



Tell-It-Gram

News from RM of Oakview

February 2026

**These warmer temperatures are nice,
but they can make roads a bit slick!
Please make sure you are driving for the
road conditions so everyone stays safe!**

**Inside this month's issue:
The New Dump Schedule
Oakview Clinic's Schedule
New advertisers to check out
And lots more!!**

February 14—Valentine's Day

February 16—Louis Riel Day

Feb. 22—RC Ice Fishing Derby

March 1—RC Pie Social



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW

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Check out our website: rmfoakview.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

Rapid City—February 23rd

Oak River—March 10th



Seasonal
**SNOW
REMOVAL**

Snow Clearing Services will be prioritized accordingly:

- ✓ Streets/Roads
- ✓ Foothpaths & Sidewalks
- ✓ Contracted Driveways/Parking Lots

Visit our website www.rmfoakview.ca to see the Snow Removal Policy

Thank you for your patience as our operators work as fast as time allows!

FYI

The TIG is a monthly newsletter put together by the RM of Oakview and the Rapid City Regional Library. It is free to residents of the RM of Oakview and is available around the 10th of the month.

To contribute articles pertaining to your organization or community activities, please send it to: rclib@wcgwave.ca or drop it off at the RM Offices either in Oak River or Rapid City.

Submissions to the TIG must be in by the 1st of the month or by the 4th at the very latest!



The Digital Billboard is a great place for business and community members to put their Valentine messages on!!

Surprise your sweetheart!

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.

BILLBOARD SIGN INFORMATION:

For Personal/Private message: \$10.00. This is for one slide - images or text and Maximum 1 week on display.

For Business: 3 slides—Images or Text. 1 day message—\$20.00. 1 week message—\$60.00. 1 month message—\$75.00. Continuous—Annualized rate of \$50.00/month.

For Public Service/Community/Municipal Announcements—N/C. 1 slide—Images or Text. Maximum 2 weeks on display.

Please note 1 slide can contain 1 of the following:

- Small Font—Approx. 24 characters per line (including spaces), max. 5 lines.
- Large Font—Approx 12 characters per line (including spaces), max. 3 lines.
- One or more images
- Combination of images and text (side by side or image in background). Remember background images can reduce readability.
- No refund for removals.
- Must be relevant to the R.M. of Oakview or Town of Rapid City.
- Please try to provide at least 1 week notice.

If you have any questions, please contact a Lion's member and they will help you.

RAPID CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Rapid City Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting of 2026 on January 21 at the Queen's Hotel. Members that attended this meeting were Doug & Bernice Finlay, Theresa Blaauwijkl, Michelle Weighell, and Mellissa MacDonald. Bernice read the minutes of the last meeting. She then moved for their adoption, Michelle seconded this motion.

Doug reported that the expenses for the Old Fashioned Christmas were \$1357.15. Discussed the Old Fashioned Christmas and Farmers Markets, need to look at what the future holds for these events. We also need to come up with ideas for events to help keep the community functioning as a community. We would welcome ideas for such events.

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2026 at the Queen's Hotel at 7:30pm.

Theresa adjourned the meeting.



Rapid City Skating!

Rink is open on Sundays,
Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sunday: Public Skate 1:00 - 2:30
Sticks & Puck 2:30 - 4:00

Tuesday: Public Skate 6 - 7:30
Sticks & Puck 7:30 - 9:00

Thursday: Public Skate 5 - 6:30
Sticks & Puck 6:30 - 8:00



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Single Membership
\$20/Season

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Daily
10 am
To
Dusk

Located on Timer's Pasture
on the West end of Rapid City

Frank Hyndman 570-0073

Rapid City Nursery School

The smiles on everyone's faces said it all. We are back home!!!! Can't thank everyone enough for getting us home, we appreciate each and everyone involved. A special thank you to the RM for letting us store things in the Rink and for using the Legion small hall.

Our numbers grew to 16 and we welcome Brexlee, Calvin and Daxen to Nursery School!

Our first day back was very busy but the feelings from all were heart touching.

We will be having the Lion's Kidsight program on the 10th of February and our Valentine day party on the 12th plus lots of fun going on including lots of reading for I Love to Read month.

Thanks again everyone—it is a wonderful feeling to be home!

Sally & Jen

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March 15th 1-3 p.m.

in the Small Hall at The Rapid City
Legion Memorial Community Hall

Sourdough Starter Workshop

With Merina Gunn

Please message Alexandria to reserve your spot -
slots are filling fast!

Cost is \$45 and payment can be made via
E-Transfer to info@rmof oakview.ca

2 hour workshop includes:
No fail recipes
Hands on stretch & fold
Sourdough liquid & dry starter
Question period

Oakview Waste Transfer Station Hours

Effective Starting February 1st, 2026

Location Codes

- OR = Oak River
- RC = Rapid City

Winter Hours

(October 15th - April 14th)

Day	Location	Hours
Tuesday	OR	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Noon)
Wednesday	RC	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	OR	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	OR	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Saturday	RC	12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Summer Hours

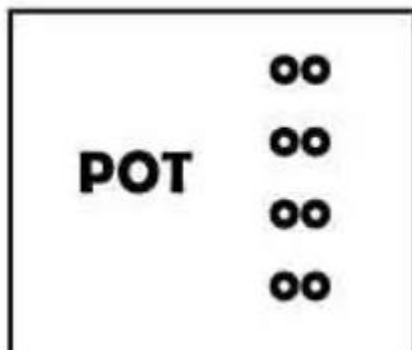
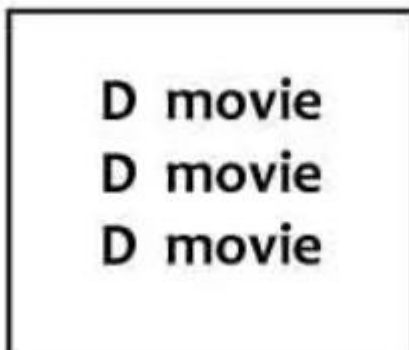
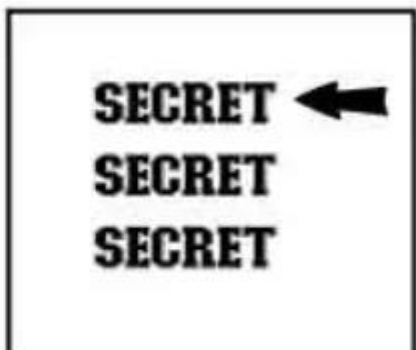
(April 15th - October 14th)

Day	Location	Hours
Monday	RC	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	OR	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Noon)
Wednesday	RC	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Thursday	OR	3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	OR	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Saturday	RC	12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

For more information or updates, please contact staff at your local municipality office.

Rebus Puzzles

Can you guess the words and expressions?

		
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Rapid City Library Report



Former Board Member Rayleen Vasaart made this beautiful afghan and donated it to the library to be used for a raffle. It is absolutely beautiful and trust me, there is nothing sweeter than cozying under one of Rayleen's afghans with a good book—this I know for a fact! We are raffling this beautiful afghan off and tickets are available here at the Library and at the RM Offices. The draw will take place at the Friends of the Library Pie Social which will take place on Sunday, March 1st at the Rapid City Legion Hall beginning at 2:00pm.

Speaking of the Pie Social—the Friends of the Library are busy making plans and getting ready for an afternoon of fun, entertainment and of course—good food! You know the rules—if you have had overdue books—then start reading your cookbooks, because you can bake off your fines!! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Library, and please join us for some fun—the Friends of the Library donate all their profits to making our library better!!! I think we looked it up and this is around our 25th or 26th year, which is really quite an achievement in itself!

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We are very happy to welcome home the Rapid City Nursery School! It seems like we have spent all of January trying to get things done so that we could pass all the inspections that were needed, but we made it! A huge thank you to Terry and Grant Gill who helped out immensely in getting our basement back in order and getting things done for inspections! I also want to thank my poor voluntold husband who also helped hang things up and make trips to the dump!! I think Sally's husband also got voluntold into helping with things! Thank you very much guys!! We are waiting on our chairs to arrive and then our basement will be good to go for use by the community. They are supposed to arrive sometime this month—so fingers crossed!! I know we have a couple of people eager to use the basement for some craft and painting classes, so hopefully we will have the green light for that soon!

However, we are really missing our Story Time—it seems like a very long time since we had Story Time, so we are going to do a "COME TO THE LIBRARY FOR A STORY" till we get our new chairs. It will start at 10:30AM on Wednesday, February 18th. Please do not bring a snack, as we will just be upstairs for now, but we can't wait to show all our young friends the new library look!!

We have a great selection of new books right now—and it is still winter so perfect time to read some great reads! We also got a new selection of Large Print rotation books, so there is a little something new for everyone!

At long last we finally got the beautiful wall quilt that Wendy Loewen gifted us, hung up and it looks beautiful! Wendy had given it to us back last spring and before we could get it hung up, we had the flood. We actually picked wall colors that would accentuate the quilt and we are very pleased with the results! You are definitely going to want to come and see it!

Happy Valentines Day and we will see you at the Pie Social!!

- The gang at the library



Rapid City & District Wildlife Association

presents our

17th annual ICE FISHING DERBY

Sunday February 22nd, 2026

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.

Registration fee: \$20/person

Kids 15 and under free*

1st prize - \$500

2nd prize - \$400

3rd prize - \$300

4th prize - \$200

There will also be prizes for
the **smallest fish**, and the
largest walleye caught!

For more information, email us at rapidcitywildlife@gmail.com,
or call/text Bob @ 204-868-0297

*free entrants are not eligible for monetary prizes. Anyone 15 and under may pay the \$20 registration fee to be eligible.

Health Matters



Congratulations! By reading this article, you made it through the 10 darkest weeks of the year and are halfway towards the spring equinox. The warmer temperatures are a welcome relief from the severe cold; however, we must watch our step outside with the slippery conditions, making outdoor exercise a bit more challenging if you struggle with mobility or simply want to avoid a slip and fall.

I was asked by one of our TIG readers to discuss exercise ideas for a small space (thank you Sharon!). Always defer to the guidance of your primary care provider, physiotherapist or formally trained athletic trainer. The following are simple, safe at home activities to increase your heart rate and get your body moving.

The larger the muscle, the larger the overall effect of the movement, so marching on the spot gives the most benefit. This is easily adapted to physical ability – start slow and if you need to make it more challenging, raise those knees and swing your arms out to the side. If balance is an issue, use one arm to steady yourself and switch sides every 5 or 10 steps. Toe and calf raises while seated on a firm chair move a large enough muscle group to lower blood glucose levels after eating and are a safe option. (<https://www.diabetesincontrol.com/sitting-calf-raises-and-diabetes-control/>)

Boring, you say? Grab your children’s Just Dance game and have a dance competition with the whole family. Or simply turn the music on and dance around the house. Need a partner? Grab your mop and clean while you are dancing! Have fun with the movement and you are more likely to keep doing it. Not only do you gain benefit with the physical movement, music can improve mental health as well (Viola E, Martorana M, Airoidi C, Meini C, Ceriotti D, De Vito M, De Ambrosi D, Faggiano F. The role of music in promoting health and wellbeing: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Eur J Public Health. 2023 Aug 1;33(4):738-745. doi: 10.1093/eurpub/ckad063. PMID: 37322515; PMCID: PMC10393487.).

For stretching and joint mobility, chair yoga is a great way to start. There are a multitude of phone apps and websites that offer examples of this, I am sure our local librarian can source a book with great examples as well. Strengthening exercises can include wall push-ups, lift a full laundry basket, and rising from a chair using only your leg muscles or squats down to the seat of a chair without sitting.

I hope these give you some ideas to help start your exercise routine. If you would be interested in attending an exercise class, please reach out to myself at the clinic, or contact Shirley at the library!

Until next month, keep dancing!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Rapid City 6pm - 9pm	2 Rapid City 8am - 4pm	3 Clinic Closed	4 Clinic Closed	5 Rapid City 8am - 4pm	6 Clinic Closed	7 Clinic Closed
8 Rapid City 6pm - 9pm	9 Rapid City 8am - 4pm	10 Clinic Closed	11 Clinic Closed	12 Rapid City 8am - 4pm	13 Clinic Closed	14 Clinic Closed
15 Clinic Closed	16 Louis Riel Day Clinic Closed	17 Clinic Closed	18 Clinic Closed	19 Oak River 10am - 1pm	20 Rapid City 8am - 4pm	21 Clinic Closed
22 Rapid City 6pm - 9pm	23 Rapid City 8am - 4pm	24 Clinic Closed	25 Clinic Closed	26 Rapid City 8am - 4pm	27 Clinic Closed	28 Clinic Closed
<p>All appointments must be prebooked, however same day appointments can usually be accommodated within clinic hours. Please call or text - messages will be reviewed and answered during clinic hours. Home visits are still available within the community of Rapid City.</p>						



COME JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN & ENTERTAINMENT.
AT

THE RAPID CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

PIE SOCIAL



ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT WE WILL BE SERVING UP FUN!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026
2:00-4:00 PM

COFFEE/TEA & A SLICE OF PIE
ADULTS \$5.00

CHILDREN(5-12) \$2.00 PRESCHOOL FREE
EXTRA PIECE OF PIE \$2.00

RAPID CITY LEGION HALL

HISTORY HOOKS

-Canadian History You May Not Know About by Yool Sharp

Sitting Bull's Boss - Part 1 the Early Career

By 1877 the Little Bighorn, Custer's defeat and the annihilation of the 7th U.S. Cavalry by American Sioux under spiritual leader Sitting Bull were still forefront in frontier memories. The Benton Montana Record printed a headline article about "Sitting Bull's Boss". How could such a man be! The article left a sketchy description—he was not a long-knifed bluecoat, but a Redcoat from north of the medicine line, a soldier of the Queen. Who was this man who walked into a camp of Sioux warriors with only a small escort, no visible fear—only his reputation of fair play, integrity and his word! He was James Morrow Walsh.

By the autumn of 1875, Walsh had not seen his wife and family in two years. This yearning for them and a severe painful skin condition (erysipelas, known as Saint Anthony's Fire) prompted him to take a leave of absence and return to Brockville and to seek a cure.

In May 1876, Major Irvine at Fort McLeod received word that U.S. military action in Dakota and Montana would likely drive hostile Indians across the border into Canada. Ottawa military concluded these Indians would likely cross into Canada near Wood Mountain, several days' ride east of Fort Walsh. Walsh who had partially recovered from his skin condition, received a message to return to duty as soon as possible. He arrived back at Fort Walsh in early August to resume command there.

Meanwhile in Canada, the NWMP viewed the forthcoming of the Sioux arrival with concern. Earlier in the year Chief Crowfoot (Blackfoot) had informed the police at Fort Macleod that the Sioux had approached him with a peace offering—a twist of tobacco—asking him to smoke it as a sign the Blackfoot would join the Sioux to defeat the 'bluecoats'. Then in turn the Sioux would cross the medicine line and help wipe out the Redcoats. Fortunately Crow Foot declined the offer. To meet the Sioux danger, NWMP headquarters was moved from Swan River, Manitoba, to Fort Macleod and transferred 100 men west. Major Walsh then had over 100 men under his command. All he could do now was watch and wait. In November his scouts watching the border south of Wood Mountain reported a large band of Indians were approaching. In the middle of December winter had begun and one of his patrols was overdue. Walsh decided to take a small patrol and scout Leveille to determine their fate. Five days out of Fort Walsh they met the lost patrol. "Any sign of the Sioux" Walsh asked. "We found 52 lodges camped about 10 miles north of the line. They were heading toward Wood Mountain". Was the reply.

Walsh then decided to proceed to Wood Mountain and visit the camp of White Eagle, chief of the Sisseton Sioux, who had fled into Canada in 1862 and had lived peacefully for 14 years. Arriving at the camp, stopping at White Eagles lodge with Leveille interpreting Walsh greeted the chief and shook hands. "Your camp has grown", said Walsh. "Yes" White Eagle replied, "Black Moon, chief of the Lakota Sioux brought them". "I would like to talk to them" Walsh said, "To tell them about the White Mother's laws". The chiefs and warriors assembled and White Eagle introduced Walsh. "This is White Forehead (Walsh's floppy hat had prevented sunburn", soldier chief of the *Shagalasha*—the British Mother's redcoat pony soldiers. He is the law on this side of the medicine line. He speaks straight, not like the Americans. You can trust him." After explaining the White Mother's laws, Walsh asked if there were any questions. Black Moon asked for ammunition to hunt. Walsh agreed but warned they were to use the bullets for hunting only, not fighting the long-knives. Walsh then returned to Fort Walsh.

In the long winter evenings Walsh read everything he could find written about the Sioux. He knew as much about Sitting Bull as anyone in Canada, and that wasn't all that much. Sitting Bull, the Hunkpapa Sioux chief, is perhaps the most famous of all American Indians. He is best remembered for the defeat of Custer's Seventh Cavalry at the battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. In fact he played only an incidental part in this battle. Sitting Bull was more of

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A medicine man, and his fight to save his homeland and way of life was more spiritual than a physical one. He was born in 1831. His first name was “Slow” due to his deliberate and thoughtful ways. He was also a warrior and his courage in battle earned his second name “Ta-tan-ka I-yo-ta-ke, the Sitting Bull.”

In March, scouts reported that a large band of Sioux were heading north from Montana toward the Canadian border. Walsh decided to investigate and with three Metis scouts and a small patrol headed south. In four days they arrived at the border observing a boundary marker the Indians referred to as a ‘rock pile’, with still no sign of the Sioux. Next morning they found signs of a large group of horses heading northward. Shortly, on the hills above them they saw Indians with rifles drawn. Scout Morin said, “T’ose Indians trying to figure out who we are. T’ey think we are American cavalry”. “Tell them to put down their rifles” Walsh rasped “They’re in the Queen’s country now”. Walsh not put on his scarlet tunic and advanced toward the Sioux. None of the Sioux had seen a redcoat before but had heard about the redcoated pony soldiers of the *Shaganosh* (White Mother) who ruled beyond the stone heaps. With Leveille interpreting, Walsh shouted at the Sioux “My name is Walsh, chief of the British Mother’s redcoat in this region. Your people—White Eagle, and the Sisseton, and Black Moon, Spotted Eagle and Long Dog—call me the White Forehead chief. Is Sitting Bull with you?” “No” they answered. “Who is your chief?” Walsh asked—“I am Four Horns, chief of the Teton Sioux” said an imposing looking man. “Where is Sitting Bull?” Walsh asked. “He is still on the other side of the Missouri but looking this way.” replied Four Horns. The Sioux then made camp. “I am Little Sauleaux” a warrior said, extending his hand which Walsh shook. Little Sauleaux showed Walsh his lodge interior and introduced him to his wives and daughters. Noticing Walsh stifle a yawn, Little Sauleaux asked Walsh to lay down and rest in his lodge. Walsh accepted and soon fell asleep. When he awoke he assembled the Sioux, spoke to them about how they were to respect the White Mother’s law, made for both Indians and Whiteman.

Walsh returned to the fort and pondered on his next move. In early May, 1877, he decided to check what was happening along the border. On 7th May, Walsh, a sergeant and three scouts found a trail near Pinto Horse Buttes that indicated a large band of Indians were travelling north. Around noon they spotted warriors on the hills around them. Soon the small party was surrounded but none of the warriors attempted to stop them. Rounding a hill Walsh and his party saw a large camp. Reining in their ponies, they sat in their saddles as a group of Indians rode toward them. Spotted Eagle, war chief of the San Arcs Sioux, rode up to Walsh and said they were the first Whiteman to approach so close to Sitting Bull’s camp, and not be attacked. Walsh asked to meet Sitting Bull. Shortly the Hunkpapa Chief along with a retinue of lesser chiefs approached. Walsh studied the chief—he was bowlegged and walked with a limp.

Walsh and Sitting Bull shook hands. At first the Sioux chief treated the redcoats with cautious reserve, but eventually warmed up to them. They all then went to the Sioux camp where Walsh then explained the laws of the White Mother and that they must be obeyed by both Indians and Whiteman alike. For the remainder of the day Walsh and Sitting Bull further discussed what the Sioux would have to do if they wished to stay at peace on this side of the medicine line. Sitting Bull liked what Walsh told him about the White Mother’s laws, especially the principle of justice for all, regardless of race. He asked for ammunition to hunt, which Walsh granted, but reminded Sitting Bull it could not be used to attack the Americans across the ‘big road’. Late in the day Sitting Bull commented “Yesterday I was fleeing the Whiteman, cursing them as I went. Today they erect their lodges beside mine. The White Forehead chief walks to my lodge alone and unarmed. He gives me the hand of peace.”

Next morning, the 8th May, as Walsh and his troops were preparing to leave, three Assiniboine from below the

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Border road into camp leading five horses. One of Walsh's men recognized the horses as belonging to a Jesuit Priest who had visited the area a few days before. Walsh stepped over to the leader of the three natives, White Dog, and placed him under arrest for theft of the horses. Silence fell over the camp. All eyes were on White Dog and the Redcoats. The Sioux were dumbfounded by Walsh's courage. Some were ready to fight, while others waited to see if the redcoat would carry out his threat. Seeing the hesitation on the Sioux faces, White Dog muttered that while travelling near the Cypress hills he had seen the horses wondering on the prairie. Thinking they were strays and as it was the custom south of the line to take any horses that were wondering loose, he did not know that was breaking the White Mother's laws. Walsh didn't believe him, but gave him the benefit of the doubt. The law was explicit, but when ignorance of the law was a factor, the Mounties were lenient. Sitting Bull and the Sioux, had seen an example of Canadian law. Sitting Bull was impressed with the Canadian law, but also Walsh's courage.

Over the next few years the relationship Walsh had with Sitting Bull was not always as cordial, but they became friends. Sitting Bull was continually pressuring Walsh for a permanent reserve in Canada, and Walsh was adamant this was not possible and the Sioux should return to the U.S. Later an incident almost caused the Sioux to create a deadly confrontation.

In 1789 Walsh moved his headquarters to Wood Mountain to be closer to the Sioux camps. He heard that young Sioux had been stealing horses, at least 50 from one Metis. Walsh confronted Sitting Bull telling him he wanted them back, and if he didn't comply he would invite the American soldiers to cross the border and force the Sioux back to American soil. Sitting Bull bristled, but the bluff worked and the horses were returned.

A week later, Sitting Bull and a retinue of chiefs arrived at Walsh's headquarters. The Sioux wanted provisions, especially tea and tobacco. Sitting Bull complained about lack of compassion for the Sioux by the White Mother, and the niggardly way Canadian Government provided food, even though the NWMP were issuing them provisions from their own limited supply. Walsh also listened to Sitting Bull's veiled threats of what would happen if provisions were not provided. Walsh was known to have a short temper at times, and used blunt language. This was too much! "Who do you think you are? Have you forgotten you are Americans? You haven't any right to be in Canada! You've caused us police any amount of trouble. You've stolen horses. You've been a goddamned nuisance. Get your provisions at the goddamned trading post. If you keep on making trouble, I'll put the whole lot of you in jail."

Sitting Bull was furious. Shaking his finger at Walsh he said, "No one can talk to me like that." He reached for a revolver on his belt. Walsh grabbed him and threw him out of his cabin. Sitting Bull landed on the ground. When he tried to get up Walsh kicked him in the buttocks.

Walsh ran over to the adjacent barracks. "Get the men ready, there may be trouble." His men tumbled out, rifles at the ready, and formed a line behind him. Up the street the Indians gathered and headed toward the NWMP. Walsh ordered his Metis scout to take two poles from the corral and lay them on the ground in front of the post. Walsh told his scout to tell them not to cross the poles or the first one would be sorry. Sitting Bull, leading his warriors, road toward the posts and stopped just short of them. Walsh and Sitting Bull stared at each other for some time, then Sitting Bull turned his horse around and road away. Sitting bull had been close to sticking a dagger in a White Mother's redcoat. But he couldn't do it. Walsh was the only Whiteman to stand before him—practically alone—and defy him, but Walsh was the only man he could trust, the only man he could rely on.

Prime Minister Macdonald had become convinced that Walsh was being too soft with Sitting Bull and was trying to have the Sioux stay in Canada. Such was not the case as Walsh had always told Sitting bull he could not have a reserve in Canada and must return to the American soil. In November 1879 MacDonald informed the Governor

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General of his suspicious, and a year later had Walsh transferred from Wood Mountain to Fort Qu'Appelle. Sitting Bull was devastated when he heard Walsh was leaving. He presented Walsh with his feathered war bonnet saying, "Take it my friend. I hope I never need it again." On 20th July, 1881, the last of the Sioux, including Sitting Bull returned to the U.S.

In 1880 Assistant Commissioner Major Macleod resigned. There was no doubt that Major Walsh was the best qualified to replace him. However, Walsh's independent ways and repeated disapproval of political interference in NWMP matters regarding the native peoples, assured him he would not get the job. He had to be content with his own fort and the confidence of the aboriginals to treat them fairly. Acheson Gosford Irvine succeeded Macleod.

Due to ill health Walsh resigned from the NWMP in 1883 and returned to Brockville. In 1897 he was appointed Commissioner of the Yukon Territory at the time of the Klondike gold rush, by a Liberal Prime Minister. Rather ironic as in that position he commanded all NWMP forces in the Yukon and parts of the North West Territories. He resigned this position in 1898 and again returned to Brockville. He died there 25th July, 1905.

Mount Walsh in the St. Elias Range of the Yukon is named for him.



Sitting Bull



Mount Walsh, Yukon

Sitting Bull's life after leaving Canada is well documented and can be pursued by those who are interested.



Rapid City Ag Society 2026 Fair

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

Last month we gave a listing of what the kids could be working on during these long winter days and nights, but the adults have lots of things to get working on too! Here is a listing of items to get ready for the fair! Don't forget June 20th will be here before we know it!!

Baby sweater & bonnet set or attached hood, knitted

Adult socks, fancy hand knit

Adult socks, plain hand knit

Adult mitts, plain hand knit

Adult mitts, fancy hand knit

Scarf, specialty yarn

Child's hat & mitt set

Sweater, knit

Slippers, knit

Slippers, crochet

Afghan, knit

Afghan, crochet

Baby sweater & bonnet set, or attached hood, crochet

Small doily (12" & under), crochet, mounted

Matching tea towel & dish cloth, crochet or knit

Fabric purse, tote bag or backpack

Potholders, practical

Hand quilted article (cushion top, placemat, quillow, etc)

Machine quilted article (cushion top, placemat, quillow, etc)

Cushion, complete with stuffing, practical

Cushion, complete with stuffing, fancy

Quilt, patchwork, hand quilted

Quilt, machine quilted

Crib quilt (top not pre printed) or a lap quilt

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Crib quilt, pre printed

Stuffed toy, childproof

One embroidered article

Cross stitch article, other than picture

Cross stitch picture or hanging

Wall hanging, decorative

Handicraft article, not eligible for other classes

Best of 3 assorted landscape snaps, mounted & composed on a theme & title

Best of 3 assorted snaps, other than landscapes

Collection of 3 handmade xmas tree decorations, 3 different techniques

Holiday decoration

Selection of 3 SMALL bazaar items

Article made from pre-quilted material

Polar fleece article

Baby afghan, knit

Baby afghan, crochet

Table runner, machine quilted

Quilt, commercially quilted, judged on colour and piecing

Sketch - pen, pencil or pencil crayon

Picture painted - oil, acrylic, or water

Rag quilt

Applique quilt

Machine embroidered article

Highest total points from classes 11 & 12 based on 5 points for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd prize - \$35 donated by the RAPID CITY & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTE: One article from class 11 & 12 to be chosen BEST OF SHOW ribbon, donated by RAPID CITY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

If that list doesn't have you itching to get creating, maybe you should consider some of the sewing categories!

Formal dress or suit

Blouse or shirt

Girls dress up to 12 years

Cont.

Pre-school play set (2 pc) , specify age

5. Adult sleepwear

6. Garment made basically with serger

7. Polar fleece article, clothing

8. Denim article, recycled material (name previous article)

9. Any clothing article made from one meter of fabric or less (originality considered)

10. Pair of pillow cases made HOT DOG STYLE

11. T-Shirt made with sleeves

12. Pants with waist band and zipper

13. Jeans (5 pocket with zipper)

That is a list with a lot of variety!! So, you know what to do—get busy creating!!!!

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Rapid City and District Wildlife Association

Rapid City and District Wildlife Association report for January 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 38 cards. Presently the CTA total is 3,291.00 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.

This winters Ice Fishing Derby on the Little Saskatchewan River has been moved back two weeks to Sunday, February 22 starting at 10am and running to 2pm. This will hopefully give us a chance for better weather.

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.

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION

Rapid City and District Wildlife Association newest member (Ken Ferguson) has put forth a petition to send to MTI in regards to installing a intake gate at the Fish ladder to help regulate the flow through the fish ladder. This gate would function like the previous gate did and would allow the Rapid City Reservoir to be regulated properly by the Dam Structure. The Wildlife Association is offering to cover the cost of this intake gate.

**Oak River residents,
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THANK YOU!!





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4. Fee's must be paid prior to stepping on the ice.

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TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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AROUND THE HOUSE AND THROUGH THE YARD WITH ME

Welcome back everyone and welcome to February. I can't believe we've already passed January.

The seed catalogues are starting to arrive and I'm going through them at a slow pace, savoring all the great flowers and vegetables waiting to be planted. It's hard to believe another growing season is not that far away; I must make up my mind on which seeds to purchase and get the order sent before they are sold out. It's time to get out the heating mats for the grow lights and dig out the starter trays. All I need to do is dig a path to the greenhouse and bring in a box full of supplies. Planting season here I come.

Has the extreme cold weather really gone past us or is there another polar vortex just around the corner? I certainly hope we have seen the last of the -29 high day-time temperatures for the season. Let's get on with the single digits for a high and some mild overnight temp. Going out for an afternoon walk has been difficult it's time to move on. There's always something to complain about.

The bird population is still eating away at all the niger and sunflower seeds. There are just the same birds here now as in early January. However it won't be long before we begin to hear some of the migrant birds call off in the distance. Crows begin to show up in late winter early spring and their call is very distinct to say the least. Then there will be a few Canada geese scouts looking for food and some open water. Once they find it more will show up and then let the spring begin.

Thank goodness for the wood stove, it's been going all day every day since late December. The wood pile has gone down but that's just how it is. It is a great supplement to electric heat however we enjoy the wood heat way more than turning up the thermostat. There is just something about standing in front of the wood stove or pulling up a chair and sitting beside the stove and warming up. We definitely have more than enough wood to last the season.

Over the years we have had dozens of beaver colonies throughout the farm and they have felled more than enough trees for us to harvest. They take care to trim off all the branches and just leave the tree to dry and cure in the sun. Some are dragged away to make the lodge but others are just left for us to use in the wood stove. It's a perfect partnership between us. They cut and trim and we drag out of the bush and cut it into manageable lengths and bring it home. What's not to like about that?

Cooking tips

Using fresh mushrooms on your homemade pizza is a great idea, but they are very high in water. Pre cook them first with a little olive oil or butter for about 5-7 minutes. This reduces some of the moisture making them taste awesome. Add some savory herbs to give them a boost such as thyme or use some fresh chopped garlic. Be sure to pat them dry to get rid of extra moisture before you put them on top of the cheese.

Adding fresh cream to scrambled eggs will give them a velvety rich texture. The added fat will help to coat the egg proteins and prevent them from overcooking and tasting rubbery.

Soggy lemon pie crust will happen when the lemon filling is cold before adding to the pastry. The filling needs to be hot prior to filling the pastry shell. And don't over-beat the egg whites which can also cause them to weep.

The easiest bread in the world is Easy No knead Overnight Artisan bread. You only need four ingredients and a bowl and a wooden spoon just google ourbestbites.com/easy-no-knead-overnight-artisan-bread and you'll read how Sara Wells makes this easy bread, with no kneading. It only takes minutes to prep the night before and you'll have fresh bread the next day. I've made this a number of times and it's awesome. If you would like to try this but don't have a computer to use go to the library and Shirley will help you out or call me and I'll print off a copy and bring it to you 204.826.2407.

Cont.

A friend of mine gave me this recipe last week and it's for all those oatmeal lovers out there.

Baked porridge



3 cups old fashioned oatmeal, regular or gluten free (NOT steel cut oats)

1 3/4 c milk (any kind)

2 eggs

1/3 c sweetener of choice

1/4 c oil or butter

1 tsp vanilla

1 tsp cinnamon or nutmeg

1/4 tsp salt

Add dried fruit or nuts or just keep it plain. Maybe add a few choc chips. Put these ingredients into large mixing bowl, the wet then add the dry. Stir until well mixed. Pour into an 8X8 cake pan and bake at 350 for about 35 minutes. You can eat this for breakfast or cut it into squares and take along for a snack or freeze it in freezer bags. This is very easy.

Oatmeal orange muffins

1 c oatmeal soaked in 1/2 c orange juice, 1/2 c boiling water. Let sit for 15 minutes.

1/2 c soft butter

1/2 c w sugar

1/2 c b sugar

2 lg eggs

1 c raisins

1 tsp vanilla

1 c flour (regular or g free)

1 tsp b powder

1 tsp b soda



Combine butter and sugars. Beat in eggs and oatmeal mixture. Add raisins and vanilla. Add flour, baking powder and baking soda. Stir until moistened. Makes 12-15 muffins. Bake at 350 for about 20 minutes

Well that's about it for February

Until next time

Margo



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IS SPRING HERE?

First it was freezing and now it is ridiculously foggy and misty. What is going on? So, will the old wives tale be true—that there will be rain 90 days after a foggy day? I guess we will have to wait and see!! Mark your calendars!

REMEMBER

Hey snowmobilers, please remember to stay on the marked paths and off private property and public roads (and the golf course). A big thank you to everyone who works so hard to keep the trails marked and groomed! Remember to drive safely and follow the rules of the trail! We all want to have a fun and safe winter season.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jesse Campbell volunteers with the Rapid City Emergency Services, but his day job is an auctioneer with Fraser Auction Services. Some of you would recognize him as the auctioneer at the Pie Social!

A couple of weeks ago, he went to Alberta to compete in the Canadian All Round Auctioneer and Ringman competitions. Not only did he compete—HE WON THEM BOTH!! He came home the Canadian All Round Champion Auctioneer and Champion Ringman. He definitely has some hardware to decorate his house with, the good news being gold goes with everything!! Congratulations Jesse!

Deepest Sympathy

Our entire community was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Brenda (Chicky) King. Everyone knew Chicky as she has probably fed almost everyone in this area at least one time or another. Her big smile and even bigger heart made her a friend to all! Our hearts go out to her family and we hope they know she was a special person and she will be very deeply missed!

AREN'T WE LUCKY!!

I am extremely grateful—and I am pretty sure I am not alone—that when I was feeling really terrible, all I had to do was call our local Nurse Practitioner Michelle Weighell and one five minute drive from my house, I was being cared for and within a few minutes I was away with a prescription that had me feeling better in no time! If time is money, then Michelle saved me a fortune, because I didn't have to wait for hours in a Brandon Walk-in clinic, let alone drive for half an hour to get there and then drive half an hour to get home.

Michelle is doing an excellent job caring for our community and we are very, very lucky to have her!

Keep up the good work Michelle!

ACTION AT THE RINKS

If you don't have anything to do, there are a lot of great hockey games going on at both the Oak River Rink and the Rapid City Rink! I have heard—on great authority—that the 7 and unders have possibly the cutest hockey players on the ice! And of course, we have also heard that the rink burgers are the best around—so make sure you give one of them a try!

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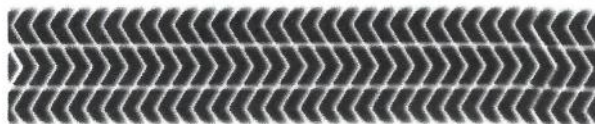
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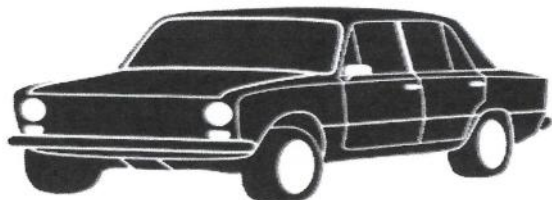


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