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Rivers Home Hardware expands with new storage building on 2nd Ave



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In addition to efficiencies, the new structure will offer much-needed shelter for various business vehicles and equipment.

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

In recent months, locals have been witnessing an exciting transformation on 2nd Avenue as a new building rises across from the Rivers Legion. This development marks a significant expansion for Home Hardware, aimed at enhancing its service capabilities and operational efficiency.

The newly constructed storage building is designed to address the pressing needs of the business, which has outgrown its existing infrastructure. The grey shed that previously served as a storage facility has become increasingly inadequate. With limited space and frequent movement of materials, the team has found it cumbersome to manage resources effectively. The new building promises to mitigate these challenges by providing ample storage space, thereby minimizing the time and effort spent moving products back and forth.

A key feature of the new building is the installation of new concrete around its front and sides. This thoughtful addition not only increases the aesthetic appeal of the facility but also enhances functionality. The hard standing areas will be crucial for organizing deliveries and providing a secure base for loading and unloading materials. With a dedicated space for storage, Home Hardware aims to streamline its operations and ensure that products remain protected from the elements, a vital consideration

in preserving the quality of goods.

Beyond storage efficiencies, the new structure will offer much-needed shelter for various business vehicles and equipment. As the company continues to grow, so too does its need for reliable housing for essential machinery and transportation. Previously, business vehicles were often left exposed, which could lead to wear and tear. The added shelter will help extend the life of these assets and ensure that they are always ready for service when needed.

The new building is part of Home Hardware's commitment to evolving with the community. As families and businesses grow in the region, Home Hardware acknowledges the importance of expanding its offerings and improving services. This development not only reflects the company's vision for the future but also signals its deep-rooted connection with the community it serves.

As the construction progresses, excitement builds among residents and customers alike. There is a palpable sense of anticipation surrounding the improvements and opportunities the new storage building will bring. Home Hardware remains dedicated to providing quality products and services, and this expansion is a clear testament to that commitment.

In conclusion, the new storage building on 2nd Avenue is a significant step forward for Home Hardware. It promises to enhance operational efficiency, improve inventory management, and provide better service for the community.

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Thankful... and tired, a parent's guide to the holiday season

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I'm going to be honest, I love Thanksgiving. I love fall. I love pumpkins and hot apple cider. I love turkey, pie, and the

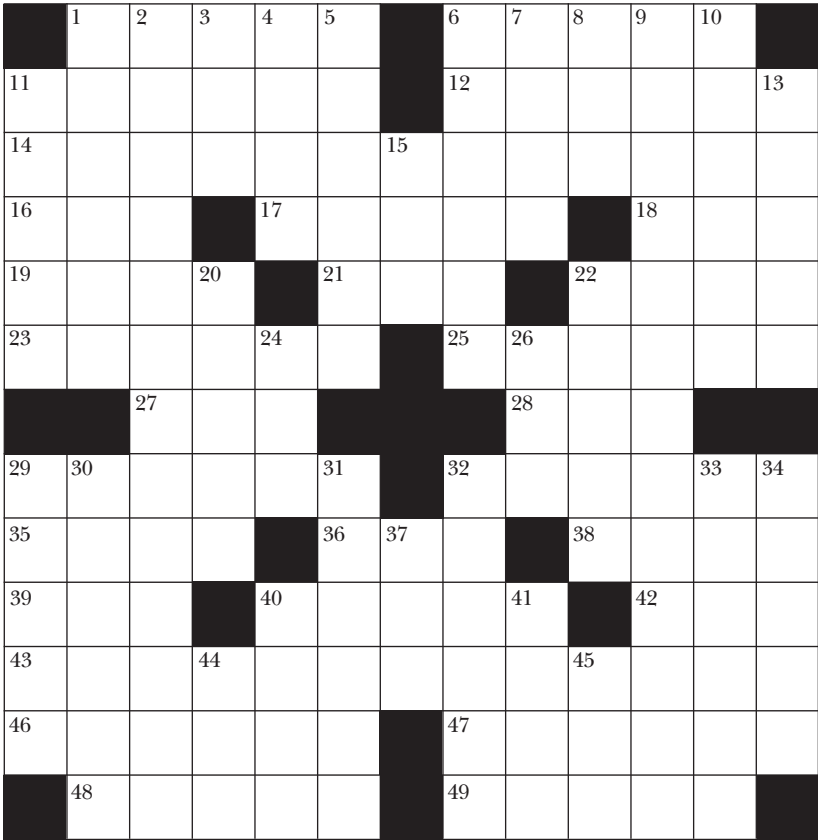
way the whole season smells like cinnamon and cold air. I love the rituals, the food, the familiar rhythm of it all. But loving Thanksgiving doesn't mean it's easy. In fact, the older I get, and the more years I spend parenting through the holidays, the more I realize that joy and difficulty often sit side by side at the table. Holidays have a way of amplifying everything. The good feels better. The hard feels harder. And for parents, that contrast can be sharp. Traveling with kids is its own adventure. You pack snacks, activities, backup snacks, backup activities, and still somehow end up stuck in a car or airport with a child who is suddenly bored by everything except the one toy you didn't bring. You

try to keep everyone fed, rested, and reasonably clean while navigating delays, detours, and the inevitable meltdown that arrives precisely when you're nowhere near home. You tell yourself it's worth it, and it is, but that doesn't make the journey any less exhausting. Hosting family can be wonderful, but it can also stretch you thin. There's pressure to make everything feel festive, to create memories, to keep traditions alive. Meanwhile, you're still parenting in the background: refereeing sibling arguments, wiping counters, answering questions, and trying to prevent your toddler from eating decorative gourds. You're managing personalities, expectations, and the emotional temperature of the room while also trying to baste a turkey. It's a lot, even when you love the people you're hosting. And then there's the quiet ache that holidays can bring, the people who aren't there. Maybe it's someone you've lost. Maybe it's someone you're estranged from. Maybe it's someone who simply can't make the trip this year. Whatever the reason, that empty seat at the table has weight. Parents feel it while still trying to create warmth and stability for their kids. You're stirring gravy with one hand and swallowing grief with the other. But here's the part we don't say enough, loving the holidays and struggling through them are not opposites. They coexist. They always have. Parents carry so much of the emotional load of the season. We're the ones who make the magic or at least try to, and I take being responsible for the magic in my children's lives very seriously. We're the ones who smooth the edges, who keep the day moving, who make sure the kids feel safe and loved even when the adults are tired or stressed or quietly missing someone. We're the ones who show up, again and again, even when the holiday looks different than we hoped. And maybe that's the real heart of Thanksgiving. Not the perfect meal or the perfect gathering, but the imperfect, deeply human effort behind it. The way parents keep stitching together moments of comfort and joy, even when the day is messy. The way we keep choosing connection, even when it takes work. The way we keep loving our kids through every version of the holiday, the loud ones, the chaotic ones, the lonely ones, the beautiful ones. So, if this Thanksgiving feels complicated, you're not alone. If you're traveling with overtired kids, hosting more people than your house comfortably fits, or quietly grieving someone who should be there, you're not doing the holiday wrong. You're living it honestly. And in the middle of all that complexity, there will still be small moments, a warm drink, a child's laugh, a quiet breath in the kitchen, that remind you why you love this season. My family has a tradition of going around the table to say what we are most thankful for this year. No matter how crazy the day has been, no matter if someone has been crying or we are all laughing, we tell each other what we are most grateful for, and it is one of my most cherished memories every year. It may not be perfect, but they're real. And sometimes real is better.

Locally created crossword

- ACROSS
- 1. Sin city, briefly
 - 6. Throw out forcefully
 - 11. Fermented forage
 - 12. Plenty, lots
 - 14. Decided beforehand
 - 16. 54 in Rome
 - 17. Sand drifts
 - 18. 3 tsp
 - 19. Beers
 - 21. House kept animal
 - 22. North or south axis
 - 23. Racquet sport
 - 25. Arrow leaf salad ingredient
 - 27. Adult male
 - 28. Intelligence
 - 29. Earliest, (2 words)
 - 32. Snow glider
 - 35. Nickname for William
 - 36. Prefix meaning above, over
 - 38. Ache, painful
 - 39. Snakelike fish
 - 40. Living human
 - 42. Birth name
 - 43. Three hundredth anniversary
 - 46. Scrubs
 - 47. Above the hips (plural)
 - 48. Foe
 - 49. Hits a mosquito

- DOWN
- 1. Manly
 - 2. 11,000,000
 - 3. Roam about
 - 4. Grew old
 - 5. Arranged marriages
 - 6. Long legged wading birds
 - 7. Fruit bread spreads
 - 8. Inventor Whitney



Answers on page 10

Created by David Harris of Oak River, MB

- 9. Entertainer who bends his body into strange positions
- 10. Three-pronged fishhook
- 11. tomato sound
- 13. Ford's flop
- 15. 67 1/2* on a compass
- 20. Show teeth while growling
- 22. Uses a lever
- 24. Ways to enter
- 26. Night hooter
- 29. Assists in a crime
- 30. Ferocious, savage
- 31. Small
- 32. Tendons, ligaments
- 33. Heros
- 34. Back parts of the feet
- 37. Hole in the ground
- 40. Raised barrier, mound
- 41. Chew on (beaver)
- 44. Pool stick
- 45. Vardalos of 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding'

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Meet the Candidates!

Rivers and District Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to a candidates meeting.

**Wednesday, October 14, 2026
at Rivers Legion Hall at 7 p.m.**

Come hear what the Riverdale Municipality candidates have to say and ask them your questions.

**Jocelyn Beever ~ Ashley Brennan
Bonnie Dreveski ~ Mark Gill ~ Shawn Mason
Everett Smith ~ Christa Veitch**

Our acclaimed mayor, Ian Dyer, will also attend to introduce himself to you.



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Turkey Dinner with ALL the Trimmings!
Sunday, October 18th
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\$20.00

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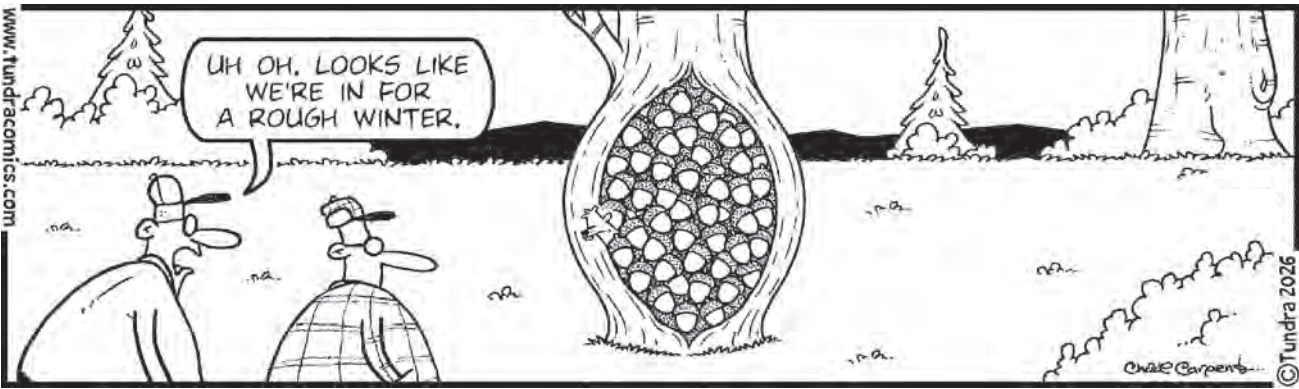
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By Chad Carpenter

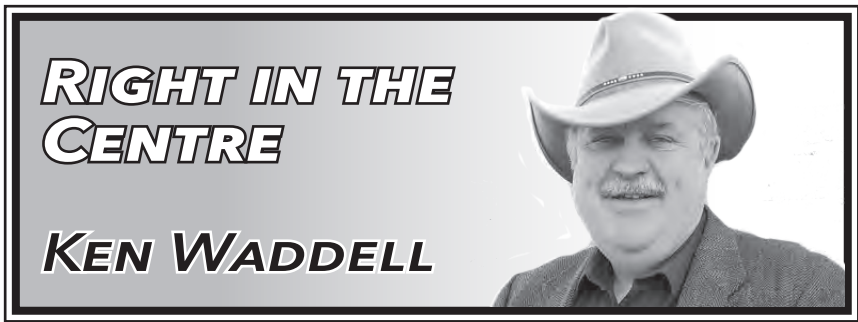


Are expectations too high?

With municipal elections looming across Manitoba, it's important that every voter consider the issues that face their community. Believe me, there are many issues facing our communities. Over the past several weeks, I have been observing discussions and responses from a number of municipalities and towns.

There are some issues coming up that seem common to all our towns and RMs, the number one issue on peoples' minds seems to be roads, roads and more roads. It costs a lot of money to maintain a road in rural areas. It costs a lot more money to keep the roads paved and the potholes patched and filled. It would appear that most towns are overwhelmed with the workload. There are bone-jarring ruts and potholes in every town. I doubt at this time that the municipalities or towns have the financial resources to fix all the roads. I suspect the needed repairs will need a number of options to bring about the kind of roads we want. Local governments could possibly consider more efficient use of the resources they have in terms of staff. Another option is to take paved roads and turn them into gravel roads by re-milling the surface and then use a grader and maintain them much as in fashion that happens in rural municipalities. A third option is to make a strong appeal through the Association of Manitoba Association of Municipalities (AMM) for accessing funding for roads from the senior levels of government, namely the province and the federal government.

Just about every town and village, and therefore also the surrounding RMs, have a problem maintaining recreation facilities. It should be noted that communities such as Virden, Minnedosa and Rivers have relatively new and well-maintained recreation



facilities especially in terms of skating and curling rinks and halls. Carberry has an older facility but it's in pretty good shape. Other towns, including Neepawa are on the verge of needing major repairs or replacement. Past and recent experience shows that replacement may cost \$15-\$25 million. If we look a little further afield to Winkler, for example, a major reconstruction was the path chosen rather full replacement. Many of the towns in our newspapers coverage area are faced with repairs or replacement. As distasteful as spending that much money may seem to be, if recreation facilities are not replaced or renovated, the community could soon be no longer viable.

The third issue that I believe is common to all the communities is a lack of affordable housing. To say the words affordable housing is almost a misnomer now because housing simply isn't affordable. There are some things that could be changed. Zoning needs to be changed, some of the building regulations need to be changed, but that's a provincial matter. Then I think peoples' expectations need to change. Houses have become very large and expensive. Millions of families across Canada were raised in houses that were well under 1,000 square feet. That measurement today is considered intolerable for a family of a mom, dad and two kids. Our expectations have far exceeded our ability to pay for

them. I believe that smaller homes are the answer. Any initiative to build smaller homes should be encouraged and not frowned upon. Ironically, it seems that today's families want to have rooms big enough for every child to have a queen-size bed. Not that many years ago, two or three kids would share a so-called double bed and that was a 54 inch, not a queen. I realize that's a bit of a side-track but perhaps it is indicative of how our desires and wishes for luxury in everything has surpassed our abilities to be able to pay for such luxury.

Listed above are but three issues that I think are common to all our communities. There are many other issues as well. Hopefully, once the election dust is cleared at the end of October, the councils will be able to get to work and bring about solutions for their communities that will work and make our communities even more viable and more desirable to live in. As I said last week, municipal government is the most important level of government in Canada. Please vote, please build your councillors up and not tear them down so that we may all have a better life in the rural Manitoba we love. It's a way of life worth fighting for and allowing it to thrive and grow.

Get involved and please vote.
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Thanksgiving... Gratitude

Arie, my little black Yorkie Poodle, was given to me just a bit over three years ago. She was about one year old at the time. That means that three of her four years she has been under my care, surrounded by my love. Tonight, she not only came and sat on my lap, a rare gift, she rolled over, belly up, totally relaxed, allowing me to scratch her tummy and rub her ears. The moment did not go unnoticed. I have wanted her to be a cuddler and a snuggler. She has declined almost each and every invitation. She loves to be fed, to be walked, to be played with— just don't get familiar. Sitting there, with Arie choosing me, filled me with gratitude.

Many times in every day I seek to see the good and give thanks. I think of the young man on the electric scooter... One day as he approached me, on the sidewalk, with a passenger and neither wearing helmets, I simply drew my dog right close to my side, paused, and asked him/them to not use the sidewalk. The abrupt reply—"I was born in this country" took me by surprise. It was not who they were, it was that they should not be riding on a walking path. Needless to say, that day they stood their course. Just a few days later, almost a complete repeat. Arie and I were walking, on the sidewalk, the same young man approaching— this time without a passenger. Again, I drew Arie close, and simply stood still. He made eye contact and swerved onto the grass while passing us. I was able to say thank you, whether it was heard or not. And I was filled with gratitude that the request of an old lady had been considered.

The neighbour across the back lane takes time to mow the unfenced portion of my back yard. This is a bit of give and take for they often need to use part of my property when using their back yard entrance. They understand the property line, understand that I could be a stinker, and they carefully, regularly mow what I call the back forty. And I am filled with gratitude that neighbours can be neighbourly.

There are nights that I fight with sleep. Trust me, I court her! A darkened, cool room. Limited screen time before retiring, no visible clock, only one small flickering LED light on my night noise gizmo. The ceiling fan on low, the window ajar as long as the season allows, regular routine. Trust me, I'm trying! And then there is the morning that I am amazed that I have slept well. The day is filled with casual accomplishments. It's not an effort to think or do. And I am so very filled with gratitude! I do not, ever, take a good night's sleep for granted.

The faith I hold dear fills me with daily thanksgiving, the greatest thanksgiving. The God who created me holds me from my first breath to my last breath, for my days were known before my being and I will be known always. And I am filled with gratitude in this assurance of being loved.

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Memorial Golf Tournament raises over \$5,000.00 for Riverdale Palliative Care

Submitted

BY DEBBIE PHYTHIAN

On August 16, fifty-nine golfers, plus many spectators, enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at Riverdale Golf & Country Club as they participated in the Jackie Fehr Memorial Charity Golf Tournament. The event was organized by Jackie's daughter, Tammy, with the goal to donate all proceeds to Riverdale Pal-

liative Care.

Tammy recently presented \$5,323.68 to Riverdale Palliative Care! Tammy did an amazing job and we are truly thankful for the donation.

Through grants from Riverdale Municipality and Rivers & Area Foundation, the palliative group has completed two recent projects – the addition to Prairie Crocus Library of several children's books

on death and grieving as well as a major renovation to the Garden Suite palliative patient room at Riverdale Health Centre. Proceeds from the memorial golf tournament, as well as donations from Rivers Curling Club, Rivers Women's Institute and other memorial donations will be used for future projects. Some are already in the early planning stages, so we will keep you updated

on those!

Please follow us on Facebook for palliative news and resources. If you are in need of any specific resources please contact us and we will do what we can to help you find those resources.

If you are interested in becoming a Palliative Care Volunteer, there are some training sessions coming up. You can contact me for further information (Debbie Phythian at 204-725-8301). There is also a poster on our Facebook page with more information.

We also invite you to our Community Memorial Service which we will host on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Rivers United Church – 347 Main St.

This Memorial Service is held every two years and is meant to remember those who have died and to share that significant loss in our community. You can help our committee in that if you have experienced the loss of a loved one since November 2024, you can contact us to ensure that their name be remembered. You

may contact Dora Irvine (204-328-7167) or Donna Falkevitch (204-724-4232).

There will also be an opportunity for fellowship and to share memories of our loved ones at the luncheon that will follow the memorial service.

We look forward to hearing from you if you would like to have your loved one's name remembered on November 8 in the community service. Please note that you do not have to be in attendance to have us honor your loved one.

PC Policies aim to protect victims of crime, Manitobans' sense of safety in their own homes

Submitted

BY PC CAUCUS MEDIA

Manitoba's Progressive Conservatives are once again pushing for common-sense policies that protect victims of crime and prevent revictimization.

PCs' "Right to Defend Home and Family" Private Member's Resolution resumed debate on Thursday. Introduced by Borderland MLA Josh Guenter, the resolution urges Ottawa to amend the Criminal Code to clearly allow homeowners to use reasonable force, including deadly force, to protect themselves and their families against home invaders.

"Families have a right to feel safe in their own homes," said Guenter. "This resolution calls on the NDP government to simply affirm that right by ensuring better protections for homeowners who are defending their lives, the lives of their loved ones, and their property. Manitobans shouldn't need yet another year of major home invasions and violent crime for the provincial government to get on board."

This summer, Manitobans were shaken by news of an incident involving an armed group of thieves in Dufferin and the arrest of the victim who confronted them. Last month, a man allegedly broke into a Winnipeg woman's home, choked and sexually assaulted her, and threatened to kill her. In May, an armed man broke into a St. James home, held a family with children hostage, and started a fire. Last September, Hollow Water First Nation witnessed a fatal stabbing rampage involving home break-ins. Other major incidents over the last year included armed home invasions targeting seniors, a home-based business, a northern First Nation, and more.

Coinciding with Guenter's resolution, PCs' Bill 210, The Criminal Trespassers Act and Amendments to The Occupiers' Liability Act, also entered into second reading on Thursday. Introduced by Interlake-Gimli MLA and Opposition House Leader Derek Johnson, the legislation would protect property owners from unjustified lawsuits by criminals who sustain injuries while trespassing. Bill 210 deals with civil liability, meaning existing criminal

laws governing the use of force would continue to apply.

"We are bringing this bill forward again because the issue that led us to introduce it in the first place has not gone away," said Johnson. "Manitobans deserve to feel safe in their communities. Homeowners, farmers, and businesses should know where they stand when someone enters their property without permission to commit a crime. Bill 210 addresses that situation and protects Manitobans from being revictimized."

Another PC policy to protect victims of crime will enter second reading next week, aiming to prevent intimate partner violence in particular. Introduced by Selkirk MLA Richard Perchotte, Bill 212, The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Stalking-Related Measures), allows courts to impose an automatic driver's licence suspension on people convicted of criminal harassment (i.e., stalking) if a vehicle was used in committing the crime. The bill also authorizes police to seize and impound a vehicle if officers discover that the person using the vehicle was committing criminal harassment.

How local news powers local business

Submitted

BY NEWS MEDIA CANADA

National Newspaper Week is coming up from October 4-10, 2026. Run this matte story in your newspapers and visit www.nationalnewspaperweek.ca for more resources.

Matte Story

Spend a few minutes with a local newspaper and you get a pretty good sense of what's happening in the community.

Local newspapers don't just report on communities. They are part of them.

Every healthy community relies on trusted communication to know what's happening around them. That includes the decisions being made at town hall, the events happening this weekend and the businesses opening, growing and investing locally.

While national and international stories often domin-

ate social media feeds, local news stays closer to home. It focuses on the people, businesses and issues that shape the community around us.

That local focus also makes newspapers an important way for businesses to connect with the people they want to reach.

Independent research shows Canadians trust newspaper advertising more than social media advertising. News Media Canada research found that 57% of Canadians trust advertising in newspapers (in traditional or online formats), compared with 22% who say the same about advertising on Facebook and Instagram.

For a local business, that trusted environment can make a difference.

Local newspapers also reflect everyday life within their communities. Grand openings, milestone anniversaries,

new developments and local business achievements may not make national headlines, but they matter to the people who live there.

Pick up a local newspaper and there's a good chance you'll recognize some of the names, places and businesses in its pages. That familiarity is part of what makes local news different. It reflects the community back to the people who live there.

And the relationship works both ways. Local businesses use newspapers to reach local customers, while their advertising helps support the journalism that keeps the community informed.

The next time you pick up a newspaper, look at the local advertisers. Chances are that you have a connection to them.

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Westman Youth Choir 2026 performing soon



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Performers from Virden, Oak Lake, Pierson and Hamiota are: Jordan Thiessen, Bruno Gibbert, Aurora White, Jesse Waldner, Micah Thiessen, Amelia Alphonso, Chloe Caldwell, Cadie Huberdeau.

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The Western Manitoba Youth Choir is preparing to tour the Westman region in October, after having two intensive weekend rehearsals at Riding Mountain Conference Centre in Wasagamung in September. The 54-voice choir is drawn from 13 Westman commun-

ities. Conductors are Marla Fontaine and Vic Pankratz, with accompanist Danielle Guina. The Tour begins in Melita Strand Theatre on Oct. 17, Deloraine Winchester Theatre on Oct. 18, Killarney United Church on Oct. 19 and First Presbyterian Church, Brandon on Oct. 20. All performances are at 7:30pm.

Vic Pankratz – Conductor
Vic Pankratz’s career as a singer, conductor and teacher spans Westgate Mennonite Collegiate and stages across Western Canada. He has served as artistic co-director of the Winnipeg Singers and artistic director of Prairie Voices, and has conducted numerous Manitoba youth

and honour choirs. Vic is currently part of the artistic team with Dead of Winter, leading WinterSing. In 2024, he received the Manitoba Choral Association’s Award of Distinction for Artistic Excellence.

Marla Fontaine – Conductor
Marla Fontaine is a Brandon University graduate with degrees in music, education and choral conducting. A passionate music educator, she currently serves as choral specialist at École Secondaire Neelin High School. She also co-conducts Konektis and directs Great Plains Voices Thrive. Marla is passionate about building community and creating beauty through music.

Danielle Guina – Collaborative Pianist
Danielle Guina is a Canadian collaborative pianist, singer and educator based in Brandon. An Eastman School of Music graduate, she teaches and performs throughout the Westman community and is a sessional instructor and staff pianist at Brandon University. Danielle has been part of WMYC since 2022.

AI can look like journalism. That doesn’t make it journalism.

Submitted
BY NEWS MEDIA CANADA

Two recent stories from Nunatsiaq News help explain the idea behind this year’s National Newspaper Week AI Gorithm campaign.

The name is a play on the word “algorithm.” AI algorithms are powerful sets of step-by-step instructions that computer systems use. They power Artificial Intelligence tools and are used by social media platforms that feed us content we will probably like.

In this year’s campaign, AI Gorithm is shown as a real person for a reason.

More and more, AI-generated news is being made to look as though a real journalist is behind it, with a name, a photo, a bio and a byline. These articles are products of complex algorithms designed to look like journalists, even when they are fake.

Nunatsiaq News recently reported on a website using AI-generated “correspondents” to publish stories based in part on reporting done by established northern news organizations. One fictional reporter even has a realistic photo, a local-sounding name and a made-up biography.

That is exactly the point behind AI Gorithm.

Artificial Intelligence can make an algorithm look human. The campaign flips that idea around to remind us that real journalism is still done by real people; people who show up, ask questions, check facts and are accountable for what they publish.

As AI-generated content gets harder to spot, one question matters more than ever: Who actually did the reporting? Real people report real news.

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Superstitions



The flip of the calendar to October means fall and, along with it, Halloween at the end of the month. With that in mind, here are a few more superstitions. I remember as a youngster, after eating turkey, there was always a contest for the wishbone and who would win. Being much younger than my brothers, they had a slight advantage over me, but Mom would oversee the contest to make sure everything was done fairly. She also encouraged me to make a wish. I can’t remember anything I wished for, but it was still fun. The wishbone is considered lucky if you win and get the bigger part of the bone. Ancient Etruscans believed birds to

be mystical, powerful creatures and used their bones to make wishes. The Romans took on this belief, cracking bones for wishes, which was in turn passed on to the British during the days of the Roman Empire. Subsequently, the tradition made its way to the United States via the British, and on Thanksgiving, the turkey wishbone is considered the ultimate symbol of good luck. Do you believe in Irish myths, like leprechauns, the pot of gold, or lucky charms? For hundreds of years, horseshoes have been considered lucky to the Irish. They were hung or still are hung in homes or above the door for protection, and providing they were

pointing upward, it was believed they would store good fortune. However, a horseshoe pointing downward is apparently bad luck to the Irish, as it allows all the good luck to fall out. The Irish are considered one of the luckiest nationalities on the planet. Whether that is true or not is impossible to know, but here are the top ten lucky charms in Ireland:

1. Lucky number
2. Bracelets
3. Coins
4. Rings
5. Four-leaf clovers
6. Ladybugs
7. Socks
8. Horseshoes
9. Rainbows
10. Underwear

The use of keys as a lucky charm dates back to the ancient Greeks, who believed keys gave their prayers the power to reach the Gods. Keys are popular around the world as a key opens doors and offers opportunities, and many believe they also represent fortune and fame.



..... NOTABLE THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS



PHOTO BY METRO CREATIVE

Turkey dinner and all the trimmings.

Submitted
BY METRO CREATIVE

Thanksgiving is a family-centric holiday that revolves around the dinner table and encourages celebrants to acknowledge all that they have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is celebrated in October

in Canada and in November in the United States. Many Thanksgiving traditions focus on community events and sumptuous feasts, but they don't stop there. Here are some of the more notable traditions people can embrace on this day of giving thanks.

Roasting turkey: Many foods will grace the Thanksgiving dinner table, but turkey is the star of the show. Roasting remains the most popular way to cook a turkey, but deep-fried and even rotisserie turkey have become more popular in recent years.

Watching the parade: Millions of people tune into the broadcast of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and many more line the streets of New York City to watch it in person. The Macy's parade was first held on November 27, 1924, and was only suspended for three years during World War II. The parade features musical events, special guests and pop culture balloons that navigate streets lined with skyscrapers.

Turkey trotting: Believe it or not, wild turkeys can run at speeds up to 25 miles per hour in short bursts, according to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Perhaps inspired by these speedy birds, turkey trots are popular on Thanksgiving Day. People of all ages start the holiday by running or walking in these charity events.

Watching football: Watching professional foot-

ball on television is a popular Thanksgiving custom. The Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys always host an afternoon game on Thanksgiving. Each year, the National Football League also schedules a third matchup in primetime featuring other teams. In 2026, the lineup features: Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions (1:00 p.m. ET), Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys (4:00 p.m. ET) and Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills (8:20 p.m. ET).

Early holiday decorating: Many households will decorate for Christmas immediately following the clearing of the Thanksgiving turkey from the table. Some may even decorate before guests arrive on Thanksgiving.

Tuning into "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving": Some families watch this beloved Charlie Brown television special the night before Thanksgiving, enjoying the movie's snack menu of jelly beans, popcorn and toast.

Celebrate "Friendsgiving": People who may not have relatives close by often gather with close friends to commemorate friendships and express their gratitude for one another.

Thanksgiving marks the first holiday during the whirlwind celebratory season. It's filled with many traditions that people across the United States and Canada enjoy.

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GRANDMA'S CORNBREAD DRESSING

- Ingredients**
- 3 cups crumbled cornbread
 - 1 small onion, diced
 - 2 large eggs, beaten
 - salt and ground black pepper to taste
 - 2 cups chicken stock, or as needed
 - 2 tbsps butter
 - 1/2 cup chopped celery
 - 1 tbsp dried sage
- Directions**
1. Gather all ingredients.
 2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 7x11-inch baking dish. Place crumbled cornbread in a large bowl.
 3. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and celery and sauté until soft, 5 to 7 minutes.
 4. Add sautéed onion and celery to the crumbled cornbread. Stir in eggs, sage, salt, and pepper. Gradually stir in chicken stock until the cornbread is evenly moistened. Transfer to the prepared baking dish.
 5. Bake in the preheated oven until the dressing is lightly golden around the edges and the center reaches 165 degrees F (74 degrees C), about 30 minutes.



PECAN PIE

- Ingredients**
- 1 3/4 cups white sugar
 - 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
 - 1/4 cup butter
 - 1 tablespoon cold water
 - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1 1/4 cups chopped pecans
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie shell



- Directions**
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
 2. Combine sugar, corn syrup, butter, water, and cornstarch together in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil; remove from heat and let cool.
 3. Beat eggs in a large bowl with an electric mixer until frothy. Gradually beat in sugar-syrup mixture. Stir in pecans, vanilla extract, and salt.
 4. Pour mixture into pie shell. Bake in the preheated oven until filling sets, 45 to 50 minutes. If the edges brown too quickly, loosely cover them with foil or a pie shield halfway through baking.
 5. Let the pie cool at room temperature for at least 2 hours before slicing so the filling fully sets.

Under the Dome

Rural crime is changing; our laws need to catch up

By MLA Greg Nesbitt
RIDING MOUNTAIN

For many Manitobans, especially those living in rural and northern communities, the fear of crime is no longer abstract. It is a lived experience. It's the sound of a truck pulling into the yard late at night. It's the worry that the next break in won't just be about stolen tools or a missing quad - it could be something far worse. And increasingly, it's the unsettling realization that when criminals show up armed and dangerous, the law may not be on the side of the people simply trying to protect their homes and families.

As a rural Manitoban myself, I understand what many other rural residents have been saying for years: the balance between victims' rights and offenders' rights has tipped too far in the wrong direction. That is why our PC Caucus introduced the "Right to Defend Home and Family" resolution, which calls on the federal government to amend the Criminal Code to make it unmistakably clear that homeowners can use reasonable force - including deadly force - to defend themselves against home invaders. Manitoba's Progressive Conservative Party strongly believes that families have a right to feel safe in their own homes.

That belief resonates deeply in rural Manitoba, where police response times can stretch far beyond what urban residents experience. When an armed intruder is kicking in your door, "just call 911" is not a plan, it's a hope. And hope is not a strategy.

There have been several disturbing incidents that have shaken Manitobans over the past year. In the R.M. of Dufferin near Carman, an armed group of thieves confronted a property owner and the vic-

tim ended up arrested. In Winnipeg, a woman was allegedly choked and sexually assaulted by a man who broke into her home. In St. James, an armed intruder held a family hostage and set their house on fire. Hollow Water First Nation endured a fatal stabbing rampage involving home break ins. Seniors, families, home based businesses, and northern communities have all been targeted.

These are not isolated events. They are part of a pattern: criminals becoming more brazen, more violent, and more willing to invade private homes. And when the justice system appears to punish victims for defending themselves, confidence in the law erodes.

That is the reason we introduced Bill 210, The Criminal Trespassers Act and Amendments to The Occupiers' Liability Act. Introduced by Interlake Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, the Bill aims to protect property owners from being sued by criminals who injure themselves while trespassing. As MLA Johnson notes, "homeowners, farmers, and businesses should know where they stand when someone enters their property without permission to commit a crime."

It is a simple concept: if you break into someone's property to commit a crime, you should not be able to sue them because you got hurt doing it. Yet under current civil law, such lawsuits are possible. Bill 210 would close that loophole.

Our PC Caucus is also pushing for Bill 212, The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Stalking-Related Measures). Introduced by Selkirk MLA Richard Perchotte, this Bill targets stalking - a crime that disproportionately affects women and often escalates into violence. The Bill would allow courts to automatically suspend the driver's licence of anyone convicted of criminal harassment if a vehicle was used in the

crime. Police would also be empowered to seize and impound vehicles used for stalking. In rural areas, where driving is essential and distances are long, this measure could be a meaningful deterrent.

Taken together, these proposals reflect a broader shift in public sentiment. Manitobans are tired of feeling vulnerable. They are tired of hearing about criminals who seem to face fewer consequences than the people they terrorize. And they are tired of laws that feel out of step with the realities of rural life.

Strengthening protections for property owners is not about encouraging vigilantism. It's about acknowledging that the first line of defence in a home invasion is often the homeowner; and the law should recognize that reality. It's about ensuring that victims are not revictimized by the justice system. And it's about restoring a basic sense of security: that your home is your sanctuary, not a liability.

Whether these Bills pass will depend on the government's willingness to confront a growing public safety crisis. But one thing is clear: rural Manitobans are demanding change. They want laws that reflect their lived experience, not abstract legal theory. They want clarity, fairness, and protection. And above all, they want to feel safe in their own homes again.

As your MLA for Riding Mountain, I will continue to advocate for strengthened measures that let all Manitobans feel safe in their own homes.

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Lucky Break Ranch Haunted Forest 4:30 - 10pm
Rivers Legion Cribbage 7pm
50+ Floor Games 1pm

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Lucky Break Ranch Haunted Forest 4:30 - 10pm
Prairie Crocus Library Storytime in Rivers 10am
Chase the Ace Rivers Legion 7pm

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Lucky Break Ranch Haunted Forest 4:30 - 10pm

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Fall Supper at Rivers United Church 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

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50+ Card Games 1pm

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RIVERDALE municipality Council Meeting
50+ Club Pool 1pm

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50+ Club Cribbage 1pm
Darts Rivers Legion 7pm

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Rivers Food Bank 9:30 - 11:30am
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Reflections on Prairie Life, 1926

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While my wife and I were watching Happy Days, a classic family favourite, an episode came on where the characters buried a time capsule and wondered what the future would look like. That got us thinking about what life was like right here a century ago in 1926. In 1926, the Roaring Twenties were in full swing across Winnipeg, bringing modern electricity, jazz, and automobiles. Meanwhile, just a short drive away in rural communities like Virden, daily life was still a relentless test of physical endurance, defined by the transition from draft horses to early gas-pow-

ered engines. Outside the major cities, life was rugged and physically demanding. While city dwellers enjoyed indoor plumbing and electric appliances, the average farm woman was still hauling heavy pails of water from hand pumps and scrubbing laundry by hand on washboards. No one was sitting around watching television or scrolling on cell phones, they simply did not exist! Telephones were still luxury items in the countryside. Travel was slow, relying on rough dirt roads that turned into deep mud during the spring thaw (much like some of our gravel roads after a heavy rain today!).

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The 2026–27 regular season in the National Hockey League began on October 2 for the Winnipeg Jets with a 4–3 overtime loss to the Boston Bruins. In what was an exciting, well-played game for the first game of the season, I believe Winnipeg fans will have a lot to look forward to this season. Was it entertaining? Yes! The influx of youth which is new to the team this year will lift the Jets to, at very least, some exciting matches this campaign. Watching the rookies on the Jets was exciting. Tyrel Bauer on defense, who got into his first National Hockey League

fight and then stood up for a teammate who was knocked down, is something the Jets have been sorely missing. Tyrel Bauer became a fan favorite, just like that! He is physical and took on the Bruins' enforcer and left him bloodied. Tyrel already has his role figured out. Viggo Björck is an incredibly talented 18-year-old player. He looked good and was even on the ice for the three-on-three overtime. He outmaneuvered three Boston players, and while there was no scoring opportunity on the play, he showed how quick and determined he was,

competing for loose pucks. Brad Lambert also looked good. He is a strong skater, and his quickness with his line-mates Adam Lowry and Morgan Barron should bring a particularly good line to the Jets. The Jets' fourth line needs to figure things out quickly. Cole Koepke, who is a quick, strong skater, was a healthy scratch. Nino Niederreiter looked like he was skating in mud, going slower. His legs are too slow for the pace that the Jets need to play at. Vladislav Namestnikov can skate but has a bad habit of hanging on to the puck too long and will not shoot. Alex Iafallo can play anywhere on any line at any time. The Jets should use Brayden Yager instead of Nino and let him develop in the National Hockey League. Like I said, it was a good game to start the season. Let's hope there are many more of them this season.

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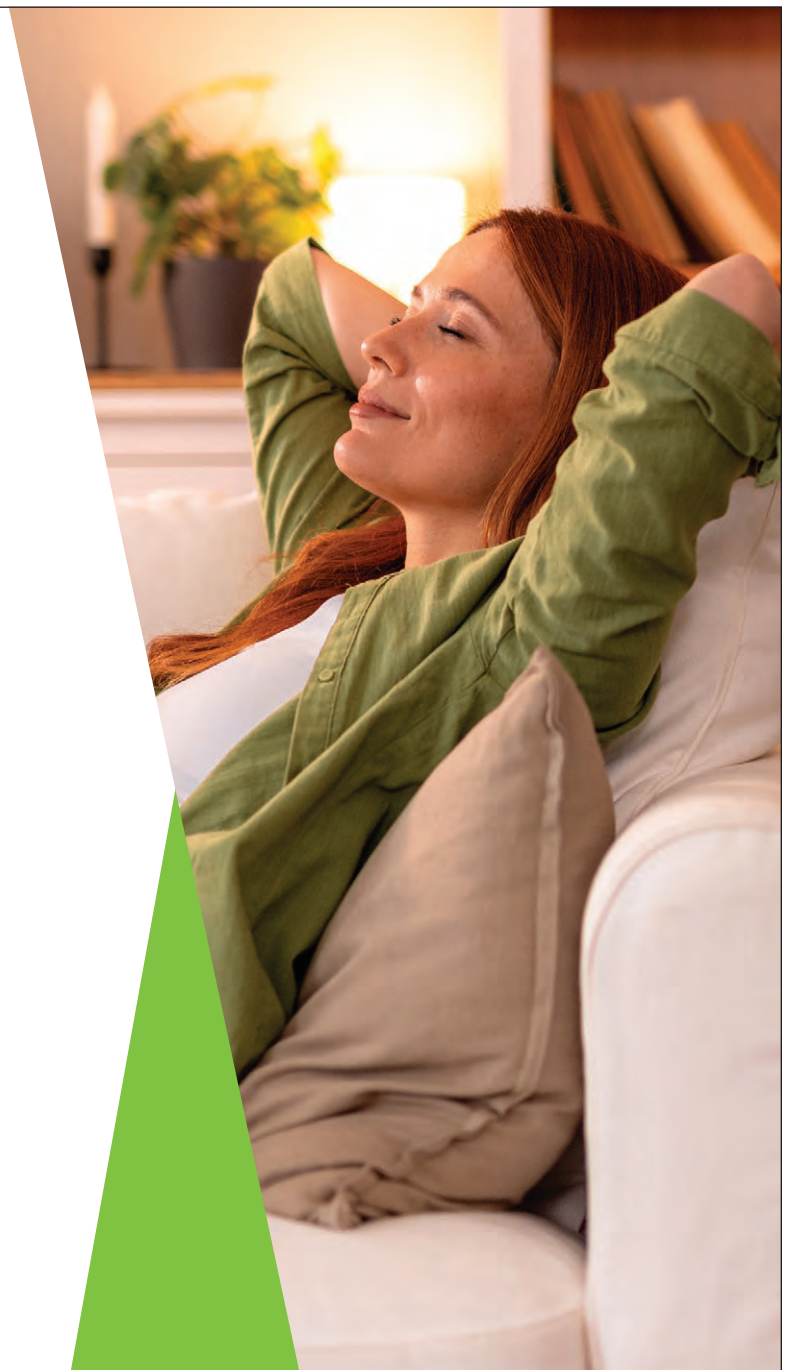
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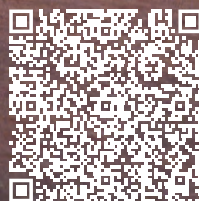
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