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RME Women of the Rings

A Memorable Provincial Women's Championship

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

The small town of Rivers, Manitoba, recently rolled out the red carpet for the provincial women's curling championship, held from December 30 to January 4 at the Riverdale Community Centre. This year's tournament marked the second time in five years that Rivers has had the honour of hosting such a prestigious event. The community embraced this occasion with enthusiasm and warmth, showcasing their love for curling and commitment to their local athletes.

As the games unfolded, appreciative crowds filled the stands, cheering on their favourite teams with unmatched passion. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement, as fans connected over their shared love for curling. Whether it was seasoned spectators or first-time viewers, everyone felt the camaraderie and encouragement that this event fostered.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly. From guiding spectators to their seats to providing refreshments, volunteers were present in every nook and cranny of the building. Their eagerness to assist was evident and greatly appreciated by everyone in attendance. This spirit of community support was further amplified by the availability of live-streaming on YouTube, allowing those who couldn't make it in person to enjoy the action comfortably from their homes.

An exciting component of the event was the fundraising effort through 50/50 draws, and a progressive 50/50 raised an impressive \$3,175 for the Riverdale Child Cooperative. This initiative showcased how curling can serve not only as a sporting event but also as a means to support local causes and bring



Kelsey Calvert, Beth Peterson, Katherine Remillard, Melissa Gordon Kurz winners of the RME Women of the Rings.

the community together for a common goal.

Making the experience even sweeter, free coffee was served all day, made possible by generous donors, including Rivers Heritage Coop, the Rivers and Area Community Foundation as well as many other businesses and individuals. This small gesture created a welcoming ambience and fuelled conversations among fans, teams, and volunteers alike.

Highlighting the social side of the event, a New Year's Eve dance featuring music by The New Highway 25 Repaved provided a fantastic opportunity for attendees to celebrate the night away. The lively tunes and joyous interactions created an unforgettable evening, intertwining the thrill of competition with the warmth of community connection.

Sunday's championship game was the pinnacle of the tournament, pitting Team Peterson against Team Lawes in a fierce battle for the chance to represent Manitoba in the prestigious Scotties Tournament of Hearts, scheduled from January 23 to February 1 in Mississauga, Ontario. The game captivated

audiences with high

skill and strategic plays, ultimately ending with Team Peterson emerging victorious, claiming the coveted crown.

Rivers took pride in showcasing their magnificent facility for this provincial tournament. As the final stones were thrown and the celebrations erupted, the town demonstrated its capacity to host significant sporting events, bringing together athletes and fans in a spirit of competition and community.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and the behind-the-scenes workers who united to make this event possible. The curling championship not only celebrated the sport but also highlighted the strength of a community that stands together, reinforcing the bonds among its residents while fostering local pride. As Rivers looks forward to future events, the successful hosting of this championship serves as a shining example of community spirit and collaboration.

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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



We know who holds the future

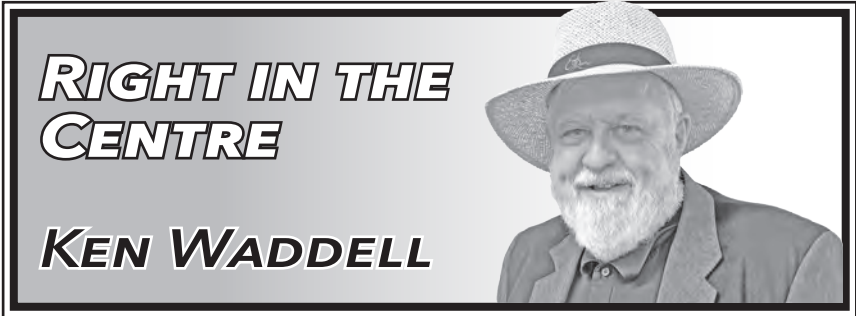
Special dates are important markers as we measure our life and progress.

Fifty-five years ago this week, my wife Christine (nee Lobel of Scarth, Manitoba) and I, along with our eight month old son moved out of Winnipeg for the second time in a year. I was raised on a farm north-west of Holland, Manitoba and Christine on a farm at Scarth, just south of Virden. We met, through mutual friends in Winnipeg, I guess that's a common story for many people.

So we attended university, worked at summer and part-time jobs, managed the university newspaper, got married and had a baby. By graduation time in the Spring of 1970, there were a few odd jobs in Winnipeg before moving out to western Manitoba working at a couple of jobs and then back to Winnipeg for a research job at University of Manitoba. In early January, 1971, I started as Assistant Ag-rep in Neepawa, hence the second move out of Winnipeg in one year.

A lot of water has flowed down the Whitemud, Little Saskatchewan and the Assiniboine rivers in those 55 years.

Our family has grown to two sons, a daughter-in-law, four grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law and four great grandsons. On the business, community and politics side, our life has included over nine years as an Ag-rep with the Department of Agriculture, several years farming and 20 years of auctioneering. It has also included a few elections, two terms as mayor of Neepawa and now nearly 40 years of accumulated newspaper work. I chuckle inside when I see the look on peoples' faces when I say my first publication was in 1966. By the way, that was 60 years ago.



“Actually there is one major difference now from 1971 and that is we know that God holds our tomorrow.”

Fifty-five years is a long time. We have made 1,000s of friends, acquaintances and customers across Manitoba, Canada and some into the United States. We have tried our best to serve wherever we can, be it in our towns, our businesses and churches.

We are thankful for all the people we have met, even the few who aren't sure about whether they like us or not.

This week is also the second anniversary of Christine's very serious cancer surgery. Both Christine and I have had the privilege of receiving very good health care and especially with Christine, it was severe and life threatening. Over the years, the medical system has either improved or saved our lives on a few occasions. I don't want to miss anyone or draw unwanted attention to them, but I

would be happy to state tribute privately about some amazing medical people to anyone.

So as we launch into a New Year, we don't know what the future will bring, in much the same we didn't know what the future would hold in January 1971. Actually there is one major difference now from 1971 and that is we know that God holds our tomorrow. We may have known that somewhat in 1971 but we know it with assurance in 2026.

My God bless you and yours!

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Looking back...

As is my custom, at the end of the year I review the highlights; family times, personal growth, adventure... 2025 did not disappoint me, for which I give thanks.

So many images crowd into memory review. One that is framed with smiles is the Sunday afternoon I was blessed with the company of three granddaughters, their accumulated flock of eight children ages ten and down, and my favourite daughter-in-law. We had dined with relative ease in a local restaurant and we all had time to play before heading home. Riverbend Park won the vote. It had been a week of heavy rain and lovely puddles called an invitation. After checking with the grands, I invited the great grands to remove shoes and socks and come puddling. That image, barefooted in deep puddles, surrounded by my littles, that image brings such joy and satisfaction. A halo day.

Travels this year included a blessed stay on the Isle of Iona: ten days of raw beauty, deepening faith roots and shared laughter with a close friend. It was my second time to the wee small isle and please, dear God, not my last. My breathing slows, my heart and spirit open, my eyes capture the views, and my spirit captures the presence of the Divine. Time in Belfast and Dublin certainly expanded my world knowledge; the beauty and the history of the country are amazing. One need not travel far to be refreshed. Camp Morton, just outside of Gimli is a hidden gem. I was so moved and inspired by the site that my sister and I returned, out of tourist season, to simply rest our souls and spirits on the shores of the mighty Lake Winnipeg. This longing to return I understand a bit better - my earliest summer camp memories are warm and comforting, filled with the company of cousins - regular time at the Canadian Sunday School Mission camps, now known as One Hope Ministries. Trees, wind, water, sunshine... perfection.

This summer had a family bonus; my nephew and his family from Australia joined the family to celebrate the marriage of one of his cousins, also my nephew. His mother, my sister, joined us and a wonderful custom around her time in the province is the gathering of the cousins and two remaining aunts. Cousins, the ones that played together on the grandparents farm, the ones that share hairlines, and creases, and laughter; we're all old! Our time together is precious, a review of childhood, yes, but an exchange of thoughts, family history and discussions on the reality of aging! Following the gathering of the clan, we spent time with one on one visits with other family members, speaking freely, sharing deeply.

A day trip with my younger sister included a stop at the Rosefarm Cemetery, a well kept, well loved, almost unmarked cemetery, the resting place of so many family and friends. My Uncle Bill, farm accident at the age of 14 or 15... the rascal in the family whose loss took the laughter from our grandmother forever. Maternal grandparents, sets of aunts and uncles, some cousins... Time spent there moves slowly.

I am well. It is well with my soul. No better way to conclude one year and embrace another.

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WHO'S NEXT?



From The Prairies to the Highlands Tour 204 Part 17

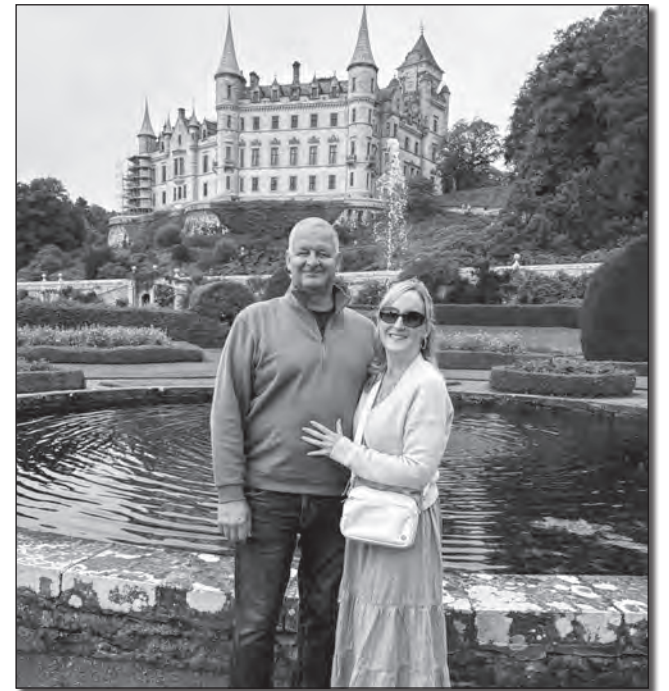


PHOTO BY CELIA NOLAN

Donald and Devon Caldwell our amazing guides!

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

Reflecting back on our holiday, we felt it was a trip of a lifetime! Scotland is so beautiful, with its hills, streams, and historical sites. I could go on and on about this amazing country!

The pictures we have are beautiful and they just immediately take you back to where we toured for sixteen days.

This wonderful holiday would not have been possible without our leader Dr. Devon Caldwell and our trusty driver Donald Caldwell. Devon had all the I's dotted and the T's crossed when it came to all the tours, sites, and accommodations that we experienced. What a talented person she is, nothing was left undone, as our whole trip ran smoothly which was not an easy feat when planning for fifteen people ages seven to seventy-two! She used her "God-given gifts" to make others extremely proud of her! We are so fortunate to call both Devon and Donald our friends!

While our trip was so awesome, the trip home was gruelling to say the least. We left Edinburgh airport having said goodbye with hugs and tears to Eric, Shane, Donald and Devon, as they were continuing on to other ports. As if our six-hour flight to Toronto wasn't enough, we had an eight-hour layover there as well, and on top of that, a bad storm was hitting Winnipeg.

We got re-routed to Regina as it was unfit to land. We sat on Regina's tarmac for two hours and then finally took off for Winnipeg again. Originally, we were to land at twelve fifteen a.m., but it turned out to be five a.m. instead. A hearty breakfast revived us and we were able to stay awake for the three-hour drive home! It was a long day!

Thank you, Devon and Donald, for the time of our lives, in fact they did such a fabulous job, plans are already being made for Tour 204 2027! Until then folks, if you ever get an opportunity to venture to Scotland, don't be late boarding the plane!

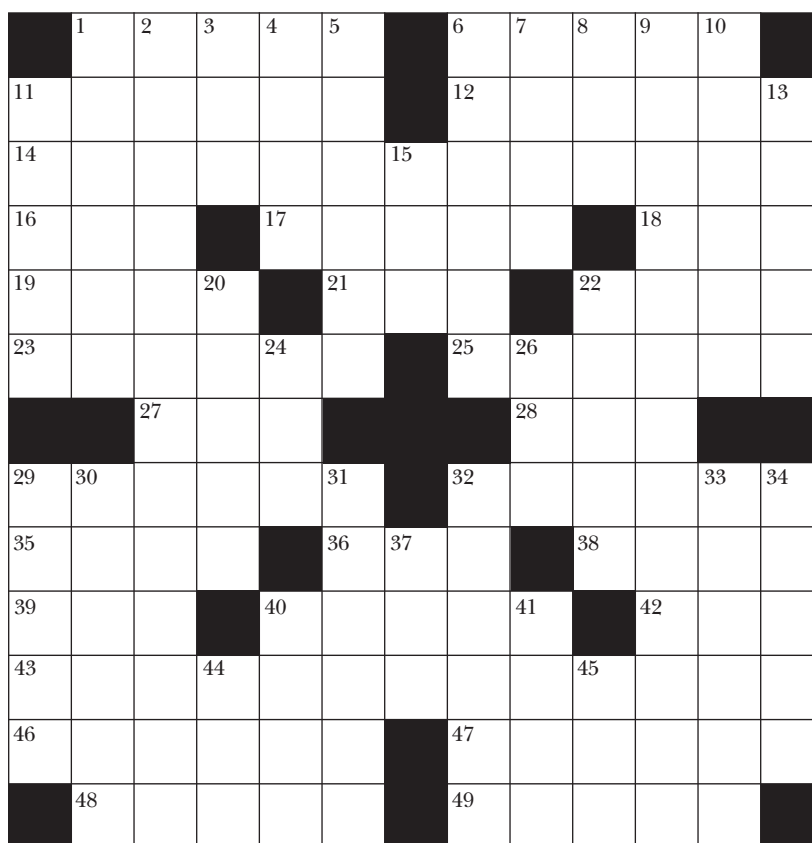
Locally created crossword

Across

1. Charming, sophisticated
6. Faithful horse
11. Occur, take place
12. Crew of a plane
14. Difficult or impossible to carry out
16. Fish eggs
17. Bird on the dollar coin
18. Night before
19. Make wages
21. Period
22. Lost blood
23. Enclose
25. Burn with steam
27. Has lighting
28. Oasis to friends
29. They grow on trees
32. Coat of arms symbols
35. Something different
36. Kwik-E-Mart operator "The Simpsons"
38. Fired a gun
39. Torso muscles (briefly)
40. Splash about
42. Woody Allen's ex partner
43. In a manner trying to win over others
46. Zimbabwe city formerly known as Wankie
47. Sheep
48. Golfer Sam (82 PGA wins)
49. Cuts of animals

Down

1. Person from Apia
2. Senior in college
3. Month for fools abbr.
4. Calf meat
5. Encrypt
6. Catholic heroes
7. Minor spasms
8. Age of, period of time



Answers on page 6

Created by David Harris of Oak River, MB

9. Elaborate details to make more interesting
10. Studied deeply
11. Company employee
13. Requirements
15. Also
20. Lacks experience, innocent
22. Strips
24. Catholic heroine abbr.
26. Automobile
29. Homophone of leech
30. Arm joints

31. Like cracker tops
32. Is the rational way of doing something
33. Sheer cotton fabrics
34. Remains
37. Hawaiian food made from taro root
40. Japanese video game company
41. Bee's home
44. Vancouver's exhibits and attractions event abbr.
45. By way of

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Rivers Skating Club finds success at Fun Skate



Virден’s Tundra Oil & Gas Place buzzed with activity as figure skaters from Saskatchewan and from clubs across Manitoba competed in Skate Virден’s annual FunSkate competition over the Jan. 2-4 weekend. This fun-filled weekend competition hosted by Virден held events from CanSkate, StarSkate FreeSkate 1-8, StarSkate Elements 2-Gold, Creative Improv, Artistic and Synchronized Skating.



Rivers Silver Jets from Rivers Skating Club performing in the Star 4 Synchro class, Saturday afternoon. Skaters (not in order): Brogan Birmingham, Brooklyn Saltesz, Emily Alvarenga, Etta Puppe, Grace Raupers, Kacey Jameson, Maci Vandal, Macy Nernberg, Quinn Urquhart, Reece Williamson and Zoey Knight. This was a winning performance against their Virден competition in the Synchronized Skating class.

PHOTOS BY ANNE DAVISON

Westman High School Hockey League

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

On December 20, the Hamiota Huskies travelled to Russell to face the Major Pratt Trojans and came away with a 5-4 overtime victory. Hamiota goals came off the sticks of Harlen Bridges, Nash McMaster, Sam Rivas and two goals including the overtime goal from Aaron Roles.

Assists were credited to Colby Burt, Harlen Bridges, Aaron Roles and two assists each for Carter Rozdeba and Duncan McLean.

Major Pratt took 3 of the 4 minor penalties in this game.

On Sunday January 4 the Huskies were shut out by the Wildcats 3-0. Hamiota Huskies record now stands at 6 and 6.

Next game is January 7 at the Hamiota Community Complex, go Huskies!


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2026 Special Issue Calendar

Event	Due Date	Run Date
Valentines Day	February 6, 2026	February 13, 2026
Easter	March 27, 2026	April 2, 2026
Mothers Day	May 1, 2026	May 8, 2026
Fathers Day	June 12, 2026	June 19, 2026
Canada Day	June 19, 2025	June 26, 2026
Grad RB	June 19, 2026	June 12, 19 July 3
Virден Rodeo	July 24, 2026	July 31, 2026
Oil Caps	September 25, 2026	October 2, 2026
Thanksgiving	October 2, 2026	October 9, 2026
Firefighters	October 16, 2026	October 23, 2026
Remembrance Day	October 30, 2026	November 6, 2026
Christmas	December 4, 2026	December 18, 2026

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- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 (1 ounce) envelope dry onion soup mix
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 (1 ounce) packet dry au jus mix
- 2 (10.5 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup

Directions

1. Combine ground beef, bread crumbs, milk, and onion soup mix together in a large bowl until well combined; shape into 8 patties.
2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Dredge patties in flour just to coat, and quickly brown on both sides in the hot skillet.
3. Place browned patties into the slow cooker stacking alternately like a pyramid.
4. Mix condensed soup, water, and au jus mix together in a medium bowl; pour over the beef patties.
5. Cook on Low until ground beef is well done, about 4 to 5 hours.



Brandon Regional Health Centre welcomes the arrival of the 2026 New Year's Baby



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brielle Eva Dayton was born at 1:16 am on January 1st at the Brandon Regional Health Centre. She weighed 8 lbs 12.9 oz and was 21 ¾ inches long. Proud parents are Kendra Henry and Aaron Dayton, along with 2½-year-old big sister Chloe.

The Henry/Dayton family is from Virden.

Baby Brielle and her parents were given a gift basket and flowers. Thank you to the BRHC Gift Shop for always so thoughtfully putting together special items for our New Year's Baby, and to Carolyn's Floral Designs for the beautiful bouquet of roses.

Prairie Mountain Health sends congratulations to the Henry/Dayton family and their new daughter!

Rivers Legion Ladies Auxiliary report

By Lisa Smith
PUBLICITY

The regular meeting of the Rivers Legion Ladies Auxiliary took place December 2, 2025 in the Rivers Legion upper hall.

Madame Susan Citulsky was welcomed to the auxiliary as a new member.

Donations were made to Christmas Cheer and Riverdale Harvest.

A Rivers and Area Community Foundation grant was received to go towards the Veterans Banner Project.

A letter of thanks was received from Rivers Branch 75 President Dave Cluney for our donation to the branch.

The Remembrance Day service was held upstairs in the hall with the Ladies

Auxiliary holding their tea immediately following the service. Thank you to all who came and supported.

The Xmas Parade was held Friday November 21, 2025. The candy that the Riverdale firefighters passed out was donated by the auxiliary.

Elections were held, with the only change being Madame Jane Brown is stepping down as treasurer. Madame M D Palmer - Mullican is the new treasurer.

Membership dues are to be paid by December 31, 2025.

The Xmas supper was held November 25, 2025 at the Tempo. It was delicious!!

The next meeting of the Rivers Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be held February 17, 2026.

SPORTS

CAREER YEAR CONTINUES FOR JETS' RAMSAY

By Robin Wark
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Rivers Jets veteran forward Cameron Ramsay is producing points at a career-best rate.

The hometown product has eight goals and seven assists for 15 points in 10 Tiger Hills Hockey League games as of Jan. 4. His goal and point production this winter tops his previous two seasons combined.

"I'm playing the same way I always have," Ramsay said. "I just think I'm finally getting the puck luck I needed."

His strong play has helped the Jets succeed so far this season. As of Jan. 4, the Jets had a 10-2-0-0 record. They sat second in the THHL behind Killarney. The Jets open their 2026 schedule at home on Jan. 10 versus the Carberry Plainsmen. The Jets hit the road to play the Minnedosa Bombers

on Jan. 17 and Boissevain Border Kings on Jan. 20.

Before the THHL's Christmas break, the Rivers team beat Souris, 7-1, and Wawanesa, 12-4. Kayden Sutherland had a hat trick and four points against Souris. Layton Veitch, Ramsay, Riley Shamray and Luke DeCorby each collected four points versus Wawanesa.

As of Jan. 4, Ramsay was tied for third on the Jets in goals with eight, while his 15 points ranked sixth on the team. In the win over Wawanesa, Ramsay lit the lamp twice and added two assists for a four-point night. Between Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, he scored a goal in three straight games, collecting six points dur-

ing that span.

"Cam uses his size and is more skilled than people give him credit for," Rivers coach Ryan Lamb said. "And he's a great team guy."

Ramsay grew up playing minor hockey in Rivers. He suited up for the Rivers Rage in high school hockey action. In 2022, Ramsay joined his hometown senior team.

"I love being able to play with the guys I grew up with," he said. "Most of the time, it's more about being around your friends rather than playing hockey."



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BONNIE LORNA TAYLOR
FEBRUARY 19, 1948 - DECEMBER 14, 2025



Bonnie Lorna Taylor passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at the Riverdale Personal Care Home.

Born in Deloraine, Manitoba on February 19, 1948, Bonnie was raised and received her education in Brandon.

After her marriage (Van Hayden), she made her home in Rivers, raising her family and contributing to the community.

Throughout her life, Bonnie worked at the Brandon Hospital, Super Thrifty Drug Store, Rivers, as well as caring for many children, as a home daycare provider. However, the most important job, she devoted herself to her family as a homemaker.

Bonnie was actively involved in several community organizations. She served on the Rivers Figure Skating Executive, was a member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #75, and was part of the Rivers Game & Fish Association. Her love of fishing was reflected in her achievement of receiving 12 Master Angler Certificates.

In her spare time, Bonnie enjoyed sewing, crafting and took great pride in creating willow furniture.

Predeceased by her brothers Larry, Kenny, and Jack, and Ron's daughter Jacy, Bonnie will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Ron Taylor, daughters Paula and Pam, son David, Ron's daughter Jodi, grandchildren Codie, Sam, Skylar, Madie, Emma, Aleigh, Aiden, Chloe, Casey, and Alora. She is also survived by her sisters Deanna, Lynn, twin sister Betty, Peggy and their families.

The Funeral Ceremony was held at Rivers United Church, on Monday, December 22, 2025. A private interment will take place at a later date at the Rivers Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Bonnie may be made to the Riverdale Personal Care Home, "Recreation Department", Box 428, Rivers, Manitoba, R0K 1X0.

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When the St. Lazare Outlaws joined the North Central Hockey League, no one knew much about the players on the team. Some of their players had played in Foxwarren in past years so we knew a handful of their roster. I did not know what size their arena was. It turns out it was a small ice surface and the fans seemed to be right on top of you. Back in the day there was no glass around the side of the rink.

I had heard of a handful of players like Danny Tremblay, Martin Dupont, Gil Chartier, and the Haney brothers, Carl, David and Larry! The word was they had some really loud fans which was great, the more noise there was, players tended to play faster.

I decided the only way to find out about the team was to go to St. Lazare and officiate some of their games.

One of the first guys that I met was Terry Haney, who would be working as one of the two linesmen in the game. I do not remember the other linesmen although it may have been Ray Christy.

Terry was a great linesman and an even better person. He always brought his best to the game and was extremely honest. Terry also had a great sense of humour. If there was trouble on the ice during the game, Terry, when asked, would know what had happened on a particular play. Trust is huge when you are working a game and Terry was someone you could completely trust.

During that first game in St. Lazare there were a couple of incidents where the player from St. Lazare would not be happy about the call I was making and would be speaking in French to me. I did not understand what they were saying to me. Terry would step in and speak to them in French and they would just skate away. I asked Terry what did you say to them? He said you don't understand French, eh Gerry? I said no I don't! Well he said I swear at them and threaten to tell me what the player said so they would get a misconduct. I just tell them to take a hike or something like that. I got a chuckle out of that.

As I said earlier, Terry was a great guy to work with doing games. Terry was involved in minor hockey, not only in St. Lazare, but in Birtle and Foxwarren. He helped develop young officials in that area. He was a really good teacher and mentor to them. He was instrumental in helping them grow to become top notch officials.

I just recently caught up with Terry and we shared some great memories of games from the past as well as where some of the players on that great team were doing. Most of them are retired, following their grandchildren around.

I really appreciated Terry and all the work he did for hockey around the leagues in western Manitoba.

I would have to say, in some ways Terry was very underrated as an official. For me he was one of the very best I ever worked with!

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TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IN HAMIOTA



Hamiota Huskies U11 team competed in the Tournament of Champions.

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

The Hamiota Community Complex hosted the Tournament of Champions this past weekend. This was the U11 division that competed against one another for

the right to go to Brandon to the Tournament of Champions there. There were ten teams involved in the competition with three pools of teams. Pool A was the host team, the Hamiota Huskies. Other teams in that pool were Reston,

Hartney and Shoal Lake. In pool B the teams were Roblin, Virden and Birtle, and in pool C the teams were Swan Valley, Rivers and Oak Lake. The teams played 2 games in their pool and then were seeded according to wins and losses. Shoal Lake defeated Hamiota 7-4. Hartney defeated Hamiota 11-6. Rivers defeated Oak Lake 8-5 and Swan Valley also defeated Oak Lake in a lopsided game. Reston defeated Hartney 7-0 and defeated Shoal Lake 5-2. Virden defeated Roblin 9-3 and defeated Birtle by a lopsided score. After round robin play, Swan Valley was the number one seed and Virden was the second seed. Number 3 seed, Reston defeated Hartney who was the sixth seed 4-2. This was a very close game. The fourth seed, Shoal Lake was defeated by the fifth seed Roblin by a score of 8-3. In other games, Birtle defeated Rivers 9-6 and Hamiota defeated Oak Lake 11-7. This completed the tournament games for these four teams. On Sunday morning, Reston upset the number one seed, Swan Valley by a score of 8-4. and Virden shut out Roblin 11-0. This meant it would be Reston vs Virden in the championship game. In the consolation side game, Shoal Lake defeated Hartney 8-6. In the Bronze medal game, Roblin defeated Swan Valley 8-3. In the Gold medal game, Virden defeated Reston to win the banner and the trophy in this year's Tournament of Champions in Hamiota. The all-star goalie was Liam Coe from the Hartney Devils. The all-star defensemen were Brock Brown from Virden and Preston Harris from Reston Rockets. The all-star forwards were Rally King from the Virden Oil Caps, Emmett Foxon from the Roblin Stars and Easton Mateika from the Swan Valley Stampedes. All in all, this was a very successful tournament. Thanks to the officials for their time officiating the games. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to put on a successful weekend of hockey. And last, but not least, thank you to the parents and grandparents who come out to support their local teams and cheer them on and of course, to the 100 plus hockey players who gave it their all.

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