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Celebrating Todd Gill's remarkable retirement journey

By Carolyn Phillips
 RIVERS BANNER

After over three decades of dedicated service to the plumbing and heating industry, Todd Gill has officially retired, marking the end of an era for Gill's Plumbing & Heating (GPH). Todd's journey began in 1987 when he started his plumbing apprenticeship in Brandon, a venture that would pave the way for his successful career as a tradesman and business owner.

Todd's early years included hands-on training with various contractors in both Brandon and Winnipeg, during which he worked diligently to hone his skills. By 1993, he completed his apprenticeship and obtained his Journeyman Certification. This pivotal achievement coincided with Todd's ambition to start his own venture. He enrolled in a Small Business Course, equipping himself with the necessary knowledge and expertise to launch GPH.

Starting out of his residential garage, Todd's commitment to excellence quickly became evident. His focus on providing quality plumbing and heating services allowed him to gradually grow the business. Initially hiring tradesmen on a part-time basis, Todd's entrepreneurial spirit led him to purchase the Brickwood Plumbing & Heating shop in 1998, located at 430 2nd Avenue. This move allowed him to expand his team to full-time staff, enabling GPH to take on a wider array of projects—from residential service calls to large-scale commercial undertakings.

In 2008, Todd took another significant leap forward by relocating GPH to a newly constructed facility at 241 1st Avenue, where the company continues to thrive today. With a dedicated team of eight full-time employees, GPH stands as a testament to Todd's vision and leadership. Highlighting the importance of fostering local talent, Todd takes pride in his long-term employees, many of whom are local tradesmen. This commitment to the community has contributed to the company's reputation for reliability and quality service.

Todd's legacy extends beyond his business. He has significantly impacted his community, serving on various boards, including an impressive tenure as a Town of Rivers Councillor and then as Mayor of Riverdale Municipality. His dedication to public service was recognized in 2012 when he received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Governor General of Canada. After retiring from municipal service in 2022, Todd has embraced the next chapter of his life—retirement.

As of August 1st, 2024, Todd has officially passed the torch to his son, Tyler, and daughter-in-law, Laura, who have taken ownership of GPH. Tyler, who began his jour-



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Todd Gill retires from Gill's Plumbing & Heating, leaving the reins to his son Tyler and daughter-in-law Laura.

ney in plumbing via the student apprenticeship program at Rivers Collegiate Institute, holds a Red Seal status and has been managing the operations for the past two years. Meanwhile, Laura has taken charge of bookkeeping, ensuring a seamless transition of the family business.

In reflecting on his career, Todd expresses heartfelt gratitude to his staff, community, and the construction industry for their unwavering support throughout the years. As he steps into retirement, Todd looks forward to spending quality time with his wife, Rachel, embarking on new adventures, and enjoying the pursuits they both cherish.

Todd Gill's retirement is not just a farewell to a lifetime of hard work; it is also a celebration of community, family, and the impact one individual can have on the lives of many. His legacy will undoubtedly continue through the ongoing operations of Gill's Plumbing & Heating.

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Teamwork and grants bring new playground to Kenton



Young enthusiasts help to distribute the gravel into the play structure base.

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

The thriving village of Kenton has more services and businesses than you'd expect to see within such a small centre, but one thing Kenton lacked was a playground with good equipment. Now, Kenton Community Playground has become a reality since a team of volunteers recently installed new equipment. Excitement ran high as, along with the adults, a crew of youngsters helped shovel the pea gravel around the play structure base.

Kenton Community Park is on the grounds of the Royal Canadian Legion #118. Here, on the colourful bandstand stage created seven years ago, a number of performers take the stage during the summer months. Adults and kids fill the park to enjoy the entertainment. The large park was the logical location for a kids' play structure.

The Legion has been on-board from the start. "Blair Fordyce at the Legion has been

the go-to guy," says Kenton resident Nicole Wilson, adding "The legion plays a big part in [helping] the small organizations of our community."

The playground creation was a big undertaking with a cost of more than \$90,000 but Kenton Community Enterprise (KCE) stepped up to start the process. They applied for grants and promoted the project, securing the financing needed to create this space that's a magnet for children.

Wilson is a member of KCE and says, "Kenton Community Enterprise is the organization in this town that keeps everything running."

The group secured a Co-op Community Spaces grant and with contributions from the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, as well as many community members, the Woodworth Legion Branch #118 has been able to create a space for all to enjoy.

Most of the playground equipment is paid for. "We have a bit more to go for signage," says Wilson. Recently, Valleyview Co-op's Fuel Good

day added more to the playground fund.

Like some other villages in Westman, Kenton has enjoyed a renaissance of sorts. New homes have been built among other well-kept properties. The village is a business hub where Valleyview Co-op grocery, farm supply & fuel, Fusion Credit Union, Redfern Farm Services, Farmers Edge, Guild Insurance, Whyte's Lumber, Woodworth Dodge and Brierwood Creek Café & Grill all provide service and employment opportunities.

Seniors Services and a library service share space in the municipal LUD office, attached to the Fire Hall.

Surrounded by agriculture, Kenton's advantageous location at the crossroads of Hwy 21 and PR 259, is central with Virden, Rivers and Hamiota around 20 minutes distant and Brandon just a 50-minute drive.

Families wanting small community living have made this idyllic town on Brierwood Creek their home. While Kenton no longer boasts a school, there's a Villages United Early Learning Centre with 16 child-care spots. For school-aged kids the municipality of Wallace-Woodworth constructed a bus stop shelter in the middle of town where K-Gr.12 students are picked up for school at Hamiota.

Royal Canadian Legion #118 clubroom and Kenton Memorial Hall are located within one building. To improve service to the community, KCE recently finalized funding and plans to upgrade the hall's kitchen. Work is expected to begin this winter.

Within the adjacent park, a special space for kids is up and running thanks to the vision of community members and businesses, the Legion and the efforts of KCE.



Volunteers installed Kenton Playground: (L-R) Lawrence Daniel, Blair Fordyce, Ron Corney, Vaughn Wilson, Ken Daniel, & Don Carter. Others (not pictured) who helped include Phil Corney, Danny and Craig Whyte, Brett Hemrica, Kent Coulter, Adam Fordyce, Patrick Routledge, and Frances Wilson.

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What defines us, Part II



As they returned to Jerusalem after 70 years in exile, the ancient Israelites were greeted by a pile of rocks. That was all that was left of Solomon's temple. It had been destroyed when the Babylonians conquered what was left of David's kingdom.

The Babylonians had set fire to everything in Jerusalem that would burn, leaving behind piles of ashes and stone walls stained with soot. Some walls were left standing. But Solomon's temple was completely dismantled. Piles of soot covered rocks were all that remained of its once glorious, beautifully quarried walls.

But this was a new day. A new generation had come out of exile. In their hands they held a decree, signed and sealed by King Cyrus of Persia, giving them permission to rebuild their temple, their religion, their city, their homes, their farms, their businesses and their lives; and honor a special request to pray to their God for the king's health.

But to rebuild, they needed materials. And the only materials they had were the piles of rocks, now weathered and eroded after 70 years of being battered by wind-blown desert sand. It wasn't much, but it was enough; as they would quickly discover.

They got out their tools and began to build. Little by little, they built the foundation, the walls, the roof and finally the inner rooms, furnished with items that had been taken to Babylon, kept there, and were being returned to their rightful place in a rebuilt temple.

As they prepared to offer their first sacrifices, the ancient Israelites were overwhelmed by guilt and shame. God had brought them home from exile; and this was how they had thanked him; by building something of which none of them could be proud and setting it apart as a house of worship, dedicated to their God.

But their shame would not last forever. God's message to them contained praise and a promise. Praise because they had obeyed his call, given through King Cyrus, to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple; and a promise that the glory of this temple, plain though it appeared, would be greater than that of Solomon's temple.

What made the difference? True, the building had cracks in the walls, saw marks and slivers on the wooden beams. But when God's glory descended on that place, the beams from that ball of light, hovering over the "mercy seat," (the lid on the ark of the covenant); would shine through the cracks and create a beauty and brilliance that nothing could match. This new temple would be beautiful because God was in it.

There are two things for which we will be remembered after we die. The first is what we became—how we allowed life's experiences to change our lives, so that our thoughts, words and actions would glorify God instead of exalting ourselves.

The second thing is illustrated in his story. We will be remembered for what we built—how we responded to tragedy, hurt, betrayal and disappointment; how with God's help we were able to recover from the tragic experiences of our past and build lives, homes and families that became living testimonies to God's mercy and grace.

True, we will always carry some scars from our past failures. Some wounds will never fully heal. But with God leading us and his Spirit energizing what we do, we can put the past behind us and the latter chapters of our lives can be filled with stories of God's mercy and grace in action. Believe this! Receive this! Thanks be to God.

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Word Bank

1. pie

5. red

9. thankful

13. stuffing
2. family

6. yellow

10. cranberry

14. gathering
3. pumpkin

7. orange

11. blessed
4. turkey

8. potatoes

12. grateful

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Monday Night Men's:
Justin Gerrard 204-724-6803

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors:
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2025-2026 Curling league fees: TBD at AGM

Rivers Curling Club AGM
October 15, 2025 Behlen Lounge 7pm. You can WIN a discount on your membership for 2025-2026 Curling Season - Must be present for meeting to be entered**.



Rivers United Church Fall Take-Out Supper

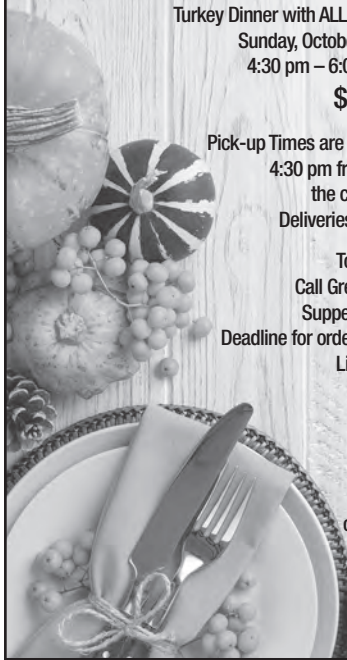
Turkey Dinner with ALL the Trimmings!
Sunday, October 19th
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
\$20.00

Pick-up Times are in 15-minute increments starting at 4:30 pm from Rivers United Church at the corner of 4th and Main
Deliveries will be made to shut-ins.

To order your supper:
Call Greg or Dianne at 328-7690
Suppers must be pre-ordered.
Deadline for orders is 6:00pm Saturday, October 18.
Limit of 150 suppers.

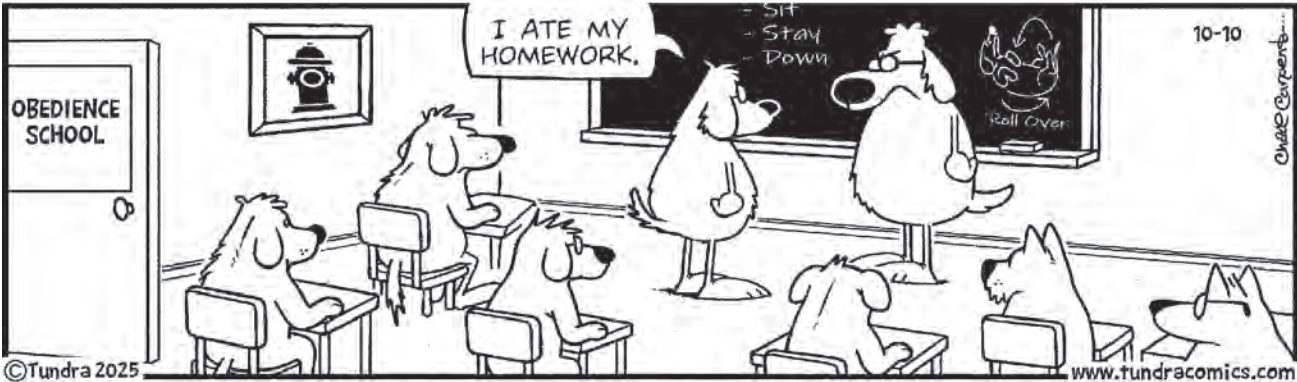
Proceeds will be shared between Riverdale Harvest and the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

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By Chad Carpenter



Giving thanks always

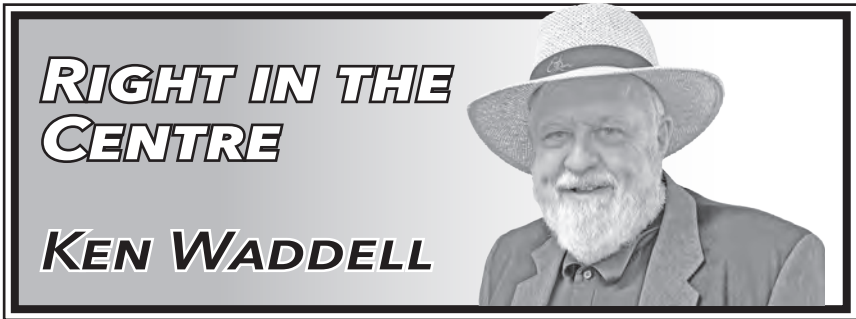
The following Bible verse pretty much sums up the holiday we about to celebrate-Thanks-giving Day.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (New International Version) says. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

As long as I can remember, Thanks-giving Day, has been a very special day for me. Let me count the ways this season has been elevated in my mind and heart. My father, who was born Oct. 10, 1907 so our family always had reason to celebrate that day. Dad said it was almost always a nice day on his birthday and he was right with the odd exception. His birthday was always around Thanksgiving and that was nice too as sometimes we would have a day off school for his birthday. Dad was a school bus driver so on school holidays, he got a holiday too except for all the work on the farm. And, most Thanksgivings, Dad's brother and sister-in-law, our much loved Uncle Jim and Aunt Vi would travel from Winnipeg to the farm at Holland, Manitoba for Thanksgiving, often staying overnight.

That time of year usually meant that the rugged days of harvest were coming to a close and work on winter preparation projects saw increased activities. And of course, there were large Thanksgiving dinners. Mum was a pretty good cook. I say all this to set the scene that Thanksgiving was pretty much a good deal around our farm home.

Oct. 11 is our wedding anniversary. Christine and I have been married 56 years. For all those years and all our family and business experiences, I am thankful. Christine's return to good health has been the number one blessing for this year!



But giving thanks in the manner outlined in the Bible verse above isn't always as easy as my early childhood years experienced. There are many times of drought, war, death and destruction that try a persons ability or even willingness to give thanks. But, even in tough times it's important to give thanks, to offer thanks to God, to family, to our friends and neighbours and to our country for sustaining us through the tough times.

The hymn, "Count your blessings" says it better than I can. It was composed by Johnson Oatman Jr in 1897.

*1. When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

*Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.*

*3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.*

*Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your Lord on high.*

*4. So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.*

So whether you are living in an abundance of blessings or if times are really tough, hopefully, the words I placed from the Bible or my little bit of experience and the song's words will float you higher today.
May God bless you and yours.

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.



How pleasant it is when brothers live in harmony...

There is a copse (a stand alone clump of trees- a term L.M. Montgomery was very fond of!) that causes me to pause and marvel every season of the year. The cluster is at the very edge of town alongside a road that Arie and I regularly stroll. This fall the changing of their garb has simply fascinated me. This little grouping is a most unlikely family. It's fairly certain that the trees have been planted, considering the variety in a relatively small space. The tallest at this point is the cottonwood. How I love the tall one, golden leaves twisting in the breeze, the hue so dramatic against the autumn skies. Beside it is an evergreen, the ordinary variety that rests the eyes all winter long, a gentle spot of constant colour no matter the background pallet. Cuddling in close is a tamarack, not a true evergreen for it's needles turn golden brown and drop, known as a deciduous conifer, for it is a cone bearer. Within the copse there is a Colorado Blue Spruce, and a Scots pine. Completing the family grouping are sturdy black poplars with a host of little cousins, the caragana family, moving into empty corners. The one dramatic silver tree may be silver willow, or a Siberian elm, I haven't crossed the ditches to check. So there, clustered and sheltering one another are golds, and greens, silver and browns, all in harmony, all fulfilling their destiny.

Psalm 133: 1- How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! The exclamation point is there, not something I added, for I am prone to using them! So I stop and watch these trees. They are totally unaware and unaffected by my viewing. They, each in their own way, continue to be exactly what they are designed to be. No one sways away from the tamarack; not fully pine, not fully evergreen, a deciduous confer. Of the family yet unique. The tallest evergreen doesn't appear to be afraid of the old cottonwood, respectfully spreading it's branches honouring the space required by the old shade bearer. One tree drops all its leaves, another none of its needles. Some of the trees are native to the area and others are blatant imports. Not one of them care. Birds nest in their branches, rabbits nestle in the long grasses beneath the sheltering arms, and if I cared to go into their space I would find ants, and bugs, perhaps slugs and grasshoppers. All are welcome in this space.

Watching my world, this world, I long for this beautiful, life giving unity. Where there is no need to demean or belittle, no need for greed or unkindness, no need for anyone to be without, to do without. In the background I hear Louis Armstrong growling out 'it's a wonderful world'. And it is, it truly is. For me, is a constant awareness of the goodness and beauty of all creation around me that even allows me the courage to hope; to hope for equality, justice and mercy. For all. May it be so.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Talented and passionate about singing, the Western Manitoba Youth Choir has been busy preparing for their 45th season. Under the direction of Clint McLachan (Brandon) and Kendra Obach (Stonewall) accompanied by Danielle Guina (Brandon), 54 talented choristers have gathered and rehearsed at Camp Wannakumbac for two weekends. They will be performing at schools and concert venues in Westman area starting October 18th. The concerts that are open to the public are as follows:

- October 18 7:30 pm Virden Auditorium Theatre
- October 19 10:00 am Hamiota United Church
- October 19 7:30 pm Strathclair Bend Theatre
- October 20 7:30 pm Neepawa United-Anglican Church
- October 21 7:30 pm First Presbyterian Church - Brandon

The choristers are excited to perform and invite you to celebrate their music with them! They will also be performing at the Rivers School. Follow them on Facebook, Instagram and on YouTube.



Grady Trotz and Austin Penner are representing the Rivers area in the choir this year.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES

RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **30th day of October, 2025**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Riverdale Municipality, 670-2nd Avenue, Rivers, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
23400	LOTS 17 TO 20 BLOCK 13 PLAN 236 BLTO EXC OUT OF SAID LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, MINES, MINERALS, COAL OR OTHER VALUABLE STONES AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 25256 IN N 1/2 23-12-21 WPM. - 701 1ST AVE, RIVERS	L -\$21,600 B -\$46,400	\$ 6,362.97
39600	LOT 3 BLOCK 22 PLAN 249 BLTO EXC MINES, MINERALS, COAL AND OTHER VALUABLE STONES AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 31392 IN NE 1/4 23 AND SE 1/4 26-12-21 WPM - 521 MAIN ST, RIVERS	L -\$20,800 B -\$52,400	\$ 6,503.13
53360	LOT 7 BLOCK 51 PLAN 286 BLTO IN NW 1/4 24-12-21 WPM - 207 4TH AVE, RIVERS	L -\$21,300	\$ 5,792.54
65100	LOT 8 PLAN 44757 BLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS IN SW 1/4 25 AND SE 1/4 26-12-21 WPM AND IN PART GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (CLOSED). - 341 7TH AVE, RIVERS	L -\$32,200 B -\$266,300	\$ 8,818.67
188200	LOTS 16, 17 AND 18 BLOCK 3 PLAN 130 BLTO IN NW 1/4 16-12-21 WPM - 16/18 3 130, WHEATLANDS	L -\$1,800 B -\$30,700	\$ 8,385.35

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

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 - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
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Dated this 26th day of September, 2025.

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Rapid City	Fri. November 7	12 pm to 4 pm	ValleyView Senior Centre (380 3rd Ave)
Rivers #1	Tues. October 28	11:30 am to 6 pm	Rivers Legion Hall (633 Second Ave.)
Rivers #2	Tues. November 4	11:30 am to 6 pm	Rivers Legion Hall

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44400	PARCEL 9 AND 9A PLAN 4831 NLTO IN N 1/2 28-13-22 WPM - 20 MILLER ST, OAK RIVER	L -\$1,400 B -\$82,900	\$ 21,179.73
237400	PARCEL C & D PLAN 31561 NLTO - C&D 31561	L -\$100	\$ 2,899.62

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Dated this 18th day of September, 2025.

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CLASSIC DINNER ROLLS

These dinner rolls bake up fluffy and golden with just a hint of sweetness. Brush warm rolls with melted butter just before serving.

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, divided, or as needed
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 (.25 ounce) envelope Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter, plus more for brushing

Directions

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. Combine cup flour, sugar, undissolved yeast, and salt in a large bowl.
3. Heat milk, water, and 2 tablespoons butter in a saucepan until very warm (120 degrees to 130 degrees F).
4. Add warm milk mixture to the flour mixture. Beat for 2 minutes on medium speed of an electric mixer, scraping the bowl occasionally. Add cup flour; beat for 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough.
5. Knead dough on a lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest for 10 minutes.
6. Divide dough into 12 equal pieces.
7. Shape pieces into balls and place in a greased 8-inch round pan. Cover and let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
8. Bake rolls in the preheated oven until golden brown on top, about 20 minutes.
9. Brush with melted butter if you like.
10. Serve warm and enjoy!



Sekine Medaille cycle mural in Rivers is beautifully painted at its peak.

FAVOURITE BOURBON

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons bourbon
- 2 cups pecan halves
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked deep-dish pie crust

Directions

1. Gather all your ingredients and pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. Mix white sugar, brown sugar, and butter together in a bowl.
3. Stir in corn syrup, eggs, and bourbon, then fold in pecans.
4. Pour mixture into the pie crust.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) and continue to bake until the pie is set, 25 to 30 minutes more.
6. Remove from the oven and place on a wire rack. Allow to cool completely before serving.

Thanksgiving



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Carbon Pecan Pie



TURKEY CHEESE BALL

Any cheese ball recipe can be turned into the shape of a turkey for a festive appetizer at your Thanksgiving dinner. All you need is some creativity!

Ingredients

- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 3 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 (1 ounce) package Ranch-style dressing mix
- 2 cups chopped pecans

For the Turkey:

- 1 cup whole pecans
- 7 whole-wheat crackers
- 1/4 red bell pepper
- 1 black olive
- 1/2 teaspoon cream cheese, softened
- 1 slice yellow zucchini

Directions

1. Mix cream cheese, Cheddar cheese, and dressing mix together in a large bowl. Form into a large ball. Roll in chopped pecans to coat surface. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or overnight.
2. Decorate the turkey: Arrange a row of whole-wheat crackers in the back of the cheese ball for the turkey tail feathers. Stick pecans evenly into the cheese ball for the body.
3. Cut out 2 strips of red bell pepper for the head and neck. Cut out 2 "eyes" from the black olive using a small pastry tip. Place 2 small dollops of cream cheese on one of the 2 bell pepper strips for the turkey head and stick the black olive circles into it as pupils. Cut a small triangular slice out of the yellow zucchini for the turkey beak and stick to the red pepper with cream cheese. Stick the undecorated red bell pepper strip on the front of the cheese ball. Stick the red bell pepper stick with the face into the top of the cheese ball for the head.



Exciting upgrades rolling ahead for Oak Lake Bike Playground

By Ev Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

If you have driven past the old Oak Lake Bike Park lately, you have likely noticed some exciting changes taking shape. The once rugged track is getting a fresh start and a new name as it transforms into the Oak Lake Bike Playground, complete with smoother paths, new ramps, and plenty of fun for riders of all ages.

Before the upgrades began, the space had become a little weather-worn, but thanks to the hard work and generosity of local supporters, it is now coming back to life. Branum Construction donated their time and equipment to level and spread the gravel, which was kindly donated by Cochrane Stock Farms. The improvements are already making a big difference in the layout and safety of the course, giving riders a smoother and more enjoyable experience.

Funding from several community-minded groups has made the project possible. Two years ago, the playground received a \$10,000 Fusion Credit Union Full Circle Grant, and last fall, the Oak Lake Regional Community Development Board (OLRCDB) contributed another \$10,000, raised during their Night with Elvis fundraiser. The Virden RCMP Gala added \$500 to the cause, and the Oak Lake Beach Farmer's Market also contributed, ensuring this ambitious upgrade could move forward.

Rachelle Stannage, who has been closely involved with the project, says the goal extends far beyond just a bike path. "The Bike Playground is just the beginning. We want this park to keep growing with the community," she shared.

New wooden ramps, zig-zag poles, and playful

obstacles are on their way, giving young riders more ways to explore and challenge themselves. The excitement is building as the final touches come together. Shipping and weather will determine when the last elements arrive, but Stannage remains optimistic. "This project has been over two years in the making, focused on revamping the playground area for the children of Oak Lake. It will be so exciting to see it completed, hopefully this fall before the snow arrives."

The upgraded Bike Playground is part of a much bigger vision for the area. "The Bike Playground area is where the Oak Lake Regional Community Development Board has chosen to develop a new town park," Stannage explained. "We've already added features like a gazebo, slide, and swing set, and we hope to continue growing this space into a place our whole community can enjoy year-round."

The project has also sparked a wave of enthusiasm from local families who can already imagine how much fun this revitalized space will bring. Parents are thrilled to have a safe, interactive place for their

children to develop their biking skills, while older riders are eager to test out the new features once they are ready.

A grand opening celebration is planned once everything is in place. It will be a day that promises laughter, biking, and plenty of community pride. Oak Lake residents can look forward to a vibrant new recreation space built by local hands and generous hearts. A space that celebrates both the spirit of play and the strength of community, ready to welcome riders and families for years to come.



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Oak Lake Bike Playground is getting an upgrade.

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Tender

LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER
Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) has the following land for sale by tender:

Tender 1:
RM of Oakview
W ½ 3-15-22 WPM & E ½ 9-15-22 WPM
637.54 acres

There are approximately 442.95 acres in tame hay/pasture, with remainder in natural grass/bush/wetland. Roughly 351.32 acres of tame hay were seeded in spring of 2025. High tensile perimeter fence recently installed on W ½ of 3-15-22W as well. Property being sold subject to the registration of a 'No Break, No Drain' Conservation Easement Agreement. Cultivation of tame forage will be permitted once every 10 years for rejuvenation purposes. No restrictions with respect to haying or grazing. Four 'five-acre' parcels (one on each quarter) will be excluded from the Conservation Agreement to allow for future building/yard site development.

Tender 2:
RM of Oakview
W ½ of 9-15-19 WPM
320 acres

There are approximately 198.06 acres in tame hay/pasture, with remainder in natural grass/bush/wetland. Roughly 159.33 acres of tame hay were seeded in spring 2025. High tensile perimeter fence was recently installed as well. Property being sold subject to the registration of a 'No Break, No Drain' Conservation Easement Agreement. Cultivation of tame forage will be permitted once every 10 years for rejuvenation purposes. No restrictions with respect to haying or grazing. Two five-acre parcels (one on each quarter) will be excluded from the Conservation Agreement to allow for future building/yard site development.

Written sealed tenders are to be mailed or dropped off to the address below. Please indicate 'Land Tender' along with the RM name and corresponding tender number on envelope. Bids may also be emailed to Ducks Unlimited at du_brandon@ducks.ca. Please place "Manitoba Land Tender Bid" in the email's subject line. Interested parties should rely on their own inspection of each property. Properties will be sold as listed above. All quarters within each tender will be sold together. Bids on individual quarters will not be accepted. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Property information packages, including a sample copy of the Conservation Agreement are available – call Scott Henowitch at 204-761-5106 to have one emailed or mailed.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR CONDITIONAL USE ORDER**

Rural Municipality of Oakview, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the below listed location, date, and time during which the Council will receive written or verbal representation from the applicant and any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following application matters:

Application for a Conditional Use Order under Part 3, Section 3.7.1. (b) (iii) of the Rural Municipality of Oakview Zoning By-Law #2019-3, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION:	Rural Municipality of Oakview Council Chambers located at 10 Cochrane St., Oak River
DATE & TIME:	October 14th, 2025, 6:10 pm (1810 h)
PROPOSAL:	To construct a pole-type garage/shop
PROPERTY LOCATION:	413 6th Avenue, Lots 7/8, Block -, Plan 916, Rapid City, Rural Municipality of Oakview
OWNER / APPLICANT:	Scott McKinney

CONDITIONAL USE ORDER APPLICATION

ORDER NUMBER:	05-OV-25-CU
TO PERMIT FOR:	The establishment of a detached pole-type garage/shop as an accessory building to the existing single-family dwelling on the property



AREA: Approximately 0.50 km south of Rapid City

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the Mid-West Planning District office 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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PC Leader shuffles critic duties ahead of fall sitting

By Obby Khan
PC LEADER OF MANITOBA

Official Opposition Leader Obby Khan announced a shuffle of responsibilities in his Shadow Cabinet today ahead of the fall sitting of the Manitoba Legislature.

"The changes I've made to the Critics' duties will continue to hold Wab Kinew and the NDP accountable for the broken promises and failures they've made over the first half of their mandate," said Khan. "The changes build on the strengths of each PC MLA and provide them with a broader depth of knowledge in their new portfolios."

The following Critic and Caucus duties take effect immediately.

Caucus Officers:

- Obby Khan (MLA for Fort Whyte) — Leader of the Official Opposition;
- Jeff Bereza (MLA for Portage la Prairie) — Deputy Leader;
- Kelvin Goertzen (MLA for Steinbach) — PC Caucus Chair;
- Derek Johnson (MLA for Interlake-Gimli) — Opposition House Leader;
- Kathleen Cook (MLA for Roblin) — Opposition Whip;
- Josh Guenter (MLA for Borderland) — Deputy Caucus Chair;
- Konrad Narth (MLA for La Vérendrye) — Deputy House Leader; and
- Wayne Balcaen (MLA for Brandon West) — Deputy Whip.

Shadow Cabinet:

- Obby Khan — Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs and Critic for Indigenous Relations;
- Jeff Bereza — Critic for Housing, Addictions and Homelessness, and Critic for Mental Health;
- Ron Schuler (MLA for Springfield-Ritchot) — Critic for Manitoba Hydro;
- Doyle Piwniuk (MLA for Turtle Mountain) — Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure;
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- Konrad Narth — Critic for Economic Development and Critic for Agriculture;
- Richard Perchotte (MLA for Selkirk) — Critic for Public Service Delivery;
- Lauren Stone (Midland) — Critic for Finance and Critic for the Public Utilities Board; and
- Colleen Robbins (MLA for Spruce Woods) — Critic for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, and Critic for Military Affairs.

From the prairies to the highlands tour 204 - part 6

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

We set off early enroute to Turnberry where we had a short visit with David Caldwell Senior. When we arrived, we were introduced to Donald Caldwell's brother David and his wife Allison and their sons Jack and Fraser Caldwell. We spent about an hour at Davids, a real short visit and then back onto the bus for our trip to Portpatrick which is on the south tip of Scotland.

It is a very picturesque village in the historical county of Wigtownshire, Dumfries and Galloway. We toured around the pretty harbour village with pastel-coloured houses all situated around a small bay. It was very beautiful and with the backdrop of the sea, it was amazing.

We get out of the bus, and we are going to walk, climb, whatever you call it to see the ruins of Dunskey Castle. We climbed up, I think around 227 steps up an incline, puffing all the way and we had to take several breaks as well. When we got to the top of the incline, we walked down

the other side of the incline about a hundred steps to Dunskey castle.

The castle was built in the mid 1600s. Some legends suggest the castle is haunted by a nurse maid. If you hear the sound of bagpipes, you will die soon. Thank goodness I have hearing aids, so I turned them down. I did not hear anything other than the wind, which just happened to be blowing hard that day. Luckily none of us heard the bagpipes.

After having an interesting lunch at the crown hotel, we hopped back on to the van and headed back to our church at Minishant, for what would be our last night there. On the way back we stopped in at the grocery store and got some snacks and refreshments for the following



PHOTO BY CELIA NOLAN

Dunskey castle, built in the mid 1600s and haunted by a nurse maid.

day. This was our farewell to Minishant and the beautiful church. It was sad to leave as at the end of our trip we all agreed that Minishant was our favorite overnight venue.

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Merchandise Bingo Fundraiser for Rivers Personal Care Home

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

Join us for a day filled with fun and community spirit at the Rivers Personal Care Home’s Merchandise Bingo fundraiser, scheduled for the afternoon of October 18th at the Rivers Legion Hall. This highly anticipated event aims to bring together residents, families, and community members for an afternoon of entertainment while supporting a meaningful cause.

Our dedicated team, consisting of Margie Higginson, Sharon Thomson, and Jacques Thomson, has been working tirelessly in the Adult Day Program to ensure that all our residents engage in interactive and enriching activities. This event is not just a fundraiser; it’s an opportunity to showcase the spirit of our community while contributing to the enjoyment and wellbeing of our residents.

Doors open at 11:00 AM, welcoming you into a friendly and engaging atmosphere. From 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, we will be serving a delicious homemade lunch that includes a hearty bowl of hamburger soup, a bun or Bannock, accompanied by cookies and a refreshing drink—all for only \$10! This meal is perfect for families, and we happily welcome children to join in on the fun.

At 12:30 PM, the excitement kicks off with our Merchandise Bingo! Unlike traditional bingo where cash prizes are at stake, participants will compete for an array of exciting prizes that have been generously donated by local businesses and commu-

ity members. Every game promises a chance to win something special, and we believe it’s a wonderful way to foster camaraderie among participants.

In addition to the bingo games, there will also be a silent auction table featuring a variety of unique items and services—the perfect opportunity to score a fantastic deal while supporting our cause. The funds raised from this event will be directed towards bringing in entertainers, hosting fun interactive games, and offering activities designed to enhance the quality of life for our residents, including chair yoga sessions. The benefits of these activities are invaluable, contributing not only to the physical health of our residents but also to their emotional and social wellbeing.

We want to ensure that everyone can enjoy this event with wheelchair access on the east side of the building at 633-2nd Ave, because we believe in inclusivity and want every member of our community to take part in the festivities.

As we gear up for this exciting day, we encourage everyone to come out with family and friends to support our residents and the wonderful initiatives at Rivers Personal Care Home. Together, we can create a vibrant and caring environment where our seniors feel valued and engaged.

Mark your calendars for October 18 and join us at Rivers Legion Hall for a delightful day of bingo, good food, and great company! We can’t wait to see you there—let’s make this a memorable day for our residents and our community!



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Hamiota Hotel 7pm



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