



Tell-It-Gram

News from RM of Oakview

May 2026

It's that time of year!!

For any changes to the status, please check the Municipality's website.



RM Of Oakview

PUBLIC NOTICE

FIRE BAN!



Fire risk is extremely high and such a ban will help prevent wildfires from occurring.

Please be advised that a fire ban has been implemented for the RM of Oakview, as per the By-Law No. 2025-7. Effective now - Friday, May 8th, until further notice.

ALL open fires are prohibited, but at this time closed/ contained fires in firepits/bbq's are permitted! Please check back for further updates.

Thank you!

For further information contact:
Fire Chief Ryan English 431-541-4148

May 18—Victoria Day
 May 26—Hand Lettering Class—Library
 May 28—Bingo Night—PAC
 June 6—RC Town Wide Yard Sale
 June 6—Kristin Belcher Bridal Shower—Beach
 June 20—FUNd Raising Social—Legion Hall
 June 20—Rapid City Ag Society Fair
 July 18—OR Legion BBQ Cook-off



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Council Meetings

May 12, 2026—Oak River

May 25, 2026-Rapid City

June 9, 2026—Oak River



RM of Oakview Change of Hours for Waste Transfer Sites



Summer Hours
Effective April 15th - October 14th

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

Tuesday: 9am - 12 (noon)

Thursday: 3pm - 8pm

Saturday: 8am - 11:30am

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

Monday: 2pm -6pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 6pm

Saturday: 12:30pm - 5pm

Closed on Statutory Holidays





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

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

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



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

Spring Yard CLEANUP CHECKLIST

CLEAN UP LEAVES AND TRASH

PRESSURE WASH SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAY AND PORCHES

PULL WEEDS IN FLOWER BEDS AND GARDEN AREAS

ADD MULCH, TOP SOIL AND ADD FERTILIZER

PRUNE AND TRIM TREES, HEDGES AND BUSHES

CLEAN UP GARDEN TOOLS, REPLACE WATER HOSES

WASH OUTDOOR FURNITURE/WINDOWS

MOW THE LAWN, MULCH OR BAG



The Rapid City Parent Council Presents

BINGO Night

THURSDAY MAY 28TH

THE PAC INVITES YOU TO A FAMILY BINGO NIGHT AT RAPID CITY SCHOOL. ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS, SCHOOL, AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

DOORS OPEN AT 6, GAMES START AT 6:30! SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

**\$25 FAMILY PACK (5 CARDS)
\$5 INDIVIDUAL CARDS**



Join us Tuesday, May 26/2026, 7pm at the Rapid City Library for a creative Retreat!

Hand Lettering

- the Art of Drawing Letters -

Think you need artistic talent? Think again.

Hand lettering is a skill, not a gift.

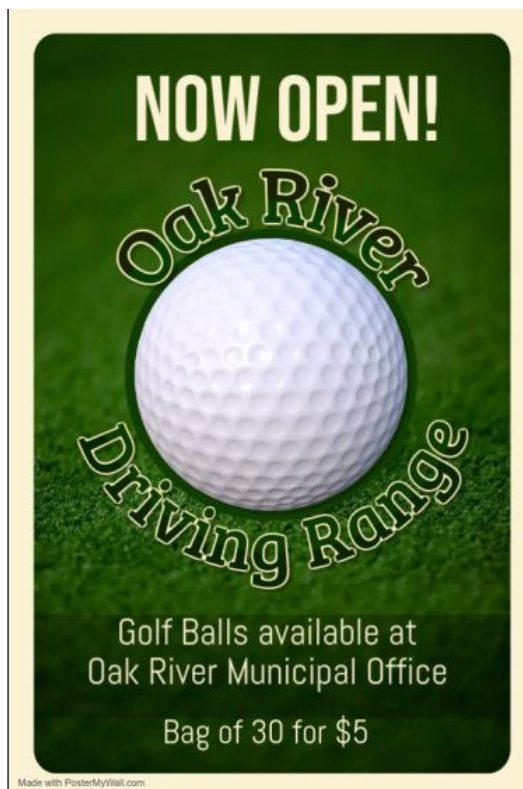
We break down complex scripts into simple shapes, making it easy for anyone to turn basic handwriting into gorgeous lettering.

We've set the table with premium pens and paper— all you need to bring is yourself.

Learn a new skill while meeting fellow creatives.

Take home quality pens and paper & printed materials such as Alphabets, a step-by-step guide, and visual inspirations. The cost is \$25. Build muscle memory with ongoing practice for future creative projects like card crafting or journaling.

Limited to a group of 8. Call Shirley (204-826-2732) to reserve your spot.



FUNd · RAISING SOCIAL

For the Rapid City Legion Memorial Community Centre
(380—3rd Avenue, Rapid City, MB)

Saturday, June 20, 2026

9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Live Band...The New HIGHWAY 25
"Repaved"

Tickets—\$20.00

SILENT AUCTION

50/50 DRAW

Tickets will be available soon...at various locations in Rapid City, or you can contact Jaimie Richter @ 204-939-1219, Bob Christie @ 204-868-0297, or Bonnie Wright @ 204-826-2515.

HELP WANTED

The Rapid City Regional Library is looking for someone to fill the position of Summer Student.

It is for a seven week term, 30 hours a week with weekends off. The successful applicant should be 16 years of age and a returning student, able to work well with children of all ages and able to work independently.

If interested, please drop off a resume at the Library by May 22, 2026.

Should you have any questions, please call the library at 826-2732.

Rapid City and District Wildlife Association

Rapid City and District Wildlife Association report for April 2026

The Wildlife Association is pleased to announce that Texas Hold'em Poker Night has been a huge success but will be shutting down on May 12th for the summer months and starting up again in the fall.

Series # 18 of the Rapid City and District Wildlife Association Chase the Ace is down to 25 cards. Presently the CTA total is 6,015.00 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.

The Rapid City and District Wildlife Association would like to thank everyone for all the continued support over the years. It was April of 2016 that the Association applied to the LGCA for a permit to host a CTA event at the Queens Hotel.

The following is a list of all the winners for the last ten years.

Gladys Simpson , 2) Debbie Brown, 3) Brenda King, 4) Karen Greer, 5) Sandie Underhill, 6) Mitch King, 7) Ruth Wilson, 8) Evertt Olsen, 9) Yvonne Grant, 10) Blair Irvine, 11) Terry Christie , 12)Blair Irvine, 13) Bettyanne Bertrand, 14) Bonnie Wright, 15) Glen Bell, 16) John Delglis, 17) Blair Irvine

The Association has used CTA money to place sand at the beach, and removed weeds at the reservoir. The Valley view Golf Course and the Rapid City Daycare Committee have also received funds for their projects from the CTA.

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.

Coming Soon!!



☀️ SHOW OFF OAKVIEW! ☀️

Share Your Best Photos

Help Us Celebrate Our Community



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

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

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

What We're Looking For:

Stunning landscapes & nature

Local landmarks

Community events

Everyday life in our municipality

Heritage, recreation & seasonal photos



How to Submit:

✉️ Email photos to: info@rmofOakview.ca

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

Photo Use Notice

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

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

Rapid City Library Report

Oh I have some exciting news!! All of our chairs have finally arrived. This is big news for us because it means that not only have we got enough chairs for all the kids who have been coming to Story Time—there was one morning we had 32 little people—but now we have chairs for the adults too! This means that we can finally start having programming once more and we are starting off with a bang!

Mirka is doing a Hand Lettering class. It's not calligraphy and it is not hand writing, but it is learning how to draw letters so you can make cool crafts and signs and the sky is the limit on what you can do with this! No artistic talent is needed, just yourself ready to learn a new skill! All materials will be provided and the cost for this class is \$25.00. This class will take place on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00pm at the library. There is a limit of 8 and two spots are already taken, so please call 204-826-2732 to book your spot.

We have some other exciting news—we received word that we have been approved for our summer student grant so that means we are looking for a summer student! Please see our ad elsewhere in the TIG! This means we will have a summer reading program for the little ones as well as maybe some specialty days for older kids. I would love to do some teen programming, so maybe we can make that happen too!

As I said earlier we have been having fantastic attendance at our Story Time Program! I must admit it has taken a bit to get back in the groove—I think Sally and the kids would say that I am still not quite there, who forgets the goodbye song, or to have enough suckers, but every week feels more like it should! We must thank all the day care ladies for bringing their little charges out! It wouldn't be near the success without you! And they are reading up a storm. Our book plants are growing quite a lot. Don't know what I mean? Come look at our Bulletin Board.

That reminds me—we now have public computers up and running again. Instead of our previous 4, we have two computers now and they look quite good in our new computer cubicles! A big thanks to our Rob who set them all up!

We are gradually replacing everything on our insurance list and one of the things we needed to replace was an original Margo Eckberg painting. The old one was lovely, but our new one is stunning and it is proudly showcased in our Book Nook room! That place just gets cozier and cozier! We are also busy replacing books and boy have we got some great reads available right now. I know spring is a busy time, but if you want a little break—we have you covered.

Don't know what to read? Well, I have a challenge for all our adult readers. It's called Pick a Card. Yes, we have a deck of cards and if you pick a card, then you have to read what it tells you for example you might have to Read a.....First Book of a Series or a Book Based on a True Story. All kinds of neat things. So, if you are interested, play Pick a Card and then we will see what you find!

The Book Club is meeting back at the library this month and I am excited to hear what everyone thinks of the book we read—The Invisible Life of Addie Larue. It's a meaty book so I am sure there is going to be lots of discussion.

We will be having a big Movie Sale during the Town Wide Yard Sale so be sure to stop in at the Library on Saturday June 6th! We have really paired down our movie collection so there are lots of great DVD's to snatch up and of course we will have books for sale too!

That's all for now here at the Library! Hope it warms up soon so we can sit outside and read!

RAPID CITY LEGION MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

RENTAL RATES

Large Hall

Full Day - \$500.00 – kitchen included.

Half Day—\$250.00—kitchen included

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

\$900.00 – (if using the hall all day Saturday \$500.00 ½ day Friday to decorate \$250.00 ½ day Sunday to clean up \$250.00 = \$1,000.00)

Damage Deposit \$200.00 required - refundable

Small Hall (Senior)

Full Day - \$200.00 – Kitchen included

½ Day - \$100.00 – (under 5 hours)

Damage Deposit - \$100.00 - refundable

Kitchen

Daily - \$100.00

Damage Deposit - \$50.00 - refundable

Local Service Groups

\$25.00 per meeting in the small hall

RAPID CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Four members of the Chamber met for an informal meeting on April 29, 2026 at the Queen's Hotel. Because of lack of members in attendance we held a discussion about what lies ahead for events this summer and what the future of the Chamber looks like. Alexandria Grace (rec. director for the RM of Oakview) has stepped up to do the organizing of the annual street sale on June 6th. The Chamber is planning to do the hot dogs at the pavilion at noon.

We are hoping to be able to do the Farmer's Markets and suppers again this season. Tentative dates are July 9th, 23rd, Aug. 6th and 20th and Sept. 3rd. We are needing vendors and groups to do the suppers. If you are interested contact Bernice Finlay at 826-2226.



R.M. of Oakview 2026 Dust Control Program



Dak River Office
Box 179
Oak River, MB R0K 1T0
204-586-2140

Rapid City Office
Box 130
Rapid City, MB R0K 1W0
204-826-2515

The R.M. of Oakview is accepting requests for dust control application in front of residences and/or established sites within the Municipality on a pre-payment basis.

Applications are available at the Oak River or Rapid City municipal offices and on our website (rmfoakview.ca). Applications and payment are due by May 15, 2026.

Applicants will be charged:

- Urban: \$100 for width of road x 100' strip
- Rural: \$525 for width of road x 300' strip
- Other lengths maybe available by request.

The coverage applies only to the length that was paid for. If your posts exceed that length or require more product than originally purchased, the additional portion will not be covered and extra fees will apply.

Sites must be marked by applicants by June 1st, 2026

Payments will be refunded if there are not enough requests for a truckload. Dust control will be applied as soon as possible, after road restrictions are lifted and spot gravelling is completed.

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Payment Options

- ✓ Online banking
- ✓ Etransfer to: info@rmfoakview.ca
- ✓ Mail to Oak River or Rapid City municipal offices
- ✓ Drop off available at Oak River and Rapid City offices

WE NEED YOU!!!!

The Municipal Election is coming up on October 28th and we need people to work the polls on election day.


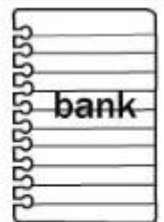
Depending on Candidates, there could be 4 stations:

- Rapid City
- Basswood
- Cardale
- Oak River

If interested contact
Donna Anderson
at
204-826-2515
Or email her at
Financemgr@rmfoakview.ca

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PUZZLES**

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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

A BIG thank you for everyone's support for our last fundraiser— Spent Bros Pizza. Thanks to you it was a great success and we hope you enjoy your pizza!

We are busy getting Mother's Day cards and gifts underway. Always fun to make with the kids!

We had our PJ day on Thursday, April 30th. It is always a fun day and the kids are excited to wear their pajamas to school. For fun we served a breakfast themed snack at snack time!

I can't believe we are at this time already—but we are busy making preparations for our end of the year graduation. Where has the time gone!!! We have 10 little one's moving on to Kindergarten.

That's it for this month—hopefully it warms up sooner than later!! The kids are very tired of wearing coats and boots!

Sally and Jen



ATTENTION

Road & Infrastructure Concerns

We appreciate residents watching out for our roads. If you notice damage, washouts, potholes, or unsafe conditions, please report it through the proper municipal channels rather than attempting repairs yourself.

Road repairs require the correct equipment, materials, and traffic controls to ensure everyone's safety. Well-intended repairs can accidentally create hazards or make the issue worse.

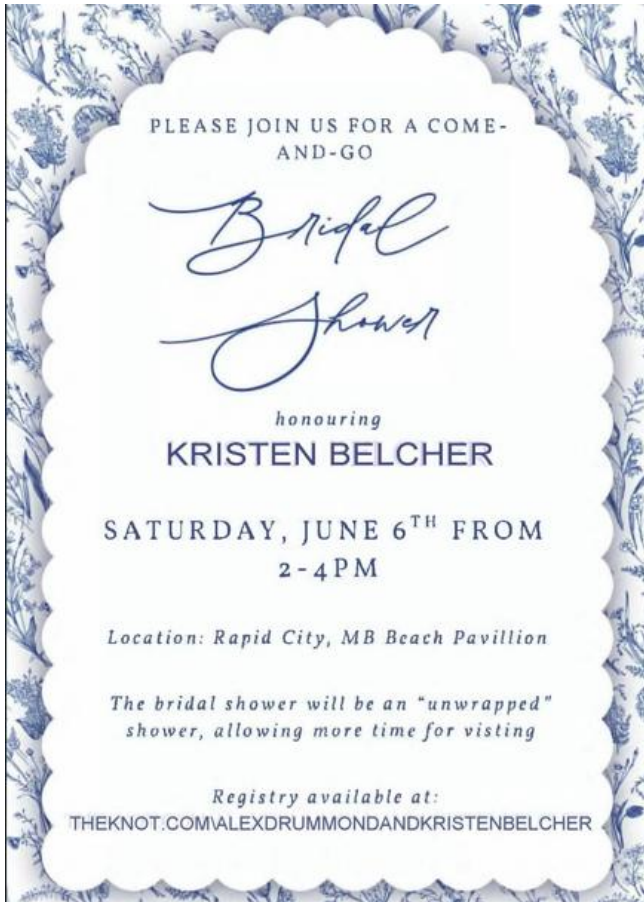
By-Law penalties and fines may be enforced if damage or liability are proven.

✓ Please report road concerns to:

☎ 204-566-2146

✉ info@rmfoakview.ca

**Your reports help us respond safely and efficiently.
Thank you for your cooperation.**



Rural
Municipality
of Oakview

Happy Victoria Day

Please note that our Oak River and
Rapid City Offices will be **CLOSED**

Monday, May 18th

for the May Long weekend!

The Royal Canadian Legion is celebrating its 100th anniversary and the Oak River Legion Branch 150 will be sharing in this celebration!

Please join us for this One-Time event on **July 18, 2026** as we are having a BBQ Cook Off at the Oak River Memorial Rink.

There will be a supper (aka "tasting ticket"), music, prizes and much more!

If you are interested in entering a Team (of 3) into the Cook Off, please email Susan at s-heapy@hotmail.com for more details.



We would also like to Welcome our new Members to the Oak River Legion Branch 150. (An email was sent to our members, but we would also like to welcome them here too!)

More information about the BBQ Cook Off will be coming next month, but feel free to talk with any of our Comrades.

Please Save the Date & Hope you Participate!

President Comrade Diane Kuculym (kuculymjd@gmail.com)

Oak River Legion Branch 150

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

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

Clack Family Museum Foundation

Summer Caretaker / Tour Guide Position

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

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

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

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

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

Closing date for resumes is May 30, 2026.

Please contact: Dianne Brown 204-566-2311

Maxine Shamray 204-412-1555

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

HISTORY HOOKS

-Canadian History You May Not Know About by Yool Sharp

CANADA'S LITTLE EMPEROR—PART 2

Simpson had deferred seeking a suitable English mate for two years and his sexual needs had continued to be supplied by mixed blood and Indian Women. He now decided that he would seek a wife appropriate for a person of his station. He had no specific woman in mind as his prospective mate.

He was no older than forty-two, but he was dominated by the feeling that his best years were behind him. The fatigue he had complained about during his sea voyage had not lifted and he arrived in London a semi-invalid. He had had a similar illness on several occasions while in North America. Neither the doctors there or in London could determine what caused this ailment. During his first few months in England, beset by illness, Simpson made no progress in his search for a wife. He could not appropriate a proper English woman as he had 'a women of the country'. The approach must be made with finesse. A few weeks after his illness had abated Simpson found a cousin, Frances, daughter of his uncle Geddes, who had been transformed in the years since he had first known her from a small child into a beautiful young woman of almost eighteen. He immediately asked for her hand. The interview with Frances's parents was in the tradition of substantial families where security of the wife was considered to be far more important than love.

With the marriage prospects substantially settled Simpson set out for a months visit to the scenes of his boyhood. He had decided to delay his marriage for one year and possibly return to North America. On his arrival in Scotland he was again stricken with the unknown malady which required him to spend long hours in bed. When this pall lifted he felt well enough to return to London. During his invalidism in Scotland he had reviewed the arrangements he had made with Frances's family and concluded the marriage should not be delayed. On returning to London, with Frances's approval he convinced her parents to accept an immediate wedding.

Simpson and Frances were married at Bromley, Middlesex, on Feb. 24th, 1830. After a short honeymoon on the English south coast they boarded a ship for New York and then by land transport to Montreal. Frances soon became aware that Simpson was a domineering husband! Frances could not spend a sixpence without his permission, and was not allowed to express an opinion or make any decisions without his approval. Aside from her basic incompatibility with her husband, Frances was too frail to withstand the life into which she now entered. On the voyage to New York she suffered from a severe case of seasickness. Her frail constitution was the most prominent characteristic of her entire life.

Shortly after arriving at Montreal, Simpson decided to go to his North American headquarters at Fort Gary. For Francis a canoe voyage of over 1,000 miles, with over 50 portages, could be considered unwise. Simpson insisted she accompany him (*no doubt to satisfy his sexual craving—My comment*), without any thought of its possible ill effects on her. Also Simpson made little concession in the schedule of travel. They would be on their way by three or four in the morning, and they encamped sometimes as late as midnight. On arriving at Red River on June 6th, 1830 Frances received a warm welcome. In her diary she wrote, "The reception I met with convinced me that if the inhabitants of this remote region were plain and homely in their manners, they did not lack for the kindness of heart, and the desire of making everything appear favourable and pleasing, to the eye and mind of a stranger". Simpson realized the rude accommodation at Red River, although good enough for his "bachelor" days was not acceptable now that he had a genteel English wife. He had a substantial stone house built for his lady and furnished it with good taste. He also bought a magnificent cariole with which to transport his wife.

In 1831 Frances's health broke and for the remainder twenty years of her life she was beset by poor health and personal tragedy. She had become pregnant and on doctor's orders was confined to bed. In the summer she

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gave birth to a son. The infant was frail. She had recovered her health considerably when he was christened George Geddes Simpson, in January 1832. The parent's joy was short lived as in April 1832 he died suddenly. Needless to say both parents were devastated. It now became apparent she could not live at Red River or even in Montreal. In May, 1833 Simpson suffered a mild stroke, but was able to conduct a meeting of the HBC council at Red River. He and his wife travelled by canoe to Montreal en route to New York, where they embarked for England. They remained in England for five years, where she gave birth to a daughter.

In 1834 Simpson returned to North America where he attended a southern Council at Moose Factory and a Northern Council at York Factory in June, then inspected posts on the Saint Lawrence, and arrived back in England in October 1835. In the summer of 1838 he went to St. Petersburg, Russia, where he negotiated a treaty whereby the Russians recognized the HBC Pacific posts, then returned to England. In January 1841 Simpson received the title of Knight Bachelor from Queen Victoria, giving him the non-hereditary title of Sir George Simpson.

He returned to Fort Gary in March 1841, which would be the start of an around the world tour. He travelled to Edmonton and then to now Banff and made the first recorded crossing of a new pass that was later named after him (Simpson Pass), to Fort Vancouver. He guessed that the 49th parallel would be extended to the Pacific and proposed to move HBC Pacific Headquarters to what is now Victoria, British Columbia. Simpson took a HBC boat to the Russian port of Sitka, and then another boat as far south as Santa Barbara where the HBC had a post. From there he sailed to the Sandwich Islands (See note at end of this article) in February 1842, then back to Sitka. Here he took a Russian ship to Okhotsk, went on horseback to Yakutsk, up the Lena River by boat then on horseback or carriage to Saint Petersburg, and reached London by ship at the end of October. This was the first recorded overland journey around the world.

In 1845 he decided to bring Frances and their child back to Lachine (Montreal). The decision to return was obviously not Frances's. Her years in England had not diminished her loathing for life in the big house in Lachine. Sometime after Frances's return to Lachine she contracted tuberculosis. She hung onto life for several years, but at the beginning of 1853 her condition worsened. She died on 21st March, at the age of forty.

Simpson then took up a more permanent residence in Lachine which was across from where HBC fur traders started west. He started investing in banks, railroads, ships, mines and canals. He became a board director of the Bank of Montreal—Canada's first bank, as well as several other prestigious organizations. He was now over 60 years old and his health began to deteriorate, no doubt due to the many years of travel in the wilderness where he had pushed himself to the limit physically on many occasions. The HBC operations still required his constant attention. In 1854, he went to Chicago, then boarded his voyager canoe and by way of Sault St. Marie returned to Lachine. In 1855 he was in Washington to discuss Oregon problems and in 1857 defended the HBC monopoly in London. A succession of illnesses had ravaged his constitution and in March 1858 he wrote that he was nearly blind. In February 1859 he had a severe apoplectic attack (overcome with anger) but decided to preside over the council of the northern region but could go no further than Red River. In March 1859 he wrote the new governor of the HBC in London that the time for his retirement was at hand.

Simpson gave assurance to his friends and to himself that his physical condition was strong enough for a long journey. He had not recovered from a succession of illnesses, as became evident soon after he set out. He left Lachine on 14th May and by the time he reached St. Paul a week later he was exhausted. After a few days rest he returned to Lachine after designating the Chief Factor to replace him as president of the council.

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Again by some miracle the old man rallied. Somehow he stayed alive, perhaps in anticipation of the role he had been assigned in the forthcoming visit of the Prince of Wales. In August 1860 the Prince came to inaugurate the Victoria Bridge, in honour of his mother Queen Victoria. Simpson appeared to be in relatively good health during this time. Shortly after the Prince visit, Governor Simpson suffered a massive stroke and died six days later, at the age of 68.

In newspapers and books, he has been referred to as the *King of the Fur Trade*, the *Emperor of the North*, the *Emperor of the Plains*, the *Birch-Bark Emperor* and the *Little Emperor*. Some have the view that Simpson should be counted among Canada's founding fathers for his role as Governor General of Rupert's Land, and its later merger in 1867 to form the Dominion of Canada.

END OF PART TWO

NOTE 1

John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich was in an important card game and became hungry. Rather than leave the game he asked that he be brought two slices of roast beef between two slices of bread so he could eat it with his hands. Thus the invention of a modern cuisine lunch, the sandwich. The Islands were named in his honour by Capt. George Cook, which we know today as Hawaii.

NOTE 2

The data in this article is from a book—The Little Emperor by John S. Galbraith. I have a copy, which I will lend if you are interested in reading a 200 page book that contains significantly more information about Sir George Simpson's life before and after he became Governor General of the Hudson Bay Co. in North America, than I was able to include in a relatively short article.

NOTICE

Do you enjoy the Town Wide Street Sale, the Farmers Markets and suppers, Candidate Nights, Old Fashioned Christmas? If the answer is YES would you consider helping organize and helping at these events. The Chamber doesn't have many members that help with these events and they are burnt out. If these events are to continue we need HELP from the community. If you would be interested contact Doug Finlay at 867-0702 or Bernice Finlay at 826-2226 or come out to our next meeting on May 13/26 at the Queen's Hotel at 7:30pm.

IF WE DON'T GET THE REQUIRED COMMUNITY SUPPORT THESE EVENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PLACE AND THE FUTURE OF THE CHAMBER WILL BE COMING TO AN END.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US!



Off-Road Vehicle Safety and Regulations in RM of Oakview



Community Concerns

The Rural Municipality of Oakview has recently received several reports from residents regarding youth and children operating off-road vehicles, such as ATVs, dirt bikes, and skidoos, on public highways and within town limits. This activity has raised concerns about public safety and adherence to local regulations.

Regulations

It is important to note that off-road vehicles are not permitted on public highways and roadways unless specifically authorized by municipal by-laws or relevant traffic legislation. These regulations have been established to protect the safety of children, pedestrians, and motorists within the community. The Municipality has the authority to restrict or ban the use of an ORV by By-Law

Did you know??

There are age and registration requirements to operate an ORV?



Parental Guidance and Responsibility

Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss safe and lawful vehicle use with their children. It is essential to ensure that off-road vehicles are operated only in areas where their use is permitted, helping prevent accidents and uphold community safety standards.

Community Cooperation

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

For more information check out this brochure provided by MPI (Manitoba Public Insurance) The brochure can also be found on the municipal website: www.rmfoakciew.ca under Government & then Public Notices.

<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/ORVBrochure.pdf>



Rapid City Ag Society 2026 Fair

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

Now that it seems that spring has decided to show up, gardeners are itching to get out and get growing. As you are busy planting, or enjoying nature's gardening, consider putting something horticultural in the fair this year. Here is a list of what can be entered:

ROOTS, VEGETABLES & RAW FRUIT

Radish, 6 in a bunch

Strawberries (not hulled) 6

Shallots (1 bunch)

Multipliers (1 bunch)

Spinach (3 bunches)

Rhubarb (6 stalks)

Leaf lettuce (5)

Asparagus (3 stalks)

Vegetable Creature



PLANTS & FLOWERS

Bouquet of 4 peonies

Peony, one white

Peony, one coloured

Bouquet of daisies

Bouquet of irises

Bouquet of flowers

Best geranium in bloom *

African violet, single

African violet, double

Begonia

Best flowering house plant

Best foliage house plant

Potted miniature rose

18" & under planter *

Up to 24" window planter



Cont.

Kitchen utensil arrangement

Arrangement of pansies

Tea table flower arrangement

Variety wild flowers

Dried arrangement

Miniature flower arrangement not over 3" in any direction

Tea cup & saucer flower arrangement

Cactus garden up to 12" container

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AROUND THE HOUSE AND THROUGH THE YARD WITH ME

Hello again, everyone and welcome to another cold and snowy day, and it's MAY. April was super cold and miserable on so many days, and here we are into the month of May, and today is really no better. Mother Nature is certainly holding back the warm sunny spring days but I'm pretty sure that warm temperatures will arrive and then stay, hooray.

So I have finally managed to get my bedding plants all moved out. It's generally mid-April when they move from under the grow lights here in the house to the greenhouse. There are two heaters in use each and every evening in order to keep it warm and toasty overnight. The long range forecast has a couple of cool nights ahead so the heaters will have their job cut out for them. I'll keep my fingers crossed that they don't blow a fuse overnight, eek.

The annual bird migration is well underway with plenty of birds stopping over here in the yard. There is a wide variety of sparrows and finches. We've been lucky enough to see and hear a small flock of 12-15 Tundra swans heading north. Their call resembles a musical whistle and is very distinct. Sadly we only see one or two small flocks each spring but I'm sure there are more heading north every spring.

All the cats have been enjoying the warm sunny days that we've had, they were not too impressed this am when the temp was close to 0. They have been working hard for their keep as I have seen a number of deceased mice and the odd shrew on the shop floor lately. Someone has been catching them and bringing them back so the younger cats can practice their hunting skills. They apparently have a nasty taste/smell to them and most felines will not eat them, just play until they can't play anymore. It's called being at the bottom of the food chain, and shrews are pretty close to the bottom I'd say. Sad but that's how nature goes.

I've been out walking around the garden to see how much spring work I need to do in order to plant some early seeds. The east side of the garden is quite dry so I should be able to get out and till this area once the temp warms up again. The west side of the garden is somewhat damp but a few days of nice sunny skies and warmer temperatures should dry it up enough for me to begin planting. I managed to plant a row of garlic cloves late last fall and I wasn't too sure if they would grow or freeze to death. I used lots of dirt over top of the row then covered with pieces of plywood then covered that with more dirt. I uncovered the row last week on one of our nice sunny days and I looked at the garden yesterday and lo and behold there are green garlic shoots all down the row. The cold winter weather did not freeze the cloves before they had a chance to establish roots after all. I'm using the last garlic harvested from last year.

Back in the day while visiting Mrs. Couch's garden she told me about Companion Planting. I'm sure my grandpa Basler used this when he gardened but by the time I was beginning to have my own garden he was long gone to his garden in the sky. So when Mrs. Couch told me about how to plan a garden I was in awe. Apparently some vegetables don't like to be planted next to other vegetables. Who Knew?? Thank you Helen Couch.

Anyhow I came across some of her garden wisdom the other day, here it is.

Asparagus likes tomatoes, parsley, dill and basil. However they do not appreciate having garlic or onions planted beside them.

Beets like to be planted next to lettuce, onions and garlic.

Potatoes like to be planted with beans, corn, garlic and lettuce. They don't like to be planted next to tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, sunflowers or even raspberries.

Tomatoes like to be planted next to basil, onions, garlic, and asparagus. They don't like to be planted next to potatoes, or cucumbers.

And remember that marigolds attract beneficial insects to your garden and plants. They can deter lots of garden pests. Nasturtiums are lovely to see but with the amount of canola grown by many farmers the flea beetle loves nasturtiums. That being said if your garden is being attacked by some beetle/bug/slug nasturtiums can lure them away from your vegetables allowing you to manage the infestation on a "sacrificial" plant rather than your food. Google "Companion Gardening" and you will find just the right amount of information for your particular garden.

I brought some potatoes up from the basement about four weeks ago and they are all covered in wonderful small leaves at every eye. My dad and I used to compete with each other to see who could get their potatoes planted first, so that we could enjoy new potatoes by July 1st. Some years I actually succeeded, but more often than not he would win. Likely because I was still working and he was totally retired, so it's no wonder he got his garden tilled and planted way before I did. It was a great bet to have with him, and at this time of year I remember our plan to get out and plant those spuds! After all, new potatoes are for eating early to savor that taste. Why wait until fall to eat them, you have all winter? And they only taste so yummy early in July and August then they turn into real potatoes. Do you know what I mean???

Here are a few household tips.

To keep your pizza crust crispy try putting the cheese on before the sauce.

Cottage cheese can be used in place of sour cream when making dips. Just place it in the blender until it's creamed.

If citrus fruits are warmed in the microwave or warm oven for a few minutes, they will yield more juice.

Toss fresh cut fruit in lemon juice and it won't darken. The juice of half lemon is enough for a quart or two of cut fruit.

Save your pickle juice and use it to make coleslaw, potato salad or even pasta salad.

Simple rubber gloves rubbed over furniture that your pets use will easily pick up leftover fur. Gather it into a ball and toss it away.

Use an old sock to remove dust from household blinds. Simply put the sock on your hand, dampen, then slide your hand from one end to the other while removing dust from both sides of the blind.

Here's a brain tip from Harvard health: doing daily crosswords can improve your memory, sharpen your reasoning and potentially slow cognitive decline as you age. Sounds good to me.

Our local beekeepers have uncovered their beehives and there are honeybees everywhere. The pussy willows that have pollen are covered from top to bottom. That's all the bee food that seems ready at the moment. If today's weather is any indication of what's to come the dandelions won't be ready until the end of May, and either will any other early flowering shrubs. What a cold start to summer. Oh well not worth worrying about we can't change the weather.

How about some recipes!!

Quinoa & chickpea salad

2 c vegetable broth	1 c diced red peppers
1 c cooked quinoa	1/3 c dried cranberries
1 can chickpeas 540 ml drained and rinsed	1/3 c chopped walnuts
3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley (or use 1 tbsp dried)	

Bring veg stock and quinoa to a boil. Reduce and simmer for 10 min. Turn off heat and leave covered 4 min. Fluff with fork. Transfer quinoa to large bowl. Stir in chickpeas, red pepper, cranberries, walnuts and parsley

Chill before serving. Will keep in fridge 3-4 days covered.

Savory biscuits Yield 8

2 c flour	
1 tbsp baking powder	1/2 c butter "cold"
1/2 tsp baking soda	1 c plain yogurt
Dash salt	1 tbsp. dried dill or fresh if you can get it.

Combine flour, bsoda, bpowder, salt. Stir well. Add cold butter with pastry blender until well blended. Add yogurt, dried dill till just moistened. Form into ball. Flatten into plate size. Cut into 8 triangles (or make 12 thinner smaller triangles). Put onto greased baking sheet . Bake at 350 for 12-14 min Eat while warm!!

Gluten free brownies

1/2 c unsalted butter, melted	1 tbsp. vanilla extract
3/4 c w sugar	3/4 c gluten free flour
1/2 c b sugar	1/2 c cocoa powder
2 large eggs	1/2 tsp b soda
1/2 tsp salt	

Heat oven to 350. Butter 8X8 cake pan or use parchment paper. In large bowl, add butter, vanilla, both white and brown sugar and mix until combined. Add in eggs one at a time and mix until fully combined. In medium sized bowl combine gf flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt, whisk together. Slowly add the gluten free flour mixture to the wet ingredients and mix until fully combined. Pour the brownie batter into the 8X8 cake pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until tooth pick comes out clean. The sides of the brownie should start to pull away from the side of the pan when its done. Watch the oven as some ovens cook faster than others. Remove brownie, allow to cool completely or not. Enjoy

Well that's about all for this month

Until next time

Margo



Have Your Say! Municipal Elections 2026

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

Municipal Election Day: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

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

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

Get involved. Stay informed. Your voice matters.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF OAKVIEW

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of **Head of Council:** Between May 1, 2026 and September 22, 2026

For the office of **Councillor:** Between June 30, 2026 and September 22, 2026

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

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

Mark Humphries – Senior Election Official
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 E-Mail – cao@rmfoakview.ca

Dated at Oak River, MB on April 9th, 2026. Mark Humphries – SEO, R. M. of Oakview



DRIPS FROM THE TAP



THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the people who used the ski trails, especially the school kids, for another great season.

Also, thank you to the Rapid City Lions Club, the Rapid City Wildlife Organization and the R.M. of Oakview for their continuing support.

Frank Hyndman

Prairie Gliders Ski Park

The Signs of Spring

Beside the obvious melting of the snow, there are distinct signs that winter is over. The ice shacks get moved off the river and the whine of snow mobiles are replaced with the sounds of dirt bikes and quads. Vintage cars come out of storage as well as motorcycles and campers are also being seen a bit more.

People are out enjoying the warmth and the sun and more kids are outside playing or hanging around.

Unfortunately, it also brings out some not so nice things—the smell of the lagoon (which happens every spring for some reason) and people going into places that they shouldn't be and doing things they shouldn't be doing. Also, respect public places and not enter what is clearly locked or leave a mess or turn up picnic tables.

We have waited a long time for spring, so let's just enjoy that it is here, and respect property and things that aren't ours.

BRAVO!!

Congratulations to everyone in our area who took part in the Strathclair Drama Club's production of BIG. It was a great success and it is so nice to see so much talent on our stage! Terry and Connor Radcliffe, Aysia Warkentin and Rowena Martin were busy on stage while the rest of Rowena's family were busy behind the scenes. Great job everyone! Now the big question—have you caught up on your sleep yet?

What's With the Weather?

Farmers are starting to get out on the fields, but this has been a very slow spring. Hard to get excited for the warm weather when it only lasts a day and then we see snow flakes in the air again!!

Let's hope it improves and hasn't forgot how to rain. Things are dry and that is never good for pastures!

One good thing about the weather—always something to talk about and always something to complain about!!

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!

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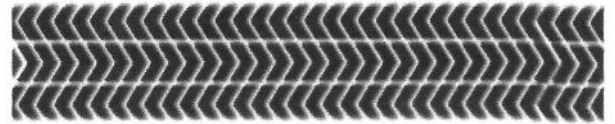
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