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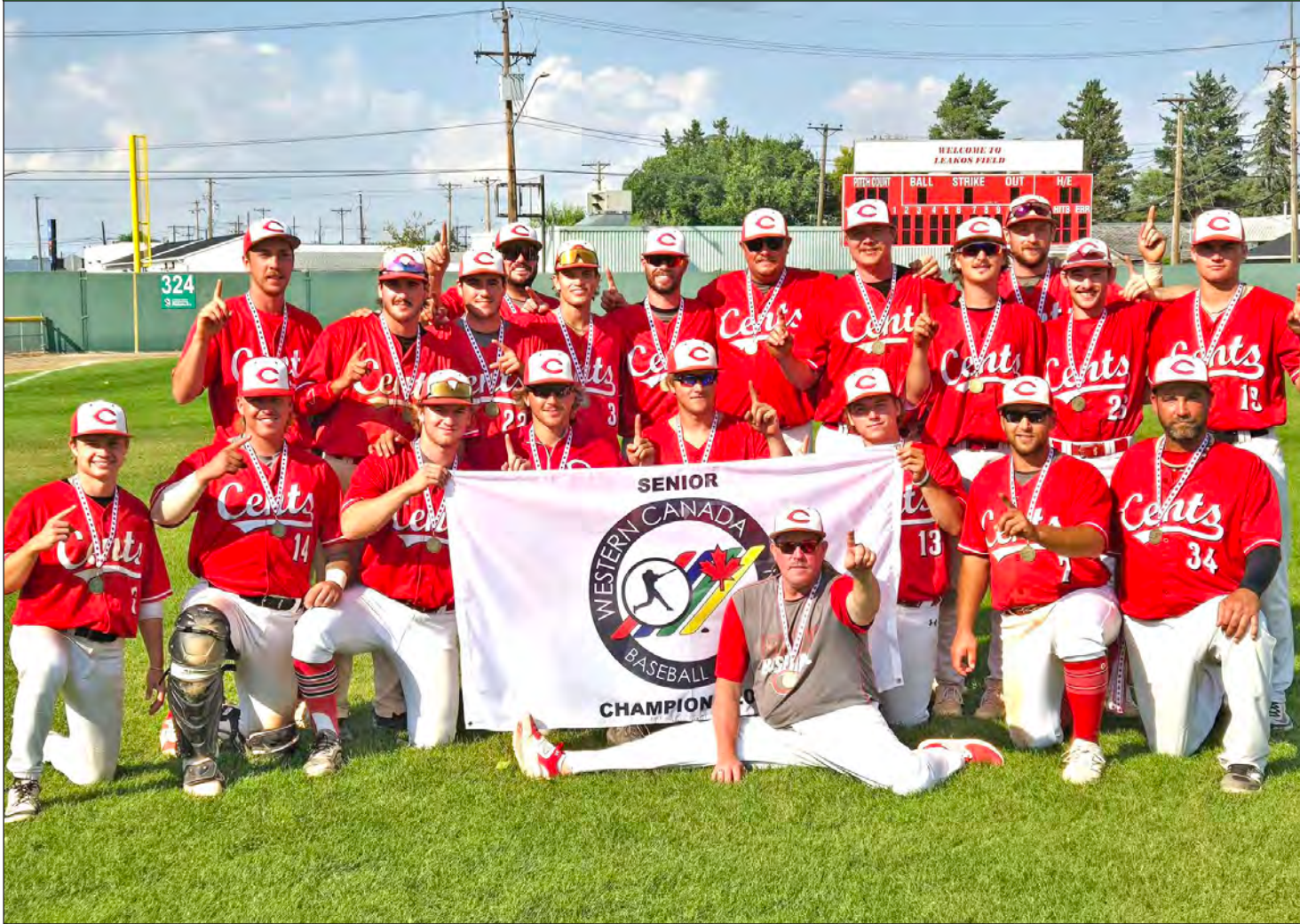
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LOCAL BASEBALL STANDOUTS TEST THEMSELVES AGAINST CANADA'S BEST



The Rivers Comets' Scott Beever and the Oak River Dodgers' Anthony Friesen helped the Boissegain Centennials win the Western Canadian Baseball Association Senior Western Canada Championship.

By Robin Wark
RIVERS BANNER

Some local baseball standouts extended their summer on the diamond by competing against some of the country's best.

Team Manitoba's squad for the Canadian Men's National Championship included Owen Wareham, Hayden Mackedenski and Scott Beever from the Rivers Comets and Ty Paddock, Kaden Rozdeba, Cody Weilgosh and Anthony Friesen from the Oak River Dodgers. Oak River's Derek Shamray was the team's head coach. Beever and Friesen were picked up by the Boissegain Centennials and helped the team win the Western Canadian Baseball Association Senior Western

Canada Championship.

Nationals

At the national tournament in Miramichi, N.B., Aug. 20-23, Team Manitoba battled but was unable to earn a win against tough competition.

"You are going to get the best that amateur baseball has to offer in Canada," Beever said.

Shamray noted that Team Manitoba "saw good pitching. We saw three aces in a row."

Team Manitoba fell in both of its games on the tournament's opening day, putting pressure on the team to defeat the Quebec squad on day two. Team Manitoba fell 5-4 and then lost its final contest the next day.

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While discussing the local players, Shamray said, “They competed hard. We just got behind the eight ball and in a tournament like that where it’s short and sweet, we had to put it all in against Quebec, who is very good and just never came out on the right side of it.”

Beever noted that Team Manitoba’s two closest games came against the two squads that ended up in the final: Quebec and the hosts. The Keystone province squad’s second game of the tournament was against New Brunswick’s Chatham Ironmen. Team Manitoba faced pitcher Jay Miller, who Shamray noted was the tournament MVP. Competing in front of a large hometown crowd, the Ironmen won 8-5, but Team Manitoba scored the most runs off Miller in any of his three tournament starts.

Beever enjoyed playing in front of the large crowd and said it can help the team’s younger players. One of those young players on Team Manitoba was Mackedenski.

“Getting to experience senior nationals as a rookie was unforgettable and doing it in such a beautiful part of the country was so cool,” he said. “Even though my individual performance wasn’t where I

wanted it to be, learning from the veteran players and sharing the dugout with such a great group of guys is something I’ll never forget.”

Beever praised the team Shamray put together and described the squad as a good group of guys.

Western Canada Championships

At the Senior Western Canada Championship, Beever and Friesen both contributed on the mound as the Centennials went undefeated in Saskatoon at the Aug. 14-16 event.

“Without Scott Beever and Anthony Friesen, it would have been impossible to win,” Centennials organizer Ken Pringle said. “They are both elite pitchers and, in order to win five games in that short of a time period, you need many arms to even be competitive.”

Beever said, “I was just happy I was able to help out.” He said he “really enjoyed the quality of ball... and getting to play with some guys who I don’t always get to play with.” He got an opportunity to catch up with some former teammates, which he enjoyed.

The Centennials, who won their fifth straight South West Baseball League championship this summer, were 5-0 at the tournament. They shut out the Carlyle Cardinals 6-0 in the final.

“I think the key, as it was all season, was the bal-



anced hitting throughout the lineup and strong defense and lack of errors the team made,” Pringle said. “When you include that with the strong pitching, in particular when we added the pickups, it makes for a strong team.”



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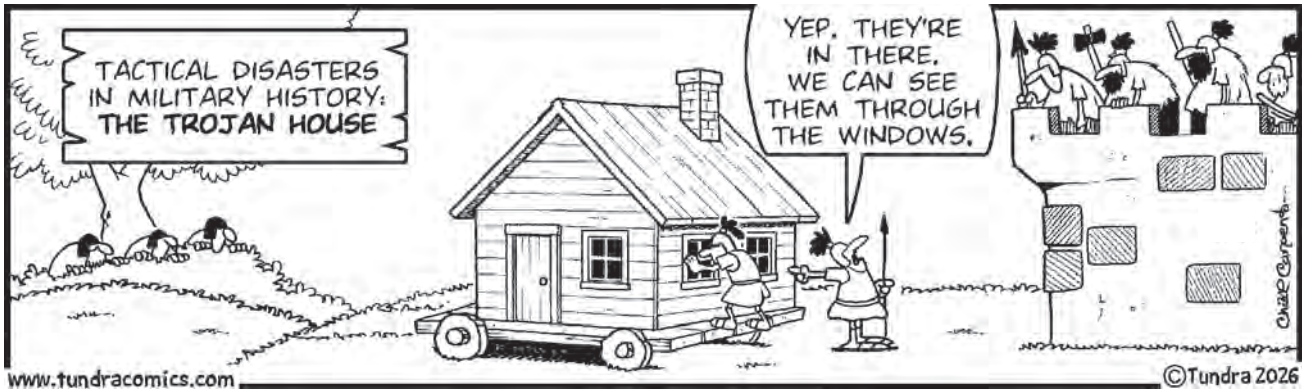
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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Back in 2024, I wrote a column about why Donald Trump was likely to win the US presidential election. My words turned out to be true and I have repeated some of them down the page a bit.

Trump did win the election as he got 49.8 per cent of the popular vote and 58 per cent of the Electoral College votes. To say the least, Trump got a substantial mandate. My words from 2024 explain why he did get that vote.

What my words didn't say is that he would mangle his mandate very badly, basically destroy it. That destruction came about as he became totally swallowed by his own big head, his ego. Being humble for Trump is difficult. Maybe he listened to the song, "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble when you are perfect in every way". That song is meant to be a joke and now Trump has become a joke and dragged the United States into being a joke as well.

It is sad as Trump had some good ideas and as noted below he appealed to a lot of voters, won the election and then blew it pretty badly.

What I did say in 2024...

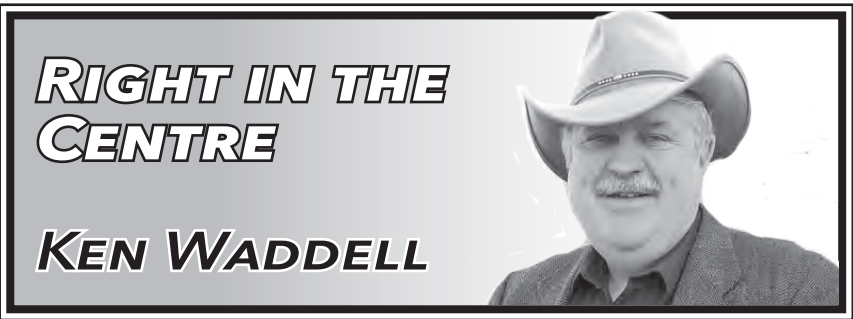
"If Donald Trump is elected, it will be because people are sick of the stands taken by the Democrats who are shamelessly backed by the majority of the media and the entertainment industry.

That stand, if you can actually call it a stand or platform, is contrary to what the majority of people believe. I call the Democratic stand "the accepted narrative".

Many people are sick and tired of being told what they have to think, what they have to believe, what they have to say, what they can and can't say.

Most people know that the so-called Woke Movement is mostly nonsense and some of it is just destructive to individuals and to society. Even left-leaning commentators like comedian Bill Maher have turned on the Democrats saying the "woke" movement is

Mangled mandate



largely nonsense. I think the breaking point for Maher came when the woke promoters said the U.S. is worse off than even before. He quickly shot down that theory by comparing today to the U.S. slavery days, the 1950s segregation days, the levels of education compared to past eras, the average life expectancy and the level of prosperity compared to many decades ago. Yes, there is a lot of progress that needs to be made, but to say the Americans are worse off than ever before is just plain silly. If the U.S. is such a bad place, then why are people willing to risk dying to get into the country.

The left wing, or the Democrats, could easily lose a very winnable election because they are so out of touch with the beliefs, desires and needs of the average citizen".

What about the upcoming U.S. elections?

So the 2024 election is history and the American midterms are soon to be upon us. Many are predicting a huge loss for Trump and his backers but unless the Democrats can move to the centre of the political and away from the "accepted narrative" that so badly cursed them in 2024, they could lose again. Democrats need to remember, "It's about the economy stupid" and not about black or white or brown people, it's not about hiring specific groups of people over

and above competence and abilities. It's about the economy. Most people vote based on the basic issue of "Is my family better off than it used to be."

So what about our Manitoba municipal elections?

As of the date of this paper (Sept. 4), there's only 18 days to get nominations in to the respective municipal election officers. All municipal offices have the details and necessary paper work to fill out. A number of experienced political observers are predicting a high level of turnover from the current councils. I have been told that some are crediting 75 per cent turnover but that seems high. However the pay isn't great and the abuse level can be tough sometimes. Abuse of elected officials is a bad thing and should not happen.

Younger people need to run

It's good to have experienced people on councils. But there are reasons to have young people too. Young people have good ideas and may have a more modern view of the world. But there's another reason. When councils make decisions, the young people will be paying for those decisions a lot longer than the older people will.

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Homebodies

Rita Friesen



The right to question...

Warning—I'm getting preachy! While spending time with my sister I picked up and read the monthly publication produced by the faith of my childhood. One of the articles, by Martin Buhr, was on doubting. It's not quite the same as questioning, but really close. "Growing up, church was not a safe place to express doubts: I would be given the pre-formed answer and would be subject to rejection or ridicule if I expressed my doubts."

That one sentence took me flashing back to an experience with an adult youth group, in the same denomination. A wonderfully compassionate and free thinking young woman, one who was to become a close and dear friend, asked the worship leader a question that rather than leading to a conversation and possible growth, shut her down immediately - rejection for sure if not ridicule. Her query was 'what if what we are taught isn't the only truth?' I thought, still think, that's a fair question. It deserves to be examined. Just as I often heard 'the unexamined life is not worth the living' from my philosopher/farmer/teacher father, I believe the unexamined faith is not worth the believing.

The God I love and serve is a God big enough to take my questions. The prophet Malachi relays the words of God to his people 'test me in this' (Malachi 3: 10)—the this being the giving of tithes. We know how sensitive talking about money and giving to the church can be, and if God is willing to challenge the people to test Him and prove the truth of His word, well, I think that can apply to all areas of our faith walk! His Son, Jesus, didn't rebuke, ridicule or reject Thomas when he doubted the reality of a risen Lord. Just said 'put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop doubting and believe.' (John 20: 22)

We all have our own opportunities to prove God. I stand secure in my faith with two important touchstones. One was the day I faced rejection and verbal abuse from one who should have been trustworthy. I stood, my arms around a slender aspen tree, looked to the heavens and reminded God of the promise to be a mother to the motherless, and a father to the fatherless. From that day to now, God is and will be my father and my mother. Totally trustworthy, loving and accepting.

The second anchor to my faith was/is the answer to a prayer I prayed when I was twenty eight years old, a single parent and very alone. I asked God to provide a husband if it was His perfect will for I could soldier on alone. I promised God that I would say yes to the next man that asked me to marry him. (yes, there had been some interesting proposals up to this point!) On Sept. 26 Ed, on our first date, proposed, and on October 10 of the same year we married. He died thirty hours after our fortieth anniversary. God was/is good.

It's okay to know why we believe what we believe. God is big enough for our questions.

Planning for Spring

Submitted
By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

As summer moves closer to fall, the focus changes from the endless days of summer into action that is forward thinking. I find myself planning for the next great event that comes to the garden – which is the first colour in the spring. Not that harvest falters, nor the endless watering, the weed pulling and the other daily chores, but there is momentum building for what autumn brings. The kids are both excited about school and dreading the early morning rising. In the garden, we again begin to think about when we will get the “killing frost”. As the evenings and overnight temperatures become cooler, we begin to enjoy the crisp air, the lack of bugs and the evolving new colours of the foliage.

There is a small part of me that starts to become a bit melancholy about the impending winter, but that is easily pushed aside by the planning that goes into preparing for a spectacular spring! Spring flowering bulbs must be planted in the fall to allow the bulb to develop a good root system prior to winter. These bulbs also need a stratification or cold period (winter) in order to allow their flowers to fully develop. For best results plant them well before our ground freezes. September is the best time to plant spring flowering bulbs on the prairies.

Bulbs are available in all the garden centres and all of the big box stores. There is also a huge selection that is available from mail order bulb houses. When purchasing bulbs, it is important to remember that this is one instance when you truly get what you pay for. The larger bulbs of each flower type will without fail give you a better product. Take time to examine the flesh of the bulb as it should be smooth and free of any blemishes. If you are like me and you like to touch and see what you are purchasing, your favourite garden centre should have plenty of stock that will ensure you can enjoy the latest bulbs of your dreams come spring.

Bulbs should be planted in an area that is well-drained.

The soil should be free of weeds and dug to a depth of about 12 inches (30cm). If your soil is a heavy clay soil, incorporate equal portions of coarse sand and a suitable organic matter like compost. Always add the organic matter prior to the sand. It is a good rule of thumb to incorporate a good 4 to 6 inches (10 to 20 cm) of organic matter prior to the soil prior to planting. Apply a standard bulb booster fertilizer (9-9-6) or bone meal at planting time to encourage a vigorous and healthy root system.

The planting depth will vary for each type of bulb, but a good rule of thumb is to plant the bulb to a depth of 3 – 4 times the width of the bulb. Therefore, if you are planting a tulip bulb that is 2 inches (5 cm) wide, it should be planted 8 inches (20 cm) deep. After planting, water the soil thoroughly and mulch the surface with leaves or grass clippings to a depth of 2 inches (5 cm).

When planting spring bulbs, you will get the best impact if you group the same type of bulb together. The bigger the grouping the larger the impact will be. Most spring flowering bulbs are low in stature. What that means from a design perspective is that they should be planted at the front of the border but also somewhere that enables you to enjoy the show on a regular basis. Spend a bit of your fall in the garden planning for spring, plant some spring flowering bulbs and enjoy the grand show in the spring!

The following bulbs will help you in this process:

Scilla siberica (Squill) – deep blue or white in colour, 4 – 6 inches (10 – 15 cm) in height

Crocus chrysanthus (snow crocus) – available in all the traditional colours, 3 – 4 inches (8 – 10cm) in height

Tulipa tarda (tarda tulip) – yellow flowers with white tips, 3 – 6 inches (7 – 15cm)

Fritillaria pallidiflora (Siberian fritillary) – larger pale greenish-yellow blooms with a bluish leaf, 12 – 16 inches (30 – 40cm) in height

Tulipa spp. (hybrid tulips) – huge selection of colours,



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When planting spring bulbs, you will get the best impact if you group the same type of bulb together.

heights and flowering time. The Darwin or cottage type tulips are the most reliable on the prairies.

Narcissis spp. (daffodils) – many selections to choose from, like ‘King Alfred’ – the tall, traditional, yellow trumpet daffodil that truly means spring

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A Nurse's Story Preserved in Manitoba

Submitted
By BRAYDEN PADDOCK

Just a few miles northwest of Rivers, Manitoba, the Clack Brothers Museum is preserving the remarkable story of Constance Clack. 1888 – 1960, a trained nurse, mother, and member of the local community. The museum's display features Constance's nursing gown, photographs, medical equipment, and original nursing certificates from Paddington Infirmary in London. One certificate dated June 12, 1914, records that Constance completed three years of training, studied both practical and theoretical nursing, passed her examinations and received a Certificate of Efficiency as a Medical and Surgical Nurse. Another certificate, dated January 16, 1914, documents her instruction in cookery for the sick and convalescent. Together, the certificates offer a glimpse into nursing more than a century ago,

when nurses were trained not only in medical care but also in the everyday needs of their patients. A mannequin dressed in Constance's nursing gown gives visitors a real connection to that past, while photographs and other artifacts help tell the story of the woman behind the profession. Constance's story is especially meaningful because she later became the mother of the Clack brothers, linking her professional accomplishments in London with the family history preserved at the museum. Her display is a reminder that history is often found in the lives of ordinary people - nurses, mothers, and community members whose stories might otherwise be forgotten. More than a century later, Constance's gown, photographs, medical instruments and 1914 certificates continue to tell the story of a woman who did something remarkable in her own right.

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Helping our community grow!

Letter Op-Ed From Colleen Robbins MLA for Spruce Woods

August 26th marks one-year since the voters of Spruce Woods headed to the polls to elect their Member of the Legislative Assembly. One year has passed since these Westman residents were inundated with promises of cash flow from the province into our corner of the Province. Unfortunately, residents of Spruce Woods have yet to see anything from this NDP government. While the government has had a year to act, many of the issues residents raised during the by-election remain unresolved. Roads, water infrastructure, housing, child care and support for seniors continue to be major concerns.

At the same time, I have spent the past year travelling throughout the constituency, attending community and municipal meetings, listening to residents and advocating directly to government ministers on the issues they have asked me to raise.

Highway 2 is worse than ever. The NDP promised \$115 million in funding to get the ever-crumbling highway fixed up, but we have yet to see work even begin, never mind get close to completion. Despite being named the worst road in Manitoba for two years in a row, the province has yet to start work on Highway 34. I have heard from residents of Spruce Woods, as well as our neighbours in other constituencies, how this road is downright dangerous - and I agree.

The Spruce Woods Housing Corporation provides an important service to low-income residents, but the facility needs significant upgrades and proper ongoing maintenance. During the by-election, \$500,000 was announced for the housing corporation. While that funding was welcome, the actual need was in the millions. Important work, including window replacement and necessary upkeep, remains a major concern.

Now residents are also facing the consequences of a \$17,000 property-tax increase under the NDP government.

For a housing corporation already struggling to maintain its properties, the concern is obvious: will those additional costs eventually mean higher rents for residents or cutbacks to maintenance? I have created a petition on behalf of the residents to ensure their concerns are heard.

Senior housing in Spruce Woods remains a concern despite the Minister of Housing, Addictions, and Homelessness, on multiple occasions, saying "we are committed to ensuring that our housing is safe and affordable". Unfortunately, this is not the experience of far too many in Spruce Woods including those living in 55+ housing in Souris. I have raised the issue of unsafe housing in the Legislature time and time again. Our team won't stop until we get an answer as to why seniors' safety is being jeopardized.

It hasn't been all bad news, however. Our Progressive Conservative team is fighting hard for Manitoban families, seniors, and businesses. We are working towards increasing the Basic Personal Exemption to \$30,000 which gives



thousands of dollars back to hard-working families. Our PC team has also introduced legislation to make our highways safer, increase accountability and oversight during the provincial budget process, increase transparency in our healthcare system, and make changes to our tax system so personal care homes can better handle financial pressures. And we are just getting started.

One year after the by-election, the message from rural Manitoba is clear.

People want their roads fixed. They want reliable water infrastructure. They want affordable and properly maintained housing. They want access to child care. They want seniors to feel safe. They want government to listen to rural communities rather than make it harder for them to solve their own problems.

I will continue to travel the constituency, attend municipal meetings, meet with residents, raise their concerns with ministers and advocate for the projects and services our communities need.

A year is long enough to ask a simple question: Where are the results?

The people of Spruce Woods deserve answers, and they deserve action.

Manitoba Pork welcomes tariff support from provincial government

By Joey Dearborn
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, MANITOBA PORK

Last week, the Province of Manitoba announced more than \$100 million in targeted support to protect key industries, including agriculture, that are facing increased disruptions in the international marketplace, including uncertainty with our largest trading partner, the United States. Manitoba Pork welcomes this announcement and commends the Province for their actions to protect key sectors.

“Manitoba Pork has been collaborating with the Province of Manitoba to develop programming that will help increase the number of hogs finished in Manitoba and increase value added processing here at home,” said Cam Dahl, Manitoba Pork general manager. “Measures announced, including enhanced Diversification Loan Guarantee Program, the Operating Credit Guarantee Program, and support for market development reflect these discussions.”

“In addition to helping support trade diversification efforts and increased value-added processing in Manitoba, the measures announced will support jobs in both urban and rural parts of Manitoba and help provide economic stability to our communities,” Dahl added. “We want to commend the Province of Manitoba, particularly Minister Ron Kostyshyn and Minister Jamie Moses for their efforts to insulate Manitoba businesses from the threats of tariffs and global uncertainty.”

Key measures that the province has announced that will be beneficial to the agriculture sector include:

- increasing the Operating Credit Guarantee Program to \$3 million.
- increasing the guaranteed portion of loans under both the Operating Credit Guarantee Program and Diversification Loan Guarantee program to 33.33 percent from 25 percent.
- increasing the loan amount above which treasury



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Manitoba’s pork producers say agriculture stands to benefit from a slice of the more than \$100 million in tariff impact supports announced by the province last week.

board approval is required under the Diversification Loan Guarantee Program to \$5 million from \$1.5 million.

Manitoba Pork continues to engage with partners across the United States to impress the importance of an integrated North American hog sector upon federal, state, and local officials. Several engagements have taken place over the last number of months, with more to come before the end of the calendar year.

Manitoba Pork is the representative organization for all pork producers in Manitoba. Our mission is to foster the sustainability and prosperity of the hog sector for the good of pork producers and all Manitobans.

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Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change invites public comment on the following proposal:

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW – LAND APPLICATION OF RESIDUALS (BIOSOLIDS) FROM RAPID CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT LAGOON – FILE: 6346.00

The Rural Municipality of Oakview proposes a one-time removal of residuals (biosolids) from the Rapid City wastewater treatment lagoon and their application through direct injection on nearby agricultural lands located within NW 29-13-19 WPM and NE 29-13-19 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Oakview. The proposed biosolids removal is intended to restore the lagoon’s treatment and storage capacity and address freeboard concerns.

This proposal can be viewed at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries

Anyone affected by the proposal who wishes to provide feedback should submit their comments using the online form at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries by October 4, 2026.

Information submitted in response to this proposal will be available to the proponent and placed on the public registry per Section 17 of The Environment Act.



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Manitoba Environment and Climate Change
Box 35, 14 Fultz Boulevard
Winnipeg MB R3Y0L6
Toll-Free: 1-800-282-8069
Website: www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries



Councillors from Hamiota Municipality speak up

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

It's time to make a run for it.
Municipal councillors have just three weeks to decide if they will run again or step down. New people considering a run for council might be more likely to decide to run if they know there will be a vacancy, and they know they are needed.
Municipalities are duty bound to fill council seats. If a seat is vacant, the municipality either holds a by-election or appoints someone to the seat.
Along with asking current councillors for Hamiota about their plans, we also asked them questions about the job.
Although Hamiota is an amalgamated municipality including both rural and town residents, head of council is termed as mayor, not reeve, in this case.

Mayor Randy Lints

Current mayor, Randy Lints does plan to run in the Oct. 28 municipal council election for the position of mayor and says, "Council has many projects underway that I would like to follow through with."
Q: What is the best thing about being on council?
A: "The best thing about being on council is the opportunity to use my skill set as a lobbyist to work with other Municipalities and the Province to try and better my community. You don't always get a win, but when you do it is very satisfying."

Q: Is it difficult ... time-consuming work?
A: "Sometimes the work is quite challenging and time consuming. Lots of times I have shut down the combine or air seeder to attend a meeting or help solve a problem. As Mayor it has become very demanding but that is what I signed on for."
Q: What has surprised you?
A: "I have spent time on council in the past as Reeve of the RM and as councillor and I would say



Hamiota municipal office at 75 Maple Ave.

PHOTO BY DALE DAVISON

the job has changed quite a bit. I have been surprised by the workload. As a municipality we are doing things that used to be out of our mandate such as health care but to move ahead and deliver the type of lifestyle our community deserves, we feel the need to take on more challenges."
Q: What has been challenging?
A: "People are asking for more all the time which is hard, but I try to do my best even though I may not be able to provide the outcome someone is looking for."

Q: What do you think female councillors could bring to your table?
A: "I find a good mix is always the best... Male and female people are wired a little differently so sometimes it works well. At the end of the day however you always want the best people for the job at hand. As head of council, I try to work with everyone...to bring the best out of everyone. Everyone has strengths and weakness so to optimize the council's potential it is more important to allow people, male or female, a chance to grow in their roles."

Coun. Ross Gray

Hamiota Councillor Ross Gray has also responded saying he plans to run again and answered our questions. He notes, "We are not a ward system in the Hamiota RM, we sit at large."

Q: Best thing about council?
A: "I am very much enjoying my time on council & learning Municipal politics. Working

with council towards a common goal for the good of the community.
Q: Hard work? Time consuming?
A: "I would not call it hard work necessarily but it can be very time consuming with a lot of meetings."
Q: Surprises?
A: "Like at any level of government I guess, the time spent on the process to get projects finalized and completed."
Q: Challenges?
A: "I am part of the Human Resource committee on council and this has been challenging for us and council as there have been many changes in personnel and other HR issues."

Q: Role of female on council?
A: "I think diversity can be a positive thing. We have had a female on council to start our tenure and it was unfortunate it did not work out as she added another dimension to our group."

Registration

Prospective candidates should register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) in order to accept any donations to their campaign and to record their campaign expenses (signs, receptions, etc.), which are claimable. Registration is open now. Armi Adair is Hamiota's SEO, working at the Municipal Office.

Nomination

The nomination period, Sept. 16 – Sept. 22 is the week when nomination papers must be filed. Sept. 22 at 4:30pm is the final deadline.
For at-large elections of mayor/reeve or councillor, nomination papers must be signed by at least 25, or 1 per cent of the voters of the municipality.
Hamiota candidate papers must have 15 to 20 signatures, and more is better in case a signature is ineligible.

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities website (amm.mb.ca) has an excellent section called "Municipal Elections Resource Hub" on the home page. There are helpful resources and information for both new and returning members of Council.
Members of council are paid in recognition of the time and energy they devote to their communities. Remuneration is set by each municipality. Council members are also allowed to claim expenses related to municipal work.

So far, some current councillors have not declared their intention. However, the SEO has to plan and prepare and the community needs to know they will have councillors working on their behalf.



REMINDER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You're Invited

**to share your views about the rate application
filed by Manitoba Public Insurance**

The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) has filed the 2027 General Rate Application before the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval of Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums effective on April 1, 2027 through March 31, 2028.

For further details, please contact MPI at inquiries@mpi.mb.ca or visit the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

If you are interested in learning more about this rate application, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Associate Secretary, Ms. Jennifer Dubois at 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **September 1, 2026**.

For more information, visit www.pubmanitoba.ca.

Manitoba Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg,
Manitoba R3C 0C4
Phone: 204-945-2638
Email: publicutilities@gov.mb.ca

A public hearing on the proposed rate application will be held beginning:
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 9 a.m.
Please view the hearing via the PUB website link
<http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/live-stream.html>

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW BY-LAW NO. 2026-15 being an AMENDMENT to the
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW ZONING BY-LAW NO. 2019-3, as amended.

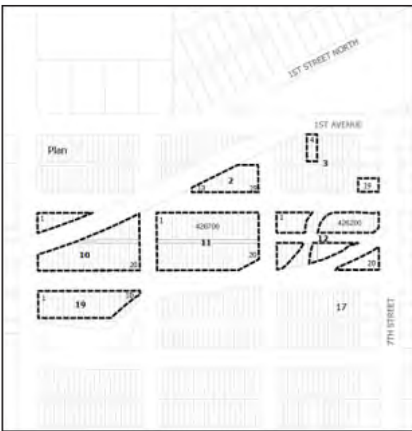
HEARING LOCATION: Rural Municipality of Oakview Council Chambers located at 435 3rd Avenue, Rapid City

DATE & TIME: September 28, 2026, 6:05 pm (1805h)

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW NO. 2026-15: Text and table amendments as listed in attached Schedule A. Map 2: Rapid City to be hereby amended per the listing and maps in attached Schedule B

AREA AFFECTED: Part 2, 3, 5, 6
Table 3.2 – Use & Site Requirements: “AG” Agricultural General Zone
Map 2- Rolls #427230, 427200, 427250, and Rolls #426700, 426200 as shown in Schedule B1
Map 2 - Roll #432200 as shown in Schedule B2

Schedule B1



Schedule B2



A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the Mid-West Planning District or Rural Municipality of Oakview offices during normal business hours. Copies may be made, and extracts taken there from, upon request.

Representations may be made verbally or in writing at the public hearing.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lisa Hamilton, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
MID-WEST PLANNING DISTRICT
1-888-919-1740 or
devofficer@midwestplanning.ca

Mark Humphries, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW
204-566-2146

Thank-you

Thank-You

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to those who sent cards, dropped in to visit and for the many treats they gave us along with a very tasty lasagne (thanks Courtney).

We would also like to thank the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Birchwood Care Home in Hamiota for their wonderful and loving care they gave David along with their many kindnesses towards us.

Many thanks also to Dwayne Campbell for his invaluable assistance with the funeral arrangements.

Very special thanks to Linda Clark for the beautiful service she provided for David. He would have loved it.

Also thanks to two very special cats and their special “housekeeper” for being such a comfort.

And last but certainly not least a heartfelt big thanks to our Lord and Savior for slowing the rain long enough for us to say goodbye.

Sincerely Janice and Patty Waterfield

Thank-You

The Oak River Legion Branch #150 would like to thank the Rivers & Area Community Foundation for their support in helping with the sidewalk replacement at the Memorial Hall.

We would also like to thank the Thomas Sill Fund. We were able to update electrical wiring which was obsolete and the fund also allowed us to include a tankless water heater.

These upgrades were much needed at the Memorial Hall. We truly appreciate all the support we have received.



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R.M. of Oakview BOARD OF REVISION 2027 ASSESSMENT ROLL



Public Notice is hereby given that the **2027 Assessment Roll** for the Rural Municipality of Oakview has been delivered to the Oakview municipal office at 10 Cochrane Street, Oak River, MB and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for Revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- (a) liability to taxation;
- (b) amount of an assessed value;
- (c) classification of property;
- (d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 43(1) An application for revision must
- (a) be made in writing
 - (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
 - (c) state the grounds on which the application is based; and
 - (d) be filed by
 - (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
 - (ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday, October 26th, 2026 at 6:05 p.m.** in the council chambers of the Rural Municipality of Oakview in Rapid City to hear applications. The final date on which **applications must be received** by the Secretary of the Board is **Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

Dated at the RM of Oakview, in the Province of Manitoba, this 3rd day of September 2026.

Mark Humphries,
Board of Revision Secretary
Rural Municipality of Oakview
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September 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 2026

between the hours of 8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00 pm at the following

location: **Riverdale Municipality 670 2nd Ave, Rivers, MB**

We will receive nominations for the offices of **Mayor and Councillor** of the aforesaid Local Authority.

The nomination deadline is September 22nd, 2026 at 4:00pm. Nominations cannot be accepted after this day.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority or ward (as the case may be), but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations may be filed in person at the above location, on the date and hours specified, by an agent, or by email. To obtain a nomination paper, and / or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the SEO at the telephone number listed below.

Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

Marci Quane, Senior Election Official
(204) 328-5300
cao@riverdalemb.ca

or

Laura Gill, Election Official
(204) 328-5300
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Dated at Rivers on April 22, 2026

Marci Quane
Senior Election Official
Riverdale Municipality

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days: **Monday to Friday**

between the hours **of 8:30AM to 4:30PM at 75 Maple Avenue, Hamiota, MB. (Hamiota Municipal Office)**

I will receive nominations for the offices of mayor and councillors of the aforesaid Local Authority.

The nomination period is from September 16, 2026 at 8:30AM to September 22, 2026 at 4:30PM. Nominations cannot be accepted after the deadline.

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Armi Adair
SEO – Hamiota Municipality

Tel: 204-764-3050 ext. 107
Email: hedc@hamiota.com

Dated at Hamiota Municipality on August 26, 2026

Notice



Rolling River School Division

NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST / PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION VOTERS LIST may be revised at:

Rolling River School Division Administration Office, 36 Armitage Avenue, Minnedosa, MB on September 16th to 22nd, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At this time the Senior Election Official will be available to update the voters list by:

- (a) adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
- (b) deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list; and
- (c) making such other correction of errors to the list as required.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION VOTER ELIGIBILITY:
A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION VOTERS LIST if he or she is:

- 1) a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and
- 2) a resident of the Rolling River School Division for at least six months prior to election day

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:
A voter may apply in writing to the Senior Election Official (at the address / fax number below) no later than September 22nd, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to have his/her name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail or fax and must include your name, address and include proof of identity.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before September 22nd, 2026

Dated at Minnedosa in the Province of Manitoba, on August 31, 2026.

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36 Armitage Avenue, Minnedosa, MB

I will receive nominations for the offices of **SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE FOR WARDS 1,2,3,4,5 of the ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION**

The nomination deadline is **September 22nd, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

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In My Opinion: Trade War

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

I am sure everyone has an opinion on the United States/Canada trade war and who has done this or that and why etc, etc. Do we really know who walked away from the deal and for what reasons? Whatever the reasons, there was no deal, will we ever really know? There is one thing that really grinds on me. President Donald Trump and Ontario premier Doug Ford and Manitoba premier Wab Kinew spewing insults at one another be it in the newspaper or on television.

Talk about a total lack of respect! The one thing that is sadly missing in our society is the fact there is little if any respect shown. These 3 men should be taken out behind the shed and be given a good tanning and maybe the bar of soap in the mouth to wash it out with.

I hear it from so many walks of life the lack of respect there is and we have these three clowns carrying on like little boys in the sand box.

Calling us the 51st state, re-naming Lake Ontario, calling our Prime Minister a Governor is an insult and a total lack of respect for our country. Let me point out here that there are many American citizens who do not feel this way about Canada and have been quick to stand up and say so. They are ashamed of their President and rightfully so! Donald Trump appears to be beyond reproach and is a loose cannon. Who is really behind him pushing all this crap?

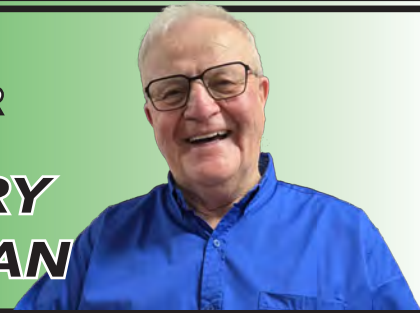
The Holy Bible says stand firm, resist the devil and he will flee! If I could say one thing to Premiers Ford and Kinew, shut up, stand firm and Trump will leave with his tail tucked between his legs. Trump shoots his mouth off just to get a reaction, so do not give him a reason and he will go somewhere else to make himself happy. Seems to me we have a lot of problems in Manitoba that our Premier could be doing something about instead of wasting his time and our tax dollars.

I am not a Mark Carney fan, but the one area I do like our Prime Minister is that he is not getting drawn into the name calling and all the crap that goes with it. He comes across to me as very respectful of other world leaders and Donald Trump as well. In my book that is a huge win for Canada. That is showing people to have respect for one another. Our Prime Minister must have been raised by great parents. If there was ever a time to lose your mind and tongue, this may be the time, but he hasn't lowered himself to the same level as Mr. Trump currently sits. Good on you Mr. Prime Minister of Canada.

BACK TO SCHOOL

REF TO
WRITER

GERRY
NOLAN



It is almost back to school time. Children, young adult college students are back for another year of hitting the books and renewing friendships at school. It is also back to work for the professors, teachers, secretaries, janitors and school bus drivers. I am very fortunate to deliver the Rivers Banner and the Virden Empire-Advance to the schools in Rivers, Oak River, Hamiota, Virden, Elkhorn and Reston. At each school, every time I drop off the paper, I am greeted with a smile and how are you doing? Those front-line people who I meet, and you know who you are, always make my day. It is so nice to be greeted that way. They do an awesome

job and I just want to say thank-you to each and every one of you. I hope you have a fantastic year at whatever school you work in.

Thank-you to all the bus drivers who are responsible for delivering your children safely from home to school and back, you do an awesome job as well.

All of my children attended Oak Lake school over the course of a number of years and had such fine educators. One statement that Mrs. Brenda Masson said in a greeting to parents and students at an occasion at the school that has stuck with me, was that the staff at Oak Lake school taught our kids to be good citizens! What a powerful statement! My hope would be is, that statement would resound in every school this year. Teachers, Educators thank you for teaching and I hope all will learn the word respect and for all to be great citizens, Lord knows our society needs it.

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This is the time of year that sports lovers are in seventh heaven. We wait all year in great anticipation for this time of year.

Major League Baseball features the run for the pennant and all the wild card teams that will compete eventually for a World Series Championship. You do not hear as much about the pennant these days because of all the play-off rounds. At one time after 162 games the pennant winners were the teams who finished first in the National and American League. These two teams played in the World Series.

Today we have ac-

tually 7 teams that are in one game playoffs, and a couple of best of five series to get to the World Series. The Toronto Blue Jays are of course chasing a wild card berth but face an uphill battle to say the least. Personally, I feel they will not make the playoffs. They have not hit all season and are at the bottom or near the bottom of the league in offence.

The Canadian Football league is halfway through their season. With the Labour Day classics coming up most teams will know whether they are playoff bound or golfing!

The National Football League training camps are in full swing, and the regular season is just a few weeks away.

The National Hockey league training camps will be up and going shortly with exhibition games beginning on September 19 and the regular season beginning October second.

Locally, the Virden Oil Capitals, Neepawa Titans and the Brandon Wheat King camps have all started their training camps with exhibition games slated shortly.

As you can see there is a lot on the go as we enter the months of September and October.

I see the Winnipeg Jets goalie wants out of Winnipeg. He has 5 or 6 years left on his contract in Winnipeg. I wish some team would stand up and say, you wanted this contract, you signed it, therefore you should honour it! Otherwise go home and sit for all those seasons. See ya!

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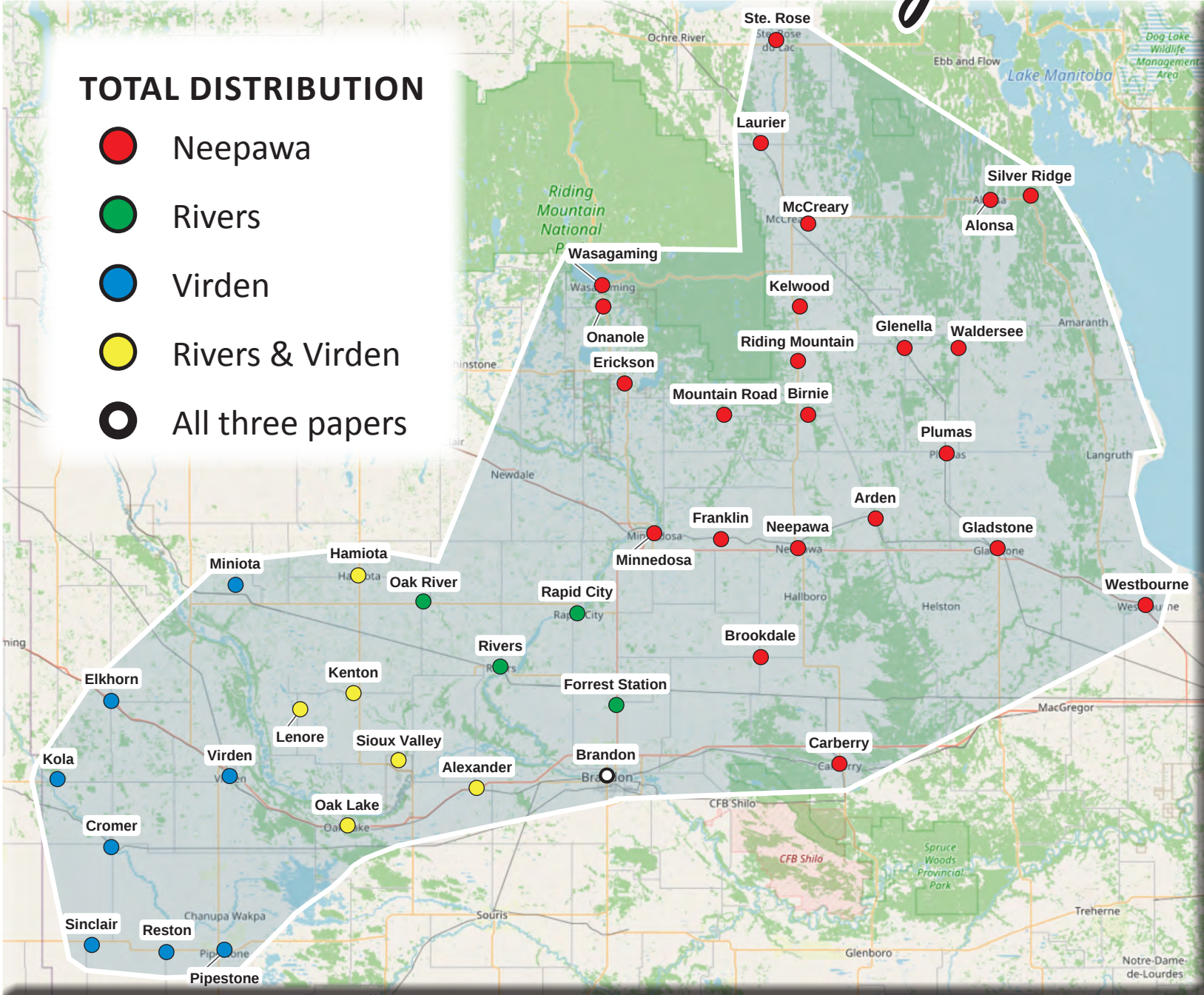
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