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## Pumpkin truck comes to Kenton



Baby Aspen MacDonald is helping pick her favourite pumpkins.

PHOTOS BY JESSICA COULTER



Ty's Pumpkin Patch vintage delivery truck.



Harley and Ty Gabor sold pumpkins to the Kenton community this fall.

By Jessica Coulter  
 RIVERS BANNER

Six years ago, the Gabor family was asked by a neighbour if they would like to take over a pumpkin business and the Gabors decided it would be a great idea for their kids. Ty Gabor, age 16, and Harley Gabor, age 10, work a two-acre pumpkin patch each year to collect pumpkins to sell in their area. The pumpkin business is called Ty's Pumpkin Patch and is located just outside of Gladstone.

They grow many different varieties of pumpkins of all shapes, sizes and colours. Some of those varieties including Pie Pumpkins, Jack-o-Lanterns, Blue, Warty, Peanut Pumpkins and a few others. They try to add a new one or two each season. They also have a

selection of ornamental coloured corn and gourds available 3 for \$5. The large pumpkins were selling for only \$7.

To help with the selling of the pumpkins, Ty and his parents fixed up an old vintage truck to hold the pumpkins and bring them to market.

Currently they are setting up their truck in Gladstone and Plumas regularly. They brought a selection of pumpkins to Kenton on Monday, September 23, to sell to the community where Ty and Harley's grandmom lives.

If you would like to know more about the Pumpkin Truck and Ty's Pumpkin Patch, or if you would like to have them visit your community, please reach out to Leslie at 204-872-1165.

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# Historic store in Kenton comes down



120-year-old building in Kenton, MB.



A new space for Whytes Lumber.

PHOTOS BY GERRY NOLAN

By **Gerry Nolan**  
RIVERS BANNER

The main street of Kenton has had a huge change as a 120-year-old building has been removed. It was a landmark of memories and history.

Built in 1904, sixteen different proprietors raised families and ran a business out of this building. Built for a man named Sam Best as a home, he sold to Mr. Stinson who turned it into a store. Ownership changed a lot in those days when Mr. Kinley bought the store then sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Benedict was the next owner then sold it to the Termuendes in 1927. In 1945 it was sold to Stewart Bullock, then to Tim and Ruth Breed in 1947. Next up were Gord and Phyl Hames who purchased the store in 1955. The Hames

added the Post Office and in 1969 sold it to Lois and Bill Redikopp. Redikopps stayed for six years and sold it to Bruce and Sharon Cummings. The Cummings sold the store to Dallas and Judy Gray who in turn sold it to Gwen Argue. 1996 the store was brought by Jule Hunter and a hair salon was opened in the back in 1998, the space rented to Wendy Drake then to Sarah Lelond. In 2002 the store was sold to Leith Corney and Sarah Lelond and made into a mini mall. It was a convenience store, had a tanning bed, massage parlour and reflexologist with Leith manning the Post Office and Sarah the beauty salon.

In 2004 the doors

closed, the small store couldn't compete with larger stores and people were going elsewhere. The closing of the store does not minimize the importance of this business as it served the area for 120 years!

But all is not lost as the lot has been purchased by Whytes Lumber and a new seed will spring up and will see the beginning of the next 100 years, hopefully. The best town by a Dam site, Kenton, will continue to grow and succeed.

## REDLINE MX ACADEMY WINDUP



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Submitted  
By **AL LEPP**

We held our wind up on Wednesday, September 11 with approximately twenty riders and their families in attendance. We made some noise, kicked up some dust till sundown, and then

cooked smokies over the fire. Thank you to Derrick Scott for once again supplying the smokies.

Thank you to all the parents for bringing these young riders out through the summer, and for all your support. We had a good run, and the riding skills have improved

dramatically. We'll try again next year. Enjoy the fall and winter activities ahead of us.

Here's the Bible Verse we ended with 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind"

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Tips for teachers, Part IV



I know they mean well; but there are times when I feel that educators are more inclined to tell students what they think students want to hear than they are committed to telling them what they need to hear. That was an issue I faced during my high school years.

I remember my teachers saying things like “you can be whatever you want to be;” or “you can do whatever you want to do;” or “you can have whatever you want to have.”

I soon learned why they made those statements. Ours was a small town school, located in a community where most of the people were either farmers or working in industries directly related to farming. Our teachers knew that some of us had already chosen to take over the “family farm” after graduation; and they respected that decision.

But they wanted us to see the value of taking some post-secondary education. So every year, they organized visits to Career Fairs; where we could meet representatives of colleges and universities throughout our province. We were encouraged to pick up brochures, speak with the representatives of the various institutions and take seminars on topics like Choosing a Career, and Financing (paying for) further education.

These initiatives proved to be highly successful. Some of my classmates spoke with representatives of a nearby college that offered courses in Agricultural Mechanics, Animal Husbandry, Crop Management and

other topics designed for those planning to help their parents on a family farm. These courses were offered during the winter months and some of my classmates enrolled in that college.

Some of my classmates pursued professional careers. Some completed four year apprenticeships as plumbers, electricians or carpenters. A few chose to enter career development paths in banking, real estate or insurance sales. Some stayed at home and worked at businesses in the communities where they were born and raised. Some returned home after completing their training and established their own businesses. Others found success in larger communities or bigger cities.

But as we walked the path from graduation to gainful employment, we quickly learned that making a living and building a life isn’t nearly as easy as we thought it would be.

One of the first things we learned was that people don’t pay us much money to do things we “like” to do. But they will pay us very well to do things we “don’t like to do” but that we must do in order to serve our customers and provide for our families.

We also learned that we could only buy the latest car, newest clothes or fanciest house if we worked hard to earn the money that item would cost and then only purchasing it if we had money left over after paying taxes, living expenses and business costs. And for most of us, there wasn’t much left in the bank account after we paid those costs.

I am glad to see that today’s students can take courses in Basic Life Management Skills, where they learn how to create an annual budget, balance a check book; make minor home and car repairs, and so on. Learning these skills now will greatly benefit students in the future, especially if they must confront financial, relational

or health issues that can their long term dreams and aspirations from being fulfilled.


Teachers-please encourage your students to dream big dreams; but tell (and show) them that achieving those dreams will require hard work, sound life management and the persistence to keep working at it until their dreams come true.

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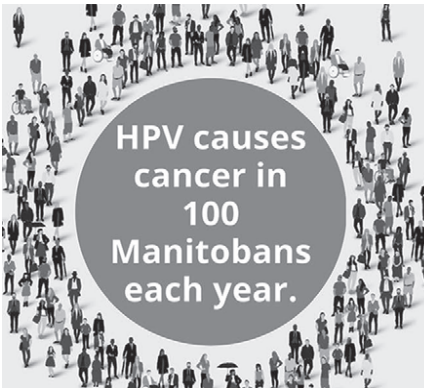


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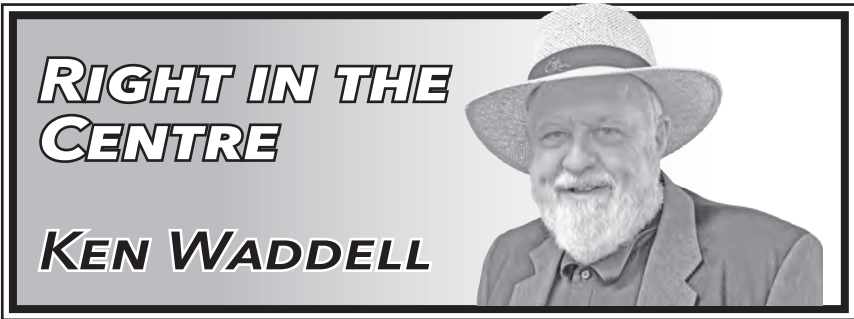


Homebodies  
RITA FRIESEN  
Gift  
or bonus?

Beware of the promise makers

The Provincial government announced some goals for energy production and conservation last week. Below are the main points and in italics I have written some things to watch for or to question about the policy. The government acknowledges that a main source of energy in Manitoba comes from hydro power and that is true. However, Manitoba Hydro has been politically squeezed over the decades and some things haven't worked out that well. Some examples are flooding of communities by constructing power dams, wasting millions by re-directing the BiPole III route and installing political appointees into the top jobs at Manitoba Hydro. We can't go back in time but maybe we can learn from mistakes committed over the past few decades. Here's the points and my questions and comments in italics.

- Creating an Indigenous loan-guarantee program to provide First Nations and Métis the capital support and capacity to participate in the energy transition and finance new partnerships in wind generation.  
*Loan guarantees have to very carefully set up or the guarantees quickly turn into grants and defaulted loans.*
- Refurbishing Manitoba Hydro generating stations to unlock up to 200 megawatts of power.  
*Sounds like a good idea but does the government have any idea how much money needs to be invested and how long before it pays back?*
- Ending the first-come, first-served approach for large grid connection to better align with Manitoba's economic development goals.  
*I think that means projects will have to go on a waiting list while a government advisory board decides who gets power and*



Right in the  
Centre  
KEN WADDELL  
“Manitoba Hydro has been politically squeezed over the decades and some things haven't worked out that well.”

*who doesn't. I understand there is already a waiting list for power. Businesses can't expect to just start a project and assume there will be electricity to run buildings and factories.*

- Strengthening energy codes for homes and buildings to generate long-term energy savings for Manitoba families.  
*I think this will be a waste of time and money as current Manitoba building codes already dictate high standards for windows doors and insulation.*
- Stronger oversight of the oil and gas sector with regular provincial inspections to ensure environmental safety and reliability.  
*Before I would applaud that move, I would want to see the past performance records of the oil and gas sector. For example, have there been serious spills or accidents or is this just another government implemented set of regulations to fight an imaginary problem?*
- Installing new Manitoba Hydro owned and operated public electric vehicle chargers.  
*So far, I rarely see vehicles using the*

*charging stations we already have. In rural areas where electric vehicles are largely unproven or lack realistic range, I wouldn't rush into that expense. We already subsidize the purchase of electric vehicles, why should we subsidize the charging stations too.*

- A renewed focus on energy security with stronger protections in place for procurement and data management to keep Manitoba's energy supply safe and secure.  
*That last point may be code for "Let's build up a bureaucracy of number crunchers so they can bombard us with meaningless facts and figures."*

I welcome feedback, but be very wary of politicians who promise prosperity bought with your money.  
*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 newspaper staff.*

Speaking with my Sister the Elder this week we reflected on our lives; how very good we have it – great health, adequate means and strong support of family and friends. She has studied life expectancies of women born in our generation, in Canada, with Caucasian heritage. And yes, every one of those points factor into our projected lifespan. We are both doing very well statistically and practically. Sister the Elder is just past her eightieth birthday and in the next ten days is competing in a world weight lifting competition in South Africa. As an aside— she was the least athletic of the four of us sisters and just two years ago decided to get into lifting weights. She took the gold in a recent regional competition and with no other competitor set her own new standards. Then Sister the Elder was lifting for Thailand, this time it will be Australia that receives the honours.

In the course of our discourse she stated that each day was a bonus. I maintain that each day is a gift. In my world each day is a blessing, gift is universal...After a short discussion, she acceded, a bonus is a reward for a job well done, and whereas we are both doing well, and both are indeed eligible for a bonus- that's not quite how life works. I know many individuals whose daily achievements in actions and attitudes are deserving of rewards. For now, the gift of another day is just that- a gift.

This is a topic we have spoken of before; how come we have it so good? We have concluded that for both of our personal developments that not having a brother was good for us; we were allowed to follow interests, not set aside for the male lineage to excel. And back in the day— way back—having a male heir was important in our culture and climate. More women are taking over the family farm, or buying their own farm, than would have occurred fifty, sixty years ago. Not having a brother also meant that we got to work alongside our father, and he was a natural born teacher, and we learned about politics, racism, faith and fundamentals in the course of a workday. That was an incredible gift!

As I was speaking with the last of the Dietrich Friesen clan, a brother-in-law who is ninety-two, he reflected on the wonder that his ancestors had migrated from the Ukraine at the turn of the last century, from the area that is now war torn and under siege, to the peace of Canada. How come us? My maternal and paternal great grandparents made much the same trek, at about the same time. Here too, a gift for generations, including me.

There have been rough patches in my life journey. I have known real hunger, abuse, poverty and rejection. How did I have the strength and courage to say 'enough is enough', walk away and start over? How blessed was I to find a partner that accepted me, encouraged me, and challenged me to grow as a person. Bonus? Never. Always a gift.



# RIVERS UNITED CHURCH SATURDAY CARNIVAL



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Games for all ages including pin the tail on the dinosaur.

**Submitted**

BY MEGAN LELONDE

Rivers United Church hosted their First Annual Carnival on Saturday, September 21. The Carnival was free to everyone.



## LEMON MERINGUE PIE CANNOLIS

**Ingredients:**

- For the Cannoli Shells:  
12 cannoli shells
- For the Lemon Filling:  
1 cup lemon curd  
1/2 cup ricotta cheese  
1/4 cup powdered sugar  
1 tsp vanilla extract
- For the Meringue Topping:  
2 large egg whites  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 tsp cream of tartar  
1/2 tsp vanilla extract

**Directions:**

- 1) In a medium bowl, whisk together the lemon curd, ricotta cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla extract until smooth and creamy. Refrigerate the filling for 20 minutes to set.
- 2) While the filling sets, prepare the meringue. In a clean, dry bowl, beat the egg whites and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Gradually add the granulated sugar and vanilla extract, continuing to beat until stiff, glossy peaks form.
- 3) Carefully spoon or pipe the lemon filling into the cannoli shells, filling them generously.
- 4) Top each cannoli with a dollop of meringue. Use a kitchen torch to lightly toast the meringue until golden brown, creating the signature “meringue” look.
- 5) Serve immediately and enjoy the sweet, zesty flavor combination!



Debbie Pythian ran the Pinko game for the carnival.

The United Church hosted the carnival in hopes of bringing community together, and to let everyone become aware of what Rivers United Church has to offer. We hold worship services at 11 am every Sunday, we also hold Sunday school class every second Sunday of the month. Robin Frost is the teacher. The kids enjoy a time of fellowship, crafts, singing, and snacks.

We would also encourage anyone who would like to join our choir to sign up. We practice Thursday evenings at 7pm and we sing at Sunday service every second week.

Megan Lelonde first met with the board last June to pitch the idea of the carnival to the board, with their support and permission the planning began. At the Carnival, when folks arrived there were door prizes for adults, teens and 12 and under. At the carnival, there were a variety of games such as opinion, a fishpond, a photo booth, bean bag toss, ax throwing (don't worry it was plastic) and more.



Jace Canam ran the fishing pond game where kids had to catch a fish to win a prize.

There were also a lot of yummy snacks, such as cotton candy, and hotdogs. In total there were 60 kids plus approximately 20 parents. “I was thrilled with the amazing turnout. I would like to thank those that helped at the carnival, Lynn Madden and Marilyn Dickson wrapped hotdogs, Courtney Raupers, Debbie Pythian and Crystal Johnston bagged popcorn, Krystal Huston made cotton candy, Dave and Donna Falkevich handed out the treats, Shelly Foster made and donated the candy apples, Robin Frost and family worked the games, Jenna and Kyle Ratz and boys, Debbie Pythian for working at the games and a few students from RCI that came to help as well. A huge thank you to my clean up crew, Debbie Pythian, Crystal Johnston, Debbie Johnston and their crew, Emma, Jay-Lynn, Kierra and Rayna, I couldn't have done it without you. I really hope we can continue the tradition and have another carnival next year,” says Megan Lelonde.



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# Central Assiniboine Watershed District host tour

By Duncan Morrison  
MB FORAGE ASSOCIATION

It started the day as just another grid road crossing, with fields on four corners. But, with fields wet and winds howling on a late August afternoon, it served perfectly as an intersection of information for a group of around 40 farmers, government, conservation and watershed district types gathered at the crossroads of two neighbouring farms: the Hamilton's and the Abernethy's, not too far from Glenboro, MB.

Siblings Liam and Andrea shared the Hamilton's Fair Valley Farm Venture practices and systems as their parents Cam and Shelley listened in among the group. Next up, Jim and son Matt Abernethy de-

tailed their farm and field experiences at Spruceholm Ranch.

The longtime friends and neighbours shared a great talk, explaining how the BMPs on their farms funded through Manitoba Association of Watershed's PWCP had helped their farming operations, now and - most hopefully - into the future.

Though, even as the Plan-B set-up for the Central Assiniboine Watershed District-hosted tour rolled on seamlessly despite the conditions of the day, there was something perhaps even more farm symbolic in the impromptu roadside gathering.

Grid roads separate their farm fields and grid roads connect their farms. Roads like these, and

countless other similar intersections and thruways across southern Manitoba, are the roads farmers pull over on to chat with their neighbours and community members as they pass each other by to look at fields, livestock, water levels and pests and catch up on farm talk of the day.

Roadside chats among farmers can and do cover a lot of ground. And, often include the exchange of incredibly valuable information. What worked, what didn't, what's funded and when, and by whom. And make no mistake, just like countless other neighbouring farms, the Hamilton's and Abernethy's are in step. Their on-farm efficiencies are bolstered by a constant give-and-take of knowledge and ideas. The

success and challenges of their nearby farms benefit from one another's expertise and experiences.

And maybe, just by chance on this windy, late summer prairie day, the tour appropriately showcased an incredible value of programming that funders might often overlook.

That is, while every program has a price tag, the interactions and knowledge transfers and exchanges generated via peer to peer, farmer to farmer communications are priceless.

And sometimes these exchanges take place on the roads to farm success.

# U.S.A. cattle on feed

By Shawn Cabak  
MANITOBA AGRICULTURE

USDA released its September 1st cattle on feed report and should be viewed as neutral as placements and marketings were in line with expectations. Cattle on feed inventories were reported at 11.2 million head, one percent larger than last year. Despite tighter cattle supplies, this is the fourth largest September 1st cattle on feed inventory since reporting started. Survey fed cattle marketings for the month of August were four percent below last year due in part to one less marketing day this year.

Feedlot placements historically increase from July to August and this year was no exception. US hay prices at their lowest point since the spring of 2021 are favourable for the cow-calf segment. Beef cow slaughter volumes continue to run below year ago levels. Will cheaper forage prices and profitability at the cow/calf level be enough to encourage heifer retention this fall, keeping heifers out of the feedlot mix?

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## Canadianfield crop estimates report

By Shawn Cabak  
MANITOBA AGRICULTURE

In 2024, Canadian farmers are projected to produce more wheat, oats and soybeans, but less canola, grain corn and barley, compared with 2023, according to recent yield model estimates using satellite imagery and agroclimatic data. Measurements of the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index produced using satellite data indicate that overall plant health in the Prairie provinces ranged from much lower than normal to higher than normal at the end of August.

Across parts of the Prairies, lower-than-average precipitation and prolonged high temperatures have resulted in a decline in crop conditions from the beginning of the season, although conditions were better in some areas compared with a year earlier. In Manitoba precipitation remains above average, and corn heat units are slightly higher than normal.

Wheat production is expected to increase as yields rise. Nationally, wheat production is projected to grow by 4.1 percent year over year to 34.3 million tonnes in 2024. The increase is expected to be led by higher yields, which are anticipated to rise by 5.7 percent to 48.4 bushels per acre. Harvested area is expected to decrease by 1.6 percent to 26.0 million acres.

Spring wheat production is expected to fall by 1.0 percent to 25.3 million tonnes. The anticipated increase in total wheat production is largely attributable to durum wheat. In Manitoba, wheat harvested area is expected to decline by 2.1 percent to 3.2 million acres, while yields are may decrease by 6.9 percent to 57.1 bushels per acre. Total wheat production is anticipated to fall by 8.8 percent year over year to 5.0 million tonnes.

Canola production anticipated to decrease. Nationally, canola production is projected to decrease by 1.1 percent to 19.0 million tonnes in 2024 driven



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A field full of golden canola.

by lower yields (0.8%) and harvested area (0.4%) to 21.8 million acres. In Manitoba, yields are expected to decrease by 7.4 percent to 41.0 bushels per

acre, while harvested area is anticipated to rise 5.7 percent to 3.3 million acres, resulting in a 2.2 percent decrease in production to 3.1 million tonnes.

Nationally, corn for grain production is projected to fall by 1.6 percent from one year earlier to 15.2 million tonnes in 2024. In Manitoba, production is expected to fall by 6.5 percent to 1.7 million tonnes because of lower anticipated harvested area, offsetting higher expected yields (+6.2% to 136.3 bushels per acre).

Soybean production in Canada is projected to increase by 3.1 percent year over year to 7.2 million tonnes in 2024. In Manitoba, production is projected to decrease by 8.7 percent to 1.4 million tonnes. Harvested area is expected to fall by 11.4 percent to 1.4 million acres. Yields are anticipated to increase by 3.0 percent to 37.3 bushels per acre.

Declining barley yields and harvested area is expected to cause barley

production to fall by 14.7 percent year over year to 7.6 million tonnes in 2024. Oat production is projected to rise by 14.2 percent to 3.0 million tonnes on

a 14.6 percent rise in acres, offsetting a 0.4 percent fall in yield to 83.6 bushels per acre.

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# Raise the stakes of family game night

**Submitted**  
By METRO CREATIVE

Getting the entire family together can take a little effort. There is no shortage of activities that pull family members apart most days of the week, from work obligations to sports practices to school events. The United Kingdom-based media provider Independent reported in 2023 on a study of 2,000 parents with children at home. The study found families are only spending six hours a week together, which is less than an hour each day. Furthermore, they only eat meals as a household four days out of seven.

Eking out more time for family may be as easy as scheduling activities that everyone can rally behind. Family game nights give everyone an excuse to gather at least once a week. These tips can make family game night a can't-miss activity.

Start with simple games and branch out. The first step to a successful family game night is choosing the right game to engage all participants. This can be challenging when there are young children, teenagers, middle-aged adults, and even seniors participating. Visit an independently owned toy and games store and pick the brain of the proprietor. He or she will likely have some suggestions to get you started. As participants become more comfortable, you can branch out with games.

Make it a recurring event. Set a firm day of the week for the game night. This way participants will block out that date and time and make every attempt to attend. Treat game night like any other important appointment.

Consider games with movement. Game night doesn't have to mean sitting around a board game, which young children who have trouble sitting still may characterize as a "bored" game. Games that get people moving, whether



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it's charades, drawing games or a game such as Twister® can be more engaging. Game night also can take activities to a golf driving range or an arcade.

Gather for the right reasons. Game night should focus on having the entire family together laughing and competing in a good-natured way. It should not be a strict competition where winning is the only goal. Avoid the potential for sore losers who can sour game nights in a flash by letting everyone know that fun is the foremost priority of the night.

Offer prizes. Encourage participation with the lure of prizes at the end. Prizes will not just go to the overall winner. There can be humorous awards, such as the player who messed up trivia questions the most, or the one who

rolled matching pairs of the dice most frequently. You can customize the winning categories depending on the game played so everyone gets a fighting chance at a prize. Keep awards simple, like candy bars or other appealing treats.

Identify a "game master." Every game night should feature a game master who presides over the rules of the game. The rules can be the ones strictly off of the information sheet, or the ones you customize for your own fun. The game master's job is to make sure the rules are enforced, but also to determine when it's alright to let things slide.

Family game nights are a vital way to bring everyone together at least once a week in a manner that is entertaining and fosters solid family relationships.

# Fall Care of the borders



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**Submitted**  
By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

Autumn is a lovely time of year. The air has a crispness to it and the colours are usually quite spectacular! Our chores in the garden change a little bit as freezing temperatures convince hardy plants, trees and shrubs to rest as winter approaches.

Most of us that live in places that have seasonal change have planned mixed borders. These are areas in the garden that are not devoted to just

annuals or perennials. They grace us with beauty for as long as possible during the growing season with a great variety of colours, textures and shapes. A mixed border contains trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, bulbs and even annuals. It is for sure the most attractive and best option for any garden with four seasons.

Perennials and annuals that are not late bloomers are finished for the year and those that have little winter aesthetic value can be cut back anytime. Remember that seed heads, grasses and other perennials can be quite attractive during those long winter months so if there is value in leaving them standing, they can easily be cut back in early spring. Another consideration is whether or not you wish to trap a little bit more snow in your border. Anything vertical will help to keep the snow on your beds providing much needed moisture for early next spring.

Roses are always one of those plants that might warrant some extra protection for the winter. Hardy shrub roses that are established don't really need any extra help but if you like to grow tea roses or other roses that are less hardy here, it is good to

prepare those for the upcoming winter. Those tender grafted roses need to be mulched over the crown with soil, mulch or other insulative material. A few inches of mulch can raise the temperature as much as 5 or 10 C. One word of caution if you have a rodent problem, mulch once the ground has frozen. In the spring, remove the mulch as early as possible once the snow melts and very low temperatures have ceased to be a threat.

One very important chore for any newly established woody ornamentals and perennials is to give them one last big drink so they go into winter surrounded by damp soil. Watering in anything tender or newly planted will keep that soil temperature more constant thus keeping them happier while they rest. Once this chore is done and we are unlikely to have any warmer days, it is a good time to drain those hoses and put them away for the winter!

Decorative clay pots, concrete ornaments and wooden furniture should be protected from the ravages of our long winter. Some items can easily be tucked into a corner and covered with tarps to protect them from the sun and keep off the snow and rain. For clay pots that tend to crack over the winter, I tuck them here and there in sheltered areas empty and upside down.

If you are expanding any planting areas, fall just happens to be the best time to get those areas prepared for spring planting. Remove any turf and those pesky perennial weeds and then amend the soil. The freeze, thaw cycles help to break down soils so come spring you are ready to plant!

Hopefully you have thought about adding some early spring colour to your garden. Before the ground freezes, set in your spring flowering bulbs allowing them time to root prior to winter. They need the cold temperatures to initiate the bloom that is always enjoyed after a long winter! Enjoy the last days of mild temperatures prior to the big freeze!



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### Thank-you

Clack Family Museum would like to thank the Rivers and Area Foundation for their generous \$3,000 grant. The grant was put towards the replacement of the unsafe sidewalks. Total cost of project was \$10,191. Walks were replaced with asphalt. The Foundation grant was greatly appreciated.

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## Obituary

### IN LOVING MEMORY WILLIAM "BILL" CONWAY DAVISON 1926 - 2024



William "Bill" Conway Davison passed away peacefully with family by his side on August 28, 2024 at the age of 98 in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Bill was born to George and Jean Davison on January 17, 1926 on a farm north of Souris, Manitoba, where he grew up with three brothers and a sister. Growing up in the "Dirty 30s" his family was poor but his memories from that time were filled with happiness and adventure, swimming in the dugout or driving a team of heavy horses pulling the farm equipment. The house was always filled with music as his mother, Jean (Curtis) Davison was an accomplished pianist and renowned music teacher in the area.

In 1946, after several years of farm work, Bill started his teaching career in a one-room school in Montgomery at the age of 20. The following year he did his teacher training at Normal School in Gretna where he met and fell in love with his beloved future wife, Frances Madill. They were married in 1950. Bill taught at many schools in southern Manitoba (Gretna, Stockton, Glenboro, Bethany, McConnell) and was principal at Crandall and Elkhorn.

In 1967, Bill and the family moved to Hamiota where he became the superintendent of the Birdtail River School Division, a position he held for 18 years. During that time, he was involved in the building or expansion of schools in Hamiota, Birtle and Strathclair. It was in Hamiota that he undertook the first of many house renovation projects and it was here that he and Fran finished raising their five children.

His sense of community and his love of rural Manitoba inspired him to buy a half section of land north of Kenton and he moved there in 1977. Bill loved his farm and he was a strong advocate for rural life and agriculture in Manitoba. For him to support a political ideal, he needed to see clear advantages for rural Manitoba. He supported the early creation of the Reform Movement in Western Canada and in 1988 he ran provincially as a Liberal. Bill understood the importance of a grain port in Western Canada and, as a longstanding member of the Board of Directors for the Hudson Bay Route Association, worked to improve rail access to Churchill. Locally he was also a member of the Lion's Club in Kenton.

In 2009 Bill sold the farm and moved to Brandon where he and Fran spent many years together living in their house on Lorne Avenue. They then moved into supportive living in River Heights Terrace in Brandon and from there Bill moved to Lilac Residence in Hamiota. He spent his last six years in Medicine Hat. Bill had a generous nature and was a philosopher, poet, prolific writer, and singer of songs. His family will remember him for his 'Bill-isms' and unfailing sense of humour and wit. He lived his last years full of gratitude for his family and for his abundant life.

Bill was predeceased by his wife, Frances, and his parents George and Jean, his sister Lois (Art) Tully, and brothers Jack (Hazel), George (Verlie) and Gerald (Judy). Bill is lovingly remembered by his children Dale (Anne), Chris (Kathryn), Ryan (Jody), Kim (Iris+), Mischa (Mark); grandchildren Dylan (Julia), Micah (Jen), Robin (Helena), Hannah (Peter), Morgan (Jenny) Rebecca (Dan), Seth, Robert (Ky), Paige (Scott), Evan (Diana), Trent (Erin), Diana (Stewart), Sula Jane (Stuart), Jonah (Brooke), Emma (Shanna); and great-grandchildren, Liene, Ezra, Deklan, Caleb, Roanna, Arianah, Jude, Orla, Sophia, Ben, Nora, Henrik, Lewis, Jackson, Iona, Inns, Romy and Sullivan.

A memorial celebration of Bill's life will be held at Kenton Community Hall at 2:00 p.m. on October 5, 2024. For those so desiring, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Kenton Legion Playground Project, payable to Kenton Community Enterprises, Kenton, MB, R0M 0Z0.

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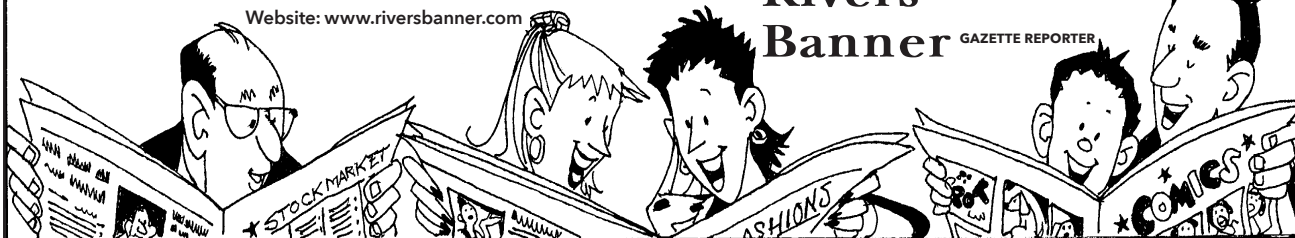
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**Submitted**  
By D MEDIA RCMP

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The investigation led to the execution of a search warrant at this property where officers recovered the stolen side-by-side with trailer.

Information obtained from this address led officers to another home located on Keeseekoowenin First Nation where stolen property was observed outside. A search of the property led to the additional recovery of four golf carts, two snowmobiles, two off-road vehicles, one trailer and six firearms.

A 25-year-old male, from Keeseekoowenin First Nation, was arrested at the second scene and later released for a court appearance scheduled for December 17, 2024, in Minnedosa Provincial Court.

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## RYDER'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Jessica Coulter  
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2024 Ryder's Cup Golf Tournament.

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On Saturday, September 21, the Riverdale Golf Course hosted the Ryder's Cup Golf Tournament. Thirty-three golfers showed up for the nice end of summer tournament. It was a four-man best ball game.

Team Python was Scott Phythian, Dustin Neitch, Justin Gerrard, Josh Tait, Jherrod Cumming, Josh Burdette, Sawatzky, Ryan MacKenzie, Brett Mann, and Herm. Sweaty Ballz team was made up of Scott Peters, Riley Shamray, Brady Paddock, Lance Anderson, Ed Mackay, Casey Mommer, Al Pitzel, Ryan Dreweski, Andy Gerrand, and Douglas.

Lance Anderson and Brady Paddock won the two-man alternate shot horse race after the Ryder Cup Golf Tournament.

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## Riverdale Municipality Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2024

### Submitted

RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY

The regular council meeting for Riverdale Municipality was called to order by Mayor Heather Lamb at 6:00 p.m. with most council members in attendance, except Councillor Christa Veitch. The Chief Administrative Officer, Marci Quane, recorded the minutes.

### Key Resolutions and Approvals:

1. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes:

The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the September 3, 2024, meeting were approved.

2. Communications:

The council received and filed a certificate of approval from the Province of Manitoba for subdivision 4443-23-8537.

3. Monthly Reports:

Public Works & Utilities: Discussed sidewalk replacements.

Police: Addressed a Brandon Sun article and a letter to the Minister.

o Finance: Approved general cheques totaling \$230,079.39 and reviewed the August vendor list.

4. Unfinished Business:

2025 Caterpillar Purchase: Council approved reserving a 2025 Caterpillar motor grader, pending the 2025 Financial Plan approval.

5. New Business: Rivers Train Station Restoration: A request for heritage designation was reviewed.

AMM Fall Convention: Council approved attendance for the AMM Fall Convention in November 2024.

Brush Cutting: Council approved renting a brush-cutting unit and authorized the CAO to enter an agreement.

Municipal Truck Repairs: Discussed, but no resolution provided.

6. Bylaws:

Council passed the second reading of Bylaw 2023-13, amending the Riverdale Zoning Bylaw concerning Daly Beach Road.

### Councillors' Remarks:

•Councillor Peters: Reported on the Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

•Councillor Mason: Reported on the Chamber's BBQ and inquired about bulk water station plans.

•Councillor Smith: Commented on new road signs and municipal mower work.

•Councillor Pod: Stressed the importance of communication and suggested marketing the RCC ice for sponsorship.

### Mayor's Remarks:

•Mayor Lamb noted a missing speed limit sign and shared a suggestion from a citizen to reduce Rivers' speed limit to 40 km/h.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



### R.M. of Oakview BOARD OF REVISION 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2025 Assessment Roll** for the Rural Municipality of Oakview has been delivered to the Oakview municipal office at 10 Cochrane Street, Oak River, MB and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for Revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of the Assessment Act.

### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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The Board of Revision will sit on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Rural Municipality of Oakview in Oak River to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Monday, October 28th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m..

Dated at the RM of Oakview, in the Province of Manitoba, this 17th day of September, 2024.

Mark Humphries,  
Board of Revision Secretary  
Rural Municipality of Oakview  
Box 179, OAK RIVER, MB R0K 1T0



# Always running as a family

Submitted  
By BILL KROEGER

The Terry Fox Run completed Sunday, September 15, 2024. The Kroeger family completed a ten kilometre run again this year. All of them completed the event in under an hour. Daughter Kelsey (Fisher) running and pushing her daughter two-year-old Kendall in her stroller at the same time. Liam and Anna Wood riding their bikes and also daughter Ashley (Wood), and Bill running the ten-kilometre distance, which is comparable to running from Chimo beach turn off, all the way to Highway #270 turn off. They ran four laps around the outskirts of Rivers as it was the safer route to take. It was a beautiful day for it and the Kroeger's little group raised \$385.00 towards Cancer Research which they believe to be a VERY GOOD cause. If you missed out on donating to the event, the elementary schools in their respective areas, usually also go out and take part in the event, a bit later in September.

"It's something our family thinks is VERY Important. We've been doing



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the Run as a family the last few years. Daughter Kelsey drives all the way out from Glenboro to join us with her little 2-year-old Kendall and I've been running it every year for the last 33 yrs, maybe longer," says Bill Kroeger, "I have to try and keep up to both daughters now."



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50 + Club Tile Rummy 1pm

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