempel also spearheaded the major expansion and modernization of the company's wash and packing facility in Winkler.

"Our farm has changed significantly—and so has our shareholder group—but our values remain rooted in stewardship, service, and innovation," Rempel said. "It's time for me to step back, and I look forward to supporting Harwin and the team as they continue this legacy of the Kroeker family founders. Harwin and I have worked together a long time, and I'm confident he will lead with humility, purpose, and a commitment to always improving."

Bouwman joined the company nearly 15 years ago and has served in a variety of leadership roles in that time. His first day as CEO is Dec. 1.

"This company is full of talented, passionate people, and I'm honoured by the trust placed in me," Bouwman said. "My goal is to continue building a place where our team members can grow, innovate, and do meaningful work—and to lead Kroeker Farms in striving to be North America's choice grower and packer."



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Kroeker Farms CEO Wayne Rempel (left) is moving into an advisory role with the company next month. Taking his place is Harwin Bouwman (right).

Rempel will continue as an advisor to both Bouwman and the board of directors moving forward.

RM of Thompson backs fire hall review, mower purchase and tariff-relief lobbying

By Haley Cvar

The Rural Municipality of Thompson moved ahead on several infrastructure and administrative items at its Nov. 5 regular meeting, including approving a fire hall evaluation, a capital equipment purchase and support for national lobbying on agricultural tariffs.

Council heard a delegation from the Miami Agricultural Society regarding operations and property matters. Public Works staff provided updates on road access to Roll No. 92300.000, the Bridge 11 hydraulic study, Sylvester Bridge, drainage on 24-5-6W and Road 30W, ditch cleanouts and planning for the 2026 budget. Council also approved time-off requests for three municipal employees and received a

report on waste-disposal operations.

Council authorized the Miami Fire Hall evaluation by SeaHawk Service, with funding to come from the Emergency Preparedness Reserve. Council also approved CAO Melissa Brunel's training request as part of ongoing work on accessibility, emergency planning, conditional-use hearings set for Nov. 20 and internal staffing items. Council further endorsed the Miami Golf and Country Club's capital request to purchase a new rough mower.

Accounts totalling \$848,193.37 were approved, along with a reserve adjustment that will split \$20,000 in land-sale revenue evenly between the Waste Disposal Grounds Reserve and the Fire Vehicle Reserve. Council

passed a resolution calling on federal and provincial governments — as well as AMM and FCM — to lobby for compensatory payments to agriculture producers affected by reciprocal Chinese tariffs on canola, pork and seafood.

Council also transferred the first

2025 Canada Community Building Fund payment of \$43,965.50 into the Gas Tax Reserve Fund, and approved payments to Pier Solutions for the completed Bridge 11 hydraulic evaluation and to Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants for audited financial services

PRSD accepting comments on 2026-2027 divisional budget until Dec. 10

By E. Antonio

The Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) is wrapping up their 2026-2027 school year budget consultation period after hosting two sessions this November. PRSD held one consultation for Parent Advisory Council members on Nov. 10, and had a general community consultation on Nov. 19.

Both sessions were described as, "informal conversations to grab as much information as possible to gather what you value for the children in your communities," as Ashley Lachance, PRSD chair said.

A wide variety of questions were asked as PRSD aimed to develop a strong understanding of what is

needed within the division to provide quality education for their students. Those in attendance at the community consultation suggested they were looking for additional hands-on opportunities like trade programming, first aid training and health care aide programs, a communal kitchen space, full time kindergarten, a safe, reliable and supportive learning environment, and that they value the nutrition, art and music programs the division already provides.

PRSD is accepting comments until Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. at www.g.prsdmb.ca/board/finance-budget. Paper copies are also available in school offices.

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Elm Creek celebrates grand re-opening of arena with new artificial ice

By Lana Meier

Elm Creek marked a major milestone last Friday with the official ribbon cutting for its long-awaited artificial ice project — a community-driven upgrade that organizers say will transform winter recreation for years to come.

Rink board chair Lorne Zacharias welcomed a packed crowd to the Elm Creek Arena, thanking residents, donors and volunteers for bringing the ambitious project to life. What began as a plan for a sand-floor rink quickly grew into a full concrete base after fundraising surpassed expectations.

“Our original goal was simply to put in a sand floor,” Zacharias said. “But the community stepped up in such an incredible way that we were able to move to a full concrete surface — something that will benefit Elm Creek for decades.”

The project came with a price tag of roughly \$700,000, raised almost entirely through local contributions. The scale of the upgrade was significant: crews removed 80 tandem loads of sand and clay, replacing it with 10 inches of compacted gravel, four inches of Styrofoam insulation, and six inches of concrete reinforced with truckloads of rebar and chairs.

Embedded within that concrete is one of the project’s most impressive elements — eight miles (13 km) of one-inch pipe, manufactured locally in the RM of Grey.

“Having that much pipe in our new floor is incredible on its own,” Zacharias said. “But having it made right here in our own municipality makes it even more special.”

The new plant began running in mid-October and has been performing above expectations. The arena currently has about 1½ inches of ice, something Zacharias noted would have been impossible this early without artificial ice.

Zacharias said the committee will



Lorne Zacharias, chair of the Elm Creek Rink Board, welcomes guests to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the arena’s artificial ice project.

now take a short break before regrouping to consider future improvements, including potential upgrades to the dressing rooms. While the rooms are warm, clean and freshly painted — and more than adequate for today’s needs — he said enhancements down the road would help further strengthen the facility.

Zacharias paid tribute to the broad network of people who made the upgrade possible. He acknowledged the fundraising committee, which first met in May 2024, along with current and past rink board members and countless volunteers who put in hours of labour.

Board members recognized at the event included Tyra McIntyre, Kaylee Goerzen, Jarryd Fortin, Brad Tkachyk, Daniel Lepp and Kelvin Thielmann.

Contractors thanked for their contributions included Prairie HVAC, HD Concrete, PG Structural Engineering, and Champion Electric.

While reluctant to single out individuals, Zacharias noted the exceptional efforts of Daniel Lepp, Kelvin Thielmann, Brad Tkachyk, Clark Sisson and Barb Lepp. He also thanked ev-



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Elm Creek Arena board members Tyra McIntyre, Kaylee Goerzen, Jarryd Fortin, Brad Tkachyk, Daniel Lepp and Kelvin Thielmann hold the ribbon, at the ribbon cutting ceremony, as Lorne Zacharias declared the Elm Creek Skating Rink Artificial Ice Project completed.

everyone involved in this year’s grain-growing fundraiser on RM land.

The donor board, coordinated by Barb Fortin and Bree Voesnek, highlights the wide range of businesses, farms and individual supporters — including anonymous donors and several naming-rights partners. The only government funding came from an RM of Grey grant.

Zacharias also expressed gratitude to Corinne Schroeder, whose support and national hockey profile helped draw wider attention to the project. Her message was shared with the crowd:

“Despite how cold it was in the rink some days, many of my favourite hockey memories were made in this building,” Schroeder wrote. “It makes me incredibly happy that the youth in our community can continue playing hockey and skating in Elm Creek all winter long.”

A letter from MLA Lauren Stone was also read:

“This arena is more than ice — it’s a gathering place, a source of pride, and

a reminder of what a committed community can accomplish together.”

The event also celebrated a \$5,000 grant from the Carman Area Foundation, which supported new LED lighting and electrical upgrades.

With the acknowledgements complete, Zacharias invited board members Tyra McIntyre, Kaylee Goerzen, Jarryd Fortin, Brad Tkachyk, Daniel Lepp and Kelvin Thielmann.

to hold the ribbon as he declared: “I hereby declare the Elm Creek Skating Rink Artificial Ice Project completed!”

Residents were then invited to stay for an evening of public skating, free hot chocolate, hot food from the canteen, and a prize draw.

The celebration marked not just the opening of a new ice surface but a testament to community determination — proving once again that a small town with a shared vision can achieve big dreams.

The Elm Creek Skating Rink Artificial Ice Project was made possible through extraordinary community generosity, reflected on a donor wall recognizing supporters at every level.

- Access Credit Union is honoured at the Builder level for contributions between \$25,000 and \$49,999.

- Sponsor-level donors, giving \$10,000 to \$24,999, include Carman Concrete Ltd., Encoma Ltd., Homestead Co-op, Daniel and Janelle Lepp, Ian and Michelle Lega, Rob and Kyla Lepp, Bryan and Janice McIntyre, Glenn and Alice Miller, Newman Hand Insurance Ltd., Prairie Flour Mills Ltd., Corinne Schroeder, Hayden, Berlynn, Theodore and Thacher Tkachyk, and the Zacharias family.

- Friend-level supporters, contributing \$5,000 to \$9,999, range from local



Community members gather on the new artificial ice for a group photo following the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Elm Creek Arena.



Barb Lepp and Travis Wight share a moment of reflection.

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Schroeder shines in Torrent debut as hometown celebrates new ice

By Lana Meier

Elm Creek's hometown hockey hero Corinne Schroeder made history once again Friday night, backstopping the Seattle Torrent in the franchise's first-ever game — a 4-3 overtime loss to the Vancouver Goldeneyes on Nov. 21.

Schroeder turned aside 23 shots, keeping Seattle in the game as Vancouver pressed early. The Torrent's offence came from Julia Gosling, who scored twice, and Hannah Bilka, while Abby Boreen netted the overtime winner for the Goldeneyes.

The strong debut adds another milestone to Schroeder's rapidly growing résumé. She is already known across the league for making PWHL history on Jan. 1, 2024, when she recorded the first-ever shutout in the inaugural game of the Professional Women's Hockey League, stopping 29 shots in New York's 4-0 victory over Toronto. She joined Seattle ahead of the 2025-26 season as the expansion club's first starting goaltender.

While Schroeder was lacing up for

her season opener on the West Coast, her hometown community was celebrating a major moment of its own. Elm Creek held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday night to officially open its new artificial ice surface — a project Schroeder proudly supported and helped draw national attention to.

Before the start of public skating, the crowd paused to send their best wishes to the hometown goaltender. Everyone on the ice joined in offering Schroeder a collective, heartfelt "good luck" message as she stepped into her first game of the 2025-26 PWHL season.

Schroeder, who grew up on the Elm Creek rink and has often credited the community for helping shape her hockey journey, shared her excitement in a note read during the ceremony.

Her debut with the Torent marks another significant chapter in a rapidly rising career — one her hometown continues to celebrate with pride.



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Seattle Torrent forward Mikyla Grant-Mentis gets locked with Vancouver Goldeneyes forward Jenn Gardiner on a shot attempt with Seattle Torrent goaltender Corinne Schroeder blocking a shot Friday night at Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, BC, on Nov. 21.



Community members at the Elm Creek Arena send a good-luck cheer to hometown goaltender Corinne Schroeder ahead of her first game with the Seattle Torrent on Friday.

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Sabres rebound with 3-2 win over St. Mary's

By Annaliese Meier

The Sanford Sabres opened their Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League West Division week with a 4-0 road loss to the Churchill Bulldogs on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Sanford bounced back the next day with a 3-2 win over St. Mary's Academy. Halle Penner

scored all three Sabres goals, including the winner in overtime. Mikalah Grant assisted on all three markers.

Sanford plays three times this week: Tuesday on the road at Shaftesbury, Wednesday at home against John Taylor, and Friday away at the GCC Gophers.

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Beavers outgunned by first-place Royals in 7-3 road loss

By Annaliese Meier

The Carman Beavers couldn't keep pace with the league-leading Winkler Royals on Sunday, dropping a 7-3 decision in SEMHL action on Nov. 23 in Winkler.

Winkler jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals from Brett Stovin and Jamie Thiessen, but Carman clawed back in the second when Scott Atkins converted on the power play, assisted by AJ Nychuk. The Royals responded just 26 seconds later to restore their two-goal cushion.

Carman's Tyler Park scored 44 seconds into the third to make it a one-goal game, but the Royals' offence surged from there. Winkler scored four times in the final frame, including Lawson McDonald's game-winner at 3:22 and his second of the night later in the period. Marcus Neufeld and Adam Henry also found the back of the net, while Stovin added his second.

Dean Gorchynski notched Carman's final goal at 12:25, assisted by Mikol Sartor.

Beavers goaltender Luke Zacharias faced a heavy workload, stopping 35 shots. Winkler netminder Matthew Thiessen turned aside 41 of 44 to earn the win.

Carman's next game is Friday, Nov. 28 when they host Warren at 8 p.m. at the Carman Arena.

Hawks idle ahead of December home date

The Notre Dame Hawks (2-3) were idle this week but remain part of a tight group sitting at four points. The Hawks return to action on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m., hosting the Morden Bombers in a matchup that could shift the early-season standings.

Winkler remains atop the standings at 5-0-1 for 11 points, followed by Morden (8 points) and Springfield (7). Carman sits in a four-way tie at four points with Notre Dame, Red River and Portage, and Warren just behind with four points in five games.

The Hawks next game is Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. when Morden travels to Notre Dame.



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Carman goaltender Luke Zacharias robs Winkler's Lucas Ens of a sure goal during Sunday's 7-3 loss to the Royals.

Cougars capture home-ice tournament title

By Annaliese Meier

The Carman Collegiate Cougars made the most of home ice earlier this month, rolling to three straight wins to claim their annual hockey tournament held Nov. 14-15.

The Cougars opened the weekend with a decisive 5-1 victory over the Warren Wildcats on Nov. 14, setting the tone in the A-pool round robin. Carman followed that performance with a 4-2 win over the Mountain Mustangs later that day, securing a berth in the championship game.

Carman met the GVC Zodiacs—who advanced from the B pool—in a closely contested final on Nov. 15, edging out a 2-1 overtime win.

Ryder Delaquis put Carman up 1-0 midway through the first period, finishing off a play set up by Campbell Park and Elliot Van Den Bussche at 9:33. The Zodiacs tied the game less than seven minutes later when Caleb

Pauls scored unassisted at 3:24.

Neither team could break the deadlock through the second and third periods, sending the final to sudden-death overtime. The Cougars capitalized early when Delaquis buried the game-winner on a power play just 58 seconds in, assisted by Nathan Froebe.

The goal sealed both the championship and a standout tournament for Delaquis, who scored twice in the final and six goals overall.

The weekend event featured six teams: Carman, Warren and Mountain in the A pool, and NPC, GVC and PCI in the B pool.

For the Cougars, the title capped a strong two-day effort at both ends of the ice, highlighted by timely scoring and a tight defensive game that held opponents to just four goals across three outings.

Sabers drop back-to-back games in WHSHL hockey week

By Annaliese Meier

The Sanford Sabers struggled in Winnipeg High School Hockey League Winnipeg Free Press Division, falling 5-1 in both of their games this week.

Sanford opened with a road loss in Springfield on Tuesday, Nov. 18, where they scored a pair of power-play goals. Cooper Rodewald struck first at 7:43 of the opening period off a setup from Austin Iliffe

and Andrew Schultz. Iliffe added a third-period man-advantage goal, assisted by Rodewald and Colton Boulanger.

Two days later, the Sabers returned home but dropped another 5-1 decision to Kelvin. Tanner Saley provided the lone goal midway through the second from Rodewald and Cale Wood.

Sanford is back in action Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 3:30 p.m. at CSLR.

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Youth curlers meet Kerri Einarson at Carman bonspiel

By Lana Meier

Young curlers got the chance to meet one of Canada's most accomplished athletes during the Carman youth bonspiel held Nov. 14 to 16. Four-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Kerri Einarson stopped in at the Carman Curling Club, where she

chatted with participants and posed for photos.

Einarson, who also owns multiple Grand Slam titles and has represented Canada on the world stage, encouraged the girls as they took part in the weekend event.

Hawks down Rangers in Manitoba 18U AAA action

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Hawks are in the middle of the pack in the Manitoba 18U AAA Hockey League standings.

Their 5-4 win against the Parkland Rangers Saturday brought their record for the season so far to 12-6-0-1-1, good for 25 points and sixth place in the 13-team league.

Nipping at their heels in seventh and eighth are the Eastman Selects (24 points) and the Parkland Rangers (23 points), while the Hawks are two points shy of the Winnipeg Bruins, Brandon Wheat Kings, and Southwest Cougars in third, fourth, and fifth place.

Last weekend's game saw the

Hawks up 2-1 after 20 minutes thanks to goals from Carson Hiebert and Ragnar Gillis.

Caden McMahon made it 3-1 early in the second before Parkland managed to the two they needed to tie it 3-3. The latter half of the period saw Parkland score once more and the Hawks twice (Gillis and Ocean Fehr) for a 5-4 Pembina Valley lead that held through to the final buzzer after a scoreless third period.

Brody Peters stood tall in net, making 31 saves as the Rangers outshot the Hawks 35-25.

This week the Hawks play the Wheat Kings in Brandon Wednesday before hosting the Yellowhead Chiefs in Morden Saturday and Sunday.



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From left: Bella Orchard, Aria McIntosh, Kerri Einarson, Norah Hannah and Kinsley Bergen.

Marlins reach quarter-finals at provincial JV girls volleyball championship

By Annaliese Meier

The Miami Marlins put together a strong and resilient showing at the Provincial A/AA JV Girls Volleyball Championship, held Nov. 20-22 at Birtle Collegiate, advancing to the quarter-finals after an impressive run through pool play.

Miami opened the tournament with a hard-fought three-set victory over the host Birtle Falcons, rebounding

from a 25-23 first-set loss to take the next two 25-16 and 15-8. The Marlins continued their momentum with another three-set win, defeating the Hapnot Kopper Kweens 21-25, 25-11 and 15-7.

Their third match proved just as tight, as Miami edged the Grandview Spartans 25-15, 18-25, 15-13 to secure their third straight victory. The Mar-

lins closed out round-robin play with a straight-sets win over the Gilbert Plains Trojans, 25-23, 28-26, finishing undefeated in pool play.

In the quarter-final, Miami faced a strong Warren Wildcats squad. Despite several long rallies and late-set pushes, the Marlins fell 25-21, 25-20, ending their championship run in the round of eight.

The tournament concluded with Gabrielle-Roy Les Roys capturing the provincial title with a 25-12, 25-9 win over the Killarney Raiders.

For the Marlins, the weekend showcased depth, determination and poise under pressure — key ingredients that helped them reach the provincial playoff bracket and record one of their strongest seasons to date.

Twisters overwhelmed in back-to-back losses

By Annaliese Meier

The Pembina Valley Twisters endured another difficult weekend in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League, dropping an 8-1 decision to the St. James Jr. Canucks on Friday before falling 9-1 to the St. Vital Jr. Victorias on Sunday at the Morris MultiPlex.

On Sunday, St. Vital took control from the opening shift, scoring four times in the first period and adding

two more in the second to build an insurmountable lead. The Jr. Victorias finished with nine goals from across their lineup, while outshooting the Twisters 43-29. Pembina Valley's lone goal came early in the third period when Darby Olson converted on the power play off a setup from Owen Vanrobaeys and Josh Guilford. Goal-tender Rowan Cherkas made 34 saves in the loss.

Friday's matchup in St. James saw

a similar pattern as the Canucks outshot the Twisters 28-9 in the opening period and carried a 2-0 lead into the intermission. St. James struck four more times in the second and added two in the third. Defenceman Sawyer Leite scored Pembina Valley's only goal of the night, stepping into a power-play shot for his first of the season. Riley Brown and Cherkas combined for 49 saves as the Canucks fired 57 shots. A flurry of penalties late in the

game contributed to a rugged finish, including a fight and multiple misconducts on both sides.

The weekend results move Pembina Valley to 1-14-1 on the season as they continue searching for consistency.

The Twisters visit the Charleswood Hawks on Nov. 28 at Eric Coy Arena before returning home on Nov. 30 to host the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins in Morris.

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Legion

CLUBROOM BAR MANAGER FULL-TIME POSITION

Help Wanted: Full-Time Clubroom Bar Manager

Location: Carman Legion Branch 18, Carman, Manitoba

Position: Clubroom Bar Manager - Full-Time

Hours: Evenings, weekends and special events required

Wages: Dependant on experience

Carman Legion is a welcoming clubroom known for its friendly atmo-
sphere, member events, and excellent service. We're looking for an
experienced and personable **Bar Manager** to oversee operations in
our clubroom and ensure our members enjoy a first-class experience.

Responsibilities:

- Manage daily bar operations, including inventory, ordering, and staff scheduling
- Supervise and train bartenders and support staff
- Maintain cleanliness, organization, and compliance with all health and safety regulations
- Ensure excellent service and a welcoming atmosphere for all members and guests
- Booking the LA Hall and kitchen rentals ensuring accurate contract preparation and collection of said rentals
- Handle cash and point-of-sale transactions accurately
- Handle VLT, Nevada break-open tickets and any fundraising cash deposits accurately
- Assist the executive in all facets of the Legion including promotion of the Legion through events, receptions, and special functions

Qualifications:

- Previous bar management or lead bartender experience required
- Strong leadership, communication, and customer service skills
- Knowledge of beverage trends, inventory control, and cost management
- Ability to work flexible hours, including nights, weekends, and special events
- Certification in responsible alcohol service (Smart Choice certificate)
- Food Handler certificate.

Deadline for applications: Dec. 10, 2025

Please submit your résumé and a brief cover letter to:

Albert Scott

Attention: Legion Clubroom Liaison

Subject line **"Clubroom Bar Manager Application."**

Email: legion18@mts.net



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OBITUARY



Verna Ellen Pattle

The family of Verna Ellen Pattle (nee Gibson) announces her peaceful passing on November 18, 2025 at The Foyer in Notre Dame at the age of 104.

Verna was predeceased by her husband Victor Pattle, her parents George and Della Gibson, brother Alton Gibson, sister Noreen Gibson, sister Lola Dickey and brother-in-law Delmar Dickey, brother Bus Gibson and sister-in-law Fern Gibson.

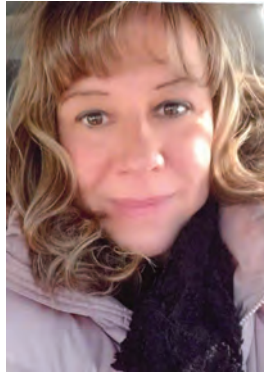
She will be deeply missed by the rest of her family.

Verna was born on the farm in the Tobacco Creek District where she spent the majority of her life. She embodied hard work and determination. Verna cherished tending to the livestock, working in the fields, and her love of horses. In 1981 she married Victor Pattle, and the two of them built a life together on their farm down the road from her family home. She had an enduring connection to the land and an innate desire to nurture and care for those she loved.

In her final years Verna was cared for by the wonderful staff at The Foyer in Notre Dame, who treated her with grace and dignity. Memorial donations can be made to The Foyer in honor of Verna's life well lived.

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OBITUARY



Sandra Jean Morris (nee Archibald)

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of my dear wife, Sandra at the age of 57 on November 16, 2025 at the St. Boniface Hospital.

Sandra leaves behind to mourn, her husband Lance, her parents Cliff Archibald (deceased) Bernice, sisters Cheryle and Brenda, brothers Randy and Brad, brothers-in-law Barry Thiessen, Michael King (Deceased) and nephews Shaun and Daryl.

Thank you to Dr. Jassil and the wonderful heart team 5th Floor St. Boniface for their compassion and care given to my wife and family.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Heart Foundation.

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> GAMES

SUDOKU

4							1	
6	5			3				9
	2					4		
				6		2	5	
1	9		7					
		6		2	3	5		
		7	8		9			
	8				5	3		

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	6	8	5	7	9	4	8	2
4	9	2	6	1	8	7	3	5
8	7	5	3	2	4	6	1	9
6	3	8	2	4	7	5	9	1
5	2	1	9	6	3	8	4	7
7	4	6	1	8	5	2	9	3
3	5	4	7	9	1	6	2	8
6	8	7	4	3	2	1	5	9
2	1	9	8	5	6	3	7	4

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Popular wine __ Spumante
- Greatly impressed
- __ and that
- Uttered with passion
- Boats
- Veteran actor Harris
- Casserole with game
- Reprehensible acts
- They precede C
- Says under one's breath
- Taxis
- It transfers genetic info
- NFL great Randy
- Where college students sleep
- Major European river
- Taco condiment
- frutti
- Polish city
- Astronomy unit
- Khoikhoi peoples
- Bears QB Williams
- Scrambled, fried, boiled
- Price indicators
- One-time world power
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Farm building
- Choose carefully
- Magnum was one
- One who combines
- Nursemaids
- Partner to Pa
- Notable river
- Officially honors
- Colorless compound
- A fancy chair
- Email function

CLUES DOWN

- The central area in a building
- Religion of Japan
- Leggings
- Officially distributes
- Arabian Sea seaport
- Spanish doctors

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10									
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- It cools your house
- Currency of Poland
- Slowly moves into
- Days (Spanish)
- Unit of volume
- Emit
- With two replaceable hydrogens
- Title for a man
- Equally
- Scarlett's home
- One-time tech titan
- Subway dwellers
- One-tenth of a liter
- Central European river
- Distress signal
- Expression of sympathy
- The bill in a restaurant
- Football equipment
- Dance music

- Russian river
- Cosmetics giant Mary __
- Gym class
- Automobiles
- Roman honorific
- Losses in sports
- Go back over
- Home appliance brand
- Unit of radioactivity
- Home of the Flyers
- Short official note
- Emit coherent radiation
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- Most common noble gas (abbr.)
- Toward

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Grilled Chicken Bundt

Heat grill to 350 F with one burner off for indirect heat.

Cut potatoes, carrots and Brussel's sprouts into bite-sized pieces. Drizzle with oil and mix in 1 tablespoon garlic powder, 1 tablespoon onion powder and 1 teaspoon salt; set aside.

Rub chicken with softened butter, remaining garlic powder, remaining onion powder and remaining salt.

Place some veggies in bottom of bundt pan. Place chicken on top of chimney or tube of bundt pan. Fill pan with remaining veggies.

Place pan over indirect heat and grill 1 hour, 30 minutes, or until chicken reaches internal temperature of 165 F.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6
4 potatoes
2 carrots
8 Brussel's sprouts
oil
2 tablespoons garlic powder, divided
2 tablespoons onion powder, divided
2 teaspoons salt, divided
1 whole chicken (4-5 pounds)
1/2 stick butter, softened



Thyme-Roasted Garden Veggies

pepper, to taste
1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Heat oven or grill to 425 F.

Cut zucchinis, squashes, tomatoes and carrots into bite-sized pieces. Place on lined baking sheet. Drizzle with avocado oil. Sprinkle with thyme and garlic then season with salt and pepper, to taste. Top with Parmesan cheese.

Bake or grill 30 minutes until fork tender.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6
2 zucchinis
2 yellow squashes
2 tomatoes
2 carrots
avocado oil
2 tablespoons thyme
2 tablespoons minced garlic
salt, to taste



Honey-Roasted Turkey Breast

temperature 1 hour in large roasting pan with roasting rack.

To make glaze: In medium saucepan over high heat, combine honey, orange juice, mustard, vinegar, salt, pepper, thyme and garlic.

Bring to boil then reduce heat to medium and simmer 15 minutes, or until reduced by two-thirds.

Remove from heat and set aside.

Place roasting pan in center of oven and reduce temperature to 350 F.

After 45 minutes, brush on layer of glaze. Cook 10 minutes.

Brush on another layer of glaze. Cook 10 minutes.

Brush on one more layer of glaze, cooking until internal temperature of turkey registers 165 F.

Remove from oven and let rest 30 minutes.

Cut meat from bone, slice and drizzle with remaining glaze before serving.

Servings: 8
1 full turkey breast (6-7 pounds), bone in, skin on, fully thawed
kosher salt
freshly ground black pepper
Glaze:
1/2 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey
1/2 cup orange juice
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
3 sprigs fresh thyme
1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed
Preheat oven to 500 F.
Season turkey liberally on both sides with salt and pepper; let sit at room

Kick your bad habits for good

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

Quick! Write down that bad habit(s) that came to mind as soon as you read the title. We all have them, and often poor food choices fall into this category, however you are entirely capable of change, even when it comes to nutrition.

- Start small! Making little changes gets the ball rolling, momentum builds over time, and leads to bigger changes. Think ahead on the steps you can take toward achieving your ultimate goal, and work on one step at a time.

- Plan ahead! Successful people take the time to organize themselves, even mapping out how to get to where they want to be.

- Envision success! I'm a big believer in manifestation. If you truly believe in you, then you will be more likely to do the things it takes. If you think it's not possible for you, then you will be easy to give up. Try making a dream board, or doing short spurts of meditation where you imagine how you will be different once you've kicked the bad habit.

- Rally the team! Nothing worthwhile comes easy and you will be far happier working on yourself with the support from your people. Tell friends about your goal and let them know how they can help! If it's food-related, keep your favourite foods out of the house, for example. Or perhaps your significant other can stop bringing home desserts (or maybe only surprise you with a sweet treat on Fridays for the next few months).

- Clear away temptations. This relates how your people can enhance your chance at success – get rid of triggers in your household that often lead to your engaging in the bad habit.

- Replace bad with good. Think about what you could do instead



Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

when the urge strikes. Do you want to stop eating chips at night? Perhaps you could go for a walk or prepare another healthier meal to enjoy.

- Be all in! You don't kinda want to achieve this goal. Get excited about the fact that you are on the way to doing it!

- Keep things positive. Reframe your journey from being about stopping, to personal growth and what you are gaining by changing your lifestyle. This can take practice, but that's what professionals like myself are here for!

Discuss your health goals or fitness struggles by scheduling a free online consultation: www.calendly.com/juliegermaine or email me directly: julie@juliegermaine.com

Coach Julie Germaine Coram is dedicated to long-life health! She is an active mom, Registered Personal Trainer, a 2x Pro Fitness Champion, Certified Nutrition Expert & Fitness Specialist. She has helped thousands worldwide improve their health since 2005.



Taco Cups

guacamole (optional)
black olives (optional)
Heat oven to 350 F.

Brown ground beef with taco seasoning.

Cut tortillas in half then in half again, making four pieces. Place two pieces in each hole of muffin tin. Place browned ground beef in each hole then top with shredded cheese. Bake 15 minutes, or until tortillas reach desired crispiness.

Using knife, shred lettuce and cilantro. Top each cup with sour cream, salsa, lettuce and cilantro, as desired. Add guacamole and olives, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6
1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1-2 tablespoons taco seasoning
1 package (8 count) flour tortillas
shredded cheese
lettuce
cilantro
sour cream
salsa