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LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS BEING INDUCTED



Left to Right:
Derek Shamray, Aaron Tycoles and Ross Tycoles.

Submitted

By MANITOBA BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

On the evening of June 15, 2024, the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame will host its 26th induction banquet at the Access Events Centre in Morden. The Hall of Fame announced the names of nine individuals, four teams, and one family who will be inducted that evening including these following inductees from the Rivers Banner area.

Individuals: Derek Shamray (1969-), Oak River

For over 40 years Derek has been an important contributor to baseball and hockey in the Oak River, Blanshard, Hamiota area. In minor ball he was a player on Provincial Championship teams at different age levels and categories.

By 1986 he was playing with the high quality Hamiota Red Sox team of the Manitoba Senior Baseball League, which was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2012. Later he played with the Oak River Dodgers in the same league. By the 2000s he had taken up coaching in minor ball and he coached Oak River, Tri-Town, and Midwest AAA teams to several provincial championships and three Western Canadian championships. In 2018 and 2019 he coached Senior teams that went to Nationals. He has been an instigator for baseball facility projects, such as construction of dugouts and installing an electric scoreboard. He has organized raffles, community suppers, golf tournaments, silent auctions, for sports teams as well as many other community organizations.

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Westman residents offered direct connection to MB Gov.

Submitted
BY MANITOBA GOVERNMENT

Premier Wab Kinew travelled to Brandon today to announce the establishment of a new Westman regional cabinet office that will act as a liaison between families, businesses and community organizations in Westman and the Manitoba government.

“Our government has been entrusted to govern on behalf of all Manitobans and we are very happy to announce our plans to serve the people of Brandon and Westman region,” said Kinew. “This is a region that deserves a strong provincial partner—to develop new economic opportunities, spur on health-care innovation, expand job training and educate the workforce of Westman’s future. Coming a day after a Hydro announcement that will bring more power to Brandon, I can say our government is ready to do the work. This cabinet office will be a hub for those great ideas to turn into tangible action.”

The new regional cabinet office will be led by Jason Gobeil, a former school trustee with Brandon School Division (BSD), board member at Brandon University and community co-ordinator with more than 10 years of experience working directly in the areas of employment counselling, project management and community

program development across the Westman region. Gobeil has volunteered his time serving on boards with BSD’s Indigenous Advisory Committee, the Westman chapter of the Interprovincial Association on Native Employment, the Brandon Bear Clan and the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples’ Council, and has put on events like 100 Men 100 Drums, which offered cultural connection and trauma healing for Indigenous men. Gobeil is also a proud French speaker.

“The people of Westman have so much to offer our province,” said Gobeil. “I can’t wait to bring those great ideas to the Manitoba government so we can get to work building a Westman for the future.”

“I have all the confidence in Jason Gobeil to help the Brandon community realize its incredible potential as a critical city within our province,” said Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism Minister Glen Simard. “He believes in this community and he understands what Westman folks bring to the table. We are lucky to have his expertise in our government and I look forward to working with him.”

Gobeil will offer a direct link for important provincial stakeholders in the Westman area with the premier’s office and each member of the premier’s cabinet, noted Kinew.

LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS BEING INDUCTED



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Family Category: The Tycoles Family, Reston

Ross Tycoles was employed by the Bank of Montreal and moved from Saskatchewan to Reston in 1974. In 1975 he married Carol Ellis of Reston. In the 1980s the couple had three children. Soon the Tycoles family was becoming known as the first family of baseball in south-western Manitoba. It is appropriate that Reston’s ballpark is Tycoles Park. Ross was a prominent slugger who became an outstanding coach and organizer. He took the Reston Rockets from AA to AAA caliber in 2007 and eventually to two Canadian championships as Manitoba’s representative. He is now chair of Baseball Manitoba’s Senior Council. Son Aaron was part of the Rockets in their glory years and now lives in Rivers where he has been instrumental in developing minor baseball and a new baseball complex. He served for eight years on Baseball Manitoba’s Management Committee and is now President of the Westman region. Second son Rory was also part of the Rockets. He was Manitoba’s Senior AA Player of the Year in 2004 and AAA Player of the Year in 2012. Later he moved to Stonewall and was part of the Western Canada champion Stonewall Blue Jays in 2019. He lives in Lundar and is active in minor baseball and in building better baseball facilities. Daughter Amy also now lives in Lundar where she is Vice-Principal. She was the long time Reston Rockets announcer, scorekeeper, program maker, 50/50 coordinator, and canteen coordinator. She has been announcer/statistician/scorekeeper at Nationals in Brandon and Westerns in Stonewall. Meanwhile Carol has been for nearly half a century organizing lunches, cleaning uniforms, arranging car rides, and cheering for husband, children, and grandchildren.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

By-law No. 2023-13, being an Amendment to Zoning By-law 2016-02

- HEARING LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 670 2nd Avenue, Rivers, Manitoba.
- DATE & TIME:** Tuesday December 5th, 2023 @ 6:10pm
- OWNER(S):** Riverdale Municipality
- GENERAL INTENT:** To re-zone the affected area from “RR” – Rural Residential Zone to “SR” – Seasonal Recreation Zone
- AREA AFFECTED:** Lot 1, Plan 1262 of SE 19-12-20W
- ADDRESS:** 123 Daly Beach Road
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the office location noted above during normal office hours (8:30 to 4:30) Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. Representations may be made either in person or preferably in writing, at the public hearing.



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FROM 1PM - 7.30PM

Riverdale Community Centre
Redfern Hall (upstairs)
Pictures with Santa (downstairs)
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Kenton School No. 280

In 1905, a two-classroom, two-storey brick school building was constructed at Kenton in the Rural Municipality of Woodworth on land donated by A. W. Kent. When it opened for classes in 1906, it drew students from the nearby Ralphton School. In 1914, it became Kenton Consolidated School and, six years later, a new two-storey brick structure was erected on a design by Winnipeg architect Eldred Dodsworth Tuttle. It was opened at a ceremony held on 3 January 1921, and attended by William Albert McIntyre and School Inspector William Robertson Beveridge.

The school district joined the Birdtail River School Division in 1959 and a new four-classroom collegiate and auditorium was built, with classes starting in 1960. Elementary grades continued in the older building under the control of the school district trustees. In 1967, students in grades 11 and 12 were transferred to Hamiota. The following year, grade 10 students followed them and the elementary grades became the responsibility of the School Division. The school building from 1920 was closed in the late 1970s and was demolished in 1980.

From last weeks front page

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FAITHFULLY YOURS

NEIL STROHSCHN
HAUNTING WORDS



In 1990, Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait. Within 48 hours, they had overrun the country and sent its government into exile. The international community, lead by the United States, launched a counter attack (Operation Desert Storm). Iraqi armies were forced to retreat. As they did, they set fire to over 700 Kuwaiti oil wells. From the air, it looked like the whole country was on fire.

The wells were soon capped and the fires extinguished. But huge tracts of land were covered with oil, creating one of the worst environmental disasters in human history. Today, 33 years later, some of the contaminated soil lies buried under 3-4 feet of drift sand, causing some to wonder if it will (or can) ever be cleaned up. The war's objectives were met. Kuwait's independence was restored. Its government returned from exile. A fragile peace came to the region and is still in place. But the environmental disaster remains.

In ancient times, those who won a war came home with wagon loads of valuable items taken from those they conquered. That doesn't happen as much today. After the bombs have been dropped; crops in the fields have been flattened by tanks, trucks and infantry boots; and buildings, roads and bridges destroyed by shells and other explosives, not much is left. Just fields filled with craters; forests and pastures destroyed by fire; and piles of rubble where stately buildings once stood-another mess that will take years to clean up, but whose scars may never disappear.

That task will be left to the civilians-those from each community who survived the bombs and shelling that destroyed their homes and businesses and took the lives of some of their relatives and friends. In time, they will recover and recycle the iron, steel and copper from burnt out tanks, trucks and guns; and they will haul away the rubble from buildings destroyed by bombs. But they will do so carefully; always on the alert for unexploded bombs or shells that, if triggered, could cause additional damage and take additional lives.

But first, they will bury their dead. Their bodies will be treated with dignity and respect, carefully prepared and then laid to rest in community cemeteries. Simple markers will adorn the graves. Some will display the names of those buried beneath them. Others will not. But, at last, they all can rest in peace; and their families can begin to heal.

In a few years, the scars of war will disappear from the land. It is amazingly resilient. But the lives of those whose bodies lie in the community cemeteries can never be reclaimed. They may be unknown to us; but they will never be unknown to God.

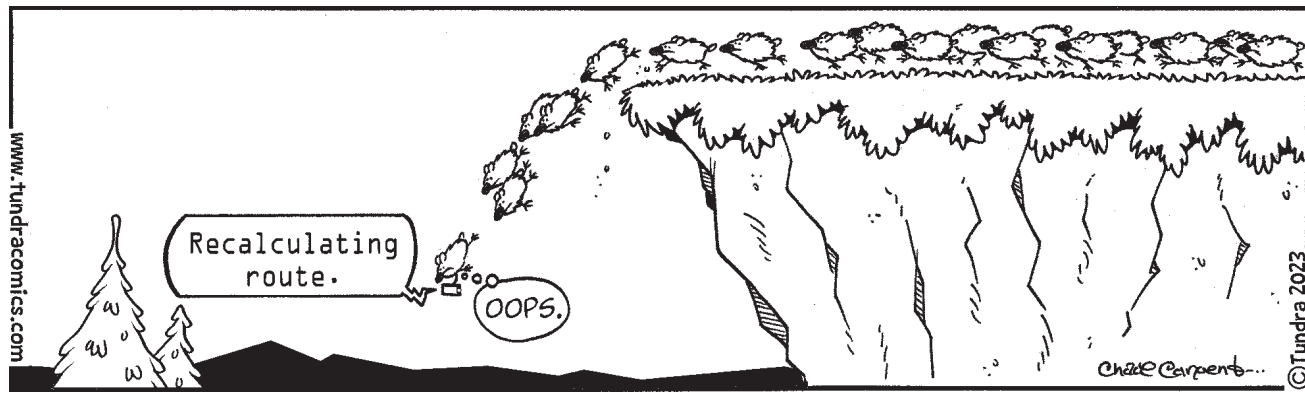
One day, they will be raised to life again. One day, they may come to some of us and say: "The men and women who came from your country and fought on our soil knew why they were there. They knew what and who they were fighting for. They came to set us free from those who wanted to make us slaves. We used the freedom they gave us to rehabilitate our land, rebuild our homes and businesses and restore our national pride."

Then, they will ask us a sobering question. "By restoring our freedoms, your soldiers made sure you wouldn't lose yours. What have you done with the gift they gave you?"

Even as I write these words, they haunt me. They should haunt us all; and make us eager to do all we can to pray and work for peace in our time.

Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Watching the world around us

Driving by a field on Hwy. 5 on Sunday north of Neepawa reminded me of a line of thinking I have been working through for a few years now. Sunday was very windy and so it wasn't surprising that a bunch of ravens and several bald eagles were grounded. I am sure they could have been flying but they chose not to do so. One raven was flying into the wind and looked like it was actually going backwards.

Both Christine and I spent our first 18 years wandering the fields and bush of rural southern Manitoba. She at Scarth and I, at Holland. We saw a lot of plants, animals and birds in our day. It should be noted that, although perhaps we weren't as observant as we should have been, the things of nature we see today are somewhat different.

Today we see dozens, if not hundreds of white tail deer. We saw whitetails in the 50s and 60s but usually one or few. I lived in deer country at Holland but only once do I remember seeing about a dozen deer in one bunch. We saw Canada geese but rarely snow geese. Their range has changed and there are many more it seems. One theory I have tested with far north residents is that they used to harvest eggs much more than they do now. The Inuit moved off the land in droves in the 50s and that slowed the egg harvest, hence more geese, especially snows.

We didn't used to see ravens. We didn't see ravens until the 1980s in this part of Manitoba, same with bald eagles. They are now commonly sighted and in groups like we saw last weekend. I will readily admit that our observations are just that. They are our experience and not scientific research. Other observa-

tions, combined with some studies, seem to show we have more beaver than we used to have.

With all these musings and findings, one would have to ask why the changes. The common media and government mandated answer would be global warming. Could, be I guess, but it's still up for question if we do have global warming compared to a few thousand years ago. If the world is warmer, why do we find evidence of tropical plants and animals frozen into the ancient tundra. It's not as warm as it was back then. That statement should get the media and government types all annoyed with me.

There are however things we do know that have changed and rather than blaming farmers for real or imagined climate changes, let's give them some credit. In the 1950s, one third of the cropland was "in summer fallow" which means it was cultivated or disced all summer to control weeds and conserve moisture. That has mostly changed so there is one-third more land in actual production of hay, pasture and crop residue for wildlife to eat, to hide and thrive in. Thank a farmer that there are more of everything including deer. Also thank a farmer that the land isn't as warm as it used to be when one-third of the land was kept black

all summer.

We can thank people that there are fewer deer hunted than 50-70 years ago. Most are now harvested in season. I know from my family's experience in the 1930s, a deer was shot when meat was needed, in season or not.

Now this column isn't, and doesn't pretend to be scientifically defined. That said, I think it's important to sift through the mountains of words that are pushed at us about how the world is going to hell in a hand basket due to farming and fossil fuels and a whole bunch of other government sponsored narrations. Just for laughs, how about this latest one I read? The shipping industry was told they had to clean up how much dirty fuel they burned. They have, and now, there is less haze over the shipping lanes. Guess what, without this oil-induced haze to block out some sun rays, the oceans are a bit warmer.

My message is consistent, look around, make your own observations and rest assured that what the government tells you is often questionable and sometimes blatantly wrong.

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.

Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Trail of trials...

To state that the week past is one I would not willingly repeat is an understatement! It started out well enough- I attended a funeral for a member of the extended family in Carman Monday afternoon. There was opportunity to catch up with folks that I have not seen for several years. There was an opportunity for well meaning folks to tell me that I have not changed a bit in the last two decades! Well, maybe not on the outside! However, coming home right after sunset, at Woodside, I struck not one, but two deer. The fawn pushed back the grill and broke the front fender. The mama...well, she took out the light, contorted the front fender and indented both doors on the passenger side. Gathering my scattered wits about me, I pulled over to assess the damage, and the possibility of continuing on the drive home. A very kind and considerate gentleman pulled over behind me, inquired as to my wellness, and helped assess the damage. No liquids leaking, and we were able to pull the plastic away from rubbing on the tire. He asked where I was headed, and learning that my home was in Neepawa, he calmly said that was where he was going, to take his daughter to the doctor here. He volunteered to follow me for my peace of mind, not minding that we were not going to be travelling highway speed. At the edge of town I pulled over again to reiterate my deepest appreciation and he was so gracious. There are some very good people all around us!

That was one thing. I have been having more difficulty than usual getting a good nights sleep so I have followed friend's suggestion to try an off the shelf sleep aid. I have to say it works well for me. After several weeks of one a night, I noticed that my old nemesis arthritis was acting up. I have not had a serious flare up since I was in my late twenties, so its been a great run! Researching the side effects of the sleep aid I was dismayed to find that it is known to aggravate arthritis!! So stop that routine....Speaking to someone else they recommended a, again off the shelf, pain reliever. Not one I normally take, but it states its for arthritis. Within twenty minutes of swallowing just one of those- I headed for a handful of anti acids!! I have no idea if allowing time for the sleep aid residue to leave my body will improve the condition of my left knee, and I am thankful that there are still walking canes kicking around!

There was an unusual sound at five one morning. I lay there listening, and realized that it was the washing machine on spin cycle! I had started a small load of laundry the night before, and left the unit to do its thing. Now it was spinning and spinning, the lid not locked and no green light glowing. Simply spinning away... At that point I unplugged it and went back to bed. In the morning no amount of fiddling and adjusting got it doing anything more than that...

Nope! Done with that week!

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Rivers police report Last week in Rivers....

Lon Schwartz (Chief of Police)
RIVERS POLICE SERVICE

Police responded to a complaint of break and enter to storage lockers. Though nothing has been reported as stolen, police continue to investigate who is responsible for breaking into the lockers.

A rural resident reported hearing a single gunshot near his property. A patrol was requested. On patrol it was noted that a rafter of turkeys was nearby the farm and the possible target of a hunter. No vehicles or suspects were located.

Police assisted two Rivers residents in navigating a civil property dispute. Though it was not a police matter, police attended to keep the peace and discuss avenues of resolve.

Police were called to a break and enter in progress. It was found to be a civil matter regarding a dispute over estate property. Once it was established that entry was lawful and the property representative was not opposed to the subjects being there, police cleared from the scene.

A Rivers resident called in to request that police remove someone from their home. Police attended and found a male with an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The man was later released with a Winnipeg court date.

Police are investigating a complaint of assault and utter threats. The elements of the offences

are unclear, and police continue to investigate. A consultation with the crown prosecutor will determine if charges are applicable.

Police were called to remove an unruly passenger from the train. A Quebec man was removed from the train and taken to the Brandon safe and warm shelter until they were able arrange transportation home.

Police were called to a complaint in Rivers of assault and utter threats.

It was found that no assault occurred and there were no charges wanted for uttering threats. Intoxicating substances were a factor in this event.

Police responded to a crash, car vs deer. The driver was Ok, and the deer was deceased. Police remind drivers to be aware of deer and other wildlife, especially on highway 25 near the bridge.

Police were called to remove an unwanted guest from a house in Rivers. No charges were warranted.



Police received a complaint of a truck stolen from the rural area. Later in the day the truck was located near Hamiota by the Virden RCMP. Forensic examination is taking place in hopes of establishing a suspect. Police would like to remind everyone to remove the keys and lock their vehicles at the end of each day.

On November 11, Rivers Police Service were proud to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies and pay respects to those who were lost and all those who served.

Simple Butternut Squash Steaks with Garlic Butter

Butternut Squash Steaks with Garlic Butter is a quick and easy side dish for a week-night or a holiday gathering. Garlic Butter Butternut Squash Steaks—Melt-in-your-mouth tender and packed with flavor! Just like the classic steakhouse butter-basting technique, these pan-seared butternut squash steaks are basted with a garlic butter sauce infused with oregano and brightened by a zesty dash of lemon juice. This super easy and delicious side dish might even take center stage at your Thanksgiving or Christmas table!



Ingredients:

- 1 large butternut squash with a long and thick neck – peeled, seeded
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 3 fresh oregano sprigs
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper

Directions:

- To make the butternut squash steaks: Cut the neck off of the butternut squash and keep the base for another use. Cut the stem from the end and peel. Cut the butternut squash in four slices lengthwise and trim off the outer rounded sides. You'll get four butternut squash steaks, about 1/2 inch thick.
- Heat oil in a cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Cook the butternut squash steaks, turning every 3 minutes until deeply browned on both sides and fork-tender, about 10 minutes.
- Add butter, oregano, and garlic to skillet, tilt pan toward you so that butter pools on one side and use a large spoon to continually baste the squash steaks with the butter sauce. Continue cooking, basting continuously, until butter is no longer bubbling and begins to brown, about 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice.
- Remove from the skillet, transfer butternut squash steaks to plates and spoon the garlic butter sauce over. Sprinkle with coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper if you like. Enjoy!



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

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 5th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at Riverdale Municipality, 670-2nd Avenue, Rivers, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
1000	PARCEL ONE: LOT 3 BLOCK 2 PLAN 236 BLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFERS NOS. 22788 AND 23541 IN NE 1/4 23-12-21 WPM PARCEL TWO: LOT 4 BLOCK 2 PLAN 236 BLTO EXC ALL MINES, MINERALS, COAL OR VALUABLE STONE AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 24401 IN NE 1/4 23-12-21 WPM. - 365 1ST AVE	L -\$34,400 B -\$29,100	\$8,291.73
6900	LOT 7 BLOCK 5 PLAN 236 BLTO EXC ALL MINES, MINERALS, COAL OR VALUABLE STONES AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 24576 IN NE 1/4 23-12-21 WPM - 126 MAIN ST	L -\$20,900	\$6,933.93
7000	LOT 8 BLOCK 5 PLAN 236 BLTO EXC ALL MINES MINERALS COAL OR OTHER VALUABLE STONES AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 29468 BLTO IN NE 1/4 23-12-21 WPM - 130 MAIN ST	L -\$20,900	\$6,933.93
23400	LOTS 17 TO 20 BLOCK 13 PLAN 236 BLTO EXC OUT OF SAID LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, MINES, MINERALS, COAL OR OTHER VALUABLE STONES AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 25256 IN N 1/2 23-12-21 WPM. - 701 1ST AVE	L -\$21,600 B -\$41,400	\$7,633.67
40600	LOT 15 BLOCK 22 PLAN 249 BLTO IN SE 1/4 26 AND NE 1/4 23-12-21 WPM - 411 5TH AVE	L -\$21,300 B -\$74,800	\$5,712.70
167600	LOTS 13, 14 AND 15 BLOCK 3 PLAN 190 BLTO IN E 1/2 7-12-22 WPM	L -\$900 B -\$9,200	\$2,732.50
187700	LOTS 12 AND 13 BLOCK 3 PLAN 130 BLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT IN NW 1/4 16-12-21 WPM	L -\$2,400	\$2,715.22
188500	LOTS 19 AND 20 BLOCK 3 PLAN 130 BLTO IN NW 1/4 16-12-21 WPM, LOTS 21 AND 22 BLOCK 3 PLAN 130 BLTO EXC FIRSTLY: OUT OF SAID LOT 22 THE NLY 12.5 FEET AND SECONDLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT IN NW 1/4 16-12-21 WPM	L -\$2,100 B -\$28,900	\$4,232.91

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

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Riverdale Municipality as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - A fee in the amount \$498.75 (\$475 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.

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Oak Lake Legion veterans



Raymond Bruce Larway was born in Winnipeg in 1926. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1944 and completed his Naval training on the east coast. He was then transferred to Esquimaux on the West coast where he served on the HMS Uganda, then later on a corvette. He was honourably discharged at the end of the war in 1945. Raymond served the Oak Lake legion for many years as president and Sgt-at-arms.



John Dickerson Larway was born in Melita in 1896. He joined the army in 1917 as a member of the Canadian Expeditionary force. He was wounded in Amiens, France leading to a discharge in 1919. John (Jack) was the first president of the Melita Legion.



Rivers & Area
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December 6, 2023, 6pm
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All are welcome to attend.

Kenton Remembrance Day service

By Jessica Coulter
RIVERS BANNER

Master Corporal Matthew Williams was the guest speaker this year at the Kenton Remembrance Day service on Saturday, Nov. 11. He has served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for thirteen years.

Matthew was very honoured to be asked to speak and found the task of writing his speech more difficult than he expected. He decided to share his reasons for joining the Armed Forces, a few of his experiences and his thoughts on the act of remembrance.

"After graduating high school, I hitch-hiked around Canada. Along the way, I met so many amazing people. I was invited into strangers' homes for dinners with their families and given a warm bed or couch to sleep on. I joined the military because I believe in Canadians and had a desire to preserve a way of life. It was a way I could give back to the people who helped me along the way," says Matthew, "I joined because I wanted to help make the world a better place. I wanted to help create a stable and safe world community for the future because these things ripple out. A stable world would mean equal human rights, education, even better environmental practices. I joined so that the sacrifice of the old guard would not be forgotten. Although, I suppose I am that old guard now as well."

Due to the small size of the Canadian military, Matthew was fortunate enough to be trained and participate in many jobs. He has been a driver, gunner, machine gunner,



PHOTO BY JESSICA COULTER

Master Corporal Matthew Williams and wife Jennifer, and sons Grayson , and Elijah.

rifleman, done reconnaissance and more. He spent two years in Afghanistan. He remembers his team volunteering to push against the enemy in the above ground trenches of the grape fields. They had proved themselves fearless.

"On top of all the combat, I enjoyed being around the Afghan people. Nomads, farmers, city people this would always keep the connection and humanity of war. It served as a reminder of why we were there in the first place, they were wonderful people," says Matthew. He spoke of friends that he lost during his time in Afghanistan which was hard for him to recall and rightfully so.

"We are here to remember those who served, to remember sacrifice of life and youth, to remember all that never could become. We come here today not only to remember the soldiers, but the atrocities of war, all that is sacrificed. But foremost through remembering, there is hope that we should keep talking to find solutions before ever going to war, we should never be afraid of saying sorry, because in war we all lose," Matthew stated.

He reminded us that when bad people of the world decide to do bad things, good people need to stand up to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

"Today is not only a yearly funeral, but a day to remember who we are. It's a day of pride, to be proud of people at home and their sacrifice of love, food, of the waiting and wondering. Of having to work so hard," says Matthew. He and his family are very happy to be a part of the Kenton community.

Rivers Remembrance Day Tea

Submitted

By Lisa Smith, Sargent-at-Arms

The Remembrance Day Tea was held Saturday, November 11th, following the service at Rivers Collegiate.


Rivers Legion Ladies Auxiliary President Madame Donna Falkevitch presented a cheque to Rivers Legion President Comrade Dave Cluney.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Gerry Gourlay.

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Rivers Remembrance Day Service

Submitted
By WARREN SMALLWOOD

Rivers Legion Branch 75 held a Remembrance Day ceremony in the Rivers Collegiate gym this year. It was the first full ceremony since pre-Covid. It differed slightly from past ones. Rather than reading out the names of the fallen from the two world wars, they honoured members from various organizations who were wounded or killed. The criterion used came from the description for the Canadian Sacrifice Medal; "Those who have died or been wounded under honourable circumstances as a direct result of hostile action." The cross showed one poppy representing the medal. Four were added as we honoured military personnel, peace officers, emergency services personnel and those who worked in search and rescue.

Guest speaker was Legion President Dave Cluney who spoke of his experiences as a son of a veteran who was eventually diagnosed as suffering from PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). Dave explained that this is a hidden injury which not only has a profound effect on the veteran, but also on their family. As a result, Dave himself has been diagnosed with PTSD. His speech was especially touching coming from a member of our local community who displayed true courage in sharing a personal experience. This was acknowledged with respectful and sympathetic applause.



Guest speaker, Legion President Dave Cluney spoke of his experiences.



PHOTOS BY WARREN SMALLWOOD

"Those who have died or been wounded under honourable circumstances as a direct result of hostile action." were honoured this year during the service.

Oak Lake Remembrance Day Service



Chaplain Tannis Podobini leading the service at Oak Lake.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Sgt Francois Langlais of Shilo laying a wreath.



Members of Oak Lake Legion Branch 79 judging poster contest entries.

Oak River Remembrance Day Service



Legion members left to right, Ivy Heapy and Carol Black Legion members handing out awards to the kids that participated in the Remembrance Day Poster Contest.



Students: Back Row L to R: Jayce Peters, Tracy Froese, Lawson Froese, Auri Hodges, Bridget Stewart, Camrynn Shachtay, and Grady Recksiedler. Middle Row L To R: Lennon Peters, Jessa Miller, Islamae Froese, Liam Wood, and Brooklyn Stewart. Front Row L to R: Sienna Reid, Kennedy Reid, Anna Wood, and Alyssa Oraschuk



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Rivers likely to lose hotel

Submitted
By LOCAL SHAREHOLDERS

The local shareholders of Rivers Blue Crescent Hotel would like to inform the public what is likely to transpire within the next month and a half.

CN has sent a letter of intent to purchase the hotel for accommodations for their train crews. This also occurred almost a year ago and at that time the shareholders did not accept the offer.

Due to CN eliminating or reducing their room bookings for most of this past year, the hotel has operated at a deficit. The large majority of the shareholders are unfortunately from outside the Rivers area and because of this deficit, it is now highly likely that they will accept CN's offer.

For the first 2 years the hotel was profitable in large part because of CN's use. There had been a proposal for an addition to solely accommodate CN crews, but after a management/personnel change at CN there was no further interest in that plan.

The RM of Riverdale gifted the land for a hotel for Rivers and area, not for a bunkhouse for CN.

Local investors have been encouraged over the past summer with the increased bookings from reunions, weddings, sports events and many work crews and were optimistic that the hotel's popularity would grow with time.

The local shareholders have become acutely aware of the problems of having the majority of investors from outside the community; in this case only 8 out of 40 shares are held locally. We know how much the hotel has benefited our community, both by employing 10 or more people and by promoting our town. We will be very sad to see the loss of this facility.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Parkinsons Social Group

By Jessica Coulter
RIVERS BANNER

The seed was planted for this group when Valeria and Norm Poersch couldn't find a support group after Covid for Norm. There was a group before Covid, but it was not returning. The person who moderated the group before indicated that Parkinsons Canada had pulled out of Brandon Manitoba, with no reason given. They had not notified anyone.

In the meantime, Val and Norm had met a couple from Winnipeg, who were also looking for a support group in Brandon. So, over a couple campfires the idea of a very informal support group was hatched.

Norm and Steve enjoyed the company and conversations and trading of information so much that the couples decided to meet a few more times over meals. They are all members of the Road Rebel car club as well. President of the Road Rebels Dave Burba has been very supportive in the quest for Parkinsons awareness. He had arranged an interview with Westman Cable which the two couples did in May and again had arranged an interview with a media person doing a project, which they did at a car show later in the year.

Dave has been very supportive in getting our group off the ground. Norm was also featured in the Brandon Sun Rides in the summer. The first official gathering of the Parkinsons Social Group was the end of Sept. 2023, in which eleven people arrived for a supper meeting. In Oct. they had 24 at a breakfast meeting.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24 at 9:30am at the Altos Restaurant in the Canad Inn. Through social media and posters and word of mouth the contact list has grown to over 40 names. The social group is open to persons living with Parkinsons, Care Partners, family and friends and anyone who is interested in raising awareness and being supportive of the Parkinson's initiative. Going forward the group hopes to reach out to more people, and those in need of support and socialization.

They plan to gather once a month, in the same venue. Val sends out emails to keep members informed and has also created a Parkinsons Social Group Facebook page, where she posts information, and she encourages members to post fun pictures and events. The group is hoping to have speakers each month on various topics. "We are in the process of securing a speaker for the Nov meeting. Our future may include fundraising events in conjunction with the Road Rebels car club, or other ideas may include t-shirt sales etc," says Val.

On a side note, it may be stated that they are not associated with Parkinsons Canada. Parkinsons Canada requires that they have a formal group with a moderator. Thus, this group is not listed as a Support Group on their website. "We are a self lead Social/Support group and Norm and I are just the organizers. We still can obtain education materials from Parkinsons Canada and can take advantage of their webinars," Val stated.

In the spirit of Movember Norm has decided to shave off his beloved 52-year-old moustache. He is going to split the proceeds between Cancercare Manitoba and the Parkinsons Social Group. His goal is a \$1000. Donations can be made by e-transfer to vpoersch55@gmail.com or interested people can contact Val Poersch.

Endow MB Giving Challenge 2023 started on Nov. 13

Submitted
RIVERS BANNER

Only gifts made between 12:01am, Nov. 13 and 11:59pm, Sunday, Nov. 19 to Rivers and Area Community Foundation's Community Fund will be eligible. Charitable tax receipts are provided for all donations. During this time, for every \$5 donated the Province of Manitoba and The Winnipeg Foundation will stretch the donation by adding \$1 each. So, every \$5 donation now becomes \$7.

- There are four easy options for contributing.
- 1) Gifts can be made securely online through EndowMB.org, with an instant receipt.
 - 2) By phoning The Winnipeg Foundation office, toll-free at 1-877-974-3631, between Nov. 13-19, 9am to 3pm.
 - 3) By cheque made payable to Rivers and Area Community Foundation mailed to Box 714 Rivers, Mb. R0K 1X0 and a charitable tax receipt will be mailed back.
 - 4) or cheque/cash as above hand delivered to the treasurer at the "Fan" tastic Community Granting Evening Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. at the Behlen Curling Lounge. Wear your favorite team jersey and learn about projects within our community and area. There will be Fan Favorite food, a 50/50 draw and more.

Rivers and Area Community Foundation plays a vital, lasting role in all aspects of life in and around Rivers Mb. Thanks to previous gifting from generous donors over the past 15 years, RACF is proud to state that over \$300,000 in grants have been distributed to a wide variety of worthy causes – from daycares to seniors' homes, scholarships to school improvements, food banks to fitness, sports equipment and much, much more – which improve life for all of us.

Please try to find it within yourself to take part in the Giving Challenge to help support Rivers and Area Community Foundation which in turn helps our community grow.



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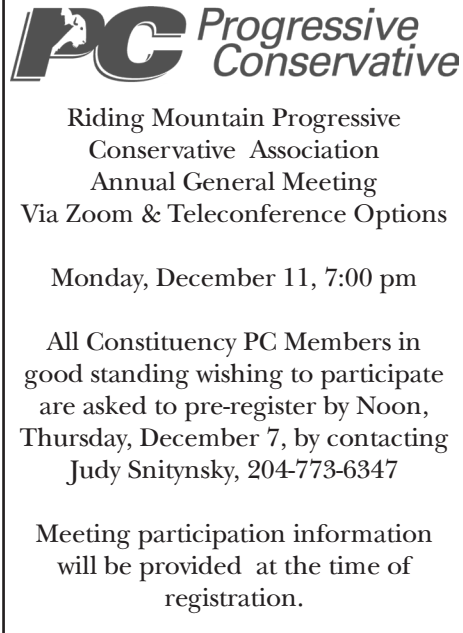


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Obituary

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BARRY WILLIAM CORDS



Barry William Cords, was born on November 22, 1950, to Allan & Gertrude Cords in Grandview, MB. He has three siblings; Jim, Brian and Lynn.

Barry left this world on November 9, 2023, surrounded by the love of his family. A devoted husband to Debbie, proud father to Erinn (James) and Jess (Taryn), and a cherished grandfather to Bailey (Stan), Charlee, Pierce, and Preston.

Barry was a man of many passions and talents. His love for family was unparalleled, and he found immense joy in the laughter and presence of his grandchildren. Whether fixing things around the house or in the shop, sharing stories of his hunting adventures, Barry's skills were as diverse as his interests.

A lover of bluegrass and country music, Barry's soul was stirred by the melodies that echoed the memories of a life well-lived. He possessed a remarkable work ethic, accomplishing tasks with the diligence and strength of ten men.

Unfortunately, Barry faced a formidable foe in cancer, a battle fought with courage until the end. Despite the challenges, his spirit remained unbroken, and his legacy of resilience lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

To honor Barry's life, let us remember the warmth of his smile, the strength of his character, and the enduring love he shared with his family. May he find eternal peace in the melodies of the heavens.

Thank you to Dr. Dhaliwal and the entire nursing staff at the Riverdale Health Center for the excellent care and compassion shown to Barry and our entire family in his final weeks.

A Celebration of Barry's Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Barry may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 193 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2B7.

Arrangements are in care of Brockie Donovan Funeral and Cremation. (204)727-0694.

CLINTON "CLINT" ARTHUR PHINNEY MARCH 24, 1928 – OCTOBER 20, 2023



On Friday, October 20, 2023, at the age of 95 years old. Clint Phinney passed away at Hillcrest Place Personal Care Home.

Clint was born on the farm in Antler, Saskatchewan, on March 24, 1928.

Clint and Linda lived in Rivers, MB for approximately 50 years. He spent most of his life self-employed doing plaster, drywall and stucco. He loved his garden and was still lifting weights up until the last month of his life. Eating natural and healthy food was always a priority in his life.

Clint attended Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall most of his adult life along with his wife Linda and his mother Georgina.

Predeceased by his parents Les & Georgina Phinney (Brandon), sisters and brothers Norman Phinney (New Zealand), Bergen Phinney (Whiterock, BC), Elgin Phinney (Reston, MB), Milt Phinney (Brandon), Minta B. (New Brunswick), and Jean Rubbert (Upham, North Dakota), Clint is survived by his wife Linda Jean (nee Clark) Phinney, 27 nieces & nephews and numerous great nieces & nephews.

Clint will also be missed by his niece Judy (nee Phinney) Walker and by his friends Bob & Connie Oliver who all helped care for him.

A Celebration of Clint's Life will take place on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, at The Backyard on Aberdeen, 1624-13th at 2:00 pm. Lunch to be served.

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Submitted
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Students can sometimes overcome challenges on their own or with a little extra assistance from educators and parents. When coursework is especially challenging, students may benefit from working with tutors. In certain instances, educators cannot always pause lessons to help struggling students in the classroom, particularly if others in the class are ready to move on. So, tutors may be just what students need to unlock their academic potential and stay the course.

The partnership between student and tutor is most effective when each person fully commits to a tutoring session. Professional tutors are paid to be committed, and it's up to students to match that commitment. Making the most of working with a tutor comes down to preparation, interest, a willingness to put in the work, and a host of additional factors.

Prepare for each tutoring session. Students should prepare for each tutoring session just like they do for other activities they care about, including extracurriculars. Prior to the beginning of a tutoring session, double-check to ensure you have all the necessary materials, including books, class notes, past and current assignments, and a syllabus for the class.

Recognize the student-tutor dynamic is a two-way street. Tutors should not be the only ones to speak during a session. Students can prepare questions prior to each session and then ask any additional questions that come to mind during the session. Open, free-flowing communication can help students gain a stronger grasp of the material.

Actively engage. Tutors may give some additional work to help students learn the material. Students should not write off such assignments because they won't be



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graded. Active engagement in tutoring, both during sessions and between them, can ensure students get the most out of tutoring.

Be patient. Tutors are typically utilized when students have trouble understanding complex subjects. That complexity means it will likely take time before students fully grasp what tutors are teaching them. Celebrate any progress that is made, however incremental it may be.

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SPORTS

RIVERS JETS WIN AGAIN!

Submitted
RIVERS BANNER

Jaxon Heeney led the way with two goals and two assists on Saturday, Nov. 11 with a 6-2 win over the short-staffed Gladstone Lakers at the Riverdale Recreation Centre. The Rivers Jets are now 4-0 for the season.

Riley Shamray and Cameron Ramsay each scored a goal and added an assist. Brody Smith, and Keaton Moore had the other two Rivers goals. Riley Boles had three assists in the win, while Josh Belcher added a pair of assists.

Next action for the Jets is Friday night when they head to Virden to take on the Oil Kings. The Jets are back on home ice Saturday, Nov. 25 when they play Boissevain on Rivers Minor Hockey Day.



Gladstone Lakers, Dale Evenson, takes a shot on net. Rivers Jets goalie Riley Lamb denied entry.

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Elton Sabres SV Boys Volleyball

The Elton Sabres SV boys volleyball team played in the Hamiota Huskies regional warm-up Tournament at the Hamiota High School on Nov. 10 to 11. There were eight teams competing in this tournament. They placed first in the round robin in pool two. The Sabres won their games against the Rosburn Raiders in the quarter finals and defeated the Hamiota Huskies in the semi finals. They played Major Pratt/St. Lazare (Co-Op) Trojans for the Championship. The Sabres took first place in the tournament defeating the Trojans in three games, 31-29, 19-25, 15-12. Way to go Sabres!!



Hamiota Huskies SV Boys Volleyball

The Hamiota Huskies SV Boys volleyball hosted the Hamiota Huskies regional warm-up Tournament on Nov. 10 to 11. They placed second in the round robin in pool one. The Huskies won their games against the Ste. Rose Celtics in the quarter finals and were defeated by the Elton Sabres in the semi finals. They headed to the play Faith Academy Lightning for third place and were defeated.



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Government of Canada and Manitoba invest nearly \$500 million to deliver clean, reliable, and affordable electricity to Manitobans

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By MANITOBA GOVERNMENT

Today in Winnipeg, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland and Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew announced a joint investment of \$475.6 million to strengthen Manitoba’s clean electricity grid and ensure Manitobans continue receiving affordable and reliable low carbon energy.

This federal-provincial investment provides \$314 million for eight new hydroelectric turbines at the Pointe du Bois Generating Station, as well as \$161.6 million to build a new 230-kilovolt transmission network in the Portage la Prairie area.

The \$314 million joint investment in the Pointe du Bois Renewable Energy Project will enable Manitoba Hydro to replace eight hydroelectric generating units that are at the end of their current lifecycle. The new, more efficient generating units will increase the capacity of the Pointe du Bois generating station by 52 megawatts, providing eastern Manitoba with cleaner

and more reliable clean electricity.

The \$161.6 million joint investment in the Portage Area Capacity Enhancement project will support the construction of a new transmission line to enhance reliability for customers across south-west Manitoba and help Manitoba Hydro meet increasing demand. By decreasing Manitoba’s reliance on its last grid-connected fossil-fuel generating station, this investment will reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the Brandon Generating Station by about 37 per cent.

These investments in clean electricity will ensure Manitobans continue to benefit from the second-most affordable electricity in Canada, while also reducing



Hydroelectric turbine. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

emissions and increasing reliability and capacity to meet growing demand. The federal government will continue to invest in making Canada a clean electricity superpower to ensure Canadians from coast to coast to coast have the affordable and reliable clean electricity they need today and for generations to come.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov 17

Kenton Legion Trivia Night - 7pm
Strathclair Drama Club Shrek Auditions
Fan-tastic Grant Night - 7pm

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River Legion Shop the Block 11am-5pm
Rivers U7 Jets Minor Hockey 9am-2:30pm

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Strathclair Drama Club Shrek Auditions

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Merry Christmas Event At Riverdale Community Centre 1-7:30pm

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Rivers Minor Hockey Day 8am-7:30pm
Rivers Jets Game - 7:30pm

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Oak Lake Santa Brunch 10am-2pm

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