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## Grads getting a head start on 2025 fundraising

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KENZIE MCNISH

These grads are not waiting for school to start to start raising money for their graduation.

L-R Troy Lok, Pierce Cords, Payton McNish, Elle McLean, Madison Vandal, Mia Lepp, Missing - Jordyn Veitch

By Jessica Coulter  
RIVERS BANNER

ting started early on fundraising for Grad months in advance.

Kenzie McNish's daughter Payton is graduating in 2025. Kenzie has done BBQ's in the past during the Comets baseball games. She thought it would be a great idea host a BBQ at a baseball game to start raising funds for the class of 2025 graduates. She approached the baseball team and asked that if they made the play-offs, would they be okay with the grads holding a fundraiser at one of the home games. The team was more than happy to support. "The 2025 grad committee won't be put together until September when school starts, but

I thought if we could get a head-start on some fundraising, why not," said Kenzie.

From there the idea took off. The Sr Comets ran a beer garden along side our BBQ. Posts were put out on social media and all-around town. It was a phenomenal turnout.

This years class consists of 29 potential graduates, as of last June. The grads want to thank everyone for their support at this event!

The class has also got a jump start on their beer can / bottle collecting. They would like to remind everyone that is they wish to donate over the summer to the beer can/ bottle drive to please call Kenzie at 204-573-4824 to make arrangements for drop off or pickup.

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# Trading in the tractor for a golf cart

## Rivers Farmers Golf Tournament

By Jessica Coulter  
RIVERS BANNER

The temperature was high, and the breeze was light for the Rivers Farmers Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 27. Ninety-six golfers braved the heat forming twenty-four teams of four to play in the tournament that day.

Golfers got a free drink and burger with registration and the day ended with a roast beef supper cooked by the Riverdale Golf Clubhouse.

Way-Mor Agencies sponsored the hole in one hole for this round of golf. Unfortunately, no one was able to take them up on the \$15,000 prize money for making that hole in one.

The winners of the tournament were Chris Bridges, Brock Anderson, Chaz Woods, Justin Gerrard -12. Second place went to Scott Peters, Scott Phythian, Steffen Spiess, Josh McDonald and third place went to Dustin Veitch, Ben Brown, Jody Anderson, Chris Johnston.

The full day was all



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rivers Farmers enjoying a great around of golf at their tournament on Saturday July 27. Backrow left/right: Troy Heywood, Josh Burdett, Steffen Spiess, Scott Peters, Chris Johnston, Layne Anderson, Dustin Veitch  
Front row left/right: Josh McDonald, Ben Brown, Scott Phythian, Brady Paddock, Jody Anderson

planned out by Dustin Veitch and Scott Peters, two of the Riverdale Golf Course biggest supporters. They set everything up and collected all the prizes to help make for a great event.

Some great sponsors helped make this day a success. They were Molson, Westoba, Syngenta, F-M-C, Nutrien,

Bayer, D-BASF, Canterra Seeds, Shur-grow, Timac Argo. Prizes were also donated from Anderson Stucco(Jody Anderson), Molson(Ryan Dreveski), Way-Mors Agencies(Kent Wareham), and Wheat City golf course(Dave Scinocca).

"It was a great day and even better day for the clubhouse too! I would

just like to thank Scott Peters for lining up the sponsors, Shelley Dickinson and her staff for a great meal and service, all of the sponsors and of course all the golfers that came out to support the tournament and the course!! Thank you," says Dustin Veitch, event organizer and avid golfer.

# Manitoba has lowest inflation rate in Canada for sixth month in a row

Submitted  
MANITOBA GOVERNMENT

Statistics Canada's monthly report on the Consumer Price Index released today, once again shows Manitoba has the lowest inflation rate in the country, Finance Minister Adrien Sala announced today.

"Our government's plan to lower costs is working," said Sala. "The gas tax holiday has put more money in people's pockets and lowered inflation here in Manitoba. We know too many people are still feeling squeezed with high interest rates and our government is taking action to keep costs lower for people, whether they are trying to pay their mortgage or buy groceries."

For the sixth straight month, Manitoba's inflation was the lowest in Canada. Manitoba's consumer inflation was 1.4 per cent in June and remains well below Canada's inflation rate of 2.7 per cent.

Manitoba fared better than the national average on a number of commonly purchased goods and services measured by Statistics Canada including rent, gasoline, phone services, furniture, recreational equipment and clothing.

Manitoba continues to have the lowest gas prices in Canada. For the month of June, average retail price for gasoline in Winnipeg was 137.1 cents, which is lower than August 2023's price of 163.3 cents.

# 2024 Harding Ag Fair results for horse and cattle

Submitted  
By WENDA BEST

Total beef cattle entries were approximately 160 head. There were 17 pens of Commercial cow/calf pairs. The Jackpot heifer class had 33 heifers split into 3 classes and judged by a panel of three judges. The panel of judges was Sean Tolton, Cameron Kent and Les Wedderburn. They also judged the Commercial cow/calf class.

Beef Cattle judges were Laura Horner and Jake Rawluk from Minnedosa MB.

Cattle came from as far west as Radville, SK and as far east as Severn, ON.

A new class this year in the beef cattle section was the Supreme Breeders Herd, Sherry and Wyatt Wilson sponsored it in memory of Jim Wilson who was the announcer at the fair for many years.

There were 30 miniature horses entered. Judged by Dan Myhill from Shoal Lake MB

There were 80 light horse entries. Judged by Donna Sagin from Carberry MB

### Miniature Horses

Grand Champion Miniature 34" & under - Denise Longfield, Bradwardine, MB; Reserve Champion Miniature 34" & under - Deanna Spencer, Belmont, MB; Grand Champion Miniature over 34" to 38" - Denise Longfield, Bradwardine, MB; Reserve Champion Miniature over 34" to 38" - Gwen Schubert, West St. Paul, MB.

### Light Horses & Ponies

Grand Champion Pony - Marcia Carter, Kenton, MB; Grand Champion Light Horse - Laura Miskiman, Rocanville, SK; Betty Best Memorial Costume Class - Kora Thompson, Oak Lake, MB; Ranch Riding/Trail - Amy

Grainger, Brandon, MB;

### Jackpot Pole Bending

Pee Wee - Clary Muir, Kelwood, MB; Youth - 1D - Ryder Muir, Kelwood, MB; 3D - Harper Holland, Stockholm, SK; Open 1D - Brenna Johnston, Griswold, MB; 3D - Emrie Earnshaw, West End, SK;

### MBRA Jackpot Barrel Racing

Pee Wee 1D - Ryder Muir, Kelwood, MB; 3D - Kora Thompson, Oak Lake, MB; Youth 1D - Eden Lanoie, Wawanesa, MB; 3D - Adi McKenzie, Nesbitt, MB; Open - 1D - Leah Obach, Kenton, MB; 2D - Danika Smith, Hamiota, MB; 3D - Ricki Hill, Lenore, MB

### Commercial Cow/Calf Pen Show

Nora Curtis Memorial - 2yr Old Commercial Cow/Calf Champion - Cam Ramsey, Oak River, MB; Overall Commercial Cow/Calf Winners - Cam Ramsey, Oak River, MB and Dave Logan, Lenore, MB.

### Commercial Cattle

Grand Champion Heifer - Jaymarandy Livestock, Beausejour, MB; Grand Champion Steer - Ellie Nolan, Cypress River, MB;

### Beef Cattle

Angus: Grand Champion Bull - Bar H Land & Cattle Co., Langenburg, SK; Reserve Champion Bull - Freyburn Farms, Oxbow SK; Grand Champion Female - Merit Cattle Co., Radville SK; Breeders Herd - Freyburn Farms, Oxbow, SK

Charolais: Grand Champion Bull - Steppler Farms, Miami, MB; Reserve Champion Bull - JMB Charolais, Brookdale, MB; Grand Champion Female - HTA Charolais, Rivers, MB; Reserve Champion Female - Steppler Farms, Miami, MB; Breeders Herd - JMB Charolais,

Brookdale, MB.

Gelbviegh/Limousin: Grand Champion Bull - Maple Grove Gelbviegh, Narcisse, MB; Reserve Champion Bull - Diamond T Limousin, Kenton, MB; Grand Champion Female - Maple Grove Gelbviegh, Narcisse, MB; Reserve Champion Female - Maple Grove Gelbviegh, Narcisse, MB; Breeders Herd - Maple Grove Gelbviegh, Narcisse, MB

Simmental: Grand Champion Bull - KCH Cattle Co., Rapid City, MB; Reserve Champion Bull - Big Sky Simmentals, Rivers, MB; Grand Champion Female - More Bros., Virden, MB; Reserve Champion Female - KCH Cattle Co., Rapid City, MB; Breeders Herd - More Bros., Virden, MB.

All Other Breeds: Grand Champion Bull - Medonte Highlands Polled Herefords, Severn, ON; Reserve Champion Bull - Sinnibar Stock Farm, Russell, MB; Grand Champion Female - Medonte Highlands Polled Herefords, Severn, ON; Reserve Champion Female - Medonte Highlands Polled Herefords, Severn, ON; Breeders Herd - Sinnibar Stock Farm, Russell, MB.

Jackpot Heifer Bonanza - 33 entries, Grand Champion - Kenray Ranch, Redvers SK; Reserve Champion - Freyburn Farms, Oxbow SK.

Jim Wilson Memorial Supreme Champion Breeders Herd - Freyburn Farms, Oxbow, SK; Ron Sangster Memorial Supreme Champion Bull - entry into Agribition CN Beef Supreme - Bar H Land & Cattle Co., The Hogberg Family, Langenburg, SK; Ron Sangster Memorial Supreme Champion Female - entry into Agribition CN Beef Supreme - Merit Cattle Co., Trent & Janelle Liebreich, Radville, SK;

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One Albertan's pain;  
one Albertan's prayer

There are some tragedies for which no words can ease the impact or the pain felt by those who must now live with their results. Of these, the devastation caused by the wildfire in Jasper National Park tops my list. Looking at the first pictures and reading online reports of this disaster have left me feeling numb—that is the only word I can use right now.

Having grown up and spent my PN (pre-Neepawa) years in Alberta and BC, the four western national parks were favorite holiday spots for me. In addition, while living in Prince George, BC, I regularly traveled through Jasper and Mount Robson parks while going to visit family in Alberta. I wonder how much of the town I remember from those days survived the fire.

It is said that you can't feel the pain of another person until you have experienced a tragedy identical to theirs. That may be so, but there is one thing I can feel—and that is the pain of one whose friend has lost everything (including loved ones) in a house or business fire. I had that experience after less than a year of service in my first church; so as a friend, I can understand the anguish and grief many residents of Jasper are feeling today.

As I think about and pray for you all, I am asking God to do four things.

First; to assure you of his continuing protection and help. God didn't start the fire. He didn't send

the 100 kmph winds that turned it into an inferno that no one could stop. He didn't decide whose homes and businesses were destroyed and whose were saved.

But he did guide those who made the decisions to evacuate the town and surrounding area. He watched over those who directed traffic so that everyone got out safely. And he has protected those on the front lines fighting this fire so that, at the time I am writing this article, no injuries to residents, tourists or emergency personnel have been reported. And he will continue to watch over and protect you all until this crisis is over.

Second, I am praying that God will supply all your immediate needs. He knows what they are. He will care for you. He will give you the hope, help and healing that you need today; and for all the days ahead.

Third, I am praying that God will give you courage as you map out your future. I don't know what that path will be for any of you; but God does and he will help you take life one step at a time, one day at a time, one challenge at a time. Of that, I am absolutely certain.

Fourth, I am praying that those who have promised to support you and help you rebuild your homes, businesses and lives will keep their promises. Theirs will be an enormous task. It will require months of on-site work and millions of dollars in financial aid to finish. I am praying that God will send people who, after coming to help, won't leave you until the work is done and they are no longer needed.

Today, I am asking all my readers to join me in offering these prayers for the people in Jasper and for all those who lost property and are building homes, businesses and lives following floods, fires and other natural disasters. Let us believe that God will do what he does best—bring immense beauty out of the ashes left by this fire.

# Mazier condemns cuts to 4-H Canada; pledges to restore funding

Submitted  
By MICHAEL KRESHEWSKI

Member of Parliament Dan Mazier is voicing his opposition to the federal government's recent decision to cut funding to 4-H Canada and is pledging that a Conservative government would reverse the decision if elected.

4-H Canada recently announced it was forced to lay off staff following a major cut to its funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Mazier asserted that this funding cut is a continuation of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's targeted attack on rural Canada.

"The Trudeau government has zero fiscal restraint when it comes to spending. They have spent nine years wasting taxpayer dollars, so I find it absurd that they would single out an organization that provides youth with important skills and opportunities to develop purpose and responsibility in their lives. It doesn't make sense," Mazier stated.

"While it's critically important that the federal government balance the budget, we know this small amount of funding plays a significant role in supporting youth in rural communities, which directly contributes to bettering our local economies," he added.



Since elected in 2019, Mazier has dedicated his work to issues that impact rural Canada and has criticized policies that negatively impact rural Canadians. He noted the important work that 4-H Canada undertakes in his constituency and across Canada.

"4-H Canada has contributed to our nation for over a century, providing youth with the skills and development they need to grow and become leaders in their communities. I recently had the chance to meet youth delegates from 4-H, seeing firsthand the organization's incredible work to teach our youth lessons of leadership, hard work, and dedication," Mazier stated.

Mazier pledged that a future Conservative government would reverse the federal Liberal government's cuts to 4-H Canada. "Under a Conservative government led by Pierre Poilievre, we will stand up for rural Canadians by reversing cuts to 4-H Canada, axing Trudeau's carbon tax, and ending the NDP-Liberal Coalition's attacks on our farmers."

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## From last weeks front page

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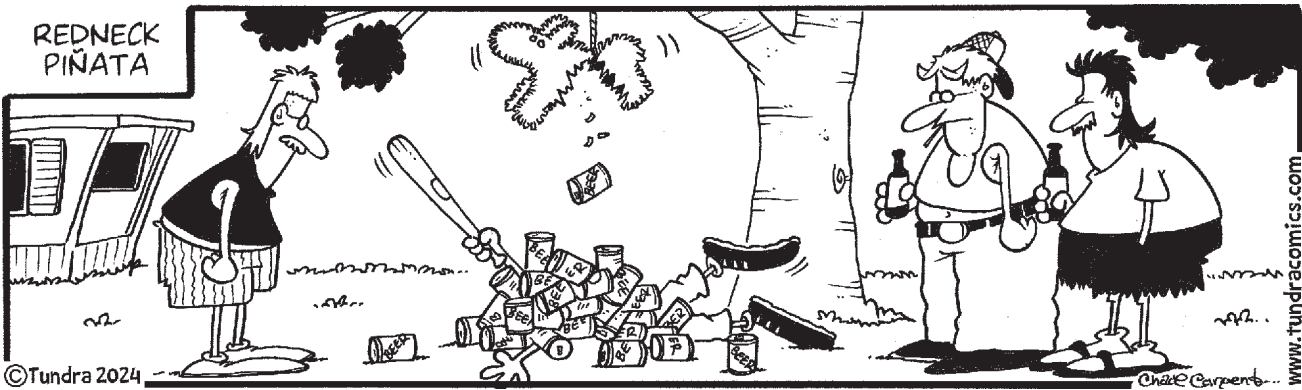
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Tundra  
By Chad Carpenter

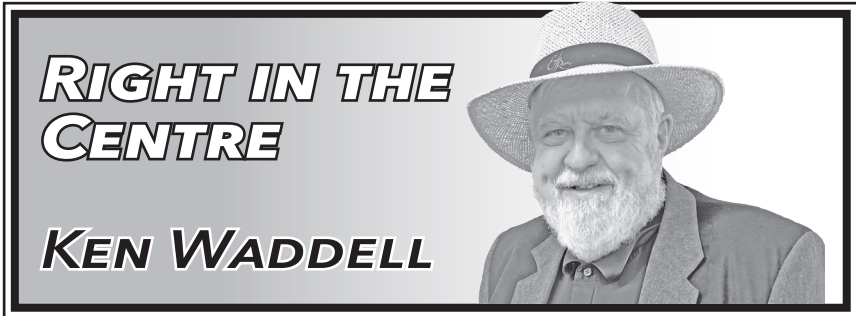


Olympics opening ceremonies not surprising but very disappointing

The world was looking forward to seeing the beginning of the 2024 Paris Olympics. It's still a great show but the opening was severely smeared by a crude and lewd portions of the Opening Ceremonies. There has been enough attention given to the very bad taste shown on the stage but safe to say, the boat loads of athletes going down the Seine River was impressive but there was, well, a lot of bad stuff interspersed.

My father's generation was not impressed with France because of their lack of courage in WWII. It's not talked about very much but, had France stood up to Hitler's Germany in 1939, WWII might never have happened. The French leadership of that era had a much more powerful army than Germany but they were afraid to take a stand. Their lack of courage cost the Allies a lot of lives, injuries and money. My father's generation had a hard time with that.

I also have some trouble with the French as thousands of Canadians fought to get France and General Charles de Gaulle back onto French soil in 1944 with the Normandy invasion and the subsequent freeing of France from the Nazis. Only 23 years after Canadians died to get France back in de Gaulle's hands, insulted Canada. In 1967, now French President de Gaulle proclaimed Vive, Quebec Libre!, words that helped fire up Quebec separatism. He was a visitor to Canada, president of a country that Canada helped get back into French control and he had the audacity to try and inspire French Canadians to leave Canada. I have visited Quebec a few times and fortunately there is still a majority of Quebecers who see it as best that they stay in Canada.



“Lewd is lewd, crude is crude, sacrilege is sacrilege and the majority of people are not amused or comfortable.”

Well they should, as like Manitoba, it's richer Canadian provinces that heavily subsidize Quebec and Manitoba. Left to their own resources, both Quebec and Manitoba would be bankrupt.

But all that considered, why are people, French and others, so infatuated with the lewd things in life. The French government and the Olympic officials “apologized to anyone who was offended.” That is political speak for, “I am sorry I got caught.” If you have ever watched the movie, Cabaret, you will see similar trends in moral lacking among the people of 1930s Berlin.

Maybe there is pattern here. Today's French Olympic organizers and the Cabaret era 1930s Berlin organizers were purposefully hiding immorality behind a facade of artistic endeavours. What could be wrong with loud music and gaudy clothing, what indeed.

Nothing I guess unless in the case of 1930s Berlin and 2024 Paris where every kind of immoral behaviour was wrapped up in bright colours and passed off as “artistic”. People were not to be fooled and God is not to be mocked. The surprise about the Paris thing is that the organizers are surprised at the reaction to their “art”. Lewd is lewd, crude is crude, sacrilege is sacrilege and the majority of people are not amused or comfortable.

We don't want censorship but we do expect citizenship and we didn't get it from the Olympic organizers in Paris.

Fortunately, the athletes from all countries are giving us quality citizenship, quality entertainment and true pride in our countries.

*Disclaimer: The views expressed in this column are the writer's personal views and are not to be taken as being the view of the newspaper staff.*



Eight years later...

It was eight years ago on a frightfully hot day when we made ‘the move’. I say ‘we’ for I could not have done it by myself. Four able bodied men, and two strong women helped. It was moving a minimalized two-story home that needed to be relocated to a three bedroom, no basement home. The contents of a garage, a partially emptied shop, and several outbuildings then compacted into an attached garage and a two-car garage here in town. We had a system going. Load one set of units, unload them, reload and on it went!! Thankfully a wonderful friend treated us to a home cooked supper, and thankfully the house in town has a wall unit air conditioner. With dedicated help, the move was completed in one day.

So, why am I revisiting a day from eight years ago? This very hot weekend I was able to assist a supportive friend in their move. Hot really doesn't cover the temperature, outside temp and body temp! as we carried boxes and totes up stairs, down stairs and loaded them into vehicles. Hot. Plain and simple. The task at hand and the temperature reminded me clearly of the day I moved into town.

The other reason is that I am so enjoying my home and yard. There was a clean coat of paint in the house when I gained title to it. Not my colour, but clean and fresh and well done. Slowly I added some on my colour; a soft blue in the main living room a few years ago. And this past week, I found the perfect paint colour, one I've aimed for, and missed, several times-like the sky just before a thunderstorm. A soft, yet intense, blue. (Yup, Annette, blue!) It is so what I want that after painting the master bedroom, I tackled the spare room. One wall in both rooms is much lighter, so I never feel closed in. And the feature wall, in one room is wall paper, and in the other, a light blue. See a pattern here?

The yard has become exactly what I want. The freezer holds raspberries and strawberries, from my yard. The saskatoons produced just enough to encourage me to go pick at a berry farm. The gooseberry has outdone itself and the ripe fruit is a daily treat. The old apple tree is loaded, the Prairie Magic has many apples set, and the Trail has one lone apple that I'm watching closely. The produce from the vegetable patch has enhanced several meals, with extra being frozen for the winter. The broccoli and cauliflower didn't produce the way I wanted, but the kohlrabi looks promising. I am days away from fresh potatoes and cucumbers. Tomatoes are slow. The fenced back yard is my haven and simply sitting in the shade of the old apple tree, coffee in hand and dog on the lap is rewarding. There are a few flowers to add colour, the petunias out front excelling the others. I am fit, I am free, I am faith filled. I am content. Now, if the town could change a by law and let me have chickens...



# COMETS SEEK COMEBACK AGAINST ROYALS

By Robin Wark  
RIVERS BANNER

The Rivers Comets are looking to stage a comeback to advance to the South West Baseball League finals.

The senior club trailed its best-of-five SWBL semifinal series with the Deloraine Royals, 2-1, at the Banner's deadline. Each of the first three contests was decided by just one run.

Game four was slated for Tuesday night in Rivers. If the No. 3 Comets prevailed, they would play in Deloraine on Friday against the No. 2 Royals. In the other semifinal series, the No. 1 Boissevain Centennials swept the No. 4 Wawanesa Brewers, 3-0.

## Game Three Royals 8, Comets 7

After five innings on July 28 in Deloraine, the Royals led 7-3. The visiting Comets staged

a major comeback. Two runs in the sixth and two more in the top of the seventh knotted the crucial contest at 7-7. In the bottom of the frame, a Kyle Breemersch hit dropped in to earn the Royals' their second walkoff win of the series.

Braeden Clarke drove in two runs for Rivers. The Comets' Scott Beever struck out 11 while pitching all seven innings. He allowed six earned runs on seven hits. Rivers collected 13 hits.

## Game Two Comets 8, Royals 7

In what coach Alastair McFadden described as a "crazy final inning," the Royals rallied for a home victory on July 26. The contest was knotted at 2-2

going into the seventh and final innings. The visiting Royals scored five runs in the top of the frame to take a 7-2 lead.

"As the coach, I was pretty subdued, but the players stayed even keel, just had quiet confidence," McFadden said. "We knew we couldn't get the runs back all at once, so we just had good approaches at the plate. Worked a few walks and got some timely hits. We were due for a few balls to drop in and it couldn't have happened at a better time."

The Comets pulled to within one, 7-6. With two outs, they had loaded the bases. A clutch single from Jase Wareham drove in Ryan Shaw and Beever.

"Pretty wild scenes," McFadden said.

Shaw earned the win in a complete game performance. He struck out five and allowed two earned runs on 13 hits.

## Game 1

### Royals 5, Comets 4

On July 23, the Comets led 3-0 after two innings on the road. After getting a hit, Layton Veitch stole second in the first inning. He was driven home by a double from Nathan Espenell, who scored himself on a Shaw ground-rule double. Clarke went yard in the second inning.

An error allowed the Royals two score two in the third. Owen Wareham answered in the fifth with a home run for Rivers. Two Deloraine runs



PHOTO BY JESSICA COULTER

Scott Beever covered third base in a game during regular season against Elkhorn Expos. He is headed

in the bottom of the inning meant a tied game, 4-4. The Royals' Eric Sorenson hit a walk-off homerun in the bottom

of the seventh.

It was Beever's first loss of the season. He struck out 14.

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Use one (1) sterilized 100 ml bottle  
Use one (1) 500 ml bottle

### TEST 4: \$242.86

• Includes Test 1, Test 2, Test 3, plus Lead and Copper  
Use one (1) sterilized 100 ml bottle  
Use one (1) 500 ml bottle  
Use one (1) 1 L bottle

## MONDAY, August 12

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• Oak River - AWWD office  
• Onanole - Municipality of Harrison Park office  
• Rivers - Riverdale Municipality office  
• Sandy Lake - Heritage Co-op (pick up), Fire hall (drop off)  
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## TUESDAY, August 13

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## STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE IN A JAR

This Strawberry Shortcake in a Jar recipe has all the delicious flavours of a classic strawberry shortcake but with scrumptious cake layers.

### INGREDIENTS

1 vanilla poundcake  
2 cups of heavy cream  
1 tablespoon honey  
2 cups of strawberries  
1 tablespoon white sugar  
Mason jars 250ml/8oz size

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) To make the whipping cream place whipping cream, honey and sugar in your stand mixer and mix at medium speed for about a minute or until stiff peaks form. If it is still thin blend for an additional few second. (If you don't have a stand mixer you can try blending in a blender on high for 30-40 seconds).
- 2) Slice strawberries
- 3) To assemble the mason jars layer cake, whipping cream, and strawberries until you finish with a layer of whipping cream on top.
- 4) Place a strawberry on top.





# Riverdale Health Center Donation



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Greg Paddock accepts a donation from Marilyn Halliday. Also pictured are Comrade Dave Cluney, President and Comrade Art Halliday, Vice President

**Submitted**  
BY MARILYN HALLIDAY

The Legion made a presentation to the Rivers Health Centre on 24 July at 10:30am. The presentation was greatly needed.

Greg Paddock, Manager of Health Services of the Riverdale Health Center accepted the donation from Marilyn Halliday, Poppy Chair of the Rivers Legion Branch 75. The funds are coming from the Legion Poppy Campaign fund.

All money raised during the annual poppy campaign through the sale of memorial crosses and donation boxes stays in the community. The money is then used to assist Veterans and their families through various means. It is also used for scholarships for our local high school.

This year the Legion was able to donate \$3500 from the Poppy Fund to the Riverdale Health Center. This money has been used towards the purchase of a Vital Signs Monitor that was greatly needed to enhance patient care in the facility. The Legion and the Health Center thank everyone for their generous donations to the Poppy campaign.

# Oak Lake Ag Fair results

By Jessica Coulter  
RIVERS BANNER

There were so many entries at the exhibit hall and events. Almost 1000 entries were listed on the Oak Lake Ag Fair results page. Below is a summary. If you would like the full list, please take a look at their Facebook page or contact the Ag Society for more information.

**Court of Honour 2024:**

Baking & Cooking: Brown Bread - Maureen Buckley; Lillian Enns Special - Best Four Decorated; Cupcakes - Rhett Klassen; Rocking W Special - Lemon Tarts- Maureen Buckley;

Preserves: Sweet Mixed Pickles - David Sawatsky;

Horticulture: Mandavilla - Cathy Gompf; Lettuce Head - Maureen Bailey; Sheaf Sweet Clover - Claire Griffith; Rose and stem - Jean Ryall;

Needle Craft: Maria Branum Special- Marion Masson; Tack Long Arm Quilting - Margaret White; Wooden Article - Aaron White; Point of Praise: Hand Knit Shawl - Karyn Morrow-Penner;

School Childrens Work: Oak Lake Lions Club Specia l- Ethan Medwid; Black and White Drawing- Emmersyne Stannage; There were 160 entries from kids 12 and under in the exhibits hall.

Here is the list of pig catcher's participant: Brynlee Ferland, Cody Higgins, Paisley Ferris, Kylie Higgins, Hudson Rogers, Jonah



PHOTO BY JESSICA COULTER

**Delicious veggies!**

Thiessen, Jase Thiessen, Jordan Thiessen, Callen Tolten, Harper Holland, Blake Griffith, Elliot Burns, Berklee Kozoroski, Amina Saban, Elyaas Saban, Cora Abbott, Avery Low, Jesse Abbott, Ethan Smith, Grayson Smith, Grace Ariss

In potted plants there were fifteen varieties. There were twenty-three different varieties of cut flowers entered. Twenty-six fruits and vegetables categories, thirteen grains, grasses and herbs varieties, thirty-eight baking categories, nine junior baking categories, thirteen preserves, eight sewing, five machine quilting, thirteen knitting, nine crocheting and so much more. Dozens of creative art pieces were entered from photography to painted rocks.

**Horse events:**

There were 35 horse events at the fair ranging four different categories, Halter, Showmanship, Riding, and MGRA Competition. There were almost two hundred entries list for different ranks and winners in these categories. There were 60 entries in mini horse and ranch horse.

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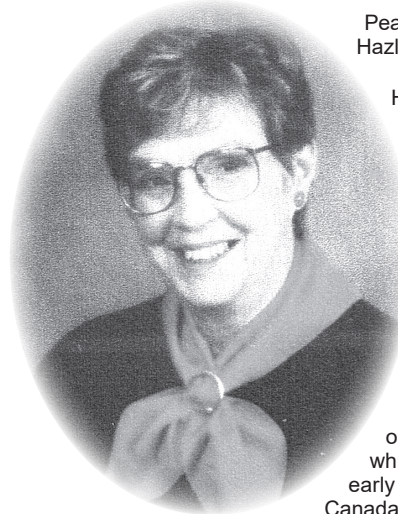
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IN LOVING MEMORY  
INA DOREEN HYNDMAN  
FEBRUARY 2, 1928 – JULY 12, 2024



Peacefully, at Souris Health Centre, Ina Doreen Hyndman (née Hazlewood), in her 97th year.

Ina was the youngest daughter of John and Amanda Hazlewood of Chumaw, west of Hamiota. She attended school in Crandall and Hamiota, was valedictorian of her graduating class, and won a scholarship to the Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg. Ina is remembered as "the brown-eyed susan with the bubbling laughter" in the 1947-48 Normal School yearbook.

From 1948-51 Ina taught in Oak River, where she met Ormand Hyndman. Ormand and Ina were married in 1951 and moved to Rivers in 1956. In 1958, Ina started a private kindergarten class in her home. When kindergartens were put into the school system in 1968, she joined the staff at Rivers Elementary School. Ina was active in the UCW, served on the Church Board, Presbytery and Conference, led the junior and senior church choirs, and obtained a Bachelors degree from Brandon University, all while teaching full-time and raising a family. In 1984, Ina took early retirement to spend time with Ormand. They explored Canada together until Ormand passed away in 1993.

In retirement, Ina developed her love of painting, depicting scenes of the prairie landscape she called home. She continued to enjoy painting well into her 90s. Her artworks were chosen for the Westman Travelling Gallery and purchased for Manitoba's provincial art collection and many local businesses. Her commissioned work was in local demand, and over one hundred of her paintings are displayed in local businesses, public buildings and homes. A retrospective of her work was held at Hamiota's Heritage Arts Centre in 2014.

In later years, Ina developed a close friendship with Glen Wright. They enjoyed dancing, camping, and holidays until Glen's death in 2011. In 2017, Ina moved from her home in Rivers to the Lions apartments, where she spent seven happy years, enjoying her independence and the good neighbours who helped her to maintain it. She especially appreciated the friendship and assistance of Allan & Lois Hyndman and Jamie & Darlene Wright.

Ina was pre-deceased by her husband Ormand, parents John and Amanda, siblings Violet, Alice, Verna and Raymond, and close friend Glen Wright. She is survived by her daughters Janice and Doreen (Henry Chow), and grandchildren Zak, Matt and Arden. She is fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Ina will be laid to rest in Oak River Cemetery beside her beloved husband Ormand. A private family service will be held at a later date. Donations in Ina's memory may be made to the Sashbear Foundation ([sashbear.org](http://sashbear.org)) or to a charity of your choice.

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# How to enjoy a healthy summer

Submitted  
By METRO CREATIVE

Colds might not be as common in summer as they are in winter, but anyone who has ever had a cold when the weather outside is warm and inviting knows just how unpleasant a runny nose, sore throat and lack of energy can be when everyone else seems to be outside soaking up the sun. Indeed, there's no substitute for feeling fit and healthy in summer.

A healthy summer is one when individuals avoid illness and make the most of a time of year when no one wants to battle colds or other issues that affect their well-being. The following are a handful of strategies that can help people enjoy a healthy summer.

Protect your skin from the sun. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention recommends individuals apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher before going outside. Sunscreen should then be reapplied as necessary and especially after swimming or excessive sweating. The American Cancer Society notes that sunburn that blisters can increase risk for skin cancer, but sunburns affect short-term health as well.

Limit alcohol consumption. Social schedules tend to fill up in summer, as seemingly everyone wants to host a backyard barbecue. The party vibe synonymous with summer leads to increased opportunities to drink alcohol, but excessive amounts of alcohol and summer sun are a bad combination.

Eat the right foods. Summer is not typically as hectic a time of year as other seasons, particularly for parents accustomed to driving kids from one activity to another during the school year. But come summer, weekends filled with social engagements and a greater desire to be active outdoors can prove exhausting. The CDC notes that a diet filled with colorful fruits and vegetables supports muscles, strengthens bones and boosts immunity.

Get adequate sleep. What's better than a midday summertime nap? The answer to that is better sleep overnight. Adults should aspire to get between seven and eight hours of sleep each night, which can fortify their immune system and ensure they don't miss out on any summertime fun.

A healthy summer makes for a more enjoyable summer. By embracing various immune-boosting strategies, individuals can make this summer even more fun.



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