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Future Junior members of the Prairie Crocus Library test out the new armchairs in the children's section. The chairs were purchased with a grant from the Rivers & Area Community Foundation and donated funds from the Rivers Curling Club. A modern and colorful addition to the area. From left to right are Miller, Whitley and Lawson Lamb.

Inside...



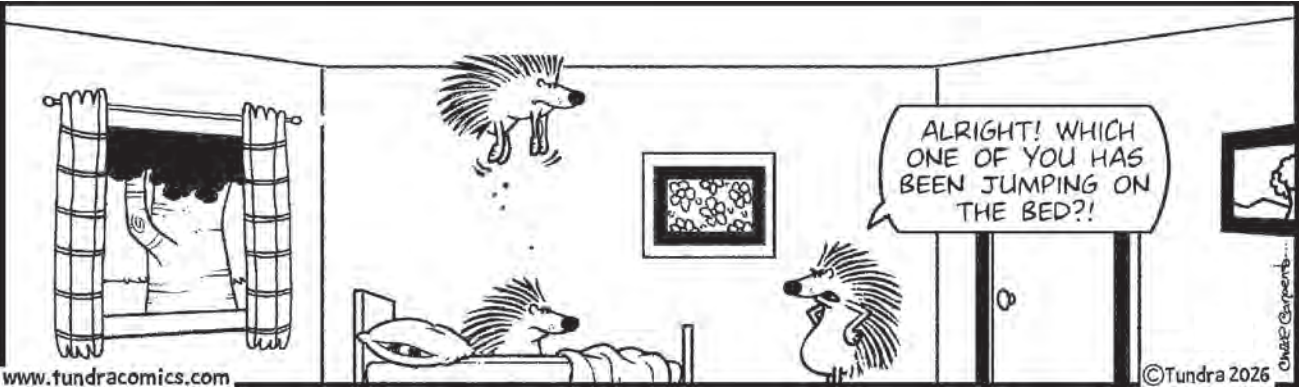
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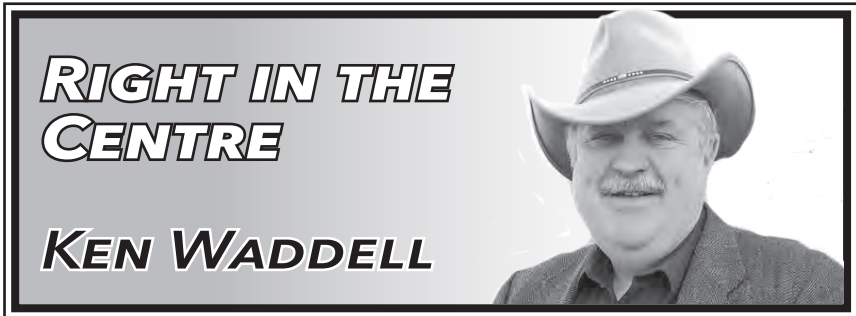
By Chad Carpenter



Be aware-history may be erased

According to an article in Forbes magazine published on August 17, 2026 there is a big move afoot by big tech companies. The Forbes magazine article claims that big tech companies are buying up rare book currently and by the hundreds. They reportedly take the purchased rare books to a warehouse, cut the spines off the books, then run the pages through a document feeder and scanner. That gives them an electronic copy of the book. That in itself is disturbing because the purchased books are allegedly being destroyed and shredded. That gives the big tech companies exclusive access to that rare or irreplaceable information. There is then the very real possibility that these tech companies could take that electronic copy and edit it to say what they want a book to say or what some people want it to say. That's an extra level of evil and I find quite despicable.

I'm reminded of all the local newspapers scattered across Canada and almost all of them have archives and that includes the Rivers Banner, The Neepawa Banner & Press and the Virden Empire- Advance. These three papers are owned by the Waddell family. Tucked away in a safe room, hopefully community papers have access to those archives. This illustrates a point that I've been making for a few years now about the importance of print. I've always maintained that print is the most dependable medium. Audio can be modified, video certainly can be modified, on-line presentations can certainly be modified. That said, I've maintained that print copies that are saved and archived



“They used to say, “Get it in writing”. It may be more to the point in the future to say, “Keep it in writing?” and I don’t mean a chopped up, re-configured version. ”

are permanent and that is true to a point but if print documents can be scanned converted to an electronic format they can also be changed so people who want to ignore history can simply re-write it by changing a document electronically. For example, if a document like a local newspaper were to get into the hands of these big tech changers it's quite possible the history of a community could be re-written unless of course it has been kept somewhere else in a print form. It's easy to understand why the tech companies would want to do this. By his process, they would have exclusive access to be the only channel of access to history, to literature and to any facts that pertain to a particular community or event. I doubt that anybody will be able to pass laws strong enough to overcome the processing drive and energy of

big tech companies. They do already in many ways control every aspect of our lives. When they have access to media, access to local government, provincial or federal governments we will be totally dependent on big tech to provide us with their “version” of history or programs or facts.

They used to say, “Get it in writing”. It may be more to the point in the future to say, “Keep it in writing?” and I don’t mean a chopped up, re-configured version that’s according to ‘Big Tech’s’ will and profit. Books, newspaper records and documents belong in archives and libraries, not a shredder bin at a recycling centre.

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 staff.



Day trip discoveries

I say it with reluctance, but summer is over. It has been a time of rest, learning, family time and time for solitude. A splendid combination.

In early summer a girls road trip took us to thrift shops in southwest Manitoba. Our guide had us stop at a small country church as well; St Mary's St Alban's Church near Kaleida, built in 1892. The granite field-stone church has a simple toggle lock on the front door. The faith family meets in the building in the summer months, sharing worship time in homes in winter. The Anglican Community found that a fully locked door invited break-ins and theft. We were invited to spend time and relock the door as we left. At the front was a tribute to a young man, George Alexander Harris, who had come from Britain, studied at the U of M, became a priest, served the area and then signed up, served and sacrificed in the Second World War. While serving as a chaplain to a parachute battalion his plane was shot down and his parachute entangled with another's. His calm words during the free fall gave the young soldier the sense to assume the safe landing position. Harris took the brunt of the landing force, the companion testified to Chaplain Harris' guidance. Outside was a meticulously maintained cemetery and an open bell tower that invited one to fill the air with the sound of music.

Last week, my sister and I explored a small part of the Interlake region. There we found Saint Cyril and St Methodius - built by and for a Polish settlement of some seventeen families. The first structure was destroyed by fire. They rebuilt and that one was struck by lightning and burned. The current one stands well maintained and carefully locked. A three window church; a place of reverence and devotion. This open bell tower also invited one to give the rope a hearty tug!

The third church we visited was right by Camp Morton, St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church. Set just off the main road, surrounded by trees and blessed with a shrine, it welcomes regulars and guests all year round. Modern times- the memo on the door invites one to turn off their cell phones cause that's not how God contacts them! The stained glass windows are simplistic and holy. Here, too, is a bell tower. This one is tourist proof!

Three little churches. One used in summer and on occasion. One fully retired and still revered. One in regular use. Each one of them lovingly built on gifted land with gifted labor. Whenever folks settled they wanted a school and a church. At times one building could serve both purposes. Was it that after having endured the hardship of immigration, the loneliness and isolation of a new land and the back breaking work of settling that one needed a place of corporate worship? What has changed? Loneliness certainly hasn't, nor has hard work for safety and sustenance. If a new community is built today - what would the first community building be? A recreation centre? A restaurant? A casino? Times certainly change. Values change. Maybe it's time to refocus...

Hamiota's Tim Webber completes IRONMAN France

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

Tim Webber has completed the Ironman competition in Nice, France, in his age category. In his Facebook post he says the results were a bit disappointing, however his friends and family are in awe of his accomplishment.

The pinnacle of the IRONMAN 70.3 triathlon season, the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship is the ultimate race goal for many middle distance triathletes.

Tim says, "Firstly it was a very hard course, harder than I have ever done. With the intense climb and the fast technical descent. Something us flat landers never get to practice. Numerous (bicycle) crashes on descent, after I saw the second one I decided finishing without a broken bone was my goal."

He described his experience:

"My day started with a decent swim in beautiful blue Mediterranean water. (It seems he had trouble on the first descent with his derailleur.) Which means no low gears for the hills to come. Five minutes wasted trying to fix it myself, then 10 more minutes with a tech at bottom of the 9 km climb, to no avail.

"I either DNF or struggle on. Came this far so upward it was. Sometimes standing but most of the time at very low cadence and high power. It literally cooked my legs.

"Then the dreaded run in 28-degree heat and sun with no breeze on tired legs and a knee that had not been solidly tested in two months. It managed 6 km before it decided it was not healed and wanted to ache. I did salvage a 1 km run in."

Tim said that although he was a little disappointed



Tim Webber with other IRONMAN athletes in Nice, France, Tim Webber is far right.

PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

in the result he was happy to finish and added, "Time for some wine and tour this great area. Thanks to all who followed and checked in."

He finished 91st out of 126 contestants in the age category Men 65- 69.

About

According to the website for the IRONMAN 70.3, this race begins with a 3.8K swim in the azure waters of the Mediterranean.

The bike course is one of the most spectacular and challenging in all of IRONMAN, as athletes

travel through the hinterland of Nice and through the beautiful villages of the Parc Naturel des Pr Alpes d'Azur.

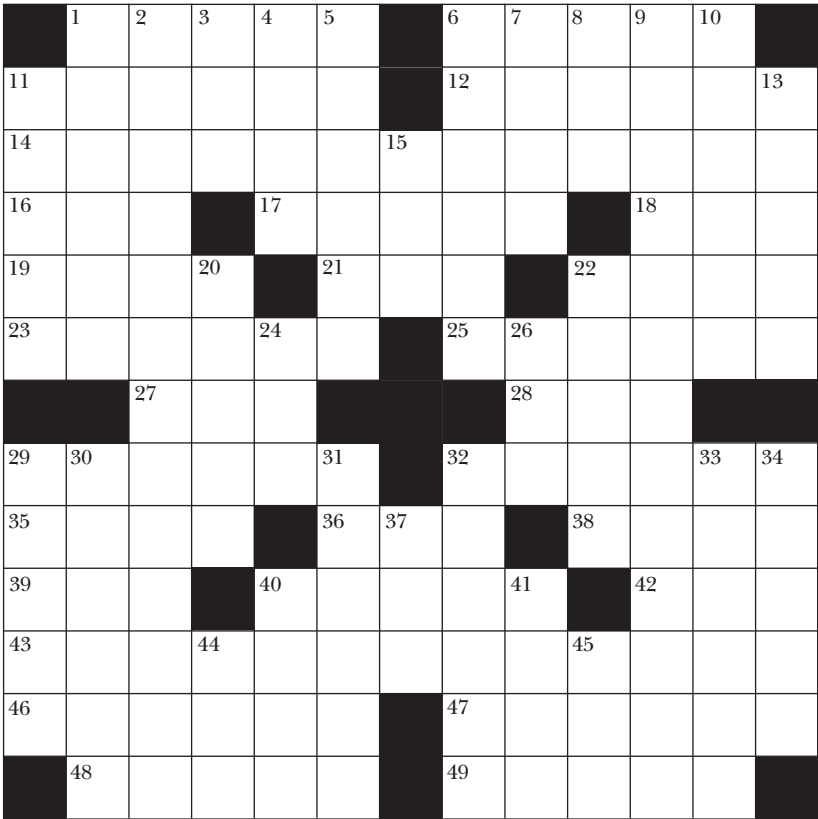
The final stretch is a flat race along the legendary Promenade des Anglais.

Locally created crossword

1. Disillusioned, cynical due to much something ____ (idiom)
6. Dumb as ____ (idiom)
11. Sell door to door
12. Diaper in Britain
14. Detectives
16. 22-1/2* on a compass
17. Nestle's bubbly bars
18. Kit ____ - Nestle's bar
19. Care for, look after
21. Automobile
22. Give up land
23. Creative painter or sculptor
25. Degrades
27. Utilize
28. Pixie
29. Stored car in garage
32. She lost her sheep
35. Decorates a cake
36. Atmosphere, gas
38. Miriam Toews novel "____ Voth" (Manitoba author)
39. Space aliens briefly
40. Marvel Comics artist of the Punisher - Garth
42. Take a chair
43. Organizing events to work together (plural)
46. Short tailed weasel
47. Comic Dangerfield
48. Leaf covering a bud
49. Muscle tic

Down

1. Decathlete Bruce now known as Caitlyn
2. Inclined to take risks
3. Initials of U.S.A.'s 34th president
4. Lion in "Born Free"
5. Sense
6. Long haired cat or goat



Answers on page 7

Created by David Harris of Oak River, MB

7. Easter egg dye maker
8. Choose, select
9. Individuals designated to speak for a group
10. Long angry speech
11. One of Columbus's ships
13. Portrayer of Jamie Reagan (Blue Bloods)
15. George Gershwin's brother
20. Breaks up the soil
22. Open spaces in town
24. Observe
26. Short profile of someone (briefly)
29. Part of
30. Stage performers
31. 27th Book of the Bible
32. Prickly shrubs
33. Best selling rap singer
34. Fall guy
37. Hotel
40. "Mode" of The Incredibles
41. Halt, cease
44. Tear
45. Actress Lupino

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3rd Annual Rivers & District Chamber of Commerce Thank You BBQ

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

The warmth of community spirit shone brightly on a chilly, windy day as the Rivers & District Chamber of Commerce held its much-anticipated 3rd Annual Thank You BBQ on Saturday, September 12. This event, hosted in the Rivers Legion Parking Lot, has become a cherished tradition that celebrates the unwavering support of the local community.

Despite the brisk weather, families gathered with smiles and laughter, united by a shared appreciation for the connections within our town. From the moment attendees arrived, they were greeted by the mouthwatering aroma of hot dogs sizzling fresh off the BBQ, expertly prepared by dedicated volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce. The scent wafted through the air, drawing in passersby and enticing them to partake in the festivities. Alongside the hot dogs, event-goers enjoyed chips and refreshing drinks, making for a perfect combination that satisfied hunger and warmed hearts.

Not only was this BBQ a culinary delight, but it also played an important role in giving back to the community. Donations collected during the event were specifically earmarked for the Riverdale Early Learning Centre, a local organization dedicated to nurturing our youngest residents. The Chamber understands the significance of fostering a supportive environment for families and children, and every contribution made at the BBQ was aimed at enhancing educational opportunities and resources for these kids.

The day was made even more special with the inclusion of free pony rides, provided by the ever-popular Lucky Break Ranch & Tack. Children squealed with joy as they lined up for their turn on the gentle ponies, creating cherished memories that would be talked about long after the event. This addition showcased the Chamber's commitment to not only serving the community through food and fundraising but also providing engaging experiences for families.

The event wouldn't have been possible without the



PHOTO BY CAROLYN PHILLIPS

Mouthwatering hotdogs were served to all that joined on Saturday, September 12 at the Legion Parking Lot.

tireless efforts of many volunteers. Chamber members came together, setting up tables and chairs, arranging the food area, and, of course, cooking the hot dogs to perfection. Their contributions exemplified the true essence of community—people coming together to create something meaningful for everyone. The camaraderie among volunteers and attendees alike fostered an atmosphere of friendship and gratitude, making the chilly day feel decidedly warmer.

As the BBQ came to a close, it was clear that the event was more than just a meal; it was a heartfelt expression of appreciation for the community's ongoing support. Attendees left not only with full stomachs but also with a renewed sense of connection and purpose. The Rivers & District Chamber of Commerce will continue to champion local initiatives, bringing people together to celebrate and support one another.

Looking ahead, we encourage everyone to stay engaged with the Chamber's upcoming

ing events and initiatives. Together, we can continue to strengthen our community bonds, ensuring that Rivers and its surrounding areas remain vibrant and supportive for years to come. A huge thank you to all who attended and contributed to this year's BBQ—here's to many more successful gatherings in the future!

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Halloween



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Before pumpkins, the Irish carved jack-o'-lanterns from turnips and potatoes.

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

Halloween is right around the corner. Have you ever wondered where Halloween originated? Well, here is a little information you may not have known.

Halloween originated over 2000 years ago as the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain in Ireland. The ancient Celtic roots began as the Celts celebrated their New Year on November 1, marking the end of the harvest and the start of the dark cold winter.

They also believed the boundary between the living and the dead blurred on the night of October 31. The people lit huge bonfires and wore costumes to trick or ward off roaming spirits.

The Christian influence on all "Hallows Day" began in the eighth century. The Church designated November 1 as

All Saints Day to honour the saints.

The night before October 31 became known as "All Hallows Eve" which was eventually shortened to Halloween. Over centuries, pagan harvest festivals and Christians Holy Days merged into a single seasonal observance. As the evolution of North America began to grow with Irish immigration fleeing from famine in the mid-nineteenth century, Irish immigrants brought Halloween costumes to the United States.

Jack-O-Lanterns which had carved scary faces into turnips and potatoes shifted to native American pumpkins. By the Twentieth century, trick or treating and community celebrations made it a major secular holiday.

The history of trick or treating comes from a mix of ancient Irish, Scottish and English trad-

itions. In old Scotland and Ireland, children dressed up in costumes and went door-to-door. They performed songs or tricks in exchange for food, coins or fruit.

In the early 1900s, Halloween in America was mostly about mischief and pranks. In the 1930s towns brought back the treat idea to stop vandalism.

The actual term "trick or treat" first appeared in print in western Canada and the United States in the late 1920s.

There you have it, the origin of Halloween.

Monster Mash

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

Keeping with the Halloween theme, my favourite song is the Monster Mash which was written by Bobby Pickett and Lenny Capizzi. Bobby Pickett did an impression of actor Boris Karloff while singing a live song which inspired him and Capizzi to write a spooky novelty tune parodying the popular "Mash Potato" dance craze of the era. They recorded the song with a band called the Crypt-Kickers. Here are the words of the lyrics. It may be a good idea to look it up on YouTube.

I was working in the lab late one night
When my eyes beheld an eerie sight
For my monster from his slab began to rise
And suddenly to my surprise

Chorus
He did the mash, he did the monster mash
He did the mash, It was a graveyard surprise
He did the mash, It caught on in a flash
He did the mash, He did the monster mash

Second verse
{Wa-oooh} From the laboratory in the castle east
{Wa-oooh} To the master bedroom where the vampire feast
{Wa-oooh} The ghouls all came from their humble abode
{Wa-oooh} To get a jolt from my electrodes

Chorus
Third verse
{Wa-oooh, tennis shoe} The Zombies were having fun
{Wa-oooh, tennis shoe} The party had just begun
{Wa-oooh, tennis shoe} The guests include Wolfman
{Wa-oooh} Dracula, and his son



Chorus
Fourth verse
{Wa-oooh} The scene was rocking, all were digging the sounds
{Wa-oooh} Igor on chains, backed by his bay-ing hounds
{Wa-oooh} The coffin-bangers were about to arrive
{Wa-oooh} With their vocal group, the Crypt-Kickers five

Chorus
{Wa-oooh} Out from his coffin, Drac's voice did ring
{Wa-oooh} Seems he was troubled by just one thing
{Wa-oooh} He opened the lid and shook his fist and said
{Wa-oooh} "Whatever happened to my Transylvania Twist"

Chorus
{Wa-oooh} Now everything's cool, Drac's a part of the band
{Wa-oooh} And my monster mash is the hit of the land
{Wa-oooh} For you, the living, this mash was meant for to
{Wa-oooh} When you get to the door, tell them Boris sent you

Chorus
And there you have it, the monster mash!



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

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW BY-LAW NO. 2026-15 being an AMENDMENT to the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW ZONING BY-LAW NO. 2019-3, as amended.

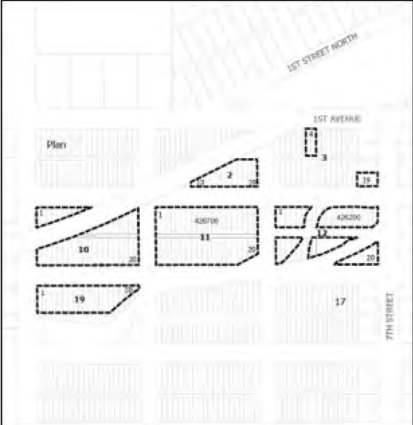
HEARING LOCATION: Rural Municipality of Oakview Council Chambers located at 435 3rd Avenue, Rapid City

DATE & TIME: September 28, 2026, 6:05 pm (1805h)

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW NO. 2026-15: Text and table amendments as listed in attached Schedule A. Map 2: Rapid City to be hereby amended per the listing and maps in attached Schedule B

AREA AFFECTED: Part 2, 3, 5, 6
Table 3.2 – Use & Site Requirements: "AG" Agricultural General Zone
Map 2- Rolls #427230, 427200, 427250, and Rolls #426700, 426200 as shown in Schedule B1
Map 2 - Roll #432200 as shown in Schedule B2

Schedule B1



Schedule B2



A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the Mid-West Planning District or Rural Municipality of Oakview offices during normal business hours. Copies may be made, and extracts taken there from, upon request.

Representations may be made verbally or in writing at the public hearing.

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2027 ASSESSMENT
ROLL



Public Notice is hereby given that the 2027 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

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- (a) liability to taxation;
- (b) amount of an assessed value;
- (c) classification of property;
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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday, October 26th, 2026 at 6:05 p.m.** in the council chambers of the Rural Municipality of Oakview in Rapid City to hear applications. The final date on which **applications must be received** by the Secretary of the Board is **Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

Dated at the RM of Oakview, in the Province of Manitoba, this 3rd day of September 2026.

Mark Humphries,
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The quiet truth about that first morning

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There's a moment on the first day of school that no one really talks about. It's not the photo on the front step, or the rush to find the backpack that somehow vanished overnight. It's the moment after, when the door closes, the house goes still, and you're left standing in the quiet with a knot in your stomach you didn't expect.

We tell ourselves the first day of school is about the kids. Their excitement, their nerves, their new shoes, their fresh pencils. But the truth is, it's just as emotional for parents, sometimes more. Because while they're stepping into something new, we're letting go of something familiar.

For weeks, we brace for this day. We buy the supplies, label the folders, wash the lunch containers, and

try to convince ourselves we're ready. But readiness is a myth. You can prepare the backpack, but you can't prepare your heart.

There's a strange mix of pride and ache that hits you all at once. You watch them walk toward the school doors, too big for your arms, too small for the world, and you feel that tug. The one that says, they're growing again. Faster than I planned. You smile, you wave, you cheer them on, but inside you're sorting through a hundred tiny losses and gains.

And then there's the guilt. Because alongside the ache, there's relief. Real, honest relief. The kind that comes from knowing the routine is back, the house will be quieter, and maybe, just maybe, you'll have a moment to breathe. Maybe,

the kids will stop fighting for five minutes. Parents aren't supposed to admit that part, but it's real. The first day of school is emotional whiplash: missing them and needing the break, wanting time to slow down and wanting structure to return.

It's raw because it's a reminder of how quickly childhood moves. One grade to the next, one teacher to another, one more year of letting them go a little further. You pack their lunch, zip their backpack, and realize you're packing away another season of their life too.

But there's beauty in the mess of it. The first day of school isn't just a milestone for kids, it's a checkpoint for parents. A moment to acknowledge the work, the worry, the love, and the constant adjusting that comes with raising a human being in a world that never stops shifting.

So, if you felt emotional that first morning, if you cried in the car, sat in the quiet too long, or felt both relief and sadness tangled together, you're not alone. This day is big. It's tender. It's complicated. And it's okay to feel all of it.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE

Ingredients

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 large egg

Directions

1. Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Mix peanut butter, sugar, and egg together in a bowl using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.
3. Roll dough into 1-inch balls and place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.
4. Flatten each with a fork, making a criss-cross pattern. Bake in the preheated oven until edges are firm, about 10 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet briefly before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Enjoy!





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RIVERDALE municipality

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50 + Club
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FOOD BANK

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9:30 - 11:30am

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Prairie Crocus Library
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