



Tell-It-Gram

News from RM of Oakview

January 2026

WELCOME 2026!!!
HOPE EVERYONE HAS A
HEALTHY, HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!

Feb. 7—RC Lion's Trivia Night

Feb. 22—RC Ice Fishing Derby

March 1—RC Pie Social



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW

Oak River - 204-566-2146 info@rmfoakview.ca

Rapid City - 204-826-2515 adminrc@rmfoakview.ca

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

January 13 Oak River

January 26 Rapid City

February 10 Oak River

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 Christmas Greetings and best wishes on!!

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.

We have journey for sight 50-50 raffle tickets for sale. Five dollars a ticket for a chance to win up to \$12,500. The proceeds from this raffle directly support the Lions foundation of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario's charitable programs. These tickets will be available until mid January.



Our very own Mary Phillips will be riding her snowmobile in the last leg of the journey for sight. She is hoping to raise \$3000.00 for her ride on the Journey for Sight. You can sponsor Mary by contacting her via her email at marygary111@gmail.com.

Lion Dan



The Rapid City & Area Lions Club will be hosting a trivia night on February 7 at the Legion hall. The proceeds will be going to help with the purchase of equipment for the Minnedosa Hospital. More information to be posted closer to the event. Definitely something to put on your calendar!



Join Today!

Expanded
Trail
System

Maps
available
On the
trail-
head!



Groomed for
skiers and
snowshoers!

Please sign the
registration
book when you
come to enjoy
the trails!



Single Membership
\$20/Season

Family Membership
\$40/Season

Daily
10 am
To
Dusk

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

Frank Hyndman 570-0073

Rapid City 4H Beef Club Report

The Rapid City 4H Beef Club met on December 14th, 2025, for our first weigh day with our projects. It was a sunny day, and only a little bit chilly.

We started weighing around 1 P.M. and finished just after 2 P.M. In total, 8 market steers, 1 progeny steer, 11 yearling heifers, 3 progeny heifers and 2 continuation females were weighed. It was evident that members have spent time with their animals already.

Once everything was weighed, we had a club meeting, gift exchange, and enjoyed a potluck meal. Everyone enjoyed the day and were excited about the gifts they received.

Our next club activity is attending the Brandon Wheat Kings game on January 10th, a meeting on the 13th, and then our communications event in February.

Report submitted by Benson Bootsman

Rapid City 4H Beef Club Reporter

Rapid City and District Wildlife Association

Report for December 2025

Happy New Year from the Rapid City and District Wildlife Association

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 has started. Presently the CTA total is 2,518.00 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 3pm. This will hopefully give us a chance for better weather.

Rapid City Wildlife presently has 51 memberships broken down into 32 family memberships, 19 single memberships and 1 youth.

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.



Rural Municipality of Oakview		POLICY NO: 2025-06
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL		
REFERENCE Employees, CAO, Council	ADOPTED BY: Resolution # 2025-475 Date: December 18, 2025 Replaces 2018-2	
TITLE: Oakview Snow Removal Policy		Head of Council: B. Christie CAO: Mark Humphries

Purpose:

The purpose of the policy is to provide reasonable snow and ice control in a timely, safe and cost-effective manner.

Policy:

Snow removal shall be performed in the following:

Municipal Graders

- LUD's – Residential streets to be completed by RM Plows
- Municipal Roads

LUD Areas

- Fire Hall's
- School's
- Sidewalks on Main Street's
- Senior Housing facilities (Rapid City Legion Gardens/Oakdale Senior Housing)
- Back lanes that are the main access routes
- Rapid City Legion Memorial Community Centre
- Rapid City Community Complex and Oak River Community Complex - they are to let the RM know of events
- Community Church 's
- Driveway approaches after the RM plows have done the streets
- Oakview Waste Transfer Sites and Recycle Bins – when the plow passes by
- Oakview Cemetery's – shall only be cleared in the event of a funeral
- Oak River – Snow Removeable Customers
-

Snow removal is to be done when possible, during regular working hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., however hours may be adjusted to accommodate each situation.

After and before hours plowing may be done in the event of an excess of 15 cms (6") of snowfall. This will be at the discretion of the Public Works Manager.

Sanding of streets is to be done during regular working hours.

Factors that may delay snow removal and sanding operations are severe cold, high winds, reduced visibility and rapid accumulations of snow. Under normal conditions, snow removal and sanding operations will be completed within 48 hours of a storms passing.

Rapid City Library Report

Happy New Year everyone!! As you well know, 2025 was a doozy for us here at the library, so we are hoping for a less exciting 2026 as far as problems go! What we are hoping for is a lot more programming, and getting things back on an even keel!

We are starting 2026 with some wonderful news! We had applied for a grant to put new LED lights in the upstairs of the library and we did not get it. However, thanks to a very generous anonymous donor, we are now able to do our lighting project and I am so grateful! Current Electric will be illuminating our library soon and I can't wait. At least I hope it is soon, because I refuse to spend money on any more fluorescent lights—so it might get a little dark here, before it gets brighter!!! This is the kind of exciting that we like—and this really is exciting!!!

Something else that is new and (fun) exciting is our cozy coffee and tea bar in our Reading Nook. This is thanks to the Friends of the Library. Just after we moved back to the library, we still had no bathrooms, so we would take a break and go to the Queen's for a drink and a bathroom break. We all said how much we were going to miss it once the library re-opened because we wouldn't be able to just pop down to the Queen's like we had been. So, thanks to the FOL, we can now have a tea break or coffee break here at the library and it is lovely. So, please, feel free to come on down and enjoy! We might even join you!!!! There is a jar there where donations toward replacing the coffee pods are welcome.

The basement is coming along quite nicely and hopefully soon we will have the plumbing completed and all the little finishing touches finished up. Last Friday Cancade brought back all our belongings that had been put in storage and it was like treasure hunting opening the boxes and finding things we had forgot we had—or wondered where they were!! Now we need to get them all back in the right place.

I must say our flooring downstairs looks as amazing as the flooring upstairs. I would like to take this time to thank Kellington Floors for not only doing a fabulous job on the parts of the library that were covered by insurance, but by donating the flooring for the storage areas and bathrooms as well as securing the stairs down to the basement. Thank you so much!!! Highly recommend those guys!

We are planning a fun reading game/challenge for February which happens to be I Love to Read month. It is for kids and there will be prizes and tallies and it will be a lot of fun. We are still working out the details, but we know the name—Reading Our Way to Spring! It will begin the 2nd of February and go right through until the 6th of April which is just after Easter. Come see us at the library to get signed up!

Our book club will be meeting for the first time in 2026 on January 13th. This time we are reading *Midnight in the Garden of Good and evil* by John Berendt. I thought we had a lot of interesting people in our community, but I think Savannah, Georgia may have us beat! It's a non-fiction/fiction book and I can't wait to hear what everyone thinks!

Great news, the Friends of the Library held a meeting to set the date for the upcoming Pie Social. Mark your calendars for Sunday March 1st at the Legion Hall from 2:00—4:00pm. There will be entertainment, delicious pies and of course the pie auction!!! We hope you will join us for this fun and delicious fundraiser!!!

Come on in and check out our new changes—because we are quite excited! We might even make you a cup of coffee!

The Gang at the Library

Collection Schedule

435 3rd Avenue, Rapid City,
Manitoba, Canada



: Trash : Recycling : Holiday

January 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Visit mwm.recollect.net to print this again.

Never forget your collection day again! Visit www.mwmltd.ca and search for your home address in "My Schedule." Then sign up for reminders by email, phone call or text message.

Powered by ReCollect

Health Matters

Michelle Weighell RN NP



Welcome to 2026! I have finally dusted off the keyboard and begun a monthly series of topics which our fearless Tell-It-Gram Editor-In-Chief has requested for nearly 2 years. In my defense, building a home and opening a clinic have kept me a little bit busy, but no excuses are acceptable.

January is a tough month for many; back to routine after a couple of weeks off, clearing the sludge of too many sweets and delicious meals and right smack into mid-winter. We are slowly gaining daylight, but January is notoriously cold and this year looks to be snowy – a plus for those who enjoy the outdoor winter activities. January also brings a sense of increased isolation for those who do not or cannot enjoy the winter and have spent the holiday season alone or recently lost a loved one.

I recently read a research article which indicated that isolation could increase blood pressure, cortisol (the stress hormone), cause increased risk of stroke, heart attack and dementia. <https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/full/10.1161/JAHA.122.026493>

Many studies show the impact of isolation on mental health – increased anxiety and depression which can also lead to cognitive decline (memory loss and decreased ability to manage household functions).

For those experiencing loneliness and isolation, being told to reach out to a neighbour or friend or family member is the most common response. But many folks struggle with “reaching out”. They do not want to bother anyone or are new to the community and do not know anyone. And for those whose loneliness has moved on into depression, the nature of this illness often inhibits a person’s ability to interact socially.

If you are experiencing loneliness or isolation, there are multiple resources available in our community. Our local library 204-826-2732, RM of Oakview office 204-826-2515 and Oakview Clinic – 204-720- 9944 can assist you with finding local activities or health services. The following are just a few contacts which can help you as well:

PMH – Services for Seniors - 1-855-474-3338

Seniors Services of Rapid City/Rivers – 204-328-7901

Manitoba Farm, Rural and Norther Support - 1-866-367-3276 or website <https://supportline.ca/>

Crisis Line - 1-888-379-7699

Until next month, stay well and stay connected!



Rapid City Office Hours:

Sundays – Walk In – 600pm – 900pm (last patient taken at 830pm)

Mondays – 830am - 430pm by appointment only

Thursday – 730am – 300pm January 22 by appointment only

Friday – 730am- 300pm by appointment only

Oak River Office Hours:

Thursday – January 15 and 29 - 930 – 430 - by appointment only

Call 204-720-9944

Payments accepted by debit card and credit card

**If you have private insurance, most companies are providing full
refund with submission of paid receipt.**

Rapid City Community Complex

“The Rink”

Just wanted to let everyone know that the rink has undergone some updates in the past few years. The previous rink board did a great job and we wanted to leave it better than when we started. I would like to thank them all for the job that they did.

The municipality has tinned the roof on the arena. They did a great job. No more leaks!!! With a very generous donation from the Alex Burr family, we were able to purchase a new to us 2012 Olympia Ice Conditioner. The old Zamboni went to Oak River as their machine was on its last legs. Pay it forward! Thank you Alex!!

We also purchased a new skate sharpener. State of the art! Really does a great job on the kids skates.

We replaced the 8 X 10 door on the Zamboni Room. So much easier to get the machine on and off the ice. We installed new windows in the rink. The crew was all from Rapid City: Pat Dixon, Arnie Eckberg & Ernie Paul! Not only installing the new windows but rebuilding all of the rough openings. They are wonderful.

Keith Hillis and his son installed new chain link fencing at both ends of the rink. Another great job done by Rapid City guys.

Thought we were done but we were able to get some glass for around the boards. So got the band back together and had it installed for this season. We are fortunate to have local craftsmen who were able to do the repairs. I appreciate all that you have done.

Now out with the old and in with the new. We have a new rink board and they are working hard to keep the rink going! So, stop in, say hi and meet the new board members and check the “old barn” out. Better yet, bring your skates and give it a whirl!

Signing off,

Frank Hyndman



RECREATION

The RM Of Oakview is looking at running some programming, such as: learn to skate, gymnastics, yoga classes, P.D day/Sports camps ect.

Do you have a talent you would like to share with others?!
And would be interested in teaching/running classes.

If you or someone you know is interested in starting up some programming in Oak River or Rapid City please reach out to Alexandria at 204-566-2146 or email info@rmfoakview.ca

Made with PosterMyWall.com

HISTORY HOOKS

-Canadian History You May Not Know About by Yool Sharp

Sitting Bull's Boss - Part 1 the Early Career

By 1818 negotiators from Great Britain and the United States (U.S.) drew an arbitrary line to define their realms in western North America. A new political boundary along the 49th parallel of latitude then separated the U.S. states from the lands administrated by Great Britain. It stretched from the Lake of the Woods to the Rocky Mountains. The Oregon Treaty signed 28 years later extended this white man's line all the way to the west coast of the continent.

By the 1860's, Washington's "Great White Father" harsh and relentless in his ambitions, had incited the Indian warriors of the west; Buffalo hunters, whisky traders, wagon loads of settlers, and the long-knifed bluecoats of the U.S. Cavalry continued to infringe upon their hunting grounds. To the north, a land ruled by the "Great White Mother", remained less altered, less invaded. This imaginary line offered some benefit to the native tribes in the U.S. as it stopped the ruthless bluecoats from following them into Canada. It was 'big medicine' thus the name Medicine Line.

James Walsh was born at Prescott, Upper Canada, 22nd May, 1840. Although an indifferent student, he excelled in athletics, very handy with his fists, a notable runner and swimmer. He also excelled at soccer and canoeing, and at age 20 found time to captain the Prescott Fire Brigade.

As a young man he had difficulty finding an occupation that did not leave him restless. Attracted by soldiering and eager to widen his experience, he enrolled in the Kingston Military School. Here he excelled in gunnery and cavalry, graduating with honours in 1862. He then returned to private life. In 1866, Fenians, members of an Irish revolutionary movement founded in the S.S., began making raids into Canada. Canada quickly sought military volunteers to fight them off. James Walsh volunteered, was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the 56th Grenville Regiment, saw action, earning praise from his superiors and was promoted to Captain. In 1869 he graduated from the Kingston School of Cavalry with a first class certificate. He continued his military training and received his first class certificate from the School of Gunnery. Walsh had found a career he thrived on—soldiering.

Walsh joined the Red River expedition commanded by Colonel Wolsely that was to proceed west to suppress the rebels in what became the Manitoba Rebellion of 1870. While serving as the acting adjutant he married Mary Mowat five weeks before the expedition started west. No doubt torn between two loves, his marriage or the military, he opted to settle into family life in Prescott. Army life was still in his blood so he formed a local militia and as a part time Major, commanded the Prescott Cavalry.

In May 1873, Parliament passed a bill calling for a "Police Force in the Northwest Territories". There it would plant the British flag and enforce law and order over the land recently acquired from the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) and Britain. That summer Walsh heard about the impending formation of the police force. Thirsting for a life more stimulating than in Prescott, he notified Ottawa he was interested in a position in this force. However, Prime Minister MacDonald referred to as "old Tomorrow", procrastinated until the Cypress Hills Massacre (36 Canadian Assiniboine Natives slaughtered by a gang of American wolf hunters) in August 1873. The force was then formed and Walsh along with eight others were appointed Sub Inspectors at a salary of \$1,000 per year. Walsh was assigned the responsibility of recruiting able-bodied horsemen of sound character, age 18 to 40 for the force, and was elected to lead the first North West Mounted Police (NWMP) to the west. He was ideal for this task—strong-featured, determine looking, soldiery, direct, firm, decisive, a born leader of men. On 1st Oct, 1873, as

Cont.

Officer in command of “A” Troop, he and 32 non-commissioned officers (NCO’s) left Ottawa for Toronto. From there, by train and steamer they travelled to Prince Arthurs Landing (present Fort William), and then over the infamous Dawson Route to Red River, arriving at Lower Fort Garry (the Stone Fort), on 21st Oct. On 3rd Nov. Lieutenant—Colonel Osborne Smith, who had been appointed temporary commissioner of the NWMP, swore in all the recruits. Ranks were formalized and the NWMP effectively came into existence. The second and third contingents of the new force arrived within ten days and there were now 150 men at the Stone Fort. On 3rd Dec. Lieutenant Colonel Arthur French arrived at Fort Garry to become the force’s first official NWMP commander. On loan from the British Military he was ill fitted for the task due to his lack of knowledge of conditions on the western prairie. He decided water barrels would not be necessary, the men were not issued canteens—lakes and rivers would supply good water?????. Only eastern bread horses would be used—the rough looking prairie mustangs were not suitable?????. Knowledgeable horsemen at Fort Garry told him he would be fortunate if half of them survived the march west.

Before the 150 men left Fort Garry for Dufferin, just north of the U.S. border, James Macleod was appointed Assistant Commissioner of the force. The second contingent meanwhile had trained over the winter in Ontario and in June 1874 travelled by train (through the U.S.) to Dufferin. In this group was fifteen year old Fred Bagley, the force bugler. The 275 man force (there had been some men released or deserted) left Dufferin on 8th July 1874 for the march west. Major (he preferred to be addressed by that title) Walsh was in command of B Division. The history of the march has been well documented and is not included in this article, unless Walsh is involved.



By 6th September exhausted men and many dead and dying horses arrived at what they called Dead Horse Valley, depicted in the sketch by Henri Julien, an artist who accompanied the force.

The next day they arrived at the junction of the Bow and were French expected to find Fort Whoop-Up. It was however about 100 miles further west. In hope of finding the missing Fort, French sent out search parties, one west and another north commanded by Walsh to Edmonton. Scout, Pierre Leville, convinced French there was no suitable forage west or north and a rider was sent to inform

Walsh to return and meet the force sixty miles south in the Cypress hills, where there was good water and forage. Four days later French and the force camped at Three Buttes, just below the border in Montana. Two days later Walsh caught up, six of his horses having died of starvation and exhaustion. On 22nd Sept, French and Major Macleod plus a few men left for Fort Benton, Montana, to secure badly needed supplies and horses. Here, they hired a Metis scout, Jerry Potts, to guide them to Fort Whoop-Up. (He was to serve the NWMP for 22 years). French received new orders from Ottawa to take two divisions (D and E) and return east to Swan River, Manitoba, where NWMP headquarters was to be relocated. Macleod, after attending to the supply requirements, headed north to link up with the remainder of the force, commanded by Walsh in his absence. The link up was made at the Junction of the Belly and St. Mary’s Rivers in what is now south west Alberta. Here Potts led them to Fort Whoop-Up where a conflict with U.S. whiskey traders was anticipated. It didn’t happen! The traders had pulled out, gone back to Fort Benton, Montana, with their whiskey, leaving only an aged care taker at the fort.

From Fort Whoop-Up Potts led the force to the northwest and three days later to a valley and river—“Ol’ Man’s River” Potts said. Macleod decided that here they would build a fort and accommodation, first for the livestock,

Cont.

And then the men and officers. He named it Fort Macleod. In October the first hints of winter produced snow. Macleod realized that there was insufficient winter forage to restore the health of his exhausted livestock. During the march west he had monitored the performance of the officers and determined Walsh was superior. Therefore he instructed Walsh with a small contingent of B Division, to take 64 horses, 20 oxen and 10 head of cattle south 200 miles to the Sun River in Montana where forage was plentiful. Jerry Potts was to be his guide. Walsh and his men returned to Fort Macleod while Potts detoured to Fort Benton to collect his family and horse herd, then returned to Fort Macleod. In mid-December, based on the success of the earlier foray, Walsh again took more horses to winter at Sun River, arriving back on Christmas Eve.

By the spring Macleod received word that whiskey traders were operating in the Cypress Hills. Walsh was ordered to proceed with B Troop to the area, build a fort (which he was to name Fort Walsh) and eliminate this trade. Jerry Potts would be their guide. Walsh and his men were not dressed in their Red Serve Uniforms, they were to be kept for ceremonial purposes. Walsh wore a fringed buckskin jacket and a tan slouch hat, with the brim turned up in front. His men wore whatever they had from brown cotton fatigues to U.S. cavalry pants. It was 7th June, 1885, when Walsh ordered B Troop to make camp at Battle Creek in the cypress Hills and start construction of the fort.

A few days later, Walsh was sitting in front of his tent drawing plans for the fort. He then noted that all was quiet, no construction noise. Looking up he saw a couple a hundred or more armed warriors approaching. "Who are they Jerry?" "Sioux" Potts replied. A Metis with the warriors came forward. "Who are you" he asked. "Red Coats of the Great White British Mother", Walsh replied. Walsh and his men noted rifles being pointed at them. "You lie", said the Metis, noting some of Walsh's men wearing U.S. army pants, "You are Long-knives". Walsh realized he and his men were in danger. "If you fire a shot", Walsh warned with not a tremor in his voice, "More Red Coats will come, and none of you will be left alive". Suddenly one of the warriors shouted, pointing to the hills above. Streaming through the trees covering the slopes hundreds of buckskin-clad Indians appeared and came fast onto the valley floor. "What the hell is happening Jerry", Walsh said. "Cree" grunted Potts. "What the hell does that mean", asked Walsh. "Cree and Sioux hate each other", Jerry said. The Cree galloped along the valley in pursuit, and the Sioux disappeared. The Cree turned out to be friendly as they knew the Great White Mothers flag and the purpose of her pony soldiers. Walsh invited them to join him and his troop drinking tea and having a smoke. The fort was completed in six weeks, and in less than twelve months, Walsh would have more to occupy his attention than whiskey traders.

The aboriginal tribes in the Fort Walsh area were mainly Cree and Assiniboine. Jerry Potts was not totally fluent in their languages, so Walsh hired a second Metis guide, Louis Laveille, who was. Once Walsh had hired his new scout, Potts returned to Fort Macleod, where his ability to speak Blackfoot fluently was essential to the NWMP relations with the tribes in that area.

The remainder of this article will be in next month's TIG.



Walsh pre NWMP



Walsh Cypress Hills

Rapid City Ag Society 2026 Fair

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

It's winter time—the perfect time to be inside working on projects that you can show in the fair this year—and that includes kids!! Yes, there are a number of categories for kids to show their talents and we would love to see more kids entering what they've made. Not sure what to make? Here is a listing of the judging categories:

CLASS NO. 9A

JUNIOR HANDICRAFT, 12 YEARS & UNDER

Item made from Lego, 8 years & under, no larger than 12" x 12"

Item made from Lego, 9-12 years

Item made from K-nex

Original design, greeting card

Favourite pet snapshot

Fridge magnet

Cartoon, hand drawn

Pet rock, painted or decorated

Gift wrapped parcel

Christmas ornament

Bead buddies

Friendship bracelet

Juniors – 12 years & under painting – oil, acrylic or water. Any subject.

CLASS NO. 9B

JUNIOR HANDICRAFT, 13 – 16 YEARS

Item made from Lego, no larger than 12" x 12"

Cross stitch article

Any sewn article

Original design, greeting card

Decorated T-shirt

Cont.

Metal craft item

Scrapbooking, 1 page

Woodwork article

String art

Christmas decoration

Juniors – 12 -16 years painting – oil, acrylic or water. Any subject.

There are a lot of options of great things to make and kids, the best news is that if your entries are given 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, you can win money. So start creating now and put them in a safe space, and then in June you will be ready. Rapid City Ag Society's fair date is Saturday June 20th but entries will need to be entered on June 19th. More details on that closer to the time! So, on these dark nights—let's get to work!!!



DialMyCalls!!

Name: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



SIGN UP FOR THE NEW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - RECEIVE IMPORTANT TEXTS/VOICE MESSAGES/EMAILS FROM THE RM OF OAKVIEW!!



Updates On:

Utilities, Roads, Weather, Closures and so much more.

Visit our website: www.rmof oakview.ca, call 204-566-2146 or stop by the office to sign up!!



OAK RIVER MEMORIAL RINK

COMMUNITY SKATING RULES

PUBLIC SKATING GENERAL RULES

1. Anyone under the age of 16 must wear a helmet.
2. Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
3. No stick and puck during public skate times.
4. Fee's must be paid prior to stepping on the ice.

STICK AND PUCK GENERAL RULES

1. A helmet must be worn at all times.
2. Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
3. No body contact, slap shots or practice tools allowed on the ice.
4. Fee's must be paid prior to stepping on the ice.

PUBLIC SKATING TIMES

FRIDAY EVENING FROM 6 TILL 7
SUNDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2 TILL 3

STICK AND PUCK TIMES

FRIDAY EVENING FROM 7 TILL 8
SUNDAY AFTERNOON FROM 3 TILL 4

TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLEASE CHECK RM OF OAKVIEW WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE
OR RINK COMMUNITY CALENDAR ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE FOYER

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
PLEASE CONTACT
BOB AT 365.7042

AROUND THE HOUSE AND THROUGH THE YARD WITH ME

Hello again Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to 2026. The years are just ticking away at a slow but steady pace.

So it snowed again last night and by the shoveling I did this morning I'd say it was about 2" worth. We do have a fair bit of snow here in the yard and it looks like there is quite a bit across the hay fields as well. There have been plenty of deer here in the yard over the past month but they usually herd up and make their way into the valley right around January. We've seen quite a few fox/coyote tracks up and down the lane lately and I'm guessing they're looking for something to snack on.

The cats are safely tucked away in the shop, thank goodness. Max seems to be putting on a few extra pounds again this winter. Otherwise he's fine and so are the others. No one has much energy to chase the variety of tennis or racquet balls around the shop floor, all they want to do is eat and sleep. There is not a lot of moisture in the shop and I don't know who produces more static electricity, the cats or me? One or two of them always avoid me when I go to pet them because of the electric shocks I give them. When the tractor and snowblower are in there dripping wet, the humidity is high and there is less static. But when there is no such moisture it's a gong show. Such is life I suppose. They will all be raring to go come spring once the snow begins to melt and the temperatures warm up. Not much difference between their likes and mine!

Seed catalogues have been arriving and I love this time of year just to browse through them all and think about gardening. I am always eager to look at and purchase new seed packages once they begin to show up in the stores. I'm already thinking that I will have to take my plants off the grow light stand soon so that I can make room for seed sprouting.

Speaking of gardening and planting, I see that the Canada Plant Hardiness site at Natural Resources <https://planthardiness.gc.ca/?m=1> has given us a new growing zone. Here in rural Rapid City we have always been zoned as 2a; however, now that our temperatures have become somewhat warmer we are now classified as a zone 3a. This means that we can grow even more hardy perennials than years past. For more information on this click on the plant hardiness site listed above. When looking into buying new perennials or shrubs always look at the zone numbers and memorize zone 3a. The lower the number the colder it is. The west coast is one of Canada's warmer climates with a growing zone of 9a, they grow rhododendron by the thousands. A number of years ago I planted a rhododendron that was supposed to be hardy to zone 3. This one had been bred for our cold climate but was less than two feet tall. It is now about 1.5 feet tall and it has bloomed but it's nothing like the ones at the coast, not even close. But our growing zone has warmed up and for me this is good news. I look forward to growing more perennials than ever before, because I can, yeah.

We spent the Christmas holidays with our daughter Krista and granddaughter Moa in Vancouver this year. What a delightful time we had and the weather was awesome, only one really rainy day. The grass was green and some flowers were blooming, the ocean was so blue and some rosebushes were actually flowering. It's always great to see so much colour compared to the white/grey of our winter landscape here on the prairies. The week went by way too fast and here we are back to shoveling snow and getting the tractor and snowblower out once again. Such is life back on the farm.

Cont.

How about a few cooking tips

- *keep your brown sugar soft by adding some marshmallows, large or small to the container. Tightly seal with lid and within a day the brown sugar should be soft.
- *keep your cookies and other baked goods from going hard by adding a slice of store bought bread to an airtight container.
- *if you notice that your tomato sauce has gotten too acidic add a carrot to sweeten it. Peel a whole carrot, simmer it in with the tomato sauce, then remove before serving.
- *If you forget to take the butter out of the fridge before baking and it needs to be softened, just cut the butter into cubes, let it sit for about 20 minutes. The smaller the pieces, the faster it softens.
- *Use a damp dish towel to keep your bowls steady. Place a damp tea towel under your mixing bowl to keep it from sliding on your counter as you mix.
- *it's important to use room temperature eggs when baking. If you forget to take your eggs out of the fridge in time, just place them in a bowl of warm water for a few minutes.
- *next time you need fresh lemon juice, microwave a lemon for 7-10 seconds. Then roll the lemon back and forth under your palm on kitchen counter. When you squeeze, you'll get more juice from the lemon with less effort.
- *next time you over salt a soup, toss in a few wedges of raw apples or potato. Simmer for 10 minutes and discard the wedge to get the flavour back to normal.
- *to keep your celery from turning floppy within a few day, wrap it tightly in aluminum foil to extend its shelf life and keep it crisp for weeks. I don't know the science behind this but it really works.

The blue jays are out in full force today with approximately 10 give or take a few. The sunflower feeder is filled every day and the jays just love them. There are nuthatches, chickadees, redpolls, downy and hairy woodpeckers, siskins, and a small flock of the winter goldfinches. Prior to our trip to the coast we saw an unusual bird at our mixed seed feeder. I got out my Guide to field identification Birds of North America and looked up doves. It turns out this was a Ringed Turtle Dove sitting on a branch of the oak tree, then hopping down to the ground to feed. It was totally lost, according to the book most definitely lost, as it's native from Miami to Baltimore. We both looked at one another then at the book and the bird and watched it while it picked at some seeds and then flew away. We did not see it again. I do hope it flew south to the border then kept going at a south eastern angle even further, we will never know. It was a gorgeous sandy/tan colour with a black collar, and definitely a dove.



Ringed Turtle-Dove—Bird Gallery

Houston Audubon

Here's a few recipes from the archives

This recipe was given to me by a fellow gardener who is excellent with plants plus a great cook.

Cherry coffee cake

2 c flour (all purpose or gluten free)	1 c white sugar
1 1/2 tsp b powder	2 eggs
1 tsp b soda	1 tsp vanilla
1/4 tsp salt	1 c sour cream
1/2 c room temp butter	1 can cherry OR blueberry pie filling

Sift together flour, b soda, b powder and salt. Cream butter, blend in the sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each one. Beat in vanilla and sour cream. Add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture a bit at a time. Combine lightly after each addition. Spoon on the cherry OR blueberry pie filling. Bake at 350 for about 40-50 min.

Enjoy

Mini cinnamon roll cheesecakes

Base

1 1/2 c graham cracker crumbs	1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 c w sugar	6 tbsp. melted butter

Preheat oven to 325 and line a muffin pan with cupcake liners. In med bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and cinnamon. Add melted butter and stir to combine. Press about 1 tbsp of mixture into each cupcake liner.

Bake 5 min, then set aside to cool.

Filling

16 oz (2cups) cream cheese softened	1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 c white sugar	1/4 c brown sugar– packed
1 tsp vanilla	1 tbsp. melted butter
2 large eggs	1/2 c icing sugar
1/4 c sour cream	2 –3 tsp milk
1/4 c heavy cream (such as whipping cream)	

Cont.

In large bowl, beat the cream cheese and white sugar until smooth. Add vanilla, eggs, sour cream and heavy cream mixing until just combined. Pour the cheesecake batter over the cooled crusts, filling each cup about 2/3 full. In a small bowl, mix the brown sugar, cinnamon, and melted butter until combined. Drop small dollops of this mixture onto the cheesecake batter and swirl gently with a toothpick. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until the cheesecakes are set.

Remove from the oven and cool completely in the pan, then refrigerate for at least 2 hours. In a small bowl, whisk together the icing sugar and milk to create a glaze. Drizzle this over the cheesecakes prior to serving.

Hearty bean stew Serves 6

1 1/2 c chopped onions	1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce (optional)
4 garlic cloves, minced	1 tbsp. chili powder
1 tbsp veg oil	1 16 oz can kidney beans drained and rinsed
1 28 oz can diced tomatoes	1 15 oz can chickpeas drained and rinsed
3 large carrots	1 15 oz can black beans drained and rinsed
3 celery ribs chopped	1 can tomato paste
1 1/4 c veg broth	salt and pepper

Saute onions, garlic in oil until tender.

Add tomatoes and carrots, celery and broth and worchestershire sauce

Bring to a boil

Reduce heat, cover and simmer 15 minutes

Stir in beans, tomato paste, chili powder

Add salt and pepper as desired

Cover and simmer 30 min stirring occasionally

Well that's about it for January 2, 2026

Margo





RM of Oakview

Snowplowing REMINDER



Please be patient with our operators as they do their best to get the roads cleared!



DID YOU KNOW?!



We have 4 graders.

We cover 4 townsites: Basswood, Cardale, Oak River & Rapid City.

We plow 434 miles of our roads.

We prioritize medical and bus routes, main arteries and high traffic roads!

It can take up to 3 days to plow the entire RM.

For the safety of our operators we do not send them out during a storm.



Rebus puzzles

Can you guess the words and expressions?

M1Y L111F1E

Get it
Get it
Get it
Get it

Try $\frac{\text{stand}}{2}$



DRIPS FROM THE TAP



ATTENTION

Rapid City Nursery School will be closed temporarily due to ongoing construction in the library. Hopefully we will be welcoming everyone back to school soon!!

In Condolence

Our deepest sympathy to Linda Rioux and family on the sudden loss of Ron. He has been a part of our community for a long time and will be missed.

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.

WEATHER WATCH

Hard to believe that school was cancelled the three days before the Christmas Break. Now, it feels like March weather—and we are dealing with fog and slush!!

Fog is horrible to drive in, but it sure does make for a picture perfect look afterwards!

Just hope we don't pay for this down the road—but it sure is making winter shorter AND our days are getting longer!!!

BREAK IN GRIEF!

Not happy to hear that the Oak River Quick Freeze was broken into on the same night the Rapid City Rink was. Never heard if the two were connected, but the timing was quite a coincidence! Hope they catch whoever did it! If you know of anything or saw anything, please call the RCMP.

NOTICE

The Rapid City and Area Daycare's annual AGM will take place on February 9th at 7:30pm at the Rapid City Library. Everyone is welcome. There will be positions on the board that will need to be filled. If you are interested, please consider this your invitation to join the team to bring a daycare to our community.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Helping Homes Find Families + Families Find Homes

Full-time support staff

- Utmost care & detail in every step
- 20th year in the industry

Maximum exposure marketing plan

- Personal website linked to many sites

Team player

- Works with you to reach your goals
- Donation to Children's Miracle Network on each sale

International Networking

Gwen Usick

REALTOR®

cell/text 204-867-4657



CENTUM®
Mortgage Choice Corp.

Alica Fulford

Mortgage Broker

alica_fulford@centum.ca

(204) 573-4859

- Purchase, Refinance, Renewals
- Switch and Transfers
- New Construction
- Private and Second Mortgages
- Rental Properties

Call Today for More Details!

I made a New Year's resolution to stop procrastinating, but I'm going to wait until next year to start.



CLVan
veen

CONSTRUCTION LTD.

Residential, Commercial and Farm Buildings

clvvconstruction@hotmail.com

www.clvvconstruction.com

204 826 - 2292

Cadurcis Community United Church

Welcomes you to join us

Sunday mornings

At 9:30AM

Small in size, large in Spirit



BULK
FUEL & LUBRICANTS

- CONVENIENCE
- QUALITY
- PROTECTION

**Free delivery of bulk
fuel, diesel, lubricants
and DEF.**

Valleyview Co-op
Fuel Team

☎ 204-748-2843 ext. 4

📱 Text: 204-851-6672

myvalleyviewcoop.ca

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

THE BLANCHARD
HOTEL, LOUNGE, AND RESTAURANT

Fraenkische Stuben
German - Bavarian Cuisine

Ph. 204.566.2131

Mon.-Tues. CLOSED VENDOR OPEN DURING BUSINESS HOURS, FOOD ORDER 2 GO
WEDNESDAY -SATURDAY OPEN FROM 10:00am -10:00pm, SUNDAY 2pm-9:00pm
BREAKFAST WED.-SAT FROM 10:00am - 2:00pm
SMORGASBORD EVERY 2nd SUNDAY PER MONTH PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATION

SILVERLINE
CONSTRUCTION

Corey Bayes
Owner Journeyman Carpenter
(204) 573-3289
Silverlineconstructionbdn@gmail.com

New Construction Renovations Decks
Kitchen Bathrooms Windows Doors

Lynne

MILLER

REALTOR® | CRB, RENE, EPS, ABR
rural residential, acreages + equine

✉ lmillers@sutton.com
☎ 204 724 3025
📍 Unit A, 99 - 18th Street, Brandon

Sutton
REAL ESTATE



Your story is our line of work | Sutton-Harrison Realty LynneMiller.ca



DialMyCalls.com

Voice & Text Message Broadcasting Made Easy

Please call the RM for details.

What do barbershops serve in the winter?

Cold cuts.



Gill Farms Ltd.

Custom Haulers Grain & Gravel

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE OR RENT

AGGREGATE
FOR SALE

- LOADERS • SKID STEERS & ATTACHMENTS
- EXCAVATORS • DOZERS • PACKERS • LAND ROLLER
- TRUCKS & TRAILERS • BREAKING DISK • GRAIN VAC

Phone **MARK GILL: 204-365-7555**

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Jeannie's Interiors

Professional Painting & Decorating

Jeannie Bos
204-573-1150
Rapid City, MB
jeanniesinteriors@hotmail.com

CLARK'S SEPTIC SERVICE

Portable Toilet Rentals

Bruce Bayes
Owner/Operator



Box 50020
Brandon, MB
R7A 7E4

727-9010



RAPID CITY CONVENIENCE

465 2nd Avenue, Rapid City, MB R0K 1W0
Phone: (204) 826-2667

Gas Bar / Convenience Store

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday 6:30am - 9:00pm

Saturday 8:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday 9:00am - 7:30pm

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING ON SPECIAL
IN THE STORE!

Fuel, Groceries, Liquor, Lottery,
fresh in-store made Breakfast Sandwiches,
Subs & Sandwiches

Country Lane Sewing

Children's Clothing

Uniforms

Zipper Replacement

Formal Wear Alterations



Bernice Finlay 204-826-2226



Jodi Baker
LPN/Advanced Foot Care Nurse
Call/Text 204 901 1392
bakerfootcare@outlook.com

SERVING THE WESTMAN AREA

Basic and Advanced Foot Care

- Including
- Nail trimming and filing
 - Thickened toenail reduction
 - Callus removal
 - Diabetic feet

Inquire for all services

BILL AAROE

Deputy Reeve



Phone: 604-961-7127
bill.aaroe@rmfoakview.ca

Working hard to make Oakview great!

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

— EST. 1989 —

MR. T & SON

— SERVICES —

IF MAN MADE IT, WE FIX IT

OAK RIVER, MANITOBA
 PHONE .204.566.2341
 mrtandsonservices@gmail.com

Stan Runions

Independent Consultant



Rivers, MB
 Phone: 204-328-7693
 Cell: 204-761-5048
 Email: shrekkie@wcgwave.ca
 website: www.mysunsetgourmet.ca/stanrunions



RC HAIRSTYLING

204-826-2974

Theresia Blaauwizkel
 hairstylist/owner

Open: Thursday and Friday 9 am - 4 pm Rapid City
 Saturday 9 am - 1 pm cell# 204-721-4641



VIKING

EXCAVATION

204-573-2074



www.nkmhomes.ca

NKM Homes

We Build & Sell RTM Homes


1-204-826-2292 | nkmhomes@hotmail.com

REVERIE COUNTY

EMBROIDERY, MARKETING & MORE!

Find me on Facebook & Instagram!

Kate Leigh Heaps 431-282-3225
reveriecounty24@gmail.com
 Oak River, MB




fusion credit union

Oak River branch
 16 Cochrane St.
 204.566.2184

fusioncu.com f @ x t in Here for good ●

What is the purpose of bundling up?

Antifreeze.



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

204-566-2422 - www.jshenry.ca



- Wheat • Barley • Oats • Peas • Soybeans •
- Hybrid Fall Rye • Canola • Corn • Forages •
- Seed Treating and Inoculation • Seed Cleaning •
- Optical Sorter • Packaging and Storage •

John's Tire

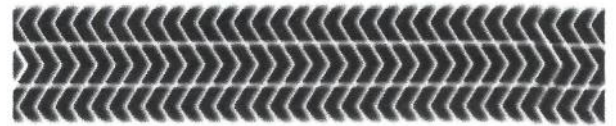
JOHN SKRZYPEK
Box 330
Rapid City, MB
R0K1W0

24 HOUR SERVICE

On-Farm Sales and Service
For Tire Repairs

Home:
204-826-2140

Cell:
204-761-5814



HI-WAY COLLISION (1984)

Windshield Repair and Replacement
Autopac Repair
Plastic Welding

FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY

204-764-2451
Box 638
Hamiota, MB



Good Job Guaranteed!

SIMS LAW CORPORATION

Norman H. Sims, Q.C.

Barrister•Solicitor•Notary

Taylor Building
Post Office Box 460
76 Main Street South
MINNEDOSA, Manitoba
R0J 1E0

Telephone (204) 867-2717
Fax (204) 867-2434
e-mail: nsims@simsco.mb.ca

ANSWERS TO REBUS PUZZLES—Page 23

For Once In My Life (four ones in my life)

Forget it

Try to understand

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

MIS | MINNEDOSA
INSURANCE SERVICES

Serving your community

(204) 867-3946

137 Main Street S. Minnedosa, MB

Monday – Friday

9:00AM – 5:00PM

Saturday

9:00AM – 1:00PM

PROVIDING ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS



RCM

Rapid City Memorials

www.rapidcitymemorials.com

#310 - 2nd Ave

Rapid City, MB

1-204-826-2161 1-800-890-5114

info@rcmmb.com

Unit I - 541 8th Street

Brandon, MB

1-204-727-2102

brandon@rcmmb.com

Did you know

Minnedosa Centennial Handivan

204-868-8164

mhsahandivan@gmail.com

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 3:30

Must book/cancel 24 hours in advance

Available in RM of Oakview for medical trips
and outings

*Rapid City Community
Church, Inc.*

355-3rd Avenue

Rapid City, MB

Come join us Sunday morning at

10:00am

