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# Gill's Plumbing and Heating: Your trusted local experts for over 30 years



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Gill's Plumbing & Heating head office can be found at 241 First Ave in Rivers, MB.

**By Carolyn Phillips**  
RIVERS BANNER

When it comes to plumbing and heating needs in Rivers, look no further than Gill's Plumbing and Heating. With over three decades of experience serving both residential and commercial clients, this locally owned and operated business has built a reputation for reliability and exceptional service.

Founded on principles of integrity and dependability, Gill's Plumbing and Heating understands the unique challenges that homeowners and businesses face when it comes to plumbing and HVAC systems. From minor repairs to extensive installations, their team of skilled professionals is equipped to handle a wide range of tasks, ensuring that every client receives the best possible service tailored to their specific needs.

Whether you're dealing with a leaky faucet, a malfunctioning air conditioner, or the complexities of septic services, Gill's team is ready to step in and provide expert solutions. Their plumbing services encompass everything from routine maintenance to emergency repairs, allowing you to rest easy knowing that help is just a phone call away.

One of the standout offerings from Gill's Plumbing and Heating is their HVAC services. Maintaining a comfortable indoor environment is crucial, especially in extreme weather conditions. The expert technicians at Gill's are well-versed in the latest heating and cooling technologies, ensuring that your systems are not only functional but also energy-efficient. They can assist with installation, repair, and maintenance of heating systems, air conditioners, and ventilation to create a cozy atmosphere all year round.

In addition to plumbing and HVAC services, Gill's Plumbing

and Heating is also experienced in handling septic systems. Septic issues can disrupt the flow of daily life and pose serious health risks if not addressed promptly. The skilled professionals at Gill's are knowledgeable in septic system maintenance and repair, providing peace of mind and ensuring that these critical systems are functioning properly.

One of the hallmarks of Gill's Plumbing and Heating is their commitment to customer satisfaction. As a locally owned business, they prioritize community relationships and understand the importance of trust. They believe that dependable service is the foundation of their business, and they take pride in offering transparent, honest assessments and solutions to their clients. With Gill's, you'll always receive clear communication about your service options and the costs involved.

Gill's Plumbing and Heating extends its services to both residential and commercial clients, recognizing that businesses often have unique plumbing and HVAC requirements. Their professionals are trained to manage the complexities of commercial systems, working efficiently to minimize downtime and disruptions to your business.

When searching for dependable plumbing, HVAC, and septic services in Rivers, Gill's Plumbing and Heating should be at the top of your list. Their extensive experience, unwavering commitment to quality, and dedication to customer satisfaction set them apart as the go-to choice for all your plumbing and heating needs. With Gill's, you're not just hiring a service; you're gaining a reliable partner in maintaining the comfort and functionality of your home or business. Reach out to them today to discover how they can assist you!

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# Heavy police presence attends Hamiota



Armored SUVs and police in tactical gear in a Hamiota back lane.

PHOTO BY ANNE DAVISON

By Anne Davison  
RIVERS BANNER

It was a surprise to residents of a quiet southwest town of less than 500 residents to see multiple officers and two black armored SUVs taking a position in a Hamiota back lane on Wednesday, June 11.

Police were searching for a 36-year-old male suspect.

Out front, officers, guns drawn, approached

the home. They were searching for a man who was wanted on a Canada-wide warrant of arrest for being unlawfully at large.

The occupants who exited the house on command were not who the police were looking for. Minutes later RCMP cruisers and SUVs headed to another section of town.

It's not unusual to see two and sometimes three squad cars at Hamiota Detachment,

but Wednesday six RCMP cruisers (trucks, cars and vans) were lined up there before several left town. No arrests were made that day.

Brandon Police Service arrested the suspect the following day.

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July 4

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All are invited to our 'Canada Proud' parade in Rivers during the upcoming Rolling into Rivers event. The parade is a 10am start on Saturday, July 4th, 2026. Parade organization and lineup starts at 9:30am at the Elementary School. There is no need to register, show up, and have fun! There is showing your Canadian Pride. If you have any questions, please let me know.

# CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

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5-7 PM  
HARDING AG SOCIETY ROAST BEEF SUPPER

7-10 PM  
MUSIC IN THE PARK  
ALONG FOR THE RIDE

# Father's Day in the Garden

Submitted

BY PATRICIA HANBIDGE

As Father's Day is coming up, I thought it might be fun to write about gardening and men (specifically Fathers). As I do with all writing, a bit of time was spent on searching what else is out there and whether there is any appreciable marketing around this theme. Well, what a surprise - it was the gadgets, the tools, the toys that are advertised for those fathers that are also gardeners. In comparison, for Mother's Day, you see purchases of flowers and all things traditionally womanlike that are the biggest sellers. Given that a woman is physically different from a man and generally not as strong (in brute strength), one might think that the tools of the trade might be a better gift for a woman who is a gardener!!!

At any rate, it was an interesting perusal. Many men are very avid gardeners and many of those men are traditional in that pursuit. They do not need all the latest gadgets but instead just get enjoyment from the act of growing and nurturing itself. So

what do you get "Dad" the gardener?

Every gift with thought behind will usually turn out to be the most appreciated. So if your "Dad" is that type of gardener, perhaps the best gift might be a perennial or shrub that he loves. Any plant that grows for many years is truly a gift that is appreciated long term. For instance, the 'Morden Sunrise' rose is a smaller hardy shrub from the Parkland series. It has attractive dark green shiny foliage and a very unique orange and yellow bloom that brings a sunrise to mind. It will bloom all summer long and has no appreciable disease problems.



PHOTO BY METRO CREATIVE

Family gardening is a terrific hobby.

If your "Dad" is a gadget guy, then a trip to any of your local garden centres will fulfill your gift needs. From a quality pair of secateurs or a handy hoe, tools that are needed every day in the garden will be appreciated. The sky is the limit with gadgets so how much you are willing to spend will be your guideline.

Feature items in the garden are also a good choice as well. A new obelisk to support a climbing rose in a style that will fit the current garden decor is another gift that will last for years. Fountains for the table top or for the garden itself will not only bring beauty but all the birds in your neighbourhood. A nice gift for anyone who enjoys sitting outside in the garden.

If you just can't make up your mind, then there is still yet another solution. Get a gift card for one of the garden centres that Dad might frequent. It is a sure fire way to ensure he gets what he really wants!

Last but not least, if your Dad is not a gardener, why not give him your labour for a chore that he does regularly but does not really enjoy. Perhaps mowing the lawn might be a great chore to take over. Hand-made cards entitling him to pass on that chore by choice is a gift that not only says I love you, but I understand that you may not like mowing the lawn but do it because it is a chore that needs to be done.

Happy Father's Day to the fathers of children, of dogs, and of course Mother Earth!

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## Hamiota Grad Wordsearch

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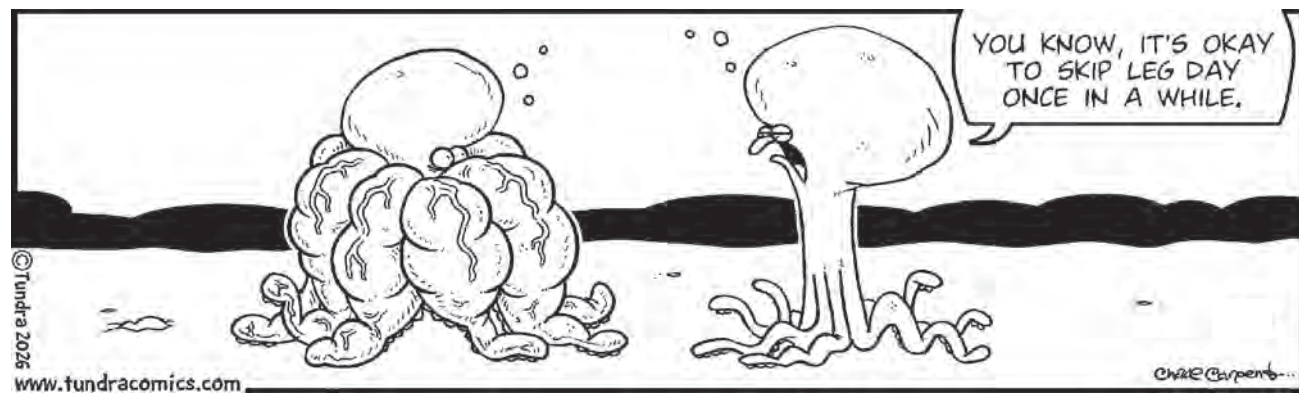


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# Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



## Contentment...

It would be safe to say that much of my adult life I have been content. There have been times when I have been restless, and too many times when I have been anxious, but a deep contentment anchored those emotions. Okay, to be honest, contentment settled in after a disastrous early marriage. Those brief years, and I would have been classified as an adult, were not stable or safe, two of my necessities for contentment. I was truly blessed with finding/being found by two good, honest men of integrity. That was sequentially, not simultaneously!

This line of thought came as my dog Arie and I were out walking. After far too long, we have resumed daily excursions — shorter than usual — as I recover from a pinched nerve and tendonitis in a major backside muscle set. Perhaps my deep gratitude for my recovery spawned the thought of this deep contentment that I am currently enjoying. I love my home. This spring saw the completion of several major projects. I could certainly have appreciated my home without them, however these improvements not only make my day to day easier, they will enable me to be comfortable in my home as I continue to age.

There was a time when my home was filled with background noise; I don't appreciate noise for the sake of noise anymore. I even gave my TV away, and it was a smart one. I have space for my hobbies and my books. I have time. I have time to simply sit, to visit with friends, to work at my own pace. I cook and bake when I am so moved, not out of necessity. I'm really ok with leftovers, and can enjoy soup or chili or more days than I probably should. The yards are perfect for me.

Yes, plural. The front yard is for looks, even went so far as to have some dandelion control last year. There are chairs on the deck, not often a body in the chair. The middle yard is my den. There are raised vegetable beds, raspberries, strawberries, one goodberry, several hap-saks, some saskatoons and three apple trees. There are bird nests and a bird bath, lawn chairs and a fire pit. Mowing and trimming are a nightmare. The very back yard is so basic, nothing but grass. And I love each of these spaces.

My contentment runs deep. I have people to love, and those who love me. Sticky hugs from little people fill my heart to overflowing. Letters, in lovely block letters, from great grandchildren grace the fridge. Phone calls and face times are gifts. No doubt, I've learned a great deal about relationships in my eighty years, have had to make some tough decisions, but I am so content with those who choose to be in my life — friends and family.

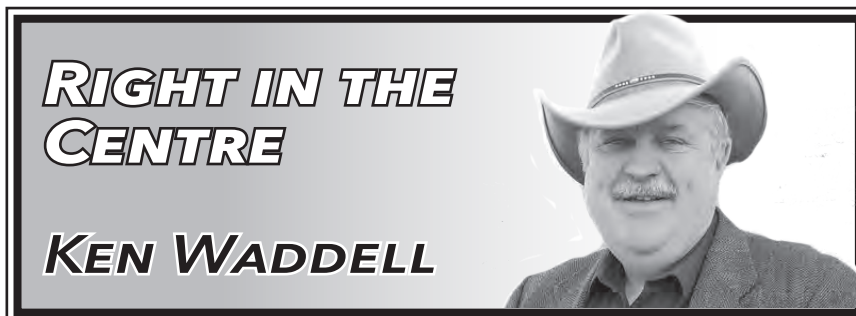
This contentment is anchored in and by my faith. I have tested the faithfulness of my God, and have never found her wanting. I am striving to say with the assuredness of the Apostle Paul 'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation'. Not quite there yet, but well on my way.

## Advertising pays off every time

This week I am going to write about a topic that is obviously near and dear to my heart. My wife and I have invested a lifetime into rural communities in south-western Manitoba. Christine was born at Virden and raised at Scarth and attended high school in Virden. Some of her ancestors were the earliest European people to come to the Virden District. They include the Milnes, the Jeffreys, the Ivens families and a bit later the Lobels. My Manitoba roots aren't as deep as Christine's but my family lived in Wapella, Saskatchewan (The McFadyens) and then Winnipeg (The Waddells) and then Muir (near Gladstone) and then Holland. We are pretty much rural based and have a fair amount of farm, business and rural experience and yes, newspaper experience. We started in the newspaper business in 1968 and for the sake of keeping track, that's 58 years ago. We have been blessed with an ever larger family, hundreds of friends and I daresay, very few people who dislike us. Those few that do, are polite enough not to say much. We love the newspaper businesses and after the aforementioned 58 years, we have some ideas and observations about how to make it work.

In our opinion, newspapers need to be small and locally owned and managed. The Manitoba landscape is littered with the shadows and remnants of dead newspapers, almost all of which were corporately, out-of-province owned.

Copies of newspapers can be sold over the counter, distributed by subscription or, as in our case, distributed free. Our three papers are handed out in about 160 locations from Ste. Rose to Reston, from Westbourne to Elkhorn. They are in news stands and many, many stores. In the case of stores and other businesses, owners seem happy to have customers come



into their establishment to pick up the paper.

Advertising is the life blood of newspapers. I do have a concern that has developed over the past few years. It's no secret that advertising that was once common in newspapers all the way back to the founding of our papers in the 1890s to early 1900s has changed. There used to be ads, and sometime very large ones, for groceries and automobiles. Many ads have shifted to flyers, TV and the internet. For a while, government ads almost all disappeared to social media and facebook. It is switching back some and for that we are thankful. While social media has its place for sure, you would think that governments should be advertising with Canadian media, not California based internet companies.

Please consider using your local paper to advertise. Yes, it costs some money, but if nobody attends your event, it costs a lot of money too. If a \$50 ad brings in even a few more people to your event, it should be a good return on the investment.

Be sure to advertise early. Most community newspapers come out on Thursdays or Fridays. That's way too late to advertise an event that is happening on the immediate Saturday or Sunday. People are very busy these days and need to plan ahead for a week or two.

Check with your local paper and ask about discounts on multiple

ads. And please, get the ad in early enough that it can be designed with a strong visual appeal. Nothing drives a newspaper crazy faster than having to make up ads at, or past, the deadline.

There is one local type of advertising that I think, needs to be revisited and that's local events. We are grateful for all the local event ads. What drives us crazy is the events and organizations that don't advertise anywhere except on social media. We were told about a local event only advertised on social media in one of our communities recently, and it should have been a very important one. It should have had 100 or even 200 people at it. There were two. That's an extreme example but it is indicative of certain facts. Many people don't look at social media. Much of social media is reels that have absolutely nothing to do with our local communities. Ok, folks, how many pet videos, prank videos and yes, even pornography do we need? What, if any, good does some of the garbage on social media have that benefits our local communities? At best, it's humorous and at worst it's harmful. Someone recently said with the internet, we get fresh water and sewage out of the same pipe. I know that sounds harsh, but think about it for a moment.

Thanks for keeping your local newspaper in mind, we have been around for long time and hope to be around for a long time to come.

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# Doc Hodge will not be forgotten

By Anne Davison  
RIVERS BANNER

Dr. Andy Hodge blazed a trail for veterinary practice in Hamiota. While the Hodge house was demolished last week, Dr. Hodge's lasting legacy is recorded in the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame and in the Manitoba Historical Society Memorable Manitobans.

From the Ag Hall of Fame and Historical Society:

Dr. F. Andrew (Andy) Hodge (B.S.A., D.V.M.) was born in Teulon, Manitoba, Oct. 7, 1922 where he took his early education. In 1942, he graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and was awarded the "gold medal."

Hodge joined the RCAF and proudly served his country for the next three years, both at home and in Koggala, Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

At the end of the war in 1945 he pursued his chosen career at Ontario Veterinary College, receiving a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. degree and a second gold medal. He was the only double gold winner to have practised in Manitoba.

In 1946, Andy married Marion Slobodianek, who would become his lifelong partner and together they raised their family of three: Greg, Pam and Mary Lou. Marion moved to Winnipeg to live with daughter Mary Lou following the loss of Andy from illness in 1985. Marion passed in her 90th year, in 2011.

Doc Hodge began his career in Winnipeg but in 1949 he moved to Hamiota.

He had a distinguished professional record of service,

noted as a brilliant diagnostician. He served on the council of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) and was particularly busy as its president in the 1950s because of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. From 1977 to 1981, Dr. Hodge's practical knowledge and excellent advice made him a valuable member of the MVMA.

Instrumental in establishing the Hamiota and District Veterinary Clinic, the opening of this new facility was a proud moment for Dr. Hodge. Not only did it mark the beginning of a new type of animal medical practice, but it also marked the culmination of difficult negotiations with the five surrounding municipal organizations and the Veterinary Service Board.

In 1985, the MVMA recognized Dr. Hodge's many contributions with a life membership.

Andy was a community person: a charter member of Hamiota Lions Club, a school board trustee, avid curler, hockey coach and most of all a friend.

During his life, he gave most generously of his time and his abilities to his country, his profession and to his community.

Hamiota has been home to two strong contributors to veterinary practice. Dr. Allan Preston followed Dr. Hodge and took up practice in the Hamiota veterinary clinic. He was inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2024. Following a busy practice, Dr. Preston served as chief provincial veterinarian and later as assistant deputy minister in the agriculture department. Dr. Preston and wife Sharon retired to Hamiota from their cattle farm a few years ago.

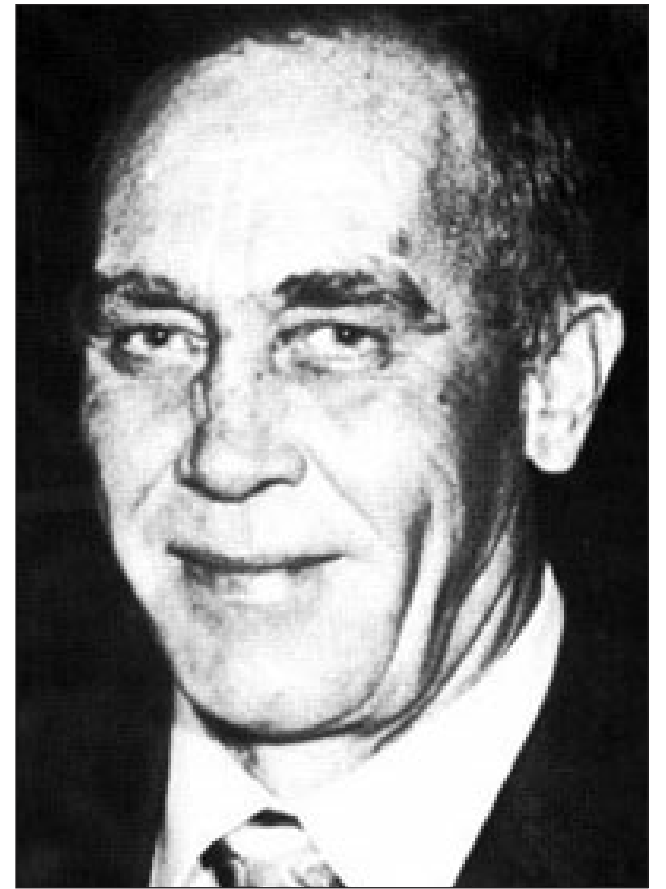


PHOTO BY AHOF

Dr. R. Andrew Hodge inducted into Agricultural Hall of Fame.

## Hamiota's Veterinarian made barn calls



PHOTO BY ANNE DAVISON

The Hodge house, built in the '50s, was one of Hamiota's best-built homes. Vacant for several decades, it was demolished in early June.

By Anne Davison  
RIVERS BANNER

Dr. Andy Hodge will remain an indelible memory in rural Westman, particularly among the offspring of agricultural producers of the 1950s – 1980s. The discovery of his work journal from March through June of 1965 will shock readers with the fantastic sums he charged.

Hodge's raucous laugh, kindness to kids and the authority with which he took on animal health challenges were trademarks of his farm visits where he

calved cows, performed cesarian sections, relished cleaning out abscesses, diagnosed equine illnesses – you name it.

When Andy and Marion Hodge's house came down this June, the 1965 historical work scribbler surfaced and the record showed he worked every day of the week including Sunday emergencies. However, it seems Andy and his family had May 27th off – that scribble page was blank.

Phone calls to what appears to be strange looking numbers (328-21 for example) were sometimes noted as 'reversed' - the customer paid for Doc Hodge's return phone call.

More than one entry recorded that 'a dear lil' heifer' was calving and needed the vet.

Medicines were recorded as dispensed from the veterinarian's home. Some records appeared to be in Marion's lovely hand; some would be the Doc's notes.

For example, on March 12, he visited the Arnold Gray enterprise a couple of miles outside Hamiota to treat a sow with 2cc of a drug to help her farrow. He charged \$3.

Later that week Doug Beamish had a cat spayed for \$7.

Over in Miniota country the Bryants had a large bill of \$13 for a bloated cow. The cow received scarlet drench and was trocarized (a bloated bovine in imminent danger of suffocating due to trapped fermentation gases pressing on her lungs which involved puncturing the left flank and rumen wall to release the pressure rapidly).

At Miniota, Jack Hanlin had Doc Hodge 'destroy' a dog. This, for \$1. (Terms have changed!)

During that second week of March, Doc Hodge dealt with numerous calving problems including several cows in ketosis, some with milk fever.

Keep in mind, in the early '60s, farmers were raising British breed cattle (exotics were mostly introduced in late '60s and early '70s) and calving assistance wasn't common, but a retained placenta was one of the most common calls; uterine prolapse was infrequent.

Regular services included castration, dehorning, treating pneumonia and mastitis.

Dog vaccinations, sick calves, injured horses, and autopsies were all in a week's work with charges commonly between \$6 and \$15. There was a case of equine encephalitis too.

A visit was made to a Brandon area customer and to Sandy Lake, but generally Doc Hodge travelled the roads from Hamiota to Decker or Miniota; to McConnell, Kenton, Oak River, Rivers and Oak Lake. And customers from thereabouts visited the Hodge home to buy medicines.

Saturday, June 5, Dr. Hodge had the pleasure of attending the Shorthorn Picnic.

Farm family life abounded in 1965. Was there a farm family in the area that the doc did not visit? Doubtful.

# Physical activity and the great outdoors



**Submitted**

BY PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH

Manitobans are fortunate to live in a province offering a vast, diverse natural landscape with potential for outdoor activity as varied as its seasons. Bored with your activity? Switch the location or the time of year. The view from the treadmill may never change, but nature is always refreshing itself.

Nature provides sensory stimulation and a changing view, whether it's fresh air during a walk, feeling the earth sift through our fingers while stretching to plant a garden or hearing bird calls while rowing across the water.

Using our bodies as a mode of transportation allows us to move our bodies while getting where we need to go. Walk, bike, or roll to add movement in your

day. Outdoors is easy to access.

Outdoors feature natural inclines, uneven surfaces to challenge our balance skills and engage muscles we may not use while exercising with equipment indoors. Changes in wind add resistance and natural assistance cooling off. While walking outdoors there is a tendency to move further and faster.

Being physically active outdoors provides many health benefits. Our bodies and minds relax outdoors, reducing stress levels and muscle tension while increasing Vitamin D.

Try spending a few minutes every day outdoors – stretching in the sunshine, pushing a lawn mower (or a stroller) or climbing up a hill to watch the sunset. Small amounts of movement still count – and they all add up!

# Men's Health Week June 15 -21

## Make Prevention a Priority

**Submitted**

BY PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH

Every season there is a maintenance checklist to ensure vehicles, equipment and households operate efficiently to avoid long-term damage and extend their life span and avoid bigger problems later on.

Our health deserves the same attention. Men's Health Week (June 15-21) is a reminder that prevention matters. Small check-ins today can help prevent bigger health concerns tomorrow. Knowing what's normal for your body – blood pressure, cholesterol, lab results, etc. can help identify changes and catch issues early.

Take a moment to ask yourself: When was the last time you...

- Had a complete physical exam?
- Checked your blood pressure?

- Checked your cholesterol?
- Did anything for mental wellness?
- Engaged in physical activity?
- Protected yourself from negative sun effects?

• Checked condition of safety equipment?

• Talked to someone about quitting or cutting back on smoking/vaping?

Check on your friends, family and partners. Talking about health (including mental health) helps support healthier outcomes for men. Start with what is easiest for you: going for a walk or working out, booking a medical appointment, tossing a piece of fruit into the lunch box, looking at work/life balance.

It is not about where you start – it's about taking action and checking something off the prevention checklist.

# Let's Talk Science in Rivers

**Submitted**

BY SARAH PLOSKER

Let's Talk Science (LTS) is a national charitable organization committed to preparing youth for evolving career demands in a rapidly changing world. They coordinate educational programming to increase engagement in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Four Let's Talk Science activities were held in the Redfern room (2nd floor) of the Riverdale Community Center in April, May, and June, facilitated by local Sarah Plosker. Outreach coordinators Giesbrecht and Emily Tesarski at Brandon University loaned out LTS kits for use at the events. Children and parents learned about a wide variety of topics: computer science and robotics in "Code and go mice"; animals' adaptations in "Budding biologist", all about magnets in "Magnet madness", and all about your amazing skeleton in "The bone zone". Ages of participants ranged from pre-kindergarten through Grade 3, with a mix of public school children and homeschool families. A total of nine families came out to take part in the events. The events were made possible by a grant through the Riverdale Municipality.



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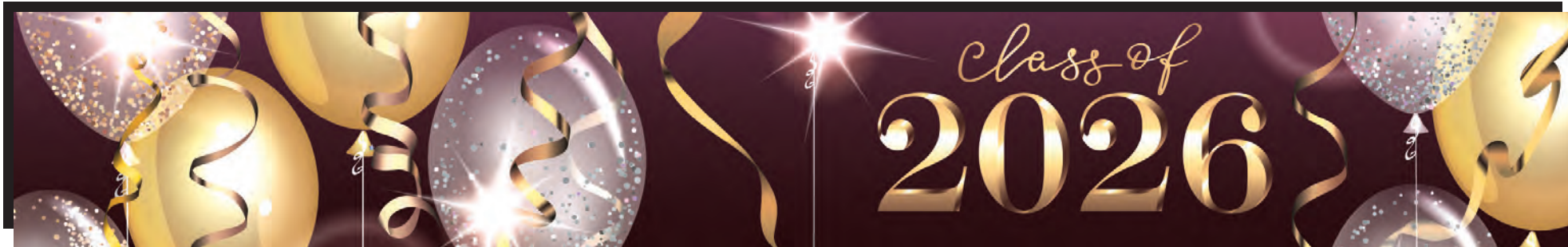
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**Kaden John Allan**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Brian and Charlene Allan  
 Future Plans: To continue on with his WHL career, returning to play with the Saskatoon Blades.



**Quinn Michaela Armstrong**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Lana Hogg and Darron Armstrong  
 Future Plans: To study nursing at Brandon University.



**Devon Luis Bichon**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Paul and Jacquelyn Bichon  
 Future Plans: To enter the workforce and then attend Robertson College.



**Hudson Lee Bond**

Parents' Names: Tyler Bond and Pam Lowe Bond  
 Future Plans: I plan on attending Lakeland College in Vermillion AB, to study Animal Science Technology: Equine and college rodeo. I hope one day to become a successful horse trainer.



**Iluak Tamusi Nutaraalu Waldo-Burke**

Home Town: Oak River, MB  
 Parents' Names: Harmony Burke, Lorrissa Burke and Paul Waldo  
 Future Plans: To hot shot as a red seal welder.

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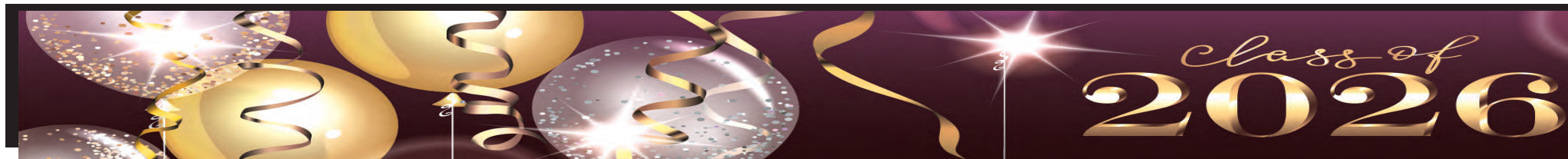
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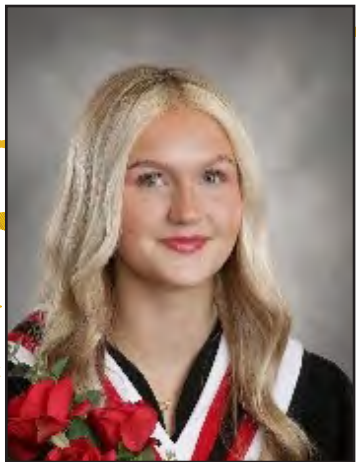
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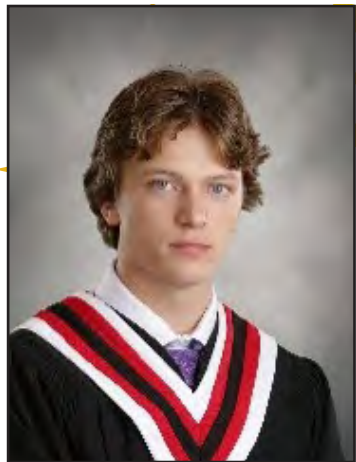
**Adrianna Gwen Charlton**

Home Town: Kenton, MB  
Parents' Names: Angela and Blair Charlton  
Future Plans: To attend Assiniboine College in the Agribusiness program in hope of becoming a salesperson in agriculture.



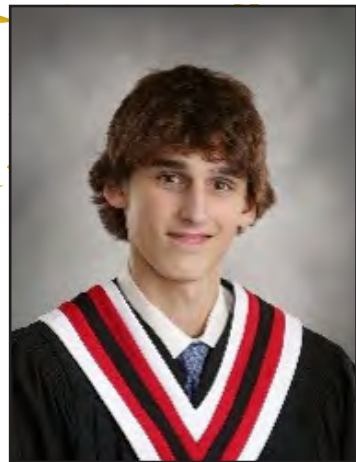
**Eric Angus Donald Crampton**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
Parents' Names: Tiffany Crampton and Eric Belanger  
Future Plans: To enter the workforce.



**Nolan Dressell Drake**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
Parents' Names: Andy Drake and Tannis Dressell  
Future Plans: Go to Valley City State University to play baseball and study exercise science to become an athletic trainer.



**Jordan Arthur Edwards**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
Parents' Names: Graham Edwards and Roberta Higgott  
Future Plans: Go to Victoria to play collegiate baseball while continuing my apprenticeship in carpentry at Camosun College.



**Brooke Emily Facey**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
Parents' Names: Greg and Wonda Facey  
Future Plans: To attend Dakota College in Bottineau ND, while playing for the Lumberjacks womens hockey team and studying pre-nursing to then get into nursing my second year.

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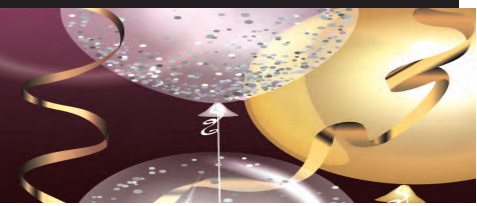
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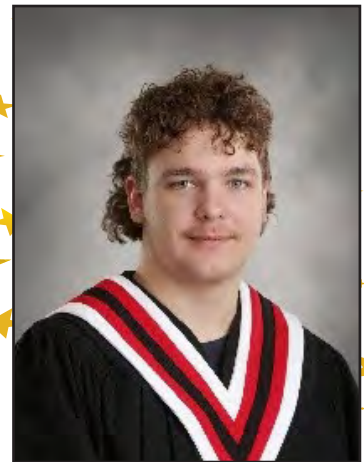
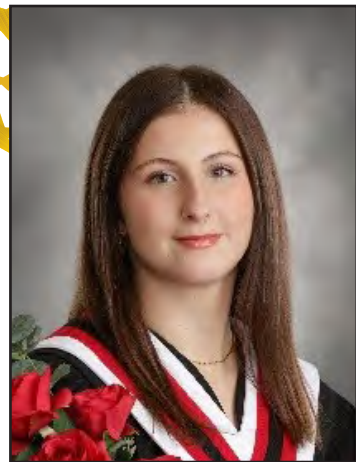
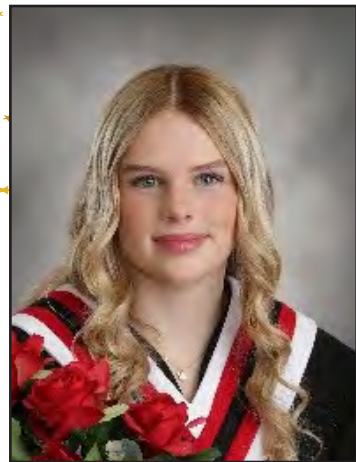
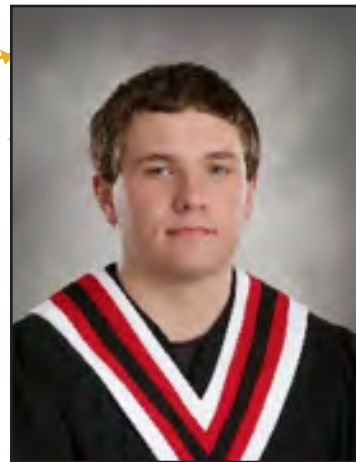
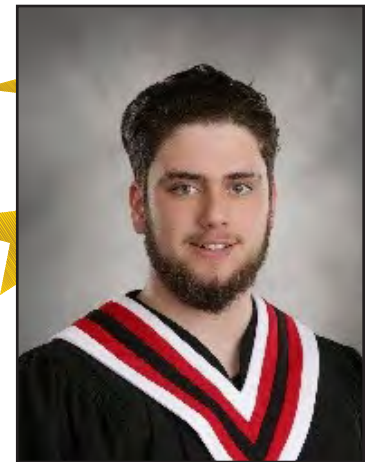
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# HAMIOTA



**Hunter James Henson Hamilton**

**Terron William Johns**

**Alyssa Laurie Kirk**

**Taylor Lawn**

**Nicolas Rylan McDuff**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Brad Hamilton and Brittany Hamilton  
 Future Plans: To go to Assiniboine College for welding.

Home Town: Kenton, MB  
 Parents' Names: Dana and Megan Johns  
 Future Plans: Working along with his parents on the family farm.

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Jody and Kevin Kirk  
 Future Plans: I plan to attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic, to complete my combined Laboratory and X-ray Technology.

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Kenneth Lawn and Lyanna Lawn  
 Future Plans: To pursue a Bachelor's Degree of Kinesiology, then attend grad school to become a physiotherapist.

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Erin and Keith McDuff  
 Future Plans: To go into plumbing and work to my red seal.

**What is yours to lead." — Nora Ephron**

*Happy Celebrating & Best Wishes*

We're so impressed by this year's graduates, and we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved day of relaxation and fun. Congratulations!

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**To the Class of 2026**

May you continue to find success as you go through life and may you remember this day as a cornerstone in your future.

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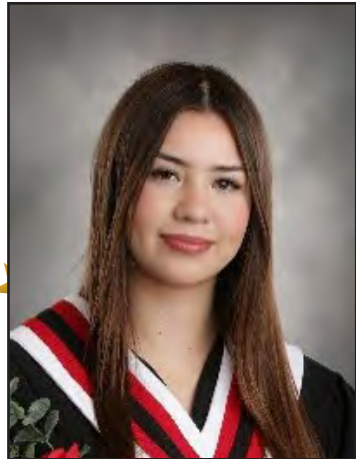
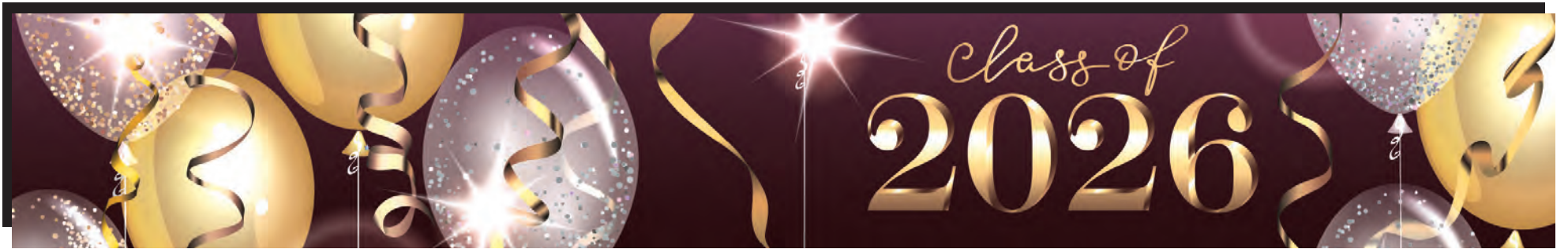
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Home Town: Hamiota  
 Parent's Names: Angel Roberts and Jarrett McKinnon  
 Future Plans: I plan to play hockey while taking the Natural Resource Management Program at Dakota College in Bottineau, ND.



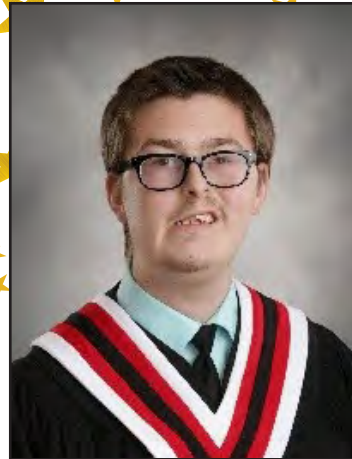
**Molly Patterson**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Shawn Patterson and Emilie Lepine  
 Future Plans: Working towards a red seal in culinary.



**Gavin Rempel**

Home Town: Kenton, MB  
 Parents' Names: Ben and Jen Rempel  
 Future Plans: To continue working at Whyte's Lumber in Kenton.



**Xavier Dean Salmi**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Kevin and Sara Salmi  
 Future Plans: To attend Rolling Dale Enterprises in Rivers to gain work experience and life skills, then work at a local Co-op.



**Alec Strachan**

Home Town: Hamiota, MB  
 Parents' Names: Chrystal and Sheldon Strachan  
 Future Plans: To continue to pursue junior hockey with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

# HAMIOTA

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# GRADUATION CUPCAKES

## Ingredients

- 2/3 cup butter, softened
- 1-3/4 cups sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/4 cups 2% milk

## Frosting:

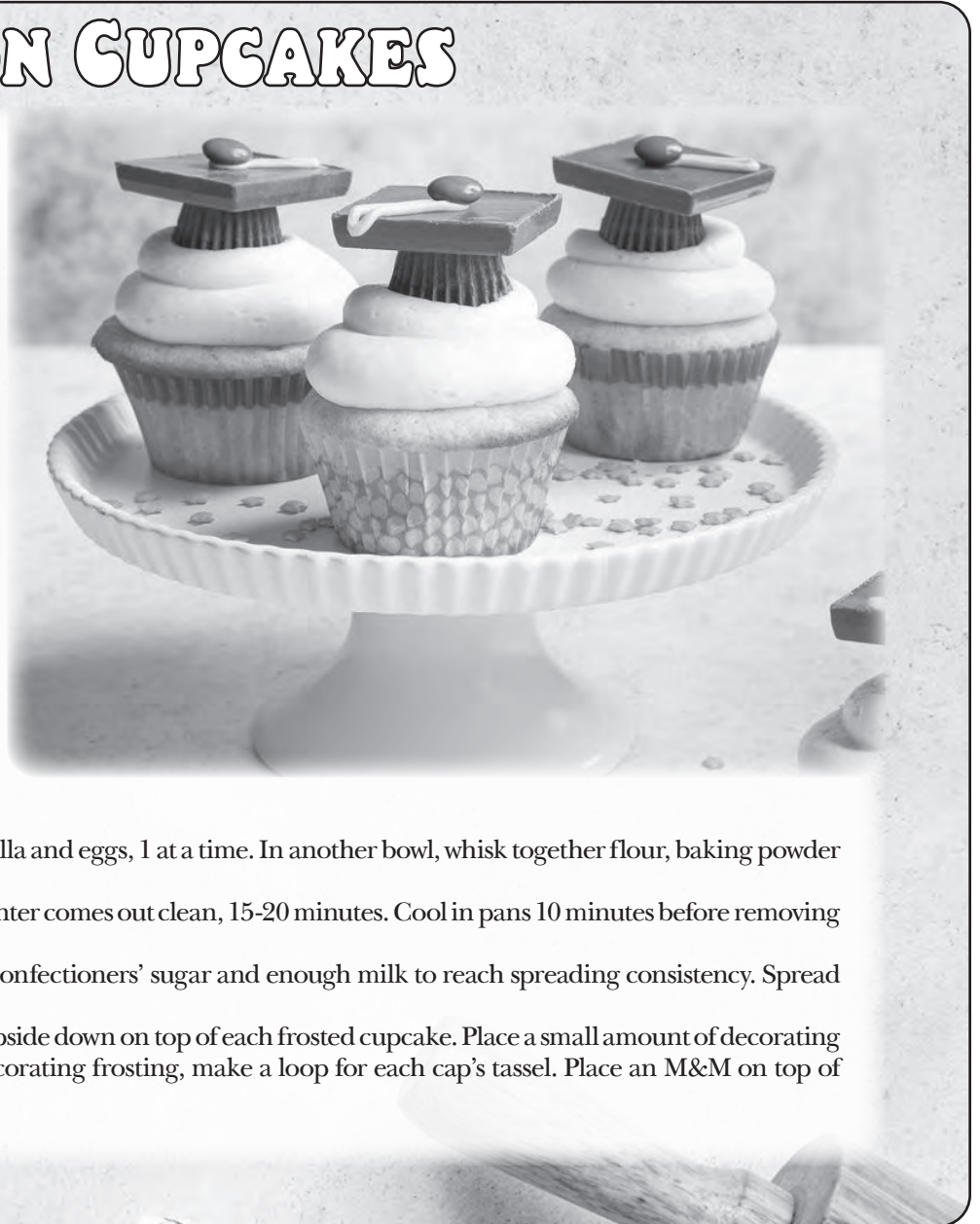
- 1-1/2 cups butter, softened
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 6 cups confectioners' sugar
- 4 to 6 tablespoons 2% milk

## Decorations:

- 24 miniature peanut butter cups
- 1 tube (4-1/4 ounces) decorating icing in color of your choice
- 24 After Eight thin mints
- 24 milk chocolate M&M's in color of your choice

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 24 muffin cups with paper liners.
2. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in vanilla and eggs, 1 at a time. In another bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beating well.
3. Fill prepared cups two-thirds full. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 15-20 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool completely.
4. For frosting, beat butter and vanilla until blended; gradually beat in confectioners' sugar and enough milk to reach spreading consistency. Spread [or pipe] over cupcakes.
5. To decorate, remove paper liners from peanut butter cups; place one upside down on top of each frosted cupcake. Place a small amount of decorating frosting on each peanut butter cup; center a mint on each. Using decorating frosting, make a loop for each cap's tassel. Place an M&M on top of each loop.



# The symbols of graduation

## Submitted

BY METRO CREATIVE

After many years of time spent toiling classrooms and study halls, many students welcome graduation. Graduating high school or college is a major milestone. It is associated with many symbols that have endured for some time. As graduates prepare to receive their diplomas or degrees, they might be curious to know what's behind some notable symbols of graduation ceremonies.

• **Gown:** The gown is a customary garment worn on graduation day. The Georgia Institute of Technology says gowns historically were heavy robes worn by medieval scholars for warmth in the largely unheated universities. Today, graduates don gowns not for warmth (as most graduation ceremonies take place in the spring and summer), but to symbolize the level of degree being conferred.

• **Cap:** A cap, also known as a mortarboard, often goes hand-in-hand with a graduation gown. Historians surmise the flat, square shape represents either a mason's mortarboard to symbolize hard work. Others say it may be the shape of a book to signify academic achievement.

• **Tassel:** The turning of the tassel is a relatively modern tradition. The tassel, which is attached to the mortarboard, initially was an ornament but has since evolved into a traditional element. The Honor Society says the practice of moving the tassel from one side of the cap to the other symbolizes completion of this important academic milestone. Typically, graduates move the tassel from the right

to the left. The right side represents the student being a candidate, while the left means he or she is now a graduate. While some sources date the tradition to the early 1900s, the current tradition has been traced to the 1960s and 1970s.

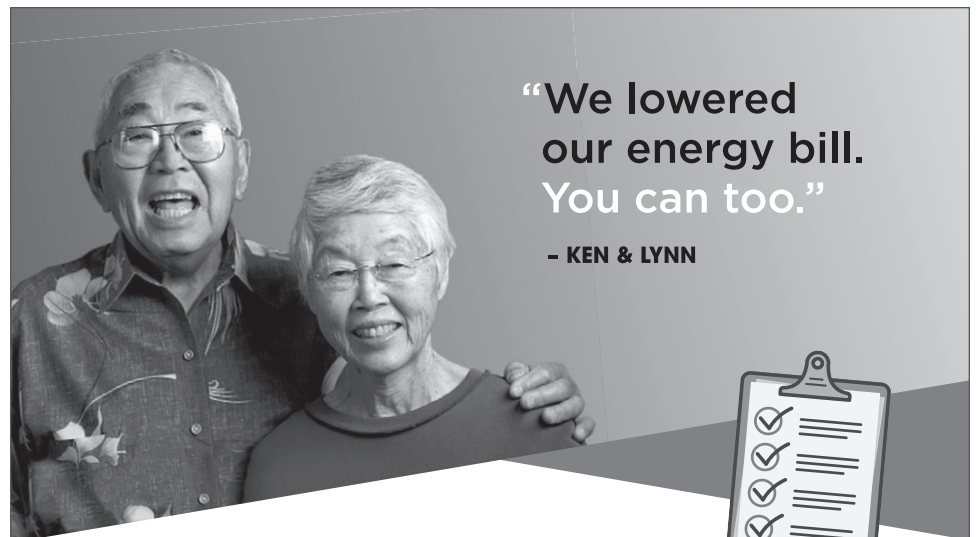
• **Cords and stoles:** Graduates may adorn their graduation garb with other elements. Cords are twisted ropes that often represent high grade point averages or participation in honor societies. Stoles are satin scarves that often denote participation in specific organizations or a student's cultural heritage, according to the University of Colorado Boulder.

• **Diploma:** A diploma is a legal document. Historically, diplomas were written on thin sheepskin and rolled into tubes. Students may receive a prop diploma on graduation day or empty diploma folio. Later on the actual document will be mailed or made available for pickup.

• **Rings:** Some graduates have opted to purchase class rings. Students will often wear the ring with the school name facing them while still a student. Upon graduation, the ring will be turned so the name faces outward, presenting the completed coursework to the world.

• **Commencement speech:** The word "commencement" means "beginning," which is fitting for a graduation ceremony. Instead of marking the end of something, commencement is for students who are about to start a new chapter.

Graduation rituals and symbols have endured through the ages and are likely something students and their families will encounter as they prepare for the ceremony to come.



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# SPORTS

## SWBL'S DOUBLEHEADER DAYS CONTINUE TO BRING TEAMS TOGETHER

By Robin Wark  
RIVERS BANNER

Ernie Banks once said, "It's a beautiful day for a ballgame ... let's play two," and the South West Baseball League has certainly embraced that sentiment.

The local senior league has long embraced Sunday doubleheaders, but it does so in a unique way. The road teams often play in two different communities on one day. For example, last Sunday, the host Hamiota Red Sox beat the Wawanesa Brewers 6-5 in the afternoon and fell to the Boissevain Centennials 5-3 in the evening.

"It doesn't matter if you're on the road or if you're hosting, the doubleheaders are the days we look forward to all season," Red Sox veteran Justin Knight said. "They're great for getting to know the new players better or for developing relationships with all the young families. The earlier games let the kids hang around the dugouts a bit or run the bases between games. Hard to beat those."

Also last Sunday, at home, the Oak River Dodgers dispatched the Deloraine Royals 10-3 and, later, the Souris Cardinals, 13-4. A week earlier, it was the Dodgers hitting the road for a pair. On June 7, they travelled to Boissevain and Wawanesa. While home games are great, road trips can also be enjoyable.

"Road trips are always good — get a few carloads of guys and make some memories," Dodgers veteran Riley Shamray said. "It makes for some long days in the heat, but it's always fun when you have good quality guys you're doing it with."

Last Sunday, Rivers hosted one game. It was the second half of the Royals' doubleheader.

SWBL president Aaron Tycoles of Rivers said the doubleheaders have been part of the league for likely at least 15 years. He explained, "It is partially trying to fit the games

in in a short time frame, but it is more so because of the travel distance from certain points... For example, Boissevain to Virden or Hamiota. We give the teams the option when they give the schedule dates at the start of the year. If they would like a road doubleheader they must be willing to host a home one if needed."

### Rivers Comets

The Comets were 2-1 in their last three games. As of June 16, the Rivers team sported a 7-3 record.

On June 12, the Comets rallied from a 5-1 fourth-inning deficit to beat the Virden Oilers 8-5 on the road. Braden Clarke drove in four runs for Rivers. Carson Espenell smacked two doubles, while Layton Veitch and Jase Wareham each had one.

Fred Hrycak started for Rivers. He allowed five runs on seven hits while striking out three in 3.33 innings. In relief, his brother Luke picked up the win by not allowing a run on three hits in 1.66 innings of work. Scott Beaver earned the save. He fanned four and allowed one hit over two innings.

Rivers lost 8-7 to the Royals on June 14. Owen Wareham was four-for-five with two runs batted in. Nathan Espenell had two RBIs. Jack Hutton recorded three hits.

The Comets beat the Brandon Young Guns 2-1 on June 15. With a run in the fourth inning and another in the fifth frame, Rivers held on for the win at home. Brandon scored one in the sixth inning but was unable to tie things up. Hayden Mackedenski struck out nine and allowed one earned run on three hits in seven innings.

Rivers hosts the defending champion Centennials on June 21.

### Oak River Dodgers

With their two Sunday victories, the Dodgers improved

their record to 7-2. This week, both Oak River Dodgers road games scheduled for June 17 in Hamiota and June 18 in Virden took place after the Banner deadline.

In their first game on June 14, the Dodgers trailed the Deloraine Royals 3-1 after two and a half innings. Oak River scored four runs in the bottom of the third, added one in the fourth, and pushed four more across in the sixth on the way to a 10-3 victory. Kaden Rozdeba hit a home run and drove in six runs. On the mound, Anthony Friesen threw all seven innings. He allowed two earned runs on 12 hits.

The Dodgers outthit Souris 10-5 to take the second game of their day 13-4. Cody Weilgosh hit a home run and racked up seven RBIs. Allowing only one earned run on four hits over six innings, Chase Anderson earned the win. Aidan Lewis allowed one hit and no runs in an inning of work.

### Hamiota Red Sox

The Red Sox entered this week with a 4-5 record. They host the Oak River Dodgers on June 17 in a game that falls after the Banner deadline, before welcoming the Virden Oilers to Hamiota on June 19.

On June 12, the Red Sox fell 6-1 to the Reston Rockets. Against the Wawanesa Brewers, Hamiota trailed 5-3 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning of their first game on June 14. They pushed two runs across to beat the Brewers 6-5. Knight hit a home run for the Red Sox. Brody Wilson led the team with three RBIs. Kayden Sutherland started on the mound for Hamiota. He allowed four runs, one earned, on five hits over six innings. Carter Loewen picked up the win after surrendering one run on two hits in one inning of relief.

The Red Sox lost their second game on June 14, 5-3 to Boissevain.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Hamiota District Sports Plex – Raise the Roof Kendra Kay Concert  
Hamiota Red Sox vs Virden Oilers in Hamiota 7pm  
Prairie Crocus Library Storytime in Rivers 10am  
Chase the Ace Rivers Legion 7pm  
Kenton Legion 7pm

Jun 20

RAPID CITY FAIR  
Woodworth Legion Golf Tournament in Hamiota

21

Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

22

23

50 + Club Pool 1pm

24

50 + Club Cribbage 1pm  
Darts Rivers Legion 7pm

25

Hamiota Red Sox vs Cardinals in Hamiota 7pm  
Rivers Legion Cribbage 7pm  
50+ Floor Games 1pm

26

Chase the Ace Rivers Legion 7pm  
Kenton Legion 7pm

27

28

Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

29

50 + Card Games 1pm

30

RIVERDALE Municipality Council Meeting  
50 + Club Pool 1pm

Jul 1

Have a safe and happy JULY 1st CANADA DAY!

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Rivers Food Bank 9:30 - 11:30am  
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The Rural Municipality of Elton is accepting tenders for the sale of the following municipally owned property:

- Lots 1 through 9, Plan 76625 BLTO, as shown on the Plan of Subdivision set out herein, which shall be sold as individual lots
- These lots being Certificate of Title Nos. 3411138/2; 3411139/2; 3411140/2; 3411141/2; 3411142/2; 3411143/2; 3411144/2; 3411145/2; 3411146/2



#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:



Sealed tenders clearly marked with the words "RM of Elton Lot Sale" will be received by Roy Johnston TDS (Attention: Mason Broadfoot / Alyson Vercaigne)



Bids will be accepted until July 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.



No bid for less than \$135,000.00 shall be accepted.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- Each tender must be sealed and in writing, accompanied by a deposit paid by bank draft, certified cheque, or solicitor's trust cheque in the amount of 10% of the offered price payable to "Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP, IN TRUST". Deposits accompanying unaccepted bids will be returned.
- All tenders must be received by the deadline of July 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. and shall include the full name, address, phone number and email address of the bidder.
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## Obituary

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JANUARY 4, 1950 ~ MAY 13, 2026



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas William Neal of Rivers, Manitoba, formerly of Oak River, Manitoba. Tom was born in Hamiota on January 4, 1950 to Mabel (nee Gerrard) and Stanley Neal. He grew up the 4th of 5 siblings on the family farm. Tom attended school in Oak River.

At the age of 19 he married the love of his life, Carmen Hornbrook. They moved to Fernie, BC where Tom worked at an open pit coal mine for two years. They moved to Rivers and shortly thereafter Tom took over the family farm for his father. They expanded the farm where they grew grain and raised cattle while raising two children. After Carmen passed away Tom sold the farm and briefly moved to Rivers. Missing the farm life, Tom purchased the old Ratz farm south of Wheatland where he lived for the rest of his life.

Tom loved all aspects of farm life. He enjoyed a good thunderstorm, kept up with politics, and found pleasure in watching a good curling game with his cat Daisy.

Tom is survived by his children Gerry and Coralie (Scott); his two treasured granddaughters Taylor and Kaitlyn; and his brother Larry (Carla).

He was predeceased by his beloved wife Carmen, his parents Mabel and Stanley, his sister Diane, and his brothers Bob and Jim.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to your local pet rescue of choice. Expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.memorieschapel.com](http://www.memorieschapel.com). Arrangements with Memories Chapel, Brandon, 1-204-727-0330.

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Dated at Minnedosa on June 19, 2026.

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## RIVERS PRODUCT MAKES IMMEDIATE IMPACT WITH QUEENS



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Jordyn Veitch had a successful first season with the Red Deer Polytechnic women's hockey team.

By Robin Wark  
RIVERS BANNER

A dream debut became reality when Jordyn Veitch scored a goal in her first regular-season collegiate hockey game.

The daughter of Rivers' Ryan and Christa Veitch lit the lamp for the Red Deer Polytechnic women's hockey team on Oct. 4 against Medicine Hat College. It was the RDP Queens' first Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference home game of the season and

Veitch's first regular-season collegiate game.

"I had a good start to the game as I find I've done well under pressure," Veitch said. "I won the puck battle along the wall and just saw an opening and took it. It was a very exciting, proud moment to have had and a good way to start the season."

The goal sparked a Queens' comeback. Before Veitch's second period marker, they trailed 3-0. Veitch later assisted on the tying goal. RDP went

on to win 4-3.

In her first year, Veitch helped her team advance to the ACAC championship series. A former U18 AAA Yellowhead Chiefs standout, Veitch cracked the lineup for 16 games with the talented Queens.

"I have found it pretty adjustable to transition from U18 to college hockey," she said. "Obviously, getting scratched can be hard at times, but it just pushes you to be a better player that next game. Practicing every day at 6 a.m. is also one thing that took a while to adjust to, but it has only made us all a better team. Being a rookie on a new team can also be tough, but I've found that the competitive level, environment and the girls have made me grow every day to be a better player on and off the ice."

In her first year, Veitch appreciated various aspects of life at her Alberta school.

"One thing I've really enjoyed from studying and playing here has been all the people I've met and the new relationships I've gained that I will have for a lifetime — not

only on the ice but people that are in my program who have come out and supported me at my games. Having strong relationships on the team and in school has really helped me with being away from home. It's like having a second family and truly helps you get through the year with all the support the team and new

friendships give you."

Veitch is studying education. She said, "I have really enjoyed my practicum and the classes I am in that really show the true experience of becoming a teacher. My practicum has been by far my favourite part. Getting into a classroom and being able to learn from real experiences is so helpful for the future."

Throughout her first season with the Queens, Veitch was strongly backed by her parents and her older brother Layton.

"My family's support is something I am most grate-

ful for," she said. "My parents have taken time to come out and see me as much as they can, even if I'm not playing, which is special knowing they support me no matter what. My dad has always been a big role model for me in hockey, so it has been hard being away, but he always finds time to call or text whenever I need. Moving away from home can be hard, but I've really enjoyed my experience here and have adjusted really well and having secure family support from both parents has been a huge blessing."

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