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Pink Door Trends packs Hamiota curling club



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Hamiota models receive applause in the Hamiota curling lounge after their runway walks wearing Samantha's Boutique fantastic fall and winter clothing lines: (L-R) Shelly Heaman, Elsie Dickenson, Ivey Heapy, Allana Kent, Janine Skyman, Heather Sheanne, Kaitlyn Ramsey, Karen Houck, April Ashcroft and Dialyn Obenita.

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

As curling gains momentum in Hamiota, Sunday Nov. 16 proved to be a timely win for a curling fundraiser, The Pink Door Trends.

The upper-level lounge of Hamiota Sports Complex was full. Some 60 women visited enjoying hors d'oeuvres and a fashion show.

It was none other than Elkhorn's Samantha's Boutique: The Trendy Store with the Pink Door with an array of styles from unique outer wear such as a leopard trench coat, puffer vests, to a satiny bolero, gorgeous sweaters, blouses and the newest in pants – wide-leg crops that

show off footwear.

Pretty Woman genre played in the background while Samantha Cluett and staff narrated the catwalk of fashions modelled by 10 women through three changes of outfits.

And then the announcement, "Okay, up next, we have a super-secret surprise round. Some of these girls could not decide on three outfits, so we have an extra round."

Kaitlyn, April, and Dialyn would strut the runway once more.

At the close of the show, Cluett said to her audience, "Our goal is always to bring value to our clients, and today is no different. I wanted to show the latest styles on women we know, or women that we see ourselves in."

Fashion shows are nothing new to Samantha's Boutique and Cluett encourages women to be bold about their choices. She said, "In fashion there are no rules, you are never too old, too big, too anything to wear something. If you like it, you can wear it."

She issued a challenge just before shoppers headed to the clothing racks, "I encourage all of you to try on one thing that is out of your comfort zone today. You might just love it."

Along with the latest in women's fashions, Samantha's Boutique in Elkhorn carries baby items, home décor, gifts, and Cluett is a florist and photographer.

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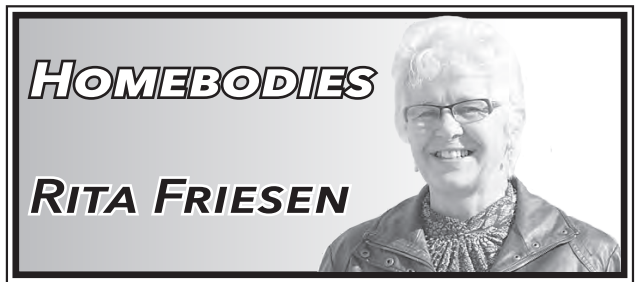


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By Chad Carpenter



HOMEBOODIES

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Pithy sayings and old wives' tales...

For those unfamiliar with the term 'pithy' - it is an adjective meaning concise and forcefully expressive. I know, not far removed in pronunciation from another, too common, common term!

One of the distinct perks of the walking that Arie and I enjoy daily, are the people with whom we stop and chat. Sometimes its a casual and laughter filled conversation, sometimes heavy, and sometimes a bit of both. A catch-up without the coffee! This week I heard an expression that was entirely new to me. 'Just because you tear up the road map, it doesn't change where the roads are.' I've been known to tear up a few maps; turned a blind eye to the reality of a situation rather than trying to find my way through a maze, or tangled undergrowth, or discern a path I don't wish to travel. Not once did the roads change.

Man, this expression can cover so many situations; relationship concerns, deep seated beliefs that may be contrary to ones I cherish, simply doing what needs to be done even when I seek to resist accepting the responsibility. The saying may be as old as Adam, but it's the first time I heard it. Thank you Betty, for something to think about.

'Wives' Rales and Elbow Grease' complied and printed by the Anemone Rebekah Lodge #23, Neepawa, Manitoba was published in 1995 to commemorate Manitoba's 125 anniversary. Certainly I am thankful for modern day medicine! For a cold- 'mother gave us a teaspoon of coal oil with a little white sugar'. For sore joints, apply equal parts of whiskey and vinegar. For a sore throat- place a piece of brown paper saturated with kerosene oil around the neck and gargle with a solution made of equal parts salt and alum in warm water. I don't hear, or see, much about boils or carbuncles anymore. Perhaps they are a thing of the past? Some folks believed that eating a pound of raisins would purify the blood and clear any boil, forever! This booklet suggests making a mixture of chewing tobacco and spit and applying it to the boil, and cover with a bandage. I'll eat the pound of raisins! Folks were more superstitious, or acknowledged their superstitions... Never put shoes on the table. It is bad luck to cut toenails or fingernails on a Friday or a Sunday. (I suppose with bath night being Saturday?) Don't put your purse on the Bingo table, you'll have bad luck. (watch for this at your next bingo night.) When baking, always stir the batter in the same direction to prevent a failure. (Sure wish I had known this years earlier!) Whenever you sneeze, a spirit leaves your body. (How do you even bring that into casual conversation!) And then there are a whole lot of sayings I can vouch for. Don't meet trouble halfway, it is quite capable of making the whole journey alone. The best way for a housewife to have a few minutes alone is to do the dishes. (YUP!) Better to wear out than rust out. Doing beats stewing!

Trust you got a chuckle, and stirred some early memories!

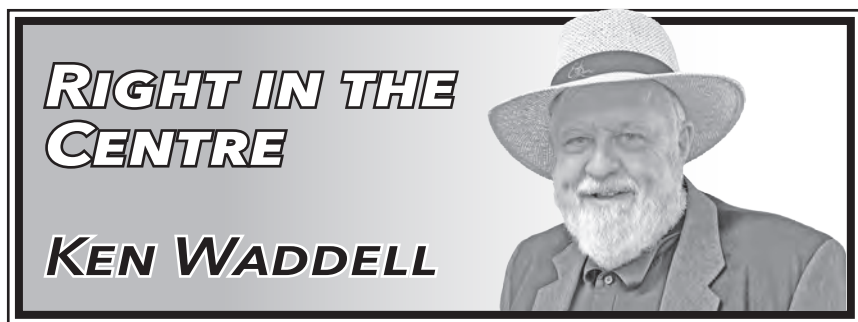
Keep the Canadian content in Canadian football

This column is written on Grey Cup Day, and yes, it's about football. I love Canadian Football. I have friends who much prefer the National Football League (NFL) game. In spite of how hyped the NFL is, I still prefer the Canadian Football League (CFL). It's a matter of choice and each person can have their own opinion. We all know that not many CFL players do well in the NFL. A few do, but the NFL seems to be able to demand and pay for a higher skill level.

I played CFL rules football in high school, way back in late 60s for three seasons. It was an absolute highlight of my high schooldays. I played high school hockey too and limped my way into beer-league hockey into the 70s and early 80s. But it was football where I felt I could really contribute as a player. I was the largest kid (read fattest if you must) on my high school team. I played centre and I practised and practised with my Dad, my Mum and by myself. I could block, I could do the short snap and the long snap. We were, for that day and level of football, a pretty competitive team, winning the league championship once and I believe placed second twice.

Now that the CFL has announced some rule changes, I am not impressed. I like the 55 yard line centre field. I like the goal posts on the goal line and the fact that a missed field goal can be returned for a gain, sometimes a big gain and even a touchdown. Same with a long punt.

I am of the opinion that the CFL bosses are somehow thinking if they adopt the NFL rules, they



RIGHT IN THE CENTRE

KEN WADDELL

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may attract more fans. More fans isn't our concern as Winnipeg and Saskatchewan usually sell out their stadiums. If there are some empty seats in eastern Canadian stadiums, I say tough luck to be them, I have little sympathy for Ottawa, Hamilton or Montreal. I have no sympathy for Toronto.

CFLPA president Solomon Elimimian in Winnipeg (via TSN) “We were informed about these changes but not consulted, that won't happen again. We've had positive conversations with (commissioner) Stewart (Johnston) and the league about our expectations to be consulted on any future changes to our game. Rule adjustments can directly affect or fundamentally alter members' jobs, and it's important players' perspectives are heard.”

Again on TSN, Canadian quarterback Nathan Rourke had harsher words, He feels the same

way about the CFL's changes to its three-down game.

“New rule changes are garbage. It's garbage. I, as many people did — who are fans and people who play in this league — grew up watching the CFL and loving the game. I grew up in Ontario, played Canadian football rules all my life. I went down to the States proud of the game, being able to explain the differences — the wobble, the yard, the extra person. These are the things that are unique about the game that make it different. I was aware and was a fan of the league down there, but was a fan of the CFL because of its differences,” Rourke said.

In fairness, some players say the new rules will make for more exciting games. I am not convinced!

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Today's words are addressed to those who, after many years of active service to family, community, church and country, are facing the most important decision they will ever be asked to make. I understand your dilemma. You are tired, your body is telling you that you need to slow down, and you are ready to transition to a quieter lifestyle.

Here are four things to consider as you map out your choices and future plans.

First, what values or beliefs ground you, providing the foundation stones on which you have and will continue to build your life? For me, the answer is found in St. Paul's words to the Corinthians: "No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11) My belief in God and my faith in Jesus Christ have never been negotiables. Nor has my commitment to govern my life by the teachings of Scripture.

I will be honest. I haven't always lived up to the level of what I know. But I have found forgiveness, freedom from guilt and a second chance at life, thanks to the knowledge that Christ died for my sins; and that by believing in him, I am forgiven.

Second, personal self-care. If there is one area in which

we fail, it is this. In last week's column, I shared that I have had two episodes of total burnout. In diagnosing the first one, my doctor told me that in his opinion, I was the best candidate for a nervous breakdown, a heart attack or both. and that my chances of recovery were slim to none. That put the fear of God in me like nothing else has ever done. He ordered me to cut back my working hours to half-time. That order, which I followed, saved my life.

The symptoms of burnout have returned for a third time. With them has come a nagging fear that, through my own lack of self-care, my wife might have to face a time when her primary care giver needs more care than she does. So changes will be made.

Third, family. Our son's sudden death left a huge hole in our family. But it also opened our eyes to another family—a family not bound by blood, but by love and faithfulness. It isn't large, but it is made up of some very special people. They have supported us over the past year. And now, we are ready to support them should they ever need our help.

Finally, work and other activities. This will be the most difficult decision for any of us to make. Work isn't an option for any of us. We need money to pay our bills, to provide our families with the food, clothing, transportation and shelter that they need; and to have some extra in store for emergency expenses, donations to causes in which we believe and times away from the hustle and bustle of life. If we don't work, we don't eat. It is as simple as that. So work we must, and work we will. But the work we choose should do two things—provide enough income to meet our needs; and do so without consuming every waking hour of our day. Finding that balance is hard, but it can be done.

Next week, I will speak about my own struggle to bring my work life into balance and part of what that will mean for me and my family going forward.

HAMBURGER STEAK WITH ONIONS AND GRAVY



Tasty hamburger "steaks" smothered in gravy and onions. Serve with hot rice or potatoes for an easy-to-make dinner classic.

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup thinly sliced onion
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 tablespoon cooking sherry
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt

Directions

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Mix ground beef, bread crumbs, egg, Worcestershire sauce, salt, onion powder, garlic powder, and pepper together in a large bowl until combined. Form into 8 balls and flatten into patties.
3. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add patties and onion; fry until patties are nicely browned, about 4 minutes per side. Transfer beef patties to a plate, and keep warm.
4. Sprinkle flour over onions and drippings in the skillet. Stir in flour with a fork, scraping bits of beef off of the bottom of the skillet as you stir. Gradually mix in beef broth and sherry. Season with seasoned salt. Simmer and stir over medium-low heat until gravy thickens, about 5 minutes.
5. Reduce heat to low, return patties to the gravy, cover, and simmer until cooked through, about 15 minutes.
6. Serve and enjoy!


From last weeks front page

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It is in the little things

PUBLISHED AUTHOR, HOLISTIC WELLNESS CERTIFIED HYPNOTIST (C.H.)
MARIE EVELYNE GINGRAS

Occasionally, life taps us on the shoulder and reminds us that wellness is not always found in the big breakthroughs or the dramatic life changes. It is found in the tiny moments that quietly add up. As I write my last holistic wellness article for the paper, with great sadness, I keep coming back to this simple truth. It is the little things that have carried me, healed me, and kept me going. They sneak into a day like small gifts waiting to be noticed.

For me, wellness has always been a patchwork of tiny choices. A warm cup of peppermint tea with honey after a long day. A few minutes pressing the PC six point on my inner wrist when my stomach needs kindness. Rolling peppermint on my tummy when bloating tries to steal my peace. Even the gentle glide of an acupuncture tool or the soft spike of a mat beneath my shoulders reminds me that comfort can come from simple touches. None of these things are grand. On their own they look almost too small to matter. But together they create a rhythm of care that my body understands deeply.

Holistic wellness thrives in these details. A light stretch in the morning to loosen stiff muscles. A sprinkle of turmeric or ginger. A quiet pause when the world feels too loud. A short walk to reset the mind. Lighting a diffuser with a scent that brings back a good memory. Letting sunlight touch your face for just a minute before stepping into the busyness of the day. None of it needs drama. It simply needs presence.

And that might be the heart of it. When you pay attention to small things, you begin to pay attention to yourself. You start noticing when you need water, or when your shoulders are creeping up toward your ears, or when you are carrying feelings that are not yours to carry. You start catching your stress before it boils. You start honouring your body before it begs for rest. These moments of awareness may be tiny, but they make life feel softer and more human.

As I wrap up my time writing this column, I feel grateful for every topic shared about pressure points, herbs, stress techniques, cold meals, digestion, and all the magic that nature tucks into small places. I hope you keep collecting little things that help you feel good. I hope you keep listening to your body even on the days when it speaks in whispers. Most of all, I hope you remember that healing does not need to be loud or impressive. Often, it is quiet. It is slow. It is gentle. It is found in the smallest acts of kindness you offer yourself day after day.

Thank you for reading, for trying new things, and for walking this holistic path with me. It is the little things that make a life feel full. And sharing these little things with all of you has been one of my favourite parts of this journey.



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At Rivers Legion, we believe in making community celebrations accessible and affordable. Our clubroom is available at no rental cost for personal events like birthdays, anniversaries, and reunions. We understand the importance of these moments, and we are here to help you celebrate without breaking the bank. When larger events arise, the upper hall offers even more space and can be rented for functions such as fund-

Nestled in the heart of our town, Rivers Legion serves as a vibrant hub

raisers, craft sales, weddings, funerals, and meetings, both big and small. Our canteen and large commercial kitchen are also available for private functions, ensuring that you have all you need to make your event a success. Events hosted by local service groups, including the Rivers Lions Club, are particularly special, showcasing the spirit of our community.

Accessibility is key at Rivers Legion. Our facilities are wheelchair accessible, with a wide ramp that ensures everyone can join in the fun. We pride ourselves on providing an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome, no matter their needs.

Rivers Legion isn't just a space for gatherings; it's a proud supporter of local businesses, service groups, schools, and the recreation centre. By choosing Rivers Legion for your events, you're also supporting a venue that is deeply invested in the community. We believe in giving back and fostering growth in our area, making our town a better place to live and thrive.

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From the prairies to the highlands tour 204 - part 12

By Gerry Nolan
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Friday, August 15, the last weekend of our wonderful holiday. Time was flying by so fast!

We left Pitlochry in the morning and continued our trek south to Falkland. This small town would be a place I would live in. It was fabulous! Along the way we stopped at the Mash Tun Bar which is located at the Blair Athol Distillery in Pitlochry. It is known for its selection of whiskies. The bar is named after the last working copper-top mash tun (a large vat) from the Clynelish Distillery and is now on display there.



PHOTO BY DEVON CALDWELL

Some of our crew at LadyWell House, Falkland.

After refreshments we continued to the Fish Ladder which is an engineering marvel. It is built next to the Pitlochry dam. This ladder helps the salmon by-pass the dam and migrate upstream for spawning. The 310 meter ladder consists of 34 pools that salmon swim through. They migrate up the river Tummel to spawn in Loch Faskally.

On the road again, we are heading south to Falkland and the Lady Well house, which will be our accommodations for the next five days. This is a beautiful Georgian home built in 1806, and was the home of Francis Shand Kydd, the mother of Diana, Princess of Wales. The house sleeps fourteen, has six bedrooms and 5 bathrooms. Each bedroom is named after a member of the family. There was William, Harry, Lady Diana and we were lucky to have Francis Shan Kydds room. Wow!

The kitchen was huge with an AGA range, which was a real learning curve for us to cook on. The conservatory was our gathering place, and the walled garden gave us an area to do yoga and games. These games included the art of body rolling down the hill. Boys will be boys!

The Covenanter which was a wonderful pub and restaurant, it was a twelve

minute walk from the Lady Well. We walked there several times and learned to appreciate the taste of gin. The historical town square was where parts of Outlander were filmed.

Julie and Celia had purchased yarn, the men's Dalwhinnie Whiskey, a beautiful Sutherland Tartan blanket plus other assorted treasures, all needed a mode of transport home, so while in Dornoch, we discovered a unique antique suitcase in a little hospice shop. We all chipped in on it and then packed it full to the brim. It got christened Mary Poppins! Packing tape was used to wrap around the suitcase as well as a luggage strap and a leather belt, with hopes that it would keep our Scottish artifacts and memories safe for the trip back to Canada. This would prove to be a source of stress!

After enjoying some pub time and dinner at the Covenanter, we strolled back to our lovely house where we had some leisure time, to visit and plan our adventure for the next day. We were expecting a surprise visitor and a chance to visit Midhope Castle. Lallybroch! The surprise visitor is a former Kenton resident.

Awards for two great Riverdale Firefighters



PHOTO FROM RIVERDALE FIREFIGHTERS FACEBOOK

Congratulations Jim Duthie and Ryan MacLellan for receiving awards at a ceremony hosted on November 12 at the Lieutenant Governor's house in Winnipeg. A total of 36 medics throughout the province were recognized for their service including 20-year medals, a 30-year bar and a 40-year bar. Ryan received his 20 years of exemplary service medal and Jim received his 30-year bar. The EMS Exemplary Service Medal recognizes professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public, who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency.

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A Tribute to Farmers

By Gerry Nolan
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A Tribute To Farmers was written by Mrs. Wilma Hatch of Oak Lake. As I read her article from way back, probably some 50 to 60 years ago, while farmers have had to adjust in the way they do things on their farm, farming hasn't really changed that much. The following are the words of Mrs. Hatch!

Farmers are a unique breed, who for the most part, till the land they love and try to preserve a way of life.

They live close to birth, life and death. They live with (Hope) as their companion year after year. They battle not only the fickle elements and pests, but breakdowns which never come singly. They endure the frustrating job of tracking down repairs across two or

three provinces, and the United States.

Their hands become calloused and hard, but gentle as a woman's, when the need arises. Their skin is tanned from the sun and the wind. Their eyes wrinkled from looking across broad fields and trying to escape the dust. Amazingly those same eyes can discern from afar, the granddaughter or great great granddaughter

from a favourite line of livestock breeding, by inherited traits.

Their knowledge of wildlife, comes from first hand observation and close proximity season after season. They know the different species of birds and the geese flying overhead from the sound and the shape of the flight.

They develop an affinity, respect and intensity of feeling they have for the land they till, whether it be grain or mixed farming as well as the type of soil they live on. They care

for the animals in their care.

They have a resiliency beyond most men, as they put setbacks behind them and anticipate, next year. The song of the meadow lark, the honk of geese, the new calf crop and of course seeding time.

TIME, has only served to give me understanding, increased admiration, respect and empathy for this diminishing segment of our population.

These were the words of Mrs. Wilma Hatch, a teacher, a farmer's

wife and mother of four children.

Some sixty years later, her words ring true for many of us! Thank you to all the farmer's who supply the food that we eat. Make way for these men and women who really by faith and hope supply many of our needs. Thank a farmer today, you never know who is going through a hard time, that word may just give them enough hope to continue doing in my opinion the most important task, feeding families!

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As an official, you strive to become better at your game and learn from your peers. I went to the Brandon Wheat King games to watch the officials positioning and the calls they made, or missed, and tried to include their style of officiating into my game.

I have always thought there was one particular call in a game that would make or break your game. As officials we would talk about it in the dressing room. What happens if you miss that call, how are you going to get control of the game? This was especially true in a rugged game that was chippy with lots of pushing and shoving and maybe even fighting. What if you just did not see it? That can happen!

I was at a Brandon Wheat Kings game in March of 1979. The Wheat Kings had only lost 4 games so far that season and this would be their fifth and final loss in the regular season. This team set all kinds of records that still stand today in Major Junior Hockey!

A Saskatoon Blade player clipped Brian Propp with a high stick. Brian Propp was nicked and had some blood on his chin. No call was made! I think the referee just did not see it. In my mind I can still see the play in question. My first thought was his positioning. These were the days when there was one referee and two linesmen. So, Brian Propp gets high sticked, is cut, no penalty! Earlier in the game the Saskatoon Blades had a player hurt from blocking a shot, and had left the game and did not return.

At the first stoppage of play after Brian Propp was cut, the Wheat kings made a line change. Five players came off the Brandon Wheat Kings bench led by Brad Kempthorne who was from Boissevain. He came onto the ice right toward the Saskatoon players' bench and they were

not happy their star forward had got injured. The Brandon players went right to the Saskatoon bench and basically just hauled that Blade player on to the ice. Of course, the benches were emptied and there was a full scale brawl! There were fights everywhere!

As an official, all you can do is try to make sure no one is getting seriously injured, that would be the first fight you intervene in.

Brian Propp, who basically got a bandage on the cut came back out on the ice and skated around the fisticuffs, looking for the culprit who had high sticked him. Brian eventually found him and while a teammate had the player tied up, Propp got a few free shots in and finished him off quickly.

When the smoke cleared there were four Saskatoon players laying on the ice, injured. The rest of the players on both sides had withdrawn to their benches.

Ken Federko who is the brother of St. Louis Blues star player, Bernie Federko, and was Saskatoon's best player lay on the ice for quite some time. When they got him up to escort him to the dressing room it was very apparent he probably was not sure where he was.

This was a real eye opener for me. Things happen in a hurry out there. There was no time for the linesmen to say to the referee, there was a high sticking major penalty, where they could give their version of to the referee, thus a 5 minute penalty issued to the Saskatoon Blade player.

My lesson, always expect the unexpected and hope you were never involved in one of those games. It was a real tough situation for any officials to be in.

Saskatoon won that game, but did not win the war. The two teams met in the Eastern Division Final of the Western Hockey Playoffs. The Brandon Wheat Kings defeated them in four straight games. The Brandon Wheat Kings went to the Memorial cup that season, but lost 2-1 to the Peterborough Petes in overtime. Some players you may recall that were playing for Brandon that year were Brad McCrimmon, Brian Propp, Ray Allison, Laurie Boschman and Oak River native, Wes Coulson!

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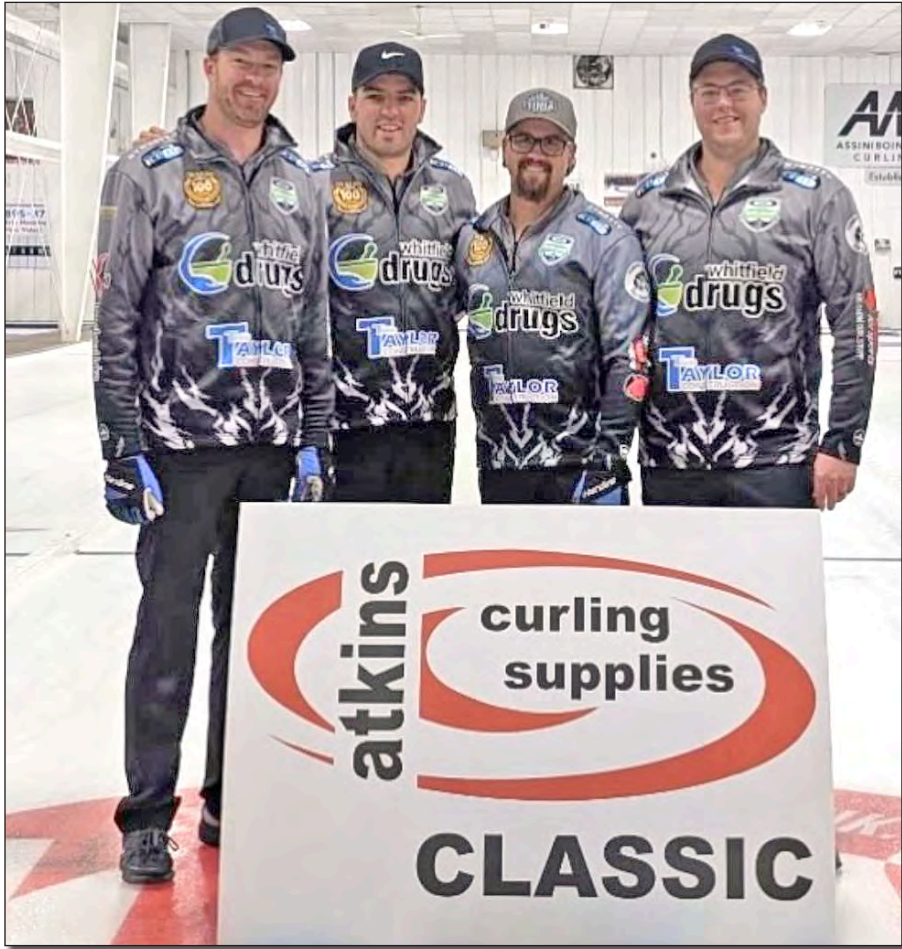


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Hamiota local, Travis Brooks with Team Irwin (Brandon Curling Club) celebrate a win at the 2025 Atkins Curling Supplies Classic, held in Winnipeg at the end of September in Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club. The team has earned a berth into the 2026 Bunge Provincial Championship.

'ULTIMATE GLUE GUY,' NEDOHIN HELPS JETS FLY IN THHL

By Robin Wark
RIVERS BANNER

While Tanner Nedohin recently posted some eye-catching stats, the Rivers Jets also appreciate the little things he does for the senior hockey team.

On Nov. 8, the veteran forward racked up an impressive seven points. He scored the Jets' final goal in a 12-1 win over the Sandy Bay Flying Feathermen and assisted on six other markers.

"Sam Gagner had eight points in the NHL once," Nedohin said. "I had seven in senior. Basically the same thing, just fewer cameras and more beer."

This past week, the Jets defeated the MacGregor Wild, 5-1, and the Deloraine Royals 10-1. The victories improved Rivers' record to a perfect 5-0-0-0 in the Tiger Hills Hockey League.

The Jets are on the road this week. They play in Wawanessa on Nov. 21. On Nov. 23, the Jets compete in Neepawa.

These seven points Nedohin recorded against Sandy Bay were more than he accumulated last season. However, numbers do not show his true value to the team.

"Tanner is the ultimate glue guy for our team," Rivers coach Ryan Lamb said. "What he brings to the team often goes unnoticed on the scoresheet, but he does the little things right, and he's an awesome teammate. It was nice to see a player like Tanner have a night like he did (against the Flying Feathermen)."

Nedohin grew up in Pilot Mound. He got his start in senior hockey for his hometown Pilots of the THHL. Now Nedohin is in his third campaign with the Jets.

"I think my favourite part of playing for the Jets is going to battle with the boys every weekend," he

said. "Also hanging out with the guys, especially after the games at the Hangar and the bus trips enjoying a few post game Gatorades."

Jets 5, Wild 1

After a scoreless first period in Rivers on Nov. 14, the Jets took off in the second session. They gave the home crowd a lot to cheer about with three straight goals. Dylan Thiessen got things started with a power-play marker. Cam Ramsay and Kaelen Huibers also found the back of the net. The Wild responded with a goal to make it 3-1 at the second intermission. In the third period, Kayden Sutherland and Jaxon Heeney scored for Rivers.

Huibers, Layton Veitch, Ramsay, Sutherland, and Riley Shamray each collected two points for Rivers. Jets goalie Riley Lamb made 15 saves.

For MacGregor, Brendan Schaan stopped 43 shots. Braden Nicoll scored the Wild's goal.

Jets 10, Royals 1

In Deloraine on Nov. 15, the Jets scored nine straight goals on their way to a road win. The Rivers team led 4-0 after the first period and 9-0 at the second intermission. Deloraine scored the first goal of the third period. The Jets added another marker after that.

Riley Lamb stopped all but one of the 25 shots he faced. Huibers lit the lamp four times and recorded an assist for five points. Riley Boles scored two goals and finished with three points. Rivers' other goals came from Owen Wareham, Veitch, Ramsay, and Riley Shamray. Shamray had three points on the night. Luke DeCorby had five assists.

Jackson Jacques scored the Royals' goal. Billy Patmore started in net for Deloraine. He made 32 saves and allowed nine goals. Shea Martin played the final period and stopped 23 shots.

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Nov 22

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Rivers Legion Bingo 11:30am

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50+ Card Games 1pm

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50+ Club Cribbage 1pm

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