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Rivers Ladies Bonspiel



"A" event winners from Brandon University.

Submitted
 RIVERS CURLING CLUB

Rivers Ladies Bonspiel 2023 was a great success! 14 rinks from Rivers, Brandon, Souris and Winnipeg enjoyed some great curling, rekindling friendships old and new, fantastic Ukrainian banquet, great costumes, entertainment, lots of laughs, prizes, fun, fun, fun.

The "A" event winners were the B.U. Team out of Brandon who went undefeated throughout the bonspiel beating Ivy Heapy's Rivers team in the final. Emma Woike-skip; Jennah Derksen-third; Hannah McCannell-second; Brooke Graham-lead.

"B" event winner was Kristin McLellan's foursome from Brandon who defeated Sharon Wolstenholme in the final. Kristin McLellan-skip; Kortney Teale-third; Lorelle Pegus-second and Jolene Cumming-lead.

The "C" event saw an all Rivers battle between mother and daughter/daughter-in-law with Jocelyn Beever's rink victorious over Charley (Sprenger) Beever. Jocelyn Beever-skip; Cherri Whelpton-third; Loree Wedderburn-second and Diane Clark-lead.

\$165 was raised for Canadian Red Cross-Ukraine Relief Fund through a 50/50 draw with the remaining pot won by Crystal Stewart.

Over \$250 was also raised for Lorrie Dyer Memorial Fund through RACF by way of hogged rocks and straight up donations.

Thanks so much to everyone who came out, volunteered, curled, watched games and supported the Rivers Curling Club. We can hardly wait for Ladies Bonspiel 2024!

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



"B" event winners Kristin McLellan's foursome from Brandon.



"C" event winners Jocelyn Beevers foursome of Rivers MB.

Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Fifteen minutes...

There is usually a list, or a pile, of things that should be done, or I want to get done. I keep adding to the list/pile, and every once in a long while I settle down and get things done. It always amazes me that the task I dreaded and postponed takes about fifteen minutes. Case in point- my sister created a picture frame using a plain wooden frame, a scrabble tile holder, and the tile spelling out 'sisters'. The picture, of course, was of two of my sisters and myself. Several of the tiles had come loose and every time the picture was moved or jostled, the tiles fell out. I have a glue gun, glue sticks, and an abundance of time... This week I took the fifteen minutes to repair the whole thing. Fifteen minutes and the tiles have been wandering for years.

Another case in point- a long time friend and family member is in rough waters. We used to exchange lengthy, thought provoking and thought inducing letters, back when cursive writing was the norm. Again, I have the pen, the paper, the envelope and the stamps. So why does it become such a huge ordeal... I admit I cheated on this one. I have found the cursive font on my processor, and after offering words of hope and encouragement, and sharing portions of my life journey, I hit 'send' and with moments she received an email letter. The response was almost immediate, and the thanks profuse. Again it took fifteen minutes and made a difference on a loved ones day. Fifteen minutes.

It doesn't always work out that smoothly! I have been wanting to shift a medium size piece of furniture- small enough that I can do it myself! - and place a bookshelf in the space. I have the bookshelf. I certainly have the books! This time it was a case of deep cleaning the space and the bookshelf, and choosing which books were needed. Me and books spells time... I do get side-tracked fairly easily. So it took a good bit more than fifteen minutes and it is/ was another chores ticked off.

And now the reveal- I am, by nature, a procrastinator. One fifteen minute project got de-railed. The garment under reconstruction has been setting on the sewing machine for long enough. I need to find a solution or discard the project. I think I am waiting for inspiration to strike and a satisfactory resolution be attained... I am waiting..so that fifteen minute project can't be counted as a success.

It truly amazes me what can be accomplished in brief periods of time. I took fifteen to clean the interior of the dishwasher, liked that so much I cleaned the fridge and freezer. A few more minutes in the kitchen and the toaster and the microwave were once again fit for continued usage. That was a series of fifteens, and it was satisfying. I appreciate fifteen minute power naps, and fifteen minute coffee breaks, and fifteen minute phone chats. Heck, much of my day, if productive at all, as been fifteen minutes here and there. One quarter of one of the twenty four hours of the day- and I get/got something accomplished...

Seeking the truth

“31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John Chapter 8, New International Version.

The above quotation, especially verse 32 is often quoted. No politician that I have known quoted it more often than former NDP premier Gary Doer. I heard him say it many times. He didn't always follow it as he often would shout in the Manitoba legislature, “The Conservatives fired 1000 nurses.” That wasn't true, and he knew it, but the effect of that convenient sound bite resonated so well and sucked both the media and portions of the voting public into believing it.

No matter how many times it was refuted, many people accepted the fired nurses statement as truth. What I understand actually happened is that in the 1990s, individual hospitals and care homes contracted with nurses. When regionalization took place, those contracts were terminated and converted to contracts with the regions. Just as a matter of interest, the current Prairie Mountain Region is made up of several of the 1990s version regions and now stretches basically from the US border to Swan River and from Hwy 34 to the Saskatchewan border.

The nurses were not fired but given new contracts. There were a few less nurses in positions due to moving out of province and retirements but I was told it was less than 100.

The point is that with a Manitoba election coming up, the three political parties, the unions and many others will be offering up their version of the truth. I say “version of the truth” as the actual truth may be elusive.

The Progressive Conservatives will say that they got through C-19, have made extra expenditures to help people offset the cost of federal carbon tax, are



funding several rec centres and new hospitals and reducing school taxes on property. The opposition parties and unions representing government workers will claim that the PCs bungled C-19, have cut health care dollars and aren't spending nearly enough on numerous other projects.

I have spoken to politicians and union people both personally and through this column. It is hopefully apparent to them and readers in general that when it comes to history, politics and policies that this paper will not knowingly publish things that aren't true. This paper will also offer various opinions on the pages by way of columns and letters to the editor.

I am not saying we haven't fallen short from time to time but readers should expect the truth and if a statement isn't true, it better be in quotation marks and attributed to a particular person, political party or union.

Voters have a responsibility to evaluate all they hear and read and decide what is true and what is simply political posturing. In keeping with the Bible quote at the top of this column, it is only the truth that sets people free.

Not knowing the truth, or not accepting it, is what nearly destroyed the United States over slavery. Rather than fight the deadliest war, the Civil War, the United States could have spent the cash to compensate the slave owners. And that's just the cost in dollars and doesn't include the deaths, injuries, agony and

discord that still affects the US today.

Not telling the residents about the sale of the huge tracts of land in Manitoba in 1869 and the plans to develop the agricultural capacity of the west, has scarred Canada's relations with the Metis and First Nations people to this day.

In today's era, health care is a big topic and it has been splattered with untruths for decades. Canadian medicare was not invented by Tommy Douglas but by Matt Anderson, the reeve of the RM of McKillop, Saskatchewan. It was operated on a municipal level after being adopted by a provincial Liberal government in 1938. It was well over 20 years before it came into effect for all of Saskatchewan and then Canada. Tommy Douglas worked hard for medicare, but he was not the father, not even close.

Today, the theme is that health care needs more money but if you talk to anybody in the industry, from workers to politicians to union leaders, money is not the whole answer. Money may not even be the most important factor. The common theme is that front line workers are not consulted enough.

Truth is found in the trenches and it's rare for politicians or union leaders to actually visit the trenches and actually seek the truth.

Disclaimer: The views expressed in this column are the writer's personal views and are not to be taken as being the view of the Banner & Press staff.

**FAITHFULLY
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**LAYING THE
FOUNDATION...**



Last week's column gives me a good foundation on which to build a series that I hope will help us rethink our views of those around us.

For years, we have heard people of all political, social, economic and religious beliefs speak out against racism in our society. Their statements have been carefully worded and they have produced many positive changes in Canada's laws.

So then, why does it seem (to me, at least) that racism in our society is getting worse instead of better? How have we become a society in which people feel that they must "play the race card" to receive fair treatment when applying for a job or get justice for wrongs they have suffered? How have we reached the place where we need public inquiries to identify "systemic racism" in some segments of our society? What is wrong and, more importantly, how can this wrong be corrected?

Part of the problem can be traced to the way our society deals with racism. We expose racist activities where we find them (as we should). We demand change from those who are guilty of racism (as we should). But legally, that is all that we can do.

If we want to eradicate racism in our society, we must identify the root of which racism is the fruit. To do that, we must turn to the one who created this world and put us in it.

Every year, the Canadian Council of Churches designates January 18-25 as Week of Prayer for Chris-

tian Unity. This year's resource package (International Booklet) was prepared by the Minnesota Council of Churches, using the theme "Do good; Seek justice." Given some of the recent events in the State of Minnesota, I was glad to see their Council of Churches address the spiritual component of racism.

The International Booklet contains a homily suitable for use at an Ecumenical Week of Prayer Service. Hidden in one of the footnotes for this homily is the best explanation of racism's roots that I have ever read.

"There is only one race," the note reads; "and that is the human race. However, we must acknowledge that the myth of race has caused the reality of racism. Race is not biological, it is a social construct which separates humanity according to physical traits. It is important to acknowledge that while the term may not be used in various parts of the world, it (racism) has been used as a tool to effectively divide and oppress groups of humans." (Source: www.weekofprayer.ca/2023-wpcu-resources)

Those words identify the root of racism far better than I ever could. And they identify one critical question every person on earth must answer-through whose eyes will I see the people around me? Through my eyes or through God's eyes?

If we look at people through our own eyes, we will focus on the differences; on the things that separate us into different people groups and sow the seeds that lead to racist beliefs, embed them in our minds, and further divide an already fractured society.

But if we look at people through God's eyes, we will gain a deeper appreciation for our heritage (see last week's column) as descendants one common ancestor and thus, members of one human race.

You must decide if you will see others through your eyes or God's. I cannot make that decision for you. I would, however, advise all people to choose carefully and choose wisely. Your future and the future of our society could depend on it.

Food Bank in need

Sharlette Paddock
RIVERDALE HARVEST FOODBANK CHAIR

Welcome to a new year in which we celebrate the Riverdale Harvest Food Bank having been in our community for 25 years! We have been blessed with continuous financial and supply donations from our communities and we thank you for making it possible for us to offer this support. Without your generosity, grants that we have received and the volunteers donating their time and effort we could not go on. Thank you to each person that has taken the time to put an article in the drop off locations at Super Thrifty, Co-op and churches; brought donations to the food bank, mailed cheques and supported other organizations and businesses raising donations on our behalf. Please know that every time you give someone is getting food to take home to help make ends meet. We also provide clients with a small gift card to the Co-op to buy dairy or fresh produce thanks to our financial donors.

One area that our food bank currently needs support is for new Board Members. As a Board, we meet once a month, excluding summer. We set direction for how and when the distribution portion works. We determine needs and allocate funds to provide for those needs. We will have two executive positions that will need to be filled at our next Annual Meeting. If you are the type that likes to keep books or take minutes we will be looking for a Treasurer and a Secretary. Please contact any current board member or myself, Sharlette Paddock (204-328-7341) if you have any questions. We are so thankful for the volunteer Board Members that have given of their time and talents in the past. We could not function without the willingness of community members to step into these roles.

We continue to support residents of the RMs of Oakview and Riverdale including the towns Oak River, Rapid City and Rivers. Zion Church has continued to generously provide space for us to store and hand out hampers. If someone is in need of accessing the food bank they are welcome to attend the back door of 580 - 2nd Ave, on Thursdays between the hours of 9:30am and 11:30am. We are currently providing satellite access in Rapid City on the 2nd and 4th Thursday for those in that community that have no physical way of attending Rivers. If anyone in Rapid City needs access to that program please phone our Rapid City co-ordinator Laura Neely-Carter at 204-573-1072.



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Word Bank

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5. bragging	6. team	7. english	8. champion
9. defeated	10. competing		

New Habitat Conservation Specialist



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Meet Jessica Belcher, the new area Habitat Conservation Specialist.

Submitted MHHC

Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation is pleased to announce that Jessica Belcher will be replacing Wes Pankratz (retired) as the Habitat Conservation Specialist out of Minnedosa.

“Jessica is a perfect fit for the position and Minnedosa office,” said Curtis Hullick, Field Manager with Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC). “MHHC strives to hire local staff to fill our regional offices throughout rural Manitoba to support delivery of our conservation programming.”

Jessica was raised on Bos Family Farms, a cattle farm along the Little Saskatchewan River near Rapid City. She has a biology degree from the University of Regina and a variety of environmental work experience from across the prairies.

“I am excited to get

started in my new role and to build on all the great work Wes did in the region,” said Jessica. “It is a great opportunity to work with landowners in a landscape that I am familiar with. My role is to meet with landowners to deliver conservation programs that support wildlife habitat, water quality, biodiversity and healthy watersheds.”

“My first priority is to get out on the landscape and interact with landowners,” Jessica said. “Engaging with landowners and producers and building relationships is vital to the success of habitat protection and stewardship in Manitoba.”

Jessica started with MHHC in 2019 as a technician surveying protected habitat lands across most of agro-Manitoba. “In the past few years as the monitoring specialist, I have seen how both flooding and drought has impacted farms,” said Jes-

sica. “I am excited about conservation programs that MHHC offers that can moderate some of the negative impacts of climate variation. I also like that MHHC pays farmers to protect and conserve habitat that may otherwise be lost.”

Jessica’s office is right beside Tanner’s Crossing Park, located at 30 Main Street in Minnedosa. Her region generally includes Erickson, Neepawa, Gladstone, Forest, and Rivers, centered by Minnedosa and Rapid City. She encourages anyone interested in conservation opportunities to drop by the office, call/text at 204 573 4840, or email her at jbelcher@mhhc.mb.ca.

MHHC is a Manitoba-based charitable organization dedicated to conservation, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat. MHHC works primarily with farmers on agricultural landscapes.

Premier Heather Stefanson reveals her new cabinet

Submitted MB GOVERNMENT

Four new ministers will lead the renewal of Premier Heather Stefanson’s cabinet as she completes the third of four steps to refresh executive council to ensure the Manitoba government is better able to get things done quickly for the benefit of all Manitobans.

Today’s overhaul of executive council puts Stefanson’s stamp on her team while also marking a significant departure from previous cabinets over the past decade.

“While retaining the experience of ministers including Kelvin Goertzen, Rochelle Squires, Jeff Wharton, Cliff Cullen, I am excited to welcome fresh new energy and ideas from James Teitsma, Janice Morley-Lecomte, Kevin Klein and Manitoba’s first-ever Muslim MLA, Obby Khan,” said Stefanson.

Janice Morley-Lecomte (Seine River) joins cabinet as minister of mental health and community wellness. James Teitsma (Radisson) becomes minister of the reframed Department of Consumer Protection and Government Services. Ibrahim (Obby) Khan (Fort Whyte) becomes minister of sport, culture

and heritage. Kevin Klein (Kirkfield Park) will serve as minister of the refreshed Department of Environment and Climate Change.

The premier also took the opportunity to recognize MLAs departing cabinet, thanking them for their service and dedication to their community and province. Stefanson noted MLAs Reg Helwer (Brandon West), Cameron Friesen (Morden-Winkler) and Alan Lagimodiere (Selkirk) have all made significant contributions to build a stronger, more prosperous Manitoba through their work in cabinet, caucus and in their local communities.

“I will continue to seek their wise counsel and I thank them for their personal sacrifices and many years of service to Manitoba,” Stefanson said.

The new ministers were sworn in earlier today in an historic ceremony at the Legislative Building, as the premier joined Lt.-Gov. Anita Neville and Kathryn Gerrard, clerk of the executive council.

Other changes to executive council include:

Cliff Cullen continues as deputy premier and assumes the role of minister of finance;

Jeff Wharton becomes minister of economic develop-

ment, investment and trade; Jon Reyes will serve as minister of the newly established Department of Labour and Immigration;

Eileen Clarke becomes minister of Indigenous reconciliation and northern relations;

Sarah Guillemard will serve as minister of the reframed Department of Advanced Education and Training; and

Andrew Smith moves to the Department of Municipal Relations and retains responsibility for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation.

“Together, I am confident this cabinet will quickly tackle the shifting challenges in Manitoba as we all work to heal our health care, make life more affordable, make our streets safer and grow our economy and communities,” Stefanson said.

Additionally, Josh Guenter (Borderland) will serve as legislative assistant to finance to play an integral role in the government’s upcoming pre-budget consultation process, Stefanson noted.

The fourth and final step of Manitoba government renewal, a shuffle of deputy ministers, will occur in due course, Stefanson added.

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Wareham has eyes on a college hockey career



Owen Wareham of Rivers spends a lot of time defending the goal area for the Dauphin Kings of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

By Ken Waddell
RIVERS BANNER

Owen Wareham of Rivers is applying his many hockey skills at a high level. Wareham is in his third year with the Dauphin Kings team in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL). In an interview with Rivers Banner by phone from the MJHL Showcase in Winnipeg, Wareham said, "The showcase is a good place to be seen." Being seen is important at this stage of his career as he is interested in playing hockey at the college level. "I'm looking at a couple of colleges in the US and a couple in Canada."

Wareham played his minor hockey in Rivers where his dad, Kent was his coach much of the time. "It was great playing at home, I got to grow up and play with all my

buddies."

He then moved on to the Yellowhead Chiefs U15 team for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons. He moved up to the Chiefs U18 team for three years and from then on he has been patrolling the blue line as a defence man for the Dauphin Kings.

Derrick Brucks, the Dauphin Kings Director of Marketing said, "Owen is a huge part of the Dauphin Kings and a special person on and off the ice."

The Kings won the MJHL league championship last year and are in line for a play-off spot in the highly contested MJHL West Division this year.

Wareham said when the Kings won the league last year, "It didn't feel real at first, I was just happy the way it turned out."

Manitoba Government offers free provincial park entry for month of February

Submitted
MB GOVERNMENT

Enjoy Winter by Exploring Provincial Parks! The Manitoba government will once again offer free park entry for the entire month of February so Manitobans and visitors can take advantage of the many winter activities available in provincial parks. Environment, Climate and Parks Minister Jeff Wharton announced today.

"In Manitoba's provincial parks, winter is a season worth celebrating," said Wharton. "Our government is pleased to make it easier for Manitobans to participate in invigorating, enjoyable winter experiences surrounded by our province's natural beauty."

Vehicle permits are not required in any provincial park in February, but Sno-passes are still required for snowmobiles using trails. Entrance fees still apply

in national parks.

Provincial parks have groomed trails for a variety of activities including cross-country skiing, fat biking, snowshoeing and hiking. Paint Lake, Spruce Woods and Turtle Mountain provincial parks also offer outdoor skating areas, hockey rinks and toboggan hills. Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park has ice-fishing shelters on Lake Winnipeg that are free to use.

Manitobans are encouraged to check trail conditions before visiting parks. Trail maps and updated reports can be found at: https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/parks/recreation-and-activities/trail_conditions/index.html.

Trail users are reminded to only use trails for designated activities, keep dogs on leash and practise the principles of "Leave No Trace."

Park interpreters in Birds Hill, Spruce Woods

and Whiteshell provincial parks offer numerous guided programs to enrich visitor experiences. Highlights for the month of February include wolf howl hikes, snowshoe treks, ski clinics, quinzhee building and ice fishing. Event details and registration information can be found at www.manitobaparks.com.

Teachers can also book free guided field trips to Birds Hill, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell provincial parks, along with virtual programs to bring park interpreters into classrooms.

Annual park vehicle permits will be available for purchase beginning on March 1. To purchase a permit, visit: www.manitobaecicensing.ca.

For more information on winter activities and interpretive programs in provincial parks, email ParkInterpretation@gov.mb.ca or visit www.manitobaparks.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 318(1) of The Municipal Act, that the Council of Riverdale Municipality has scheduled a public hearing in the Council Chamber, at Riverdale Municipal office in Rivers, Manitoba on the **21st day of February, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** to present the following special service proposal:

The intent of this Special Service proposal is to continue with a special tax for provision of fire protection services, to all benefiting property owners, including otherwise exempt and railway properties, in Riverdale Municipality.

The total cost of Fire Protection Services for Riverdale Municipality is \$ 105,758.53

The Special Service Area to be levied under this proposal will be all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties in Riverdale Municipality, including Classification 52, Railway companies, but excluding cemeteries at the following rates:

Property classified as 30T Farmland only
 \$13.15

All other Classes including 10, 20, 40, 50, 60
 (this includes property with dual classifications)
 \$83.57

The Special Service Tax will raise \$105,758.83. In addition any unforeseen costs or un-anticipated expenditures will be funded by the Municipality's Operations Budget and included in the general municipal levy.

The aforementioned Special Service Tax will be set out in the Financial Plan for the years 2023 to 2025 inclusive and replaces the previous special service levy "2020-01 Fire Protection Services".

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer at the Riverdale municipal office, 670 - 2nd Ave, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the special service proposal are available for review and may be examined by any person during regular office hours of the Riverdale Municipal Office at 670 - 2nd Avenue, Rivers, Manitoba.

DATED AT RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY this 17th day of January 2023.

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Trudeau will host premiers Feb. 7 to hammer out health-care funding deal

This non-news story has no point. It is 1,077 words of baffle-gab we are all familiar with.

The politicians who presided over the collapse of our healthcare systems are ignoring their culpability and pretending that they can solve the crisis they created.

Healthcare cannot be resurrected from a high-level overview of systems. The contention that each province has unique difficulties

is rubbish. None of them provide a reasonable level of public healthcare.

Politicians and their bureaucrats are protected from feeling the brunt of health-care deficits through above-average wage increases coupled with publicly supported healthcare plans far beyond the affordability of rank-and-file Canadians.

There is no accountability, and no incentive to improve the efficiency of operations. There is no standard for an effective and efficient hospital or clinic operation. Pouring money into a failed system is counter-productive.

We desperately need private investment in healthcare delivery facilities. We don't have adequate public funds available to carry the whole load. Private delivery facilities introduce competition that is a lacking element of our systems.

Where is the public consultation for this improvement effort? The public can quickly highlight where and how the system fails us. That is not what the political class wants.

Where is the input from our healthcare professionals? Doctors, nurses and technicians need to be consulted, and free of coercion by their governing bodies and unions while they share the skinny on their work environments.

Twelve-hour shifts and mandatory overtime are not common in healthy work environments. Why are we driving away the professionals that are the heart and soul of any healthcare system?

Working long hours is easy when you are thirty but burdensome when you hit 50. Why are we not accommodating older and experienced professionals instead of burning them out? We need answers an overview can't give us.

Politicians need to sit down with healthcare stakeholders, which includes every Canadian and listen carefully to what they have to say.

We can't fix healthcare without them. They can highlight the areas of most concern and provide a map for politicians to follow. There has to be an ongoing involvement of healthcare stakeholders so that remedial efforts that are not working can be quickly corrected.

Politicians tell us that we are all in this together. It is time to put that phrase into action and deal with the realities on the ground.

*John Feldsted
Political commentator, consultant
& strategist
Winnipeg, Manitoba*

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Letter to the editor

Big green hole or big black hole

John Feldsted wrote an opinion piece indicating how the foolish Liberal government is wasting our money by investing in the new industry of EV battery production. Instead he maintains we should encourage the subsidization of the well established petroleum industry. GM BrightDrop Zero, an EV (electric vehicle) is probably one of the fastest growing automotive brand names out there, with an impressive demand and ramp up. The other ICE (internal combustion engine vehicle), the Equinox, which GM makes in Canada, has had its North American sales in free fall. Canada manufactures a total of 14 vehicles, a good percentage of which are on the company's chopping block with no sign of replacement vehicles. This is the automotive industry Nokia/Kodak moment and John Feldsted thinks we as Canadians need to double down on the flip phone and photographic film.

Dodge, the iconic American muscle car's newest Challenger will be an EV. I guess Stellantis (Chrysler/FCA) got sick of watching YouTube videos of their pride and joy getting smoked by an electric family sedan and SUVs, in American gear heads 1/4 mile race. ICE car sales in the US have gone down by 20 per cent this past year. Honda, a vehicle manufacturing favourite of mine down by 40 per cent, Tesla's sales on the other hand have increased by 169 per cent. Europe is moving at a quicker pace towards electric vehicles compared to North America. The Tesla model Y is the top selling vehicle, or close to it, in many of Europe's largest markets. The Chinese manufactures are bringing a plethora of EV's to the European market. In China, the largest automotive market in the world, the Tesla model Y is predicted to be the best selling vehicle this year. China's EV sales this year are at 26 per cent fully electric and 35 per cent with a plug, this number continues to surge, while ICE manufactures like Stellantis are going bankrupt in China because demand for their vehicles have plummeted. EV purchasers rarely go back to ICE models and larger numbers of people are wanting EV's over ICEs. Japan, as a country, is in a lot of trouble, according to automotive analysts and economists. Japan has not invested in EVs and their ICE vehicle sales are dropping worldwide, especially in China. Do we want to be like Japan?

Batteries are quickly becoming part of every facet of industry, from lawn mowers and chainsaws to large mining equipment and excavators. These products are becoming more convenient, easier to maintain, cheaper to run and in many cases cheaper to buy. A Canadian company Li-Cycle, battery recyclers, are able to recycle more than 90 per cent of the materials, lithium

nickel and cobalt, in the batteries. Needless to say they are expanding into the United States.

There are products out there that will take longer to switch away from the internal combustion engine. I believe one of the last bastions of the diesel engine will be tractors and combines for instance. But pretending there aren't advances being made in other areas is burying your head in the sand. For example, Tesla is making a semi for Pepsi and with the savings and convenience of this vehicle, the large truck industry is expected to go electric faster than the rest of the automotive industry.

In regards to foolish Liberal subsidies, take a look at the subsidies to the oil and gas industry, which Trudeau promised to end. Companies like Statoil, Koch Industries, Imperial Oil, ConocoPhillips, Exxon Mobil, Marathon oil, and Royal Dutch Shell are all selling off assets and abandoning projects to the lowest bidder, citing that many of these projects are uneconomical even with oil at \$200 a barrel. These companies know about how to profit from the oil industry. If they are backing away from the oil sands, what makes the Liberal government and John Feldsted think they can do better. The IMF (International Monetary Fund) states that eliminating fossil fuel subsidies will be a win for the environment and for the economy. Yet Canada in 2022 with a 15 billion dollar subsidy remains the largest international fossil fuel financier to sign the COP26 pledge.

The Tar Sands is so huge it can be seen from space. One of the tailings ponds is 70 Km square and requires water from the pristine, Athabaskan Glacier fed, river to be drained into the pond to keep toxins from volatilizing in the air. Does this seem like an investment that can't go wrong? There are really no good ideas or systems to clean up these toxic waste ponds.

Ninety five per cent of our oil exports go to the US, they plan to get off oil as soon as possible and they are not in need of tar sands oil. They are becoming self-sufficient themselves. Europe is going to replace their lost oil supplies from Russia with those from the Middle East. Who are we going to sell our oil to? We have a choice of a big green hole where there is room for improvement, a chance at a future and freedom from the oil industry, or a literal big black hole full of toxic water and mine tailings that even oil companies want no part of!

Ryan Lowe

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