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Making music together after 70 years of marriage

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BY JOAN JANZEN Your Southwest Media Group

Marvel and Ralph Jorgenson from Oyen will celebrate 70 years of marriage at an open house and family reunion at Acadia Valley on the Victoria Day long weekend. "Most of our family and all our kids will be there," Ralph said. The couple has six children, 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. All their family members reside in Alberta except for a granddaughter who lives in Singapore.

The honoured couple were married on June 15, 1953, at the Oyen United Church. A reception followed at Marvel's family's farm south of Esther, after which 50 or more guests attended a dance at a little hall in Esther. The hall still stands but is no longer in use.

"We had showers; people were most generous," Marvel recalled. "Gifts weren't like you'd get nowadays. We got a lot of cups and saucers, towels, useful things for the home."

"Young people didn't have those things back then. Such a change in times," Ralph agreed. Yet he and his wife Marvel are adapting to those changes quite well, as they send text messages on their phone.

"I said we have to learn how to do this (text)," Marvel explained. "Cause our kids don't answer the phone otherwise."

In 1948, Marvel and Ralph met as teens at a Halloween dance. Ralph had graduated from the high school at Oyen in 1948, and Marvel was a Grade 9 student from Esther. "I was struck enough that I chased her until she finally caught me," Ralph chuckled.

And more than 70 years later, they are living together at the senior's lodge in Oyen. "We farmed all our lives. Our two grandsons are now farming the land; their dad bought the place from us," Ralph explained. "In 2011, both Marvel's dad and my dad received 100-year plaques. It's quite an accomplishment, especially when many farmers moved out of the area during the 1930s. Farming was a good life for both of us."

"We've been fortunate to have good physical health," Marvel added. She turned 89 on November 7, 2022, and Ralph turned 92 on January 8, 2023. "Elvis was born January 8, 1935," he noted, and Ralph certainly shares the King of rock and roll's love of music.

"Dad started a family orchestra in 1937 with my two brothers and my sister. I'm the baby of the family," he explained. The family started playing for local dances that year. "When I was ten years old, I borrowed my brother's saxophone and played one or two pieces at a dance."



Marvel and Ralph entertaining their fellow residents at the Oyen Lodge.

That was the beginning of Ralph's musical pursuit. A year later, his brother bought a new saxophone, and Ralph inherited his old one. "I played steady for the band, except when I fell asleep at a dance, and my brother would give me an elbow and wake me up," Ralph said.

Marvel was also musically inclined. played for a few school concerts before we were married," she said. After they were married, Marvel and her sister-in-law traded off playing drums for a few years. Later on, Marvel played the piano.

"We all play by ear; I don't think any of us took lessons except my sister," Ralph explained. "I took one piano lesson from my sister, and that didn't go very well."

"We played all over the area here, including Saskatoon, Kindersley, Eatonia and Eston," Marvel said. On New Year's Eve 2013, the Jorgenson Orchestra conducted their final performance at the Oyen Seniors' Centre.

The couple's children, Alyss, Neil, Rita, Grant, Leonard and Vera, have fond memories of growing up on the farm. It was common to have friends or strangers pull into the yard asking for directions and have their parents invite them in for a bite to

recall They their parents being willing to help anyone, whether it was pulling someone out of the ditch or rescuing a Great Horned Owl when it was found hanging from a nail. The couple's offspring said their parents made all their efforts look so easy, but it's exactly who they are.

So it's not surprising that the Oyen Lions presented Ralph and Marvel with the Citizen of the Year Award in 2014. Over the years, they served on many committees and held positions at different clubs and associations. Those organizations included a baseball club, home and school, snowblower club, curling club, drama club, community association, Oyen Flying Club, Oyen Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge and the Oyen United Church. Ralph was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and also a pilot, with Marvel as his

Marvel and Ralph had been nominated for the award because they were well known for sharing their time, energy and

talent with people in the district. Both of them have often said, "I want to do what I can, while I can," and they do.

"We have a choir at the lodge, and I play for that every Wednesday evening," Marvel said. And a week ago, they played at a senior home in Calgary where Ralph's cousin is residing.

"We still play in the lodge at Oyen almost every Friday," Ralph added. "We also play at the extended care in Oyen. Our instruments are getting pretty heavy to haul around."

Marvel agreed, saying she noticed her electric piano is getting heavier. "I didn't think you would notice since I usually carry it," Ralph joked. But he admitted the staff at the lodge are always very willing to help move their equipment.

It was such a pleasure chatting with Marvel and Ralph on the phone. I hope you'll join me in wishing them a happy anniversary, and if you're able to, please attend their open house on May 20 at Acadia Valley.





Kinley is one of Kindersley's youngest volunteers

BY JOAN JANZEN Your Southwest Media Group

inley Hildebrandt is one Nof the youngest volunteers in Kindersley. For the past eight years, Kinley and her mom, Candis, have organized a toy drive for Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. The ten-year-old said the toy drive is important "because it helps kids in the hospital so they're not bored." And Kinley knows all about that.

She spent a lot of time in hospitals during her young life, having been diagnosed with Biliary Atresia at the age of 3 months. In 2019, she received a liver transplant at the age of six.

The toy drive occurs each year around Kinley's birthday on April 16th. She celebrated her 10th birthday at the pool with a few friends this year. Now she's old enough to help load the toys in the truck to be delivered to Saskatoon. Fitting all the bags and boxes in their suburban is a lot like putting a Tetris puzzle together, and it gets more challenging every year. Candis said she puts the back seats down and fills it from the bottom to the top. This year they will deliver the toys sometime in May.

Although she was much too young to be of much help with the first few toy drives, Kinley wasn't too young to benefit from them. She really liked stuffies that she received from Teddy Bears Anonymous, based out of Regina. She now has twelve stuffies in her collection.



The Kindersley Kinette club is helping Kinley with this years' toy drive.

Her mom remembers when Kinley went to the hospital for a scope. After they left, they made their annual donation of toys. "She was admitted once again, and previously we had noticed there weren't too many items around, and all of a sudden, there was a treasure chest where she was allowed to pick something. And some of the stuff looked familiar," Candis recalled.

Kinley participated in many of the hospital's Thursday night bingo and would sometimes win a prize. Kids confined to their beds use walkie-talkies to participate in the game, and many prizes are needed. Candis and Kinley make sure they have suitable prize items since they hand out multiple prizes and go through a lot of items.

Every year different groups, businesses and organizations help out with the toy drive. Last year it was the high school and ambulance crew, and this year the Kinette club stepped up to help.

The Hildebrandt family has friends and family members who faithfully contribute each and every year. They also have several friends from the United States who donate. Cash donations are used to buy all the additional items that are needed, and with inflated prices, those donations are vitally import-

Candis said they always receive emails from the hospital saying how much they appreciate it, especially when they are so low on donations. However, Kinley and her family will probably never discover the full and immense impact of their annual toy drive and all their hard work.

Thanks, Kinley, for being one of Kindersley's youngest volunteers! Keep up the excellent work.



10-year-old Kinley Hildebrandt





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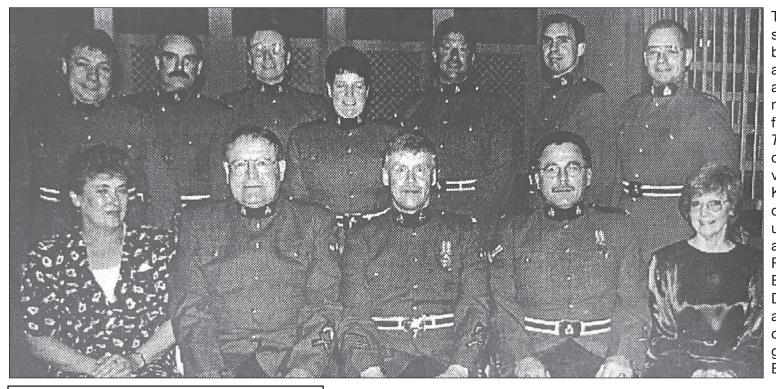








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Twenty-five years ago, Kindersley's RCMP detachment celebrated the police force's 125th anniversary, which means they are celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2023. In this photo from the April 29, 1998 issue of The Clarion, Kindersley's RCMP detachment celebrated the anniversary with a formal ball at the Kindersley Inn, where members dressed up in their traditional red uniforms. Standing (left to right) are constable Ron Kutcher, Jeff Roscoe, Dave White, Sue Kusch, Bob Elmhurst, Rob Bennett and Dan Kusch. Seated (left to right) are secretary Loretta Geddes, constable Ken Broser, staff-sergeant Al Brolund, corporal Bill Betker, and secretary Lil Blasko.



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Remember, alleys are NOT storage; please remove all items from the alley as crews start to work on improving them.

Compost pile has been relocated from the Town Shop to the old concrete plant on the corner of 5th St. and 7th Ave. SW.

Street sweepers will be in Eston on Thursday, May 25, weather pending.

The Eston & District Landfill will be closed Thursday, May 4 for staff training.

Community raises funds for Kenji

BY JOAN JANZEN

Your Southwest Media Group

It's been said it takes a community to raise a child. The Kindersley community is doing just that, by helping out Kenji Garcia and his family during a challenging time. On March 25th, Kenji was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). Kenji is in Grade 2 and loves drawing, singing and playing outdoors, and is responding well to his treatment at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

The community of Kindersley and area are rallying around Kenji, his mom Carmela Tai, his father Ron, stepdad Airon, his sister Kiera and his little brother Kyjin. Jeff and Anna Santos, owners of Swirl Cafe, stepped up and received donations

for a silent auction. As a result, forty-two items were donated by businesses, families and individuals.

Bids were accepted from April 17th to 22nd, with all proceeds going towards Kenji's medical expenses and to support the family. Jeff reported approximately \$3500 was raised from the auction, with more than \$1,000 collected in donations. A GoFundMe is also underway, initiated by Carmela's employer at Best Western Plus Kindersley Hotel.

In a social media post, the family expressed their sincere appreciation. "The support and love we have received so far has been truly mind-blowing. We feel blessed and honoured to have such wonderful friends and families in our corner,



Kenji Garcia is currently receiving treatment at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

and pray that God blesses you all in His infinite wisdom. We truly believe that Kenji is tougher than this cancer."

And all Kenji's friends, family and people in his community wholeheartedly agree!

Suspicious Vehicle Entering Rural Properties

Kindersley RCMP are looking for a suspicious vehicle that was last seen entering farm yards in the Dodsland area. The vehicle left the area travelling west toward Highway 21. The vehicle is described as a newer Toyota Tacoma style truck, burgundy in color, and covered in mud. There is 1 male inside the truck wearing a dark hoody. Please



be vigilant and if you see the vehicle, call Kindersley RCMP at 306-463-4642..

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OPINION

CHECK IT OUT with Joan Janzen

Don't throw out the baby with the bath water

fter downing half his glass of milk, the tenyear-old declared, "I am an optimist; the glass is half empty." His mother corrected him and said looking at a glass as half empty is a sign of pessimism.

The boy smiled and said, "Not if you don't like what's in

Likewise, Canadians may not like some of what is going on within our country. The Government of Canada website published a report called "Perspectives on climate change and public health in Canada." In the report, the Public Health Agency of Canada lists climate change and capitalism as health threats.

Andrew Lawton recently interviewed Marc Morano, author of 'The Great Reset.' "The U.N. gets to own the science and gets to be in charge of the solution. They get to hype both the problem and solution through international treaties," Morano observed. "The Secretary-General of the U.N. is the former president of Socialist International. That is never mentioned in media outlets. This is a guy who talks about overthrowing capitalism, or the planet will die, and the media reports it as though he's a scientist. Most Canadians think these are experts." That information about the secretary-general can change your perspective regarding what he

Jay Martin, host of the Jay Martin Show, recently talked about 'experts' gathered in a debate. He watched a media debate on Global News where they were debating the utility of the Saskatchewan First Act and others like it. There were four people on the panel; not one of them was from Saskatchewan or Alberta. Global News gathered experts from Ontario and B.C., but left Saskatchewan out of the conversation.

Martin spoke to former Premier of Saskatchewan, Brad Wall, about the topic. Wall said, "It's not a partisan thing, but these acts are coming forth because it's hard to trust the federal government that unilaterally makes decisions. This is why provinces are making these bills

because on these issues, they can't trust their federal government. If there was a different approach, you wouldn't have these bills."

When asked about his perspective regarding Canada's future, Wall offered his response. "I've been out of politics for five years. Now we live in the Cypress Hills, and my perspective is narrower," he explained. "I'm exceedingly optimistic about where I live, about our neighbours, and how we care about each other and the community, how we make a living. I'm extremely optimistic about the province of Saskatchewan. We really do have what the world wants - food, fuel and fertilizer. If everybody feels that way about their respective communities and province, we all would feel better about our country. Our pride might be coming from where we are in that big country. It doesn't mean you're less proud of your citizenship."

Our perspective can also change if we take a look back at the heritage passed on to us from prairie pioneers, some of

whom are our relatives. They would never have dreamed of experiencing the benefits we are enjoying today. Their ceiling has become the floor of subsequent generations.

We hear plenty about the negative aspects of our history but very little about the positive. And there's far more positive than negative.

There's an old expression that says, "Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater." It was penned when people didn't have running water, and heated and hauled one tub of bathwater which was used for the entire family. The oldest to youngest took their turn in the tub. I think you get the picture. The expression seems to apply to our history: don't throw out the valuable when trying to eliminate something unwanted.

We need to be aware that 'hope' can be something of extreme value that is thrown out along with all the negativity we hear and see. Peter Duraisami is the Executive Director of Scott Mission, which operates in his neighbourhood of Toronto. The

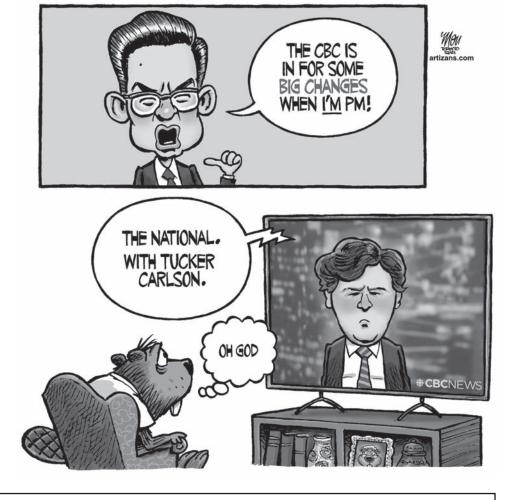
mission aims to meet the needs of the people in their communi-

While speaking on The Faytene Show, Duraisami noted, "These are real people that have something hit them in life. They've lost hope. Once hope is gone, everything is gone. You can bring back hope to the eves of the people as you talk to them. We need to partner with organizations who know what to do to help."

Those partnerships and connections need to begin right here at home. We could all raise the level of hope in our communities if we shared Brad Wall's perspective, who said, "I'm exceedingly optimistic about where I live, about our neighbours, and how we care about each other and the community."

We can take a lesson from the ten-year-old and his half-empty glass of milk. We may not like all that we see going on in our country, but we can take a look around at our community and province and remain optimistic and active in generating hope in the lives of others.

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Something's Lost, Something's Gained

BY MADONNA HAMEL

Your Southwest Media Group

I am looking a picture of my brother the first day he walked among his garden beds after leaving the hospital. He has a white beard, deep smile lines radiate from his bright, shining blue eyes. The smile on his face is so open, so fresh from a return to the edge of life and death, that I can barely look at it; it is so vulnerable. And yet, I make myself look. I do not like feeling vulnerable, but I know the alternative is to become hard, brittle, and closed off from life.

It's been a vulnerable, miraculous, heart-breaking, exhausting two months. Tuesday morning, driving Dougie to the Comox airport to meet and hand-off the car key to his friend Jackie, he keeps forgetting I'm leaving. "Tomorrow we can start the garden", he says. Or, "Let's go for sushi on the way back."

"I'm leaving, Doug. I'm going home," I say, crushed at having to say it. "Oh, right," he laughs, a brief flicker of lostness passes over his expression.

He finds a way to joke us out of the moment. We both know there will be more cognitive blips like these. But we also know there is no limit to his curiosity about his own situation, nor to his desire to try new exercises, learn new strategies for living, for adapting creatively to the situation, for owning his words that this new state of things can, indeed, be "a gift."

In the Vancouver airport bar I email family about the night on Cortes Celeste, Jody, Doug and I walked along the wet beach looking out to sea, the last light of day shining on the soft shore. On the dark and windy drive back to the north side of the island we sisters broke out into Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now", from her album "Clouds", recorded when she was twenty-three. The words, "Something's lost and Something's gained, in living every day," hit hard. Especially because she suffered from a near-fatal brain aneurysm in 2015, but returned to the stage to sing the song at the age of seventy-eight last year.

Drinking a beer, exhausted, but feeling like a nurse on her night off, I gaze around the airport, welcoming the wait before boarding. At one point I catch my reflection in the bar mirror. Mitchel recorded a reprise of "Both Sides Now" in 2000. The artist is also a painter, and both albums covers are self-portraits. The first is a fresh-faced freckled Joni holding a wild lily, Saskatchewan's provincial flower. The 2000 album features a self-assured woman smoking a cigarette, sitting at a bar in front of a glass of wine. I can relate to that older woman, sitting inside a wisp of smoke that could just as easily be a shape-shifting "feather canyon" cloud.

After two days travel I am still not home. Through ferry rides, flights, shuttles and many long waits I've "unpacked" and sorted the events around and following my brother's stroke. I've come up with some stark, sad, sweet and sobering realizations about myself. Anybody who enters into a caretaking situation knows: you will be changed by the big change your loved one has gone through. You cannot underestimate the lessons available to you. No matter the wound, damage, injury, event - there is power in facing it with an open heart and mind.

I find myself recalling stories of head and brain injuries, and new ones seem to show up everywhere. I did an interview with Rosanne Cash about her own self-diagnosis of a rare congenital brain malformation which resulted in brain surgery. She quoted one of my favourite poets, Adrienne Rich, who, in her poem "Power", about Marie Curie writes: "She died a famous woman/ denying her wounds/ denying her wounds came from the same source as her power."

My brother-in-law reminds me that Walt Whitman had a stroke at the age of fifty-four. In "Specimen Days" Whitman writes: "The trick is, I find, to tone your wants and tastes low down enough, and make much of negatives, and of mere daylight and the skies. After you have exhausted what there is in business, politics, conviviality, love, and so on — have found that none of these finally satisfy, or permanently wear — what remains? Nature remains... the sun by day and the stars of heaven by

night."

Before leaving Cortes my brother shaved his white beard. It was another marker in his return to the land of the living. Over another long meal of reflection, laughter, a few tears and always the saying of grace, he comes to the realization, strange as it may seem, that he might even look back on these days and feel a kind of nostalgia for them. In the airport my little sister texts me to ask how I am doing. "Odd," I say. "I have this heightened sense of reality. I know these two months gave me that. And part of me wants to get on the next plane back. That clever bastard predicted we'd be nostalgic for this time out of time." "That clever bastard was right," she replied.

I've made it as far as Medicine Hat where I left my car in haste and my sister and I boarded a plane headed to my brother's side. None of us wanted to mention then that we were flying out on the same day our mother died of a stroke fourteen years ago. It was Lent then too, and I just wanted to make it through Easter.

Sitting on my sister's couch I hold a picture of Walt Whitman against the picture of my brother with his beard and see the same bright eyes pouring out, unhampered, vivid, bright, daring me to live full-bore, unearth the gains amid losses, embrace the danger of vulnerability, because it is our power.



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With an increase in property crime over the past couple weeks Kindersley RCMP are offering some tips to help area residents protect their belongings:

- Always lock your car, motorbike, bicycle or other vehicles. A car alarm, steering lock, or good quality chains are extra deterrents too. Ideally keep all vehicles in a garage or out of sight.
- When out and about, keep your belongings secure and close to you. Separate your house and car keys, especially if you have an address on the key ring.
- Don't provide places for burglars to hide keep bushes and trees trimmed, secure gates and fences and ensure entrance ways are well lit.
- Don't answer the door for someone you don't know or don't want in your home. Ask for identification if they say they represent a company. If you're outside for an extended time, e.g., in the garden, lock your front door.

- Keep valuables out of sight if it can be seen, it can be a target. Keep receipts, warranties, valuations, and serial numbers in a safe place. Take photos or videos of jewellery, art, and other precious items.
- Secure your doors, windows, sheds, and garages with good quality locks. Install security stays on windows, especially those on ground level.
- If you have a house alarm, remember to set it. If your vehicle is left outside, make sure you remove all items, even things like sunglasses or shoes.
- If you are going away, put mail & deliveries on hold, or arrange a neighbour to collect them, arrange for someone to mow your lawn or shovel your snow, and let trusted neighbours know you will be

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Mother's Day meal ideas

Do you want to celebrate Mother's Day with a tasty home-cooked meal? Here are some inspiring ideas.

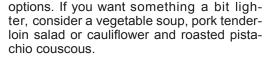
BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH

Serve up some brunch classics or be bold and try something new! For example, spinach and goat cheese quiche, nutmeg custard pie, buckwheat pancakes with mushrooms, rice pudding with fruit, caramel croissants and eggs Benedict with lobster are tempting choices.

LUNCH OR DINNER

Serve bite-sized appetizers like asparagus and prosciutto crostini, cheese and caramelized onion puffs, gravlax or your choice of verrines. Prefer a fullcourse meal? Almondcrusted salmon, shrimp pasta, pan-seared scallops with cider glaze or surf and turf make great





Visit your local shops to stock up on fresh and delicious produce.

DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR ENERGY TO COOK AN ELABORATE MEAL? Don't let that stop you! Make a reservation at a local restaurant or order from a well-known caterer. Cheers!



4 fun Mother's Day activities

Do you want to organize a special, fun activity this Mother's Day to create unforgettable memories? Take inspiration from these four ideas.

1. RECREATE A SPECIAL MOMENT

Think of an activity you and your mom did together in the past that brought you joy. See if you can recreate it to bring back happy memories and create new ones.

2. TREAT MOM TO DINNER AND A SHOW If you know your mom's tastes, buy tickets to a concert, theatre show or comedy act.

Combine the experience with a meal at a restaurant to make it even more special.

3. UNWIND AT A SPA

A trip to the spa is a great way to relax and take a break from the daily grind. Extend the relaxation by booking an overnight stay at a

4. GO ON AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

If the weather permits, take the family on a hike in the great outdoors. Slow down and enjoy the scenery and fresh air. Don't forget to pack snacks! Need a change of pace? Go somewhere you've never been before.

There's no shortage of activities to celebrate Mother's Day! For example, you could go on a bike ride, arrange a photo shoot or attend a cooking class. Discover what's available in your area.



5 inspiring moms in literature

1. JOSEPHINE

The Yellow Eyes of Crocodiles by Katherine Pancol Josephine is a devoted mother of two girls who does everything she can to be the best mom she can be. The novel tells the story she blossoms after a breakup.

2. KATHERINE MURRY

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle Katherine Murry, Meg's mother, works hard every day to keep her family together despite the difficulties she faces, inclu-

Mr. Murry's disappearance.

3. LISA CARTER

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas Lisa Carter is the glue that holds her family together. She makes a point of raising her children to be strong and aware of the racial iniustice

in their community, all while maintaining a strong marriage.

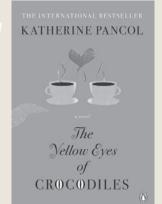
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5. OFFRED

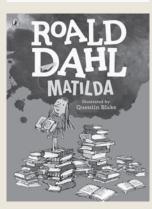
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood Offred is the mother of a little girl who gets taken from her by the Republic of Gilead. She fights for her daughter and other mothers in the same situation.

Check out your local bookstores for more fascinating stories about exceptional mothers.



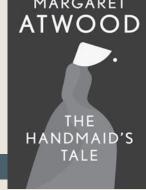














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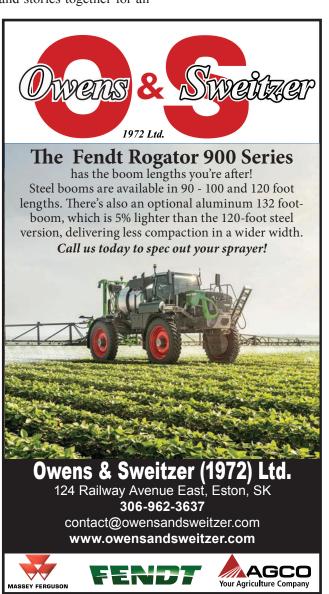


Chris Henderson to perform in Leader

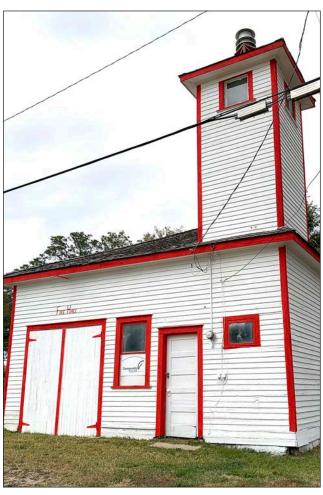
The Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC), along with Leader Arts Council, are proud to present Chris Henderson in concert at 7:30 p.m. on May 26 at the Leader Community Centre. Chris was originally scheduled to perform on April 20th, but the performance was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Chris is a veteran singer, songwriter, and storyteller, weaving his music and stories together for an evening of both laughter and tears, and everything in between. He has 4 albums and more than 15 years of touring experience throughout Canada.

His charismatic personality has the audience feeling like they've known him for years, and have lived the stories in his songs. Backed by some of Western Canada's finest musicians, the show works well for all ages, and is sure to be a great evening.









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hit in both major leagues Arraez a big

BY BRUCE PENTON Sports Columnist

uis Arraez may be the best hitter hardly anyone in North America knows about. His middle name is Sangel, but it may as well be Anonymous.

Avid baseball fans surely know about Arraez, because he won the American League batting championship last year with Minnesota Twins. In the off-season, he was traded to Miami Marlins, but he brought his bat along to the National League team and appears ready to accomplish a rare feat: Backto-back batting titles in two different leagues.

Only a few players, in the era going back more than half a century to the 1970s, were so-called natural-born hitters. Only a handful could seemingly bat .340 or .350 without blinking, such as Rod Carew, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Larry Walker, Tony Gwynn and Ichiro Suzuki. In the past 50 years, pitchers have become dominant in the mano a mano battle with hitters. Need proof? In 1987, for instance, major league batters hit a combined .261. Last year, that figure was .243.

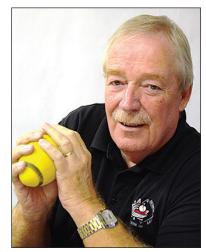
Thirteen batters in MLB history have won batting titles

with an average over .400, with Ted Williams in 1941 the most recent to do so. That's 82 years ago.

Since 1970, the highest winning batting average was Gwynn's .394 in 1994, but that season ended prematurely, on Aug. 12, because of labour problems. Since then, Brett hit .390 in 1980 and Carew batted .388 in 1977. Walker's .379 in 1999 stands out. Suzuki and Todd Helton both hit .372 to win batting titles since 2000.

And now, it appears, Arraez is about to included in the unofficial list of natural hitters. In 2022, Arraez won the A.L. batting title by hitting .316. The pitching-deficient Twins needed fresh arms and got them from Miami, but had to give up the A.L.'s best hitter to do so. Arraez's batting title accomplishment was no fluke. In his first three MLB seasons, the Venezuelan posted batting averages of .334, .321 and .294.

There has been no production reduction since he joined the Marlins. Through 20 games, Arraez was leading the majors with a .444 batting average, going hitless in only three of those games. His closest rival, Ronald Acuna, Jr., was a distant .375.



Wrote Do-Hyoung Park of MLB.com about Arraez: "When Arraez goes up to the plate, he scans the infield to look for the gaps. His specialty is to dump line drives in front of the outfielders for singles. He rarely swings and misses, and he still has more career walks than strikeouts."

Luis Arraez may be the most anonymous player bordering on superstardom who exists in Major League Baseball. Fans will be following his progress this season to see if his career .320 batting average has been a fluke, or just a harbinger of hits to come.

Comedy writer Gary Bachman: "Buccaneers unveil Baker Mayfield's new number

- 6. He should have chosen 13 — a baker's dozen."
- From the parody website The Beaverton: "Rogers Centre renovations include private nook where fans can tell Blue Jays mascot everything they can't say to their dad."
- Winnipeg broadcaster Nicole Welsh, on Twitter: "If I wear a Leafs shirt under my Jets sweater am I going to NH-Hell?"
- Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com, on a Virginia brewery producing Bye Dan IPA in commemoration of unpopular Washington Commanders owner Dan Snyder selling the team: "Tastes like 23 years of bitterness."
- Molinaro again: "NBA playoff TV ratings were the highest in 12 years the weekend after the Masters drew its biggest audience in five years. America's couches are getting a workout."
- Golden Knights Twitter feed after Mark Stone's two goals led Vegas to a 5-2 win over Winnipeg Iets on April 20: "Nothing like getting Mark Stoned on 4/20."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Still can't believe the PGA Tour fined Rory McIl-

roy \$3 million for withdrawing from the RBC Heritage - one of the tour's mandatory 'designated' tournaments. In related news, Brooks Koepka of the LIV Tour just found \$3 million in his couch cushions."

- · Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle: "Gad, what a horrible day. Lost my blue check and heard that the A's are NOT rooted in Oakland. Like learning that Santa Claus has joined the LIV Golf Tour."
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke. com: "UCLA and the USC ended their century-old affiliation with the PAC-12 to join the Big Ten. This reduces the west coast conference to the unPack 10."
- Headline at fark.com: 'Ultramarathon runner banned for using an illegal substance: A car"
- Another one from fark. com: "Jacob deGrom is already in mid-season form as he leaves game early due to a wrist iniury"
- · Steve Simmons of Sunmedia: "Yusei Kikuchi is 3-0 with a 3.80 earned run average. I'm not like Al Michaels here. I don't believe in miracles."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca







Kerrobert Memorial Arena Update: MAJOR PROJECTS

The Rec Board recently became aware of the possibility of two major projects at the arena. Following inspections, it's been confirmed that we need to complete the following this summer:

- 1. \$30,000 Replacement of 40 year old Compres-
- 2. \$8000-\$10,000 Puck Board and Board Frame tact the Rec Office at 834-2344. replacement and repair.

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Tickets: Adults: Advance \$25, At the Door: Adults: \$30, Students: \$15, Family: \$70

The Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC), along with the Luseland Arts Council, are proud to present the Derina Harvey Band in concert on the evening of Thursday, May 4 at the Luseland Homecoming Hall. Derina leads this award-winning Celtic Rock sensation band.

The band returns this season with their new and original music, along with reimaginings of traditional folk songs. Those songs were streamed over a million times each month across the globe.

Derina's vibrant personality takes centre stage with humour, storytelling, and her world class vocals. The Derina Harvey Band has been compared to a "rockier" version of Great Big Sea ... if fronted by Adele!

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- Give them the right tools. A remote worker needs a good internet connection and tools for time tracking, remote communication, project management and a direct messaging platform. Using outdated and complicated software will only demotivate your workers.
- Build trust. Micromanaging is a sure-fire way to discourage your remote employees. Instead, build trust by learning about their work habits and personal life. One of the main benefits of remote work is flexible hours, so give your team some room for work-life balance as long as your quotas and deadlines get met.
- Provide feedback. A lack of feedback can make remote employees feel like their work isn't appreciated. Regular check-ins will keep your team motivated, engaged and aligned with the company's goals and objectives.
- Provide incentives. Offering small bonuses or vacation incentives can go a long way to motivating your remote workers to reach company milestones and meet deadlines.
- Recognize achievements. When an employee goes above and beyond and exceeds expectations, ensure you publicly and privately recognize their hard work. Create a particular channel on your communication platform to praise outstanding performances.

Remote working is the future, so prepare, adapt and welcome remote employees to ensure the future success of your business.



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Town of Kerrobert

Part-time/Seasonal Curling Rink Ice Technician

The Town of Kerrobert is currently accepting applications for **Seasonal Curling Rink Ice Technicians** at the Kerrobert Memorial Arena. The positions will provide part-time employment from Oct. 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

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BY BRIAN ZINCHUK





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Tissue donation is when tissues in the body (e.g., skin, corneas, bone) are removed from one person and transplanted into another person.

About Organ Donation

Donations from a deceased donor usually occur when the donor dies suddenly after a severe brain injury. This often happens because of a motor vehicle accident, bleeding in the brain, or a trauma such as a very bad fall

In this case, organs can only be donated if:

• there has been severe brain damage and the person is no longer alive and

the person has been maintained on a ventilator until the organs are removed.

Other times, an organ donor may be a living donor. This means that donating the organ will not harm the person. An example of this is when a brother gives one of his two kidneys to his sister or a mother gives part of her liver to her child.

About Tissue Donation

Tissues do not require the same conditions as organs to survive, so tissue donation is possible after the heart and lungs have stopped working.

Tissues for donation must be removed within 12 to 24 hours after a person dies. The donor doesn't need to be maintained on a ventilator.

Who can donate organs and tissues?

The criteria for organ and tissue donation can change and there may be certain reasons a person can't donate. It's often related to a person's medical or social history, or illnesses. The organs and tissues have to be healthy and the donor must not have any diseases that could harm the recipient.

Which organs and tissues can be transplanted?

Organs that can be donated include:

- heart
- lungs
- liver
- kidney
- pancreas
- pancreas islet cells
- small bowel
- stomach

Tissues that can be donated include:

- cornea
- sclera (white of the eye)
- heart valves
- skin
- bone
- tendons
- amniotic tissue

How many people in Canada need transplants?

- There are more than 4,500 Canadians waiting for a transplant that will save their lives. Even more people are waiting for tissue transplants that will improve their quality of life.
- There are more than 700 Albertans on transplant waitlists.

Can I donate organs or tissues while I am still alive?

Yes. You can donate a kidney, part of the liver, or part of a lung. To learn more, ask your family doctor to refer you to a specialist, or call the Living Donor Program for more information.

There are Living Donor Programs in Calgary and Edmonton. You can make a living donation of a kidney,

part of a lung, or part of a liver to someone you know at The University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. You can make a living kidney donation at The Southern Alberta Transplant Program in Calgary.

In 2022, 491 organ transplants were performed in Alberta, exceeding the previous record of 462 set in 2017. This overall record includes 107 liver transplants and 254 kidney transplants, both records. Alberta's deceased donation rate of 21 donors per million population in 2022 was the highest ever in the province, and among the highest in Canada.

More than 844,000 Albertans have legally registered to affirm their wishes to donate their organs and/or tissues on the province's online organ and tissue donation registry since its launch in 2014. Search "organ donation registry" at myhealth.alberta.ca to find out more.

Albertans can also document their desire to donate organs and/or tissues at their local registry agent when they renew their driver's license or other identification.

Mental Health Week

Five out of five Canadians – all of us – have mental health. Collectively and individually, we have multiple layers and stories that make us who we are. Mental Health Week is celebrated annually during the first week of May and promotes a forum to talk and learn about issues related to mental health. Mental Health Week is May 1-7, 2023 and though we have different, yet equally valuable stories, we share one key message – universal mental health care is important and needed now!

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community."

There is no health without mental health. Tips, such as talking to someone, finding purpose and meaning, relaxation practices or eating and sleeping well can help to manage day-to-day stress and challenges and can help boost your mental health. Staying active is also a great way to manage stress and is good for your body, as well as your brain. Regular exercise or activity can have a major impact on your mental and emotional health, relieve stress, improve memory, and help you sleep better. Get out and get active during Mental Health Week – if you're in the Medicine Hat area, participate at a fun run/walk in-person at the end of the month honouring and celebrating mental health – but you can take part no matter where you live!

In the theme of 'CELEBRATION,' Move for Metal Health 10th annual Fun Run/Walk is on April 30, 2023 in-person AND online!

The in-person event will be held April 30, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. in Kin Coulee Park, Medicine Hat, AB. This is a family-friendly, non-competitive, FREE event, with entertainment by Audrey Three! To register for the in-person event, visit https://move4mh. weebly.com/ and click on the green 'Register Here' thumbnail.

To participate online, visit https://move4mh.wee-bly.com/ to register and then join by walking/running or moving your body between April 30 - May 7, 2023. There are lots of fun ways to participate: wear green - the colour of mental health awareness, wear your silliest hat on May 3 for Hats on for Mental Health Day, wear our run bibs to feel like you're in a real race and much more! Visit the Move for Mental Health website for updated information on the event and to see where participants from around the world are participating!

References: 10 tips to boost your mental health (bc-mhsus.ca)



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF DECISION

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

DEVELOPMENT AREA	APPLICATION NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PROJECT DECISION		APPEAL PROCESS
Special Area No.3	SA3-01-23	SE-03-28-04-W4 Plan 4736JK Lot 1	RV Waste Holding Tank	APPROVED	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (Note 1)

Persons claiming to be affected by decisions of the Development Authority may appeal within twenty-one (21) days after notice of decision

Note 1: Appeal by serving written notice to the Secretary of the Special Areas Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Note 2: Appeal to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal by submitting the Notice of Appeal Form found at alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.asp.

Further information regarding the above may be obtained from the Special Area No. 3 District Office, Oyen, Alberta

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<u>2023 ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETINGS SPECIAL AREAS BOARD</u>

Our current discussion topics will include:

- Tax Recovery Land Sale Policy
- ♦ 2023 Road Construction
- Economic Development Initiatives

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2	7 & 8	Buffalo Hall	May 31 @ 1:30 pm	Daryl Swenson, Brad Osadczuk
3	4, 5 & 6	Cereal CJ Peacock Centre	June 28 @ 2:00 pm	Erika Tessier, Kevin Wilson, John Kimber
2	3 & 4	Hardgrass Hub	June 1 @ 1:30 pm	Brad Slorstad, Justin Griffith
2	1 & 5	Hanna Legion Hall	June 7 @ 1:30 pm	Kevin Bossert, Mark Blair
4	1, 2 & 3	Gem Centre	June 20 @ 1:30 pm	Graham Schetzsle, Laurie Ference, Doug Noble
2	2	Handhills Clubhouse	June 6 @ 1:30 pm	Neal Roes
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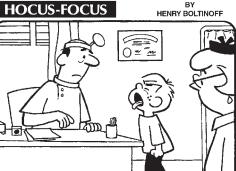
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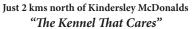


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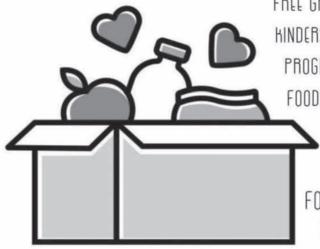
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Holman Farming Group expands business

BY JOAN JANZEN Your Southwest Media Group

There has been a lot of activity at Holman Farming Group in Luseland as they expand their operation. The company's seed cleaning plant manager, Jessie Bruce, explained. "This is in addition to what we have. It is a seed-cleaning plant to complement what we already have, and the bins we have are there to support it. We've been working on the base since last fall."

During the last week of April, the main lifting crane arrived in 14 truckloads and took a few days to set up after its arrival. Bruce said it's a 720-ton crane, which came from south of Moose Jaw, and the crane company is from Edmonton.

At the construction site, the large crawler crane was built on the engineered gravel pad below the wooden crane mats. Once the crawler crane was set up, the

240-foot boom on the crawler crane swung over the top of the orange and blue bin cluster, lifting it with the lifting lugs, which were sticking out of the roof. The bins will hold both uncleaned and cleaned grain.

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Three men share their stories of overcoming addiction

BY JOAN JANZEN Your Southwest Media Group

Three men came to Kinderslev on April 30th to share three different stories about overcoming addiction. All three are enrolled in a 12-month program at Teen Challenge, a Saskatchewan addictions treatment centre. Teen Challenge accepts men 18 years and older because addictions can and do begin at various stages in life.

All three men were wearing suits, which had never been their customary attire. "This is the third time I've worn a suit in my life. The first was at my wedding, at a funeral, and today," one of the men admitted.

Randy, the director of the centre, said those who have experienced trauma as a child are 46 times more likely to have an addiction. This was evident as James told his story.

"My dad was abusive and I was so scared as a kid growing up. I got into drugs and alcohol at age 12. I ended up in jail. At age 16, I fought my dad. He broke my nose and dislocated my jaw. After that, I was defeated. Two weeks later, a friend overdosed, and I tried to commit suicide, unsuccessfully," he said, explaining how his story began.

One of the other men shared his story of having a wife and young family and discovering his wife was having an affair. "I balanced being a good dad for a week and partying for a week," he said. "It was then that I was introduced to cocaine, and it started a downward spiral. I lost my business, home and vehicles."

The director of Teen Challenge noted that people of all ages and walks of life can get addicted. He shared his story of celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary and his wife leaving him three months later. He said it felt more like a death than a divorce.



These three men come from locations throughout Canada, and are all currently enrolled at Teen Challenge men's addiction centre near Saskatoon. They shared their success stories at Kindersley on April 30th.

"I never tried drugs, but when I did, it took away all the pain and heartache. Little did I know it was cocaine. Over the next two years, the drug ruined my life. I'd go ten days and not sleep at all. I lost my job; electricity got cut off. I went in and out of programs, lost my home, career, was living on the streets, going to food banks," he explained.

John described addiction as follows: "I was in and out of the psychiatric ward four times. What a horrible cycle this was. It was the definition of slavery, and I was a victim of it."

All the men have individual stories and shared their stories of freedom from addiction after enrolling in Teen Challenge. James said, "I applied for Teen Challenge, and when my blood drug test came back negative, I was able to get in. There I found out what it's like to have a father (God) who really loves me. It saved my life; it restored relationships; it gave me a purpose and hope and direction," he shared. "I've been to treatment centres before and know Teen Challenge works." He said he hadn't seen his kids for years, and now they're proud of him.

The men are taken through different phases of treatment. The first step is induction, getting sober and physically healthy. Secondly, they undergo training, discover their true identity and are introduced to faith in Christ. In the third phase, they prepare to reconnect with family and prepare a plan of where to work and live.

Cory has just begun to share his story in public. He said, "A friend who saw me at my worst, who fed me numerous times on the street, heard me share my story." She told Cory he was a miracle of hope.

The director agreed, saying just eight months ago, Cory looked like he was at death's doorstep and weighed only 103 pounds. Now he has a life he never thought he'd

The director of the centre said, these guys don't just come here and get clean; they go on to help others change their lives. Over the many decades of the existence of Teen Challenge centres, statistics show that the ones who graduate have a 75 to 85 percent success rate of never going back to addictions.









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- * Wheatland Centre Potluck Supper fourth Friday of each month 6:00 PM. \$5.00. Bring your own utensils. Coffee & tea provided.
- * Wheatland Centre Bingo 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 7:00 PM. Regular Bingo plus Bonanza, 50/50 Draw. Must be 14 years of age. Call 306-962-7117 (ask for Linda) for more info.
- Adult Recreational Volleyball Monday 7-9 PM at the ECS Gym May through June. \$30 registration.
- Adult Recreational Slo-Pitch Sunday at 7 PM Reaburn Field May 7 - August 6. \$50 registration.

FLAXCOMBE

SATURDAY, MAY 27

• Flaxcombe Community Club's Garage Sale & BBQ 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Flaxcombe Community Hall. Burger & Drink \$7.50. Hot Dog & Drink \$5.00.

HOOSIER

SUNDAY SERVICE

· Hoosier Community Church 10:30 am at the Community Hall. Contact Joel Hamm 306-460-7056 or Curtis Kornelson 306-460-7327.

UPCOMING

Submit your upcoming event to: **Kate Winquist** events@yourwestcentral.com

Deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon. 306-463-2211

KERROBERT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 10, 24

· Kerrobert Spring Clean-Up (bagged leaves and small branches.) Call 834-2361 for more info.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Kerrobert Kin Club Cinco de Mayo

SATURDAY, MAY 6

· Sieben's School of Dance Recital at the PCC

SUNDAY, MAY 7

• Kerrobert Cemetery Clean-Up Day 1:00 PM (weather dependant)

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- Kerrobert Minor Ball Day at the Fairgrounds. Contact Tina 306-834-7617.
- Town Wide Garage Sale hosted by the Kerrobert Seniors

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 4H Achievement Day at the Kerrobert Fairgrounds. · Kerrobert Rec Ball begins (every Sunday). Contact Garret
- 306-834-8332 to put in a team.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 2 & 3

 Prairieland Players Dinner Theatre at the PCC **TUESDAY & WÉDNESDAY, JUNE 6 & 7**

Kerrobert & District 4H Show & Sale

FRIDAY, JULY 28

 Kerrobert Kinsmen Gumball Rally & Show & Shine. Cool cars, live music, food & drinks and more!

KINDERSLEY

MAY 1-7

 Smile Cookie campaign at the local Tim Hortons Proceeds to West Central Crisis Centre.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

 Lego Club at the Kindersley Library. Ages 8-14 3:45-4:45 PM. Every Tuesday until May 30. Lego is provided. Contact Michelle Yates at 306-463-4141 or email: kindersley. library@wheatland.sk.ca for more info.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- AWANA Boys and Girls Club 7:00 pm 8:30 pm at the Kindersley Alliance Church, 74 West Rd. Stories, Songs, Games and Learning about God's Word! For everyone in grade K-6. Call 306-463-6568 or email: kacoffice7@gmail.
- PickleBall 7:00-9:00 PM at Elizabeth School (200 5th Ave. East). South west entrance. Adults of all ages are invited. There is a \$50 fee for entire season. Season runs all year. Call Barry Ditson for more info 306-460-8356.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

 Adult Volleyball 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Kindersley Composite School, 606 3 St E. Adults of all ages are welcome, and there is a fee of \$20 to pay for the season which will run all tall and winter long. Contact Doug Longtin (306) 463-8448.

MAY 5, 6, 12, 13

· Kindersley Players Dinner Theatre "The Foursome" at the NRCC. Tickets available at Labelle Boutique.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

· The Town of Kindersley is partnering with the Kindersley RCMP for a BIKE Rodeo! 1:00-4:00 PM at the West Central Events Centre. Rain or shine. An afternoon of learning & fun! Questions? Please emial communications@kinderslev.ca or bylaw@kindersley.ca

THURSDAY, MAY 18

· Purple Pansies fundraiser for Pancreatic Cancer pick-up

date 11:30 AM at Western Pizza parking lot. Call Pam 306-463-8362. 4-pack for \$6. Pre-Order today! SATURDAY, MAY 27

- Kindersley Screen Arts presents "The Whale" 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 at the door.
- * Prairie Crocus Quilt Guild meet 2nd Tuesday of the month September to May at the Pensioner's Hall (3rd Ave. E.) 7:00 pm. Contact Donna 306-463-4785 for more info.
- Interested in a support group for weight management? TOPS meetings; every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Kindersley Senior Centre OR contact Jill at 306-463-4210.
- * Dart Night every Thursday at the Royal Canadian Legion from until May 25 at 7:00 PM. Contact Devin Brown for more info 306-378-1206. No charge!
- * Monday Night Jam Sessions at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 to set-up, then the fun begins at 7-11 PM. Call Keith 306-460-8633.

MAY 1 - 5

· The Mobile Mammography Bus will be in Leader at the Community Hall. No healthcare provider referral required. Book by calling toll free 1-855-584-8228. Appointments are available. **TUESDAY, MAY 2**

 Coffee & Cards 2:00-4:00 PM at the Leader Friendship Centre **SATURDAY, MAY 6**

· 2023 Donut Dash - fundraising for the Leader Walking Trail. 5K Walk/Run 10:00 AM. Meet at the Leader Community Centre.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

· Luseland's Town Wide Garage Sale. To book your table for \$20, pick up a form at Daisy's or contact Krystal 306-604-9249.

MONDAY, MAY 29

· Soup & Bun Luncheoun 11:30-1:00 at the Leader Friendship Centre. \$8 (includes bowl of soup, bun, juice, coffee & dessert).

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- · Annual Community Garage Sales brought to you by Leader Tourism 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Maps can be picked up at the Leader Tourist Booth on that day.
- · Leader & District Chamber of Commerce is holding their Sandhills Credit Union Marketplace Kick-Off from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Live music, food vendors.

LUSELAND

THURSDAY, MAY 4

· Luseland Arts Council presents the Derina Harvey Band (award-winning Ceitic Rock sensation) 7:30 PM at the Homecoming Hall.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

· Town Wide Garage Sales, plus garage sale tables at the Homecoming Hall. Burgers at the Legion 10:30-1:30; Mother's Day drinks at Bell Acres Golf Course 12-4; Coffee Break & Cookies at Luseland Museum 10-2; Pie & Coffee at Pioneer Club.

MAJOR

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Community BBQ



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