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HAMIOTA RED SOX WIN GOLD AT SENIOR A PROVINCIALS



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Gold medal team from Senior A Provincials in Hamiota. Hamiora Red Sox won over the Oak River Dodgers with a 3-0 victory.



Two of Rivers own were in the Senior A provincial finals. Both came home with medals. Fred Hrycak (silver) and Mike McFadden (gold).

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

Hamiota Red Sox thrilled fans in their win in Sunday's final at Baseball Manitoba Senior A Provincial Championship. Hamiota was the host team for the provincials on July 19-21 with four teams playing through three days of punishing heat. Last year's winners, the North Winnipeg Pirates, lost all their games in round robin play. The Carberry Royals won one game against Winnipeg. The Royals lost to the Red Sox and the Oak River Dodgers. Saturday, Hamiota lost to Oak River. The Dodgers won all three of their round robin games putting them in the final game. Hamiota and Carberry played off in the semifinal on Sunday morning with Hamiota advancing to the final game against Oak River. In an exciting final, Red Sox Brady Waddell on the mound "threw a complete game shutout. Rylan Gage hammered the ball at the plate," as stated on the Red Sox Facebook. Community support was strong. Spectators watched from the shade trees on the south side of the diamond. Elsewhere electric fans were running at the dugouts and at the concession booth. Dawson Brooks' DJ Deuce playlist did include "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." It was a great atmosphere at the Senior A Provincials, crowned with the Hamiota hosts taking the title.

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120TH HARDING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR

By Jessica Coulter
RIVERS BANNER

The Harding 120th Agricultural Society Fair kicked off with its traditional pancake breakfast on Friday, July 19. There was a huge increase in numbers this year as the Kenton businesses hosted their breakfast. They ran out of pancake mix and had to have more raced out to cover more hungry people. Then, they ran out of plates and had to borrow from the Harding Ag Supper. They estimated that 350 plus people came for breakfast on Friday, one of their biggest turn outs.

“On behalf of our directors, I’d like to thank all of the light horse and pony exhibitors for attending our 2024 fair. I hope you enjoyed it! Also, thank you so much to all of our sponsors. You are greatly appreciated,” says Wenda Best.

Thank-you for our sponsors, Redfern Farm Services, Jenna Kent, Doreen Lawlor, Woodworth Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ltd., K&T Slimmon and Family, Bill & Linda Drake, Barry Fontana (Deno Fontana Memorial), Brierwood Creek Cafe & Grill, Harder Tack & Feed, Mary Rouse Family, Shannon Lawlor Fine Art, Oaknerview Farm, Jody’s Welding, D.A.R.K. Horse & Cattle Co, Crocusview Farm, Donna Hunter, Marcia Carter, and Betty Best Family (Betty Best Memorial).



Champion Pony 2024 was Alvesta Noelle, owned by Marcia Carter and shown by Savannah Preston. The sponsor for this class is K & T Slimmon & family



Winner of the Sr. Ranch Riding Trail class was Amy Grainger of Brandon. Class Sponsor - D.A.R.K. Horse and Cattle Co



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2024 winners of the Jim Wilson Memorial Supreme Champion Breeders Herd award Freyburn Farms, the Frey family from Oxbow SK.



Winner of the Betty Best Memorial Plaque was Kora Thompson on Rango. Thank you to the Best family for your sponsorship of this award.



Pee Wee barrel racing on Friday night at the Harding Fair was fun for all that entered.



PHOTOS BY JESSICA COULTER

The Cattle Show had more entries this year than last and continues to grow.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP #2024-01 - Canteen Services

Dated: July 10th, 2024

Request for Proposals
Canteen Services at Riverdale Community Centre

ISSUE DATE: July 10th, 2024
CLOSING DATE: August 16th, 2024
CLOSING TIME: 4 :30 pm

Riverdale Community Center is a municipally owned facility located in Rivers, MB. Built in 2011, this facility includes an NHL size arena, 4 sheets of curling, a 2nd-floor curling lounge, and a 300-person hall, all wheelchair accessible.

Riverdale Municipality is seeking to entertain Requests for Proposals for the operations of the canteen in the Riverdale Community Centre. The kitchen is equipped with a deep fryer, grill, dishwasher, sinks, stoves, vent hood system, toaster, microwave, freezers and a refrigerator. All other desired equipment will be the responsibility of the successful bidder.

Sealed proposals are to be submitted on or before Friday, August 16th, 2024 at 4:30 pm to:

Chief Administrative Officer, Marci Quane Riverdale Municipality
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Many years ago (many more than I can remember), I visited with a member of my church who was about to undergo major surgery the following day. This person (a lady) was well advanced in years. She knew how serious her surgery was; and that, because of her age, she might not survive the operation; something she spoke about quite openly.

Her next words shocked me. "Neil," she said, "I don't want you to pray that I will survive the surgery. Don't pray that I'll die either," she quickly added. "Just pray that God's will for me; whatever that is, will be done."

Then she told me the following story. The surgeon who was to perform the operation the following morning had just been in to see her. "I was quite up front with him," she said. "I told him that my trust was in him, but my faith was in God. I told him that if God wants me to die on the operating table, I don't want him to feel bad; because nothing he can do will save me. But if God wants me to survive, nothing he can do

will kill me."

"I thought I was being pretty clever," she continued. "But then my doctor took my hands in his and told me that before he ever stepped into the operating room, he would be praying that the God in which he and I both believed would guide his hands so that God's will for me would indeed be done." Her story profoundly influences me to this day.

As I write these words, our neighbors south of the 49th parallel are still in shock following an alleged assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump. Time will tell what impact, if any, this event will have in November, when the presidential election is held.

Canadians will elect a new federal government in October of 2025. At the moment, our Prime Minister intends to lead his party into the next election. Time will tell if he gets that opportunity; and if he does, whether or not he will be reelected.

In times like these, I draw much inspiration from the words spoken by

my parishioner many years ago. I trust our governments (federal, provincial and local) to pass laws and provide services that will benefit all Canadians equally. But my faith is in the God who holds my future in the palms of his hands.

Of him, the ancient prophet wrote: "I am the Lord, I do not change." (Malachi 3:6). Of his son, we read: "Jesus Christ is the same; yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

Human governments come and go. Community leaders do not live forever. Church leaders come to a community for a while and then move on or retire. In this part of Canada, we have seen once vibrant communities decline, and in some cases, cease to exist altogether. Nothing in this life lasts forever - nothing that is, except for God himself.

My hope for this country, for our American neighbors and for all others on the face of this earth is deeply rooted in my personal faith. I am firmly convinced that as long as there is a God in heaven who works miracles, there is hope for all of us. We can be better people. We can do better in caring for this planet and its people. God can make it happen. We must get out of his way and let him do in and through us what he does best.



Public Notice

You're Invited

to share your views about the detailed reviews of Payday Lending / Loan Rates and the Government Cheque Cashing Fee Tariff in Manitoba

On December 23, 2023, the federal government released draft regulations to cap the maximum cost of borrowing for payday loans at 14% of the loan value. Manitoba currently regulates the maximum cost provincially and caps high-cost credit products at 17% of the loan value. The maximum fee any "person" may charge in Manitoba to cash a government issued cheque is \$3.00 plus 2% of the face value of the cheque.

For further details, please visit the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

A public hearing on these two issues will be held beginning:

Friday, December 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Please view the hearing via the PUB website.

If you are interested in learning more about this detailed rates hearing, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the **Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle** at 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **November 1, 2024**.

For more information, visit www.pubmanitoba.ca.

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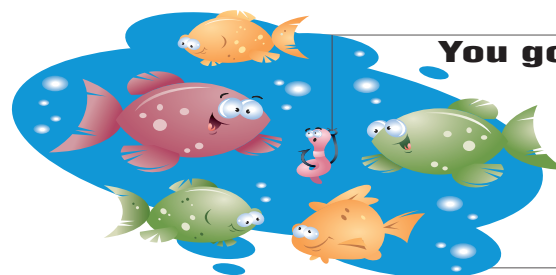
- 1 - Binges
- 8 - Jacket arm
- 14 - Thingamabob
- 17 - Moon of Jupiter
- 18 - Characterless, unlikeable
- 19 - Batting position for the pitcher's replacement abbr.
- 20 - Footing abbreviation on blueprints
- 22 - Baltimore baseball team
- 23 - Afternoon brew
- 24 - Ripped
- 26 - Bank card transaction
- 27 - In a short while
- 28 - Bavarian group of lakes
- 30 - Break a commandment
- 31 - Drug cops
- 32 - Blue jeans
- 34 - 649 game
- 35 - Loose statements
- 36 - Violin like instrument rested upright on the floor
- 37 - Finishing stroke on a letter
- 38 - Manner, technique
- 39 - Land chart
- 41 - Goes up
- 43 - Northern Manitoba native
- 44 - Quoted a passage
- 46 - Round mint candy without a hole
- 47 - Thin bar
- 48 - Wood patterned
- 50 - Observe
- 51 - Organization to maintain world peace abbr.
- 52 - Payments to exes
- 54 - 315* on a compass abbr.
- 55 - Light emitted from a living organism
- 58 - Economize and save
- 59 - Groaned in agony

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Down

- 1 - Birds whose nest is used in bird's nest soup
- 2 - Electronic switch controlled by light
- 3 - Egyptian sun god
- 4 - More the same abbr.
- 5 - Sound reverberation
- 6 - Piece of glass
- 7 - Put in a cast and traction (plural)
- 8 - South Counties Employer Employee Trust acronym
- 9 - Scottish gal
- 10 - Plural of 11 down
- 11 - Raised railway
- 12 - Chat on camera
- 13 - Actor, director Hawke and others same named
- 15 - Zodiac Ram
- 16 - Double or nothing bet
- 21 - Jealous or envious
- 23 - Large desert turtle
- 25 - Short novels (plural)
- 27 - Mocking, sarcastic
- 29 - Hebrew given name meaning cultivated field
- 31 - Person who writes down facts to aid memory
- 33 - Paulo, Brazil lead in
- 34 - Vegas lead in
- 38 - Scours
- 39 - Main village in the R.M. of Thompson MB
- 40 - Wide tubes of pasta
- 42 - Cooked slowly in gravy
- 44 - Curl permanently
- 45 - Church belief
- 48 - Sad, gloomy
- 49 - 1920 art style
- 52 - Boxer Muhammad
- 53 - Body of salt water
- 56 - Word of choice
- 57 - Generic brand abbr.

Created by David Harris of Oak River, MB



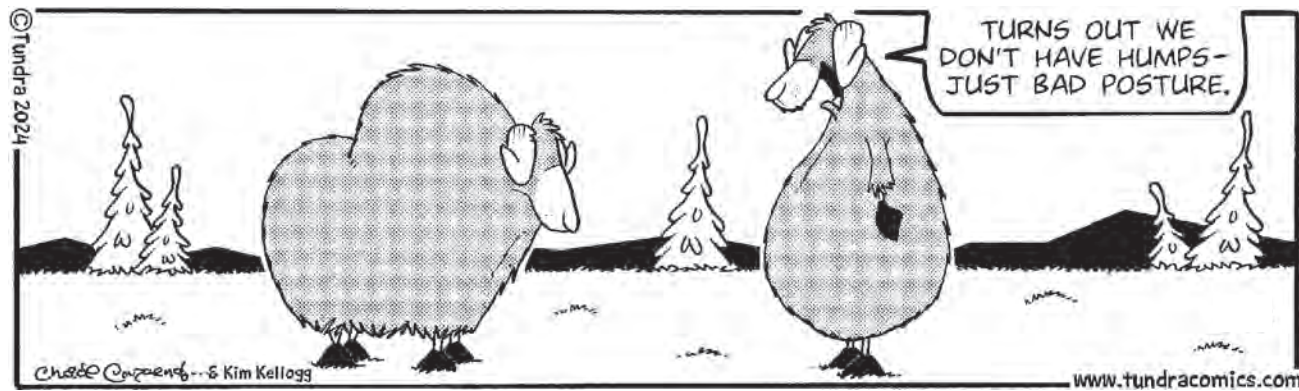
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By Chad Carpenter



Discerning right from wrong

I used to tell my kids, "Ask yourself if it's right or wrong and if it's wrong, don't do it." I still think it's good advice but in the 40 years since I used spread that advice, there's been a deluge of change about what is right or wrong.

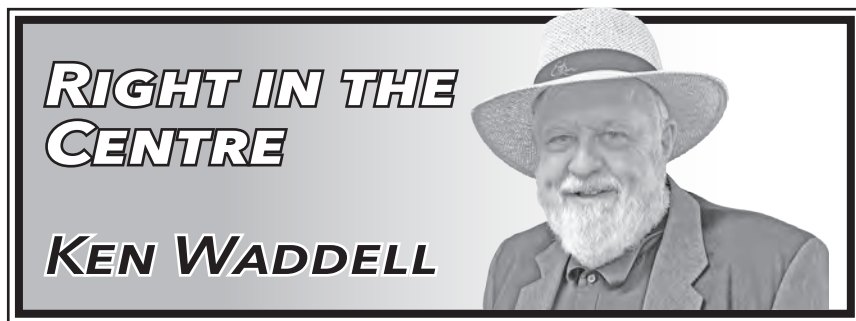
Not all of the changes have been bad. For example, smoking cigarettes isn't as popular as it once was and I guess that's a good thing. However smoking cigars has gained in popularity, vaping is a big thing now and now marijuana is legal and promoted. These are really pretty dumb things to do for the individual user and annoying to anyone in the immediate vicinity.

I would have to say that smoking used to be bad in my opinion and it still is. Expensive too. Don't complain about your grocery bill if smoking products are on your shopping list.

I have a long list of things that I think are wrong. I have often written about them and I won't bore you by re-listing. I am not sure any adult makes successful change in their habits by being told what to do. Children need to be told, but adults should just know better. It's not as if there is shortage of information for adults.

I am more concerned about kids as more and more parents leave the instruction and care of their children to the daycare and schools.

Both adults and children learn more by example. I will give you a story about examples. My Dad taught me to encourage people and give people choices. At least he did that some of time. We lived a short five mile ride from town but we didn't run to town every day. Up until my early teens a trip to town was a bit of



a special event. Dad would say, "Do you want to go town, just for company." Nothing like car rides alone with your kid, even a short ride, to stimulate some talk, some rapport.

Some times I got to go to the stores with my Dad and there I learned about the wide array of food and goods that were available, even in a small town general store. The shoe and boot section had a special smell to it that still causes me some wonder. In the general store, I learned how to budget my money, how to shop and how to interact with the store staff and owners.

If it was only a quick town trip, I had to stay in the truck. Dad would park at the top of the hill on Broadway Avenue, in front of the bakery. He would walk down the street, pop into the bank, then the Post Office and head back up the hill to pick up a couple of fresh loaves of unsliced bread. Along the way, Dad would talk to people he met and while I couldn't hear the conversations, I knew from the body language that he left everyone laughing. Keeping people jollied up was one of his many traits. I appreciate all the humorous people in my life and I wish there were more of them some days.

In the intervening 60 plus years between those town trips and now, much has changed. Values are not

taught the way they once were. The Lord's Prayer and O'Canada are not heard in most schools. Somebody might be offended you know. Bible stories are non-existent in most schools and indeed in most homes.

If people are offended by traditional, time tested values, then they may be in for a big shock. The upcoming US election and a year from now, the Canadian election is going to be all about values. Liberal-minded people are shocked by how popular Donald Trump has become (again) and how much pressure was put on US President Biden to step aside. The reasons are very clear.

People are very tired, disgusted even, at being told, what they can say, what they can do and what ideas and policies they have to adopt, even when it amounts to perversion and stupidity. It doesn't take much research to realize that people are fed up with many ideas that are being foisted on us.

I can't predict how elections or the future will unfold but I do know you can only push and suppress people for limited amounts of time before there will be an eruption.

I know my Dad would have been well past his emotional breaking point by now and many of us in the next generation are getting close.



Noisy new neighbours!

I confess that I watched with interest as the couple moved in and began to set up housekeeping. Not that I could watch them from the kitchen window, but coming down the street and turning into my driveway gave me a clear, unobstructed view of their activities. So, I watched, checking progress every time I took a walk or a drive. They started out as a pretty average household. Then the kids became more active, visible and vocal. The squawking and flapping, calling for food was never ending...and I remembered that it is summer time. I noticed other things with the new neighbours as well. In a very short time there were vacant houses in the vicinity. Good, well built, homes were now unoccupied. It was disturbing. Along with the vacant homes there came a silence- other than the hullabaloo from the interlopers- there were no morning songs or evening songs filling the air. One morning, as I drew back the drapes, I made eye contact with one of the adults calmly sitting at the end of the driveway sipping away at their water. It was a beady, hooded glare, and I withdrew.

I decided, right or wrong, to research the new residents. Falco sparverius! Formerly known as 'sparrowhawk', in reality an American kestrel? No, more like a Merlin, but because we are Canadian prairie it could be a Prairie Falcon. That's the one I'm settling on for now. The description in the bird book fits: "The large species, like the Prairie Falcon prey mostly on other birds, which they sometimes pick out of the air in spectacular dives, striking with extended talons." There is one little wren, her home hidden in the grape vines in my back yard that is still cautiously moving around my back yard. And a Brown Thrasher, really quite large, is still flitting in the area. I have found feathers scattered in the garden, and the sparrow that had nested in the bird house by the driveway, isn't around. "Like most members of the family, this species isn't much of a nest builder. The female lays her eggs on top of a high, isolated cliff ledge; or she may also take over the abandoned nest of another bird, commonly a raven." That makes sense too. The family lives in the very top of an evergreen, overlooking the railway tracks. Also giving the predator a great view of all of the community's back yards. I'm not certain that their diet includes rabbits, but I have not spotted as many cavorting around lately. There could be any number of reasons for that; I can't say that I miss the rabbits and would love to take my garden fence down before I harvest the peas. We'll see.

Back to the birds of prey. They have a very piercing cry, and I imagine there are only a couple of fledglings, but gracious me, they set up a ruckus. I have never had the opportunity to watch one of the falcon family up close. They appear fearless. When we locked eyes, I was the first to turn away!

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130TH HAMIOTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR

By Jessica Coulter
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The Hamiota Fair was a very full day of events starting with a pancake breakfast at 6:30am. The parade was at 9am followed by the opening ceremony and ribbon cutting at the mini golf course.

There was a mini golf tournament, petting farm, loonie scramble, karate club demonstration, Mario cart tournament, dino exhibit with bouncy castle, Ryan Price comedy magic show, bubble station, foam party, face painting, yard games, beach volleyball tournament, bingo, baseball, and so much more.

Cattle awards went to Chase Airey, Amy Peters won two, More Brothers won two and Sadie McCauley.

Heavy Horse champion - Brad Delgaty with Reserve going to Boulder Bluff, Supreme champion draft was Brad Delgaty.

Light Horse and Pony had numerous winners for different classes.

Costume horse parade winners were Leah Miskiman - first; Tann van Meijl - second; Lan McLeod - third & Lauren Thiessen - fourth.

There were 244 exhibitors at the fair. The winners were: Grains and Sheafs - Heston Ramsey, Garden Produce - Sabrina Rogasky, Raw Fruits & Flowers - Cecile Fisher. The nonagenarian exhibitor from Elkhorn, Homecrafts - Layna Allan won the Red River Exhibition Best of the Show award. Cooking and Canning - Birch Lodge won the most points and Enni Gregory won Best of the Show twice. Junior and schoolwork - a great increase of exhibitors and all were winners.



Winner of the costume horse parade, Leah Miskiman, Amazon Warrior.



Free popcorn was handed out to anyone and everyone who wanted some popcorn.



A large number of miniature horses entered in the miniature horse event.



Just Acres Petting Farm came out with a bunch of different animals for the kids to pet. Llamas!



Cattle show started at 11am and judging was very tough with so many prize winning cattle on display.



Hamiota Karate Club gave a demonstration at the fairgrounds. The audience was invited up to try their skills with Scott Lints.



Fusion Credit Union Fat Cat Loonie Scramble was held at the Hamiota Volleyball Court. \$150 worth of coins were hidden in the sand for the kids to find.

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2024 Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup

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In less than a week's time, 102 junior beef producers (*Largest group of Juniors to date*) will gather in Neepawa, Manitoba for the 17th Annual Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup weekend. The event takes place from Aug. 2 to 4 at the Beautiful Plains Ag Society in Neepawa. The theme for this year is Back to the Basics.

Juniors aged 6-25 from Manitoba, Northern Ontario and SE Saskatchewan will compete in competitions like Judging, Showmanship, Grooming, Graphic Design, Art, Photography, and Sales Talk to name a few.

The weekend starts off with an Ag Challenge involving life learning skills, then on to the Educational Workshops on Hair Care and Grooming, Herd Health Protocols and Record Keeping on Verified

Beef programs. The Senior members will be given ideas on how to complete an Award or job Application and mock interviews.

Saturday, Aug. 3 will focus on Judging Cattle, Sheep and other classes. The Senior and Intermediate members will be competing to try and earn a spot on the Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup Agribition Judging Team. Pee Wee and Juniors will be learning basic skills like halter making, farm safety, washing your calf etc.

The afternoon on Saturday will focus on Team Grooming and Team Judging and usually the highlight of the weekend is the Cookoff Competition. The Team members will work together to prepare a meal for the judges using steaks. Along with the presentation



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The Annual Manitoba Beef Roundup will take place from Aug 2 to 4 at the Neepawa Agricultural Grounds. Just over 100 junior beef producers from across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario are expected to participate in this year's event.

is the extravagant costumes and unique recipes.

Sunday, Aug. 4 is our cattle show day with 118 head of All Breeds of Beef Cattle along with a big number of commercial females.

Showmanship is before lunch and the cattle show begins at 1:00 p.m. with two rings going at once.

A highlight of the weekend is the Parade of Champion 4-H Heifers and the Su-

preme Champion Female. This is a must see event. To round off the weekend will be the awards banquet and supper.

Anyone who is interested in the beef industry and

Juniors that are the future of the beef industry is invited to come out and watch the enthusiasm and dedication they have for the beef industry.

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CROP Field Day set for July 31 in Portage la Prairie

By Shawn Cabak
MB AGRICULTURE

The Crop Research Organization of Portage (CROP) will hold their summer tour on Wednesday, July 31, starting at 10:00 am to showcase their variety trials and discuss several important crop production related topics. The tour will start at the corner of the Trans Canada highway and Angle Road (next to Prairie Abbatoir) looking at the variety trials for wheat, oats, barley, corn, fall rye and winter wheat which are carried out in cooperation with the Manitoba Crop Variety Evaluation Team (MCVET).

CROP is a non-profit group

directed by local farmers & industry for local farmers. By belonging to CROP you receive the local variety trial information. For membership information please contact Jill Verwey at 204-428-5074. Membership is based on an acreage fee of 10¢/cultivated acre with a minimum of \$75 and a maximum of \$300.

Topics to be discussed include The Importance of Adjuvants and Surfactants in Spraying Efficacy; Tile

Drainage to Improve your Land and Crop Production; Insect, Disease and Research Update in Pulse Crops and Soybeans and a tour of the CROP wheat, oats, barley and fall cereal trials.



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Harvesting annual forage crops

By Shawn Cabak
MB AGRICULTURE

Annual forage crops being grown for greenfeed or silage will be getting close to the optimal stage of maturity for harvest. Annual crops harvested on a timely basis make excellent quality feed and can be harvested as a greenfeed, chopped silage or a baled silage. Advantages of harvesting feed as silage is ensiling will lower nitrate levels if they are present, field losses are smaller and silage harvest is less weather dependent.

Timing of cutting greenfeed or silage is a factor in feed quality and yield. The optimal time of harvesting most cereals is in the soft dough stage. Oats should be cut in the late milk stage and millet or sorghum can be cut after heading. At this stage quality and yield is maximized. Peas can be cut at pod wrinkle or if in a mixture with a cereal, harvest according to the earlier crop. Work done at the University of Saskatchewan has shown harvesting at a more mature stage will increase the overall feed production value compared to less mature stages at harvest.

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135TH OAK LAKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR

By Jessica Coulter
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Oak Lake celebrated its 135th Agricultural Society Fair on Saturday, July 20. The fair actually started on Friday night with some fantastic fireworks. On Saturday, Valleyview Co-op served up delicious pancakes that were free with entry.

New this year was the Ranch Horse Competition and Miniature Horse Show. This was followed by a huge town parade. Judging also started first thing in the morning for all the exhibit entries, horticultural, baking, school art, canning, sewing, quilts and so much more.

At 11am the light horse show started along with the slo pitch tournament. Opening ceremonies were held at the Bacon Chase ring. Right after the Bacon Chase began with a couple dozen kids trying hard to catch pigs running around the ring.

The Beefshow kicked off the afternoon events along with all the kids activities and the exhibit hall opened for everyone to check out the winners.

The final event of the day was the Lawn Mower Pull with a dozen entries. Everyone could watch the Lawn Mower Pull from the Beer Gardens and enjoy a nice cold beer on this very hot July day.



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Letter to the Editor

RE: Carbon tax

Justin Trudeau made his carbon tax a feature of his leadership. He told Canadians his tax would be revenue-neutral and would benefit most Canadian households, while reducing emissions. But as the cost-of-living continues to increase – including higher prices for gas, groceries, and home heating – Canadians are rightly asking whether the Trudeau carbon tax is worth the cost.

According to Canada's Food Price Report, food prices will rise by 2.5 to 4.5 per cent over the course of this year. For a family of four, it will cost \$700 more for food this year than in 2023. These figures go beyond what some in our communities can afford, which explains why foodbanks had to handle a record 2 million visits in a single month last year. A million more visits are expected in 2024.

We see this in our own backyard. In Brandon, the Samaritan House food bank gave out nearly 36,000 hampers last year, a dramatic increase of 12,000, which was 50 per cent above their normal annual average.

Increases in inflation have increased the overall cost of living. While there are numerous causes of inflation, some government policies are worsening rather than alleviating it. This includes reckless government spending and tax increases. Though the more complex issues causing inflation can't be resolved overnight,

Justin Trudeau could immediately act to bring prices down by ending his addiction to inflationary reckless spending and axing his carbon tax.

The Canada Food Price Report states: "The added cost of a carbon tax will increase production and transportation costs associated with food and may be passed on to the consumer as producers try to remain profitable." Economist Trevor Tombe has looked at this issue extensively and notes that: "It's perfectly correct for opponents of the carbon tax to point out that eliminating [the carbon tax] would drop prices."

The Governor of the Bank of Canada has also confirmed that government spending and the carbon tax are making it harder to combat inflation and bring down interest rates. When asked if government spending and the Bank of Canada's attempts to control inflation are going in opposite directions, the Governor answered with a straightforward 'yes.' He further indicated that continued government spending would hinder efforts to reduce inflation, impacting grocery store prices.

The independent Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) has confirmed that most families pay more in the carbon tax that they receive in the rebate. This year, Trudeau's carbon tax will cost Manitoba families an extra \$1,750 – an amount that would mean a little less financial

stress for Westman residents if they weren't forced to pay it. The PBO has also confirmed that 80 per cent of Canadian families are paying more in carbon taxes than they receive in rebates. This should come as no surprise since it adds costs to every part of the supply chain from farm to plate – on the farmer growing food, the trucker transporting it, and the store selling it.

It would be one thing if the carbon tax was actually effective. But Canada now ranks 62 out of 67 countries, dropping four places from the previous year, according to the Climate Change Performance Index. The carbon tax has not helped Canada improve our outcomes in the way it was advertised by Justin Trudeau.

There's plenty that can and must be done to reduce food prices, and I will work with all parties to bring home affordability for Westman residents. While some of these things will take time, ending inflationary spending and axing the carbon tax can be done quickly and would make a world of difference to those struggling to make ends meet. Common Sense Conservatives will axe the tax and fix the budget to bring home lower prices for Canadians.

Larry Maguire, MP
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Sixty-six vehicles came out for a great Show 'n' Shine Car Show in Hamiota.



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Crew of great kids sell lemonade for Hope for Cancer Care Manitoba .



Hundreds of people came out to see the cars and trucks at Show 'n' Shine that shut down Maple Avenue.

Submitted

BY ALLISON GARDHAM

Show 'n' Shine Car Show – We were very excited to have the Show 'n' Shine Car Show this July! We had 66 vehicles register for the show and lots of people came out for a great evening. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a success! Special a thank you goes out to all of our volunteers along with RBC Royal Bank, Fusion Credit Union, Woodworth Dodge, Hamiota Fire Department and entertainers Simple Jack.

Mid-West Arts Council's Lemonade Stand for Hope raised \$318 for Cancer Care Manitoba. Our wonderful little workers helped make the day special and give back to an important cause.

This year's 'fan favorite' ballot, donated by Woodworth Dodge, was won by Barry with the '34 three window coupe. Ed Graham was winner of the 50/50. It all made for a great evening downtown.

FROG EYE SALAD

This frog eye salad is made with acini di pepe (or couscous) pasta, coconut, pineapple, mandarin oranges, and marshmallows for a sweet, chilled dessert.

Ingredients

- 4 1/4 cups mandarin oranges, drained
- 2-1/2 cups crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1-3/4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2-1/2 tsps salt, divided
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

- 2-1/2 cups pineapple tidbits, drained
- 1 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 tbsps all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 cups acini di pepe pasta



Directions

- 1) Combine pineapple juice, sugar, eggs, flour, and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a saucepan. Stir and cook over medium heat until thickened.
- 2) Remove from heat; stir in lemon juice. Let cool to room temperature, about 1 hour.
- 3) Bring a large pot of water to a boil; add oil and remaining 2 teaspoons salt. Add pasta and cook until al dente, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water.
- 4) Combine cooked pasta, cooled egg mixture, mandarin oranges, pineapple tidbits, crushed pineapple, and whipped topping in a large bowl; mix well. Refrigerate until chilled, 8 hours to overnight.
- 5) Before serving, add marshmallows and coconut; toss and serve.

Improved Access at Rivers Lake



FILE PHOTO

The new dock has been installed at Daly Beach.

Submitted

FRIENDS OF RIVERS LAKE

Friends of Rivers Lake is excited to announce that the new floating dock at Daly Beach has been installed and ready for use this season. Daly Beach at Rivers Lake is an important community resource and provides recreation, tourism, and training opportunities for the province's western region. A study completed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans states that, "anglers tended to be baby boomers," with 42 per cent of Canadian anglers in the

45-64 age group, and 11 per cent of anglers at 65 years of age and older. To keep this population group as active anglers, infrastructure improvement was essential at Rivers Lake.

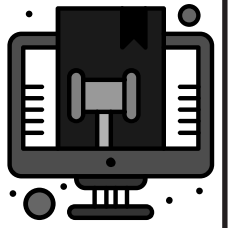
The new dock is designed to provide sufficient space and enough clearance for those with a mobility device to safely move about the dock. The design includes a ramp to connect the dock to the shoreline making it fully wheelchair accessible. Security curbing along the perimeter of the dock provides a safe, identifiable border for wheelchairs and those with low visibility.

The Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund with the Manitoba government provided funding for this project. The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC) administers the FWEF program on behalf of the Manitoba government.

In addition, Friends of Rivers Lake would like to recognize Springland Manufacturing for their assistance, assembly and positioning of the dock. As well as Prairie Ground Solutions, Bang On Metal Fabrication, Ed and Cathy Shaw, and Doreen Bate.



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50 + Club Tile Rummy 1pm



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Aug 1

Summer Tea Hamiota Heritage Arts Centre 2 - 4pm



Crib Night Rivers Legion 7pm



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Rivers Comets vs Deloraine Royals Playoffs - 7pm



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Hamiota Minor Hockey Reorganization Meeting

50 + Club Tile Rummy 1pm



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