



Tell-It-Gram

News from RM of Oakview

April 2026

It sure is nice to see the sun melting some of this snow away. Spring must be here the snow birds are coming back— bird form and human form!!

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April 18—RCES Fundraiser Supper

April 18— Bless the Fields

April 22—Gospel Sing Along



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW

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Check out our website: rmofoakview.ca or our Facebook Page

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT MODERATE Facebook. If you have legitimate concerns, please contact the office staff at one of the above numbers.

Minutes can be found on the R.M. of Oakview Website

Upcoming Council Meetings

April 27, 6:00pm at Rapid City

May 12, 6:00pm at Oak River



RM of Oakview Change of Hours for Waste Transfer Sites



Summer Hours
Effective April 15th - October 14th

Ward 3 (Oak River)
Located on the
NW 1/4 of 1-14-22W

Tuesday: 9am - 12 (noon)

Thursday: 3pm - 8pm

Saturday: 8am - 11:30am

Ward 1 & 2 (Rapid City)
Located a 1/2 mile North on
Highway 24

Monday: 2pm - 6pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 6pm

Saturday: 12:30pm - 5pm

Closed on Statutory Holidays



The Digital Billboard is a great place for business and community members to put news, greetings or other entertainment messages.

It's a great way to keep the community informed.

Scan this QR code to access the online info & request form. Fill out the form and submit it online to get started.



Soon you will also find links to the request form on Facebook and local websites.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter weekend with family and friends. Now that Easter has arrived, maybe, just maybe spring will decide to come and stay!!

Lions meat draw start up this Friday, April 10. We appreciate all the support that has been shown for the various organizations who have helped run the meat draws and we appreciate the various organizations who have taken on a meat draw! The April 10th meat draw is extra special as it is also a 200 club draw. Maybe this will be the month your ticket gets pulled!

Our trivia night March 14 was a success. It was a fun night and it was great to see so many come out and support our fundraiser. We had 84 contestants and 12 teams. \$1371.77 was raised to go toward our donation to the Minnedosa Hospital. This will go towards purchasing much needed equipment for the hospital.

Some of your Lions enjoyed some time spent at the KidSight booth & Lions booth at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. It was great to see so many people out and they enjoyed catching up with ones they knew!

\$500 was donated to the Manitoba Centennial Handi van at Minnedosa.

The club donated \$200 for the Gold package sponsorship with 4H beef.

If you want to be part of something more and work toward making your community better, consider becoming a Lion's member. We, your local Lion group are always looking for new members to help us to give to the community. All you have to do is ask a member. Meetings take place every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. We meet at the Queens Hotel. This month we meet on April 8 and 22nd. Anyone is welcome!

Valleyview Golf Club

Golfing season is right around the corner and now is the time to think about getting an Early Bird Membership for 2026. It is only available until April 30th. The cost for the year is \$300.00 but that gets you unlimited golf at our beautiful course and a discount at participating courses. For an optional extra \$45.00 you can join Golf Manitoba which gets you access to the Golf Manitoba Website, lots of information on golf courses in Manitoba, events, newsletter, info and discounts for members.

If you are interested you can pay cash or cheque to Valleyview Golf club and these can be dropped off at the Rapid City RM office. If you would prefer to etransfer our email is golfrapidcity@yahoo.com.

Speaking of our email, feel free to email us with any questions you may have or contact any board member or call/text: 1-431-801-6186.

We have one of the most beautiful, challenging and (sometimes frustrating) course around. If you haven't tried it yet, mark that on this summer's to-do list! You won't be sorry!!

Saturday, April 18th
Tickets are on sale now
And available from any
Department Member
And local businesses!



Rapid City Emergency Services Fundraising Supper

April 18, 2026

Rapid City Legion Hall

Doors Open 5:00 PM

Supper 5:30 PM

\$25.00 Each - 10 and under free

Silent Auction Table

Beef Supper

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Rapid City and District Wildlife Association

For March 2026

The Wildlife Association is pleased to announce that Texas Hold'em Poker Night has been a huge success and will continue to run every Tuesday night at the Queens Hotel, starting at 7:30pm

Series # 18 of the Rapid City and District Wildlife Association Chase the Ace is down to 29 cards. Presently the CTA total is 5,154.00 with a possible winner receiving 60% of the total plus 60% of that evenings revenue.

The Chase the Ace runs every Saturday night at the Queens Hotel with new hours from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

On Wednesday April 1st Rapid City Wildlife members helped release 50 wild turkeys on two farms in the area.

The release was made on the Ed Hinsburg and Bob Tuttle farms North and West of Rapid City. The birds were caught and banded South of Brandon and transported to our area by Matt Tower (Regional Wildlife Manager), Zach Reck (Wildlife Biologist), and Jessica Riach (Wildlife Health Tech).

Rapid City Wildlife presently has 52 memberships broken down into 33 family memberships, and 19 single memberships . This translates into just over 90 men, women, and children that are part of the Rapid City and District Wildlife Association. If you or your family are interested in joining the Wildlife Association, contact Gary Phillips or myself Bob Christie.

CONTROL GATE AT THE RAPID CITY FISHLADDER

In a recent letter to the RM of Oakview from Chad Leitold P.Eng MTI, the Manitoba Government will be proceeding with obtaining all the regulatory approvals to install a control gate on the intake of the Rapid City Fishladder . The letter states that installation will likely be sometime in the summer. Great news for our Reservoir and Beach area.

Sign-up for Utility Billing Online

Vist www.rmof oakview.ca and click View/Pay eBills

 [View eBills](#)

Sign In

New to R.M. of Oakview - MB eCommerce?

If you want to sign in, you'll need to register first. Registration is fast & easy!

 [Register](#) [Learn how to Register](#)

You will need the Account # and associated PIN #, which you can find on the paper copy of your bill!

Register : Confirmation Message Automatic Email: Verify Account with Code

Select: [View/Pay eBills](#) 

Add an Account

Continue: Select "I Agree"

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☀️ SHOW OFF OAKVIEW! ☀️

Share Your Best Photos

Help Us Celebrate Our Community



The RM of Oakview is building a refreshed collection of photographs to feature:

- ✓ On our updated website
- ✓ In print publications
- ✓ In community promotions and displays

We want to showcase the beauty, character, and spirit of Oak River, Rapid City, Basswood & Cardale — and your photos can help bring that to life.

What We're Looking For:

Stunning landscapes & nature

Local landmarks

Community events

Everyday life in our municipality

Heritage, recreation & seasonal photos



How to Submit:

✉️ Email photos to: info@rmofOakview.ca

Please include your name and a short description of the photo (optional).

Photo Use Notice

By submitting your photos, you grant the RM of Oakview permission to use them in municipal publications, online content, and promotional materials.

Thank you for helping us highlight the beauty of our municipality!

Rapid City Library Report

We have started our beloved Story Time and it is so nice to be reading stories to little people again!! We are anxiously awaiting our new order of chairs and other necessary furniture, and then we can do the “full meal deal” of story time back in the basement. Hopefully it shouldn’t be too much longer.

We also have a few “reading” plants sprouting on our bulletin board as we read our way to spring. Given the weather so far this April, we will have lots of time to reach our goal of 100 books each! My goodness it has been chilly. However, that has given us lots of extra time to do some reading—and that is a wonderful bonus!



We had a great time trying to capture those pesky leprechauns, but unfortunately they escaped us again this year. We had 5 beautifully, tempting traps all set up around the library, but they didn’t fall for it. The kids were a little disappointed they didn’t work, but that quickly was switched to absolute delight, given the leprechauns left chocolate coins for them! A rather tasty consolation

It seemed no time and we were hiding Easter Eggs and having our Easter Egg hunt during Spring Break. The Story Time kids did a great job of hunting down all the eggs....all of them except one. There is always one!

We were honoured to have Fred Fox, older brother of Terry Fox visit the library on April 9, 2026 and make a presentation on Terry, his life, the Marathon of Hope and the Terry Fox Foundation. It was really interesting to hear what Terry was like growing up, his determination was such a part of his personality. In talking with Fred later, I told him the Story Time kids and I had wondered what Terry’s favorite cookie was. We had been talking and reading books about cookies. Fred had to think for a minute, and then decided it was Peanut Butter Cookies, so there is a little Terry Fox Trivia you didn’t know!

We are making more headway in putting the library back together. We should have the public computers available for use in the next couple of weeks. The cabinets are being built as I type this and then we just have to get the computers running and connected to the internet again.

We also have been waiting patiently for chairs for our downstairs and they have also finally arrived. That is great news because that means we can have art classes again and Zentangle workshops and all kinds of other events. We are very excited for people to see our new and improved basement facility and start planning programming again! Seems like it has been a very long time!

Happy Spring!!!

RAPID CITY LEGION MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

RENTAL RATES

Large Hall

Full Day - \$500.00 – kitchen included

3 full days - \$1,200.00 - (wedding Friday, Saturday, Sunday) – includes kitchen

\$900.00 – (if using the hall all day Saturday \$500.00 ½ day Friday to decorate \$250.00 ½ day

Sunday to clean up \$250.00 = \$1,000.00)

Damage Deposit \$200.00 required - refundable

Small Hall (Senior)

Full Day - \$200.00 – Kitchen included

½ Day - \$100.00 – (under 5 hours)

Damage Deposit - \$100.00 - refundable

Kitchen

Daily - \$100.00

Damage Deposit - \$50.00 - refundable

Local Service Groups

\$25.00 per meeting in the small hall

FRED FOX COMES TO RAPID CITY

Rapid City has had a Terry Fox run every year since they started and so it was very exciting and a real honour to have Fred (Terry's older brother) visit our town. It was a fantastic presentation that he made, detailing Terry's life, telling little stories about him and what really prompted him to start his Marathon of Hope. He told the crowd that Terry had started with the idea to raise a million dollars for Cancer research and they just recently crossed the one billion dollar mark of money raised for Cancer research. How amazing is that!!!!

Fred also presented Bette Hyndman and Edie Evans with 45 year participation certificates which was a well kept secret from those two amazing ladies. It was a wonderful evening and we really appreciate everyone who came out to hear Fred speak. If we didn't know before, we sure know now what an exemplary human being Terry Fox was.



Rapid City Rec Hockey Wrap Up

As we wrap up our 2025–2026 Rec hockey season, we reflect on a year of growth, teamwork, and community. This season brought exciting changes, including a new hockey board and three teams—7U, 10U, and 15U.

We have many heartfelt thank-yous to share.

Thank you to Alica Fulford for her many years of dedication and service on the hockey board.

Thank you to all of our players for your hard work, determination, and passion on the ice this season.

Thank you to our coaches and managers for the countless hours you've given, both on and off the ice, to support and guide your teams.

Thank you to our incredible family volunteers who helped during games, tournaments, and public skates—your support keeps everything running smoothly.

Thank you to our amazing community for showing up and cheering on the Dragons at home games and tournaments. Your support means everything.

Thank you to the rink for being such a welcoming and dependable home for our Dragons.

And finally, thank you to our board members for all the behind-the-scenes work this season. Your dedication ensured a successful and smooth year for everyone involved.

Looking ahead, to help ensure strong team numbers across all age groups, we will be opening registration early for the 2026–2027 season. Please keep an eye out for spring registration details!

Thank you again to everyone who made this season so special.



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Oak River Donor's Choice Campaign Coming Soon

Oak River Donor's Choice is our annual community fundraising campaign that brings recognized charities together in one organized effort. Donors may contribute to one or more charities, making giving simple and impactful. Pledge forms can be picked up at the Oakview Municipal Office in Oak River, and when completed forms are dropped off, a tax-deductible receipt will be issued. At the end of the campaign, donations are totaled and one cheque is sent to each charity. Please consider donating generously to support these worthwhile causes.

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Friendly Reminder

Cats are NOT to be at large and will be trapped if causing problems.

As the weather starts to warm up, cat traps will be set to catch the STRAYS!



Health Matters



Welcome to April and hopefully some showers to bring out the green and May flowers! I had a bit of writing block for this month's article, and made use of our trusty "google" to review the various health awareness and health promotion activities dedicated in April. If you access Health Canada's site (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/calendar-health-promotion-days.html#m04>), you will discover a very extensive list for April! This article will draw attention to Stress Awareness Month and hopefully provide some helpful links and management tools if you are struggling at this time.

For many, April is a month of hope with the increased daylight and warmer temperatures. This is also an increasingly busy time for our agricultural community as they get ready for the new crop season, some are busy with calving and lambing and the innumerable other tasks necessary to the daily functioning of the farming community. In general, folks tend to be busier with outdoor projects and activities limited by our long winter.

Many of these activities can be "good" stress such as going on vacation, competing in a sports tournament and can inspire problem solving and creativity. However, when stress is persistent and creates increases in adrenaline, cortisol and norepinephrine beyond an immediate "threat" which was the original function of these hormones, the body jumps into a persistent fight, flight or freeze situation which impacts sleep, mood and general wellbeing <https://www.stress.org.uk/what-is-stress/>

One of the key factors to identifying if your stress is overloading you, is to do a daily "systems check" (yes, we have been watching a fair bit of the Artemis II mission!) by assessing how you feel when you first wake. Do you have increased aches and pains not associated with increased activity? Do you feel as tired or more so than when you went to bed? Do you relate to the general mood of the grizzly that just crawled out from his den? Answering yes to any or all of these questions may mean you need to do a further "systems analysis" and determine how long you have been feeling this way and what factors may be contributing to this. Are you experiencing increased financial strain, work stress, relationship stress or struggling to determine exactly what is contributing to this change?

If these symptoms occur past two weeks and are worsening, checking in with your primary care provider is a good first step. Ruling out medical conditions is always important and then working with your primary care provider to develop an action plan to help you manage your stress with coordination of self help methods (ie meditation, exercise, nutritious foods), counselling and occasionally medication if needed.

Here are a list of resources and helplines accessible to you. There are teams of people available to help:

<https://supportline.ca/> Farm and Rural support 1-866-367-3276

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/therapists/mb/brandon> - Psychology Today's list of licensed counsellors in and around the Brandon region

Mobile Crisis Unit – 204-725-4411

Some helpful apps include Mindfulness App, Mindshift CBT and the Calm App

Gospel Music Sing-Along at Rapid City Community Church.

For 2 Wednesdays: April 8th and 22nd. from 7 - 8 p.m.

If you love singing, this is a great opportunity to sing old standards and perhaps learn some new gospel songs.

You will receive a list of songs that you will choose and the Praise and Worship band will play while everyone sings

The words to the songs will be projected on our media screens.

The Bible studies are now done for this Spring to resume in the fall. We had a great turnout for both the men and ladies studies.

Every Wednesday afternoon between 1-3 p.m, all interested ladies who love learning new skills like knitting, crocheting or arts and crafts are invited to meet at Carolyn Laidlaw's at 200 2nd Ave. in Rapid City for an informal time of fun and friendship known as "Get Creative".

Our services start at 10 a.m. with refreshments before and after the services

The Sunday service speakers for April are:

April 5: Wayne Toews

April 12: Warren Smallwood

April 19: Terry Baker

April 26: Ruth Denboer - Pregnancy Support Centre, Brandon

Rapid City Community Church invites all farmers and ranchers of the area to a free breakfast event called Bless the Fields. As we welcome in the new growing season, we will be asking for God's hand to be upon the crops that are planted and the animals that are raised.

This will take place at Deen Farms, 3,5 miles west of Rapid City on Road 76 (old #24) from 8:30 to 10:30. Please bring a lawn chair if you can. Contact Arenda Vanderdeen at 204-570-2929 for more information.



Additions to the Voters List and /or Personal Security Protection Requests

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW

In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act* (MCSBEA), the Rural Municipality of Oakview's Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the local authority of Rural Municipality of Oakview can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.

Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List. A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election that person may only vote by sealed envelope ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official in person, by email or mail to:

Rural Municipality of Oakview
435 3rd Avenue, Box 130
Rapid City, MB R0K 1W0
Email: adminrc@rmof oakview.ca

Clack Family Museum Foundation

Summer Caretaker / Tour Guide Position

The Clack Brothers Museum is accepting application for two 2026 Summer Caretaker / Tour Guide positions.

Starting June 30, 2026, to August 30, 2026, Wages to be determined.

Duties include opening and closing of museum, maintaining the grass, weeding and general maintenance and daily cleaning of buildings and artifacts.

Learning about our wonderful collections so you can confidently guide visitors.

We are looking for someone who is energetic, friendly and can take direction.

Closing date for resumes is May 30, 2026.

Please contact: Dianne Brown 204-566-2311

 Maxine Shamray 204-412-1555

Or send resumes to: Clack Museum
 Box 16
 Oak River, MB
 R0K 1T0

HISTORY HOOKS

-Canadian History You May Not Know About by Yool Sharp

CANADA'S LITTLE EMPEROR

Sir George Simpson cherished fame but guarded his private life. He wanted to be remembered only for his business achievements and was mainly successful. He rejected all efforts to elicit personal information about himself. For the first thirty years of his life we know almost nothing, and what we do know is mostly speculation. One fact is beyond doubt. He was the illegitimate son of George Simpson and an unknown mother. His birthdate was somewhere between 1786 and 1796. At some stage of his infancy he was taken to live in his grandfather's manse near Inverness and raised by his Aunt Mary and her husband.

His formal education did not go beyond the parish school, where he received basic skills for his subsequent advancement in the business world. A relative, Geddes Simpson, secured George a position in London in a sugar brokerage where it soon became apparent he was exceptionally qualified for the work assigned him. A zestful and voracious appetite for work characterized his entire life, and his mastery of business methods won him favourable attention of partners in the firm. Andrew Colville-Wedderburn, a director in the Hudson Bay Company, noted George had the attributes to become a leader in commercial undertakings. This at a time when the affairs of the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) in North America were moving to the point where the needs of the company would converge with his developing abilities.

Restrictions imposed by the United States after the war of 1812, deprived the North West Fur Company (NWC) of valuable territory to the south and directed their activities north of the border where the North Westers collided with the HBC. The North Westers were "the lord of the lakes and the forests", and they held their London based rivals in contempt. The two main theaters of conflict were the country around Lake Athabasca, and the lands at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. The Athabasca country had become the most lucrative source of fur revenue of the North West Company which they considered virtually their preserve. Some of the HBC wintering partners advocated an all-out war on their rivals. Colville however opposed this. By 1816 the HBC had revitalized and company and officials decided it was time to become aggressive. For the next few years the two fur companies waged what could be called a minor war, posts were captured and recaptured, furs were stolen, officials on both sides were arrested, some deaths occurred. Violence in the fur territories had attracted notice in the British Colonial Office, and it demanded that these discords cease.

This was the state of affairs when George Simpson was selected for an important mission, which caught him by complete surprise. Colville asked Simpson "to take care of HBC affairs in Rupert's Land". Simpson went by ship to New York, by boat and cart to Montreal. Here he was briefed on the HBC operations in North America and obtained information on the NWC and the possible expansion of their operations.

He then proceeded west to York Fort on the Hayes River, continuing west, in a few days they caught up with a NW brigade, also going to Athabasca. He noted the NWC equipment, especially the canoes were more modern and better maintained than his HBC brigade. Also, their paddlers were relatively young and in excellent physical condition. His paddlers were old men, worn out and drunkards. At York Fort, he met Robert Miles, who had already spent two years in Athabasca Country. It took them fifty-two days to reach Fort Wedderburn on Lake Athabasca. After a crash course while in the canoe, Simpson had acquired an extensive knowledge of HBC operation at the western posts.

Over the next several months Simpson himself was able to acquire more extensive knowledge of the fur trade. He realized that the HBC would have to proceed further into British Columbia to develop the acquisition of

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More fur. He realized he would have to assert his authority regarding HBC territory, since a NWC post was adjacent to Fort Wedderburn. There were a few confrontations but Simpson held firm and no armed conflict resulted. Winter came early and canoes were replaced with snow shoes and dog teams. Christmas Day was celebrated by Roast buffalo, bannock and gravy, plum pudding and a “temperate kettle of punch”. Here he formed a relationship with Betsey Sinclair, daughter of a HBC Factor and a native mother and he fostered an illegitimate child with her. In the forthcoming years he fostered several more with various partners. The good news he was able to report to his superiors, was that he was convinced the Nor’Westers were in even more desperate straits than the HBC and would not, he reckoned, be able to sustain their activity in Athabasca for another winter, two at most.

By spring breakup in early May they were at near starvation rations. Leaving Fort Wedderburn for the east in late May, it was early June before his brigade that was “nearly worn out by hunger and fatigue”, would finally get food. The brigade continued east to Grand Rapids (Lake Winnipeg). Here he was informed that the HBC and NWC had merged and would retain the HBC name. This great monopoly was recognized by both parties that far greater returns would result in the fusion than the continuing competition. The reorganization provided for the appointments of two governors—Simpson would supervise the “Northern Department”, which encompassed most of North America all the way to the Pacific coast. William Williams would preside over the “Southern Department”, which included James Bay area and posts along the American border. Williams, a long time HBC officer would be the senior. This resulted in a clash between the two governors. Simpson, was more qualified for the conditions of the new era of monopoly, ambitious for power and recognition, and utterly unscrupulous, in eliminating any obstacles in his way.

In June 1821, Simpson left the HBC depot at York Factory to retrace his steps to Norway House. The Senior Managers from both the HBC and NWC had been summoned there to have explained to them the terms of the merger. Once it was explained that the NWC wintering partners would retain their employment with the HBC, any anticipated confrontation was avoided. Simpson and Betsey then returned to York Factory. He now had 140 forts and minor fur installations to administer. In the late fall of 1821 he realized that to manage the fur trade he should see for himself, the Red River settlement which was a major impediment to expanding the fur trade. He travelled there on snowshoes by way of Brandon House, staying till spring. In June he returned to York Factory to convene the second meeting of the new Northern Council, his first as chairman.

Simpson, at that time wanted no burden of family responsibilities, and particularly not with Betsey. From the first she had been an object of gratification and little more. These “bits of brown” as he called them, were an expensive luxury! Therefore, he instructed John McTavish to dispose of the Lady, as she is an unnecessary and expensive appendage. “I see no fun in keeping a woman, without enjoying her charms, which my present rambling life does not allow.” He now spent time in Red River and his record of philandering damaged his reputation there with the local gentry. He therefore contemplated returning to England to marry. HBC officials had determined their operations on the Columbia (Pacific Coast) required Simpson’s personal observation, so no trip to England.

In mid-August 1824 Simpson left York Factory, crossed into British Columbia (BC) by Athabasca Pass and arrived at Fort George (Astoria) on Nov. 8th, a trip of 84 days, 20 days faster than the previous record. For the next four months accompanied by John McLoughlin (Superintendent of the Columbia District), he developed measures for the promotion of the Company’s fur trade on the Pacific. He moved the headquarters of the Columbia District to Fort Vancouver anticipating the south side of the river may fall to the Americans. He then made an agreement with Russian America (now Alaska) to get their provisions from the HBC rather than the Americans. Leaving the

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following March he returned east, visited Red River where he tarried long enough to recover from a severe intestinal eruption. He began his return, determined to revisit the Pacific as soon as possible. However, circumstances east of the mountains prevented this - Norway House post had been destroyed by fire and the Red River settlement was facing a famine.

In 1825 he left York Factory for England. He had ample grounds for satisfaction with his success after five years in North America. By 1825 the HBC capital had more than doubled and a dividend rate of 10% was declared. The London HBC board's esteem resulted in a substantial increase in salary plus a large financial gratuity. In Britain he learned Williams had retired and the eastern area of the HBC was added to his domain. He now governed a land area larger than many European Emperors had and became referred to by some business associates as "The Little Emperor". Although he had planned to find a bride while in England, HBC operations in North America required his attention, among these another trip to the Pacific.

In May 1828 he made his second trip to the Pacific, accompanied by a new mistress (Margaret) and a personal Scottish piper, Colin Fraser. He reached Fort Vancouver on October 28th, after setting a new record—"The longest journey in North America in one season", about 7,000 miles. He remained for five months, satisfied that the district was producing annual profits of about 9,000 British pounds, which he anticipated might be increased by expansion into more remote areas. He departed in March 1829 for the east and the trip over the Rockies was arduous, having to plow through deep snow on snowshoes. Two months later he was back at Fort Gary, having left Margaret who was pregnant, with Chief Factor John Stuart at Lake Winnipeg, where she gave birth. In 1830 he was at Lachine preparing for a trip to England, which would dramatically change the course of his life and that of Margaret.

END OF PART ONE

ANNUAL 2-STICK BONSPIEL A GREAT SUCCESS



Tyler Gill and Gerald Kuculym who won the bonspiel

The annual 2-stick bonspiel was held at the Oak River Memorial Rink from March 26-29. There were 44 teams entered and every team was guaranteed 4 games. With 73 points, Tyler Gill and Gerald Kuculym came out on top. There was a draw to the button with Jeff White winning by almost covering the button.

The event welcomed everyone of all ages. Jim Wood and Dick Heapy were the oldest curlers and Dayton Currah and Rayanne Shachtay as the youngest curlers.

There was an amazing Ham Supper available on Friday night along with music by the band Highway 25 Repaved.

Thank-you to the organizers; Ryan Brown, Ross Argue, Justin Black, Kaitlyn Campbell, Greg Black, Dale Brown and many other volunteers. The Sponsors also made the event a success and are always most appreciated!

Hope to see ya next year!"



The Rural Municipality of Oakview

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HELP WANTED

The R.M. of Oakview
is accepting applications to hire summer students for 2026. Start
date may be as early as May, ending in September.

Duties include maintaining grass, weeding, watering flowers,
recycling, painting and other duties as required.

Requirements:

Preference goes to those with a valid Class 5 Drivers Licence.

Ability to work some evenings and weekends if required.

Ability to operate small municipal equipment such as lawn
mowers and grass trimmers.

Applicants must be energetic, friendly, be able to take direction
well and work independently.

Closing date for resumes is Wednesday,
April 10th, 2026 at 12:00 noon

Position subject to confirmation of
Green Team Funding.

Please submit a resume with cover letter to the Oak River or
Rapid City office, or
email: info@rmfoakview.ca

Rapid City Ag Society 2026 Fair

It's not too early to be thinking exhibits!!!!

If you have ever baked anything ever, than you are more than eligible to enter some baking in the food portion of the exhibits! Not into baking—how about jams, pickles or salsa!! Take a look at your options, and then get cooking!!! Don't forget June 20th will be here before we know it!!

White bread	Butter tarts (4)
Brown bread	Angel cake, not iced, 1/2
Bread from bread machine	Jelly roll, 1/2
Fruit bread	Chocolate cake, iced, 1/2
Plain buns (4)	Light cake, iced, 1/2
Cinnamon buns, yeast product (4)	Matrimonial cake 4" sq. piece from corner
Baking powder biscuits (4)	Fancy loaf, not yeast risen
Raisin bran muffins (4)	Bundt cake, not iced
Muffins, other than bran, state kind (4)	Cookies (4) 1 variety dropped & 1 variety rolled
Muffins using Manitoba fruit (4)	Dainties (4) 1 variety baked & 1 variety unbaked
Saskatoon Pie, 5" diameter plate & up	Shortbread (4 pieces)
Apple pie, 5" diameter plate & up	Diebetic Dainty (4) 2 varieties
Pumpkin pie, 5" diameter plate & up	Scones, any kind (4)
Rhubarb pie, 5" diameter plate & up	

PRESERVES

Beet pickles, 1 jar	Pasta sauce, tomato 1 jar
Sweet pickles, 1 jar)	Dilled vegetable, 1 jar
Dill pickle cucumber, 1 jar	Strawberry Jam
Mustard pickle, 1 jar	Raspberry Jam
Hot dog relish, 1 jar	Chokecherry Jelly
Salsa, 1 jar, specify hot, medium or mild	

Just reading this list makes me hungry! Can't wait to see what you make at the fair!!!

BLESS THE FIELDS BREAKFAST

FREE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 18th from 8:30–10:30 am

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Rapid City Community Church is inviting all farmers & ranchers to a free breakfast, to welcome in the new growing season and ask for God's hand to be upon the crops we plant and the animals we raise.

**For more information contact Arenda Vanderdeen
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AROUND THE HOUSE AND THROUGH THE YARD WITH ME

Hello everyone, and welcome to what is officially spring, even though it doesn't look like it not feel like it. What a cold start to what should be a warm month of budding leaves and flowers, and plenty of migrating birds. There is not much we can do to change the weather so let's just get on with it.

The grow lights are doing a marvelous job of keeping the seedling all lush and green and filling their small starter pots. I will need to get them transplanted into a larger size this weekend as they can only stay in the starter pots so long. Usually by now I am able to take the trays out to the greenhouse for the afternoon and work on transplanting. However, this spring is way too cold for me to transport them back and forth. I have always used a large tote with a secure lid to ferry them to the greenhouse where it is bright and sunny and warm. Unless our temperatures begin to warm up considerable I will have to do some dirt magic here in the kitchen. It's a really messy job which I don't mind when I'm out in the greenhouse. Oh well, with any luck at all the weekend will be warmer than predicted.

Last year I could walk out to the garden by April without too many snowbanks to contend with. It was a slow start to spring but not this slow.

But not this year. All this snow has make the trek an endurance test of its own. The snow banks/drifts are huge and the banks are not able to hold me and when my legs go through the old snow boots fill up with snow. Trying to get my legs out while keeping the snow out of my boot is virtually impossible. It's not a win win situation at all, I can't imaging I'll be working in the garden anytime soon. It's hard to tell where the garlic is planted but I know that at this time last year it was beginning to peek through. There have been plenty of deer and moose throughout the yard this winter and I see that they have left some fertilizer behind in the snow.

The crows and some Canada geese are back and it's great to hear their call once again. Yesterday we had some juncos here at the feeder but that's about it for migrating birds. Our daughter told us she heard a robin in her back lane last week, but I haven't seen or heard one her as of yet. Maybe tomorrow.

Our local librarian is busy at work getting the book club running again after the lengthy stay in the Legion Hall. I must say that my mind is not keeping up with the book club dates, as I believe I've missed two in a row, and maybe even three. Good grief, I must be getting old! Thank goodness Shirley is patient and oh so forgiving. I have my calendar marked so hopefully I'll get the book read, make some food to eat and actually get their on time.

It seems that three members of the family are now lactose intolerant. The grocers now have plenty of lactose free milk and coffee cream to chose from. I can buy a coconut product for canned whip cream and cream cheese. It tastes a bit like coconut but when it's applied like whip cream to pie or any dessert no one knows the difference.

Baking substitutes

Don't fret if you're short on eggs when baking. 1 egg=3 tbsp mayonnaise OR 1 tbsp ground flax + 3 tbsp water. Let sit for 5 min before using.

Self-rising flour 1 cup = 1 cup all purpose flour + 1 1/2 tsp baking powder + 1/4 tsp salt

Cake flour 1 cup = 1 cup - 2 tbsp all purpose flour + 2 tbsp cornstarch

Dark Brown sugar 1 cup= 1 cup granulated sugar + 2tbsp molasses or 1 cup light brown sugar

Sour cream 1 cup= 1 cup plain yogurt

Cleaning tips around the house

When your vases or dishes get discoloured or grungy looking try cleaning with vinegar. Lime scale is hard to get clean but by mixing 1/2 water and 1/2 vinegar your containers become clean again. Let the mixture sit for a few hours to let the vinegar do it's job. Then rinse and the dish is good to go again. The same can work for your kettle. Just add 1/4 c white vinegar to a full kettle of water, let it boil then sit to cool. All that lime scale should come right off.

Cont.

How about a few recipes

Lemon Chicken

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (cut up or leave whole)

Batter

1/2 c cornstarch

1/2 tsp salt

1/8 tsp pepper

1/4 c water

4 egg yolks

Vegatable oil for frying chicken

Sauce

1 1/2 c water

1/4 c lemon juice

1/2 c brown sugar

3 tbsp. cornstarch

3 tbsp. honey

2 tsp instant chicken bouillon

1/2 tsp minced ginger (optional)

Combine cornstarch, salt and pepper in small bowl. Gradually blend in water and egg yolks. Heat oil in fry pan or wok. Dip chicken one at a time into cornstarch/egg mixture and put in flying pan. Cook until done

For sauce- combine all sauce ingredients in medium saucepan; mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until sauce boils and thickens. Use as dipping sauce (or you could pour over chicken). This is great served with rice and stir fried vegetables

Cheesy Spinach squares

1 1/3 c flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

1/4 tsp nutmeg

2 eggs

1 c milk

1 tbsp. melted butter

2 c shredded cheese

1/4 c green pepper chopped

1 pkg frozen spinach, chopped

2 chopped green onions

Stir together flour, b powder, salt and pepper and nutmeg. In separate bowl whisk eggs, milk and butter

Stir in cheese, thawed spinach, pepper and onion. Pour into greased 11X7 pan. Bake at 350 for 30-40 minutes.

Cut into squares and serve

Well that's it for April I'll be back next month

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Have Your Say! Municipal Elections 2026

The Rural Municipality of Oakview is preparing for the 2026 General Municipal Election, and we encourage everyone to stay informed and get involved!

Municipal Election Day: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Thinking About Running? All candidates must be registered before fundraising or campaigning – Please see the notice below. This is a great opportunity to serve your community and help shape local decision-making.

More Information Details on candidate eligibility, registration requirements, and voting information will be shared through the municipal website at www.rmfoakview.ca. To ensure you are an eligible candidate you must ensure that your name is on the Voters List!

Get involved. Stay informed. Your voice matters.

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Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on **Wednesday, 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

at the Rural Municipality of Oakview office at 10 Cochrane Street, Oak River, MB during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below.

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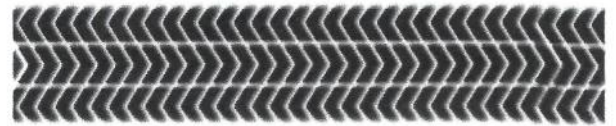
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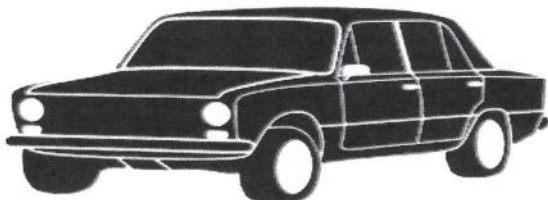


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