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News from RM of Oakview

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POSTAL STRIKE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Thanks to the ongoing postal strike—getting the TIG out to everyone took some alternate thinking! Starting with this month's edition, you can find the TIG available on the RM of Oakview Website to read or download at your ease. If you still like a paper copy, have no fear, they will be available at both RM offices AND at the Rapid City Library to be picked up. This will be how we deliver the TIG from here on in.

For those who have an e-subscription that gets it delivered right to your inbox—nothing will change.

We would like to take this time to thank everyone who has contributed to the TIG and encourage all to send in your articles, your drips from the tap and pictures of happenings so that we can put them in the newsletter! We couldn't do it without your assistance!

Oct. 9—Thanksgiving

Oct. 18—Author Visit to Library

Oct. 18—Library Moving

Oct. 18 Lorna Hodgins Tea

Oct. 25—OR Legion Meat Draw

Nov. 4— RC Parent Council

Nov. 7—Oak River Legion Ladies Tea

Nov. 9—OR Remembrance Day Service

Nov. 11—RC Remembrance Day Service



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

- October 14th at 6:00 PM in Oak River
- November 18th at 6:00 PM in Oak River

- October 27th at 6:00 PM in Rapid City
- December 16th at 6:00 PM in Rapid City

ATTENTION RM OF OAKVIEW UTILITY USERS

**Quarterly water bills
can be picked up at
the Municipal Office**

Or give us a call: 204-566-2146 (OR)
or 204-826-2515 (RC) and give us your
email address to send it to!!

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. We would ask that you try to have your submissions in by the 1st of the month or by the 4th at the very latest!



RM of Oakview
Change of Hours for
Waste Management Sites

Winter Hours
 Effective October 15th to April 14th

Ward 3 (Oak River) Located on the NW 1/4 of 1-14-22W	Ward 1 & 2 (Rapid City) Located a 1/2 mile North on Highway 24
Tuesday: 9am - 12 (noon)	Wednesday: 1pm - 5pm
Thursday: 1pm - 4pm	Saturday: 10 am - 12 (noon) & 1pm - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 2pm	

Closed on Statutory Holidays



November 2nd
And we all get
an extra
hour!

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

WE ARE IN OPERATION!!!! It took awhile to jump through all the hoops, pass all the inspections, but it has been worth it to see the smiles on the kids faces!! We are in our temporary home in the ValleyView Seniors Centre and our thirteen little ones are having a blast exploring the space!

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get us going for the beginning of October! We will be having our AGM on the 9th, so we are hoping to have a good turn out and are able to fill the two empty spaces on our board. A big thank you to Jessica Rauper and Jen McFarlane for all their help while they were on the board. We will miss them.

We are currently working on Thanksgiving crafts and then it will be straight into one of the kid's favorite times of year—Halloween!!! We are planning on taking the children Trick or Treating around town on October 30th, so if you see costumed kids that day, you will know what is going on!

Just a reminder to please put your child's name on all shoes and clothing. It makes things a whole lot easier!!

We will have no school on Tuesday, November 11th.

We are all enjoying this nice weather and looking forward to it lasting well into November (we wish and hope)

Have a great Thanksgiving everyone!!

Sally and Jen



Your local Rapid City in area Lions club had a fun filled summer. So much fun in fact, that we forgot to do a write up for the September TIG!!

What were we doing? We had the opportunity to make sandwiches to help some of the fire evacuees.

Take a walk by the pavilion at the beach and you will see some improvements made to the walls. By some of your local Lions. We also had the privilege to help out at the Rapid City Rodeo.

Don't forget the Lions have a supply of health equipment donated that we lend out for those in need. Example of some of the equipment, wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches.

Rapid City Lions 200 Club #44 had it's first draw on Sept. 26 730PM at The Queens Hotel. Winners were:

\$500 Sheldon Byers Brandon

\$300 Alicia & Kelly Fulford Rapid City.

\$200 Marie Andrew Rapid City.

We are glad to report the tickets for the 200 club were sold out. Thank you for your support.



As you may or may not know the Rapid City and Area Lions Club meat draw is up and running every Friday at the Queen's. Ticket sales start at 5:30pm, first draw is at 6:00pm.

The Rapid City and Area Lions Club are also looking to give other local groups a chance to run the meat draw. Starting in January 2026. Please Email Dan Quennelle at kdquenn2@gmail.com if your group is interested.



Rapid City & Area
Lions Club



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Rapid City Regional Library is going home and we need help moving shelves and books back to the library!

**MOVING DATE IS SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18TH**

BEGINNING AT 1:00PM

Supper will be provided for all helpers!

If you are able to help, please contact Shirley or Sally at 204-826-2732 but do not leave a message as we are unable to access our messages. You can also leave us a message on Facebook!

To facilitate this move, the library will be closed starting October 12th.





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Phone #: _____

Email: _____

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



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NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
- RECEIVE IMPORTANT
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MESSAGES/EMAILS
FROM THE RM OF
OAKVIEW!!**



Updates On:

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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!!**



RM of Oakview Assumes Ownership of Rapid City Legion Hall

Community Takes New Steps to Preserve a Local Landmark

RM of Oakview Takes the Helm at Rapid City Legion Hall

Background: A Legacy Shaped by Service

The Rapid City Legion Hall has stood for generations as a gathering place and symbol of service in the heart of Rapid City. For many years, it was operated by the local Royal Canadian Legion Branch #49, whose members dedicated themselves to maintaining the building's role in community life. However, with membership aging and the demands of building upkeep increasing, the Legion branch made the thoughtful decision to transfer ownership to the Rural Municipality (RM) of Oakview. This move aims to secure the hall's future and ensure its continued use for community events and remembrance.

The Transition Process: A Year in the Making

The transfer of ownership was not a simple task. Over the past year, the process required close coordination among several groups. The Royal Canadian Legion main office provided oversight, while municipal lawyers worked diligently to ensure all legal details were properly arranged. RM administration staff facilitated day-to-day communication and logistics, and local Legion members contributed their insights and historical knowledge. Together, these efforts paved the way for a smooth transition, reflecting the community's commitment to preserving the hall for future generations.

New Governance: Board Formation Welcomes Community Input

With the hall now under municipal ownership, a new board has been established to guide its operations. This board brings together local volunteers, council members, and RM staff, ensuring that decisions reflect both community interests and responsible management. The diverse composition of the board is designed to encourage ongoing engagement and foster transparency, making the hall's future a shared responsibility.

After much discussion it was decided to use the name that had been suggested **Rapid City Legion Memorial Community Centre**.

Representatives that make up the new governance board are:

- Bob Christie, Reeve, RM of Oakview
- Daryl Andrew - Lions
- Marie Andrew - Legion Auxiliary
- Mary Phillips, Legion Auxiliary
- Linda Thomson - RC Drama (Vice Chairperson)
- Chris Martin – Legion
- Shawn McFadden – LUD of Rapid City
- Jaimie Richter – RC Wildlife (Chairperson)
- Bonnie Lee Wright – Admin – RM of Oakview

Legion's Continued Presence: A Century-Long Lease

Although ownership has changed, the Legion will remain an integral part of the hall. As part of the agreement, the Legion branch has secured a 100-year lease for their upper floor office and a downstairs display room. These spaces will continue to host Legion activities and commemorate local military history, preserving the legacy of service that the hall represents.

Community Impact: New Rental Rates and User Fees

To support ongoing maintenance and ensure fair access, the RM of Oakview and the new board have established updated rental rates and a standard user fee for local groups. These measures will help cover operating costs and make it easier for community organizations to utilize the hall for events, meetings, and gatherings. The approach is designed to balance affordability with sustainability, ensuring that the hall remains active and well-maintained in the years ahead.

Bookings for Hall Rental can be made at the Rapid City RM Office. Call 204-826-2515

A Hall for Generations to Come

The RM of Oakview's assumption of ownership marks a new chapter for the Rapid City Legion Hall. With a new board in place and ongoing support from residents, the hall is poised to continue serving as a place of remembrance, celebration, and community spirit for generations to come.

Recognizing Outstanding Dedication to the Legion Hall

The Reeve, Council, and staff of the Rural Municipality of Oakview extend their heartfelt gratitude and admiration to all members of Branch 49 and the Seniors Centre Volunteers. Your tireless commitment and continuous efforts in support of the Legion Hall have not gone unnoticed.

Your unwavering dedication to duty and community volunteerism serves as a shining example of what can be achieved when individuals come together in the spirit of service. The countless hours you have devoted, your willingness to lend a helping hand, and your steadfast support have greatly contributed to enhancing the Legion Hall as a welcoming and vibrant space for all.

Thank you for your selfless service, your compassion, and your devotion to our community. Your actions stand as a testament to the strength and unity of Oakview, and we are deeply appreciative all that you do.

With sincere appreciation,
The Reeve, Council, and Staff
Rural Municipality of Oakview



Rapid City Legion Memorial Community Centre Fees

Please call the RM of Oakview Office @ 204-826-2515 to book

Large Hall

Full Day - \$500.00

½ day - \$250.00

3 days - \$1,200.00 (for example Wedding, Friday night set up, Saturday, Sunday cleanup)

Kitchen included

Minimum Charge \$250.00

Damage Deposit \$200.00

Small Hall

Full Day - \$200.00

½ day - \$100.00

Per Hour - \$25.00

Minimum Charge \$50.00

Damage Deposit \$100.00

Rapid City Service Groups - \$25.00 flat fee

Kitchen

Daily - \$100.00

Damage Deposit - \$50.00

Funeral – Large Hall

\$250.00 including the Kitchen



Newdale Orange Lodge #1533

Main Street Newdale

Is

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

If interested or for more information

PLEASE CALL

Jeff Suski Brandon Area 204-720-0754

William Wilson Rapid City Area 204-303-0055

Darrell Barr Sandy Lake/Newdale 204-848-0662



October is going to be a very busy month—an exciting and busy month! For starter we have Barry Finlay coming to visit! For those of you who don't know, Barry grew up in Rapid City and somehow found his way to Ottawa, Ontario where he worked until his retirement. He took up mountain climbing, and after conquering Mount Kilimanjaro, he wrote a book about it. He wrote another non-fiction book about going on a cruise and then he tried his hand at fiction writing. Barry has wrote quite a few books and now he has a new one just published and is coming here to talk about it. Barry will be here on October 18th at 10:00AM at the Legion Hall.

I know what you are thinking—isn't that the day you are moving. Why yes, yes it is!!! When we picked this day I had really high hopes that we would be moved, but things didn't quite work out that way, so we will be enjoying Barry's chat in the morning and moving out in the afternoon! Libraries are great at multi-tasking!

And regards to our moving—yes, it is finally happening. Sally says being at the hall has been like being at a lovely Air BnB and she is right! It has been absolutely perfect as our temporary home and we will be forever grateful to the Legion and the RM for being so helpful and accommodating. But it isn't home and we are quite excited to be returning home after a long vacation!!

To make this happen, we will be closing the library as of October 12th and will remain closed until we are all moved and unpacked and ready to go. Trust me, you will know when we are open again!! Quite a few people have been giving me their names to help. If you haven't heard from us, please either call the library or send us a message through Facebook because there is a lot going on and I might have just missed you by accident! Please don't leave a message on our answering machine as we haven't been able to get messages since we moved to the hall. We can't figure out why! So, that is our plan.

We will be moving on the 18th beginning at 1:00pm. We have a couple of flat decks lined up and we are hoping that many hands will make light work! That is code for, we really need people able to move shelves and boxes of books! As a thank you to our movers we will be providing a supper. Again, we would really appreciate any and all help as we move the shelves across the street! Also, please cross your fingers that the weather is not raining or worse yet....snowing??!!

We have had a few inquires into our Halloween costume library and unfortunately we will not be doing that this year—I'm not even sure where they are at the present time! I am really sorry about this, but we will definitely have everything in order for next year!!

We also will not be doing any Halloween celebrating this year. We had made the announcement last year that it was the last of the Haunted House and given how this year turned out, it probably is a good thing we did that! We had planned to do some fun Halloween things, but with everything in a bit of a muddle, we are just going to skip it. To be honest, this whole year has been scary enough, I don't think we need anymore frights.

As this hopefully will be my last report from here at the Hall, on behalf of the Library Board and the staff, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the RM of Oakview and the Branch # 49 Legion for allowing us the use of the building, and helping us make it work. We would also like to thank all our community for their understanding, their continued support and for also helping whenever we need it. Our deepest gratitude to you all!

The Gang at the Library

Tenancy Opportunity: Oak River Convenience Store & Coffee Shop

Lease Available at 29 North Railway Street, Oak River, MB R0K 1T0

Now Leasing: Oak River Convenience Store

A unique opportunity has become available for prospective tenants interested in operating the Oak River Convenience Store and Coffee Shop, located at 29 North Railway Street, Oak River, Manitoba, R0K 1T0.

Prime Location: Situated in the heart of Oak River, this well-established store is a cornerstone of the local community, frequented by residents and visitors alike.

Flexible Lease Terms: Applicants may apply for a two-year initial tenancy. Upon successfully meeting all conditions throughout the initial term, tenants will have the opportunity to enter a subsequent five-year lease.

An opportunity to purchase the property is also available.

Ideal For: Individuals or businesses seeking to run a thriving convenience store/ coffee outlet in a welcoming rural setting.

Community Support: Join a supportive environment with loyal customers and potential for growth.

How to Apply

Interested parties are invited to apply in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Rural Municipality of Oak View.

Application Method:

Request information on lease.

Please submit your application in writing.

Contact: Chief Administrative Officer, Rural Municipality of Oak View

Address: 10 Cochrane Street, Oak River MB R0K 1T0

cao@rmfoakview.ca. 1-204-566-2146



For More Information

Contact the Chair of The Blanshard CDC or CAO of The RM of Oakview on 1-204-566-2146 for details on the initial term of tenancy. Including the CDC's subsidized business startup rent agreement.

Application Information

Your application should include:

Relevant business experience

References

A brief outline of your intended store operations.

Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to become an integral part of the Oak River community. Apply today to secure your lease!

THE TERRY FOX RUN

A big shout out to everyone who came and participated or donated to the Terry Fox Run at our 45th Annual Run on September 14th. We weren't sure what the weather was going to do, but it turned out alright and nobody got wet!! We made \$1920.00 which was up from last year and it is all thanks to the generosity of our community. Thank you so much and we will see you next year!!



Building and Development By-law Requirements: Plan Before You Build in the RM of Oakview

A Message from the CAO: Ensuring Compliance and Success in Every Project

Understanding By-law Requirements for Building and Development Projects

Embarking on any building or development project, whether it's a simple backyard deck, a fence, a new home, or a substantial farm structure, brings a sense of excitement and progress. However, beneath the surface of every successful construction or demolition lies an essential foundation: compliance with municipal by-laws and regulations. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Mark Humphries of the Rural Municipality (RM) of Oakview wishes to bring attention to the importance of researching by-law requirements and building codes before you begin any work, no matter how small or significant your project may be.

The Importance of Research: Know Before You Build or Demolish

Proper research before commencing any building, renovating, or demolishing projects is not merely a suggestion it is a valuable safeguard against unexpected setbacks, penalties, and fines. Each project, from replacing an urban garden fence to erecting a barn, requires consideration of local regulations and a thorough understanding of the necessary application and approval processes. The CAO strongly encourages residents and property owners to seek out the relevant by-law information early in their planning to ensure a smooth and lawful experience.

Sample Projects That Require Approval

- Building a new house, garage, barn, or shed
- Adding or replacing decks or porches
- Installing fences or gates
- Making structural alterations to existing buildings
- Locating pre-built buildings/trailers onto your property
- Demolishing or moving a structure

It is a common misconception that only large-scale projects require municipal approval. In reality, even smaller undertakings such as constructing a deck or fence can trigger the need for proper applications and permits. This requirement exists to comply with provincial and national building codes, also to protect property owners, neighbors, and the integrity of the community.

Application and Approval: The Role of Mid-West Planning District

To streamline and support the application process, the RM of Oakview partners with the Mid-West Planning District. All building and development applications must be submitted through Mid-West, which serves as the local body responsible for ensuring adherence to municipal standards and provincial codes, (also known as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)) The districts planning officers are available to guide applicants at every step, from initial inquiry to final approval.

devofficer@midwestplanning.ca Phone # 1-888-919-1740

Monthly Planning Clinics: Access to Guidance and Expertise

Mid-West Planning District facilitates clinics at both the Oak River and Rapid City offices, making expert advice accessible to everyone living in the RM. These clinics are designed to:

- Answering questions about By-Law requirements and application procedures.
- Assist with completing forms and gathering necessary documentation.
- Clarify the scope and cost of affordable permit fees.
- Provide step-by-step guidance throughout the planning process.
- Offer Advice on Permits for Development, Building, Plumbing, and Occupancy.
- Conditional Use and Variation Orders.
- Zoning By-Laws and Development Plans.
- Building, Plumbing and Fire Inspections.

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Whether you are a first-time builder or a seasoned developer/contractor, these clinics serve as a valuable resource for ensuring your project meets all legal and safety standards.

The Application Process: What You Need to Know

The process for obtaining approval is straightforward but thorough. It typically involves:

- Researching past permit history on the property that will be significant to the current permit application, investigate applicable By-Laws and identify your project requirements.
- Completing the appropriate application forms.
- Submitting plans, drawings, and any supporting documents.
- Paying permit fees in advance of starting construction or demolition.
- Receiving guidance from planning officers and obtaining formal approval before commencing work.

A comprehensive guide to the application process is available on the Mid-West Planning District website, ([Mid-West Planning District](#)) detailing every requirement and providing helpful resources. For those seeking additional help, RM staff are always willing to direct you to the appropriate contact or assist with preliminary questions.

Demolition Permits: Don't Overlook This Vital Step

Demolition projects are sometimes overlooked in the planning process, but they are subject to their own set of regulations. Before removing or taking down any structure—whether it is a dilapidated shed, an old barn, or part of a residence, or moving a building off the property, a demolition permit may be required. Securing this permit ensures proper record-keeping, safe removal practices, and compliance with environmental and safety standards.

All it takes is a quick phone call or email to the planning office to verify if your demolition project needs a permit. By doing so, you avoid unnecessary penalties, fines, or delays that can arise from non-compliance. Remember: a little diligence and communication can save you considerable frustration and expense.

Penalties and Fines: The Cost of Non-Compliance

Failing to obtain the necessary permits or approvals before starting your project can result in significant consequences. The RM of Oakview and the Mid-West Planning District enforce By-Law compliance to protect all residents, maintain orderly development, and uphold community standards. Penalties and fines for non-compliance can be substantial and may include:

- Monetary fines imposed by the municipality.
- Orders to halt or reverse unauthorized work.
- Additional costs for remediation or bringing projects to code or zoning requirements.
- Removal or decommissioning of a building/structure

To avoid these outcomes, always reach out to the planning office before beginning any work, no matter how minor it may seem.

Permit Fees: Investing in Peace of Mind

Permit fees, required in advance of your project, are structured to be affordable and accessible. These fees help cover the administrative costs of processing applications, reviewing plans, and conducting necessary inspections. More importantly, they are an investment in peace of mind ensuring your project proceeds legally and securely.

Resources and Support: Getting the Help You Need

The RM of Oakview, together with the Mid-West Planning District, is committed to making the building and development process as clear and supportive as possible. Helpful information and full explanations of all requirements can be found on the Mid-West website, ([Mid-West Planning District](#)), which is regularly updated with forms, checklists, and guidance documents. If you need further assistance, RM staff are available to guide you to the right resources and contacts.

Contacting the Planning Office

- Visit the Mid-West Planning District website for a detailed process overview and downloadable application forms.
- Attend clinics at Oak River and Rapid City for in-person assistance.
- Reach out to RM staff for direction and clarification or Book a pre-project consultation with Mid-West District.

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A proactive approach by making a phone call or sending an email before you begin, can be the difference between a smooth, successful project and unnecessary complications.

Build Responsibly, Build Successfully

The RM of Oakview encourages everyone considering a building, renovation, or demolition project to prioritize research and compliance. By understanding and fulfilling By-Law requirements, you not only avoid penalties and fines, but also contribute to a safe, well-planned, and vibrant community. Let the Mid-West Planning District and RM staff help make your vision a reality, guiding you every step of the way.

It is not just a matter of following rules, it is about fostering responsible development, protecting property values, and ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents. Before you build or demolish, take the time to research, apply, and seek approval. Your effort today will pave the way for lasting success tomorrow.

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Rapid City and District Wildlife Association Report for September 2025

The Wildlife Association is pleased to announce that Texas Hold'em Poker Night has been a huge success and will start up again in the fall.

The Association held it's annual a clay pigeon shoot this fall on October 4 at the west side of the Christie Pit.

Eight shooters entered with John Delglisch winning with 41 hits out of 50 shots. Congratulations John. Other notable scores were Gary Phillips – 39/50, Mary Phillips – 35/50 and Ian Christie – 33/50.

Series # 17 of the Rapid City and District Wildlife Association Chase the Ace totals as of Saturday October 4/25 is 3,863.00 with 60% to a possible winner at 2,317.80.

The Chase the Ace runs every Saturday night at the Queens Hotel from 6pm to 8pm.

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 club contact Gary Phillips or myself Bob Christie.

Notice of Construction Update for Rapid City Watermain Renewals (MWSB #1723)

Construction for the watermain and water service renewals is nearing completion. Castle Construction has been contacting individual property owners to coordinate the removal of temporary overland services and switching over to permanent renewed services.

Concrete sidewalks, granular road and driveway restorations are in progress and are expected to be completed this year. Due to major construction works being completed this year, it is anticipated that ground settlement will occur. Boulevard areas that are anticipated to experience settlement will be leveled, graded, and prepped for topsoil and seed installation in 2026. Ground settlement and other surface restoration related deficiencies will be addressed in 2026 and during the project's warranty period.

Castle Construction will continue restoration works until the weather no longer permits, and it is anticipated they will be demobilized in late October 2025.

If there is outstanding restoration work at the meter connection location inside the residence, please contact Castle Construction as per the contacts noted below.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding warranty period, deficiencies and final restorations, please contact Danielle Leslie, of Stantec Consulting Ltd., at (204) 924-7153 during regular business hours or by email at danielle.leslie@stantec.com. The contractor's project contact is shown below.

- Castle Construction Ltd., Kyle Moffat, Construction Manager (431-763-7794); Shane Cameron, Project Coordinator (204-868-0222); Scott MacDonald, Site Supervisor (204-841-3411)
- Castle Construction Ltd., 24-hour emergency (431-763-7794 or 204-868-0222 or 204-841-3411)

We understand that this project may cause you some inconvenience. We appreciate your continued patience.



Oak River Legion News

Oak River Legion No.150 will be having their monthly meat draw at 8 pm on Saturday, October 25th at the Blanchard Hotel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Oak River Legion #150 will be attending a Remembrance Day Service at the Oak River School at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, November 7th, 2025. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

Oak River Legion Ladies Auxiliary are having a Remembrance Day tea at the Oak River Memorial Hall on Friday, November 7th from 2-3:30 p.m. Raffle tickets for gift certificates or hampers will be available from any member and will be drawn for at the closing of the tea.

The Oak River Legion No.150 will be having a Remembrance Day service at the Oak River United Church at 9 am. on Sunday, November 9th, 2025. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Least We Forget

Rapid City Water Treatment Plant and Pumping Station Upgrade Underway

Major Milestone Achieved as Watermain Completion Leads to Next Phase of Water Infrastructure Improvements

Rapid City, October 6, 2025: The RM of Oakview is pleased to announce the launch of the next phase in its comprehensive water infrastructure project: the upgrade of the Rapid City Water Treatment Plant and Pumping Station. This significant development follows the completion of the new watermain throughout Rapid City, marking a continued commitment to providing residents with safe, reliable, and efficient water services.

Work on the pumping station upgrade officially commenced last week with the arrival of specialized underwater divers from Winnipeg. The divers were brought in to carry out a critical task in changing out a main valve within the water reservoir. This essential operation ensures the ongoing safety and functionality of the town's water supply during the upgrade process.

As part of the project's next steps, staff have constructed a temporary structure adjacent to the existing facility. This enclosure will house a temporary water pump, which is vital for maintaining uninterrupted water service while major renovations and upgrades are completed inside the pumping station building. The temporary system allows workers to safely and efficiently carry out improvements without impacting on water delivery to Rapid City homes and businesses.

Officials emphasize that the upgrade of the water treatment plant and pumping station is a key investment in Rapid City's future. These enhancements will help modernize aging infrastructure, improve water quality, and support the RM of Oakview's growth in the years to come.

Project Timeline and Community Impact

From **October 6-15**, prepare the temporary pumping system. This includes the delivery of the temporary fire pump, completion of the temporary waterline, installation of the temporary pumps, disinfection and flushing of the temporary line, and prefabrication of the pump header.

Between **October 16-24**, complete reservoir works. This phase will involve draining reservoir 2, constructing the support column (which requires a 7-day cure), coring new openings for pump/relief drops, patching existing openings, and installing the new pipe header.

From **October 27-31**, we will relocate the existing fire pump and disinfect the reservoir.

Between **November 3-7**, we will install the new distribution pumps and complete the necessary electrical works.

From **November 10-14**, the new distribution pumps will be put into service, and the temporary pumping system will be removed.

The installation of the new fire pump and the removal of the existing one will be scheduled as soon as the new fire pump arrives.

The upgrade project is expected to continue through the upcoming months, with minimal disruption anticipated for residents and businesses. The RM will provide regular updates on progress and any potential impacts to water service as the project advances.

For further information and updates regarding the Rapid City Water Treatment Plant and Pumping Station upgrade, residents are encouraged to visit the RM's official website or contact the **RM office at 204-566-2146**

HISTORY HOOKS

-Canadian History You May Not Know About by Yool Sharp

WHO WAS YAHE WEHA (What does it mean)

Two young women sat beside the railway at Laggan (now Lake Louise), quietly waiting and watching. Once again, strapping outfitter-guides stowed great mounds of supplies into packs, expertly heaved and secured unwieldy loads onto backs of restless ponies, tightened cinches, and with their employers safely mounted, led another pack train “north to adventure”.

Had they been anything but cultivated, gentle Quaker ladies from Philadelphia, Mary Schaffer and Mary Adams would have stamped dainty feet in frustration. Instead they “gazed with longing eyes” as adventurers rode into “the vast, glorious unexplored country beyond” - and envied the superior endurance of men. These men were tasting the delights of discovery “amid hills the ladies longed to see, the hills that had lured and beckoned them for years before a long list of men ever set foot in the country”.

When the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) was completed in 1875, General Manager Cornelius Van Horne realized that to become profitable, “If we can’t export the scenery, we’ll import the tourists”. He had first rate accommodation hotels constructed at several locations in the mountains close to the CPR. This attracted the more affluent easterners to visit and enjoy the scenery and tranquility of the mountains.

Three years after the railway was completed, sheltered, dark haired Mary Sharples had come to the Rockies with her mother on an extended tour. Here she met an eminent American botanist, Dr. Charles Schaffer, and the next year she returned as his bride. She found solace in the tranquil mountains after her husband died in 1903. She completed a book on alpine flora that her husband had started, doing the watercolours and photographic illustrations. And every spring “as soon as the warm breezes blew” she and her friends answered “the call, come back come back to the blue hills of the Rockies”.

In 1906 they were once again left sitting with “folded hands” beside the station at Laggan as another expedition set out on the trail north. The young widow suddenly turned to her companion, the other Mary: “why not? We can starve as well as they; the muskeg will be no softer for us than them; the ground will be no harder to sleep upon; the waters no deeper to swim, nor the bath colder if we fall in”.

Outfitter Billy Warren (Chief as Mary Schaffer called him) had for three years been initiating the two young women into the ways of camping, teaching them how to ride a horse astride and jump it over logs. They hurried to outline their audacious proposal to him. He was aghast! Take two feminine “tenderfeet” hundreds of miles away from civilization into country where only a handful of men had ventured? Nothing doing! Quickly they persisted. He told them of coming to grief crossing ice torrents and facing starvation. To no avail. In the face of their determination to go whether he accompanied them or not, he at last agreed to take them on a trial run. Fording the Saskatchewan River might banish their rosy dreams of northern adventure.

Arriving at its banks, they watched the swollen torrent due to snow pack melt, sweep relentlessly along while Warren gave final orders. “Remember if your horse rolls over, get out of the saddle, cling to its mane or tail—don’t let go of him altogether! He may get out—you never will, alone.” Sid Unwin, their other guide, rode into the water, found a ford, and the others followed. The horses bent their whole bodies to the force of the stream; the icy water rose higher—to the ponies shoulders; the current threatened to force the riders’ feet from the stirrups. Mary Schaffer’s powerful bay quivered, paused, and carefully inched forward; at midstream her only thoughts were of ‘self-preservation’ - and one longed to have the courage to turn back. At last the ponies scrambled up onto the steep banks. Warren’s determined charges had passed the test. They proceeded north, visited Glacier Lake and pushed on to snowy Wilcox Pass. How they longed to follow the Athabasca

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River further north. Bur Warren turned back to historic Kootenay Plains south east of today's Icefield Parkway and then to Banff. They were tenderfeet no more; there plans for the next year were already made. They were going on a four month expedition.

In the face of protests from horrified relatives and friends in the drawing rooms of Philadelphia the two young women made preparation and waited with mounting impatience for spring. On June 20th, 1907, curious bystanders at Laggon saw a packtrain heading north. Proudly in the vanguard rode two ladies, wearing buckskin jackets and long black gowns.

Starting under leaden skies, Warren and Unwin lead led the two Mary's along the Bow River and up to Bow Pass, where the sun broke through. The treacherous Saskatchewan ws forded again and they road north. Time and again the horses plunged into the water, bobbing like corks and thoroughly soaking their bags of flour. They made the stiff ascent to Wilcox Pass. They were followed by one of the beautiful tawny cats for whom they named Panther Falls at the top of the "big bend" on the present Icefields Parkway. They celebrated "the glorious Fourth of July" in the blinding snow storm on the summit of Wilcox Pass where they feasted on boiled beans resembling lumps of candle grease. Slithering down what they named Tangle Ridge to the flats of the Sunwapta River, they then rode further north.

The two guides decided to scout ahead looking for a trail to the source of the Athabasca River. They left the ladies with strict instructions; "Don't meddle in the kitchen and don't waste the laundry soap". As soon as their guardians were out of sight—naturally—they "flew to the collapsible rubber hand basin" and with generous applications of the precious soap indulged in a laundering orgy! After a relaxing walk and assuring there were no bears around they decided to cheer themselves (and possibly the hungry scouts), they decided to create a magnificent pudding. Unhappily it resembled in every way a cannon ball and it was left behind.

They continued north till they were able to see Mount Columbia, the highest peak in Alberta. On the way back to Wilcox Pass they passed through great beds of luscious strawberries. For days they enjoyed delicious strawberry shortcake. (Apparently the men had re-established their rights in the culinary department!). Once more they camped on Wilcox Pass in the snow. It was still snowing in the morning and the women snuggled back into their sleeping bag. There was suddenly a distinct cough at the tent door. Then a bespectacled stranger, immaculate in a neat black raincoat, stuck his head in, bowing and doffing his hat inquired where there men in camp: After his departure they marveled at the man's remarkable poise; "surely two women camped at Wilcox Pass must have been the last thing he expected to see!" It was Professor L.Q. Coleman, a well-known mountaineer, who with his brother an Alberta rancher were headed north on what would be a momentous expedition.

The Shaffer party returned to a former camp near the junction of the Alexandra and Saskatchewan Rivers. Since their provisions were now seriously depleted, Warren and Irwin hurried eighteen miles south to one of Jim Simpson's (a guide and packer) winter cabins where they had cached extra supplies. The two women were left alone except for their two saddle ponies. Except for their two departed friends, there was probably not another human being within a hundred miles. Suddenly, their ponies whinnied and out of the distance came a pack train led by good friend Jim Simpson. Jim's companion was a sixty year-old Welsh lady, who travelled the globe catching butterflies for her famous collection as well as the British Museum.

Around their shared campfire that evening, hearing their delight at visiting almost unknown country, Jim told them about a lake the Cree called Chaba Inme, for the beaver for which it was named. When the men returned

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The adventurous foursome started out for the Alexandria River Valley, which they called Nashan-esen, Stoney for 'wolverine-go-quick-. This was the Indian's name for Jim whose speed on snowshoes had earned him this appellation. The two Mary's had followed the footsteps of many men—to see the many wonders of what became Banff and Jasper National Parks. Now they had their hearts set going to where these intrepid explorers had not penetrated— they were going to find Chaba Imne.

Returning to the valley of the Saskatchewan the two Mary's journeyed north and crossed Nigel Pass (east of today's Icefield Parkway). Though it was September the 8th and the best part of the summer was over, they started again through new valleys. After a violent thunderstorm they woke the next morning to find their tents sagging under a burden of snow. For two days they waited for the snow to stop. But still hoping to reach their goal, they pressed on in the teeth of icy winds and swirling snow, training their eyes to get a glimpse of the lake. They saw many new valleys but each was more dreary and dismal than the last. Painfully snow blind Mary Schaffer rode with bandaged eyes. It was late September; they were in urgent need of more supplies. The search for the secluded lake had to be abandoned.

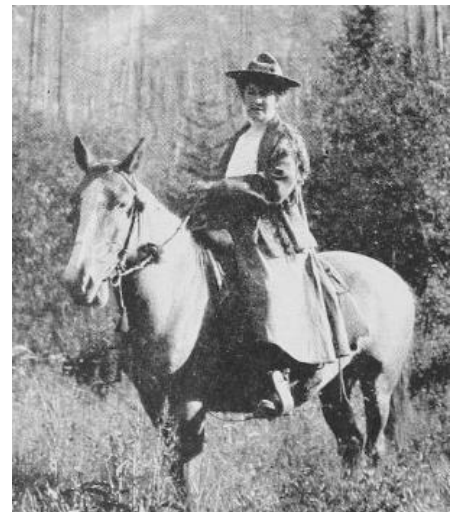
Continuing south and west they set out for Tom Wilson's ranch on the Kootenay Plains. There they rode into beautiful summer weather. Mary had visited the Stoney Indians camped on the plains the year before. There was great excitement when Yahe Weha (the Mountain Woman) passed among the tipis. She was visiting with Lea Beaver and her beautiful little girl, whom Mary called 'her forest baby'. Suddenly there was a gentle pat of moccasined feet. The tipi flap swung open and handsome young Samson Beaver entered. When the two Mary's walked back to their tent that evening, Mary Schaffer clutched a precious piece of paper, on which Samson Beaver had drawn a map of the location of Chaba Imne. He had visited the lake with his father when he was a teenager and remembered their route.

In June of 1908 they again began a search for the lake, following Samson's map. They passed several valleys but none had sufficient forage for their horses. Finally Sid Unwin said he was going to climb something high enough to see the lake. Slowly the hours crept by and the anxious little household lit a huge bonfire to serve as a beacon for their wondering companion. At 10:30 he staggered in and grinned, "I have found the lake". Next day after only two hours they were on the shore of Chaba Imne, which we know today as Maligne Lake. They spent two glorious weeks exploring the lake, then took their last trip of the season, to view Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies.

Each year Mary Shaffer continued to return to the Rockies, and in 1912 became a permanent resident in Banff. In 1915 she married Chief. Gentleman, Boer War veteran, Sid Unwin, stayed in Banff too, the Prince of Guides for later expeditions—until he fell on the battlefields of the First World War. In 1939, Mary Shaffer Warren, died. Beside Chief, she lies in the little cemetery under

Sulphur Mountain at Banff. Both their names are engraved on slabs of beautiful

Mount Rundle stone. But the blithe pioneer woman's true memorial is Maligne Lake with which her name will always be romantically identified.



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Welcome to October and what wonderful sunny warm days we are having. It's great to see the sun after all those rainy wet days we had earlier in September. I'm not complaining just saying we really needed the moisture and now we're getting all this sun, hooray.

Our combining has been completed and now he's away most of the day helping another fellow get his crop in. It won't be long before all the neighbours get their crops in the bin. Considering all the heat we had earlier this summer and all the rain, the wheat turned out pretty decent. It's always a relief to get it in the bin and it tested dry.

Wow what a tomato crop this year. I seem to be canning and then freezing some then back to making some into chili sauce. There is now another batch that needs attention so they will likely get scalded to remove the skin then blended then put into freezer bags for future use. There were not this many tomatoes last year and the number of plants was basically the same. It had to be all that heat and rain.

These tomato plants are basically done for the season and it's now time to pull them all up and put them into the compost pile. The peppers have pretty well finished producing as well and I've frozen quite a few batches in freezer bags. The red hot Time Bomb peppers are waiting to be made into hot pepper jelly. All I need to do is finish getting the essential ingredients then start jelly making. I do have a new box of 12 jelly jars that were purchased last year but never opened. I will need to check out the price of a new box of 12, it has likely increased in price.

I did manage to buy a box of 50 Gem lids at the Home Hardware in Mdsa. Most of the other retailers only sell Bernardin lids which do not fit the Gem jars. The box I bought had 50 lids and is called Forjars and has both American and Canadian email addresses on the back. One is listed as Florida and the other is British Columbia. My mother-in-law left all her canning jars when she moved to town and I inherited them with the old lid/bands. They were easy to replace until Bernardin discontinued them a few years ago. This new company Forjars is filling the need and now all these jars can have a new life once again full of fruit or vegetables or canned chicken etc.

The potatoes are done for the season and I began harvesting them just the other day. They are as abundant or more so than the tomatoes and they are simply HUGE. They are coming up pretty muddy but I've left them in a shady windy spot for the afternoon then parked the wheelbarrow in the garage overnight. Before putting them in the coldroom I have rubbed off as many clumps of dried mud as possible. I have one long row left to dig and that will fill up my coldroom potato space. We may be eating a lot of potato soup, potato patties, scalloped potatoes, french fries, baked potatoes etc, etc.

And the carrot patch is about as prolific as the potatoes and tomatoes. Twas a great garden year with the exception of the beets. We won't talk beets.

By now my granny would have likely canned all her fresh fruit and vegetable and likely moved on to canning the old laying hens. It must have taken her and my grandpa a full day just to butcher and pluck the hens, clean out the insides, then cut into pieces, put into a sealer, then cook for the allotted hours.

What a lot of work but it was worth it for we 9 grandchildren. I believe most of us loved to go to granny and grandpas house when she was serving canned chicken. I'm not sure how many people bother canning their old hens anymore but good for you if you in fact one of the few.

The garlic that I planted late September of 2024 did come up this spring 2025, but not all of the original cloves (50) managed to grow and multiply. However I did harvest about 2 dozen bulbs which are now dry and ready to cook with. All I need to do now is select 2-3 dozen of the plumpest cloves and get them planted before the end of October. Here's hoping every clove will manage to turn into a garlic bulb by the end of July 2026.

It's been over two years since we've had a stray cat wander in and this morning as the better half was out feeding them breakfast he discovered a new one. We have 1 house cat and 5 cats who live in the shop. And now number 7 has found a warm cozy place to call home. He is extremely skinny, not fixed, likely not vaccinated in any way. But

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he's tame, he loves to be picked up and he's a talker. He is a brownish black tabby with very long legs, almost Bengal like but without the spots, just stripes. If he stays around he will be going for a trip to the local vet office to become fixed and get all his shots. No name for him at this point but I'm sure by next month we'll have come up with one.

The blue jays are back in full force and their young have tagged along. They seem to be ravenous for the sunflower seeds in the feeders. There have been countless finches at the feeders as they begin their migration south, it's hard to keep up with filling their feeders. There were robins here this morning as well as common flickers, and the odd morning dove. Lots of geese are eating leftover wheat in the fields and we've seen and heard a lot of sandhill cranes going over as well. It is that time of year for bird migration.

How about a couple of recipes to use up those tomatoes, potatoes and carrots.

I have a recipe book for the Lady Slipper Tea House where this carrot casserole recipe can be found

Carrot Casserole

2 c sliced carrots (slightly cooked)

1/2 med onion, chopped

2 tbsp butter

1 (10oz) can cream of mushroom soup-any brand

1/2 c cheese whiz

1 pkg stove top stuffing cooked and cooled



Saute onions in butter. Add soup and cheese, mix well then add to the drained carrots. Put in 8X8 inch pan

Top with prepared stuffing. Bake 325 for 30 minutes

Freezer mashed potatoes

5 lbs peeled and diced potatoes

2 tbsp butter

1 c sour cream

8 oz pkg cream cheese cubed

1/2 tsp onion powder

1/2 tsp salt and pepper

Cook potatoes until tender, 20-25 minutes, Drain. Mash potatoes with butter. Beat in sour cream, cream cheese, onion powder and s&p. Freeze in 1 1/2 cup portions in plastic freezer bags for up to 6 months. To use frozen potatoes, thaw bag in fridge overnight then snip a corner off and microwave 4-5 min till heated through. Stir well

Fried Red tomatoes

Serves 2

2 firm red tomatoes sliced 1/4 " thick

1/2 c flour (all purpose or gluten free)

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

1 egg beaten well

1 c panko crumbs or use your own bread crumbs

Canola oil for frying



In shallow bowl, combine flour salt and pepper. In a second bowl, add beaten egg. In third bowl add bread crumbs

Take a tomato slice, coat in flour, then dip in egg mixture, and finally in the crumbs, pressing gently to adhere the crumbs. Repeat with all tomato slices

Coat the bottom of large non stick pan with oil. Heat over medium heat. When hot fry tomato slices 2-3 minutes per side until golden brown. Transfer to paper towel to drain excess oil

Serve immediately

Well that's all for October

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RC School Parent Advisory Council News

We would like to start off by thanking everyone who was able to attend our AGM! It was great receiving new ideas and suggestions from everyone in attendance. We hope you all enjoyed the conversations, coffee and yummy treats as much as we did! We would like everyone to know that we do have a Facebook page and we can be found at Rapid City Elementary School Parent Council. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a collective voice of parents in the Rapid City School Community that meet regularly to discuss matters affecting our school. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month September-June 6:30pm at the Rapid City School.

Our Annual General Meeting was Tuesday October 7, 2025 6:30pm at the school. We had many new faces stop by and enjoy some coffee and dessert. We would like to welcome Corri Jackson to our team!

Meeting dates are as follows 6:30pm at the school:

November 4	December 2	January 6
February 3	March 3	April 7
May 5	June 2	

Throughout the school year the PAC works with the school to help with activities, volunteer opportunities as well as teacher requests. A few things the PAC has accomplished this past school year (2024-2025) are purchasing the new swings on the playground. This project was completed on October 29, 2024. On November 12, 2024 we celebrated the new swings with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a play and a homemade cookie snack! During the colder months we supply the kids with new sleds for going down the hill. We helped the school librarian purchase a new reading chair in the library for story time. On May 8th we hosted a bingo night. With the help of our school community each classroom chose a theme and brought in donated items matching their theme to help make up baskets for our bingo prizes. It was a fun filled evening for everyone in attendance.

We would love to hear from you! Your voices MATTER to us! If you can, come join our team. If not, attend meetings to voice your opinions and/or concerns or throw your suggestions our way. Our meetings are open to everyone! Can't make a meeting? No problem! Feel free to reach out to any of our current board members, email Pac, or submit your correspondence to the school to pass onto us.

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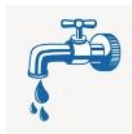
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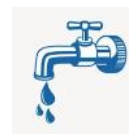
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We'd like to thank everyone for helping us in our past and future fundraising. We look forward to another great school year!

Rapid City School PAC



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Happy Anniversary

Warm anniversary wishes go out to Dick and Ivy Heapy as they celebrated 60 years on October 2nd!

We wish you many, many more!

DON'T FORGET

If you are going hunting, make sure you have permission from the landowner!

She's Back!!!!

All of us shaggy sheepdogs were really happy to see RC Hairstyling open! Thersea has every right to a holiday, but it sure was nice to get back in her chair and get our hair cut to a manageable length!! You were missed Thersea!!

End of a Season

We are getting to the end of harvest season. Don't see as many combines in the fields and there is more done fields than fields to be done! It was a tough growing season, but hopefully the bins have something in them and the elevators are generous!

GET WELL

Rumour has it that Hugh Weitman took a fall, and proved once and for all that he is not a cat, because he did not land on his feet! Hope you are back to your old self in record time. Good thing golfing season is just about over, so you won't feel like you are missing anything!

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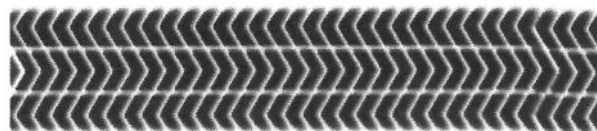
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