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PHOTO BY JESSICA COULTER

By Jessica Coulter
 RIVERS BANNER

Another fantastic fun day was had by all in Kenton on Canada Day. The 4-H Kenton Kraftsmen served up an amazingly tasty breakfast to fuel up everyone for the day.

Car Rally registration started at 10am. A total of forty-four questions were in this years scavenger hunt to win a gift card

to Brierwood Creek Café and Grill. Checkpoints were set along the route for Poker Derby cards to be pulled too. The hunt took the drivers in all directions. Checkpoints included Clacks Family Museum and Kenton Dam.

The patio for the legion was ready for everyone as they made it back from the scavenger hunt. After a drink or two, supper was served in the Kenton Hall. Slow cooked beef and ham roasts, with baked potatoes, beans and salads were served up by the Harding Ag Society.

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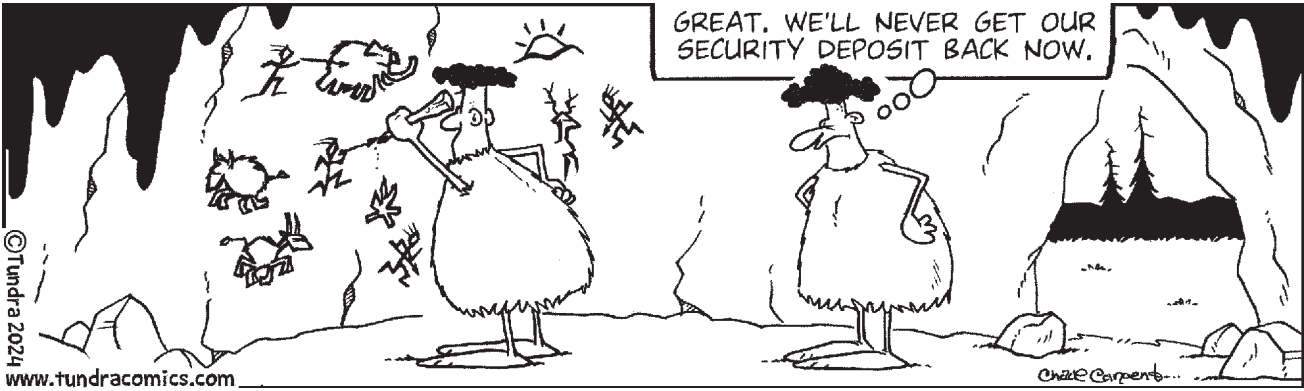
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By Chad Carpenter



Some uncomfortable truths

Former US President Ronald Reagan said once, “The nine most feared words in the English language are, I’m here from the government and I’m here to help.”

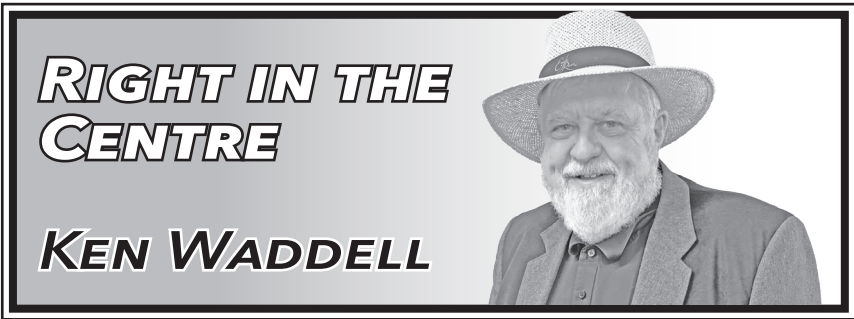
How true that is. Generally speaking, when governments get involved, they screw things up. The modern day economy is littered with examples. While well intentioned, most government initiatives are inefficient, expensive and misguided. But as a wise friend of mine pointed out after reading this column, big businesses screw up badly too. Big tobacco companies as an example.

Now, I don’t blame anybody for installing government funded solar panels but if they are so great, should they not fund themselves. I see them popping up all over and they are indeed tempting but they are expensive to say the least.

Electric cars are, in my opinion, one of the biggest scams ever foisted on our modern society. They are expensive, heavy and in some cases very dangerous. And on the “green” front, what do you do with the old batteries?

In a similar vein, has anybody figured out what to do with spent wind turbine blades? Not that I know of. They are not recyclable, they are buried in a landfill somewhere. And I read somewhere that it takes many weeks on a ship to get the blades to North America, then they are shipped by train and finally by truck to the wind farm site. I think somebody burned a lot of diesel making that all happen.

On the social front, there is a major wave of pushback against many of the social plans of the so-called Woke movement. I am all for human rights, for equal pay for equal work,



for non-discrimination in the work place. God help anyone who tries to use or abuse my staff, my friends or my family. That said, rules need to be for everyone, not for special groups. Forced diversity is splitting our country wide open and it will blow up sooner or later.

Recent elections in France and South America are showing a major swing in the pendulum and it is largely because groups and governments have rammed some really goofy ideas down peoples’ throats.

You can blame the universities if you like or Hollywood or the media, blame whoever you want, but goofy changes in our society can only really be blamed on ourselves. Some of our most conservative groups don’t even vote and somehow take foolish pride in that stance.

In addition, 40 per cent of all people don’t vote but 100 per cent whine and complain. That makes sense doesn’t it?

But back to conservative stands. The United States looks like they are about to elect Donald Trump as president. Trump has a list of negative things as long as your arm but he has one thing going for him. Trump “claims” to speak for the common people, the citizens which governments have hammered and hectorated and dismissed for decades. My wise

friend mentioned earlier also points out that Trump helped a lot of his rich friends too.

People want to be free in action, thought and word, they don’t want to be told what they have to do, what they have to think.

Trump has tapped into that vein of discontent and it appears that in spite of his age, his crazy ideas and his long list of faults that compared to the Democrats, he is the peoples’ choice.

The best thing that a government can do is less, but we are so far down the subsidy rabbit hole now that we may never get out.

And before anybody jumps on our family’s three newspapers and says. “Well, you take subsidies.” Yes, we do, but reluctantly. I have said publicly for many years that instead of subsidies, governments need to buy ads. Ads on TV, radio and newspapers, not subsidies.

But the problem is if the government bought ads, they would have to tell us what they are doing, and truth be told, governments don’t really want to tell the people what they are doing. That would be uncomfortable wouldn’t it?

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Homebodies

Rita Friesen



Road trip!

My Sister the Younger had the misfortune to break her arm some time ago, and so I have tried to slip over to Carman every couple of weeks and have lunch with her. One week I decided to use different routes coming and going: see something different, check on crops and moisture conditions. I followed Highway 16 down to Highway 1 and continued south to St Claude rather than go through Portage. I would certainly nominate that section of road for the award of most potholes per mile in the province, perhaps the nation! So I slowed down and appreciated the scenery. It was wet. And the closer I got to sandier land the more I noted drifting soil right around water filled sloughs and low spots. No need for the irrigation system to be working. Turning west at St Claude I envisioned the worst of the road conditions behind me. Nope. Construction. Pilot vehicle. Flag people. All the standard Manitoba summer road conditions. No problem, I had given myself adequate travel time, my sister wouldn’t be worrying. Again, very wet fields, some hay wrapped and some silage started. Turning south at Elm Creek I was close to target time. Dang, a couple of miles out all travel was directed off the highway, an incident had required a detour. Again, no problem, I know the area. Okay, now you have all the transports, B trains, on a country gravel road. Dust enough to choke you, and slow travel as the semis with their loads maneuvered tight corners and carefully met each other, no one really wanting to take the soft shoulder. As the majority of the traffic headed back to the highway I continued a mile further south before returning to the pavement. Again, knowing the area gave me that confidence. Without the traffic and the dust I could crop and water watch. I was only 15 minutes late.

So, to return home I decided to head north from Carman to Highway One and then on to Carberry and home. Here again, timing was everything. The rail crossing in Headingly was under repair, so ALL east bound traffic on Highway One was re-routed at Oakville, Highway 13, travelling south to Elm Creek before going east to Winnipeg. So take ALL the traffic off of a main artery and funnel it down a two-lane highway, and there was mile after mile of end to end vehicles: campers, U Hauls, big rigs and the impatient ones. It was mind numbing. I was ever so thankful to be meeting them rather than trying to merge with them. The turn at the Elm Creek corner was painful to witness...

After that it was clear sailing. A little bit of construction just after entering the Trans Canada, but the traffic was orderly and considerate. And again, the fields were wet. Early crops, especially the fall sown crops, look ok, there may be spots that will yellow yet, but right now they look pretty good. As a farmer’s daughter, and a long time farmer’s wife, I’d say we have had enough rain for now, and don’t need blistering heat. I already know which route I’ll choose next time.

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I will be the first to admit that there are sometimes when I shake my head at some of the things our politicians, pundits, predictors and even (sadly so) preachers are saying about our world, its leaders and the global issues we are facing. I have never heard so many people, make so many exaggerated claims or predictions about so many things as I am hearing today. If we believed everything we are told, especially on social media, many of us would have lost hope by now and be waiting in fear for the end to come.

Unfortunately, there are many people in our world who are living with constant anxiety, worry, fear and depression. According to a November, 2021 article in Psychology Today, cases of anxiety and depression increased by 25 per cent in just one year, thanks in large part to the COVID pandemic. They continue to rise in Ukraine and the Middle East; thanks to current wars and the fear of escalation as outside nations increase their supply of guns, tanks, rockets, drones and other ammunition to the countries fighting the war.

And we will never know how many people around our world are living in fear of some major upheaval within their borders-an attack from a foreign power, a civil war or tribal conflict, an economic collapse, another pandemic, a natural disaster linked to climate change and numerous other possible problems. The list of things that could go wrong on this planet is growing by the minute, as is the

threat to human health, safety and security.

None of these things should take us by surprise. Jesus told us they were coming. In Luke 21:26, he spoke of a day when "people would faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world..." Those conditions appeared shortly after Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension-and they have been with us ever since.

In John 14, Jesus offers us his answer to the anxiety, depression and panic in our society. "Peace I leave with you," he says. "My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27) The "peace the world gives" is based on treaties made, recorded on paper and signed by those negotiating them. It stands or falls on the integrity of those who signed the agreements.

The peace Jesus gives is different. It is an inner character quality; given to us by the Holy Spirit who lives within all those who put their faith in Jesus. It enables us to face all of life's challenges with dignity, courage and unlimited optimism.

St. Paul tells us how to release that quality when we desperately need it. "Do not worry about anything," he says. "But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

In today's world, with all its uncertainties, God's message to us is "Don't panic! Pray." Pray for your country, its governments (federal, provincial and local) your community, those who live on your street, those with whom you work, your family, yourself, the church you attend and those who lead it. Your prayers will release God's peace in you; and in those who, thanks to your example, also seek God's help for their lives. So-don't panic. Pray. Be at peace and live in peace.

Rapid City 142nd Agricultural Fair winners

Submitted
BY JANET FEARNLEY

In the parade on June 21, the Nursery School and Rapid City Library took first place. Second place went to Rapid City Community Church, and third Rapid City 4-H beef club.

- In exhibits:
- Horticulture highest points - Tracy Timmer,
 - Brandon Sewing/handicraft highest points - Bernice Finlay,
 - Rapid City Baking highest points - Leanne Goetz,
 - Minnedosa Seniors highest points - Janet Fearnley,
 - Rapid City Cattle - Champion Bull - Amy Peters,
 - Rivers Reserve Champion Bull - Amy Peters,
 - Rivers Champion Female - More Brothers,
 - Virden Reserve Champion Female - KCH Cattle Co.,
 - Rapid City Best beef animal on the grounds - More Brothers, Virden
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Rapid City Lake is getting cleaned up. Aquatic harvesters or lake weed harvesters are aquatic machines designed for water management to cut and remove submerged and emergent aquatic plants or lake weeds. Traditional lake weed harvesters are paddle-wheel-drive.

Another successful Woodworth Legion Trivia Night



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By Jessica Coulter
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Laughter could be heard from outside the Legion hall as players attempted to answer all the questions at the six rounds of trivia on Friday night June 28.

After chase the ace was done, people formed groups of five to six to see who knew the most. Questions ranged from name all the Golden Girls, to list all the continents. There were six teams and they all got to pick their own team names, The Bar Crew, RECBMC, 4 Pops and 2 Poops, I Love Lucy, 50's Kids, and the Chicken Ranchers.

The winners were 4 Pops and 2 Poops with 76 points!!

STEAK KEBAB

1 lb. sirloin steak, cut into 1" cubes
1 cup favourite BBQ sauce
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, extra for brushing
1 large yellow or red onion
1 Red Pepper
1 Orange Pepper
1 Yellow Pepper
2 cups grape tomatoes
Salt and black pepper to taste

Directions

1) In a large bowl, combine steak, 1 table-spoon olive oil, and BBQ. Cover and let marinate at room temperature at least 1 hour or up to 2 hours or refrigerate up to 4 hours.

2) Prepare a grill for high heat; preheat 5 minutes. Brush with oil. Thread 8 skewers with steak, onion, bell pepper, and tomatoes, alternating with 3 to 4 steak cubes per skewer. Drizzle kebabs with remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil; season with salt and black pepper.

3) Grill skewers, turning occasionally, until vegetables are tender, and meat is cooked to desired degree of doneness, 8 to 15 minutes total (grills can vary). Transfer kebabs to a plate.

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World Charolais Congress Tour visits HTA Charolais

Submitted
By JOAN AIREY

The first Charolais cattle were purchased by HTA Charolais in 1970 and it's been the way of life ever since for three generations. Shawn, Tanya and their children Chase and Blake made this their full-time occupation in 2013. Shawn grew up working with Charolais cattle and Tanya has a livestock background as well. Shawn is currently President of the Canadian Charolais Association. HTA Charolais is located just outside of Rivers.

The World Charolais Congress tour started in Toronto on June 21. As the General Manager of the Canadian Charolais Association Craig Scott said, "The excitement has been building for this great event and we are thrilled to showcase our genetics plus Canadian hospitality. The congress tour will be a great mix of cattle and some very special tourist events." He stated this when he welcomed people from Australia, Estonia, Canada, Hungary, New Zealand, Sweden, England, USA, Wales, Hungary, France, Czech Republic, Ireland, and Mexico to the tour across Canada ending at the Calgary Stampede. The Airey's will be taking part in the World Charolais Congress Genetics for the World Sale July 3 in Calgary.

Wednesday afternoon, two buses arrived at the cattle headquarters at HTA and were welcomed into the sales barn for refreshments before touring the HTA herd and the pen display of cattle by HTA Charolais, Prairie Dawn Charolais, Oak Lake and R & G McDonald Livestock, Sidney, Manitoba.

At the barn they had a guessing contest on the weight of a herd sire and a cow/calf pair that were displayed in the pens. Two prizes were handed out to winners one of the herdsire whose weight was guessed was HTA Spiderman 9103G 5-year-old bull who weighed (2390 lbs) 1086kg. Winning guess of 1089kg. was a tie between Reet Pikkmetts of Estonia and Milton De Jonge from Australia. Weight of HTA Bobby Jo 691D and her Legacy's Hulk Hogan 50J



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JOAN AIREY

Four times the flat deck took different visitors on a tour of HTA Charolais cattle herds.

bull calf pair weighed (2357lbs) 1071kg. Winning guess was 1085 from Kristina Bergman from Sweden.

Late afternoon the buses and many Manitoba area breeders headed for the Rivers Community Centre for a catered buffet supper and more visiting. During presentations that evening Donnie Leddy, American Charolais Journal and Shawn talked about the time Brent Theil rode HTA Tundra 222B in a parade in South Dakota. During the evening several presentations were made to Shawn, Tanya, Blake and Chase from Australia. One thing

they received was a boomerang for their great hospitality. Craig Scott presented Chase and Blake with backpacks and their parents with mementos.

People were impressed with the facilities in Rivers and the Australian's especially had many questions about our arena and curling facilities. A hundred people from around the world had lots of positive comments about hospitality and cattle in our area. The tour was organized by Helge and Candace By of By Livestock of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Rivers Legion Golf Tournament

Submitted
By DENNIS VEITCH

On Saturday, June 22, 2024, 72 golfers braved the elements to golf in the Rivers Legion best ball golf tournament.

Men's first place four-some team was Cameron Ramsey, Gavin Janz, Briley Wood and Seth White from Rivers, with a score of 64.

Mixed first place four-some team was Travis Teichrow, Nicole and Sam Henderson and Aaron Symbolist from Brandon, with a score of 65.

Men's longest drive was won by Briley Wood.

Ladies longest drive was won by Janice Worth.

Men's longest putt of 34 feet was won by Paul Solon of Brandon.

Ladies longest putt of 31 feet, was won by Suzie Wood.

Men's closest to the pin at 32 inches, was won by Lance Anderson.

Everyone returned to the Legion for a wonder-



PHOTO BY JESSICA COULTER

On the green on hole #1 at Rivers Golf Course.

ful supper prepared by the Legion staff.

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RIVERS COMETS BASEBALL

By Jessica Coulter
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The Comets traveled to Elkhorn Friday, Thursday, June 27, to play the Expos. Elkhorn Expos 23 - Rivers Comets 8. Comets started the with one run in the first. The Expos answered back with four runs at the bottom of the first. Expos put four more runs in the second. Rivers brought home two more runs in the third and two more in the fourth. Expos brought in nine runs in the fourth and six more in the sixth. Comets finished the game with three runs in the seventh.

Rivers Comets hit the road again to Wawanesa on Tuesday, July 2, to play the Brewers. Wawanesa Brewers 7 - Rivers Comets 5. Comets held the game at one run until the bottom of the third when the Brewers crossed home place with one run. Comets responded by taking the lead again with a second run in the fourth. Comets added another run in the sixth. Brewers fought back and put six runs in at the bottom of the sixth. Comets tried to make a come back at the beginning of the seventh but only were able to get two more runs in.

The Rivers Comets next game will be Tuesday, July 9 when they host the Virden Oilers.

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Rivers Comets #8 Alastair McFadden up to bat against the Elkhorn Expos.

OAK RIVER DODGERS BASEBALL

By Jessica Coulter
RIVERS BANNER

The Dodgers vs the Oilers game on June 28 was postponed due to weather.

The Dodgers hosted to Reston Rockets Tuesday, July 2. Oak River Dodgers 16- Reston Rockets 1. Oak Rivers took advantage of being on their home field with many runs. Four runs in the first, three runs in the third, two runs in the fourth, and five runs in the fifth. Rockets placed one run on the board in the sixth and Dodgers finished the game with another four runs at the bottom of the sixth.

The next game for the Dodgers is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 when they take on Hamiota Red Sox.



HAMIOTA RED SOX BASEBALL

By Jessica Coulter
RIVERS BANNER

The Red Sox and Brewers game was postponed on June 28 due to weather. No games for the Hamiota Red Sox this past week. Next game will be Friday, July 5, 2024, at 7pm when the Red Sox host the Elkhorn Expos.



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