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A day of luck and laughter at Rivers Legion Clubroom



PHOTO BY CAROLYN PHILLIPS

A St. Patrick's Day Bingo fundraiser was held at the Rivers Legion on Saturday, March 14.

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

The Rivers Legion Clubroom buzzed with excitement and camaraderie this past Saturday afternoon as community members gathered for the much-anticipated St. Patrick's Bingo fundraiser. This lively event proved to be a delightful way for all ages, from babies to grandparents, to come together and enjoy an afternoon filled with fun, prizes, and a sprinkle of Irish luck.

Participants dressed in their best green attire, adorned with shamrocks and festive accessories, epitomizing the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. The atmosphere was electric, with laughter and cheers ringing through the room as players eagerly marked their cards. The games offered a variety of exciting prizes fostering a sense of community support and engagement.

However, as with any lively event, there were unforeseen hurdles. The bingo machine, a crucial element of

the game, decided to take an unexpected break during the second half, momentarily throwing a wrench into the proceedings. But the resilience of the event's spirit shone through as the caller, undeterred by the malfunction, continued to engage with the participants, keeping the laughter flowing and the anticipation alive. Without skipping a beat, they resorted to traditional methods, calling out numbers by hand, which only added to the charm of the occasion. It was a testament to the community's spirit – the show must go on!

Families and friends took the opportunity to bond over the games, sharing stories and laughter as they waited for their numbers to be called. The event not only provided a chance to win prizes but also fostered connections within the community. Attendees enjoyed the camaraderie, food, and drinks as everyone played.

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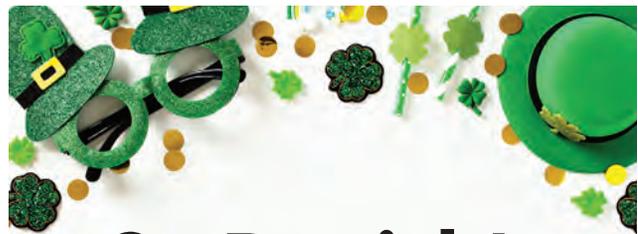
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St. Patrick's Bingo fundraiser

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As the event wound down, many expressed their anticipation for next year's St. Patrick's Bingo, reflecting on the joys of the day and the sense of community it nurtured. Organizers have already begun planning for an even bigger and better event next year, with hopes of incorporating more games, prizes, and perhaps a few surprises that will further enhance the experience.

The St. Patrick's Bingo fundraiser was not just an event; it was a celebration of community spirit, resilience, and fun. It reminded all who attended that, despite challenges, coming together for a good cause could lead to unforgettable memories and a deeper sense of belonging.

As we look forward to next year, one thing is certain: the tradition of St. Patrick's Bingo will continue to bring smiles, laughter, and a healthy dose of luck to the Rivers Legion Clubroom. So, wear those shamrocks with pride, and prepare for another round of fun and friendship as we celebrate the heart of our community in true festive style!

Nesbitt secures PC nomination for Riding Mountain ahead of next election

Submitted
PC NEWS

Shoal Lake, Man. — Greg Nesbitt has been confirmed as the Progressive Conservative party's candidate for the Riding Mountain constituency in the next Manitoba provincial election.

Nesbitt, who has represented the Riding Mountain constituency as the MLA since 2016, said he is honoured to once again carry the Progressive Conservative banner and continue advocating for rural communities across western Manitoba.

"It's a privilege to speak for the people of Riding Mountain," Nesbitt said. "Our communities are built on strong families, farms, and small businesses, and I want to keep working to ensure their voices are heard in the Legislature."

Before entering politics, Nesbitt spent more than four decades as a newspaper publisher and business owner in the Shoal Lake and Russell area. He has also been active in community organizations, including the Manitoba and Canadian Community Newspapers Association and the Shoal Lake Regional Airport Authority.

During his time in government, Nesbitt served as the Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development from 2022 to 2023 and as the Chair of the PC Caucus under three Premiers. He currently serves as the Progressive Conservative critic for Environment and Climate Change.

Party members recognized Nesbitt's experience and strong connection to rural Manitoba, noting his involvement in community initiatives, volunteer firefighting, and minor hockey coaching and refereeing.

"Congratulations to Greg Nesbitt on his acclamation," said Official Opposition Leader Obby Khan. "His dedication, steady presence, and genuine care for the people of Riding Mountain shine through everything he does. It's wonderful to see his hard work recognized, and I'm excited for all he'll continue to bring to his community."



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Greg Nesbitt, MLA for Riding Mountain.

With the nomination secured, Nesbitt will now prepare for the upcoming provincial election, where he will seek another mandate from voters in the Riding Mountain constituency.

"I'm proud of the work we've done, but there's more to accomplish," he said. "I'm ready to keep standing up for the people of Riding Mountain."

Manitoba's next provincial election must be called on or before October 5, 2027, but political parties across the province are already beginning to nominate candidates.

AMAZINGLY EASY IRISH SODA BREAD

Irish soda bread is actually easy to make with flour, baking soda, and buttermilk. This is the best Irish soda bread around — the buttermilk gives this crusty loaf a delicious flavor!

Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup buttermilk



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a large baking sheet.
2. Mix flour, softened butter, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg.
3. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round loaf and place on the prepared baking sheet. Note that the dough will be a little sticky.
4. Combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk in a small bowl; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf.
5. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.
6. Slice and enjoy!

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Life in the slow lane

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

Over the next few weeks, I will be sharing life stories from my childhood and youth. Raised on a farm 3 miles south of Harding on a half section of land, I will give you a glimpse of how things were on a farm way back some seventy years and compare it to today's farm. As I learned in Scotland this past summer about the way of life back hundreds of years ago and how it has changed since then, I will attempt to bring back to life the way it was years ago in Canada.

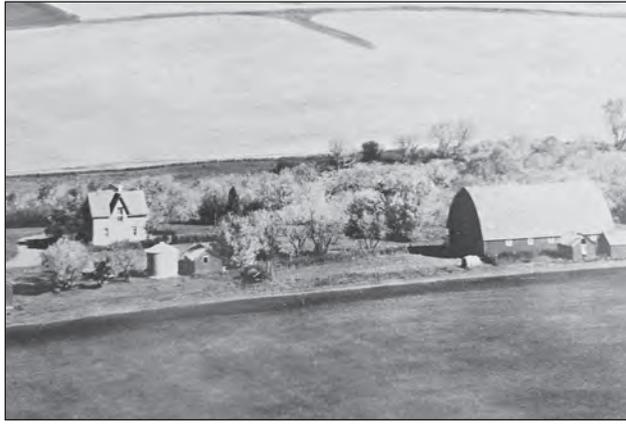
So here we go. I may do some jumping around at times, but bear with me as I try to get it together.

Melville and Edna Nolan raised three sons on that farm. My brothers Lynn and Garth were 10 and 7 years older than me. All of us were born in December. I guess winter was long and Dad got an early start seeding in April! Do the math.

We were raised on a mixed farm of grain, cattle, pork and poultry. Our farm site was on a bit of a hill and the house still stands there today. It has changed a lot over the years but is still a reminder of what I learned from those early days.

Raised up the hill from old 21 highway, we had a huge ravine that ran through our farm. It flooded pretty much every spring when the snow melted so it was quite the site to behold. From our view from the hill, we could easily see the farms of Wally and Dora Gray and Austin and Elma Gray, our neighbours. At that time there was a farm about every half mile or so. On the road from Harding to Sioux Valley, which is about an 8-mile run, there were 20 plus farms on that stretch including a mile or so to the left or right, which includes the Bond, Graham, McLaughlin and Stevenson farms. As of today, I believe there are about 10 farms left that have homes on the site.

Farmers grew and produced whatever they could to live. Crops to feed the animals and grain to be sold and taken



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Melville and Edna Nolan farm south of Harding, MB.

to the elevator. Milk cows, beef cattle, pork, poultry and horses were found on our farm. We rarely went to town to purchase food as it was all at home. Mom of course would buy flour, sugar, salt and all the other ingredients for baking, canning and preserving fruit and vegetables.

With three boys that could eat like crazy, she had to fill them up somehow. So the garden was of huge importance. We also had trees in the ravine that produced Saskatoons and Pin Cherries for jam. Rhubarb was grown in the garden as well as pumpkins. Yum, pumpkin pies, my brother Garth had a weakness for mother's homemade pumpkin pie. Sometimes the rest of us did not get so much, if he was first to the kitchen.

All summer long, starting in the summer, was baking, preserving and canning, which was stored in the basement or the old ice well. Our beef and pork was butchered and stored in Kenton at the Locker plant which was owned and operated by Doug Parker. It was put into the freezer plant with assigned containers with locks on them. Doug had all sorts of knives and saws at his disposal. Butchers' tools have not changed that much really! Dad and Mom butchered their own poultry, and we were expected to pluck and gut and also help out singeing the chickens

and turkeys. I did not like doing that, but if you want to eat you have to help out, so I learned to do it!

Carrots were stored in old milk cans and potatoes in the coolest part of the basement. Sometime in March we had to snag the potatoes, take the stems off as they would grow again soon enough. Onions were hung in the basement from the beams. Mom would buy a case of apples which was stored in the basement. A slice of apple pie and a slice of cheese, darn that was good. Pears, apricots and peaches were purchased in the fall to make preserves. There was a lot of work put in to feed the family, but I never ever heard mom complain, she loved to do it. Oh, the homemade bread and buns, biscuits, cinnamon buns, cakes, pies, pudding and cookies. All home made! I'm out of here, I got to go and make something homemade to eat. All this talking about food is making me hungry. See you next week!

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Locally created crossword

- Across
1. Before Now
 6. Remove rough sharp edges
 11. Make
 12. Hockey venues
 14. Bring in for questioning again
 16. Hold title to
 17. Roasting sites
 18. U.S.A.'s spy agency
 19. Ocean motion
 21. First woman
 22. Person from Edinburgh
 23. Night-time thought
 25. Evil entities
 27. Catholic heroine abbr.
 28. Ed Asner's role ___ Grant
 29. Be present at
 32. Put name on bottom line
 35. Cut of meat from the hind quarter
 36. Deep tire groove
 38. Suffix of mob or gang meaning doer
 39. Pull on
 40. Tendon or Ligament
 42. Plural of is
 43. Fear of spiders
 46. Captured area again
 47. Seller of goods (alternate spelling)
 48. Inward depressions caused by blows
 49. Finishing move
- Down
1. Time to arm for battle
 2. Open a cold case
 3. John in Gaelic
 4. "Airplane" auto pilot

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5. Township elected officials
6. Repaired wool socks
7. Greek god of love
8. Plead for
9. Not responsible for
10. Wartime share
11. Mob of people
13. Chairs
15. Gun the engine
20. Consumed
22. Big city air problems
24. Adult males
26. Inventor Whitney
29. Church's raised tables
30. Went sightseeing
31. Sips water
32. Grassland of Eurasia
33. More spooky
34. Bleak, Gloomy
37. Prefix meaning one
40. Fired a gun
41. Time of an event
44. Scam, take in
45. Uneven number



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3. The proposed dates of application for this program will be from April 15, 2026 to October 31, 2026.

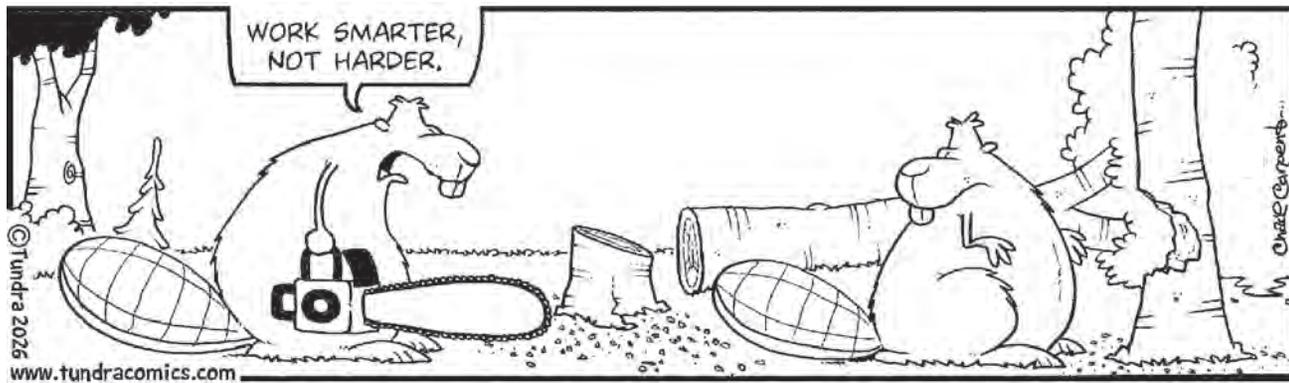
The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below.

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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Less worry, more action please

We need to be mindful of world events, but there are several comparisons that can be made between events such as the war in Iran and events of a generation or two ago.

The Iran war, and its associated battles in the Middle East, have been going on for thousands of years. To our way of thinking, the middle eastern countries are very tribal and there are many tribes even within one country. The middle east wars seem to be about the usual issues of land and resources but, in contrast to many other wars, they have a strong cultural and, dare I say, religious bent to them as well.

Western wars seem to be more about resources compared to the middle east where the religious influences appear to be prominent.

There is also the factor of instant news coverage. In the wars of the 20th century, news from the battle front was days old before the people “back home” knew what was going on. Now, the cell phone and the internet shows the horror, destruction and death almost instantaneously. It’s mesmerizing.

As has always been, war is very hard on families of the victims, the wounded and the displaced. However, with today’s instant viewing technology, the trauma, the anxiety and the fear that’s generated brings war right into our homes and workplaces.

One of my co-workers says that the worst thing that has happened to the news world is the 24 hour news channels. War events and destruction are played and replayed for days so the not only is there the original shock, the trauma is reinforced for days. The 24 hours news channels’ have to fill the air time, and so rep-



“ There is one more thing we can do and that is pray. ”

etition seems to be the way to fill the channel’s programs. Personally, I can’t watch more than a few minutes of that kind of news at a time. The news announcers and commentators are just too annoying.

It may seem crass, but there is little we can do about wars in other lands. We are traumatized yes, and gas prices are very high. Food prices are being affected even more than what has become normal. I was reminded, while watching snippets of the Oscars Sunday night, we can do one thing. One Oscar winner opened his thank-you speech by saying “God is good”. That’s true and there is one more thing we can do and that is pray. It may well be the best thing we can do.

And while the war in Iran has been centuries in the making and now weeks in the bombing and killing, we need to look closer to home. We can be kind to ourselves, our families, our neighbours and fellow Canadians.

We should also remember that we need to be aware of local, provincial and national situations. We have

elections coming at all levels. We will have local elections scheduled to happen this fall with others to follow.

We need to stay informed about what we as local residents, Manitobans and Canadians can and should do. Yes, we can care and we can pray. But we also need to be involved. Not many of us are prepared to run for office, but we have an obligation to get involved, encourage others and work for the electing of officials at all levels. And yes, don’t forget school board elections as well.

If we spent (or perhaps I should just say, if I spent) as much time preparing for our future as we (or I) do watching TV and the internet, we might all be better off.

If anybody says, there’s nothing we can do, they are wrong. We can pray, get involved and take action.

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 Banner & Press staff.



‘But never on a Sunday’

Way back in the 50s and the 60s, the Chordettes, Connie Francis and Bing Crosby all sang ‘Never on a Sunday’. It was about being kissed, any day but Sunday, for that was the day of rest.

That never on a Sunday meant something very different in my early years — no work on a Sunday, never on a Sunday! That didn’t apply to doing the farm chores or meal making. It certainly applied to abstaining from extra work — no gardening, laundry or unnecessary fencing. It also applied to sports; no sports of any sort, not team sports, not solo sports — no sports. Sunday afternoon, following church attendance in the morning, was given over to family time, aunts and uncles stopping by for a visit and ‘faspas’. After the mandatory afternoon nap! Faspas was a Sunday late lunch; cold meat, buns, cheese, pickles and dessert. Not a lunch and not a supper, more a tide me over till tomorrow repast. Our classmates were pretty evenly divided in these customs. Those not of the Mennonite faith could play, dance and sing any day, including Sunday.

In my teens this custom gave way to practicality. There was Sunday morning worship service, but after my father returned to university and began teaching, he needed Sunday to get farm work done. For several years he attended summer school, so hay making and bale hauling often fell on a Sunday, as did sheep shearing. If you want to farm, there are obligations. Even then, the arrival of a family member brought everything to a halt — people were/are important.

When I married Ed, he held Sunday as a day of no work. There was acceptance of sports, organised and independent. So many Sunday afternoons we filled the family vehicle — a 13 passenger van, with the children and their friends and headed off to the city to the Pan Am Pool, or out to the Pembina Hills for tobogganing. A good baseball game or a snowmobile derby were certainly acceptable activities.

I was privileged to be a stay at home wife and mother until our youngest child was in grade eight. This brought about a change in my time allocations. When I carefully explained that by spending a few hours in the garden, or doing a few loads of laundry, I was relaxing, and making the week ahead easier. It wasn’t really working, it became a form of recreation. Not every Sunday. And quilting on a Sunday afternoon wasn’t really work either, a hobby, really. It took a bit of adjustment for the family, and before you knew it, a few hours working on a project vehicle on a Sunday afternoon wasn’t work either!

Just like beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so is the definition of work. I still don’t believe in unnecessary hard work on a Sunday.

Just what I need/want to do! “ Oh, any day that you like the best, and day that is but my day of rest... But never ever on a Sunday, a Sunday, a Sunday ‘cause that’s my day of rest” Bets that if you’re over 80 you’re humming that tune!

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Small town, big stories - Kenton book club



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Kenton book club members. Mary Ann Stevenson, Celia Nolan, Leah Obach, Devon Caldwell, Leith Corney, Debbie Routledge, Rilla Hunter

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

A glass of wine and a good book! Sip, Read, Repeat: Kenton's women's book club blends literature, laughter, and a little wine.

Started approximately ten years ago by Devon Caldwell, Leith Corney and Lorna Corney, members Debbie Routledge, Leah Obach, Mary Ann Stevenson, Devon Caldwell, Leith Corney, Rilla Hunter and Celia Nolan

make up today's membership.

The club usually meets once a month at the home of the person who selected that month's book.

This year each member chose an author and book choice; but this selection format changes from year to year, keeping it interesting.

April's book was chosen by Debbie Routledge and is titled 'Recipe for a Good Life' by Lesley Crewe. She is a Canadian author, and this is the

second book of hers that the group has read.

The members meet at the home of the person who selected that month's book. Discussion on the book's story line takes place accompanied by delicious appetizers and beverages. After determining the next month's book selection and meeting date, a yummy dessert ends the enjoyable evening together.

What a great addition to our community!

The RFNOW Commitment to Rural Internet

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

In a world increasingly driven by digital communication, reliable internet access is no longer a luxury; it's a necessity. This truth is especially poignant for the residents and businesses of rural areas, where traditional providers often overlook the unique challenges of these communities. RFNOW, founded in 2000 in Virden, Manitoba, recognized this gap and has dedicated itself to ensuring rural residents have access to world-class fiber connectivity.

From its inception, RFNOW has maintained a clear mission: to deliver not only high-speed internet but to do so while fostering local growth and community engagement. Over the years, the service has extended

beyond Virden, with a rapidly expanding fiber network stretching across Manitoba and into southeast Saskatchewan. The journey has been marked by a commitment to not just technology, but to the people and places that RFNOW serves.

One of the standout features of RFNOW's approach is their focus on ****True Rural Builds****. Unlike many providers who focus their fiber installations along high-density corridors, RFNOW is dedicated to bringing connectivity to smaller towns, farmsteads, First Nations, cottage areas, and outlying locales. This strategic planning ensures that every kilometer of fiber laid is intended to reach people who have been traditionally underserved. In doing so, RFNOW embodies its Prairie roots, making sure that no

community is left behind.

Reliability is another cornerstone of RFNOW's operations. The unpredictable weather of the Prairies can dramatically impact local infrastructure, from snowstorms that blanket rural roads to seasonal surges in internet usage during major events. With this in mind, RFNOW has engineered its network with a strong emphasis on redundancy and robust field infrastructure. This proactive approach ensures that connections remain stable and strong, even during peak times or severe weather. Whether it's the dead of winter or the excitement of playoff season, RFNOW's customers can rely on their internet service when they need it most.

At the heart of RFNOW's mission is a ****Community Driven Service**** philosophy. Understanding that

they serve the same neighborhoods they call home, RFNOW ensures that its technicians, planners, and customer care teams are part of the local landscape. This connection goes beyond geographical proximity; it fosters a culture of responsiveness, transparency, and respect. When customers reach out to RFNOW, they're not just speaking to a faceless corporate entity; they're communicating with people who understand their unique challenges and are dedicated to providing solutions.

RFNOW operates with a business model that prioritizes the needs of rural communities; it reflects a vision where technology and local engagement go hand in hand. This commitment has made a tangible difference, not just in connectivity, but in empowering residents and



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RF Now Virden Shop.

businesses to thrive in the digital landscape.

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RFNOW is more than just an internet provider; it's a vital partner in the growth and success of rural communities in Manitoba and southeast Saskatchewan, making sure that every resident has the connectivity they need to thrive in today's digital world.

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1:30-3:30PM – Erickson Food Store

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
1:30-3:30PM – Wawanesa Gas Bar

Friday, March 27, 2026
10AM-12PM – Strathclair Home Centre

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Hamiota dancers perform at Virden festival



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At Virden Music & Arts Festival, March 11 in the Aud Theatre, Hamiota 12 & under Hip Hop dancers perform "Yeah 1 2 Step."



Hamiota 14 & under Hip Hop dancers perform "All My Love."

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

Hamiota dancers are trained through Midwest School of Dance, a club that formed in Hamiota in 2003 with just 20 students. The club has grown immensely as festival and recital performances reveal.

From the very youngest 6 and under performers to senior students in 16 and under classes, individual and

group dancers performed 16 times on Virden Aud Theatre stage during Virden Music & Arts Festival in classes held March 11 -12. The adjudicator was Katey Rogowsky, an instructor for over 14 years with Brandon's Steppin' Time Dance Studio.

Midwest's year end recital is set for April 12. The Hamiota Collegiate gymnasium is always packed for this Sunday afternoon event where every age and style of dance is featured.

Mid West Arts Centre welcomes Zoe Priest as the new administrator

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

December saw the Mid West Art Centre wrapping up the year with a very successful Artisan Christmas market. But it also brought the resignation of their valued administrator Allison Gardham.

The search for a replacement started with a few challenges to the board members. They certainly came to appreciate everything that Allison did. Thankfully, Kerri Wilson and other knowledgeable members were able to keep getting the issues dealt with.

After several interviews, the board came in contact with a perfect fit for the Art Centre. In January, Zoe Priest from Harding was chosen as Administrator. Zoe comes with many qualifications and numerous interests in several

areas of art.

The Art centre is so fortunate to find Zoe and are so happy to welcome her to the executive position.

Please stop in and meet Zoe and give her a huge warm welcome.



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Zoe Priest of Mid-West Arts Centre, Hamiota, MB.

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In my opinion: State of the World

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

The war in the Middle East has jacked fuel prices up to an unbelievable

height in just three days. They are climbing daily and will likely continue to do so for as long as the war goes on. Is this really true or are gas prices climbing because someone just wants to GOUGE the customer. I believe it is gouging!

It's not only the pump prices that are rising, but also your cost of living will rise. The freight companies will be adjusting and increasing their prices and the consumer will pay for that. So in the last couple of weeks the cost of living has increased. Did your wage go up to cover this increase? Nope!

In a time when prices are soaring, the unemployment rate climbs, the government seems numb to what is happening in Canada. But there is no shortage of giving up a few more billion to other countries. Maybe they should be looking after Canadians first, then the rest of the world, instead of the world first and our country going deeper and deeper down the sewer.

Why is the government not stepping up to put a halt to this nonsense? I believe the government wants you to depend on them, lean on them, rely on them and in exchange you lose your freedom! They tried scaring us with the Covid crisis. Rendering us useless, driven by fear.

Just some random questions for you to think about. Why is there so much crime in the world? Why is there so much anger and hate? What is driving us to bigger and terrible situations? Why all the school shootings? What about the increase in drugs that we hear of daily?

Our courts seem silent and are way behind in criminal cases.

I feel sorry for the RCMP officers who arrest and then have to go re-arrest criminals who do not show up for their court day. The media tell us the jails are full and of course, the media is always correct, right? There is no room for more inmates, it's too crowded.

If you stop here and ask the question, why is this happening? Obviously to the powers that be and this came from Justin Trudeau, let's soften sentences to criminals. Wow, that is really working, isn't it? Perhaps he was trying to just protect himself when the truth about the freedom convoy came out! Through the past few years the climb is rising, dramatically.

I would say we haven't seen anything yet! When greed, pride of life, lack of respect and just overall lack of morals in our world takes over, it will fall to pieces

Maybe, just maybe, when they took the Lord's prayer out of our school, people stayed away from church. People coming to Canada and politely living the Canadian way, instead of bringing their agenda with them, maybe we would not be in this mess. Christians are persecuted for their faith, yet the Christian faith is the foundation of our country. The moral decay in the world and in our country is growing at an alarming rate. Think about it? What path is the world on? We are once again in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah, and we all know how that ended! Can you spell atomic bomb? If you don't believe me, look it up or better yet, look up!

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Copies of the proposed financial plan will be available for review commencing on the 25th day of March, 2026 on our website at www.rmofOakview.ca or may be examined by any person during regular office hours of the Municipal offices at Oak River (10 Cochrane Street) or Rapid City (435 3rd Ave) or by emailing a request for a copy to financemgr@rmofOakview.ca.

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Being the head referee in a game, I usually skated on the faceoff dots to the boards to stay away from the middle of the ice but also to get to the net quickly if I needed to. I did not want to get tied up along the boards because that was where there was usually body contact, or getting hit with the puck when someone was ringing it around the boards. I also tried to stay on the ice across from the players benches. I figured if a player or coach had words for me, he would have to be yelling pretty loudly from the players bench. In this case, I could give the bench a warning, that if it happened again, I would assess a bench minor penalty. I could give a particular player a misconduct or game misconduct if necessary. I did not like giving misconducts, but if an individual was persistent with me, the player usually paid the price. Most players, if they were venting at me, if I skated further from away from them usually settled down and the game went on.

When I was a linesman, things were very different. You were usually positioned just outside the players benches between center ice and the

blue line. I got to hear some real good trash talk, planned plays and some really funny one liners.

The better the teams involved in the game there was less chatter and more focus on the task at hand. Usually the real good teams in the South West Hockey League were very positive in their words. That doesn't mean to say there weren't verbal wars but they would be quickly forgotten at the drop of the puck.

Here are a couple of occasions when teams played hard against each, including fighting penalties, but huge respect for one another. I refer to a couple of games in Elkhorn, when the Elkhorn Canadians were matched up against the Cartwright Clippers.

One night Brad Mullin did something to one of the Elkhorn players that was not appreciated by Keith Orr. Keith was standing up for his teammate, like anyone would do, if it was your teammate that could not defend himself properly. Brad Mullin was the only known player at that time who had taken down Dave Semenko in a fight. Brad had huge hands. Keith challenged Brad and they started chuck-

ing knuckles. Keith came out on the short end of the fight, but he gained the entire Cartwright Clipper team's respect. Standing up for your teammate! I, being a linesman when play resumed, was in front of the Cartwright bench so I could hear what they were saying. There was admiration and respect for Keith to engage in the fisticuffs.

In a different game, but still the same two teams Kevin McLean, who could be a pest, could get under almost anyone's skin when he put his mind to it. Kevin was known to do some trash talking and was a fearless player. Kevin is skating down the left side of the ice and hits a player from Cartwright into the boards, a little hard with maybe just a little bit of a punch involved. I was again a lineman in the game. I am in front of the Cartwright player's bench. One of the Clipper player's yells hit that bastard. Somebody get him! Man I hate the way he plays. Danny Mullin says, yes I cannot stand him, but I wish he was on our team! Hal Haight says yea I wish he was on our team too. That is RESPECT!

Danny Mullin saw how valuable a player Kevin McLean was to his team and what he brought to the Elkhorn Canadians hockey team. Danny did not like him but he respected him. You do not always see that in this day and age. There seems to be a lot of lack of respect in our world today. It is not like it used to be!



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Community welcomes new Handi-Transit service in Riverdale Mun.

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

On Friday, March 13, excitement filled the air at the municipal office building as the Riverdale community came together to celebrate the introduction of the Lake Line Transit Service, a momentous occasion for residents in need of accessible transportation. Attendees enjoyed hotdogs, cupcakes, and refreshing drinks while they eagerly awaited the unveiling of the new handi-transit vehicle that promises to enhance the mobility options available to eligible residents.

For many years, Riverdale Municipality has lacked a dedicated handi-transit service, leaving many community members with limited access to essential transportation options. This new initiative underscores Riverdale's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment by providing door-to-door transportation services. The service is designed to meet the diverse needs of residents while adhering to provincial accessibility standards and regulations, which ensures both safety and comfort for passengers.

The Lake Line Transit Service operates every day of the week with flexible hours determined by driver availability, allowing for a wide range of scheduling options. Residents are encouraged to make reservations at least 24 hours in advance, providing the service with adequate notice to accommodate their needs. Priority will be given to medical appointments, followed closely by requests for work-related travel, personal business, social activities, and shopping endeavours. This structured approach ensures that those who need it most receive timely access to essential services and engagements.



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The successful revitalization of this transit service has been made possible by the invaluable efforts of a dedicated committee comprised of stakeholders from various sectors of the community. Their unwavering commitment to addressing the transportation challenges faced by residents has played a crucial role in the establishment of this service.

Furthermore, the project has benefitted from a collaborative grant facilitated by Rivers-Rapid City Senior Services, coupled with funding from Riverdale Municipality through the Canada Public Transit Fund. This partnership showcases the power of collaboration in making impactful changes in the community.

For individuals interested in utilizing the Lake Line Transit Service or seeking more information, please reach out to the municipal office at 204-328-5300. Engaging with the community has never been more critical, and the launch of this service represents a significant step forward in ensuring all residents of Riverdale enjoy the freedom to travel safely and independently. With the introduction of Lake Line Transit Service, Riverdale Municipality takes pride in its ongoing effort to create a more accessible and inclusive community for all.

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