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## **Southport to Renovate and Operate Bowling Alley**

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Southport announced today that they have assumed management of the 5-pin bowling alley located at the Central Plains RecPlex. The bowling alley was previously leased out.

Along with assuming the operations, Southport will renovate and upgrade the facility. The project will include upgrades to the lanes, the addition of electronic scoring capabilities and other renovations to give the facility a modern feel. The facility will also be fully wheelchair accessible and capable of glow bowling.

Renovations will begin immediately, with a scheduled completion date of Fall 2018. The bowling alley will not be open during the renovations. Southport and the Central Plains RecPlex appreciates the cooperation of all users during this time.

Along with the physical changes, the bowling alley will also receive a new name, brand and operating hours. Marketing information will be released before the grand opening, which is scheduled for this fall.

"Once the upgrades are complete, the bowling alley will be a great place for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy a game," says Southport CEO, Peggy May. "We're excited to use this facility to its full potential for tenants living onsite, military members and their families, and the Portage la Prairie region as a whole. We encourage everyone to come and play a game in the fall."

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