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Celebrating Excellence: Riverdale Collegiate Graduation Ceremony



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The graduation class of 2026 (not in order) Annika Schmidt, Brody Scott, Caddie Noort, Hanna Brown, Jayden Schoonbaert, Jillian Hamm, Journey Kakegumick, Kara Hornibrook, Kody Dziver, Logan Freeman, Meadow Jean Marie Chiborak, Rainn Paddock, Serena Lelonde, and Tori Miller.

By Carolyn Phillips
RIVERS BANNER

In an event that shone as brightly as the glorious sunshine overhead, Riverdale Collegiate held its much-anticipated graduation ceremony on Friday, June 19. This year marked a significant milestone for a small, yet remarkable group of 14 graduating students, who were recognized for

their dedication, hard work, and academic achievements throughout their years at Riverdale.

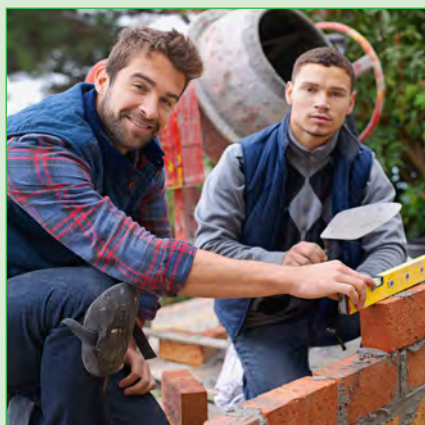
The busy morning kicked off at the Riverdale Community Centre, where the atmosphere buzzed with excitement and anticipation. Graduates donned their caps and gowns in preparation for the moment everyone had been waiting for: receiving their diplomas. The ceremony was a celebration of their journey, highlighting the challenges

and triumphs that shaped them into the individuals they had become.

Among the remarkable graduates, the spotlight shone a little brighter on valedictorians Annika Schmidt and Jillian Hamm. Both young women delivered heartfelt speeches that reflected their shared experiences and aspirations for the future.

Read more about the Rivers Grad class on page 2...

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Riverdale Collegiate Graduation



Grads all dressed up for their safe grad celebrations.

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Valedictorians Annika Schmidt and Jillian Hamm at the podium.

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Their words resonated deeply with their peers, serving as a poignant reminder of the bonds formed during their time together.

After the formalities, graduates and their families enjoyed a memorable photo shoot. Laughter and smiles filled the air as parents snapped pictures to capture every precious moment. These photos will serve as lasting memories of this significant life event – a testament to years spent studying, growing, and preparing for what lay ahead.

At 4 PM, the festivities escalated as graduates embarked on a symbolic march from Rivers Collegiate to the Riverdale Recreation Centre. The students walked with pride, dressed in their regalia, while friends and family cheered them on. The upbeat atmosphere matched the beautiful weather, making the celebration all the more special. The march wasn't just a procession; it was a celebration of accomplishments and a warm send-off into their next chapters.

Arriving at the Riverdale Recreation Centre, the graduates and their families were greeted with a sumptuous feast provided by Lee's Restaurant. The meal served not just delicious food, but also as a moment for everyone to unwind, connect, and share in the joy of the occasion. Stories were exchanged, laughter echoed through the hall, and dreams for the future were discussed over plates filled with culinary delights.

As the sun began to set, the festivities transitioned into the safe grad celebrations, designed to ensure all graduates could enjoy the evening in a secure and supportive environment. Activities were organized that not only promoted fun but also encouraged camaraderie among the students. The grad committee, parents, and teachers had put in immense effort to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for the graduates, and their hard work did not go unnoticed.

The Riverdale Collegiate Graduation was not just an event; it was a celebration of community, achievement,

and the bright futures that lay ahead for each of the 14 graduates. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire grad committee, parents, teachers, and especially the students, for making this day a memorable one. As these young individuals embark on their next adventure, they carry with them the love and support of their Riverdale family, ready to make their mark on the world.

RED AND WHITE CANADA DAY STRAWBERRY TRIFLE

Ingredients

- 1 (5.1 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 cups cold milk
- 1 (9 inch) angel food cake, cut in cubes
- 4 medium bananas, sliced
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen strawberries, thawed
- 1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions

1. Place pudding mix into a bowl. Add cold milk and whisk together for 2 minutes. Let rest for 5 minutes.
2. Layer of the cake cubes in a trifle bowl or other glass serving dish. Layer of the pudding, of the bananas, of the strawberries, and of the whipped topping over top. Repeat all layers once more.
3. Cover trifle and chill in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours before serving.

Lawn Bowling Provincial Championship



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Provincial Men's Fours tournament in Winnipeg last weekend won by: Skip Rod Rose, Rivers MB, Wheat City Lawn Bowling Club in Brandon; John Bjornson, Norwood; Wayne Trindall, Tuxedo; Sam Forrest, Norwood - grandson of John. They will be representing Manitoba in Vancouver August 16-20, 2026.

Manitoba Historical Society to Announce 2026 Endangered Historical Resources List including Kenton United Church

By Dr. Gordon Goldsborough
MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winnipeg — On Tuesday, 23 June 2026, the Manitoba Historical Society (MHS) will unveil its 2026 list of ten historical resources at risk. The announcement will take place in the Salon A Conference Room, Richardson Concourse, under the historic Richardson Building at Portage and Main.

- The 2026 list, in reverse chronological order, includes:
- “The Wall” (1977) art installation – Portage Avenue & Main Street, Winnipeg
 - Multi-family housing complex (1975-76) – 738 Nassau Street South, Winnipeg
 - Leaf Rapids Town Centre Complex (1970-71) – Leaf Rapids
 - Mariapolis Collegiate (1962) – Mariapolis, Municipality of Lorne
 - Ogilvie/Pool “B” Elevator (1923?) & Pool “A” Elevator (1927) – Napinka, RM of Brenda-Waskada
 - Ruthenia Community Hall (1931) – Ruthenia, Municipality of Rossburn
 - Manitoba Government Display Building (1926-27) – Fairgrounds, Brandon
 - Manitoba Air Photo Library (1923-2025?) – 14 Fultz Boulevard, Winnipeg
 - Kenton United Church (1904) – Kenton, RM of Wallace-Woodworth
 - Upper Fort Garry Gate (1853) – 130 Main Street, Winnipeg
- The embargo lifts at the time of public announcement

on 23 June 2026. Recipients who do not agree to this embargo are asked to destroy this notice without sharing its contents.

“Each year, the Endangered List reminds us how quickly Manitoba’s heritage can slip away if we are not attentive,” said Lawrence Prout, Chair of the Manitoba Historical Society. “These things—large and small, urban and rural—tell the story of who we are. By drawing attention to their vulnerability, we hope to encourage thoughtful discussion and collaborative action before they are lost.”

Additional background on each of the ten entries is provided on the attached pages. Lists from previous years (2019-2025) are available at www.mhs.mb.ca/news/endangered10_2025.shtml

Founded in 1879, the Manitoba Historical Society is a volunteer-run, registered charity dedicated to the preservation, promotion, education, and research of Manitoba’s heritage. The annual Endangered List highlights resources that, in the Society’s opinion, warrant public attention and consideration. The MHS does not claim engineering or structural expertise and acknowledges that additional information may exist regarding the condition of these resources.

For more information, contact Gordon Goldsborough, Acting Executive Director, at 204-782-8829 or gordon@mhs.mb.ca.

Kenton United Church (1904) – Kenton, RM of Wallace-Woodworth

The United Church of Canada has had a profound impact on Manitoba through its blend of social activism, community service, and rural ministry. Rooted in the

Social Gospel tradition, a movement energized by events such as the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike, the church became an advocate for unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, universal health care, and other reforms aimed at improving daily life.

Its presence was especially strong in rural Manitoba. When Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregationalist congregations united in 1925, the new denomination instantly became the province’s largest Protestant body in terms of buildings. A provincial architectural survey in the 1980s documented over 450 relevant church buildings across the predecessor traditions.

Today, the United Church faces a marked decline in Manitoba. Demographic change, shrinking congregations, and a severe shortage of ministers leave many communities without stable leadership. Once-central rural churches now struggle to sustain programs, maintain buildings, and attract new members, affecting not only congregations but the wider community life they long supported.

Kenton is a clear example. Its brick Presbyterian church, built in 1904 and becoming a United Church in 1925, has been an anchor in a multi-point charge with Hamiota, Oakner, and Shiloh. Yet it now faces the same pressures as other rural congregations. Aside from a well-attended Christmas service in 2023 and one early in 2024, it has been largely vacant. As the only church remaining in town, it might find new life as a community church serving a broader spectrum of residents or, like other rural churches, through a creative adaptive reuse that preserves this architectural landmark.

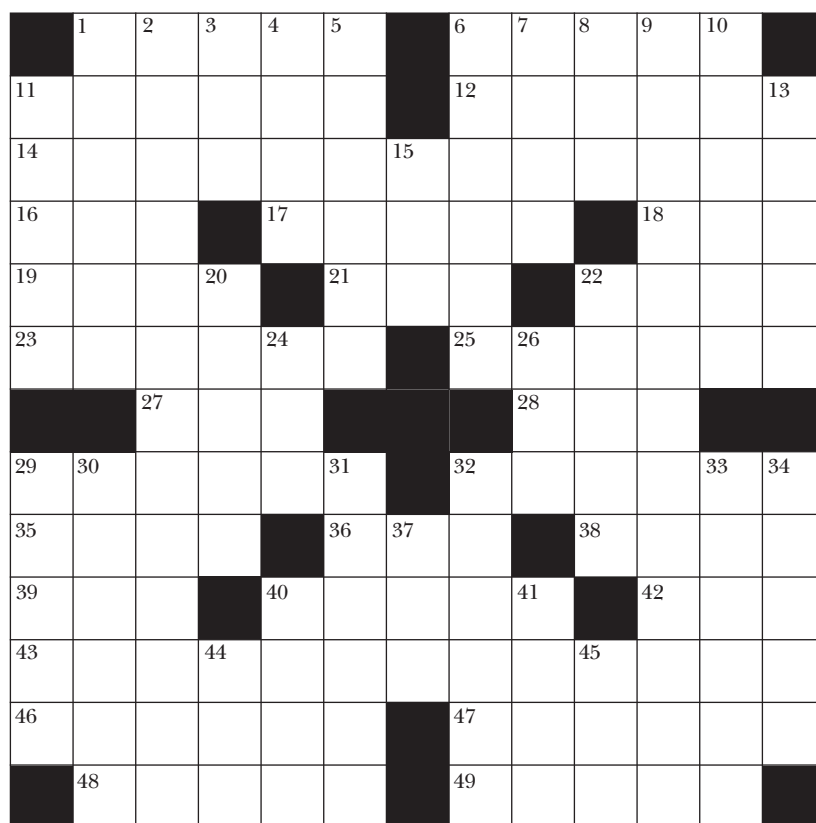
Locally created crossword

Across

- Hue, tint (American spelling)
- Remains of a felled tree
- Harsh
- Prairie oil seed
- Decided in advance
- ___ Lingus – Irish Airline
- Dawn
- Father, pop
- Woodworking groove joint
- Johnny ___ - southern soldier (US civil war)
- Military home facility
- One more than ten
- Dragon killer
- Dog’s doc
- Upper limb
- Musical shows
- Crossword column
- Superman’s birth name and others same named
- Mork’s home planet
- The Red Viking
- The Speedwagon’s company
- Google’s letter service
- Near Death Experience acronym
- Putting into order as in a dictionary
- Immoral and corrupt person (slang)
- Style of dresses
- September’s flower
- Wet and soft, mushy

Down

- Breakfast food
- Builds up too much
- Went first
- Mine outputs
- Take back



Answers on page 14

Created by David Harris of Oak River, MB

- Scours
- Pat down
- Prefix meaning one
- Start of the work week (2wds)
- Make happy
- Pointed shovel
- Venomous viper
- 67-1/2* of a compass
- Second tries – Do ___
- Ballet dancer’s exercise rail
- Airport abbreviation
- Insect secretion from which shellac is made
- Pod vegetable (plural)
- A Spanish rice dish
- Solemn and sober
- Japanese dogs
- First black actor to win best actor Oscar – Poitier
- Outboard motor bottoms
- Canada’s UN representative 2020-25
- Look upon
- Girl who adopted Stitch
- Head wear
- Zag’s countermove

Fatal one-vehicle collision in the RM of Oakview

Submitted
By D MEDIA RCMP


On June 20, at approximately 4:35 p.m., RCMP responded to a single-vehicle collision on Highway 24, in the RM of Oakview.

RCMP learned a westbound vehicle struck the gravel shoulder, over-corrected and crossed both lanes before rolling in the ditch.

A 35-year-old male who was found inside the vehicle died of his injuries. A 39-year-old male who was ejected from the vehicle was taken to hospital in Winnipeg with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The cause of the collision is being investigated.

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By Chad Carpenter



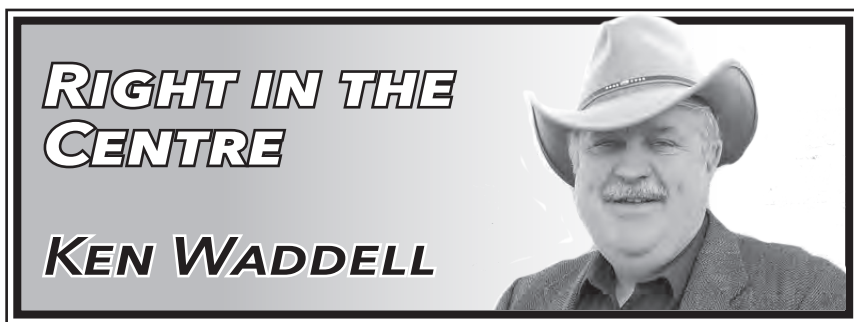
Simple pleasures...

Housing crisis no surprise

There is some disturbing, but not surprising news, on the housing front. Many people can't afford to buy a home as the spread between price and income is just too high. There are many other factors as well. A lack of smaller affordable houses is one factor. The unwillingness of the construction industry to build smaller affordable housing units is another factor. Builders will tell you that they can't cover costs and make a profit by building anything less than over-the-top luxury houses. Modest style houses don't seem to cut it financially apparently.

CBC has announced that the Federal and B.C. governments plan to use up to \$3 billion to buy vacant condo units and turn them into affordable housing. These housing units are all higher end, expensive condos that aren't selling. Recent data from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation shows that as of last month, there were 4,376 completed condos sitting empty in Metro Vancouver, a 76 per cent increase from the year before.

CBC says, "B.C. is facing a glut of empty condos. Thousands of Metro Vancouver units are sitting empty and some developers are facing insolvency. Now, some housing experts are questioning a plan by the federal and provincial governments to buy some of those vacant units and turn them into affordable housing. They say it amounts to a multibillion-dollar bailout for developers who refuse to lower prices to reflect a sluggish real estate market. "How much of this is really a way of helping out the industry versus, I think, a bailout in terms of bad business decisions by some of these developers?" asked Andy Yan, an urban planner and director of Simon Fraser



University's City Program. Yan has a lot of questions about the plan by Prime Minister Mark Carney and B.C. Premier David Eby to spend up to \$3 billion to buy vacant condos in "priority growth areas" and turn them into affordable housing. Yan has crunched the numbers, with his analysis showing that a third of all condos without owners in Metro Vancouver cost over \$1 million. He questions how deep a discount the governments can get to make those units truly affordable."

The longer they are on the market, the lower the price. Without a bailout, there will be bankruptcies. The question is should our tax dollars go to developers that build houses that are too big and too expensive to start with? I think not. We have been hearing for years now that Communist (Socialist) China has been driving their economy forward by not only over building houses but whole cities with schools, rec centres and hospitals, many of which are nearly empty. The Chinese bubble may have burst and perhaps Canada is not far behind.

There are other issues in Canada's housing industry. One is the emphasis on building garage-ma-halls, luxurious 3-4 bedroom homes with double and triple garages with every amenity known to mankind and at

prices that show a profit. We need a total switch in housing ideas in Canada. We need smaller homes! No dammit!, every kid doesn't need their own bedroom with a Queen size bed. Building codes have gotten out of hand as well. When you drive through any town or city, there are many houses that are just fine that were built with 2 x 4s. Two-by-six is nice but it shouldn't be the law and that's just one example.

Local housing by-laws are ridiculous with rules about modular homes that are silly and restrictive. Millions of families have raised their kids in houses that only had 33 foot wide lots. People would be aghast at buying a new house today that was that narrow but that is just one of many concessions that need to be considered.

One concession that shouldn't be considered is bailing out Vancouver condo buyers. They over reached and perhaps deserve to go bankrupt. Perhaps that will signal common sense building instead of the excessive luxury being pushed at consumers.

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 Banner & Press staff.

It's been a full ten years since I left the acreage and moved into town. There is a pretty impressive list of home and yard improvements since July of 2016. Some were small projects, some really not so small. Some in the home and some outdoors. One of the first things that got changed was removing the awnings and shutters from the windows on the west side of my home. Then there was a massive water feature; I couldn't figure out how to make it work and it really isn't my style. There had been a snow stopping hedge on the north side of the driveway. It also frequently needed trimming. That is now part of my vegetable garden, the part that needs to be fenced against the neighbourhood long eared jack rabbits. Had a custom tree guy come in and remove a massive beech tree that was so close to the house that its branches were scratching the roof and seeds clogging the drains.

Oh, and then there was a fake raised flower shrub bed under the living room window and along the walkway. That got cleaned up and I now have a deck that I really appreciate. Oh, and a rose bush that had been damaged and the growth was all from below the graft. The tree, the water feature and the rose bush were all surrounded by those little white decorative stones...so many little white stones...

Where am I going with this? There was one more front yard scene that troubled me. The evergreen, probably planted the year the home was built, sat alone, center of a mound of brown stuff, some pine straw, some cedar chips. And under those layers, over a layer of landscape fabric, another layer of little white stones! I had no idea what I wanted to see out there, but knew that the lone tree with the brown surround wasn't cutting it! I sent a photo to one of the grands, the one that gave me the clues as to how to decorate the hearth after I got rid of the massive TV that had filled the space. There is an app - of course there is!— you enter what you have and they give you ideas of what could be. There were several options that I could choose.

The real work began when I slowly and systematically sifted through the brown stuff to remove all the little white stones. And there were many. Then I got a grand to help me move the concrete bird bath from the back yard and settle it under the tree. A start. A posting on social media connected me to free hostas. Thank you! I picked them up and got them planted. One of the suggestions was to add colour, so off to a greenhouse for a handful of annuals. The weather has been perfect for transplants. Another option is/was to add rocks — I think I will pass on more stones!

The project took time and effort. Every time I turn down my street and every time I glance out the window, my heart is content. Sometimes it truly is the simple things.

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PAYTON AINSWORTH Bryce Waldon Memorial Award

REID HUTCHINGS Shilo & Region Service Club Scholarship

SARA KOPYTKO ELA COMPREHENSIVE FOCUS 40S Highest Mark Elsie Taylor Memorial Scholarship Kinsmen Club of Brandon RRSD Bronze Medallion for English Language Arts

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**"The past is a closed door, the present is an open one, and the future is an approaching one."
— Matshona Dhliwayo**

APPRENTICESHIP YOUR WAY TO A CAREER

By Nancy Jo Moller
RIVERS BANNER

With the high cost of living and not being able to afford full-time schooling many individuals are now following the path of apprenticeship. This allows the person to “earn while you learn” in a skilled trade. Hands on training gives an individual the chance to gain experience in either a trade specific company or one with numerous trades. While working, you accumulate employment hours for both your level with the Apprenticeship Board and Employment Insurance. Typically, 80 percent of your time is spent on the job under a certified mentor and 20 percent is in classroom instruction. Annually apprentices are required to attend college to complete the theoretical or technical part of their training. During college attendance, your employer grants a leave of absence to attend apprenticeship courses. The worker can apply for Employment Insurance while attending their apprenticeship course, so they still have some income available and then once their course is completed, they return onto their employer’s payroll. As the worker gains employment hours and passes each level of their training, responsibilities and wage increase.

Programs vary from two to five years depending on the trade complexity. Apprenticeships can be completed in over 50 designated trades in sectors like carpentry, construction, electrical, mechanics, plumbing, refrigeration, welding, cooking, hairdressing to name just a few. A full list can be viewed on the Apprenticeship Manitoba website.

When you complete your required work hours and pass the certification exam, you become a fully certified journeyman. This means you are awarded a Certificate of Qualification, commonly known as a Red Seal, recognized across Canada. As a qualified journeyman, you have several avenues available from leading a crew to starting your own business.

Does this interest you? Talk to the Manitoba Apprenticeship Board and local employers to get the process started as soon as you can. Contact your local



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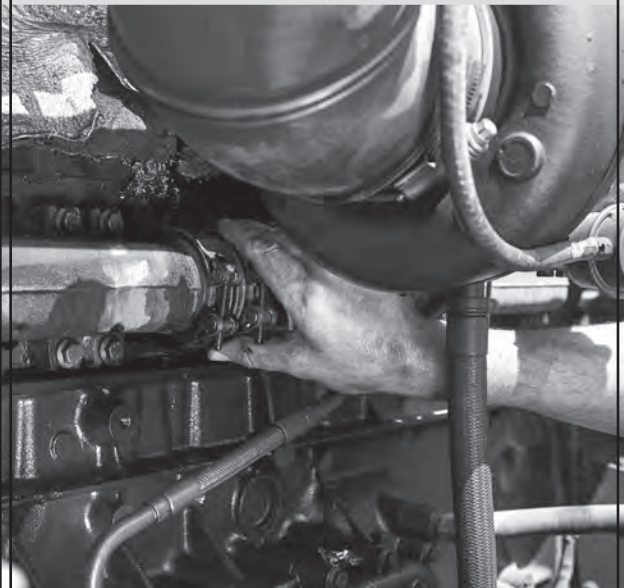
trade company to inquire if they have an apprenticeship position available, then contact Apprenticeship Manitoba to apply and register your Apprenticeship Application. Once complete you will sign an Agreement with your employer to log hours towards apprentice levels and certification.

If you have worked in a specific trade before, please contact Apprenticeship Manitoba to see if you are

eligible to challenge a level in your field. You may be able to move up a level and be closer to your Red Seal with previous work experience. Experienced tradespeople with sufficient hours may be sponsored by their employer to challenge mentorship certification.

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SPORTS

SWBL: YOUTH HELP COMETS SUCCEED ON THE DIAMOND

By Robin Wark
RIVERS BANNER

Youth is being served on the Rivers Comets this season.

According to the South West Baseball League website, five Comets are listed as 18U players and seven as 22U. As of June 21, the young squad was second in the SWBL North Division with a 7-4-0 record. On Sunday, the Comets fell by one run, 10-9, to the undefeated South Division-leading Bois-sevain Centennials.

“Young guys have been a big asset to our team this year,” said player/organizer Scott Beever. “They bring a lot of energy to the diamond, keep the guys loose and motivated to play. Lots of the guys have had success on the field, which gives us a lot more well-rounded team.”

Hayden Mackedenski is one of those young players who have helped the Comets. As of June 21, the pitcher led the team with three wins and a 0.37 earned run average.

“Obviously, I enjoy playing with the Rivers Comets because I get to keep playing baseball,

but I really like the guys on the team and being such a young team we get along well,” Mackedenski said.

Jase Wareham, known for his goaltending prowess on the ice, led the Rivers squad in runs batted in with 12, as of June 21. Braden Clarke paced the team with six stolen bases and also had six RBIs.

On June 21, the Comets led 9-4 on the road heading into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Centennials pushed six runs across the plate for a 10-9 win. For Rivers, Luke Hrycak drove in three runs, while Michael McFadden pushed two across. Comets hurler Beever had a game-high nine strikeouts, while allowing 10 runs on 14 hits.

The Rivers Comets had one game take place after the Banner deadline, a June 23 matchup with the Reston Rockets. The club’s three remaining regular-season games are scheduled for June 30 against Oak River, July 3 against Hamiota and July 5 against Virden.

Oak River Dodgers
As of June 21, the

Dodgers topped the SWBL North Division with an 8-3-0 record. The Oak River team split its two games last week.

The Dodgers romped past the Hamiota Red Sox 16-4 on June 17. Ty Paddock hit a home run, while he and Kaden Rozdeba each drove in three runs. Duncan Paddock and Dylan Schroeder had two RBIs each. Rozdeba got the pitching start and the win. He fanned nine while allowing two runs, none earned, on one hit. Dylan Schroeder and Max Paddock also pitched for the Dodgers.

On the road, the Oak River team lost 6-1 to the Virden Oilers on June 18.

Since the Banner deadline, the Oak River Dodgers have played one game, a June 25 contest against the Reston Rockets. The club’s three remaining regular-season games are scheduled for June 26 versus the Brandon Young Guns, June 30 against the Rivers Comets and July 3 against the Brandon Young Guns.

Hamiota Red Sox
Last week, the Red Sox lost to the Dodg-



PHOTO BY DALE DAVISON

Rivers Comets versus Hamiota Red Sox. Game played in Hamiota.

ers 16-4. They beat the Virden Oilers 6-1 on June 19. The Red Sox pushed five runs across in the first inning. Justin Knight drove in two runs. Carter Loewen went the distance for Hami-

ota. He struck out eight and allowed one run on six hits. The Hamiota Red Sox played two games after the Banner deadline, facing the Brandon Young Guns on June 24 and the Bran-

don Cardinals on June 25. The club has two regular-season games remaining on its schedule: July 3 against the Rivers Comets and July 5 against the Brandon Young Guns.

STANLEY CUP HAS BEEN WON

REF TO WRITER

GERRY NOLAN



The Stanley Cup goes to the Carolina Hurricanes. They defeated the Vegas Golden Knights to take Lord Stanley back to Carolina. They proved to be just too much for their

opponent and are National Hockey League Champions for the 2025-26 season.

Seth Jarvis and Jordan Martinook, two Manitoba boys will indeed celebrate the occasion and good

on them for that. Nik Ehlers who previously played for the Winnipeg Jets was also on the winning team and will really enjoy his summer.

Well, that is a wrap on this year’s Stanley Cup playoffs.

It all starts again in September, but in between there is the National Hockey League draft and also free agency which begins on July 1. You will not run out of hockey stories all summer.

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Manitoba School Trustee Elections

ELTON COLLEGIATE GRADUATION



Elton class of 2026 celebrate graduating on June 19.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Valedictorian Colby Marshall delivers an amazing speech.



Elton class of 2026 dazzles the audience in their gorgeous gowns and handsome suits.

Rivers U11 wins Regionals

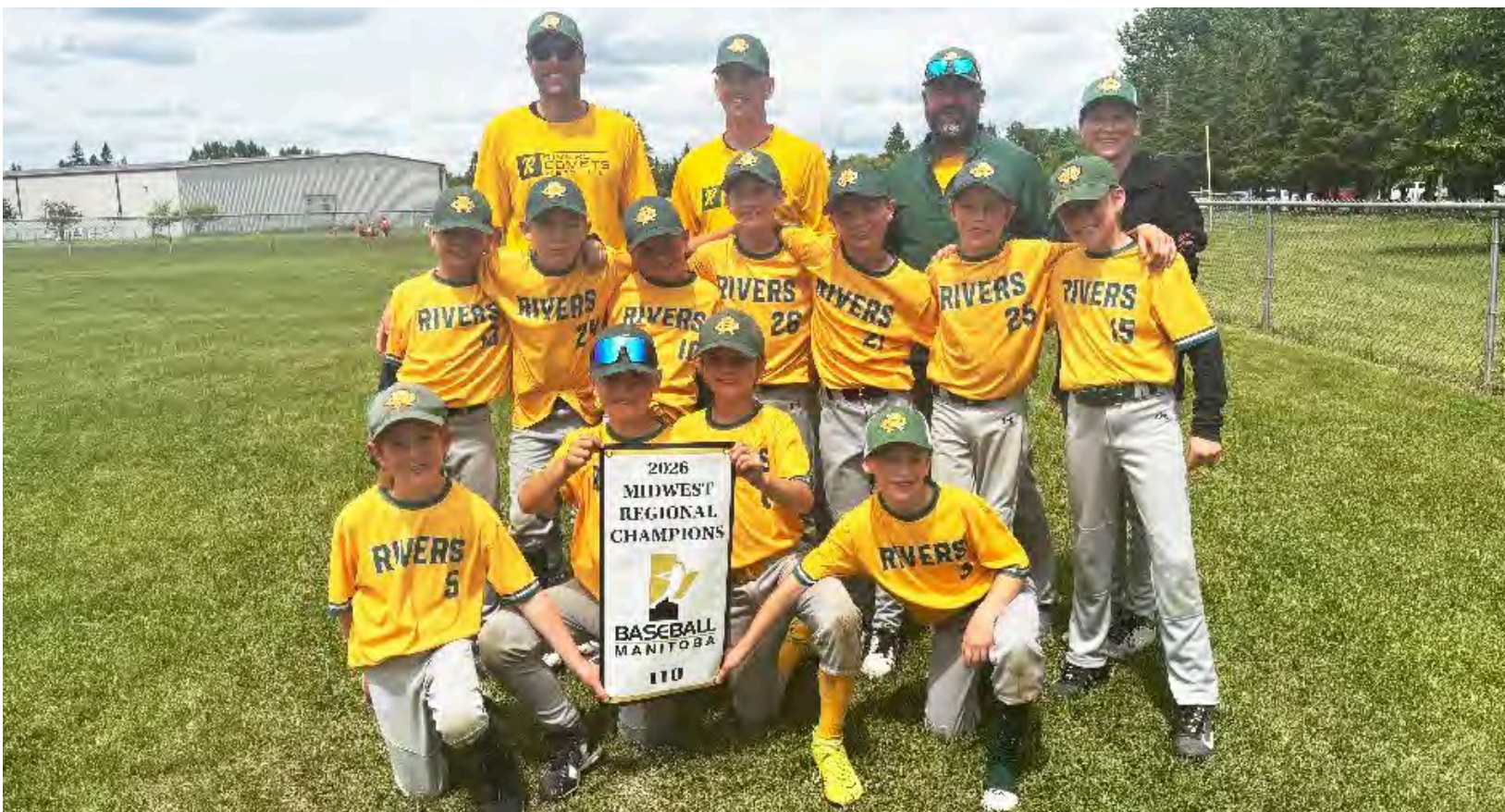


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Team roster includes Aysen Abey, Bingham Boyd, Finn Brown, Cody Burdeniuk, Griffin Elliott, Benson Falk Hamilton, Liam Wood, Calder Kendzierski, Kassyn Kendzierski, Henry Marvin, and Bentley Penner; coached by coaches Mike Kendzierski, Ryan Boyd, Tara Kendzierski, Derek and Jenn Elliott and managed by Cally Brown.

By RB Staff
RIVERS BANNER

Rivers U11 Kendzierski captured the Midwest Regional Championship in Hamiota and will play in Tier 1 Provincials in Reston July 3rd to 5th.

Coaches report that it was a great weekend of ball that saw the team win all four games in the round robin before beating Birtle in the semi finals and a close 3-2 win over Hamiota in the final.

Rivers will have three teams at provincials this year. The U13 team advanced to the final before losing to Hamiota and will play in Crystal City in the Tier 2 championship, July 10-12.

Rivers U15 team won the Midwest Tier 2 Qualifier Saturday afternoon and will head to Altona for provincials, July 10-12.

Midwest Regional Championship sorts out top teams



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Red team: Hamiota U11 team qualifies for Tier 2 provincials. (Back L-R) Coaches: Tannis Webber, Dave Rawlings, Ian Fortune and Darren Kirk. Players (L-R) Joseph Magtanong #21, Leighton Kent #24, Bowen Thrinitt #4, Jack Kirk #22, Callen Tolton #5, Reid Gardham #14, Maxton Fortune #25, Declan McDonald #13, Landen Vanderveen-Houle #15, Logan Wurtz #29, Matt Rawlings #23 and Myles Knight #11.

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

After a weekend of competition in Hamiota, both the U11 and U13 Hamiota Red Sox have qualified for provincial tournaments. Gold medal games played at 1pm were tight matches, each against Rivers teams.

In U11 competition, Rivers U11 Kendzierski captured the Midwest Regional Championship and will play in the Tier 1 Provincials in Reston, July 3rd to 5th. The team won all four games in the round robin before beating Birtle in the semi finals, then a gold win 3-2 over Hamiota.

Hamiota U11 lost to Rivers 2:3 but qualify for Tier 2 Provincials hosted in La Broquerie July 3-5.

In U13 competition, the Hamiota Red Sox beat Rivers Comets by 2 runs to qualify for Tier 1 Provincials hosted in Altona July 10-12. Rivers qualified to play in the Tier 2 Crystal City championships held July 10-12.

In U15 four teams, Sioux Valley, Birtle, Rivers and Minnedosa competed with Rivers U15 winning Midwest Tier 2 qualifier Saturday afternoon. They will play in Altona for the provincial title on July 10-12.

Hamiota was a buzz of activity last weekend as baseball teams, family and fans filled the ball diamonds and campground areas. The ag grounds were well used as well. The pool, open now for a couple of weeks, and the mini golf provided fun for families.



Hamiota U17 Softball team brings home the 17U/19U league championship from last weekend play in Killarney: (back L_R) - Greg Facey (head coach), Claire Ramsey, Jayce Oakden, Brielle McGonigal (AP), Carrie Ramsey (coach); (Centre L-R) - Rylee Maynes, Chloe Facey, Avery McGonigal; (front L-R) Chloe Brown and Nicole Rozdeba; missing from picture Chloe McKinnon and Brady Gregory; and Karli Knight out with an injury.

Kendra Kay raises the roof

Kendra Kay and her five-piece band were a hit on stage in Hamiota District Sports Complex. Playing three sets and at one point Kay even invited the most tireless young dancer up onto the stage with her. Bethel Road Music hit a sweet spot on this Western stage singing tunes like Fulsom Prison Blues and Bobby McGee.



PHOTO BY ANNE DAVISON

Oak River celebrates store grand opening



Brent Fortune and Oakview Deputy Reeve Bill Aaroe holds the ribbon as Minister Glen Simard cuts the ribbon.



PHOTOS BY ANNE DAVISON

Oak River Country Store manager Ken Jaworski, continues with the business of pricing groceries on Saturday, June 20. Forbidden Flavours brews in the background.

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

Oak River Country Store has made a comeback and celebrated its official opening over two days, June 19 and 20. Last year when Valleyview Coop shuttered the store it looked like the end, but that was not to be.

Enthusiasm was running high as community people turned out at noon both days to enjoy hot dogs on the grill.

MLA for Riding Mountain constituency Greg Nesbitt attended Friday and on Saturday Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations MLA Glen Simard cut the red ribbon.

Originally from the small community of St. Lazare, Simard said he's thrilled to see this small community's resilience.

RM of Oakview Councillor Bill Aaroe, a resident of Oak River, said Oak River has affordable living and noted that

council made an effort to tidy up, making the hamlet an appealing home.

The efforts and enthusiasm of local people led by Robert (Bob) Turnbull, chair of the Community Development Corporation, have made this little store come to life again to serve the people of the community.

The Co-op had turned the building over for a dollar, and once it was determined that the building was serviceable, the CDC forged ahead with a cleanup, repairs, some paint, and plans which included finding staff and stocking the shelves.

"We've set aside \$65,000 for the project," says Coun. Aaroe. "As long as we make enough money to pay the staff, pay maintenance on the building, and pay for replacement of stock, we don't have to make money... this is a community-owned venture."

Ken Jaworski a recent resident of Oak River, has stepped up to become store manager. It's a change in career paths for him.

"I'm a graphic designer," said Jaworski, "and AI is killing my career."

He's not brand new to running a store.

Just prior to Covid, he'd turned his hand to running a small store. It relied on tourism in one of Manitoba's lovely parks. The pandemic slowed the traffic run and the Jaworski family made the decision to close. They moved to Oak River in part because it was affordable and had high speed Internet available.

Kathy Krahn, also relatively new to Oak River, is on staff.

Now Oak River Country Store shelves carry necessities and the coffee's on in a nook near the front door. Country Crocus Bakeshop supplies bread and fresh bakery items. The storage room carries livestock feed supplies.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jun 26

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Chase the Ace
Rivers Legion 7pm
Kenton Legion 7pm

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Rivers Legion
Bingo 11:30am

50 + Club
Pool 1pm

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Have a safe
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JULY 1st
CANADA DAY!

Rivers Food Bank
9:30 - 11:30am

Rivers Legion
Cribbage 7pm
50+ Floor
Games 1pm

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Darts Rivers
Legion 7pm

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Trip to the west



PHOTO BY GERRY NOLAN

Farmstrong Restaurant in Armstrong BC.

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

My wife Celia and I headed out to British Columbia to see my daughter Carma and her husband Randy Smith. There were some very beautiful country but one thing that was awesome was a supper we had at Farmstrong. It was a beautiful drive to get to this place up high in the

hills. After a lot of twists and turns in the road we arrived at our destination. As we drove up to the restaurant, it was very nice looking, yet somehow very different from any food place I had been to before.

After parking our car, we walked up to the entrance where we picked up the menu and decided what we wanted to have for dinner. After decid-

ing what we wanted, we walked up to the desk, where two girls met us and we placed our food order.

Next, we were escorted into the restaurant and seated, and they took our drink order.

Now what was unique about this place was it was a barn that had been used for livestock at one time but had been converted to a restaurant. There was a

space between each board on the walls, and the roof had been tinned. Now they are not open year-round but were open this evening.

The tables were huge, that could have seated at least 8 people on each side. The seats were pews that had been taken out of a church yet were quite comfortable. There were ladders that went from the floor up to the big beams that were used to support the building. It was totally awesome! They also had a huge screen that could be pulled down for people to watch a movie-on-movie night. Over in one corner there was a stage for a band to play if it was entertainment night.

The food was all cooked outside of the restaurant in a cook house. The meal was delicious and the atmosphere was just excellent. We had a great time! There was a lot of food in the portion size for our meal so when it came to dessert the 4 of us shared carrot cake.

If you're ever near Salmon Arm, British Columbia, put this place on your must-see list. Enjoy a great dinner at really affordable prices and enjoy the drive up and down the hills. You will not be disappointed!

Whyte's Lumber celebrates 80 years



PHOTO BY GERRY NOLAN

Whyte's Lumber Ltd, EST. 1946.

By Gerry Nolan
RIVERS BANNER

On Friday, June 19, Whyte's Lumber celebrated 80 years of service to Kenton and surrounding area. Owner, Craig Whyte, his family and staff celebrated by hosting a luncheon which included beef on a bun, potato and macaroni salads and, of course, cake.

A little background on the business shows that John Whyte purchased the business in February 1946 after returning from World War II. They sold building materials, petroleum products and coal. Eventually John Whyte made the decision to enter the general insurance industry. John and his brother, known as Uncle Geordie. Uncle Geordie was unknown to pretty much everyone in and around the Woodworth district.

John passed away in 1970, so Uncle Geordie took over the business while Craig Whyte went to post secondary school. Craig returned to take over the family business. Uncle Geordie worked alongside Craig for a few years then retired.

Craig Whyte has run the business, and it has grown steadily and is well known throughout Manitoba. Many contractors come to Whyte's for lumber! The insurance part of the business was sold a few years ago to Guild Insurance.

Approximately 200 people showed up for the celebration lunch to congratulate Craig and his family on this momentous occasion.

Congratulations Craig on such a huge anniversary. It is truly amazing that in this day and age that a family business can survive and continue to grow and operate in such a small town. Eighty years and still going strong! It is the best lumber store by a dam site, in Kenton Manitoba!

PMH suggests Summer Safety

Submitted
By PMH

Bring on those warm Manitoba summers we spend so many months waiting for! Check out these summer safety tips and resources to keep in mind while we are out enjoying the sunshine.

Protect your skin

Taking precautions can help prevent your chance of skin damage. Wear a wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Stay out of the sun at the hottest part of the day (11am to 4pm).

Stay cool

Avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke by drinking lots of water, take breaks indoors from the heat or stay in the shade when possible and be aware of the signs and symptoms to cool down when your body needs it.

Safe swim

Whether you and your family are in a pool or lake, take care. Use life jackets (especially on the boat), be aware of swimming ability of those around you, know your limits and your environment. And always stay



PHOTO BY PMH

Apply generous sunscreen.

within arms reach of little ones. Drownings happen fast and are often preventable.

Bike safety

Teach road safety to our children, kids should not be allowed to ride alone until they are 10 years old. Make sure you and your kids are riding a bike that's the right size for you and fasten up that helmet so it fits properly.



Westman Communications Group invests \$25,000 in the future of local technology talent

Submitted

By BRANDI CROWE, MARKETING MANAGER

BRANDON, MB: Westman Communications Group (WCG) recently announced the five Manitoba students selected as the recipients of the 2026 WCG Technology Scholarship. As part of WCG's commitment to local connection, this annual initiative provides a financial boost to students across the 80-plus communities it serves as they enter technology-based post-secondary programs.

This year, Westman Communications Group awarded their scholarship to five deserving recipients:

- Declan Welch from Forrest, who currently attends Elton Collegiate and will be going to the University of Manitoba
- Nyssim Gevais from Treherne, who currently

attends Treherne Collegiate Institute and will be going to the University of Manitoba

- Mitchell Gudz from Brandon, who currently attends Neelin High School and will be going to the University of Calgary
- Kaius Kroeker from Onanole, who currently attends Erickson Collegiate Institute and will be going to the University of Alberta
- Quinn Baker from Kenville, who currently attends Swan Valley Regional Secondary School and will be going to the University of Alberta

"Helping people in Western Manitoba connect to the world is our mission; we believe in the power of connection to open up new opportunities," said WCG Marketing Manager Brandi Crowe. "We have a long history of supporting students in the areas we serve in their journey to pursue higher education. Through this scholarship program, we

aim to help these students focus on their studies rather than their finances. Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients; we wish you the best in your first year of higher education!"

For more information about Westman Communications Group or the WCG Technology Scholarship, please visit westmancom.com.

About Westman Communications Group

Westman Communications Group (WCG) is a member-owned cooperative operating broadband and fibre communications networks across Manitoba. WCG is an industry leader in communications, offering high-speed Fibre Internet, Digital TV, and Phone services to residents and businesses throughout the region. WCG is proud of its strong commitment to its members and the communities it serves. For more information, visit westmancom.com.

Enjoy the outdoors, without a tick

Submitted

By GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Lyme disease is in Canada. Prevention is important.

Learn how you can reduce your risk

Lyme disease is spread by the bite of infected blacklegged ticks. These ticks are often found in and near areas with trees, shrubs, tall grass or piles of leaves. It can cause serious health issues if untreated, but you can take action to reduce your risk.

Can you identify a blacklegged tick?

Generally, people are infected through the bite of immature ticks called nymphs that are about the size of a poppy seed. Adult ticks (about the size of a sesame seed) can also transmit Lyme disease. Ticks are very small and their bites are usually painless, so you may not know you've been bitten.

Prevention tips!

The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to avoid being bitten by a tick. Follow these tips when heading outside in areas where ticks can be found:

Prevent

- Wear light coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Tuck your shirt into your pants, and your pants into your socks.
- Wear closed-toe shoes.
- Use bug spray with DEET or Icaridin (always follow label directions).
- Walk on cleared paths or walkways.
- You can also wear permethrin-treated clothing, now available in Canada (always follow label directions).

Check

- Shower or bathe as soon as possible after being outdoors.
- Do a daily full body tick check on yourself, your children, your pets and your gear.
- Put your clothes in a dryer on high heat for at least 10 minutes.

What should you do if you're bitten?

Take action

- Use clean fine-point tweezers to immediately remove attached ticks:
 - ♦ Grasp the tick's head as close to your skin as possible.
 - ♦ Slowly pull it straight out. Try not to twist or squeeze the tick.
 - ♦ If parts of the tick's mouth break off and



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The photo depicts a pair of American dog ticks.

remain in your skin, remove them with the tweezers.

- ♦ If you can't remove the mouthparts, leave them alone, and let your skin heal.
- ♦ Wash the bite area with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Keep the tick in a closed container and bring it with you if you go see your health care provider.
- Contact your health care provider if you're not feeling well or if you are concerned after being bitten by a tick.

Early detection is key

The identification of Lyme disease in its early stages is very important. In most cases, if caught early, Lyme disease can be treated effectively with antibiotics.

Symptoms typically occur 3 to 30 days after you've been bitten. They can differ from person to person and could include any of the following:

- Rash (sometimes shaped like a bull's eye)
- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Aching muscles and joints
- Swollen lymph nodes

More severe symptoms (experienced weeks to months after a tick bite, if untreated) could include but are not limited to:

- Severe headaches
- Facial paralysis (such as Bell's palsy)
- Joint pain
- Irregular heart beat
- Nervous system disorders (such as dizziness, mental confusion or inability to think clearly, and memory loss, nerve pain, numbness or tingling in the hands or feet)

Contact your health care provider if you're not feeling well or are concerned after being bitten by a tick.

Pets and Lyme disease

Although pets can't spread Lyme disease directly to humans, they can carry infected ticks into your home or yard. Regular tick checks and prompt tick removal are just as important for pets as for people.

Sore muscles and joints are the most common symptom of Lyme disease in pets. Some animals may develop a fever or fatigue. Talk to your veterinarian about tick prevention or if you think your pet has Lyme disease.

For more information, visit Canada.ca/LymeDisease.

CLASSIFIEDS

Tender

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ELTON

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Vacant Single-Family Lots for Sale — Village of Forrest —

The Rural Municipality of Elton is accepting tenders for the sale of the following municipally owned property:

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



SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Sealed tenders clearly marked with the words "RM of Elton Lot Sale" will be received by Roy Johnston TDS (Attention: Mason Broadfoot / Alyson Vercaigne)
- Bids will be accepted until July 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
- No bid for less than \$135,000.00 shall be accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- Each tender must be sealed and in writing, accompanied by a deposit paid by bank draft, certified cheque, or solicitor's trust cheque in the amount of 10% of the offered price payable to "Thompson Dorfman Sweetman LLP, IN TRUST". Deposits accompanying unaccepted bids will be returned.
- All tenders must be received by the deadline of July 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. and shall include the full name, address, phone number and email address of the bidder.
- Each bidder shall only be entitled to purchase one lot, but bidders may bid on multiple lots (or all lots). Bidders may indicate their desired lots in a preferential rank. If a bidder has no preference, it shall be indicated that the bidder will take any of the lots. If a bidder is offering a differing purchase price for their lots of interest, this shall be clearly stated in the bid, and the 10% deposit shall be equal to highest offered purchase price, with the full amount of the deposit applied to the lot purchased (regardless of which of the offered lots the RM of Elton elects to sell to the bidder). Ambiguity with respect to the desired lots of a bidder may cause the bid to be rejected.
- All lots shall be used for the construction of a single family house or to move a newly built ready-to-move house, either of which must be a minimum of 1,200 square feet (exclusive of a garage). The lots shall not be used to move an existing house, nor for a mobile or modular home. Lots are to be built upon by purchaser and are not for re-sale.
- On acceptance of the tender, the deposit will be applied to the purchase price and the balance remaining will become due and payable on the closing date (subject to adjustments as detailed in the purchase agreement to be entered into). The closing date shall be 30 days after the successful bid is determined or such earlier date as agreed upon by the RM of Elton and the successful bidder. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid by the closing date, the deposit paid will be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- The successful bidder will be required, following acceptance, to sign a purchase agreement based on the accepted tender and those other terms as set out in the RM of Elton's standard form of purchase agreement (which is available on request).
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- No submitted tender may be varied or withdrawn prior to the notification of acceptance or rejection.
- Property taxes shall be adjusted as of the closing date for the purchase and sale of the lot. All other taxes including GST and Land Transfer Tax shall be the responsibility of the purchaser. If the bidder is registered for GST, this shall be stated in the bid and the GST number shall be provided. Each of the RM of Elton and purchaser shall be responsible for their own legal fees to complete the sale.

PLEASE SEND SEALED TENDERS TO PURCHASE A LOT TO: Roy Johnston TDS, 363 Tenth Street, Brandon, MB R7A 4E9, Attention: Mason Broadfoot / Alyson Vercaigne

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT MASON BROADFOOT AT 204-934-2570 or mbroadfoot@tdslaw.com

Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 28, 2026.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of head of council: Between May 1, 2026 and September 22, 2026
For the office of councillor: Between June 30, 2026 and September 22, 2026

To obtain a registration form, contact the SEO via email, telephone, or in-person at the following information listed below.

Armi Adair – Senior Election Official
 Hamiota Municipal Office
 75 Maple Avenue – 10AM to 3PM
 Tel: 204-764-3050 ext. 107 | email: hedc@hamiota.com

Dated at 75 Maple Avenue on April 30, 2026.

Armi Adair
 Senior Election Official (SEO)
 Hamiota Municipality

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Interested applicants are invited to submit their resume to:

Dave Hayden
 Email: dave@theboarstation.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Help Wanted

R.M. of Oakview PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE OPERATOR- FULL TIME

The Rural Municipality of Oakview features the communities of Oak River, Cardale, Rapid City and Basswood within a total area of 1120 square km, and a population of approximately 1630 residents.

Under supervision of the Manager of Public Works the successful applicant will operate municipal equipment, perform regular maintenance on all municipal equipment and any attachments, maintain municipal roads and ditches. General duties include operating municipal equipment as and when required to maintain roads and ditches, streets, lanes, public spaces (grading in the summer and snow plowing in the winter). Check on road signs and replace any that are in disrepair or are missing, mark roads with proper signage if required, recondition machinery in off season, and all other duties as prescribed.

Although work will be primarily assigned in a designated area, either urban, utility, or rural, assistance may be required by other Public Works Departments. Assistance must be given based on qualifications, availability, ability, and need.

Applicants should have experience operating and maintaining heavy equipment including, but not limited to, graders, loaders, gravel trucks, mowers, etc. Have good mechanical aptitude. Be willing to learn and continue professional development efforts. Have a valid Class 5 Manitoba Driver's License, and Class 3 Drivers License would be an asset.

The right candidate can expect a comprehensive salary and benefits package consistent with the collective agreement to be negotiated.

Individuals interested in this position should send a resume and cover letter to CAO Mark Humphries RM of Oakview, PO Box 179, Oak River, MB, R0K 1T0, or email cao@rmfoakview.ca. The selection committee intends to review applications as early as February 18, 2026; however, applications will continue to be accepted until the right candidate is found.

We thank all who apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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A Colony Farm Safety event was hosted at Rolling Acres Colony on June 12., with 320 students from 13 colony schools participating. The day started with a prayer and was followed by a keynote speech from Genji Maendel- the father of a 15-year-old son who lost a foot in a grain auger.

A dedication to loved ones who lost their life to farm accidents was also held, with two candles lit and kept burning all day in memory of Kayla Waldner, age 12, of Riverside Colony; and David Kleinsasser, age 55, of Westview Colony. Waldner accidentally lost her life in 2023. Kleinsasser passed six months ago due to a farm related incident.

The safety presentations had a wide range of topics, with sessions bearing a primary focus on farming. Shown here are just a couple scenes from the eventful, and educational, day.

Pictured left: Ron Wallman, a teacher at Goodhope Colony School, talked about ATV safety. Pictured right: Richardson Pioneer representatives emphasized dust awareness with the youth.

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