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A spooktacular celebration at Rivers Legion



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Costume contest winners. Left to Right: Val Collins 2nd. Randy & Marni King 1st. Les Windsor & Norma Jean Ventnor tied 3rd

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

On the hauntingly delightful night of October 31st, Rivers Legion transformed into a haven for phantoms and creatures of the night with its annual Halloween Howl. The event brought together a wide array of attendees, from clever jellyfish to mysterious headless creatures all eager to revel in the spirit of Halloween.

The atmosphere was electrifying as patrons arrived, greeted by a ghoulish greeter at the door who set the tone for an unforgettable night filled with fun and fright. Attendees didn't just come to observe; they embraced the Halloween spirit wholeheartedly, donning inventive, unique, and elaborate costumes that showcased their creativity and enthusiasm. From detailed make-up to extravagant outfits, every corner of the venue reflected the imagination of those participating.

The Halloween Howl encouraged a sense of community and camaraderie, with patrons bringing their own appetizers to share. Tables overflowed with an array of delicious treats, from savory bites to sweet indulgences, creating a delightful potluck atmosphere.

Throughout the evening, the decorations and ambiance of Rivers Legion evoked the perfect frightful feeling. The combination of energy, anticipation, and thrill made for an

irresistible party atmosphere enjoyed by all.

To elevate the competition, Rivers Legion awarded gift cards to guests who showcased the most creative costumes. Four remarkable entries were recognized, with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners earning Legion gift cards for their efforts. The thrill of vying for these prizes added an exciting dimension to the night, as guests reveled not just in the atmosphere but in the spirited competition. The creativity displayed during the costume contest was a testament to the community's dedication to celebrating this spooky season in style.

Attendees departed with memories of laughter, exquisite costumes, and delectable flavors, eagerly anticipating next year's event. The camaraderie built during the festivities reaffirmed the spirit of Halloween—a time for magic, creativity, and togetherness.

In conclusion, Rivers Legion's Halloween Howl was a resounding success. With a combination of thrilling ambiance, delightful culinary offerings, and engaging competitions, the event became a cherished highlight of the Halloween season. The creativity and enthusiasm of each participant made the night truly special, ensuring that this celebration would be remembered well beyond October 31st. As we look forward to the next Halloween Howl, there's no doubt that the community will return even more excited, ready to conjure up another evening of magic and merriment.

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HUSKIES

HIGH SCHOOL HUSKIES WIN TWO IN A ROW
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Almost 250 people at the Oak River fall supper



Catching a quick pic of the desserts before the crowd arrives.

Submitted
By OAK RIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Thank you, 1000 times over, to everyone who gave of their time and cooking skills for our 2025 Fall Supper. Our count puts us at just under 250 people served! That is more than double the number from last year (well the previous three years if we are being honest)!

"We had planned for 100-150 and ended up with just under 250! Thankfully we had an enormous variety of food," says Tammy Recksiedler from Mr. T and Son Services.

It was utter chaos for a bit, but thanks to our incredible volunteers we managed to pull off a lovely fall supper. An enormous thank you to all those who put in extra long shifts to get us through the evening. Your commitment does not go unnoticed, and we are so grateful for you. Job well done friends.



Submitted Photos
Lining up on both sides of the table to fill up on this delicious fall supper.

The menu was: turkey, ham, sweet and sour meatballs, mashed potatoes, perogies, coleslaw, corn, carrots, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, buns, a variety of salads and a plethora of desserts. Coffee, tea & punch.



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MONTEREY CHICKEN

Classic Monterey chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, and mushrooms. This dish is worth the extra time!

Ingredients

- 4 (5 ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 cup teriyaki marinade sauce
- 1/2 pound bacon
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, cut into long slices
- 1 small green bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 (8 ounce) package fresh mushrooms, coarsely chopped
- 4 slices mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Marinate the chicken: Place chicken in a nonporous glass dish or bowl. Pour teriyaki marinade over chicken and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours.
3. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
4. Remove chicken from the marinade and place in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Reserve 1/3 cup marinade and discard the rest.
5. Bake chicken in the preheated oven until cooked through and juices run clear, 20 to 30 minutes.
6. Meanwhile, place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Drain and set aside.
7. Melt butter in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onion, bell pepper, and mushrooms for about 3 to 5 minutes. Add reserved 1/3 cup marinade and simmer until soft. Drain and set onion mixture aside.
8. Top baked chicken with bacon strips. Add onion mixture and top each breast with a slice of cheese. Bake until cheese is melted and bubbly, another 10 to 15 minutes.
9. Serve and enjoy!

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Setting realistic boundaries



In last week's column, I spoke of boundaries and the benefits they provide those who live within the limits they set. Today, I want to offer some guidelines to help us set realistic boundaries within which we can live happy and productive lives. They have served me well for most of my life; and I hope they will help you.

Boundary 1: set and maintain personal financial priorities. My parents grew up during the "Dirty 30s," years of drought combined with the Great Depression that devastated and destroyed the hopes and dreams of millions in Canada. They lived simply. They spent wisely and despite the many hardships they faced, they always had enough to feed their family and expand their farm (little by little, paying as they went). They also made sure that they had enough to make regular donations to our community church, and to support selected Christian missionaries, some of whom were family members.

I have never forgotten the lessons I learned from their

example. Today, my priorities and spending habits closely mirror theirs; and I am grateful for the stability I enjoy thanks to the boundaries I set by following their example.

Boundary 2: Protect the resources God has entrusted to your care. These resources come in two forms—people and possessions.

As for the people in our lives, boundary lines need to be clearly stated. We will not tolerate any disrespect, mockery, ridicule, put down, bias, racism or prejudice—not from us directed at others and not from others directed at us or anyone in our care. We will accept rebuke or correction at any time, provided it is given in love and based on truth. But we will call out those who judge us based on lies and other assumptions.

As for the possessions, we will treat them with respect, keep them in good repair and use whatever means we must to protect them from those who would misuse or abuse them. There is nothing wrong with having insurance to protect you in case of accident, fire, theft or other forms of loss. Nor is there anything wrong with keeping your doors locked, putting security systems in your homes or businesses, having adequate exterior lighting or using other means to protect your resources from those who would use fraud, manipulation, extortion or violence to take them from you.

Finally, carefully choose the charities to which you will donate money. As we get close to Christmas, our mailboxes, social media accounts, radios and TVs will be flooded

with messages from organizations asking for donations. They will be crafted to convince us that their causes are just and that everyone should send them some money.

As of 2023, according to Statistics Canada, there were over 86,000 registered not-for profit organizations in this country. They do good work. They meet real needs. And they all would like us to support them financially. But who should we support and how much should we give? That decision is between you and God. He will show you the organizations you should support and tell you how much to donate to each.

Setting these boundaries is easy. But sometimes we must set boundaries that can split families in half and create wounds that may never heal. Next week, we will examine one story from ancient history where this happened; and we will learn how boundaries brought a man face to face with God in an encounter that changed his life and, if we will learn from it, can also change ours.

Huskies win first two games of the season



By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

The Hamiota, Rivers, Elton, Strathclair Huskies (H/R/E/S Huskies) kicked off the new season.

What a way to start the 2025-2026 season with a 4 to 3 shootout victory over the GCB Wildcats on October 26, 2025, on home ice. Then another fantastic win over the RMHS Renegades on November 2, 2025, with the Huskies putting 6 goals in the net, over the Renegades one goal at their first away game. The next game will be played Sunday, November 9 at 3:20pm at their second away game against the Crocus Plains Plainsmen.

Let's meet the team. Head coach is Rob Hutchings. Assistant coaches include Tom Mollard, Darren Rozdeba and Taryn Luhowy. The Huskies roster is as follows: #1 Kayden Elliott, #2 Corbin Munz, #4 Jayson Knight, #5 Clay Munz, #7 Aaron Rouls, #8 Sam Rivas-Banos, #9 Jesse Bourdin, #10 Chase Airey, #11 Jayson Schoonbaert, #12 Nick McMaster, #13 Kirk Bayes, #14 David Waldner, #15 Duncan McLean, #16 Mateo Finnie, #17 Hayden Bridges, #18 Carter Rozdeba, #19 Colby Burt, #20 Josh Mathison, #22 Reid Hutchins, #23 Kevin Therrien, #30 Trey Tuttle, #33 Nic McDuff. This is the Huskies lineup for the season. Watch for posters for the next home game. Come out and cheer these lads on to victory!

Remembrance Day Wordsearch

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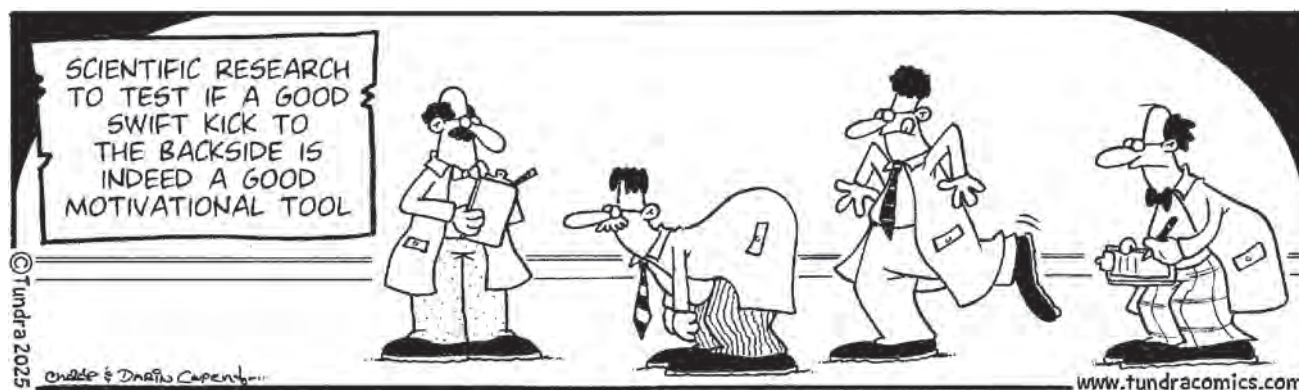
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Lest we forget...

Hanging on a wall in many a community hall, and prominently displayed in a church, or, sadly, tucked into storage are the plaques and framed papers recording the names of those who “Who have volunteered for active service with Canada’s Fighting Force. For King and Country”. Last week my sister was working at the Roland Community Hall, helping prepare for their fall supper, and she noted one such a list. Looking closer, it was a list of people from the Mrytle District, and included the names Ellen Groening and Dave Thiessen with the army, and Cornelius Thiessen with the navy. Ellen was our mother’s sister and married Cornelius, and Dave was Cornelius’s brother and he married our mother’s younger sister, Liddy. These brave folks served well, returned, thankfully unharmed, and contributed to society for the rest of their days. My uncles and aunt seldom spoke of their time in service, continuing to live quiet, dignified lives, loving and being loved. As children we never thought to ask questions, and I do wonder if their children heard stories. I am deeply grateful for their service, and for the role they played in my life.

I want to thank Mr. Ferguson for placing the white wooden crosses in our Riverside Cemetery. The red poppy in the centre speaks volumes. There must be hundreds of them, in almost every corner of the beautifully maintained resting place. Men and women, young and old, of every nationality, all willing to work for a common goal, a common good. I can imagine that some signed up out of financial necessity, a guaranteed income for the wife and children, in a time when jobs were scarce and hunger common. I imagine that for some it was an adventure, travel, new friends, a test of their strength and courage. Others went in answer to the call of duty. In my early years one of our neighbours served in, and returned from World War One, and when his son enlisted for the Second World War, Mr. Key signed up again - not wanting his son to go off alone....

The plaques and framed papers do tell a story. They remind us of family members who served — it’s a full heart that reads these names- and then I think of all the nameless heroes. I can imagine wives bidding their partners farewell, knowing that the weight and responsibility of family life is now theirs alone. I can imagine sweethearts recognizing that with the parting there may never be a home and family. Or mother... The hopes and dreams of a safe and love filled life for their child now so uncertain. Neighbourhood friends growing up too fast, one left behind for any reason while chums enlist and leave. I can even imagine the gut wrenching emotion when the dreaded telegram, or envoy, tells one clearly that their loved one will not be coming home. Would that be an easier message than “missing in action”? That I can not imagine...

As November 11, Armistice Day, Remembrance Day, is honoured, I am humbled in gratitude for all who served, and all who waited. We will remember.

Canada must consider war with great caution

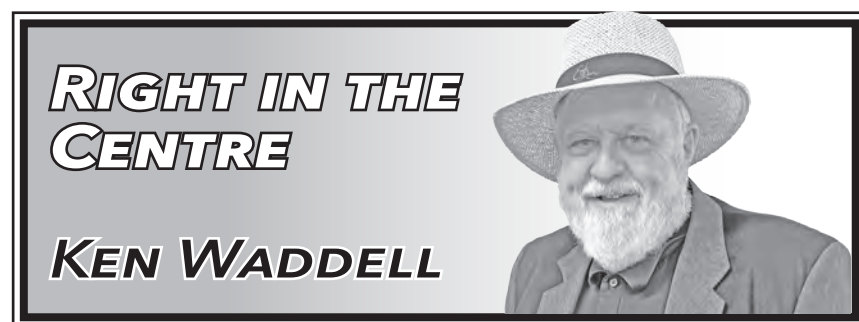
This column harkens back to 2019, but it bears repeating. It’s been a long time since the guns of World War I fell silent. One hundred and 107 years ago in fact. Some of us are old enough to have known some WWI veterans. Most of us know World War II veterans but, there are very few left with us.

The Korean War was a much smaller conflict and it was over 70 years ago. My brother was a Korean War vet, but he is gone now too. We have a number of military veterans with us who have served our country well in other places, in peacekeeping efforts, mostly in the Middle East.

The irony of the opening sentence is that the guns have never actually fallen silent. Diminished yes, but silent, no.

One has to wonder why we still have conflicts? There are many factors and while military action is still seen as a solution today, it rarely is the answer. Canada’s role as a military country has an interesting history. Our very nation was formed by war. The French colonists fighting the British in Canada’s early days, the government fighting the First Nations people and the Metis are all key points in Canadian history. Canada sent troops to the Boer War in the late 1800s. It is said Canada became a nation in WWI. By the time WWII came along, Canada became a major player in this thing called war. The 1950s saw the Korean Conflict and heavy Canadian involvement. Canada tried to be a peacemaker in the second half of the 20th century and on into the present day. By either war or peacekeeping standards, Canada has been pretty successful.

After experiencing 400 years of military involvement, Canada needs



to take a serious look at what the future holds. Hopefully, the next 100 years will look very different from what the past 100 years has looked like. Hopefully, the results will be much different.

Canada needs to take a serious look at what it can and should do. In spite of our great geographic size, Canada is still only a small percentage of the United States in population and economic capacity. That factor alone sets some boundaries about what we can and should do. Canada needs a strong and battle ready military on land, sea and in the air. We don’t have that right now, especially in the air and on the sea. Canada needs to have training and equipment that allows us to partner with our allies at home and, when necessary, abroad.

That word, abroad, raises some serious considerations. Our interventions abroad were instigated out of the necessity of the times. Past decisions were made based on the best information available. It is unfair to criticize past decisions. To do so is a disservice to those who risked their lives for our sake. But future decisions and interventions need to be examined in the light of the best information available and of what we have learned from the past.

Canada needs to be ready at all times to defend our borders and come to the defence of our allies. That said,

I am not sure we should entangle ourselves in civil and religious wars in far away places and, especially, in places where the people have no intention of sharing our view about peace and good government. In the bluntest of terms, if we intervene in countries that place little value on human rights or religious freedom, it is doubtful if we should send our people to die there.

Canada is a relatively young country, but some of the places where we try to intervene have had a highly developed society for thousands of years. I doubt they are really prepared to take moral instruction or military intervention from us.

Canada’s military needs to be ready to defend, to work at home, be ready to align with allies when necessary, but intervention should be done in a very measured and considered manner. Canada’s job is to build opportunity in Canada and defend Canada’s interest. If other countries like our approach, they are quite welcome to adopt it. However, we should tread very carefully lest we think we can enforce our values in places where we are not welcome.

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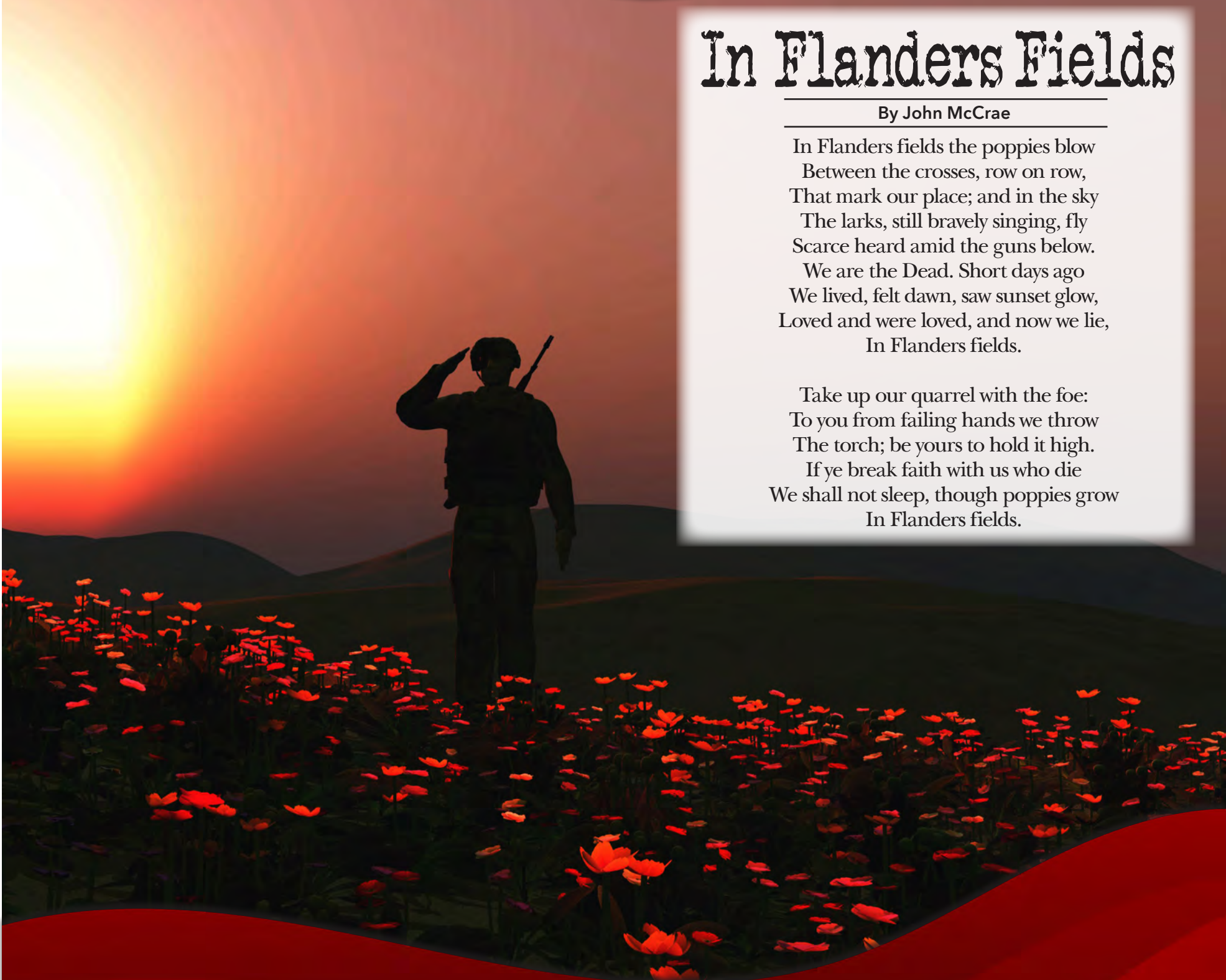
Remembrance Day

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

A silhouette of a soldier in a trench, saluting with his right hand. He is holding a rifle. The field is filled with red poppies. The background shows a sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and red. The overall mood is solemn and respectful.

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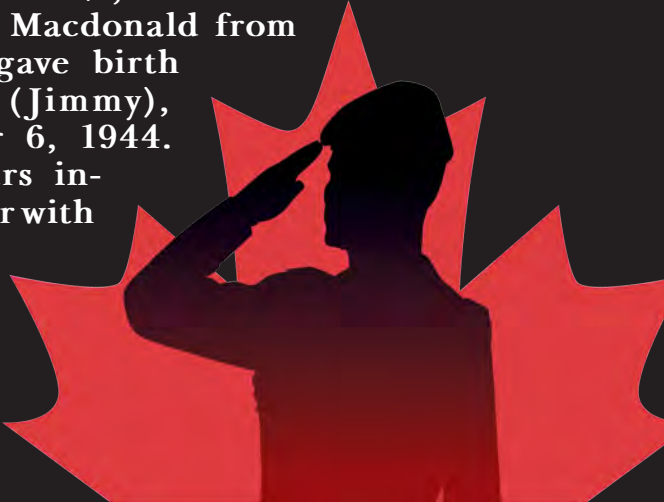


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James "Jim" Robert Lawlor ~ Kenton ~



Jim Lawlor was born in Kenton, Manitoba, 1918 April 3, parents Leander (Lea) and Jessie (nee Ingram) from nearby Oakner, MB. He had 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Jim attended school in Kenton, played sports and worked in his father's garage. Jim enlisted in R.C.A.F., rising to Commission, Flight Officer. Including with 233 Squadron, F.O. Lawlor, flew Wellingtons bombing Axis fjords Norway 1941, Gibraltar Malta convoy protection 1942, Lancasters for Dam busting 1943, and ferried 24 trips Lancasters, Halifax, Canada, to Prestwich, Scotland 1944. Aug 1944 Jim was granted leave release from R.C.A.F. to train for Trans Canada Airlines. While training for TCA, Gimli, MB., Jim was killed October 27, 1944. His wife Betty (nee Macdonald from Virden, MB.), gave birth to son James (Jimmy), born November 6, 1944. Jim's medal/stars included Volunteer with clasp, WWII, Defence, and 1939-45 star. Jim is buried in Greenwood Cemetery near Kenton, MB.



Dorothy M. Wakefield ~ Forrest ~



Dorothy was born in Forrest, Manitoba, in 1920. She joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division) and served in Canada. She was killed by an automobile on May 11, 1945, at the age of 25 in Clinton, Ontario, while riding a bicycle off duty. Dorothy is buried in the Brandon Cemetery in Brandon, MB.





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Dennis Orville Corney ~ Harding ~



Dennis Orville Corney was born on October 10, 1926 on the family farm near Harding, Manitoba. He was one of three brothers, three sisters. After growing on the farm, and schooling in Harding, he and two brothers, Maurice and Charles (Leslie) all enlisted. Dennis served in the Royal Canadian Navy in Atlantic on the

Corvette Napanee. He received Volunteer Service, Defence, and the War Medal, and the 1939-45 WWII star. After discharge, he married Fay Brough. Their son Wayne served in the Army reserves. Dennis was killed in the mines near Flin Flon in 1992.



Cromar J. Ashcroft ~ Hamiota ~



Cromar was born in Hamiota, Manitoba, in 1920. He joined the 14th Canadian Armoured Regiment (Calgary Tanks 1941 – 1954) and served in Sicily, Italy and Holland. He received the 1939-1945 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and War Medal 1939-1945.

Cromar passed away in 1993 and had been a member of the Birtle Branch 55 of the Royal Canadian Legion for 51 years.



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Interesting facts about Remembrance Day

Submitted
BY METRO CREATIVE

Canadians observe Remembrance Day each year on November 11. Once known as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day honors deceased military members, living veterans and current armed forces personnel.

Millions will observe Remembrance Day this November, and the following facts can help them gain a greater understanding of the holiday.

Remembrance Day has a lengthy history in Canada. Armistice Day was first commemorated in Canada in 1919, when King George V urged all countries in the British Commonwealth, including Canada, to observe the day.

The name of the holiday was changed from Armistice Day to Remembrance Day in 1931.

The choice to commemorate the holiday that eventually became Remembrance Day on November 11 has symbolic meaning. According to the Government of Canada, the choice reflects the signing of the armistice agreement on November 11, 1918, which called for an end to hostilities at 11 a.m. - which happens to be the eleventh hour of the eleventh day

of the eleventh month. The armistice ended World War I, though fighting continued for hours after the agreement was reached and the Treaty of Versailles, which was the formal peace treaty that ended the war, was not signed until 1919.

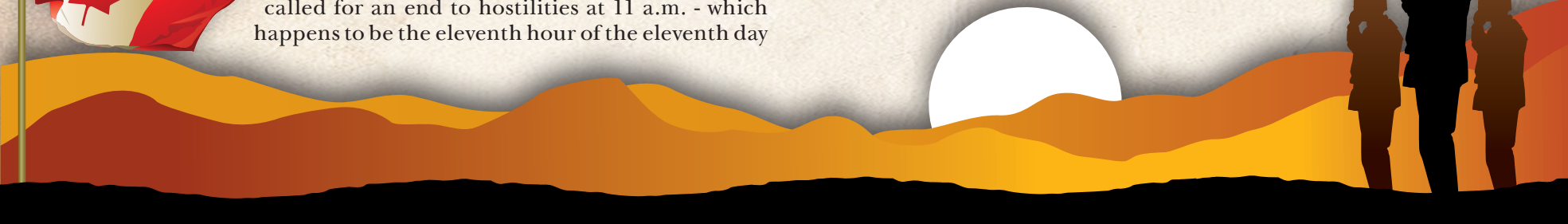
The poppy symbolizes Remembrance Day. Though the red poppy symbolizes Memorial Day in the United States, where Veterans Day is observed on November 11, the poppy is worn in Canada on Remembrance Day to honor fallen service members.

The poppy has Canadian roots, as a 1915 poem referred to the fields of poppies growing around the graves of World War I soldiers in Flanders. That poem was written by a Canadian Lieutenant Colonel named John McCrae.

A national ceremony is held each year at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The Governor General of Canada, who presides over the ceremony, and the Prime Minister are among the notable officials to attend each year.

A column of veterans, members of the Canadian Armed forces, officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, cadets march to the memorial.

France, Belgium, Poland, and the United Kingdom also observe Remembrance Day on November 11.





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A BY-LAW TO EFFECT THE RELOCATION OF CORNELL AVENUE EAST

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Oakview at its regular meeting in the Council Chamber, 10 Cochrane Street, Oak River, MB on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. will present By-Law No. 2025-9, a by-law to effect the Relocation of Cornell Avenue East and to close and transfer portions of the closed road as follows:

- (a) Parcels A and C, to the Rural Municipality of Oakview;
- (b) Parcel B, to Jay Orest Woloski and Jodi Nicole Woloski.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Copies of the proposed by-law are available on our website at www.rmfoakview.ca or upon request at the municipal office, at 435 3rd Avenue, Rapid City during regular business hours. Questions and remarks may also be directed by letter to our Chief Administrative Officer or through our email address at info@rmfoakview.ca.

Dated at the RM of Oakview this 9th day of October, 2025 and issued pursuant to Section 290(2) of The Municipal Act.

Mark Humphries
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Oakview
Phone: (204) 566-2146

Statement

Rolling River School Division

Statement of Operating Fund
Revenue and Expenditures
for the year ended June 30, 2025



Revenue		
Provincial Gov't		\$19,730,875
Provincial Funding of School Programs	\$9,041,390	
Other Department of Education - ALC	\$124,054	
Other Department of Education	\$2,657,029	
Education Property Tax Credit & Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit	\$2,533,132	
Manitoba School Tax Rebate	\$3,718,871	
Tax Incentive Grant	\$717,685	
Property Offset Grant	\$793,167	
Other Provincial Gov't Departments	\$145,547	
Federal Government	\$134,049	
Municipal Gov't (net of tax credits, rebates & grants)	\$7,459,530	
Other School Divisions	\$68,250	
First Nations	\$1,544,589	
Private Organizations & Other Sources	\$223,626	
Total Revenue		\$29,160,919
Expenditures		
Regular Instruction	\$16,208,281	
Student Support Services	\$3,679,194	
Adult Learning Centre	\$124,054	
Community Education and Services	\$27,622	
Divisional Administration	\$976,123	
Instructional and Other Support Services	\$782,243	
Transportation of Pupils	\$2,161,074	
Operations and Maintenance	\$3,350,919	
Fiscal	\$565,794	
Sub Total Expenditures	\$27,875,304	
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$843,650	
Total Expenses & Transfers to Capital Fund		\$28,718,954
Operating Fund Surplus (-Deficit)		\$441,965
Adj to Surplus (-Deficit) Non Vested Accumulated Sick Leave		-\$48,017
Adjusted Operating Fund Surplus (-Deficit)		\$489,982

The above represents only the 2024-2025 Operating Fund Revenue and Expense Statement. A Consolidated Statement of Operating, Capital and Special Purpose Funds prepared to Public Sector Accounting Board standards is available for inspection at the Division Office in Minnedosa or on the Rolling River School Division web page at www.rrsd.mb.ca. A resident elector, at his own expense, may have a copy of all, or any part of the report.

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WORLD SERIES 2025

REF TO
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GERRY
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The 2025 world series of baseball was one for the ages. A seven-game series that was eventually won by the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Champions got lucky. Seriously, they were lucky! The baseball gods did not do the Toronto Blue Jays any favours. A hard hit ball stuck at the bottom of the outfield fence. A ball that the centerfielder for the Dodgers made one of the best catches you will ever see to rob the Blue Jays of sure victory. He even knocked over the left fielder who was also chasing down the ball. There was so much drama and excitement, both teams playing their hearts out.

Before game six the Los Angeles Dodgers had a pitcher on the team who had to leave the team at the start of the series as his wife was about to give birth to their child. There were issues with the birth, thus he left the team. Before the sixth game players on both teams had his number on their hats to support this couple at this nerve-racking time. Good on them!

We get caught up in all the hype, but it is just a game! It is not life and death, disappointment for one, celebration for another.

The Toronto Blue Jays, the American League Pennant winners, played like a team rarely seen, they played for each other. It was said they brought our country together as one. People that usually do not even watch baseball regularly were watching the series. Maybe our Federal government could take some lessons from the Jays and start pulling this country together, you people out there, wouldn't that be nice for a change.

The Blue Jays came up a little short, but gave us a month of joy watching and enjoying the national pastime, baseball!

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Manitoba Conservative Caucus Statement

RE: Canola and Pulse Tariffs

Submitted
BY MANITOBA CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

Ottawa, ON – Manitoba’s Conservative MPs are calling on the Liberal government to stand up for Canadian farmers as new tariffs on canola and peas threaten the livelihoods of producers across the Prairies.

Earlier this year, China imposed tariffs on Canadian canola and peas. Now, India has followed suit with new barriers on yellow peas—another major blow to our agricultural exporters. These markets are essential to Manitoba’s farm families, who are already struggling with record-high input costs and shrinking returns.

Instead of fighting for our producers, the Liberal government has been asleep at the wheel. Under Justin Trudeau and now Mark Carney, Canada’s trade relationships have deteriorated with key partners—from China and India to the United States. While other countries are securing new market access for their farmers, Canada is losing ground.

Canola is Manitoba’s top cash receipt – generating \$2 billion dollars into our local economy. We can not afford to put this sector in jeopardy.

Manitoba’s economy depends on agriculture. From the canola fields of Westman, to the pulse growers of the Red River Valley, and the mixed farms that stretch across the Parkland and the Interlake, our farmers work tirelessly to feed families here at home and around the world.

Conservatives will always stand with our farmers and demand that the federal government take action to defend their interests. Canada needs leadership that will push



A beautiful field of canola. PHOTO BY METRO CREATIVE

back against unfair trade practices, rebuild relationships abroad, and open new markets for our world-class products.

Manitoba farmers don’t need more excuses—they need results. We’ll keep fighting to make sure Ottawa delivers.

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TRIO OF RILEYS HELP JETS SUCCEED IN THHL

By Robin Wark
RIVERS BANNER

While it could be confusing at times, having three Rileys on the team is a problem the Rivers Jets are happy to have.

Riley Boles and Riley Shamray are important players on the senior hockey squad's blue line. Riley Lamb is one of the Tiger Hills Hockey League's top goaltenders. How do teammates or coaches get the right Riley's attention?

"More times than not we'll use last names, or nicknames if guys have them," said Jets coach Ryan Lamb.

The Jets were idle last weekend. Their next contest is Nov. 7 when they tangle with the Carberry Plainsmen. The next day, the Rivers squad hosts the Sandy Bay Flying Feathermen. Sandy Bay is new to the THHL.

In their opening game of the 2025-2026 campaign, the Jets beat the Neepawa Farmers, 9-1, on Oct. 25. Boles had two assists to help the Jets to victory. Coach Ryan Lamb said, "He skates well, has an underrated offensive game,

and we can always depend on him to show up."

Last season Boles had 11 points in 16 games. The veteran from Sandy Lake is in his ninth senior season. This is his fourth season with the Jets in the THHL. In 2015-2016, Boles started his senior career with the North Central Hockey League's Kenton Cougars. The next season he suited up in that league for the Jets and also played five games for the Waywayseecappo Wolverines of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. Boles also competed for the NCHL's Jets in 2017-2018 before two campaigns with that league's Moosomin Rangers.

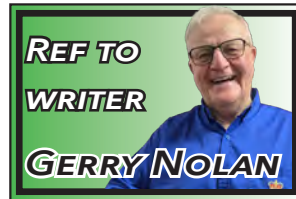
Lamb made 18 saves in the Jets' season opener. Last season the Rivers goalie posted an 8-2-0-0 record and league bests of a 1.79 goals-against average and a .933 save percentage. Lamb is in his fourth season with the Jets. Prior to joining his hometown senior squad, he played a couple of seasons for the THHL's Virden Oil Kings. Before moving on to the senior ranks, Lamb suited up in 2019-2020 for

the University of Manitoba and played a game for the Birmingham (Ala.) Bulls of the Southern Professional Hockey League. His junior career included time with the Western Hockey League's Red Deer Rebels and Swift Current Broncos and the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's Weyburn Red Wings and the Yorkton Terriers.

In the Jets' season-opening victory, Shamray scored a goal and recorded two assists. Last season, he captained Rivers to the third-best record in the league. The Oak River product paced the team in scoring with 29 points in 14 games. Shamray was the THHL's top points-producing defenceman.

This is his fourth campaign with the Jets. Before that, he played one season in Virden. Shamray played at Calgary's Mount Royal University. During his junior career, he competed for the Western Hockey League's Lethbridge Hurricanes and the MJHL's Waywayseecappo Wolverines, Dauphin Kings and OCN Blizzard.

REF MEMORIES



As I was sharing last week about volunteer scoresheet and score clock men and women, they could make life easy or difficult. I had both! There were a few who could be classified as making life difficult. If they had been referees, those few would have been called homers for sure. Anyway, this column is about those who made life easy for you.

Darren Kastrukoff from Virden was one of the great guys in the timekeeper box. Darren worked mostly minor hockey games and was at the rink all weekend running the clock. He probably was never thanked enough for doing a job that is so essential for a game of hockey. Darren worked the microphone as well as and could be quite entertaining. Like most people, sometimes there were slip ups in that the clock ran a little extra. Darren would tell you immediately

if that happened and knew how many seconds had run off the clock. He was very trustworthy to say the least.

One day Warren Hunter, who could score goals like crazy, was having a big game. He had scored 9 or 10 goals in the game already and he scored again. Darren, who was working the microphone announced, Virden goal scored by, just in case you missed it or were not paying attention, Warren Hunter, his ninth or tenth goal of the game, whatever it was. We all had a laugh the way Darren announced it. Well maybe the opposition didn't like it, but that's hockey!

Darren and his family moved from Virden to Melfort, Saskatchewan where he did some announcing for the Melfort Mustangs of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. We all missed him when he left, but he left us with some great memories.

Because I worked a lot of games in Elkhorn, the following men were terrific to work with. You could simply trust them, as they did their duties very professionally, John Stowe, Allan Tutthill,

Bill Glover and the late Norman Kyle.

Norman had refereed so he knew all the signals for penalties, and I think he probably taught the rest of the boys what the signals referred to. The penalty box in Elkhorn back then was right between the two players' benches. Sometimes you would be getting the business from some player or coach who was not happy with the call. I never had to stop there on minor penalties, the boys knew what the call was and entered it on the clock and the game sheet.

Thank You guys for a job well done! It brought back a lot of great memories of working games in Elkhorn.

One last person for today that I want to mention is Bob McKenzie from Miniota. Bob always had a smile for you, or a bit of an insult with a grin on his face. I asked him one night when he had given me some gentle ribbing, I said Bob, so when are you going to come over to the other side and take the money, like I will be taking from you? He would just laugh and say nope, what I am paying you is chump change for all the crap you have to put up with! Miss you Bob!

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From the prairies to the highland tour 204 - part 10

By **Gerry Nolan**
RIVERS BANNER

The morning of August 13 we ventured to Culloden Moor. This is a Scottish historical site near Inverness, where the final battle of the Jacobite rising took place, on April 16, 1746. If you follow the series *Outlander*, you will have learned all about Culloden. At the visitor center you learn all about the battle and then walk the grounds, which are marked by clan gravestones.

The battle was fought between the Jacobite forces led by Bonnie Prince Charlie and the British forces led by the Duke of Cumberland. This battle resulted in a huge defeat for the Jacobites, over 1500 hundred died that day and 3500 men taken as prisoners. Only 50 British soldiers died that day.

As we walked the pathways of the battlefield, a solemn sadness came over us. The thought of

all those lives lost in such a short time and then seeing the clan names on the headstones, some clans in mass graves. It is said their souls haunt the moor. This is true as you have a heaviness to your heart and a feeling of loss.

This ferocious battle divided families and set clan against clan. Along the paths you realize how dense the vegetation is, and how impossible it would be to try and run through a bog and the tall heather grass. It was also down at the bottom of a slope from the British. The British were on higher and dryer ground.

The British had built short stone walls which extended on an angle, down far enough they actually were able to attack the Jacobites on three sides. The Jacobites did not stand a chance!

The British forces were well fed and rested. The British forces received 5 pounds of meat and bread every day. The Jacobites were starving. The battle started even before all the



Culloden memorial stone.

PHOTOS BY CELIA NOLAN



Freya Thornitt, Celia Nolan, and Bowen Thornitt at the beach at Nairn.

clans could get there, so they were sadly outnumbered.

These brave men who gave their lives in the hope of freedom are real heroes, as are our men and women who have fought in more recent wars. With Remembrance Day approaching, keep these brave souls in your hearts and mind.

The day we were at Culloden the weather was unseasonably warm for Scotland. We left Culloden and headed to Nairn, located on the coast where the river Nairn flows into the Moray Firth. It is an ancient fishing port and market town. We went to the Sun Dancer restaurant for lunch. Nairn is so beautiful with sandy

beaches and clear blue water.

After a little beach time we hopped on our bus and drove back to Dornoch. We walked through the town for supper at the Royal Dornoch Golf Club Crenshaw's Brasserie. The supper was expensive and the service lousy. I think our friend Ross Pauley, who was hosting

us that evening, may have had a word with the manager of the restaurant later that evening! I don't think it turned out well for the manager.

Later back at our hotel The Eagle, we prepared to leave Dornoch the next morning. We would be heading first thing in the morning to taste a wee dram of Scottish whiskey.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Oak River Legion Remembrance Service at 9am
Oak River United Church

RCI Travel Club Community Supper at Rivers Collegiate

Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

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50 + Card Games 1pm

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REMEMBRANCE DAY
LEST WE FORGET

12

Kenton Memorial Hall Flu Clinic 2 - 6pm

50 + Club Cribbage 1pm

13

Rivers Legion Cribbage 7pm

50 + Floor Games 1pm

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Prairie Crocus Library Storytime in Rivers 10am

Chase the Ace
Rivers Legion 7pm
Kenton Legion 7pm
Hamiota Hotel 7pm

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Christmas Tea 1:30 - 3pm

16

RCI Travel Club Christmas Bazaar at Rivers Collegiate

Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

17

50 + Card Games 1pm

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RIVERDALE Municipality Council Meeting

50 + Club Pool 1pm

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50 + Club Cribbage 1pm

20

Riverdale Harvest Food Bank 9:30 to 11:30am.

Rivers Legion Cribbage 7pm

50 + Floor Games 1pm

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Rivers Chamber of Commerce Christmas Event Day

Prairie Crocus Library Storytime in Rivers 10am

Chase the Ace
Rivers Legion 7pm
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Oak River Ladies Auxiliary Tea 2-3:30pm

Rapid City Valley View Senior Centre Flu Clinic 12-4:30pm

Prairie Crocus Library Storytime in Rivers 10am

Chase the Ace
Rivers Legion 7pm
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