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Treasure Hunting at the Rivers United Church Fall Thrift Sale



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Volunteers dedicate their time and effort to sort through bags and boxes to fill the thrift sale tables.

By Carolyn Phillips
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As the leaves begin to change and the air takes on that crisp autumn chill, the Rivers United Church eagerly welcomed the community to its much-anticipated annual fall thrift sale. It took place from September 24 to 26 this year. This event has become a cherished tradition for many locals seeking a blend of savvy shopping and community connection.

The spirit of openness and generosity is truly felt as donations from the community flood in ahead of the event. Volunteers dedicate their time and effort to sort through bags and boxes filled with potential treasures, transforming a simple church

hall into a vibrant marketplace. Each item is carefully priced and meticulously arranged on tables, awaiting the arrival of eager shoppers when the doors open on Thursday morning.

Despite the chilly and damp conditions outside, the ambience inside the church is anything but gloomy. The welcoming warmth permeates the space, promising a cozy haven for those on the hunt for unique finds. From stylish clothing for all ages to a wide selection of books, toys, housewares, and small furniture pieces, this thrift sale is a treasure trove just waiting to be explored.

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Each year, shoppers can expect to encounter everything from gently used winter apparel to classic novels that beckon to be revisited, or perhaps even some charming kitchenware that adds a personal touch to home life.

The event is not just about shopping; it is also a vital means of support for the church itself. The funds raised during this sale play a significant role in helping sustain various church initiatives and community outreach programs. Each purchase made contributes to fostering a sense of togetherness, as finances from the sale are reinvested into the community, ensuring the church's mission continues to thrive.

As we bask in the success of this year's thrift sale, the excitement does not end here. The

community is already buzzing with anticipation for the next sale scheduled for spring 2027. This rhythm of seasonal sales cultivates a spirit of anticipation and engagement, making it a staple event that many count down to throughout the year. So, whether you're a seasoned thrifter or new to the experience, be sure to mark your calendar for next year. The Rivers United Church Fall Thrift Sale is more than just an ordinary shopping event; it is an invitation to discover forgotten treasures, enjoy the company of neighbours, and participate in a community endeavour that enriches the lives of everyone involved.

Join fellow treasure hunters in this annual tradition that combines sustainability with creativity, community spirit, and warmth. We can't wait to welcome you back into our cozy space filled with possibilities. Happy hunting!



COWBOY PIE

Ingredients

- 1 (14 oz) Smoked Sausage, diagonally cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 medium onion, 1/2-inch dice
- 1 green bell pepper, 1/2-inch dice
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (14 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (14 ounce) can black beans, drained
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 jalapeño, minced
- 1 (8.5 ounce) package dry corn muffin mix, batter prepared as directed on the box



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Heat a 10-inch oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add smoked sausage and cook until browned. Add onion, bell pepper, and garlic and cook until vegetables are soft, about 6 minutes.
3. Season with chili powder, cumin, and salt. Add in tomatoes with their juice and beans. Cook until mixture starts to bubble, 3 to 5 minutes. Turn off heat and stir in cheese.
4. Mix jalapeño into prepared corn muffin mix. Spread corn muffin batter over the mixture and bake until golden brown and cooked through, 20 to 25 minutes.



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Parenting through grief, the part no one prepares you for



Grief changes the way you move through the world, but no one warns you how sharply it changes the way you parent. It's one thing to carry your own sorrow; it's another to carry it while still packing lunches, signing permission slips, and remembering which day is library day. Grief doesn't pause for school drop-off. It doesn't wait until after bedtime. It threads itself through the ordinary moments, and you're left trying to parent with a heart that feels heavier than it used to.

There's a particular kind of guilt that comes with grieving as a parent. You're hurting, but you're still needed. You still have to show up. You still have to answer

questions, soothe fears, and pretend you're fine enough that your kids don't feel the ground shifting under them. Some days you manage it. Other days you don't. And those days can feel like failure, even though they aren't.

The raw truth is that grief makes you slower. It makes you forget things. It makes you short-tempered or quiet or distracted. You look at your child's face and think, I hope they can't see how broken I feel. But kids are perceptive. They notice the cracks. They notice the pauses. They notice the way you stare a little too long at the sink or the window or the empty chair. And then you're faced with another impossible task: explaining a pain

you barely understand yourself.

Parenting through grief means learning to tell the truth gently. It means saying, "I'm sad today," without making them responsible for fixing it. It means letting them see you cry sometimes, because hiding it teaches them that grief is something shameful. It means answering their questions honestly, even when the answers hurt. It means showing them that love doesn't disappear just because someone else did.

But it also means giving yourself permission to be human. To let the laundry pile up. To order takeout again. To say no to things you used to say yes to. To accept help even when it feels uncomfortable. Grief strips you down to the essentials, and sometimes the most essential thing is simply getting through the day.

There are moments, though quiet, unexpected ones, where grief softens. Your child laughs, and for a second the heaviness lifts. They

slip their hand into yours, and you feel anchored again. You read a bedtime story, and the world feels almost normal. These moments don't erase the pain, but they remind you that grief and love can co-exist. That you can hurt deeply and still parent well. That your children don't need perfection; they need you.

Navigating grief as a parent isn't about being strong all the time. It's about being real. It's about showing your children that sorrow is part of life, and that even in the darkest seasons, families find ways to hold each other up. It's messy, and it's exhausting, and it's profoundly human.

And if you're in that season right now, if you're grieving and parenting and trying to keep your footing, you're not doing it wrong. You're doing something incredibly hard, and you're doing it with more courage than you give yourself credit for, and you should be proud of yourself.

Halloween and superstitions



Here are a few more superstitions coming your way. Did you know that 80 percent of high rise buildings all over the world lack a thirteenth floor? Here is a lucky or unlucky playlist for you. See how many you remember. The top 10 songs are: (1) Superstition by Stevie Wonder. (2) Black Cat by Janet Jackson. (3) Broken Mirror by Travis. (4) Number 13 baby by the Pixies. (5) I Should Be So Lucky by Kylie Minogue. (6) Black Magic Woman by Fleetwood Mac. (7) Knock on Wood by Eddie Floyd. (8) Spit Three Times by Neneh Cherry. (9) Born Under a Bad Sign by Cream and finally, number (10), Ain't No Sunshine by Bill Withers. So there you have it, the top 10!

A four-leaf clover is considered to be a lucky find and you have a 10,000 to 1 chance of finding one, not very good odds to say the least. The superstition is traced back to Adam and Eve with Eve allegedly taking a four leaf clover as a souvenir from the garden of Eden. I am not sure I believe that, but others claim it is so.

Celtic tradition suggests holding one protects you from evil spirits and bad luck, finding one holds a much bigger problem.

At one time seeing a Rabbit's foot dangling on a bunch of keys or hanging from your rear view mirror in your vehicle was commonplace and people would also carry them for luck without much thought for this good luck charm. It was not very lucky for the rabbit from which it was taken!

A North American tradition born out of good luck symbols used by Native Americans, the dream catcher, is said to bring protection and peace of mind. They are constructed of string, thread, feathers and beads. The dreamcatcher's sole purpose is to prevent nightmares and allow for sweet, positive dreams to be experienced by those sleeping with one close by.

I leave you with this, 13 percent of American folk carry a lucky charm at least sometimes, while 7 percent carry one with them every day. I will be back next week with another edition of Halloween and superstitions! Until then, jolly good luck to everyone!

Wordsearch from last weeks cover

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By Chad Carpenter



Complaint complacency-same bad result

We are in the midst of municipal election season in Manitoba.

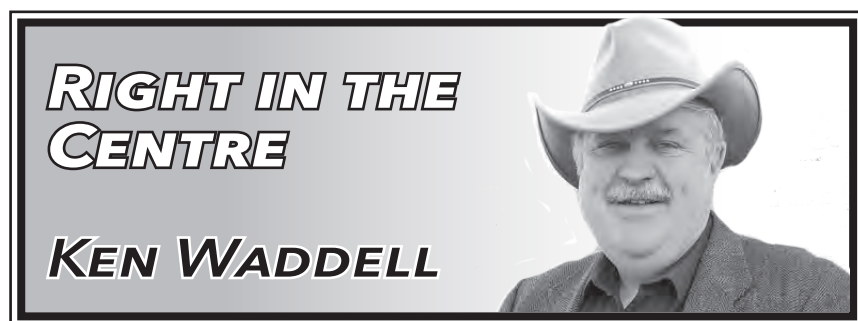
Quite frankly, it's time for all the crabby coffee-shop political critics to man up and vote. And just as frankly, if there isn't an election in your area due to an acclamation and if you aren't happy with the acclamation, you missed your chance to be a candidate or find one. And furthermore, if you don't vote, then I don't want to hear much complaining from you.

I was struck this past week by the similarity between the word complaint and complacency. Think about it, lack of results come from both words. It's action that's needed, not criticism of people but examining ideas. Many years ago, I was in a little country church near Rapid City and people were discussing ideas and praying for wisdom and guidance. Then a message came that I believe was from God. It doesn't seem to happen often, but a man down the pew from us stood up and made a short talk, just a few words. I would say it was a prophecy. He said, "I believe God is saying to us that we have all that we need in our midst to do what God has called us to do."

Over the decades in Manitoba, that assessment has rung true many times. Our ancestors built farms, schools, churches, halls, rinks and whole towns by gathering their God-given resources and turning them into the needs of our communities. It might be vision or money or skills, but the end result is almost always good.

That story of development has been repeated hundreds of times across Manitoba. God calls us to action, be it out of need or desperation to get stuff done.

I truly believe that Canada took a huge step backward in community self-reliance when during the



“RM and town councils are the most important level of government. Their actions, or inactions, most closely affect our lives.”

1960s there was a huge move towards government grants. The Centennial grants in Canada and Manitoba (1967 and '70 respectively) did help some communities for sure but nowadays every time people get together to do something, the very early question in the discussion is "Where can we get a grant?"

If we had waited for grants in the first 60-70 years of Manitoba's history, we would have had a lot less growth.

Now there's grants for everything from community projects to public facilities to businesses. It should be no surprise that taxes are so high at all three levels of government as we have become very dependent on grants. It would be better if project funding could be guided by Community Foundations, I really like that model.

Anyway, back to municipal politics.

RM and town councils are the most important level of government. Their actions, or inactions, most closely affect our lives.

I think that municipal councils and reeves and mayor should be paid a lot more and then do a lot more. Perhaps property taxes should be higher. And perhaps provincial and federal governments should dribble more money down to the municipal level, not as grants but as per capita funding with conditions that it be spent on roads, water and sewage works.

Get your mind off Trump and world events and concentrate on the task in front you, it will be a lot more rewarding and fruitful as God reveals to you what He is asking you to do.

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Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



I wish there was a witness...

When we moved into the big house on the acreage east of town, the kitchen was in the north east corner with a high cupboard. Two of the young women in my life thought it hilarious to place my meagre collection of cookbooks in the topmost corner— cause I never used them anyway! I do not have a vast collection: The Altona Women's Institute Cook Book (Mennonite, surprise!), A Guide to Good Cooking compiled by the makers of Five Roses Flour (published in 1938!) Slightly stained and mostly intact), and a collection of hand written recipes— not on cards but on scraps of paper, old envelopes, and sometimes missing the title! A careful reading of the ingredients usually sets me straight and I aim for muffins or cookies.

When we were raising grandchildren one of them asked me if I knew how to bake any other cookies than chocolate chip, and date filled oatmeal cookies. Yeh, but why would I? They ate what was in front of them! I also made roll kuchen, buns, pies, and the occasional cake— chocolate. So why do I wish there was a witness? I have both cook books out and I am looking online for recipes! I think perhaps the fall feeling has me longing for comfort foods. Here's a sad truth; I didn't process the difference between shepherd's pie, and chicken pot pie. I have left over chicken, veggies, gravy and mashed potatoes and want something a bit more than a casserole. I have not decided which will be easier. Note that— easier, not tastier... I am not an imaginative cook, and never will be a chef!

I am cleaning up the garden and I have a wonderfully full celery plant out there. How does one make celery soup? The recipes I have found sound complicated; saute, garnish, white sauce... how about chop and blend?

This wandering through the cook books certainly reminds me how times have changed. I don't think I need to know that calf and lamb hearts are more tender than those of beef and mutton... and my regular food prep does not include the need to prepare liver, heart, sweetbreads, brains, tongue or tripe! I understand they are probably really healthy and if I was survival farming I would relish them. But no thanks. What I will prepare this week, that I have not for a very long time, is baked apples. That should deal with five or six of the dozens left... (I am discouraged with the overabundance of apples. I have diced and sliced, frozen, dehydrated, made pies and crisps, donated and discarded. And there are still beautiful apples on the tree.)

Time will tell. The leftovers were intentional and will not be wasted. I think the shepherd's pie sounds doable. A bit more research should also discover a tasty recipe for the celery soup. And I know how to bake an apple. The one recipe suggested I use maple syrup rather than sugar and I have a good supply of that, so we'll see. I would never have imagined me rabbit holing with recipes! Perhaps one can teach old dogs new tricks.

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Brandon teams are the best

Rivers Legion biannual Crib Club tournament



David Kaye, Linda Dursten, Linda Martinook, Grace Boulton, Eldon Schmitz, Wayne Schmitz.



PHOTOS BY SHEILA RUNIONS

A decorated cake featured the centenary logo, underscored with the local logo and flanked by two crib boards.

Submitted

By SHEILA RUNIONS

Rivers Legion Crib Club held its biannual crib tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26. I wish to share with you some of my opening remarks.

"Thank you so much for joining us today on this, the last day of Legion Week during the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. Here in Rivers our branch, No. 75, was founded in 1926 as an amalgamation of three existing veteran organizations. Branch of Returned Soldiers formed here in 1916, General War Veterans Local formed in 1918 and Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League formed here in 1925. The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was the precursor to Royal Canadian Legion, which had its official name change in 1926, hence the 100th anniversary now in 2026. Branch No. 75 received its charter on Sept. 18, 1929 with 12 members listed.

"In 1940 they bought an old hall; it was located right here, but this is not that building. Fire destroyed the former Frame Hall in November 1956 and six months later (May 1957) a sod-turning ceremony was held for this new building. Nine years after that (1966), they bought the old house that sat just east of here, and tore it down to make the parking lot. In the 1970s, more expansions to this hall were completed: a 16-foot addition to the south end of the hall (which enclosed the stairs) and in 1976 the kitchen was added to the west side. In 1984 a 14- by 12-foot addition was put on the north end of the kitchen, and in 1989 the wheelchair ramp was installed. But enough of our history, let's get on with the day.

"We play crib here every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and it only costs you \$2; feel free to join us anytime, it's a come-when-you-can event." All the money we collect in entry fees (\$2/person) is paid out to the top three winners each evening. We also award a toonie to the lowest score, to encourage them to return next week and in essence, play for free. Another toonie is presented to the person who is closest to the randomly-selected hidden number of the night. Lastly, \$1 is added to our 28/29 purse each week. This currently sits at \$125 which means it has been well over two years since someone has had either a 28-point hand or the perfect 29 score. We also have an optional 50/50 draw, so there are plenty of chances for you to win some coin; come check us out!

There were 26 teams playing in the tournament so first-place winners received \$260, second-place winners were paid \$156 and third-place winners accepted \$104. Although teams came from Rivers, Douglas, Minnedosa, Oak Lake and Brandon, this

particular event was won by teams from Brandon. David Kaye and Linda Dursten have not attended a tournament here before, but we are sure they will be back because they won the \$260 with a score of 921. Linda Martinook and Grace Boulton have now won at four consecutive tournaments; this time their score was 906. Brothers Eldon and Wayne Schmitz have participated in the past, but this was their first time winning; their score was 897. The final winner of the day was Jo-Ann Levandoski from Minnedosa; she took home \$195 from the 50/50 draw.

David and Linda had the highest individual game of the day, with a score of 121. Mother and daughter team Donna and Deanne Baker of Rivers had the second-highest game at 120 points. When you consider that in tournament play only four hands are dealt, to attain a score that high is quite remarkable. Remember David and Linda's total score? It was only 921, which means their average game score (we play 10 games) was 92.

Food was served, fun was had and no doubt fables will be told!



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WOOD'S PERSEVERANCE PAYING OFF IN PRO HOCKEY



Rivers' Briley Wood is trying out with the Manitoba Moose.

PHOTO FROM NEEPAWA TITANS FACEBOOK

By Robin Wark
RIVERS BANNER

Now entering his third professional hockey season, Rivers' Briley Wood is carving out a place for himself in the sport by refusing to give up.

On Sept. 21, it was announced that the son of Ted and Jodi Wood had signed a tryout agreement with his home-province Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League. The Moose are the top affiliate of the National Hockey League's Winnipeg Jets.

In August, Wood, a forward, signed with the ECHL's New Mexico Goats. The ECHL is a step below the AHL. The Rio Rancho, N.M.-based Goats are entering their inaugural season and are an affiliate of the NHL's Colorado Av-

lanche.

To reach the professional level — and stay there — Wood has exhibited perseverance. Neepawa Titans head coach Ken Pearson, who coached Wood in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, said:

"I think the biggest thing I'd mention is that Briley's story is a pretty good example of not giving up on yourself."

"He had some adversity in junior hockey, but he didn't let that define him. He came to Neepawa, worked hard, gained confidence and really took off. We were fortunate to have him with the Titans, and I think that season was an important part of his development."

What I'm most proud of isn't necessarily the goals or points he put up. It's seeing the person and

player he developed into. He earned the respect of his teammates, his coaches and the community."

"And knowing where Briley came from, with his family and the work ethic he learned growing up, I'm not surprised to see him continuing to pursue his dream as a professional hockey player."

"I'm really happy for him and his family. It's pretty special when you get to coach a young player and then watch him continue to chase his dream after he leaves your program. Briley is one of those guys I'm always going to be happy to see succeed."

Last season, the 6-foot-3, 188-pound Wood scored 10 goals and recorded 22 assists for 32 points in 71 games for the ECHL's Rapid City (S.D.) Rush. In his rookie campaign in

2024-25, he had 20 goals, 27 assists, and 47 points in 72 games with the West Valley City-based Utah Grizzlies of the ECHL and also played a game for the AHL's Colorado Eagles, which are based in Loveland, Colo.

Wood developed his love of hockey in his home community. Last season, in an article on the Rush's website, he stated, "Rivers is a one-of-a-kind, beautiful place. Lots of hard-working people. Very, very kind and generous people that come together as a community."

He went on to play AAA hockey for the Yellowhead Chiefs. In 2019-20, while playing for the U18 AAA Chiefs, Wood got into six games with the Western Hockey League's Lethbridge Hurricanes. The next season, which was altered by the COVID-19

pandemic, Wood played 15 games for the Hurricanes and 10 for Neepawa in the MJHL.

In 2021-22, he had two goals and five points in 58 games for Lethbridge. The following August, the Winnipeg Ice acquired his rights. Wood played nine games for Winnipeg before being reassigned to the Titans, where he flourished.

Wood paced Neepawa with 57 points and 38 assists in 39 games. He scored 19 goals. Wood was named the team's Most Valuable Player and selected to the MJHL First All-Star Team. What made him a fan favorite in Neepawa?

"Briley was just a really easy guy to like," Pearson said. "He was a good teammate, he cared about the guys in the room, and he was very approachable. He wasn't someone who thought he was better than anybody else."

"The fans in Neepawa could see how hard he competed. He played with an edge, he had skill, and he was exciting to watch. But I think what really made people connect with him was the person he was away from the rink."

"He represented the Titans and the community really well. He was involved, he talked to people, and he appreciated the support he received. When you have a player who works hard, competes every night and is a good person off the ice, fans naturally get behind him."

At the end of the 2022-23 campaign, Wood re-

turned to the Ice for four regular-season games. He stuck with the squad in the playoffs and contributed three goals and an assist in 19 games.

The Ice moved to Washington state for the 2023-24 season and became the Wenatchee Wild. Wood was an assistant captain and a key offensive contributor, recording 28 goals, 34 assists, and 62 points in 60 games. After that confidence-building campaign, Wood headed to the pro ranks. Many of the qualities he displayed as a Titan have helped him in recent years.

"The first thing that comes to mind with Briley is his work ethic," Pearson said. "He was a guy who wanted to get better, and he was willing to put the work in to do that. He was very coachable and, as he got older, you could really see his confidence and maturity develop."

"When Briley came to Neepawa, he had already experienced some ups and downs in junior hockey. I think he really embraced the opportunity he had with the Titans. He started believing in himself more, and once that happened, you could see what kind of player he could become."

"He also became a leader for us. He wasn't necessarily the loudest guy in the room when he first arrived, but as his confidence grew, he became more comfortable speaking up and taking responsibility. Those are things that I think have helped him tremendously as he's moved into professional hockey."

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Submitted

By BILL KROEGER

The annual 2026 Sept 20 Terry Fox Run has been completed in the Rivers area. The last few years it has only been myself, my daughters, and their children participating in this area as well as the elementary schools.

As a family we enter the event EVERY year, since the run first originated in 1981, the year after Terry Fox died.

This year my daughter Ashley Wood and I (Bill Kroeger) ran the entire 10 kms. While Ashley's children Liam and Anna Wood biked the distance. We all completed the run in approximately an hour. Most years we are joined by my other daughter Kelsey Fisher, and her two children Kendall and Kacey Fisher, but this year baby Kacey fell ill, so they couldn't attend.

Together our little group of four raised \$305 and we mail the cheques into the Terry Fox Foundation yearly. In return, they mail us out Terry Fox "Marathon of Hope" stickers. I have close to 40 stickers already, from over the years and my daughters have close to 30 stickers.

And they weren't even born when the run first originated. Now the four grand children are also filling up their sheets with stickers! It was a nice day for a run and we make it kind of a fun event for the children.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Kroeger family enjoys running for Terry Fox every year.

SPORTS

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

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The Toronto Blue Jays have been eliminated from postseason play for the 2026 season. After such an exciting time for Canadians last year, going to game 7 of the world series, it has been quite a drop for the Jays. They failed to play solid baseball and finished with a losing record. There are countless reasons they finished last in their division and missed the playoffs. Injuries no doubt played a huge part in their fall this season. They also were one of the worst teams in offence and swinging at pitches out of the strike zone. Their slugging percentage was also among the worst teams in the American league.

The one player whom took the most heat for their demise was Vladimir Guerrero Jr. It has been the worst season he had offensively in his major league career. He was so outstanding in last year's playoffs, I think we all felt he would just pick up from there and keep hitting home runs and driving in runs as well.

One thing I could not get over was in a 6-month period the Jays could not figure out

why was his drop in power so huge? Isn't that what coaches are for?

Last week, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. said that he should not be expected to hit 40 home runs a season and that he signed his 14 year 500-million-dollar contract for what he had done in the past. The Toronto media went nuts about that remark, even to the point he had to issue an apology to teammates and the Toronto Blue Jay faithful as well as the media. The media are cruel to their sports heroes in Toronto!

Do you think a player should be paid for what he has done in the past? What about going forward for the player? Players today get paid unbelievable amounts of dollars and have not accomplished anything really. Look at Leo Carlson of the Anaheim Ducks who will be getting 18 million a season, he has only been in the league 3 years. Did he get his team to a Stanley Cup final, nope!

My team, the Chicago Black Hawks, took a different route to pay their superstars. After the Black Hawks won the Stan-

ley Cup in 2010 and then again in 2013, they gave Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane 8.5 Million dollars a season for 8 years. They had earned that! They backed it up with another cup victory in 2015.

Back to the Blue Jays. They lost Bo Bichette via free agency and Addison Barger to injury. Without the protection around Guerrero from a slugging point of view, I imagine Vladdy was probably gripping the bat much too hard.

While professional athletes are getting paid such a high salary in my thinking, I believe the Toronto Media need not be so concerned. It was the media that thought his comments were a slap in the face and then reported that his father had called him and that Vladdy should apologize. Talk about the lack of freedom of speech. I support Guerrero in this way. No need to apologize. It was the Toronto Blue Jays that offered him the 14 year 500-million-dollar contract. What was he supposed to do, refuse it? I don't think so.

Vladimir Guerrero is not a home run hitter. He is a line drive hitter that hits the ball hard. Hit 20 home runs and drive in 100 runs would be outstanding for him.

It should be a very interesting off-season to say the least. There is also talk about a work stoppage for 2027 season and I assume it will be all about money!

OPENING NIGHT IN THE NHL

REF TO
WRITER

GERRY
NOLAN



By the time you read this the new National Hockey Season will have begun. Who are you picking at this time to win the coveted Stanley Cup? Just a quick note the National Hockey League just announced that the salary cap will jump substantially next year. Get ready to pay more for your television package. I always figured that the owners had a lot more money and that they were not on the up and up with the players. I think a player should get every darn penny they can get from the owners, just ask some of the older players.

For what it is worth here are my picks for standings and the eventual cup winners.

There are 8 teams in each division, so this is how I see them finish in order.

Central Division- Colorado, Dallas, Utah, Minnesota, Winnipeg, St. Louis, Chicago, Nashville. Winner of the Central division playoff is Colorado.

Pacific Division- Edmonton, Vegas, San Jose, Los Angeles, Anaheim, Seattle, Calgary, Vancouver. Winner of the Pacific division playoff is Edmonton.

Metro Division- Carolina, Washington, New Jersey, Philadelphia,

New York Islander, Columbus, Pittsburgh, New York Rangers. Division playoff winner, Washington.

Atlantic Division- Florida, Montreal, Tampa Bay, Buffalo, Ottawa, Toronto, Boston, Detroit. Division playoff winner- Florida

Stanley Cup Champion will be the Colorado Avalanche.

So these are my picks for what they are worth. We shall see by June 2027 if I was close at all.

Just a side note. With the salary cap going up next year, what does Connor McDavid get paid? He could be the new 25-to-30-million-dollar player. But who will be paying him that? This is a long way from when the Winnipeg Jets of the World Hockey Association signed Bobby Hull to a 1-million-dollar contract at Portage and Main in the early 1970's. When Hull held out on the Chicago Black Hawks for then a 1-million-dollar contract which they would not pay, and the Jets stepped up to pay him that amount of money changed the landscape for higher salaries. I say good for the players, it is just too bad some of the pioneer players who had to work in the off season just to make ends meet and yet developed the National Hockey League into what it is today could not get some royalties out of this. They played for peanuts really, but they played with heart, something we do not always see in today's game!

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Notice is hereby given that a vote of **Riverdale Municipality** will be taken to elect **6 Councillors**, at large, from the following duly nominated candidates:

For the offices of Councillor:

- Brennan, Ashley
 - Mason, Shawn
 - Veitch, Christa
 - Gill, Mark
- Dreveski, Bonnie
 - Smith, Everett
 - Beaver, Jocelyn

The following duly nominated candidate is hereby declared elected by acclamation and no vote will be required;

For the Office of Mayor:

Dyer, Ian

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday the 28th day of October, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

at: Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 633 – 2nd Ave, Rivers MB

IDENTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE. A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example - driver's license or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the Riverdale Municipal Civic Centre Council Chambers, 670 – 2nd Ave Rivers MB and will be open during each of the following days October 21st, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

MOBILE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following health care facilities on election day:

1. Riverdale Personal Care Home, Solarium ~ 9:00am – 10:00am

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, by email, or by fax to the senior election official at Box 520, Rivers MB R0K 1X0, cao@riverdalemb.ca or fax: 204-328-5374.

If applying in person*, a voter may apply between September 30th and October 25th, 2026.

* A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application. All voters should bring identification when requesting a sealed envelope ballot.

If applying by mail or fax**, a voter may apply between July 30th and October 25th, 2026.

** A voter applying by mail, email or fax will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior election official.

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Visit <https://www.rrsd.mb.ca/division/tenders> for property profile information / summary documents and the process to view the property and submit a bid.

Coming Events

Rolling Dale Enterprises
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Annual General Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2026 ~ 4:00 PM
533 2nd Avenue
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Join us as we reflect on the past year, share updates, and look ahead to the year to come. All are welcome to attend!

Thank-you

Thank-You

The family of WAYNE TOEWS would like to thank the paramedics, 1st responders and fire department personnel who came a during Wayne's medical incident and death, and were professional, timely and caring.

Thank you to all who attended the funeral, sent cares, gave word of comfort and encouragement, treats and prayers for us as a family.

Thank you to all who report that they miss him at the coffee shop.

Thank you to Memories Chapel for doing all the necessary arrangements.

Notice



NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a vote of Hamiota Municipality will be taken to elect Mayor and Councillors from the following duly nominated candidates:

For the offices of Councillor:

- 1. Brethour, Ed
 - 2. Gray, Ross
 - 3. Harrison, Cal
 - 4. Kirk, Les
 - 5. Lawn, Kenneth
 - 6. Routledge, Lance
 - 7. Tiller, Kelvin
 - 8. Tolton, Ryan

For the office of Mayor

- 1. Andrew, Jennifer
 - 2. Lints, Randy
 - 3. Mollard, Tom

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on **Wednesday, the 28th day of October 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** at: Hamiota Community Hall – 50 4th Street

IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE. A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example - driver's license or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

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ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be held on **Wednesday, 21st day of October 2026** and will be located at the following location and times:

- Hamiota Community Hall – 1:00PM to 7:00PM
 - Birch Lodge PCH – 1:00 to 1:30PM
 - Lilac Residence – 1:30PM to 2:30PM
 - Park Residence – 2:30PM to 3:30PM

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by email to the senior election official at **75 Maple Avenue, Hamiota, MB R0M0T0** and hedc@hamiota.com

If applying in person, a voter may apply between September 30 and October 16, 2026

* A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail or email, a voter may apply between July 30 and October 16, 2026.

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In memory of

ELAINE SUSAN (BIGGAR) HODGSON
1962-2026

After a long and courageous battle, Elaine Susan Hodgson nee Biggar went peacefully to her heavenly home in the wee hours of Tuesday, September 22, 2026, surrounded by love and family.

Elaine leaves behind the love of her life, Donald Hodgson of Beausejour, and their four children: Tanya (son Rowen) Beaulé, Tasha Hodgson (Daniel Szot), Tara, and Scott (Hannah) Hodgson. Elaine dearly loved her grandson Rowen and was looking forward with great anticipation to the arrival of her two newest grandchildren, who Scott and Hannah are welcoming to the world in the coming weeks.

Together, Elaine and Don celebrated 47 years of marriage on August 11, 2026. They met as teenagers and spent their entire adult lives side-by-side. They were each other's first love, only spouse, and lifelong partners. A rare and beautiful love story that lasted a lifetime.

Elaine was a lifelong helper who provided comfort and care in her workplace and also a safe and welcoming harbor for anyone needing love and support in her personal life. In her memory, we will carry these legacy gifts forward.

What we also came to discover, these past six years, was the extent of Elaine's bravery and determination as she battled a rare liver condition with a warrior spirit. She overcame countless seemingly impossible battles throughout her long journey and managed to laugh and love until the very end.

Elaine was predeceased by her parents, Wallace and Dolores Biggar; in-laws George and Mildred Hodgson; brother Murray Biggar; Don's twin brother Gerald Hodgson; brothers-in-law Robert Griffin, Ervin Enns, and Garry Kerstirke; and nieces and nephews Michael Griffin, Amanda Hodgson, and Ethan Piper.

Elaine was born in Emerson, Manitoba, on June 29, 1962, as the youngest of five children. She is survived by a large extended family including: sisters Joanne (Ken) Rodeck; Barbara (Reg) Giesbrecht; and Marilyn (Bruce) Ducharme as well as Don's sisters: Judy Enns; Maxine (Harvey) Friesen; Leslie (Russell) Kerstirke-Hooey; Barb (Larry) Klassen; and sister-in-law Bonnie Hodgson. Elaine is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved deeply.

Elaine's family extends their thanks to the many specialists who treated her over the last several years, including but not limited to the Hepatology and Nephrology teams at the Health Sciences Centre in Manitoba and the Liver Transplant Clinic at Toronto General Hospital. Special thanks in particular are extended to Liver Recipient Coordinators Lori Giesbrecht and Carly Roper, Dr. Susan Cuvelier, and Dr. David Peretz.

A private graveside service and interment will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, October 2, 2026, at St. Mary's and St. Albans Anglican Church near Kaleida, Manitoba. Light refreshments will be provided at the Manitou Opera House following the service, at which time guests will be invited to share memories of Elaine together.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in support of St. Mary's and St. Albans Anglican Church, a recognized municipal heritage site in Manitoba.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Rolling River School Division

Province of Manitoba

Notice is hereby given that a vote of electors of Rolling River School Division will be taken to elect School Trustees from the following duly nominated candidates:

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2	Richard Brown	Towns of Rivers, Oak River, and Cardale including property in the RM's of Riverdale and Oakview	ACCLAIMED	1
3	Colleen Cook John Potter	Town of Minnedosa and area including the RM's of , Oakview, Minto-Odanah and Harrison-Park	2 ACCLAIMED	2
4	Crystal Erickson Chad Yanchycki	Towns of Erickson, Sandy Lake, and Onanole including property in the RM's of Harrison-Park, Yellowhead and Clanwilliam-Erickson	Poll - 1 Newdale Municipal Office Poll - 2 Sandy Lake Drop in Centre Poll - 3 Erickson Municipal Office Poll - 4 Onanole Recreation Center Poll - 5 Horod Hall	1
5		Rolling River First Nation	APPOINTEE (to be determined)	1

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday the 28th day of October 2026 between 8:00am and 8:00pm.

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ADVANCE POLL

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Ward 4 Sandy Lake Drop-In Centre, 100 Main Street, Sandy Lake, MB October 10th, 2026
Ward 4 Harrison Park Municipal Office, 43 Gateway Street, Onanole, MB October 11th, 2026
Ward 4 Clanwilliam-Erickson Municipal Office, 45 Main Street, Erickson, MB October 21st, 2026

MOBILE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following health care facilities.

1. Erickson Health Centre, 60 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Erickson, MB, October 28th, 2026 2pm to 3pm
2. Sandy Lake Personal Care Home, 106 1st St W, Sandy Lake, MB, October 19th, 2026 10am to 11am

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to the senior election official at Rolling River School Division 36 Armitage Ave Minnedosa or fax 867-2037.

If applying in person*, a voter may apply between October 1st to October 25th, 2026.

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Manitoba Government commits to expanding presumptive coverage for all firefighters

Measures will recognize risks to firefighters, expand scope of occupational hazards and make access to benefits easier: Premier

Submitted
By MB GOVERNMENT

The Manitoba government will make legislative changes to expand presumptive workers compensation coverage for firefighters, recognizing the occupational health risks they face while protecting Manitoba communities, Premier Wab Kinew announced today.

“Firefighters put themselves in harm’s way every day to keep Manitobans safe,” said Kinew. “When firefighters develop serious illnesses linked to hazards they encounter at work, they shouldn’t have to fight for sup-

port. These changes recognize their service and help ensure they can access the benefits they deserve.”

Firefighters are routinely exposed to smoke, hazardous chemicals, carcinogens, extreme temperatures and physically demanding conditions that can have long-term health effects.

“Manitoba firefighters are courageous and work tirelessly every day to make our province safer,” said Labour and Immigration Minister Malaya Marcelino. “Anyone in Manitoba who puts their life on the line to protect others deserves the same protection

from their government. These changes are another way we are supporting workers’ safety across the province.”

The changes will make it easier for firefighters and wildfire fighters diagnosed with occupational illnesses to access Workers Compensation Board benefits by presuming the illness is work-related unless evidence demonstrates otherwise, the premier noted. Under Manitoba’s existing legislation, firefighter presumptions are rebuttable, meaning the presumption can be challenged by evidence to the contrary. The changes will

also expand the scope of occupational illness, recognize the risks firefighters face on the job and make it easier for those diagnosed with occupational illnesses to receive the compensation and support they deserve, the premier added.

“Our firefighters answer the call whenever Manitobans need them, often under extraordinarily difficult and dangerous circumstances,” said David Pankratz, special envoy for military affairs. “This expansion will acknowledge those risks and provide greater peace of mind for firefighters and their families.”

The changes will build on the Manitoba government’s commitment to support first responders and ensure workers who suffer job-related illnesses can access timely compensation and support.

Manitoba Government on track to balance budget next year

2025-26 Audited public accounts show deficit cut in half since third quarter update, largest rainy day fund deposit in 20 years: Kinew

Submitted
By MB GOVERNMENT

The Manitoba government has released its 2025-26 audited public accounts, which show the province is on track to balance the budget next year after cutting the deficit in half since the third quarter update, Premier Wab Kinew and Finance Minister Adrien Sala announced today.

“We are keeping our promise to balance the budget over our term in government,” said Kinew. “We are honouring that commitment by cutting the deficit in half since our last update and showing a clear path to balance next year. With the largest investment in the rainy day fund in decades, we’re creating the stability our province needs. We are proving that it is possible to make record investments in health care and education while being responsible with the books — and as a result Manitoba has the best fiscal story in the country.”

This progress is in line with the Budget 2026 projection and has enabled the Manitoba government to make the largest deposit into the fiscal stabilization fund in more than 20 years, the premier noted.

The 2025-26 Public Accounts show a deficit of \$832 million, approximately half the \$1.666-billion deficit forecast in the third quarter update and in line with the \$794-million estimate in Budget 2026. Since the third quarter update, Manitoba’s net-debt-to-gross domestic product ratio improved by 1.5 per cent to 36.4 per cent.

“Our commitment to growing the economy while lowering costs for families has yielded strong results,” said Sala. “Under the previous government, the rainy day fund fell below legislated targets and it was never replenished. The deposit we are making today shows our record of responsible fiscal management and our commitment to delivering on our promise to balance next year.”

Despite significant external pressures, including tariffs, wildfires and drought, Manitoba reported the lowest deficit among Canadian provinces, supported by continued economic growth, strong job creation and wage growth that outpaced inflation.

The \$600-million contribution to the fiscal stabilization fund, commonly known as the rainy day fund, is the first deposit in five years and the largest in more than 20 years. The contribution more than doubles the balance of the fund and reestablishes compliance with legislated reserve targets.

The 2025-26 Public Accounts received a clean audit opinion from the auditor general reaffirming the integrity of the Manitoba government’s financial reporting and reflecting its commitment to transparency, accountability and responsible fiscal management.

The Annual Report and Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2026, is available at www.gov.mb.ca/government/finances/annualreports-publicaccounts.html.

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Notice



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **19th** day of **October, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Riverdale Municipality, 670-2nd Avenue, Rivers, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale (the "Arrears")
23400	LOTS 17 TO 20 BLOCK 13 PLAN 236 BLTO EXC OUT OF SAID LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, MINES, MINERALS, COAL OR OTHER VALUABLE STONES AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 25256 IN N 1/2 23-12-21 WPM. - 701 1ST AVE, RIVERS	L -\$21,600 B -\$46,400	\$5,521.34
165500	LOTS 12 AND 13 BLOCK 2 PLAN 145 BLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT IN SE 1/4 7-12-22 WPM - 2/13-2-145, BRADWARDINE	L -\$600 B -\$1,100	\$3,374.61
167600	LOTS 13, 14 AND 15 BLOCK 3 PLAN 190 BLTO IN E 1/2 7-12-22 WPM - 13/15-3-190, BRADWARDINE	L -\$900 B -\$9,300	\$3,932.17

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The Municipality **may** exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs for any property.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization must be provided **prior** to the start of the auction.
- The successful purchaser must bring to the auction and pay to the Riverdale Municipality a non-refundable deposit (the "Deposit") in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** in the amount of:
 - i) The Arrears for the property PLUS
 - ii) If the property is non-residential property, GST (5% of the Arrears) or, if the purchaser is a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration PLUS
 - iii) A fee of \$504.00 for preparation of the transfer of title documents.
- The successful bid + GST + \$504 is the "Purchase Price".
- If the Purchase Price is greater than the Deposit, the balance must be paid within 20 days of the sale.
- If the Purchase Price is less than the Deposit, the excess will be refunded to the purchaser within 5 days of the sale.
- In addition to the Purchase Price, any property taxes issued, but not yet due, and any unpaid municipal utilities must be paid by the purchaser within 20 days of the sale.
- The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs and land transfer tax, if any.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2026.

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Fall Lawn Care

Submitted
By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

As the days continue to cool and we get less hours of daylight, it is still important to care for your turf areas. Turf or lawn areas are one of the highest maintenance areas in your outdoor living space. These areas are needy throughout the year; so do not forget your lawn this fall. Autumn is actually one of the most important times of the year to ensure you continue to have a healthy and happy lawn.

One of the guiding principles of having a healthy lawn with a more “organic” approach is to nourish the soil. In the autumn it is a good time to apply finished compost to the surface of the lawn to help add nutrients but also to help in the overall health of the soil. The addition of organic matter like compost that is top dressed on the lawn will add microorganisms that will help break down the thatch which in turn will ensure a healthier lawn. A light layer which is then raked or watered in is the easiest way to do this job.

If you would like to apply a fall fertilizer, which is very much recommended, then apply a slow release fertilizer that is higher in potassium. This helps to toughen up the grass to help be ready for the impending winter. There are many slow release fertilizers that work well to apply at this time of year that make nutrients available to the turf in the early spring. It is not a good idea to apply a conventional fertilizer at this time that is released immediately.

If your lawn was getting a bit thin in any area, the fall is the perfect time to overseed. A lawn area that is most healthy is one that is so dense that weeds are unable to grow due to the competition. Ensure that you choose cultivars that will suit what is already growing there but also consider some varieties that are able to withstand specific cultural conditions. For example, some of the perennial rye grasses and some of the fine fescues might better suit areas that have light soil that is not well watered.

If your lawn area has had high traffic it is likely compacted. If so, then consider fall aeration. The process of aeration involved removing small plugs of earth from the top layer of the soil. This helps in allowing water, air and any applied nutrients penetrate the soil more easily which in turn helps to make your lawn healthier.

Please continue to mow your lawn until the temperatures drop low enough that the lawn stops growing. Do not let your lawn go into fall too long or too short. A turf that is too long will encourage the development of snow mold in the very early spring. A lawn that is too short will often show more injury during fall conditions that are less than ideal. If you have been cutting your lawn at a higher level (i.e. about three inches) then continue to mow at that height until growth ceases.

Don't forget to put your lawn mower away well maintained. Sharpen the blades so it is ready to go first thing in the spring. If you run a gas mower, then clean or switch out the air filters, change the spark plug or even get a tune-up. If your lawnmower needs to be retired, then consider getting a new one this fall – while the sales are on. In fact, why not choose a sustainable alternative and purchase a reel mower that relies on your power rather than electricity or fuel?

Last but not least, do not forget to rake up those leaves. Make it a fun chore involving the family or friends by making a time consuming chore into a game. When was the last time you played in a pile of fallen leaves? If it has been too long, find a child to help you and then everyone



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In the autumn it is a good time to apply finished compost to the surface of the lawn.

will understand your childish joy in this great fall activity. Make the task easier using blowers or mowers to help with the biggest part of the job. Finish it off by mulching those leaves in order to help protect your plants against the cold winds of winter and compost any that is extra!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

4Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

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650 + Club Pool 1pm

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8Rivers Food Bank 9:30 - 11:30am
Haller Haunted Forest 7:45 - 9pm
Rivers Legion Cribbage 7pm
50+ Floor Games 1pm

9Haller Haunted Forest 7:45 - 11pm
Prairie Crocus Library Storytime in Rivers 10am
Chase the Ace Rivers Legion 7pm

10Haller Haunted Forest 7:45 - 11pm

11Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

1250 + Card Games 1pm

13RIVERDALE Council Meeting
50 + Club Pool 1pm

1450 + Club Cribbage 1pm
Darts Rivers Legion 7pm

15Lucky Break Ranch Haunted Forest 4:30 - 10pm
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