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## Rivers Legion dinner auction



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**Submitted**  
By CAROLYN PHILLIPS

Approximately 80 people came for supper on November 9 at the Rivers Legion.

There was a football game on downstairs and many of the guys made trips up and down to the hall. So much

fun was had by all. So many excellent auction items were up for auction.

There were great bidding wars on most items as well. Our auctioneer, Warren Smallwood and his "Vanna White" Maggie Smallwood kept the auction lively and fun. The 50/50 was won by Mark Gill.

We will be planning more of these in the future.

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**RM OF SIFTON  
HOMETOWN  
CHRISTMAS**  
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# RM of Sifton is embracing Christmas spirit to the fullest

## Hometown Country Christmas

By Jessica Coulter  
RIVERS BANNER

The RM of Sifton launched a new campaign on November 12 to bring the thrill of Christmas back to the community. The theme is Hometown Country Christmas. The RM office is inviting everyone in the community to start decorating with the inspiration being old style trucks, wreaths, and an abundance of lights.

The idea of having a Christmas theme “Hometown Country Christmas” came from the contest the RM of Sifton hosted where community members sent Sifton’s EDO, Rachele Stannage, ideas on what they thought a great theme would be. “I wanted to have Christmas last more than a few days, or week, as our communities could really use the cheer! We had many ideas come in, but this one I felt really spoke to our Municipality. I also liked this idea because people were not having to change their decorations necessarily but could add a little “country charm” where they can,” said Rachele in an interview on November 8.

The RM of Sifton would like to help everyone be a part of the decorating the community part of the campaign. In order to help, if someone needs assistance putting up their decorations due to mobility reasons, Stannage has stated that they can give her a call at the RM office, and she would be more than willing to find a few helpers to assist. Also, for anyone who feels they might not have the means to get decorations, they are welcome to call.

“Everyone deserves to have a bright, and merry Christmas,” said Stannage. Her office number is 204-855-2423.

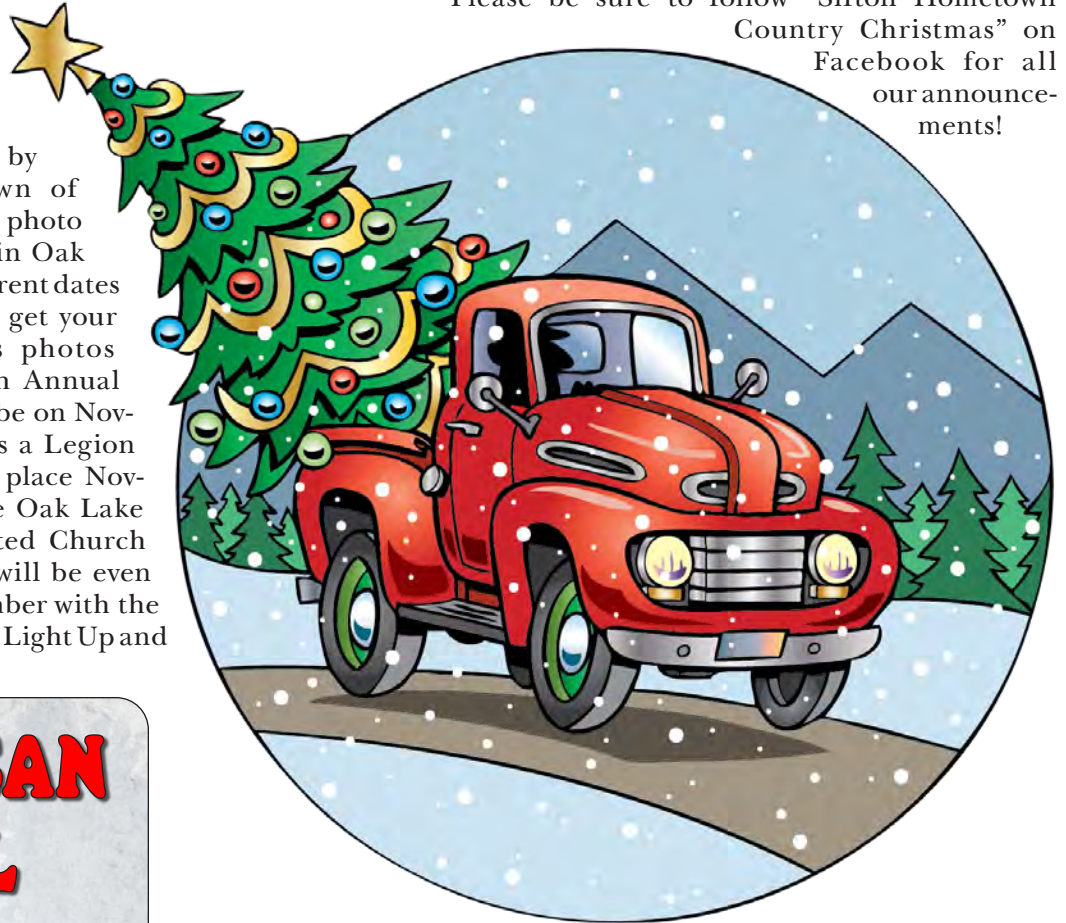
The RM of Sifton has many ideas for the next month and more. The communities really know how to put on events, and activities. There were just a few blank spots to fill. They used to have a “Winter Festival” where everything was jammed into one weekend, and it became a lot on people to attend. The goal is to spread out the events more evenly to give everyone a chance to attend as much as they like.

Some up-and-coming events in November are a Christmas Ladder Craft hosted by local Karen Brown of Oak Lake, a family photo booth area set up in Oak Lake with two different dates to choose from to get your family Christmas photos done and the 29th Annual Santa Brunch will be on November 24. There is a Legion Meat Draw taking place November 30 after the Oak Lake and Griswold United Church Craft Sale. There will be even more fun in December with the Town Memory Tree Light Up and

Santa Parade, and so much more!

“A large event like this offers chances for people to come together, share memories or make new ones, and just enjoy the people in our communities. By decorating homes and participating in themed events, community members can feel a stronger sense of belonging. Walking through beautifully lit parks, participating in community events, or just enjoying a seasonal treat can lift the spirit and contribute to overall well being. Not only will our community members enjoy but it will attract those from surrounding areas to come to check out what our area is all about,” stated Stannage.

Please be sure to follow “Sifton Hometown Country Christmas” on Facebook for all our announcements!



### GOOEY CHOCOLATE PEGAN CARAMEL CAKE ROLL

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup caramel sauce (divided)
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips



Directions:

- Preheat your oven to 350 F (175 C). Line a jelly roll pan with parchment paper and lightly grease it.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
- In a large bowl, beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Gradually add oil and vanilla extract, beating until well combined.
- Gently fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until just combined. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.
- Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the cake springs back when touched. Remove from the oven and immediately roll the cake in a clean kitchen towel, starting from the short end. Let it cool completely.
- While the cake cools, prepare the filling. Heat 1/2 cup of caramel sauce and heavy cream in a small saucepan over medium heat until smooth. Stir in chocolate chips until melted and well combined. Let the filling cool to room temperature.
- Unroll the cooled cake and spread the chocolate-caramel filling evenly over the surface. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top.
- Roll the cake back up, without the towel, and place it seam-side down on a serving plate.
- Drizzle the remaining caramel sauce over the top of the roulade. Garnish with additional pecans if desired.

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I had one of those moments three weeks ago. It came 36 hours after my wife and I were told of the sudden and unexpected death of her son. As I looked out over the group that gathered for worship that Sunday, I realized that every person in the room was dealing with an issue that was as challenging to them as ours was to us; and on that Sunday, it wasn't just our faith that united us. It was the heartache or heartbreak we shared.

The service went well; but God had a surprise in store for all of us that morning. As we began our prayer time, I felt as though God was touching us all and saying: "I am here. I understand your pain. I am here to help." I left for home that day knowing that I was not alone; that one I could not see was present to guide our family through what would be a very hectic and emotionally draining two weeks.

Well, those weeks are over and the long process of heal-

ing has begun. It is a process with which we are somewhat familiar. In the time we have been together, Kathryn and I have lost three parents—my mom, her dad and her mom. We have also faced the long period of adjustment following her stroke. Saying "farewell" to a child is very different. Nothing prepares you for that. But we are doing three things to help us heal.

First, we will take all the time we need. We know that nothing will ever remove all the pain we feel. But, as a close friend assured us last week, we know that one day we will wake up and it won't hurt as much as it does now.

Second, we will not be ashamed to shed tears when they come. We have shed them many times before; and we will shed them again. There is no right way or wrong way to grieve. There is no time limit to which people must adhere when grieving. The way we grieve and the time we take to go through the process will be as unique as we are. So when tears come, we will shed them, let them pass and then move on.

Third, we will talk to people who can help us find hope and healing. We will ask questions we feel need to be asked. But we will not be surprised if we are told that there are not now and may never be answers to some of them. In time, we will be able to accept that and we will move on.

Let me add these final words. In these days, we have felt a tremendous outpouring of love and care from so many people. Knowing the challenges some of you are facing has made your acts of kindness that much more significant. We thank you for thinking about and sending positive wishes to us. Be assured that we have been thinking about and are sending positive wishes back to you. Please continue to remember us as we walk our path of healing. We are doing the same for you. May God bless you all.

# Changes coming to Christmas Cheer

**Submitted**  
 BY SHEILA RUNIONS

Rivers Kiwanis Club started the Christmas Cheer campaign in Rivers in 1986. When they disbanded on Nov. 14, 1998, and asked Rivers United Commercial Travelers (UCT) to take over, I volunteered to act as co-ordinator. Although Rivers UCT also disbanded (Aug. 31, 2009), I remained as co-ordinator but after 27 years of service, it is time for me to step back a bit; I will remain on the committee as treasurer. Carolyn Phillips agreed to be the co-ordinator; she shadowed me last year to watch and learn. This year we will work together and next year, it is expected that I will sit back to watch and offer advice only when needed; we anticipate it will be a smooth transition.

Hampers will be picked up from Zion Church on Saturday, Dec. 21 this year; deadline for referrals is Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. Since its inception in 1986, hampers have been provided only upon referral; this aids in avoiding abuse of the system. Referrals are accepted by reputable organizations which have personal and intimate knowledge of the need of the applicant. Recognized referral organizations include churches, schools, Riverdale Harvest, welfare agencies, etc. If the group which works with you does not have a referral form, please ask them to email [cmphillips56@gmail.com](mailto:cmphillips56@gmail.com) and ask for a form. If referral forms are received after the Nov. 30 deadline, those hampers may not be filled as full. And those hampers are full! Contents include canned vegetables/fruit/meat, soup, cranberries, stuffing, applesauce, brown beans, cereal, pudding, cookies, peanut butter, crackers and fresh food (meat, milk and produce.) Presents are only required for those aged 16 and under; these gifts are above

and beyond the colouring book/crayons (ages 10-and-under) and stuffed toy that each child will receive—feel free to donate these "gift" items along with your food contributions.

Rivers Christmas Cheer operates as a branch of Brandon-Westman Christmas Cheer Registry. As such, we cannot issue receipts but rather, must submit payment to Brandon-Westman. We ask them to provide you a charitable receipt and then return the money to us for use in Rivers area. All money raised for the Rivers Christmas Cheer campaign stays in Rivers. If you prefer to support this campaign with a cash donation, please mail a cheque (payable to Christmas Cheer) to Box 935, Rivers, MB R0K 1X0; please do not mail cash.

To increase our bank account, Rivers Legion is having a 50/50 draw for us on Saturday, Nov. 16; this is being held in conjunction with their Christmas sale from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. In addition to the 50/50, they will also have a collection box if you wish to bring food, gifts, stuffies or colouring books/crayons.

The legion is intending to step up again and will hang "ornaments" on a tree in its clubroom. These paper ornaments will state boy or girl, and an age or stuffie. You will then be encouraged to take said ornament as a reminder of your commitment to purchase a \$20-\$25 gift or a stuffed animal for that child. Once all the referral forms have been received and it is known how many children will benefit from a hamper, the tree will be decorated. Please watch for this opportunity in early December.

Thank you for your continued support of this important campaign for the past 38 years. We look forward to once again helping those in need in our community.



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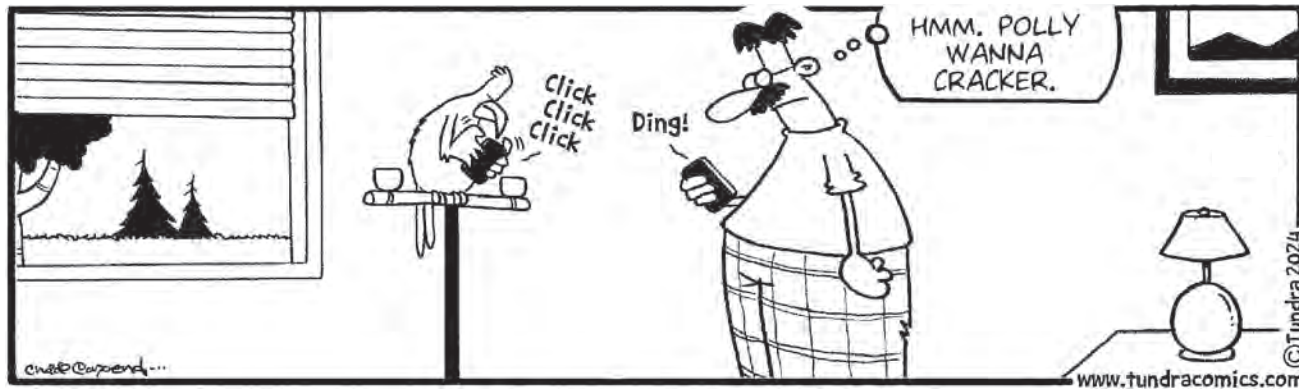
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# Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



## On a lighter note...

## How the U.S. election was lost

In my column just prior to the US election, I outlined why, if Trump were to win, why that would take place. That column was in no way meant to be an endorsement of Donald Trump.

I said was, "if Donald Trump is elected, it will be because people are sick of the stands taken by the Democrats who are shamelessly backed by the majority of the media and the entertainment industry."

With the majority win by Trump, the people who operate and who back the Democratic Party are in shock and mourning about their defeat.

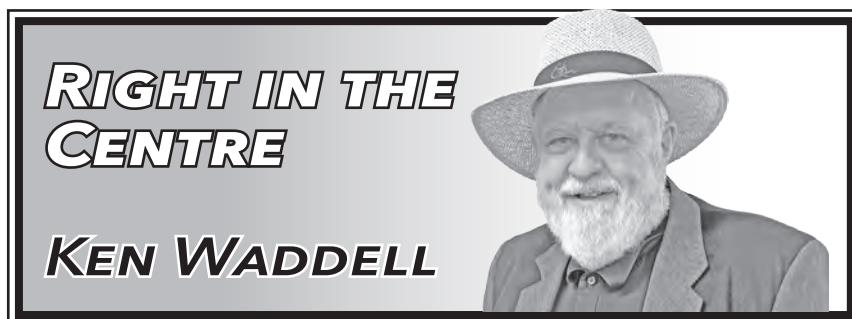
When all the mistakes come out in full view, the Dems should not be surprised. Here are some reasons why their shock is misplaced.

Most of Kamala Harris' previous election campaign experience was in California, a place where the majority of people think like she does. She was not battle-hardened. Without that "battle" experience, Harris did not get a high level of comfort and experience with handling media interviews. She was invisible for much of the campaign and it left voters not knowing who she was and what she believed.

She refused to illustrate how she would do things differently than Joe Biden. That and the fact that it's very difficult to be an incumbent and claim you are going to make big and needed changes. People asked the obvious question and that was "Why didn't you change things when you had the chance?"

The loss wasn't due to a shortage of money as Harris backers raised \$1 billion and spent it all and then some in 107 days. I think that's about \$10 million a day.

The Democratic Party went way into the ditch by waiting so long to "retire" Joe Biden. It was obvious



“ The Dems appeared to abandon the working class in favour of suburban university educated people. ”

to all that time had caught up to Joe Biden at age 80 or so, how could they be surprised. Even now, at times, Biden speaks well but many times he doesn't and it's sad.

I have said many times, and written it a few times, that if Joe Biden and Donald Trump are the best that the Americans can come up with for president, the country is in big trouble. I also wrote that the parties should find a black female lawyer and set them up as candidates for the task of US president. The Democrats did that but a chosen young black female lawyer needed to also do and say the things that people need to hear from their president and Harris clearly didn't do that. Harris insulted Trump and Trump insulted her but Trump said what he intends to do in easier to understand language than Harris was willing or able to do. Trump picked a young and vibrant VP candidate, some would say JD Vance is a handsome guy. Harris picked an old looking 60 year old man, Tim Walls, who unfortunately looked as worn out as Joe Biden.

Trump made wild and outlandish promises but they were about issues the public wanted to hear, the economy, energy self-sufficiency, border and immigration control. Harris talked about social issues that while, people care about them, they are not issues that put food on the table and clothes on kids backs.

After the election was over, Independent Senator Bernie Sanders said two basic things. One, the Dems appeared to abandon the working class in favour of suburban, university educated people and US election laws allow the very rich to finance the elections. In contrast, in Canada, political donations to a party are limited to individuals, not businesses, and I believe the limit in Canada is only \$1,750 per person.

What Canadians also need to be aware of is how Trump's decisions will affect Canada. Lots to watch for.

*Disclaimer: The views expressed in this column are the writer's personal views and are not to be taken as being the view of the newspaper staff.*

When I regretfully released Henry Hoover and Miss Daisy from their aging and ailing bodies I vowed never to have another dog. Hoover failed first, at about eleven years of age, and Miss Daisy needed to join him within the next year. I washed their beds, bedding, towels and dishes, cleaned their collars and leashes, and gave it all away. I was so done with dogs and all that is associated with their care and keeping.

And then my daughter-in-law asked me if I wanted another dog. I kind of did, but I wanted an older Sheltie. So she sent me a picture of Arie, an almost one-year-old Yorkie Poodle cross. Nothing remotely like an older Sheltie! That's all it took. One picture.

In September, it was one year since Arie has become mine. She is now two and perfect. She never chewed on anything and never peed or puked in the house. Arie is as smart as they come and high energy. Her arrival coincided with my becoming a widow, filling the home with vitality, and she needed me. The first few times my daughter-in-law visited Arie would lay at the door and cry when she and her dog left. I wondered if Arie would ever really be mine. This Thanksgiving Arie was briefly reunited with the lovely young woman who first owned her. Circumstances and life made it impossible for that relationship to continue and hence the re-homing with my DIL caring for, and training Arie for several weeks before bringing her to me. The reunion between Arie and the young lady was touching, Arie choosing to sit with her rather than my DIL or me. The farewells were tearful. The gathering itself- the twenty people and six dogs- had Arie flitting between many people- BUT when she had enough it was my bed she found and curled up on. Going home from Slave Lake, I knew that Arie picked me.

We go for long walks. She knows at which houses we stop and chat and is puzzled when the owners aren't available. She knows who gives her treats and she knows the trails. Arie actually sits down, or turns around when she doesn't want to go a certain direction. And sometimes I listen! Her preferred walk doesn't allow us to return on the same path we walked leaving the house. New additions- like decorations- set her into a tizzy. Those objects weren't there, and now they are, something's very wrong! We walk a great deal; we also play. We play hide and go seek. Imagine if you will an old lady sliding around corners to duck into a closet before she is spotted. Or tossing a toy in one direction and rushing to get out of sight. Arie has a keen nose. At day's end, she waits in the garage while I hide fifteen to twenty pieces of kibble all around the house. She knows when she has cleared a room I put the light out. And if she misses one, I simply stand nearby and she returns to complete the hunt.

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# The elephant sneezed

By Cam Dahl, GM  
MANITOBA PORK COUNCIL

Pierre Elliott Trudeau once noted that living next to the United States is “like sleeping with an elephant. No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, one is affected by every twitch and grunt.” On November 5, the elephant did more than twitch, it sneezed, and Canada is likely to catch a cold. The electorate south of the border has voted and the impact is going to reverberate throughout the Canadian economy, including or even especially, in agriculture.

In some ways it does not really matter which party won the White House and Congress. Protectionism is on the rise in the U.S., and I don’t see Canada being prepared to respond. President Trump called for massive tariffs on the campaign trail. In the past, he has threatened to rip up the Canada – U.S. – Mexico Agreement (CUSMA, the former NAFTA). Vice-President Harris was one of only 10 Senators to vote against CUSMA when the agreement was ratified. She has stated that the CUSMA agreement made it far too easy for companies to outsource jobs and that she would use the 2026 CUSMA review to address her concerns.

Now we know which version of protectionism we are facing. Mr. Trump will be President again. He has vowed to bring manufacturing back to the U.S. by applying tariffs to imported products. He is also tying political goals to U.S. market access. For example, increased defense spending by Canada is likely going to be a condition of ongoing Presidential support for CUSMA. Agriculture, particularly dairy, is going to be a target for U.S. negotiators. How is Canada going to respond?

The first step would be to have a strategic plan for agriculture and food trade going into the 2026 CUSMA review. I cannot find evidence of the existence of such a plan. The Government of Canada has a responsibility to call together farmers, processors, and provincial governments to develop a strategic response to U.S. policy makers who are calling for limits on agriculture and food trade. There can be no further delay.

What are the key elements that need to be included in this strategic plan for agriculture and food trade? The first component is that we must not be trading off one commodity group or region of the country to protect others. We saw the potential for this

to occur when the Chinese government instituted an investigation into canola exports from Canada, as a response to Canadian tariffs on electric vehicles, aluminum, and steel.

Second, Canada needs to stress the benefits to U.S. national security that are created by our open trade. In an uncertain world, agriculture and food trade can be used as a weapon in political disagreements between countries. Canada and the U.S. are each other’s largest market for food and agricultural products. We need to be able to demonstrate to U.S. negotiators that this trade will not be threatened by diplomatic disputes, something that may happen when trading outside of North America. It is in the national security interest of both countries to secure trade between us and to limit any political uncertainty within the North American market.

Third, Canada needs to be ready to demonstrate the cost to U.S. consumers that will result from growing protectionism. For example, recent changes to U.S. country of origin labelling regulations will discriminate against Canadian pigs, cattle, and red meat exports. This will introduce new costs into the North American supply chain, which in turn will raise the price for consumers and lower the return for farmers. Why is the Government of Canada not aggressively pushing back on this legislation? At a minimum, we should be advocating for alternative means of informing consumers while protecting the integrated North American market, “a product of North America” label for example.




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# Kenton Remembrance Day Ceremony



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The Woodworth Ladies Auxiliary were all dressed in their best and getting ready to head to the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Kenton Memorial Hall.



PHOTO BY JESSICA COULTER

Preparing the desserts for the Woodworth Legion Potluck lunch on Remembrance Day.

# Oak Lake Remembrance Day Ceremony



The Oak Lake Legion members are being piped out of the Remembrance Day Ceremony.



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Severely Oak Lake Legion members are reminiscing at the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

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# Rivers Remembrance Day Ceremony



Jeff Worth laying a wreath on behalf of emergency services.



Sgt.-at-Arms Art Halliday presented a wreath on behalf of the Rivers Legion.



Riverdale Municipality Mayor, Heather Lamb, laying a wreath on behalf of all three levels of government.

PHOTOS BY WARREN SMALLWOOD

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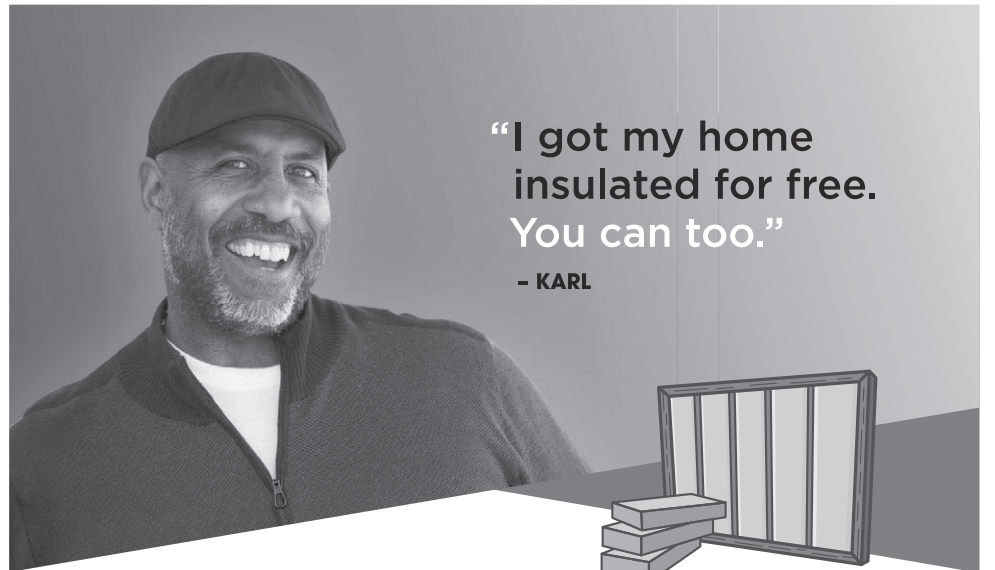
“This is a great opportunity to support the Rivers and Area Community Foundation” says Donna Morken, Chair of the Rivers and Area Community Foundation. “Of course, we welcome gifts at any time but giving between Nov. 12 – 17 means extra support. We’re so excited to see what our community can accomplish!”

Donations to a community foundation are pooled and permanently invested. Gifts are never spent and the money will always stay within the community. Every year these investments generate money that is distributed to support local charitable needs. Rivers and Area Community Foundation provides support that lasts forever.

Manitoba is home to 57 Community Foundations – more than any other area in the country. Every year, the Foundations invest millions of dollars into a wide range of charitable projects. They help ensure our hometowns are vibrant and thriving.

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# Coffee and conversation with Dan Mazier



PHOTOS BY MARILYN HALLIDAY

Dan Mazier, his wife and his office assistant attended the Legion for coffee and conversation on November 9. He presented the Branch with a framed picture of King Charles III. As well, he brought valuable information and took the time to listen to some concerns brought forward by the community.

## MLA apologizes for his inadvertent non-disclosure

By Greg Nesbitt  
MLA OF RIDING MOUNTAIN

The saying in politics is that if you are explaining you are losing, but in the interests of full transparency I am going to give it a try.

I would like to explain to my constituents the result of an NDP complaint to the Ethics Commissioner that became public and was reported in the media on Nov. 5 and 6.

On August 9, 2024, the NDP alleged that I had contravened Section 44(1) of The Conflict of Interest Act, by having an interest in a private corporation which has a contract with the Government of Manitoba, and for failing to disclose the contract.

On November 5, 2024 the Ethics Commissioner, Jeffrey Schnoor, ruled that I did indeed contravene the Act by failing to include the contract in my Disclosure Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Sources of Income that MLAs have to file yearly prior to the start of a new session of the Manitoba Legislature.

This is where I want to give my constituents a little background information.

The contract in question was signed by the Russell Inns Ltd. and the Government of Manitoba in December 2023, that allows provincial employees to use Russell Inns Ltd. for rooms at established rates.

Since being elected in 2016, I have declared each year my corporation's interest in the Russell Inns Ltd. Under the old Conflict of Interest legislation, contracts a company had signed with the government did not have to be disclosed.

In May 2018 I sold my common and voting shares in the Russell Inns Ltd. to my business partner but continue to hold non-voting shares as security until all payments for the sale are completed in 2029. Since May 2018, I have not been an officer nor director and have had no involvement in the daily business of the Russell Inn

group of companies.

Fast forward to October 2023, and new Conflict of Interest legislation took effect requiring MLAs to disclose any contracts they or their companies may hold with the Government of Manitoba. I filed my disclosure statement as usual, saying there were no contracts.

Because I have no involvement with the Russell Inns Ltd., other than receiving yearly financial statements, I was unaware any contract had been signed and therefore did not update my disclosure statement in December 2023 as I was required to do.

From the date the complaint was filed with the Ethics Commissioner, I accepted full responsibility for this oversight. Mr. Schnoor, who I have thanked for his work in investigating the complaint and understanding the unique situation I find myself in, had discussions with my former business partner and also with a lawyer at the legal firm that completed the sale transaction in 2018.

Mr. Schnoor accepted the facts as outlined above but ruled I did inadvertently contravene the Act. The penalty options in the Act include a reprimand, a fine not exceeding \$50,000, a suspension, or that the member's seat be declared vacant.

However, the Ethics Commissioner also has the power to recommend there be no penalty if he is of the opinion that a contravention occurred even though a member took all reasonable measures to prevent it; or a contravention occurred that was trivial or that was committed through inadvertence or an error of judgement made in good faith.

Mr. Schnoor concluded that no penalty should be imposed, as he determined the contravention occurred as a result of inadvertence.

As well, under the Act, the Commissioner can provide an exemption for an MLA to hold an interest in a company that has a contract with the Government of Manitoba providing that the contract is unlikely to affect the exercise of the member's powers, duties and functions.



I asked for this exemption and Mr. Schnoor granted the exemption on November 1.

I apologized to the Legislative Assembly and to Manitobans at a media conference on Tuesday, November 5, taking full responsibility for my inadvertent non-disclosure.


With this column, I am apologizing to the residents of the Riding Mountain constituency who I am proud to represent each and every day.

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# Sports Therapist resides in Kenton

By Gerry Nolan  
RIVERS BANNER

Dillon Hunter of Kenton had a dream! He wanted to work in high performance sports as a certified strength and conditioning coach and do physiotherapy which he is currently finishing up and will write his final exam in July.

He also hopes to add acupuncture treatment to his resume as well.

Upon graduating from high school in Hamiota, Dillon went to Regina University. Dillon had shadowed Cam McGhee who was with the Brandon Wheat Kings thus the desire to get into that field of occupation.

Dillon worked with the Regina University as a sports student trainer for 3 years before advancing to Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta, for 1 year. He then went back to Regina University to finish his degree!

Currently Dillon is a certified athletic therapist graduate and will finish the program this year.

In 2018 Dillon went to Austria to work, then back to Calgary from 2020-2023. He worked at a hockey training facility doing Crash Conditioning.

While in Austria, he worked through the Okanagan hockey academy with the national U18 program. There were 4 teams there, so he worked with kids from Denmark, Latvia, Slovenia and, of course, Austria.

While in Austria, he met Mr. Eller, father of NHL player Lars Eller, of the St. Louis Blues!

When Dillon returned to Calgary, he began to work with the Stockton Heat players an affiliate of the Calgary Flames. Also, in Calgary he worked with Andrew Birchley who was the Calgary Stam-

peders of the Canadian Football League. He also worked with Junior B teams in Calgary. Dillon has worked with some familiar names in the NHL such as Jake Neighbors of the St. Louis Blues, Justin Kirkland, of Calgary Flames, Morgan Frost of the Philadelphia Flyers as well with Martin Prospilsil.

Dillon has also worked with Pro Canadian Rodeo and continues to go to Rodeo events in Manitoba. He also helps out with the Yellowhead Chiefs U18 team based in Shoal Lake.

Dillon, and his wife Morgann, whom he met in Calgary moved home to Kenton as his parents' farm is located just south of the village.

I asked Dillon what he would prescribe for Conor McDavid of the Edmonton Oilers who recently suffered a high ankle sprain. First he said he would diagnosis it. The sprain is the ligament that spreads between the tibula and the fibula around the joint area. Very informative info as I didn't know exactly what it was.

In Dillons spare time he does do house calls to work with injured people, not just athletes.

He is also the student rep on the Manitoba Physio Therapist Association as he is completing his training in Winnipeg.

Dillon also helps out on the farm, processing cattle and chores on weekends. He is also secretary for the Manitoba Limousin Association.

Looking down the road a bit Dillon would like to have his own clinic and training centre facility for rural athletes with more of a rural touch.

Dillon indicated while he can certainly help people with injuries, people have to be willing to invest the time to exercise take treatment and rest when necessary. I would say with Dillon, the Weekend Warrior, he is helping people with their injuries. I can attest to this as he has worked on my back and helped me get back on my feet quickly!

It is nice to know that Dillon is only a call away to help with injuries.

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# SPORTS

## JETS ENJOYING HOME GAMES EARLY THIS SEASON



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Rivers Jets #14 Rowin Richmond skating hard down the ice in the first period of Friday, November 8 game against Neepawa Farmers.

By Robin Wark  
RIVERS BANNER

The Rivers Community Centre is home sweet home for the Rivers Jets.

The senior men's hockey team beat the visiting Neepawa Farmers, 5-0, on Nov. 8. Riley Lamb made 23 saves for his second shutout of the season. It was the start of a three-game home-stand for the Jets, who are 3-0 on the season, as of Nov. 11. The team hosts Boissevain on Nov. 15 and Killarney on Nov. 23. Four of the Jets' first five contests of the new campaign are at home.

"The fans and the crowd are great," Jets veteran Keaton Moore said. "I've played in every arena in our league, and nothing compares to home. We always have lots of fans with tons of support. It can be a really electric atmosphere with a full rink."

"It's always a good feeling playing in front of a crowd like that. I'm always looking forward to home games. As a player, it's motivating to have fans behind you like this. It definitely pushes us to play our best seeing how much they care and are into the games. Without the crowd and the support,

the Rivers Jets wouldn't be the team they are."

Senior teams have come and gone over the years in Rivers. When lifelong Rivers resident Cameron Ramsay was growing up in the community, there was not a senior team. He remembers watching his dad suit up in rec hockey for the Chimo Maple Leafs in the old rink. Now Ramsay has the opportunity to play in front of the hometown fans.

"Home games are awesome," he said. "It's great to see all the familiar faces in the stands and seems to be a great atmosphere. Very thankful our community comes out and shows their support."

On Nov. 8, Lamb and the Rivers defense did not allow Neepawa to score. Lamb has stopped all 39 shots he has faced this season. As of Nov. 11, he led the league with a perfect 0.00 goals against average and a 1.000 save percentage.

The Jets received offensive contributions from various sources. Joben Smith, Kayden Sutherland, Luke DeCor-

by, and Keaton Moore all recorded a goal and an assist. Also scoring for Rivers was Riles Boles. Josh Elmes had two assists.

The Jets' Adam Robidoux and the Farmers' Callan Denbow fought in the third period. Each received five minutes for fighting and 10-minute game misconducts. Rough stuff later in that frame led to Rivers' Brock Paddock receiving 17 penalty minutes, while Neepawa's Ethan Winters was assessed 12.

Through three games, captain Riley Shamray led the team with seven points. Smith and DeCorby were tied for second with six points. Five Jets were tied for the team lead with three goals: DeCorby, Josh Belcher, Sutherland, Layton Veitch, and Dylan Thiessen.



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Dated this 6th day of November, 2024.

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# Remembrance Day Ceremony Oak River School



PHOTO BY MARCI SHACHTAY

Oak River school students singing at Remembrance Day service: L-R Back row: Bridget Stewart, Lennon Peters, Grady Recksiedler, Camrynn Shachtay, Trace Froese, Aurelia Hodges, Liam Wood. From L-R Center Row: Barrick Hodges, Alyssa Oraschuk, Jessa Miller, Brooklyn Stewart, Islamae Froese, Sienna Reid. From L-R Front Row: Mason Oraschuk, Kennedy Reid, Maddox Oraschuk, Anna Wood.

By Marci Shachtay  
OAK RIVER SCHOOL

Oak River School held their Remembrance Day service on November 8 at 10 am. We had 6 members of Legion #

150 who Trooped in the colors with RCMP officer, Gerry Gourley. The program consisted of the K-6's singing Highway of Heros by the Trews, Grades K-2 singing Are you Sleep-

ing, Grade 3 recited the poem Little Poppy, Grade 4 recited In Flanders Fields, Grade 5 recited The Veteran, and Grade 6 recited We Honor you Today.

The Legion Members

also handed out the prizes for the Remembrance Day poster contest with Islamae Froese taking first place for a colored picture.

Thank you to the members of Legion

#150 who took time out of their days to help us with our Remembrance Day Service. Thank you to the staff and students at Oak River School for all your hard work practicing for the service.

# Rivers Legion Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Lisa Smith  
PUBLICITY

The regular meeting of Rivers Legion Ladies Auxiliary was held October 22nd, 2024 in the upper hall.

There were no new applications for membership this month.

There were also no requests for donations this month.

A scholarship was awarded at Rivers Collegiate Institute for Grade 11 math honors.

The Remembrance Day Tea was held at the Rivers Legion after the service at Rivers Collegiate. Thank you to all who attended. Congratulations to Lois Dudgeon who won the fifty-fifty draw.

The next meeting of the Rivers Legion Auxiliary will be held December 3, 2024.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov 15

RACF Granting Evening - Behlen Curling Club 7 p.m.



Rivers Jets vs Boissevain Border Kings 7:30pm

Nov 16

Rivers Legion Holiday Market 10am - 3pm

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RIVERDALE municipality Council Meeting 6pm

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50 + Club Tile Rummy 1pm

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Crib Night Rivers Legion 7pm

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Rivers & District Chamber of Commerce Christmas Celebration 1 - 9:30pm

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Rivers Jets vs Killarney Shamrocks 7:30pm

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Oak River Fall Supper



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