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## Rivers and Area Community Foundation Granting Evening

### The 3G's of Gifting- Give, Grant and Grow

#### Donna Falkevitch RACF

November 18 was the date of the annual granting evening for Rivers and Area Community Foundation. The past two years have seen a more distant granting effort due to Covid restraints but it was nice to see everyone back together in person this year.

The evening is planned to coincide with Endow MB Giving Challenge each year so that any gifts made to RACF unrestricted fund during this week will be stretched by the Winnipeg Foundation and Government of Manitoba. Our complete totals have not yet been tallied but several individuals took advantage of the opportunity to assist with the growth of our granting power. A new fund was also set up in memory of a dear friend and strong community worker Lorrie Dyer. This fund will be donor advised and granted into the areas of education, music/arts and sports.

#### \$22,000 for 2022

Eleven community organizations were the recipients of nearly \$22,000 for 2022. This brings the total of our granting in Rivers and area to almost \$300,000 since inception. Well over 50 local groups have seen their projects either started, progressed or completed with assistance from these grants. Our 2022 grants included;

-Society of Friends of Rivers Collegiate Institute Scholarship of \$1,500 was presented to Sadie Quane

(accepted by her younger brother Bentley and Mom Marcie) by Youth in Philanthropy Director Cherri Whelpton. Sadie is presently enrolled in her first year of studies at University of Regina

-Rivers Police Services represented by Chief Lon Schwartz accepted \$1,458 from RACF Director Stacey Stott for Phase II of their Safe Space project.

-Riverdale CDC member Dave Creighton received \$2,000 from RACF Director Cherri Whelpton to go towards the purchase of a Community LED sign being installed off Hwy 25 and Main Street in spring 2023.

-RCI Hockey Academy director Taryn Luhowy accepted \$2,000 from RACF Director Donna Falkevitch for the purchase of Give & Go training equipment.

-Rivers Curling Club President Dave Falkevitch and Executive representative Cheryl Champion received \$2,000 from RACF Director Stacey Stott to go towards the purchase of printed mesh sheeting for the curling surface.

-Rivers Legion Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Marilyn Halliday accepted \$1,500 from RACF Director Rod Veitch to purchase another concrete table for the Cenotaph Gardens.

-Rivers/Daly Fire Dept member Dave Creighton received \$2,500 from RACF Director Rod Veitch to purchase windows and doors for the rescue UTV.

-2nd Vice president Art



Youth Soccer President Cheryl Champion received \$500 from RACF Director Cherri Whelpton to purchase a new set of jerseys.



Zion Church Pastor Warren Smallwood in partnership with Riverdale Harvest received \$1,500 from Director Lawrence McFarlane.

Halliday from Rivers Legion Branch #75 accepted \$2,500 from RACF Director Rod Veitch for the purchase and installation of flooring for the inside ramp which leads to the clubroom.

-Youth Soccer President Cheryl Champion received \$500 from RACF Director Cherri Whelpton to purchase a new set of jerseys.

-Kiwanis Court representative Lynn Madden

accepted \$3,675 from RACF Director Lawrence McFarlane to replace the non accessible crumbling sidewalk in order to safely access their building.

-Zion Church Pastor Warren Smallwood in partnership with Riverdale Harvest received \$1,500 from Director Lawrence McFarlane to help build new steps/safer access to the back of the church which houses



Friends of RCI Scholarship of \$1,500 was presented to Sadie Quane (accepted by her younger brother Bentley and Mom Marcie, left and Centre) by Youth in Philanthropy Director Cherri Whelpton, right.



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our local foodbank.

-Roger and Adrienne Beaudin representing Rivers and Area Game & Fish Assoc. received \$2,300 from RACF Director Donna Falkevitch (niece of Helen & Bill Sibbald) and Mackenzie Sprenger (great nephew of Helen & Bill Sibbald) from the Bill and Helen Sibbald Legacy Fund and RACF. These funds will be spent towards improvements at the

education centre located in the newly licensed shooting range.

The donation numbers have not yet been tallied for the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge but we appreciate all who came out to the granting evening, the Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) students for assisting us and anyone who donated in any way to the "Giving growth" of RACF.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MORKEN



# Closing the gaps in public policy

I am not sure if we will have room this week for a column from John Feldsted about the big international climate conference. Seems that Canada sent over 300 delegates. These conferences have been going on for decades now and don't appear to be making much progress. John's column explains how the goals of the conferences are based on some pretty shaky premises and agreement isn't happening anytime soon.

Perhaps the problem is similar to a lot of issues, where governments set out to solve problems but often bog down.

One such area is mental health. Years ago, western Manitoba area had a mental health hospital. Most people called it the North Hill and the buildings are still there. It accommodated a lot of people and it was held in both high regard and, at times, disdain. Believe whatever you wish, but many people believe, that for the times, it served the needs of people who needed a safe place to be in times of mental and emotional crisis. In the wisdom of the government of the day, it was decided to close the facility. In terms of bed numbers, it has never been replaced. Certainly, there are smaller centres around the province but nowhere near the capacity of the North Hill.

The prevailing wisdom behind the closure was summarized by the phrase, "The communities will handle the needs". That, of course, is nonsense for the most part. It may apply in some cases, but in

many instances neither families nor a community can meet the needs of a person suffering from mental illness. Whether it be depression, bi-polar, violent behaviour or a host of other afflictions, it is too much for the community to handle.

In spite of the best efforts of treatment centres, I was made aware of some real gaps in the system. A person who is in a mental health centre may become much healthier but once out in the community, they may relapse.

If they run amok of the law and end up in jail, I have been told the government doesn't share files between the health centre and the

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### KEN WADDELL



family member to be there. That has led to some very real problems.

There are similar gaps in other government agencies. I know from personal experience in helping a person with their housing needs,

while, the individual may not know who to phone and may not have the means to drive around chasing the bureaucracy. Also, if a person is displaced and therefore doesn't have a fixed address, they can't easily get social assistance. That makes no sense.

I would be interested in knowing if readers have stories that may shed more light on how disjointed government agencies can be. My aim isn't to beat up on hard working staff or politicians but to make for an open discussion on how things could be improved.

The system is usually well intentioned but when gaps and outright silliness in provision of service happen, lives are at stake. Suffering and deaths don't serve any of us well so let's close the gaps and in so doing help bring healing to our people.

*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 staff.*

**“ I have been told that people can be released from jail or a treatment centre at any time of the day or night and without proper arrangements for a caregiver or family member to be there. That has led to some very real problems. ”**

jail. That seems like a big gap to me that hampers caring and efficient treatment.

I have been told that people can be released from jail or a treatment centre at any time of the day or night and without proper arrangements for a caregiver or

that agencies don't always play nice together. If you need housing in a Manitoba Housing home or apartment block and have to do so with social assistance, you may be dealing with MHA in one government region and with Social Assistance in another. All the

# Twelve MVLs, epilogue

As I bring this series of Most Valuable Lessons learned in public school to an end, I need to address some words to a significant group of my readers. Some of you, like me, received your Elementary, Middle and High School education in public schools. Some of you may have attended Roman Catholic schools. Others were home schooled or educated in private schools owned and operated by a local church.

Like me, you may have heard mega-church leaders like Jerry Falwell and others talk about training a new generation of pastors who would move into new communities and establish new churches, each of which would have its own K-12 school. Falwell and others like him believed this was the only way for parents to protect their children from what they saw as "the evils in the public school system." I will admit that their arguments were quite convincing; and I understand why, especially in major urban centers, parents are reluctant to expose their children to some of the things they face in public schools.

I also understand why parents in communities such as ours chose to avoid the public schools. You had other options and chose to make use of them. But for many of us, no other options were available-so you sent your children to the local public school.

For 21 years of my life, I was exposed to public

and private schools of all sizes and in rural and urban settings. So I understand and appreciate the challenges parents face when choosing the best K-12 environment for their children. My kids' mom and I moved three times to three different provinces while our daughters were in school. Our biggest challenge was finding schools in each community that we knew would provide them with the foundational training they needed to help them succeed in their chosen professions.

We learned two important lessons over those years. The first was this-every school must be evaluated on its own merits. We were fortunate. The elementary and middle schools our daughters attended were excellent schools. But our older daughter found the regional high school too big and intimidating for her liking. So we enrolled her in the high school affiliated with a University College in Edmonton; and that proved to be the best option for her. Our younger daughter completed her high school in Neepawa and left with some excellent grades, incredible memories and wonderful friendships.

The same is true for faith-based schools. Some are excellent; some are not. Parents need to do their homework. Investigate a faith-based school before you enroll your children. Talk to parents whose children are enrolled in the school. Seek out and talk



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to parents who have removed their children from the school. Get all the information you can on all the options available. Then, make a decision that is right for your children.

The second lesson we learned was that God does not expect the church or the faith-based school to provide religious education for our children. Religious education is to be provided in the home and is to be taught by the parents. The fact that we are raising a generation of spiritual illiterates I not the church's fault. It is the fault of parent who fail to follow the advice Moses gave to the people of ancient Israel-know the commands God has given you, keep them yourselves and teach your children and grandchildren to do the same. Whatever you do, don't assign this responsibility to a church or faith-based school. You won't be happy with the results.

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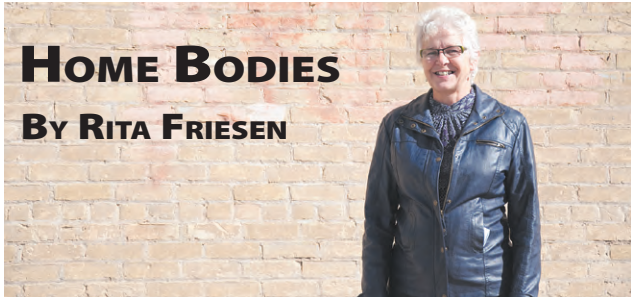
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## HOME BODIES

By Rita Friesen



It was just the reminder that I needed; a posting on social media that spoke to the call and purpose of the winter slowing. Slowing down because of less sunlit hours, slowing down because of less easy to do cold weather activities, slowing down simply to breathe. I teach preparedness for the time of incubation, the seed settled in the dark earth waiting for warmth and light to grow. That seed never questioning, or the stages of a butterfly- that time in a cocoon required for full development. I needed to be reminded to hunker down with me, to pause to listen to the spirit within. I have been too occupied with calculating the diminishing daylight hours- as dark as it is now is as dark as it will be in the end of January- to relax and be fully aware of the here and now. Oh, I still am walking and watching nature and all creation, I am still doing all that is required of me, and I am still glorying in family and faith. I have been counting the days to the solstice and mourning the loss of sunlight. It is a season, simply a season, one that I have experienced for more than three quarters of a century. The longing for sunlight has become consumptive and, for me, a dominating thought. So, like the seed, like the butterfly in the cocoon stage or

a bear in hibernation, may I simply rest, be restored, renewed, re- purposed.

Along with the awareness of my longing, I have been listening. To what others say, to what I am reading, and to my spiritual guide. A conversation with a trusted friend this week gave me food for thought. We were speaking of folks we know who always have a positive comment to offer, personal or general. Some of those we know and care for are now longer with us, but their words of encouragement and thanksgiving still surround us. The question put to me was – do/did they know they had limited time and needed to express their gratitude? Walking home from this conversation I wondered if perhaps they needed to hear others express such emotions- gratitude and thanksgiving- to them? Were we being offered that which they craved? I thought doubly hard on this question for I try to offer words of encouragement to others, even complete strangers. Classic- serving coffee to a crowd I noted one person who talked with calmness and presence, unaware of the looks of appreciation cast in their direction- perfectly groomed, coiffed and composed. As I filled their cup, I quietly asked- do you know that you are drop dead gorgeous? The light in their eyes magnified and the laughter bubbled. Did I need to say that? Yes, in that moment, at that moment I did. And now I wonder did I say that because I long to hear it? I hope to heck not! We do need to offer others reassurance and appreciation for who they are, and sometimes for what they do.

Darkening days allow the candlelight, the flickering starlight, to be more appreciated. May our lights, dim though they may appear to us, brighten the darkness.

# Christmas Cheer is coming

## Sheila Runions

RIVERS CHRISTMAS CHEER COORDINATOR

This years marks the 25th time in 24 years I will have co-ordinated the Christmas Cheer campaign in Rivers. The effort was started by Rivers Kiwanis Club in 1986; when they disbanded on Nov. 14, 1998 and asked Rivers United Commercial Travelers (UCT) to take over, I volunteered to act as co-ordinator. Although Rivers UCT also disbanded (Aug. 31, 2009), I remained as co-ordinator because it

is a Christmas tradition for me.

Also tradition for at least the last 30 years, is that Christmas Cheer hampers are only provided upon referral. To aid in avoiding abuse of the system, referrals are accepted by reputable organizations which have personal and intimate knowledge of the need of the applicant; recognized referral organizations include churches, schools, Riverdale Harvest, welfare agencies, etc. If the group which works with you does not have a referral form, please ask them to email smr@

wcgwave.ca. This year's deadline to accept referrals is Sunday, Dec. 4. Requests received after that date may not be filled with every item which goes in a hamper. Those items are cereal, canned vegetables/fruit/meat, soup, cranberries, stuffing, applesauce, brown beans, pudding, cookies, peanut butter and fresh food (meat, milk and produce.) If you would like to make a donation to the campaign, you can leave food or gifts in the collection box at Rivers Heritage Co-op.

Rivers Christmas Cheer operates as a

branch of Brandon-Westman Christmas Cheer Registry. Five years ago, Brandon changed their hamper contents and informed us adult presents are no longer needed. Gifts are only required for ages 16-and-under; please consider this rule when making your donation. If you prefer to support the campaign by making a cash contribution, you can mail a cheque (payable to Christmas Cheer) to Box 935, Rivers, MB R0K 1X0; please do not mail cash. Thanks in advance, for your continued support.



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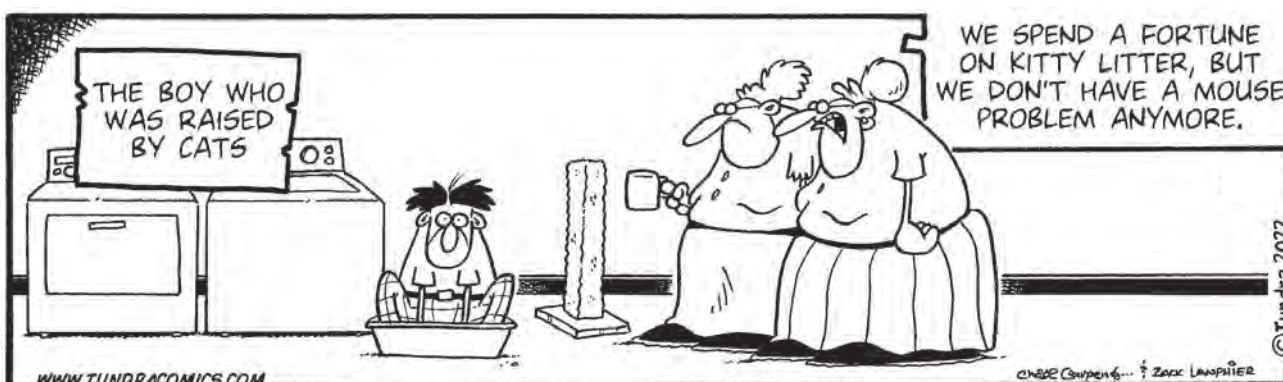
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By Chad Carpenter



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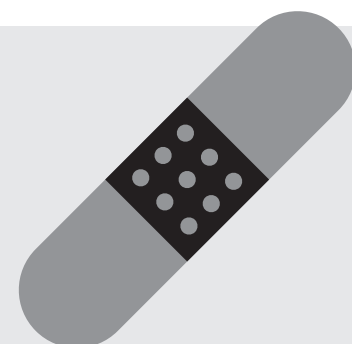
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# White-tailed vs. mule deer

**Sarah Plosker**  
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Rifle season is in full swing, and this year Manitoba has implemented a new mule deer season, which means hunters can buy tags for up to three white-tailed deer and up to three mule deer. So, how do you tell these two types of deer apart?

Hunters (and drivers!) in the Westman area are likely most familiar with white-tailed deer, which have antlers with points off a main beam; a long, wide, flat tail held up while running; little, if any, white showing when tail is down; and a loping, running gait. Mule deer, on the other hand, have forked antlers; large ears; a black-tipped, ropey tail

that stays down while running, a white rump visible when their tail is down; and a stiff-legged, springing/bouncing gait. These are the key visual differences between white-tailed and mule deer.

On average, mule deer are typically bigger than their white-tailed counterpart, when factoring in age and sex. Of course, this is harder to judge while looking through a scope, but it will likely lead to more meat in the freezer. White-tailed deer are said to be more aggressive than mule deer. However, that's likely not a characteristic easily identified while hunting. Be sure to identify multiple visual characteristics before pulling the trigger.

According to the Manitoba Hunting Guide, all five of the positive cases of CWD in Manitoba in 2021 were found in mule deer in 2021. A mule deer hunting season has been established this year in Manitoba to help reduce the spread of CWD in the province.

And of course, be sure to wear hunter's orange for safety. Deer have dichromatic (two-color) vision with blue and yellow being the two primary colours. This means that deer (white-tailed and mule alike) can't see orange and reds easily, making orange a convenient colour to wear—it definitely stands out to the human eye in the fields in this weather!



## Shop the Block

**Sarah Plosker**  
RIVERS BANNER

On Thurs. Nov. 17, a local vendor and craft sale took place at the Rivers Legion from 1-8 p.m. It was a great opportunity to buy all your Christmas presents, and maybe something for yourself too. With 21 vendors, there was something for everyone, including beaded jewelry, crocheted and knitted items, quilts, succulents and other

potted plants, gourmet spice mixtures, baked goods, natural cleaning products, honey, and more. There was free tea, coffee, and apple cider during the afternoon, followed by wine and cheese in the evening. There was also a free raffle for a door prize—a basket of assorted gifts plus two bottles of wine—which was won by Carry Douglas of Rivers.

Shop the Block is an annual event and it's great to see it back in action after

not being able to be held during Covid lockdowns. Thank you as always to Barb Prokaski Plewes and Carolyn Currie Phillips for organizing a wonderful event! If you missed it this year, or maybe it hasn't quite sunk in yet that Christmas is right around the corner, there's still the Rapid City Old Fashioned Family Christmas Dec. 4 at the Rapid City Legion hall, which will feature a large craft sale of local vendors.

## Rivers 50+ Club

**Myrtle Wooldridge**  
RIVERS 50+ CLUB

The Rivers 50+ Club members will be celebrating Christmas with a Christmas noon meal on December 15 at a local restaurant. We will come back to the clubroom for games. We are also hosting a New Year's Eve event at the clubroom. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. We will play games/cards for a while and close the evening out with a buffet

dinner. We welcome guests to both events. Please phone me at 204 328 7952 if interested. We will have the clubroom decorated for Christmas and our tree up.

Recently, Rapid City Seniors joined us for an afternoon of floor curling. Inter-Club visiting has been limited since Covid. We used to regularly host and visit other Clubs, but it seems to be taking all Seniors Clubs a while to bounce back since the Covid

epidemic. Visitors are welcome to come to the clubroom, which is open five afternoons a week. The new floor curling/games surface has added to our facility. We play crib on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. There's no reason to stay at home during the dark winter months when you can come out and have some fun! The clubroom is located in the basement of the Town Office in Rivers.



### Manitoba Hydro 2023/24 & 2024/25 General Rate Application

Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board for a 3.5 per cent average increase to electricity rates effective September 1, 2023 and a further 3.5 per cent average increase effective April 1, 2024. As part of this application, Manitoba Hydro is seeking final approval of the interim rate increase of 3.6 per cent implemented January 1, 2022. Manitoba Hydro is requesting increases to obtain the revenue needed to run the electric system, perform maintenance, and rebuild and expand the system as needed to continue to provide reliable, safe and effective service to customers.

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**Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.  
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Applicants are requested to submit a covering letter with a comprehensive resume, addressing the stated qualifications and naming three work related references to the following:

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 Rolling River School Division  
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 Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0  
 Phone: 867-2754 Fax: 867-2037  
 E-Mail: swoychysyn@rrsd.mb.ca

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## Notice

**Rolling River School Division**

Statement of Operating Fund  
Revenue and Expenditures  
for the year ended June 30, 2022

**Revenue**

Provincial Government	\$14,011,520
Provincial Funding of School Programs	\$9,225,351
Other Department of Education - ALC	\$129,310
Other Department of Education	\$1,978,156
Ed. Department - Education Property Tax Credit	\$1,565,436
Tax Incentive Grant	\$717,188
Property Offset Grant	\$260,879
Other Provincial Gov't Departments	\$135,200

Federal Government	\$0
Municipal Gov't (Net of Ed. Property Tax Credit)	\$11,005,616
Other School Divisions	\$78,000
First Nations	\$1,508,652
Private Organizations & Other Sources	\$170,596
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$26,774,384</b>

**Expenditures**

Regular Instruction	\$15,842,412
Student Support Services	\$3,380,795
Adult Learning Centre	\$129,814
Community Education and Services	\$33,742
Divisional Administration	\$958,373
Instructional and Other Support Services	\$439,165
Transportation of Pupils	\$1,822,953
Operations and Maintenance	\$3,264,140
Fiscal	\$462,413
<b>Sub Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$26,333,807</b>

Transfers to Capital Fund	\$466,484
<b>Total Expenditures and Transfers to Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$26,800,291</b>
Operating Fund Surplus (-Deficit)	-\$25,907
Adj to Surplus (-Deficit) Non Vested Accumulated Sick Leave	-\$33,443
<b>Adjusted Operating Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</b>	<b>\$7,536</b>

The above represents only the 2021-2022 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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# Rivers Minor Hockey

**Sarah Plosker**  
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The 2022-23 hockey season is in full swing. There are nine teams calling Rivers home this year, based on age divisions: one U7 team, two U9 teams, two U11 teams, two U13 teams, one U15 team, and one U18 girls team. This makes for a busy schedule at the rink. This season's Rivers Jets staff are Gerald Lepp (President), Lance Henderson (Vice President), Amanda Lelond (Secretary), Aaron Tycoles (Treasurer), Melissa Bromley (Registrar), Andrew Janz (Ref-n-Chief), Trevor Peters (Past President), and Jen Sonnenberg (Webmaster).

Updates for specific teams are as follows:

**U7:** There was a home tournament this past Saturday. Ten teams participated and played two games each. The Rivers team split into two teams and played against Neepawa, Hamiota, Brandon, and Minnedosa. The kids all had a great time and are improving week after week. Thank you to all who came out to support. Coaching staff are: Doug Sonnenberg (Head Coach) and Chris Anderson (Manager).

**U9 Agnew:** Rivers Jets have had two tied games so far this season. The team played Virden on Oct. 29 with an 8-8 tie and they played in Hamiota on Nov. 4 with a 9-9 tie. Coaching staff are: Mark Agnew (Head Coach), Rhett Nevill

(Assistant Coach), Stacy Nevill (Assistant Coach), Derek Elliott (Assistant Coach) and Lesley Taggart (Manager).

**U9 Smith:** The team travelled to McCreary Sunday and won 18-7. Their next games will be in Virden for their tournament next weekend. Coaching staff are: Mike Kendzierski (Assistant Coach), Carson Smith (Head Coach) and Lance Henderson (Assistant Coach/Safety/Manager).

**U11 Quane:** The team played last Thursday against McCreary and won 10-4. They participated in the Reston tournament this past weekend and lost in the B side final to Reston 7-6 in overtime. The team's next game will be on Dec. 1, then a tournament in Rivers Dec. 2-4. Coaching staff are: Kurtis Quane (Head Coach), Derek Elliott (Assistant Coach), Aaron Tycoles (Assistant Coach), Chris Bridges (Assistant Coach), and Lance Henderson (Manager).

**U11 Ratz:** The team didn't play this past weekend. Coaching staff are: Kyle Ratz (Head Coach), Dayna Anderson (Assistant Coach), Troy Basaraba (Assistant Coach), Steve Marvin (Assistant Coach), Doug Sonnenberg (Assistant Coach), Tanya Airey (Assistant Coach), and Jen Sonnenberg (Manager).

**U13 Beernaerts:** The team was plagued by flu and sickness this past week, but battled hard in games vs McCreary, Brandon

and Neepawa. Coaching staff are: Ian Beernaerts (Head Coach) and Angela Beernaerts (Manager).

**U13 Lepp:** Recent games were Sun. Nov. 13 in McCreary - tied 7-7, Tues Nov. 15 the team hosted Neepawa - won 9-5, and Sat. Nov. 19 in Hamiota - won 15-5. Next up is an at home game vs Gladstone Nov. 22 and at Minnedosa Nov. 25. Coaching staff are: Gerald Lepp (Head Coach), Steve Marvin (Assistant Coach), Keith Vandal (Assistant Coach), and Rachel Waldner (Manager).

**U15 Brown:** The team won vs Hamiota last Friday night 7-2 then beat Minnedosa 8-1 on Sunday morning. Coaching staff are: Jamie Brown (Head Coach), Chris Bridges (Assistant Coach), Richard Hillis (Assistant Coach), Steve Richmond (Assistant Coach), and Gerald Espenell (Manager).

**U18 Girls Peters:** The team didn't play this past week but their last game (Nov. 12) they lost to Grand Plains. They play the Birtle/Hamiota Bruiskies this Sunday in Rivers. Coaching staff are: Trevor Peters (Coach), Jalin Adama, Doug Cripps (Assistant Coach), Kendra Johnson (Assistant Coach), Ryan McLaughlin (Assistant Coach), and Andrea Munz (Manager).

Be sure to check the rink calendar for home games and come and support our local kids this year: <https://riversrink.ca/arena-calendar/>

# Rivers' outdoor rink is Ready



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Located a mile east of town, all the way down 4th Ave past the soccer fields, down Aspen trail, is a large pond in an area lower down from the trail, away from the wind. The pond is ready for use so lace up!

**Sarah Plosker**  
RIVERS BANNER

Brothers Bill and Dale Kroeger have been at it again! They've flooded and scraped the large pond off the Aspen trail just outside of Rivers to create an outdoor skating rink for all to enjoy. Located a mile east of town, all the way down 4th Avenue past the soccer fields, down Aspen Trail, is a large pond in an area lower down from the trail, away from the wind. It's now five inches thick of smooth ice, ready for action!

Bill explains that flooding goes fast with the sump pump and generator going, but scraping can take hours. It's well worth it to know that it's being used and enjoyed by local residents. He and Dale have

scraped the ice to polished perfection. "Don't walk with your hands in your pockets" warns Bill, "that ice is slippery!"

Last year there was a lot of snow, which meant constant upkeep. The brothers are hoping for less snow this year as they both have day jobs—Bill is a semi-retired electrician and Dale is a fireman/paramedic, so they can't always be there shoveling snow. This year they've carved a new area in the cattails/bull rushes, creating an oval around the whole area, which is different than last year. Besides loving the physical part of being outside, the brothers like to chat with passersby and watch the wildlife. Bill explained that after their first day of flooding the ice, a muskrat

family must have watched them do it, because they came back the next day to find that the area next to the two muskrat huts was flooded. Maybe the muskrats were making their own skating rink?

This is the third year these brothers have created the rink. The duo started in late 2020 when Covid restrictions meant there was no indoor skating for a good portion of the winter. They decided to keep doing it because people are using it, and they like knowing that people are having fun on the ice. The unofficial "Aspen Trail Wetlands" outdoor rink is ready to go for everyone. And what great weather this week to enjoy it. Thank you Bill and Dale!

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