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Bobbi Hebron welcomes Marli Shepherd as the new Rec Director

BY JOAN JANZEN

After eight years of serving as Kerrobert's Recreation Director, Bobbi Hebron handed in her resignation. She poured her heart into the community throughout her time as Rec Director and will be greatly missed. But she won't be far away, as she is once again joining the staff and students at KCS as Librarian.

As a true advocate for the community, Bobbi was instrumental in forming the groundwork of recreation in Kerrobert. Everyone, from coaches, residents, boards and managers, enjoyed collaborating with her.

As for Bobbi, she says she will miss many aspects of her previous job. Most of all, she'll miss the people and their ideas. "Everyone has something to offer their community, and I was able to be a liaison to help them make that happen - either by communicating with the Rec Board and Council, by helping them find grants or other ways of funding, or by helping them find the answers to their ques-

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Bobbi Hebron (left) says farewell and welcomes Marli Shepherd as the new Recreation Director at Kerrobert. They stand on the newly reassembled Tindal stone on the courthouse stairs. JOAN JANZEN

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Kindersley RCMP respond to seven fentanyl-related calls for service since April

Between April to July 2023, Kindersley RCMP responded to seven calls for service involving suspected fentanyl – three resulting in fatal overdoses. The fatal overdoses occurred on May 14, July 4, and July 12, claiming the lives of three adult males. Kindersley RCMP responded to four other calls for service where naloxone was administered by either an emergency responder or a civilian present, aiding in the

resuscitation of two males and one female. Through police investigation, the illicit drugs are suspected to be fentanyl, made available in a crystal-like form, sometimes tinted with a red or purple colour. Autopsies and toxicology analyses have been ordered by the Saskatchewan Coroners Service to confirm the nature and role of the suspected fentanyl in the fatal overdoses. Fentanyl is a very potent opioid pain

reliever and is sometimes mixed with other street drugs. It can take many forms: a colourful powder, chunks, pills or patches. A few grains of fentanyl can be enough to kill you – we hope to illustrate the magnitude of the danger this drug leaves in our communities. Saskatchewan RCMP is urging the public who consumes illicit drugs to take special precautions when using:

- Never use alone,
- Let someone you trust know of your

plans to use,

- Always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province,
- Call 911 if you suspect an overdose is occurring.

For more information on ways to protect yourself, or someone you know, when using illicit drugs, read Saskatchewan RCMP renews warnings about the dangers of illicit drugs after recent overdoses. Getting dangerous illicit drugs off the street continues to be a top priority for the Saskatchewan RCMP. If you have information regarding these incidents or the substances involved in these incidents, please call Saskatchewan RCMP at 306-310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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Assistance for livestock producers

In partnership with the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA), the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is asking producers in drought-stricken areas to strongly consider a new program from the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) to support the livestock sector and make these crops available for feed.

Recently, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) announced that they are doubling the Low Yield Appraisal threshold levels, allowing additional acres of low-yielding cereal, pulse crops, canola, and flax to be diverted to feed.

The agriculture sector in Saskatchewan is diverse, and in these challenging times, it's important to work together to ensure farmers and ranchers in this province get the support they need when they need it.

For the third year in a row,

many cattle producers are again facing drought-related issues, from drastic feed shortages and the threat of a massive herd reduction. There is a real risk that many producers will leave the industry, and that has serious implications across rural Saskatchewan.

"Livestock production is an integral part of our agricultural industry. Our industry is at its best when crops and livestock production are successful," APAS President Ian Boxall said. "As a crop producer, I encourage others who may be experiencing drought conditions to consider activating the Low Yield Program as a means of helping livestock producers ensure access to feed."

"Many livestock producers have been facing years of compounding drought, and the need for feed is urgent," says Keith Day, SCABoard Chair. "As your friends and neighbours, we are asking for any help that farmers and crop

producers are able to provide."

There are many options for farmers looking to redirect crops written off due to low yield or grasshopper damage, including allowing a neighbour to cut and bale the crop or even allowing temporary fencing to be put up for grazing, which has the added benefit of manure for those acres. APAS encourages crop producers who may not have livestock to consider their options to convert their insured crops into a feed source to help alleviate feed shortages. Contact your local crop insurance office for more information.

APAS is also encouraging all producers to attend townhall meetings next week to discuss drought. On Monday July 24 there's a meeting in Perdue at the Perdue Rec Complex that begins at 1:30 PM, and on Tuesday July 25 another meeting will take place in Kindersley at the Canalta Inn at 1:30.

Leader and Kindersley RCMP investigating break and enters, ATM thefts

Leader and Kindersley RCMP are investigating a series of break-and-enters investigators believe may be related, and are asking members of the public to report all information about them to police.

- On July 3, 2023, Leader RCMP received a report of an alarm activated at a business north of Leader. Initial investigation determined at approximately 5 a.m., an unknown individual or individuals broke into the business and stole a sum of coins.

- On July 6, 2023, Leader RCMP received a report of a break-and-enter at a business in Burstall. Initial investigation determined two suspects damaged the exterior of the business, broke in and stole an ATM, cash, cigarettes and a brass till. The ATM was recovered by police west of Burstall later that day. It had no cash inside when recovered.

The suspects appear to be male. One was wearing tight light blue jeans and grey loafer-like shoes with white laces. The other was wearing light coloured-cargo pants, a dark sweater, and a baseball cap, with glasses resting on the rim of the hat. Both suspects had their faces covered by balaclavas and were wearing gloves, possibly welding gloves. They drove a black Chevrolet Avalanche.

- On July 15, 2023, Kindersley RCMP received



a report of a break-and-enter at a business in Eatonia. Initial investigation determined at approximately 3:40 a.m., an unknown male damaged the exterior wall of the business, broke in and stole an ATM, the cash inside it and a quantity of cigarettes. The male was wearing a face covering and was wearing light-coloured gloves, possibly welding gloves. The suspect was also driving a black Chevrolet Avalanche. A portion of the ATM was later recovered by police north of Eatonia later that day. It had no cash inside when recovered.

Leader and Kindersley RCMP continue to actively investigate these break-and-enters. Anyone with information, or who recognizes the vehicle or suspect, should contact their local detachment immediately by dialling 310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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OPINION: Check it out



Why a true story receives media criticism

BY JOAN JANZEN
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Someone speculated the tenth movie in the Fast and Furious franchise might be called "Fas-ten (Fast 10) your seatbelts".

I recently watched another movie entitled "Sound of Freedom." In spite of being a low-budget independent film, it is very well done. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to watch it when it's showing here in August.

Movies based on true stories usually inflate the facts, but not this time. Tim Ballard, founder of Operation Underground Railroad (OUR), rescuing children from child traffickers, attests that it's all true, although a more condensed story. And yet, much of the mainstream media is discouraging people from watching it. After viewing the movie, I asked myself why would a true story about child trafficking receive media criticism?

Washington Post said, "Sound of Freedom has been accused by some critics of warping the truth about child exploitation and catering to conspiracy theorists - something its distributor, Angel Studios, denies."

CBC's pop culture critic, Radhey-an Simonpillai, chose to criticize the people who view the film rather than the film itself. That may be because he hasn't actually seen the movie. Nevertheless, he claimed the film attracts pro-lifers and those who follow right-wing personalities or conspiracy theorists. The TV hosts were chuckling while discussing the film on CBC Airplay.

The host continued to say that OUR's political goals make it something that conspiracy theorists would rally around. And yet child trafficking and Sound of Freedom are both not interested or involved in politics.

Meanwhile, a CBC headline about another movie read: "Netflix film Cuties becomes target of politicized backlash." CBC encouraged people to watch the film showing pre-teen girls in provocative attire, without judging.

Sound of Freedom's producer, Eduardo Verastegui, said eight years ago Tim Ballard, founder of OUR, was praised by the media for the success of the operation depicted in the movie. In 2014 CBS showed actual

footage of OUR renting an island house, raking it with hidden cameras, coordinating with Columbia's authorities and arresting traffickers.

In 2023, the same media discouraged people from watching this film, and they all share the same talking points. So what has changed? In an online interview, Eduardo said he believes it's because the culture has changed.

CNN claimed the film implies that people like Tim Ballard and the ticket buyers can bring these child trafficking rings down. But after hearing those media comments, I asked myself another question: "Why would raising awareness about child trafficking be criticized by the media?" Isn't raising awareness a step in the right direction, which will help introduce change?

It is hoped that North Americans, who are the largest consumers of child pornography, will receive a wake-up call, realizing they are the problem. It is hoped that whistleblowers will step forward. It is hoped that more people will use their spheres of influence to address the

problem. Some already have done so.

In 2017, actor Ashton Kucher reported to the US Senate. He is chairman and co-founder of Thorne. "We build software to fight human trafficking in the exploitation of children," Kucher said. "I've seen video content of a child the same age as mine being raped by an American man who was a sex tourist in Cambodia."

Meanwhile, Tim Ballard has been doing numerous interviews online. In a recent interview, he said miraculous events happen when they take one step forward. In February 2022, Tim's wife insisted he go to Ukraine to rescue war orphans. When his team arrived, they discovered a pedophile ring out of Holland trafficking kids into Mexico, Ecuador and Miami. In just four months, they took down five leaders of a group and discovered a child sex hotel in Ecuador.

"This turned into a four-part mini-series documentary that is coming out, produced by Mel Gibson," he added. "That's a miracle!"

Meanwhile, CNN claimed Sound

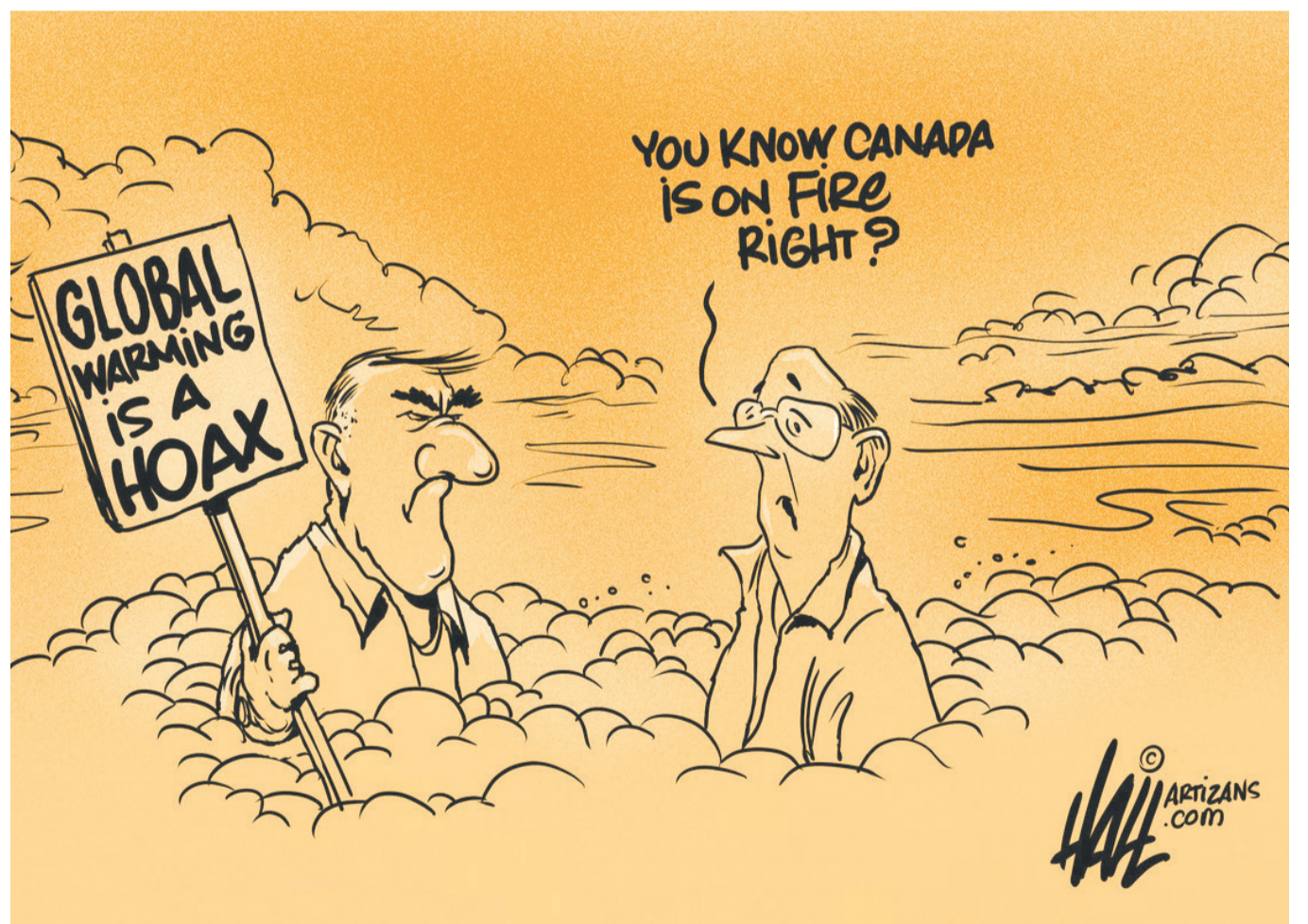
of Freedom was created out of moral panic. The broadcaster said, "You aren't just watching a movie. You are helping bring down a pedophile ring. It's not true, but it's a very comforting, warm feeling to have."

Yet I'm reminded of an old saying: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good people do nothing."

Glen Beck is one of the many people who "did something"; he helped fund the non-profit organization OUR. On his online podcast, he recalled words spoken by the late Billy Graham.

Billy said regular people will say they don't have any tools. But they don't have to complete the whole puzzle; they only need to do their piece. "We will see a mosaic of all the little people who have just been obedient in their little ways in their circle of influence," Billy told Glen. "And God will put it all together in a wonderful mosaic."

Although you and I won't be taking down a pedophile ring any time soon, we all can do our part to protect and pray for children.





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Pop89: What shall it profit me?

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While writing this, a 1-800 number pops up on my cell. I know not to answer it. But we all know someone who still, out of old-fashioned courtesy or just curiosity, or even loneliness, answers their phone. Most of us have parents or older friends who grew up with no phone or having to walk to the neighbouring farm to use a wall-mounted, wind-up phone, shared by five other farms. They are perfect targets for scammers.

Maybe you were fooled once, too. Please don't be ashamed, don't fall for our culture's propensity to blame the target instead of the con. After all, you're the last of a dying breed of a few remaining decent folk, spiritual giants still willing to give people the benefit of the doubt.

You were fooled by the nice voice on the other end of the line. The voice claiming to want to help

with that little issue you're having with your computer. I don't remember having an issue with my computer, you say, but then laugh, adding, but then, I don't remember the names of my own kids half the time! The nice person laughs along as she walks you through how you can help her steal you blind. To add insult to injury, the nice voice offers assurances that they are helping prevent the very crime they are in the process of committing.

How does this happen? How does this kind of lack of conscience even manifest? How is taking advantage of an older person's bad memory an acceptable way of turning a profit? Maybe, if we were less enamoured with money and billionaires, we'd put our technologies, skills and talents to solving the problem instead of turning a blind eye, tossing off such soul-lees phrases as: business is business, implying business is everything.

For two days, the scammers work behind the scenes, filling their virtual sacks with money while the nice voice keeps you on the line. The next day your bank statement shows you're fifteen thousand dollars poorer.

But it's more than a trick. More than a crime. It's the worst kind of sickness. It's downright evil. Evil. From the Old English word *yfel* meaning: "anything that causes injury, anything that harms or is likely to harm; a malady or disease." What else do you call people who prey on the lives and bank accounts of the vulnerable? Who chooses to use compassion as a con? To pretend to care in order to carry out criminal behaviour? The disease of addiction to money makes us take and take and take, at whatever cost to everyone involved.

And now my email dings, and now an article on the wonders of AI pops up in my inbox. The author, a tech writer and venture capitalist, raves about how AI will save us all, promising "accelerated growth, a higher standard of living, free time" - the usual goodies promised with the advent of everything from microwave ovens and high-speed internet - available to people already living comfortably, yet told we need more.

AI enthusiasts all seem to write about it with a kind of soulless slavishness that belies total enthrallment with money and the people who dedicate their lives to making it. No matter the cost. Which explains why, despite the technological wizardry of Surveillance Capitalism, a term coined by Shoshana Zuboff, in her book of the same name - to track everybody's movements, purchases, conversations and conversations, we

can't seem to catch the soft-voiced embezzlers who steal from us and our moms and dads.

Despite all the hoopla over the latest technologies, we still haven't bothered to apply technologies toward finding and prosecuting the men and women ruining the lives of innocent seniors. Why is that? Because there's no money in it. Apparently, as a culture, we believe the highest calling of our citizens - to whom we no longer refer to as "citizens" but as "users" - is to make money.

AI will save the world, we are told. But what world? Whose world? As long as we continue to admire and worship billionaires, it won't matter how they make their billions. We may find some of them creepy, arrogant, unhinged, ignorant, sleazy or selfish, but - and we've all heard this one - "He made a billion last year. He must be doing something right."

Right. How do we differentiate right from wrong in an age of technophilia and philanthro-capitalists (another great term coined by Anand Giridharadas in his book *Winners Take All*. *Take All* by)? If scammers' lawyers get their companies off the hook, are they no longer "wrong?" If all we go by is a court decision and not an examination of our own conscience, the winner wins twice: once for tricking the vulnerable out of their money and twice for being cleared of the suggestion that their tricks are anything other than "good" business tactics.

The law concerns itself with ever-shifting legalities, psychology explains the obsession-compulsive drive to make endless profits, philosophy looks at the ethics behind exploitation, but, surely, it's up to each of us to examine our conscience. Or watch as the last fibre of our sense of morality decay and blow away.

"What's in it for me" is the capitalizing model we seem to live by. We care more for fame, fortune, power, prestige and profit than for our own souls. Soul: "the animating or essential part of us." Art and literature is full of Faustian bargain stories, warning against the eternal bleakness that comes from selling our souls to the devil.

We've inverted the question: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" into something like: "What does it profit a venture capitalist if he shall invest in technologies that protect the vulnerable, yet not make a killing this year?" If we don't value kind men over rich men, we are pure artifice, scamming our own selves.



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Armed with a cooler, signs and a variety of chilled drinks, they were open for business. Shortly after they opened, Rick made a purchase. The following day, the entrepreneurs returned once again, and noticed Rick working in his yard. One of the astute salespersons sauntered over and asked if he'd like to purchase a drink. When Rick declined, the youngster responded, "But we deliver!"





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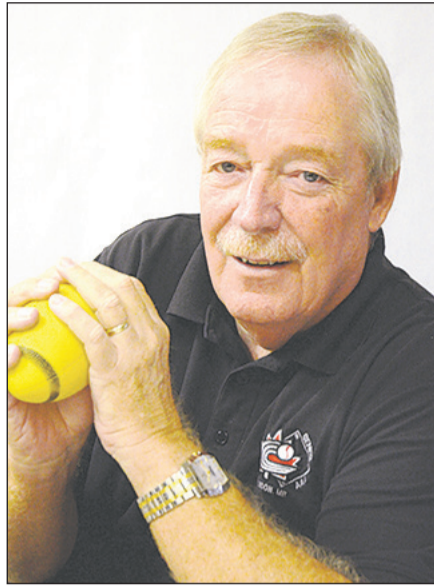
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Every week, it seems, new names show up in the world of sports, and here are just a few of them:

- Elly De La Cruz is Major League Baseball's newest sensation, knocking even Shohei Ohtani from the headlines for a day or two. De La Cruz is a rookie sensation with the Cincinnati Reds who hit a home run in his second MLB game on June 7, hit for the cycle two weeks later, is one of the fastest players in baseball, plays defence like a demon and just before the all-star break, he stole second, third and home within a two-pitch sequence. He's this year's Ronald Acuna, Jr.
- Victor Wembanyama is the 7-foot-5 basketball star from France who was the No. 1 pick in the recent NBA draft, going to the San Antonio Spurs. Introduced to North America competition by playing in the NBA's Summer League in Las Vegas, Wembanyama made headlines off the court when he and his security people and would-be autograph seeker Britney Spears got into a minor dustup in a crowded entrance to a Vegas casino. Wembanyama scored only nine points in his debut but then hit for 27 in his second game to confirm that,



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

- yes, he's pretty good.
- Oliver Moore is not a household name like Connor Bedard, but Moore was also a first-round pick of the Chicago Blackhawks this year. He went 19th overall and was generally regarded as the best skater available in the draft. Moore and Bedard are buddies already, and while Moore will likely play another season or two at the University of Minnesota, the Moore-Bedard combo in Chicago could play out for years like the Toews-Kane duo did for a decade in the Windy City.
- Canadian golf fans love to root for Brooke Henderson, and with good reason, but there's a new

'it' player in the women's game — American Rose Zhang. The 20-year-old played at Stanford, winning two straight NCAA individual titles, captured the 2020 U.S. women's amateur, won her first event as a professional in June, and subsequently posted top-10s in her first two majors, the KPMG Women's PGA and the U.S. Open. The Zhang hype is well deserved.

- Is Summer Macintosh like a fish in human form? We'll find out for certain at this month's world aquatic championships in Japan, as the Canadian swimmer is entered in four events — all of which she could win. The 16-year-old Toronto swimmer made a big splash on the world stage last year, winning two golds and two other medals at the world championships, and this year's event in Japan will be the final major gathering of the planet's best swimmers prior to next summer's Paris Olympics. It could also be Summer's Paris Olympics.
- Nick Canepa of The San Diego Union-Tribune, on Las Vegas being awarded the 2028 Final Four: "It wasn't long ago the NCAA would have gone to Ukraine, played outdoors and put images of Putin on players' singlets before placing their big deal in Southern Nevada."
- Golf journalist Geoff Shackelford, on the eve of the Senate hearing into the PGA Tour-PIF partnership: "As the final men's major begins its descent toward greater Liverpool, the PGA Tour's de facto leadership will make a Senate committee case for turning the professional schedule over to some dude who likes to be called His Excellency. It's grim."
- Shackelford again, describing

Yasir Al-Ramayyan, head of the Saudi Arabian PIF fund: "As soon as he starts talking, (he) makes most upright adults wanna dive headfirst into a snake-filled pool full of Clorox."

- Thomas Carrieri on Twitter: "Barry Bonds was so dominant he once got internationally walked during a Home Run Derby."
 - Eamon Lynch of Golfweek.com., on the difficulty PGA Tour players are having in understanding the Tour-Saudi Arabian PIF partnership: "Trust is a precious commodity in commerce, but in the present-day PGA Tour it's more scarce than snow in the Sahara."
 - Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, after temperatures hit 110 degrees Fahrenheit in Las Vegas, the proposed new home for the Oakland A's: "If I played for the A's, I'd demand to play a position that would be in the shaded portion of the field."
 - RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Right-handed Elks quarterback, Taylor Cornelius, completed a rarity July 13. While being sacked, he threw a TD pass with his left hand. Unfortunately, the catch and score was by a Hamilton Ti-Cat."
 - Currie again: "Victor Wembanyama is actually seven feet, three inches, in height. Tall, but well short of all the surrounding hype."
 - Headline at the onion.com: "Bears GM Focused On Drafting Players Who Can Help Justin Fields Up After Sack"
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Golfers were excited to get on the course for the 1st Annual Kid's Academy Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, July 22nd. *JOAN JANZEN*

Kid's Academy Golf Tournament is a success

BY JOAN JANZEN

The 1st Annual Kid's Academy Golf Tournament Fundraiser on July 22nd, was a huge success. The tournament kicked off fundraising for the future construction of Kid's Academy daycare in Kindersley.

"It's a really good turnout," Monique Neigum reported. "We sold out at 72 golfers, but I couldn't say no." Which explained the 80 golfers registered in the tournament. Monique helped organize the tournament, which was sponsored by Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. and Kindersley Regional Golf Course. Longhorn Oil & Gas sponsored the supper.

Golfers hit the course on a beautiful hot, sunny day at 11 a.m. for 18 holes, winding up the day at 5 p.m. A steak supper, program and silent auction followed. The silent auction

was accessible online for both golfers and non-golfers.

"The support has been amazing!" Monique said. "Over \$8,000.00 worth of prizes were donated and there's so many sponsors, including supper and lunch sponsors and hole sponsors."

It was all hands on deck for the event. "We had parents, some members of the fundraising committee, and some staff from the existing Kinder Kollege helping out. We had a nice mix," she explained.

Like all the other volunteers, Monique was a willing helper, checking people in at the registration table, golfing during the day, and acting as MC at the evening program.

The golf tournament is the first of many future fundraisers to begin the task of raising the \$4 to \$5 million needed to build and furnish the Kid's Academy.



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Rattlesnakes are an important piece to the prairie ecosystem

SHERI MONK

Snakes on a Plain

The unmistakable sound of a rattlesnake is ubiquitous with our collective perception of the Wild West. It probably isn't the first – or even the first hundred – things most people, or even the average Canadian, would identify as a symbol of the Great White North. But perhaps it should be. There are very few creatures that have fought as hard to survive such inhospitable conditions as Canada's remaining three species of

rattlesnake.

The northern pacific rattlesnake exists in the Okanagan Valley in BC. The massasauga rattlesnake is a dwarf species found in extreme southern Ontario. Ontario used to have Canada's fourth species, the timber rattlesnake, but thanks to persecution and habitat loss, it was listed as officially extirpated in 2008.

The prairie rattlesnake, *Crotalus viridis*, ranges along the river valleys of southern Alberta, and in two separate populations within southwest Saskatchewan. It extends southward

through the U.S., and into northern Mexico. It has one of the largest ranges of all of rattlesnake species, which debunks the most commonly repeated myth about this shy reptile.

MYTH: Canadian rattlesnakes are not as venomous as their more southern counterparts.

Reality: Canadian rattlesnakes are just as venomous as all other members of their own species, regardless of where they live. Would a grizzly bear be more dangerous in Montana than Alberta? Perhaps only if it had to vote in a presidential elec-

tion, or if it was rabid.

It is the same with snakes. A prairie rattlesnake in Alberta likely poses the same risk as one in Colorado where last year, a six-year-old died after being bitten. However, most envenomations do not result in fatalities, thanks to prompt treatment with anti-venom.

Myth: Rattlesnakes will chase you if you encounter them.

Reality: Rattlesnakes don't even chase their dinner. These large-bodied snakes simply aren't very fast.

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The bullsnake (left) has round pupils, a narrow tail and a small head. The western hognose (centre) is rarely encountered, but does a pretty good job of mimicking its venomous relative at first glance, but look at the upturned nose, which the hognose uses to burrow into the ground. Note that both bullsnakes and hognose snakes have round pupils while the rattlesnake (right) has elliptical pupils, and a head-sensing pit between just below the nostril. The rattlesnake also has a triangular-shaped head, whereas the other two do not, though the hognose will try its best to flatten and triangulate its head similar to a rattlesnake as part of its defense posture.



The end of a rattlesnake's tail is composed of specialized scales that when shed, adhere to the end of the rattle and form a segment. Be careful though – not all rattlesnakes have rattles. Sometimes they break their rattles, and newborn rattlesnakes are born with just a noiseless button at the end of their tail.



This is the classic "don't tread on me" pose, and that's what it means – "I am here, please don't step on me or eat me." A general rule of thumb is that they can strike a distance of up to 2/3 their body length. If you encounter one, take a few steps back and observe this rare sight safely.



Dens: This group of snakes will share a home for several months as they wait for winter to pass. Rattlesnakes return to their dens in late summer, and emerge from them in early spring. They will remain near the den site basking in the sun on warm days until it is warm enough for them to disperse to their summer feeding grounds, although a few may remain at or near the den all summer. During the winter, the snakes do not eat and they will share their den space with garter snakes, bull snakes, and even mammals peacefully.

The prairie rattlesnake was made for grassland living, with nearly perfect camouflage to match the soil and plants in its habitat.

They rely on impressive defensive displays and camouflage to protect them. In 99.9999% of encounters, they will assume a defensive posture while trying to retreat. If you encounter a rattlesnake, simply take a few steps back, snap some awesome photos, and carry on.

MYTH: All that rattles is cold.

Reality: While they rely on the environment to govern their temperature, they don't like it much hotter than you. If they stay in the heat for too long, they suffer ill effects. You are very unlikely to encounter a rattlesnake in direct sunlight for long in temperatures above 25°C. When it is hot and sunny, they seek refuge in holes or in cool shady spots.

MYTH: Rattlesnakes lay eggs and are prolific breeders.

Reality: Many snakes do lay eggs, but rattlers actually give live birth, typically in late summer. A clutch of young usually numbers 4-13, but most do not survive. Additionally, females in northern latitudes may only reproduce once every two, three or even four years, and it takes 5-7 years for females and 3-5 years for males to mature sexually. As a result, the reproduction rate is exceptionally low in Canada.

MYTH: If bitten, suck the poison out.

Reality: NO. Like most rattlesnake venom, prairie rattler venom predominantly affects and destroys tissues like skin and muscle. Sucking the venom out has never been demonstrated to improve outcome, and may magnify tissue damage. Do not use a tourniquet. If bitten, remain calm and call 9-1-1.

Research has shown that approximately 20 per cent of defensive bites from rattlers are "dry" and no venom is injected. This is because venom production is resource-intensive and takes approximately three weeks to replenish after being used. Rattlesnakes hunt in ambush, they strike their prey quickly, and then they slowly follow as it dies, unless it is a bird, which they know to hang onto. They do not constrict their prey, so if they're out of venom, they're out of luck.

Myth: Baby rattlesnakes are more dangerous than adults.

Reality: Venom composition can change during different life stages, but there is no evidence for this claim. While you don't want to be bitten by any rattlesnake, the larger the snake, the larger the venom yield – it's the dose that makes the poison and larger snakes have larger venom glands. This myth probably originated from some misinterpreted information about newborn rattlesnakes, who prey on invertebrates which don't have to be subdued by venom. As a result, baby rattlesnakes will envenomate defensively 100 per cent of the time, but their venom yield is so low that it is much less likely to cause grave effects such as the adults will cause with their massive venom loads.

Myth: Rattlesnake populations can grow and spread anywhere.

Reality: Rattlesnakes are very closely tied to our river valleys because of the type of earth they need for adequate dens to overwinter in. In fact, individuals have a high fidelity to the den they were born near, and when dens are destroyed naturally or by man, entire populations may be lost as they will not find a new den.

Myth: Bull snakes and rattlesnakes are interbreeding, creating a more dangerous hybrid.

False: Bull snakes lay eggs and rattlesnakes give live birth. Their reproductive systems are much different and this simply isn't possible. Cows and horses are more closely related than bull snakes and rattlesnakes.

Myth: Rattlesnakes are evil.

Reality: Snakes definitely got a bad rap from the good book, but they're no different from any other animal. In fact, there is more and more research being done that demonstrates social and intelligent behaviour among rattlesnakes, including protecting unrelated young from possible threats by ushering them down the entrance of a den. Published studies also reveal they make friendships with other individuals, continually seeking their besties out year after year to bask with.

The prairie rattlesnake is a unique and important part of the grasslands ecosystem. If you're lucky enough to observe one, simply stand 14 feet away, and that snake will usually go about its business while you enjoy the encounter. Try to avoid hitting them on the road. They can be easily and safely ushered off the road by gently prodding them with a broom or long snow brush.

There aren't many regions left that still host pronghorn, black widows, scorpions, rattlers, cacti, sagebrush and monster mule deer – and this incredible habitat is shrinking every year. We can all play a role in conserving this species by understanding it, and educating others about their special place on the prairie.

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VITALS

Average length: Average 3.3', record 4.97'.
Colouration: Yellow, beige, green, brown, olive with blotched patterning.
Lifespan: 15-25 years
Diet: Rodents, birds, insects
Mimics: In Alberta and Saskatchewan, you may encounter also bull snakes, plains garter snakes, wandering garter snakes and plains hognose snakes. Both are non-venomous, but occasionally mistaken for rattlesnakes, thanks to their colouration and patterns. Both will even rattle their tails as part of their defense display. (The hognose is not considered venomous, but it does possess an irritating saliva, so it's best not to handle them.)
Conservation status: Sensitive. Den sites are protected throughout the year, and as a non-game animal, prairie rattlesnakes may not be killed, possessed, bought or sold.
Range: In Canada, the prairie rattlesnake can be found along and near the valleys of the South Saskatchewan River, the Milk River, and the Red Deer River, from just west of Lethbridge, south to the U.S. border, north to Dinosaur Provincial Park, and east across the border to Leader, Eston and Burstall, Saskatchewan. They are not found in the Cypress Hills Area, but there is a healthy population in Saskatchewan's Grasslands National Park and around Val Marie. These snakes are geographically and genetically isolated from the rest of the population in Alberta and Saskatchewan, contiguous with populations across the border in Montana instead.



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Dennis' Welding Tradesperson Scholarship provides unique opportunity for Kindersley students

BY CHRISTA KUZYK

There's a small town in west-central Saskatchewan where the fields are rolling, the gas and oil industry is thriving, and the residents are generous with their wisdom and time. That wisdom is passed down from generation to generation through the many families that settled here years ago. Those families, and their traditions, want to see their legacies carried on and their children continue to make Saskatchewan thrive.



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Kindersley has a population of approximately 4500 people, and amongst all those residents, several local businesses rely on the patronage of the townspeople and those in the surrounding areas. If you attend any sports-related events in Kindersley, you'll generally see a list of sponsors that make the event possible. Hockey tournaments, Senior AA baseball, golf, and even the STARS Ambulance Radiothon, the generosity displayed by the people and businesses in Kindersley are hard to miss. And on those sponsor banners, in amongst their list of companies, you'll most likely see Dennis' Welding Ltd.

Dennis' Welding Ltd. was established in 1979 and has made quite a name in its over 40 years of service. Owner Grant Casswell, who took over in 2022 after years of being a welder under the original owner, has brought his business into the 21st century with new technologies and techniques in the shop and the field, along with making themselves more accessible to people online.

Besides their knowledgeable staff, many certifications in safety, and their commitment to communication with their clients and customers, Dennis' Welding Ltd. has something else for the families of the community and students of Kindersley Composite Highschool—a scholarship. The Dennis' Welding Ltd. Tradesperson Scholarship is a unique opportunity open to those Kindersley stu-

dents who have taken construction, mechanics, or welding courses at KCS and are interested in applying to an accredited post-secondary institute in Saskatchewan or have already applied.

The idea behind this scholarship is to keep the youth of Saskatchewan here, in Saskatchewan. To continue putting this province on the map and turning it into somewhere you'd be proud to call home. And to provide experience before you start school, Grant also hires students for the summer to allow them to see what the trades are all about, learn valuable skills, and provide mentorship.

Recently featured in CWB Association's WELD magazine as a notable company to watch, having Shop Foreman Alisha Dalton in their Fall edition in the Women of Steel feature as well as having her on a recent podcast with Max Ceron of CWBA, these are just a few accolades that would make any student proud to work or be sponsored by Dennis' Welding Ltd. They also plan to expand into more specialized and crucial oilfield services this fall. All that's needed is to fill out an application, submit grades and have an acceptance letter from the post-secondary school or a conditional letter of acceptance and a letter of reference from a teacher, principal, supervisor, or mentor. There's a quote from Canadian Investment Banker W. Brett Wilson that says, "If you want to hire a hard-working, trustworthy person, hire someone from Saskatchewan!" And around Kindersley, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who would disagree.

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The Kindersley Klippers will be looking for a bounce back season. *KATE WINQUIST*

SJHL pre-season schedule set for Klippers

BY JORDAN PARKER

It was a difficult season for the SJHL Iron Horse Kindersley Klippers, but new GM & Head Coach Clayton Jardine hopes to change the team's fortunes.

Jardine was hired in April 2023 following the parting of ways between coach Ken Plaquin and the organization. He spent four seasons with the AJHL's Camrose Kodiaks and was also named SJHL Coach of the Year when he last helmed the Klippers in 2018-2019, propelling them to a 36-16 record.

After a last-place finish in 2022-2023, Jardine is ready to hit the ground running, starting with the pre-season tilts.

"I'm excited to play three games in three days and figure out what this team has. Then we have one game at the end to finish up. We want to finish strong and keep the momentum heading into the season," he said.

"That last pre-season game against Battleford will be fun to watch, and people can see what we're made of this season."

The Klippers start pre-season on September 8th and will play the Humboldt Broncos twice and then Battlefords on Sunday, September 10th, 2023. They finish up on the 13th before the regular season begins on September 22nd.

Jardine is looking at the draft class, and his current players, and the pre-season will allow him to take a close look at the talent.

"We need to find a balance of younger players during the pre-season as well. We want young guys to play and get a taste. In the SJHL model,

you have plenty of younger guys," he said.

"You might get guys who start with us at 15-or-16-years-old and really learn the ropes. So we need to show them what this team is all about but also get our veterans some reps in."

While the Klippers could bring back nearly 2/3 of their team next year, Jardine is going to do what's best for the club to allow them to compete.

"We'll see how things shape up at the start of the season. We need to see who will be good for the club and who should be on the roster," he said.

"We're in a boat where if we need to do tweaking to make the team stronger, we'll make adjustments. We want to make sure the group will be successful on-and-off the ice."

He hopes that the younger players can push the veterans to work hard and that there'll be an air of healthy competition.

"We hope young guys will push for a spot and challenge the older guys. It's about seeing who wants it more, and that's a good thing," he said.

Jardine will move his family up to Kindersley in August, and he's excited to get settled. He hasn't made big decisions on captaincies next year, but he knows there are leaders in the room.

"There are people I've leaned on for information over the last few months, and this is a really important decision. We'll leave it until later on – Maybe even a month into the actual season," he said.

"We don't want to throw someone into the role for the sake of it. I'm excited about this team and can't wait to do something great here as a group next season."

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HAPPINESS IS GOOD FOOD AND SHOPPING If it's true that happiness is good food and shopping, the folks at Kerrobert were very happy. Shoppers streamed through the doors of the Kerrobert Seniors Hall on July 20th, where they were invited to sit down to lunch and enjoy some great shopping. The farmers market offered a wide variety of products including baking, canned goods, kitchenware, and skin and health products. One lady said she had sold over half of her baking within the first two hours of the market. Meanwhile, in the kitchen, a group of volunteers had prepared a delicious pulled pork lunch for the hungry crowd. *JOAN JANZEN*

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Frieda Heck enjoys one day at a time

BY JOAN JANZEN

Like many nonagenarians (people in their 90s), Frieda Heck from Kindersley was puzzled as to why people would want to hear about her life. But anyone born in 1926 has many life experiences that are foreign to generations of today. And Frieda (nee Ruff) was born on June 12, 1926 at Burstall, Sask.

Frieda, along with her parents, four brothers and three sisters, lived on a mixed grain farm near Burstall. Now Frieda is the only surviving member of that family unit. Her mother came to Canada from North Dakota; her education ended after completing Grade 4. Frieda's dad came to our country from Russia. He was self-taught, as he had never received a formal education.

The children attended Alexander Plain School, one-quarter mile east of Burstall. "My dad donated the land for the school, so we lived close to the school," Frieda explained. Ten to twelve students attended the school, while an additional two schools were located just six miles east of that School Division.

Historically, the Dirty 30s were reported as a devastating period, yet as a young girl, Frieda said everything seemed normal. "We always had food to eat," she said. Although, she did recall receiving dry fish from eastern Canada, which had to be soaked in water because they were too salty to eat. The devastating part of that period was partly attributed to the extremely low price of grain.

"We always had a big garden and had lots of potatoes and lots of watermelon," Frieda recalled. "In the fall, my mom would pickle the small watermelons." During the warmer months, the chil-



Frieda Heck celebrated her 97th birthday in June and lives at Dawnview Apartments in Kindersley

JOAN JANZEN

dren spent their time playing softball, running races, skipping, and attending sports days.

Christmas was always a special occasion. The family would travel by horse and sleigh to attend an evening service in Burstall. When they returned home, they would go to bed early so they could wake up and open their presents.

"I got a doll from Eaton's one time," Frieda recalled. And her dad would have helped deliver the doll, since he drove the mail wagon from Burstall to Leader.

After completing Grade 11 at Alexander Plain School, Frieda accompanied her girlfriend to Kelowna, BC, where she stayed with friends and worked in a cannery for four months. Her job was to clean onions and can tomatoes and peppers. "Ketchup was made there," she said. "I've never liked ketchup ever since."

Frieda came home from BC and began working at the Bank of Commerce in Leader. She worked there for over four years. It was there that she met her future husband, Nick Heck, who was working at a hardware store in Leader. However, Frieda said she couldn't remember when he first asked her out on a date. "That was too many years ago," she explained.

Nick had returned from the service, where he had been a sergeant stationed in Prince Rupert. The young couple exchanged wedding vows on November 5, 1947. "We got married in Medicine Hat. It snowed and rained, so my mom and dad couldn't even make it to the wedding," she said.

The newlyweds lived in Leader, where they both continued to work. Their first son, Ron, was born in April of 1949, followed by four more children (Kieth, Colleen, Paulette and Darryl,) in subsequent years. That same year Nick and Frieda bought farmland and moved to their new home south of Glidden.

They were surrounded by neighbours; everyone helped one another. "A neighbour would go to town and bring back everyone's groceries," Frieda said. They lived in a little old house with a dirt cellar, but in 1960 they moved a used house onto the farm. Their children attended a country school called Goldeye School, which was only a couple of miles from their farm.

In 1970, Frieda and her family moved to the present-day Heck farm. Frieda played ball with the Glidden team and curled in the winter months on one sheet of ice in Glidden. She joined the Catholic Women's League (CWL) and the church in Eatonia. She also enjoyed knitting and did a lot of patching on her sewing machine. They had chickens and cows, and Frieda would often milk five cows at a time.

"Then I would ship the cream from the railroad at Glidden," she said. Nick saved all their receipts, and they still have the receipts from the cream sales. Her son Kieth noted that when Frieda moved into Dawnview Apartments, not only did she still have their original bedroom suite from 1947, but she also had the handwritten sales receipt.

Frieda and her husband moved into a house in Kindersley in 1993, and Nick passed away in 1998. Frieda had open heart surgery in 2004 and continued to live in her home until 2006. Except for breaking her hip a year and a half ago, Frieda enjoys good health, and more importantly, she maintains a positive attitude.

One of Frieda's favourite songs was sung by Doris Day, "Que Sera, Sera" (Whatever Will Be Will Be).

When asked what's her secret to living a long and happy life, she responded: "Take one day at a time. Don't worry about anything; it doesn't help anyway, and stop complaining."

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Luseland Bible Camp enjoys 90 years of blessings

BY JOAN JANZEN

Luseland Bible Camp (LBC) celebrated its 90th anniversary on the July long weekend! Throughout those nine decades, generations of campers have visited the camp, coming from 35 to 40 communities. In 2023, Marilyn Kirk is the Director; Janelle Ahearn is Associate Director; Pastor Clay Ahearn leads the Discipleship Work Teams, and Charity Klassen from Kindersley is Program Director.

Marilyn Kirk was pleased to share just one example of how God continues to bless LBC. Two years ago, the camp was gifted with a quonset but didn't accept the gift as they were in the midst of "saving their dining hall," Marilyn explained. In 2023 they were told the building was still theirs if they wanted it, which they did.

The foundation was poured, but additional funds were required to move the building. "A Facebook post was made sharing that we had 20 days to make a decision and needed \$25,000 to move the quonset," Marilyn explained. Within 20 days, LBC received \$25,000; that was the first miracle!

However, the moving company said it wasn't possible to move the structure during the few days the camp was not being used and that they needed three months' notice to prepare. However, the next day a representative from the company contacted LBC and said, "I don't know about you Bible people, but we had a cancellation and are able to move the quonset on the day LBC had suggested." That was the second miracle!

The building will be used as a chapel after adequate funds are raised to do the interior work, which will be miracle number three!

The history book entitled "Luseland Hub & Spokes" recorded the details of the birth of the camp, which began on the Emil Nestrud farm near Denzil in July 1933. Ten years later, Nestrud sold his land, and the camp was moved to the Luseland Fairgrounds.

In 1946 several families got together and purchased some property known as Burke's Grove, which included 40 acres. At that time, the camp was called Burke's Grove Bible Camp; the name was later changed to Luseland Bible Camp.

During the first year, a well was dug, and a combined dining hall - kitchen with dormitory space was erected. Several bunk cars provided



Some of the first campers who attended Luseland Bible Camp since it began in 1933.

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additional dormitory space for the first 35 campers who attended free of charge. Meals were prepared on a coal and wood stove, coal oil lamps provided lighting, and camp gatherings were held in a tent.

Each day two families from the area supplied the noon meal. A sign hanging on the kitchen wall read, "My God Shall Supply All Your Need." It didn't take long before the camp was in need of a miracle after a heavy rainfall. Muddy roads prevented meals from being delivered, and no one was able to get to town to buy groceries. The resourceful cook wrote out a list of supplies needed, which the camp handyman delivered on foot to the nearest farm. The farm owners promptly hitched a horse to a stone boat, loaded it with supplies and drove to the camp.

As the number of campers increased each year, larger buildings were constructed using donated supplies and volunteer labour, and additional structures were moved onto the property. Today the camp provides up-to-date recreational activities and conveniences. But one thing has not changed since its beginning in 1923; the main purpose of the camp is to teach campers the Word of God.

Campers from years gone by now bring their children and grandchildren to LBC. Congratulations to all the board members, staff and volunteers for serving your community for 90 years!



L-R: Charity Klassen (Program Director) and Marilyn Kirk (Director) stand in front of the quonset, which was recently donated and moved onto the camp's property. JOAN JANZEN

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[Section 45 of the Act]

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Number to be Elected: One (1)

Will be received by the undersigned on the 9th day of August, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Town Office - 503 Grand Avenue and;

during regular business hours on July 24, 2023 to August 8, 2023, at the Town Office - 503 Grand Avenue.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location: **Town of Luseland - Town Office, 503 Grand Avenue, Luseland, Saskatchewan.**

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2023.

Karyl Y. Richardson
Returning Officer

RURAL MUNICIPALITY CHESTERFIELD NO. 261 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Chesterfield No. 261 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 01-2019, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw amendment will exempt subdivisions intended to accommodate public utilities or municipal facilities from the zoning bylaw requirement which provides for a maximum of two subdivisions per quarter section.

REASON

The reason for this amendment is to provide greater flexibility in accommodating the development of public utilities and municipal facilities.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Rural Municipal Office, located at 205 Main Street, in the Town of Eatonia, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at the Rural Municipal Office at a cost of \$1.00.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on August 15, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. at the Rural Municipal Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Rural Municipal Office before the hearing.

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The Burrowing Owl population faced a steep decline in the early 1990’s and has not been able to recover, making the survival of each juvenile owl incredibly important for the growth of their population. There are some things that we can do to help the young owls survive during this critical time. “When motorists are driving in Burrowing Owl habitat, and especially near known nest sites, it’s important that they take a few extra minutes and slow down. This will reduce the risk of owl-vehicle collisions.” The owls can be found in native or tame pasture that has been well grazed by



Young Burrowing Owl. BOYD COBURN

cattle, as this shorter grass allows them to spot predators. They can also be seen standing on or nearby the burrow, on nearby fence posts, or foraging in the ditches.

Slowing down while driving will not only help Burrowing Owls survive, but may also increase your chances of spotting this endangered bird! A few key features to remember when identifying a Burrowing Owl are their mottled brown and white feathers, round head, white ‘eyebrows’, and long featherless legs. Don’t be fooled by its small size – they are only about 9 inches tall (about the size of a Robin).

Nature Saskatchewan runs a voluntary stewardship program, Operation Burrowing Owl, and currently partners with 350 private land title holders and managers to help con-



Young Burrowing Owls at burrow. BOYD COBURN

serve habitat and monitor population numbers. Program participants are the eyes and ears and help us by recording sightings to help determine population trends and distribution of the Burrowing Owl throughout Saskatchewan. This information is helpful towards the conservation of these charismatic birds.

If you think you have spotted

a Burrowing Owl, please give a “hoot” by calling Nature Saskatchewan’s toll-free HOOT Line, 1-800-667-HOOT (4668) or email obo@naturesask.ca. “When you report a sighting you are playing a very important role in Burrowing Owl recovery. Every sighting is critical!” says Burrows. Caller information is kept confidential.



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Kerrobert's First Store

William Burton Sample first arrived on the location of what would soon be Kerrobert on May 4th, 1910. He had travelled from Lloydminster to explore the "new country" and the place that was then known as McKinnon.

His store was up and running by June 10th and was located in a tent, which took 3 days to set up. William would soon be able to afford the upgrade of a shack, and after the sale of lots on September 14th, 1910, he would build his permanent store on lots 4 and 5 of Atlantic Avenue.

William would run this department store until his death in 1949, and ownership was taken over by his son Ted. The store would remain in the family until 1969 when Inga and Carl Robinson took over and renamed it Robinson's Dept. Store. They ran this store until 1984, after which Alvin and Bev Dieno and Allen and Marilyn Henning took over until 1991 with Clothes Relations.

For a more in-depth history of the Sample family or tent town come down to the museum!



William Burton (W. B.) Sample

BOOK REVIEW

“Small Reckonings”

BY KARIN MELBERG SCHWIER

*Published by Shadowpaw Press Reprise
Review by Shelley A. Leedahl*

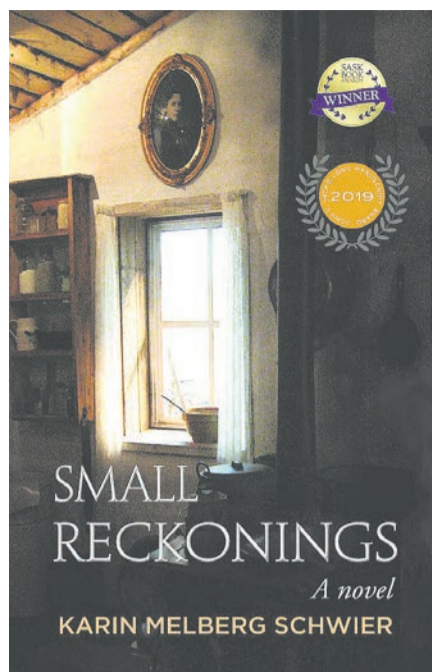
Sometimes a book is so phenomenal it goes into multiple printings, either with the original publisher or with a fresh publisher. Such is the case with Saskatoon author Karin Melberg Schwier's *Small Reckonings*, a Watrous, SK-based novel set between 1914 and 1936, and inspired by true events. I reviewed this book—for which the writer received a John V. Hicks Long Manuscript Award for Fiction—when it was first published by Burton House Books in 2020. A revised edition came out in 2021 with Copestone, and that same year it earned a Saskatchewan Book Award. This year, Shadowpaw Press Reprise has released the third edition. This story's got staying power.

I stand by what I claimed in my initial review: *Small Reckonings* deserves a huge audience. Kudos to the multi-genre writer, and to Regina publisher (and writer) Edward Willett for recognizing that many

well-written books deserve another chance to shine. Excerpts of my earlier review of this beautifully-crafted and highly enjoyable novel also get a reprise:

Melberg Schwier expertly creates individualized characters readers will care deeply about, including the central figure, Violet, who, at birth, looks like “a large pink spider,” and of whom the attending doctor says “There are places for these children.” Equally well-drawn are Violet's doting brother, John; kind neighbour, Hank; and the Ukrainian Yuzik family. The characters struggle through the Depression, and with the disparate lots they've been dealt.

I know Watrous well, thus it was especially fun reading the descriptions of this “boomtown”. Homesteader William boasts that “Watrous has wooden sidewalks now, and shops and a bakery. A very decent butcher. A poolroom and barbershop.” He says the mineral springs possess “healing powers, so say the Indians”. I can smell the “sweet scent of [Scandinavian] ro-



settes just pulled from hot oil,” and hear the “Uff da” exclamations. I easily see the “green apron with yellow rickrack,” and almost sneeze at the description of the schoolboy “banging erasers at arm's length on the bottom step, a cloud of chalk dust drifting away lazily in the afternoon heat”. I transported as I read about caragana seed pods “snapping and cracking” in the sunshine, and as the

lead siblings spoke of “anti-I-over” and “Simon Says”. The “forlorn autumn sound” of honking geese was like an echo.

This book succeeds because the writer's learned the difficult art of literary balance... as skilled as she is at penning descriptive scenes, they never slow the pacing of this taut novel. The book's structure is nuanced, and seemingly minor details—like a fishhook caught in an eye—have resonance. The characters are people we know or can easily imagine. Here's Hanusia, the raw Ukrainian midwife, upon the birth of John: “So quick first baby! Much hair. Strong boy, good for farm work. Your husband, he will be happy.” And the plot? Movie potential.

I read with pleasure that Melberg Schwier has a sequel in the works. I have high expectations for Inheriting Violet. Watch for news of its release at karinschwier.ca.

This book is available at your local bookstore or from the Saskatchewan Publishers Group www.skbooks.com



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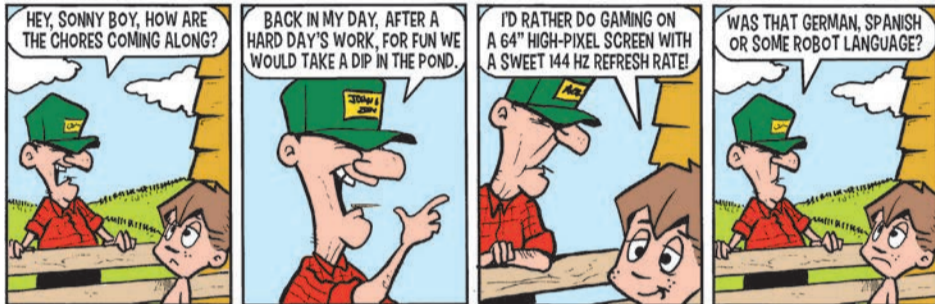


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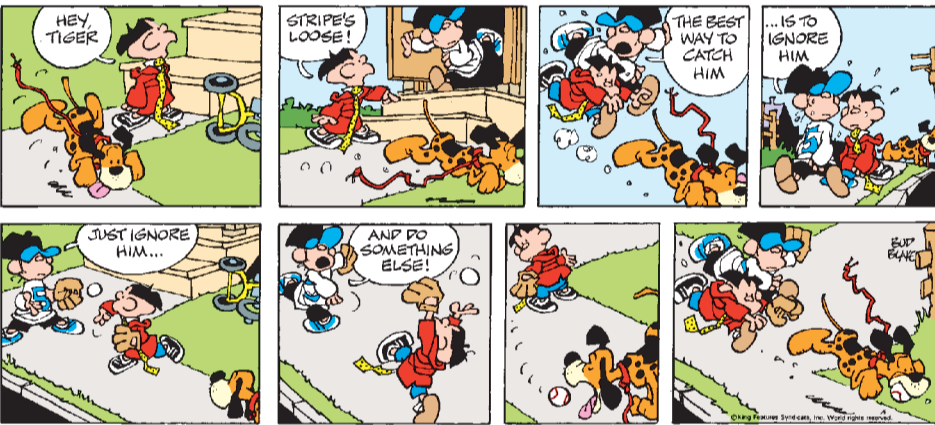
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. WEATHER: What is the name of the hot wind that blows from the Sahara Desert to the southern coast of Europe?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the condition of seeing human faces in random or ambiguous objects or patterns?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?
4. THEATER: Which Broadway play features a helicopter on stage?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude"?
6. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the ailment called epistaxis?
7. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy popularized the phrase "Yabba Dabba Do"?
8. MOVIES: What is the nickname that Steven Spielberg gave the mechanical shark in the movie "Jaws"?
9. HISTORY: When did the Boxer Rebellion take place in China?
10. MATH: Which number doesn't have a corresponding Roman numeral?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Sirocco; 2. Pareidolia; 3. Republic of Ireland; 4. "Miss Saigon"; 5. Gabriel Garcia Marquez; 6. Nosebleed; 7. "The Flintstones"; 8. Bruce; 9. 1900; 10. Zero.

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KERROBERT MAYOR'S REPORT

No shortage of things going on in Kerrobert



It has been a while since I last posted anything due to a very busy stretch at work and a lot of family obligations. I am finally getting the chance to sit down and take in some things that have happened over the past couple of months. There is no shortage of things going on in Kerrobert.

I want to start by welcoming back a group that Kerrobert has missed over the last several years. The Kinette Club. I had the privilege of being invited to the Charter Night for the newly established Kin Club of Kerrobert. Formerly known as the Kinette Club, which had disbanded many years ago and attempted a comeback not too long ago for a few years, then once again disbanded. This group has done many wonderful things in our community over the years, and the void was certainly felt when they were no longer around. This new group of ladies have already been busy planning and carrying out events for families to enjoy, such as setting up games in the park, swimming for kids, and following the fun up with a family barbecue.

The Kinsmen and Kinette clubs have been an integral part of Kerrobert for as long as I can remember. When I was young, it was a rule that your husband had to be a Kinsmen member if you wanted to join

the Kinette club. Time has certainly changed things, and now the two groups, in most cases throughout Canada, are known as the Kin Club, a combination of the Kinsmen and Kinette groups. Our local Kinsmen group is still running as The Kinsmen Club but will one day amalgamate with the newly formed Kin Club of Kerrobert. Welcome back, and we look forward to great things from your amazing group in the future.

The town has been going through some staff changes in our town office. We hired a new assistant Administrator after spending a few years with our CAO doing both the CAO and assistant administrator jobs. Ariel Murphy was hired last month, and we are very excited to have her join our team. It is great to have a young local person take on a job like this. Town council is proactive regarding succession planning, and if everything works out the way we believe it will, Ariel may one day be able to advance into the role of CAO. She has many years in front of her to settle in and learn all the ins and outs of the position. We wish her a very long career with the town of Kerrobert.

We are losing our recreation director Bobbi Hebron. After 8 years of fantastic work, Bobbi has decided to change careers and will be the new

librarian at the school in Kerrobert starting this fall. Bobbi is an amazing cheerleader when it comes to building up and promoting our community. I will miss her detailed articles that were always so informative and written so well. She did an amazing job making all our facilities great and setting the bar to a higher standard. I wish her much happiness in her new job, and I want to thank her for all her hard work over the past eight years. Well done!

We didn't have to search too far or for too long for someone to show interest in the position of recreation director. Marli Sheppard, who already works in our town office, expressed her interest in the recreation director position. Marli has been heavily involved in many different groups from our local Junior B hockey club, high school football, where she was one of the founding committees that raised funding for the new lights on the football field. Marli is also a member of the Wildlife Federation. These are just a few things she either was or is involved with. I honestly couldn't think of a better choice to continue with the excellence in our local recreation. Congratulations, Marli!

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Father Daniel Yasinski. Over the past eight years, Father

Dan has been an amazing addition to our Catholic Church as well as our community. I know he has been a steady force of faith for so many of us, especially when we lost people close to us. In my family in particular, we said goodbye to our Mother and my brother just a few weeks apart this past January, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. It was comforting to have Father Dan sit at their bedside, offering prayer and friendship. Beyond Kerrobert, many people from near and very far away tuned in to watch live stream mass, and we can't forget coffee talk. I hope Father Dan continues to do these things so that we can keep tuning in from time to time. The community held a special going away barbeque at the park for Father Dan at the beginning of July, which saw members of Kerrobert, and several surrounding parishes come out to wish him well as he gets ready for a new chapter in Saskatoon. Thank you, Father Dan, for everything you did for our community. Keep curling and keep cheering on those Roughriders.

We will cheer you on as you have done for all of us.

Mayor Wayne Mock

...Director of recreation

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tions," Bobbi explained.

When asked what she considered the most challenging part of her job, Bobbi responded, "Building relationships so we could be successful. Those relationships helped make so many projects and events happen." She listed the projects, which included shale on all three ball diamonds, renovation of the arena lobby, Art Gallery and pool grounds, new park equipment, a successful booth, the library's move to the courthouse, the arena's 75th celebration and the Canada Day 150 celebration, movie nights, and Harvest Festival. Bobbi said there were many additional achievements that didn't make the news but were equally important.

Those are accomplishments the entire community can be proud of, but according to Bobbi, there's always more that needs to be done. "There

is never enough time to complete the jobs that I wanted to get done," she concluded. "But with everyone working together, we could work away at bettering another corner of our community."

As Bobbi steps aside, Marli Shepherd has stepped forward to fill her shoes as Recreation Director. "I think each facility and season will bring new excitement and challenges that I'm looking forward to," Marli said.

She's looking forward to the upcoming Harvest Festival and has some new ideas and plans that she would like to get in place for this hockey season. "I'm really trying to take it all in while Bobbi is still here," she said.

As the community bids farewell to Bobbi and thanks her for her time and devotion, they also welcome Marli and look forward to the excitement and energy she will contribute.

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OBITUARIES

John Thomas Nakonechny

John Thomas Nakonechny passed away on July 1, 2023 at the Biggar and District Long Term Care Facility at the age of 92 years. John was born on November 21, 1930 to Konrad and Anastasia Nakonechny in Dodsland SK.

On November 8, 1952 John married Doryne Margaret Kilback. They farmed and resided on the former Claude Robinson farm southwest of Ruthilda until after Doryne's passing when John moved to Biggar in 2017.

John is survived by two sons: Darryl Nakonechny (Elaine) and their daughter Kira Martindale (Pat and their daughters Reese and Sydney) of Lethbridge, AB and son Kevin Nakonechny (Kendal and their son Brighton) of Calgary, AB; and Murray Nakonechny and his son Jason Nakonechny (Lea and their son Brady) of Dodsland and his daughter Jennifer Nakonechny of Saskatoon, SK.



He is also survived by two sisters-in-law: Vi Kilback of Nanaimo, BC and Helen Kilback of Burnaby, BC, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

John was predeceased by his wife of 64 years Doryne, an infant son, daughter-in-law Myrna Nakonechny, his parents, Konrad and Anastasia, brother Peter, sister Mary, parent-in-laws Valentine and Margaret Kilback, brothers-in-law Ken Jewell, Norman, Harold, Jim, Don, Morgan, Walter and Gordon Kilback, sisters-in-law Joyce Nakonechny, Eileen, Laura and Joyce Kilback and half sister-in-law Annie Stratillo.

John grew up on a farm south of Plenty until 1943 when he moved with his family to the Myles McMillan farm six miles southwest of Ruthilda. He attended school at Garvagh, Glengarry Plains and Ruthilda.

John actively participated in baseball, hockey and curling. He was an exceptional pitcher and played on teams from Ruthilda and Plenty. He also enjoyed watching sports, in particular his teams the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Blue Jays.

His love of gardening resulted in more produce than they could use and was happy to share the extra with others. In addition he had a beautiful yard with many flower beds and containers which kept him busy with watering during the sometimes hot and dry summer months.

He loved to fish and hunt and made numerous fishing trips to northern Saskatchewan. Hunting waterfowl resulted in lifelong friendships with hunters from Minnesota.

John enjoyed being active in the community and served on the advisory committee of the local Saskatchewan Wheat Pool at Downe siding. In addition, he always helped out at the yearly Ruthilda sports day.

John will be remembered as a welcoming and caring person, who enjoyed visits with family and friends. Details for the celebration of John's life will be announced at a later date. Tributes for John may be directed to The Canadian Cancer Society or The Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan. Arrangements entrusted to Gerein Funeral Service.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Bateman

Born: February, 1930

Died: July, 2023

Mom passed away July 7, 2023 at the Kerrobert Health Centre, where she was treated with exemplary loving care. Mom was predeceased by her husband Ken Bateman, her mother and father (Olive & Clinton Smith, Perdue), dad's parents (Myrtle & Dan Bateman, Kelfield), and her sister-in-law's families, (Fred & Laureen Summach & Doug & Myrna Rasmussen) and her good friend, Faith Weese. She is survived by her kids Barry, and Dianne (husband Gord) and family, granddaughters Candice & Ashley, great grandson Billy, several nieces born Summach (Colleen, Cheryl, Shawna, Candy, and Marnie) & Rasmussen (Lynn & Al).



Mom came to Kelfield after Normal School for her first job as teacher where she met and married dad, her longest as farm wife, a decade as school bus driver, and occasional post mistress helper. Mom was independent and deeply valued her friendships. She was able to drive and look after herself until she was over 90!

A memorial was held at 2 pm, July 22, 2023 at the Kelfield Community Hall.

Ardyth Wendy Wilson

Ardyth Wendy Wilson passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by family.



Ardyth lived a beautifully chaotic life, full of friends, fellowship, love and travel. Ardyth had a number of successful careers, but her compassion and heart for helping others led her to founding Leipzig Serenity Retreat where she helped hundreds of people heal from addiction.

Ardyth shared her life with many people. She was known for being a gypsy and made her home in many communities. Ardyth will be remembered for being passionate, adventurous, committed, headstrong, determined, and ambitious. Her love of her family was evident, and towards her end, she was proud that her two daughters took over her life's work of helping others by running Prairie Sky Recovery Centre.

She is predeceased by her parents and siblings and is survived by her two daughters, their husbands, her many beautiful grandchildren and her first husband, Larry.

A celebration of life for Ardyth will be held on the grounds of Prairie Sky Recovery Centre on July 29, 2023 at 2:00PM. All are welcome. Arrangements entrusted to Gerein Funeral Service.

Sharon Marie Lecuyer

1945 - 2023

Sharon is lovingly remembered by her children: Ryan (Jen) Lecuyer and Angela Simpson; Granddaughters Bailey (Nic) Simpson, Cheyenne Lecuyer, Autumn Lecuyer and Piper Simpson; sister Carol (Don) Dillabaugh; son in law Shaun Simpson and numerous family and friends.



Sharon is predeceased by her loving husband Eugene; father and mother Ken and Maudie Smith, mother-in-law Minnie Lecuyer, nephew Jim Dillabaugh.

A graveside service was held in Kindersley, SK on Saturday, July 22nd followed by a luncheon at the Canalta Hotel.

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Jean Thornton

June 10, 1931 - July 4, 2023

Born on June 10, 1931, in Myrnam, Alberta to Mary and Harry Ferbey, she was the sixth of eight children. Due to hard times, she went into an orphanage in Edmonton, Alberta at the age of just two years old. She was adopted by Jerome and Emelia Keller in December of 1939 and moved to her new home on a farm near Compeer, Alberta.

Jean attended school at Compeer where she rode her best horse Trigger to school every day. Upon completion of school, she gained employment teaching correspondence at the Farming Valley, Upland, and Naco schools. She then moved to Consort and worked in the restaurant where she met Ralph Thornton in the summer of 1953. They married on June 29, 1954, and then resided in their first 4 room house on the farm near Sedalia Alberta, they built a new house on the same plot of land where she resided until moving into the Oyen Lodge in 2018. They quickly welcomed their first child Lorrie followed by Ralph, Dallas, Tracy, and Tanice.

Mom was always knitting, cooking, or cleaning, usually with a cigarette hanging out of her mouth. She was well known for her famous perogies and was scolded by her grandsons if she ever forgot them at a holiday supper. She loved to follow Ralph around the world watching him play hockey; she particularly enjoyed Japan. She did not, however, like it when someone hurt Ralph on the ice and can be remembered hitting players with her purse a time or two. She was a huge fan of all sports, there was not a hockey night in Canada she missed as I am sure the neighbours could hear as she yelled at the screen. She has gone to her grave with the secret of whether she was a true Oilers or Flames fan.

Family was by far her greatest accomplishment; family gatherings were the highlight of her life. Not a holiday ever went by when her house was not full of laughter and food. Her home was always welcoming to all visitors, and you were guaranteed to leave with a full stomach and a caffeine high. As technology evolved, she was so excited to join the world of Facebook where she could see friends and family new and old, there she learned the new skill of facetimeing and as long as she had a way to communicate with her family, she was happy.

Jean was well known at all the local craft shows for her beautiful, knitted sweaters and as she aged, and her eyesight started to fail, reading the patterns was no longer possible so she would knit small blankets and toques for the NICU as well as special items for the kids at the New Brigden School. She was a shopaholic and was probably Avon's #1 customer. A trip to Medicine Hat was never complete without a vehicle full of wool and chocolate bars. Then trying to sneak it into the house into the secret hiding spots before Papa got home from the field (usually with a bouquet of wildflowers) sometimes presented a challenge.

Jean was 92 years old but if you asked her, she was working on her 93rd year at the time

of her passing. She was an amazing wife, mother, daughter, sister, auntie, grandmother, and great Granny Goose as her great grandchildren affectionately nicknamed her.

She will be missed not only for the way she made everyone feel welcomed and loved, but also for her infectious and sometimes inappropriate sense of humour. She told us her goal at the Lodge was to leave every resident she encountered during the day with a smile, and I can guarantee she did just that. She was a woman of strong faith but quietly practiced her Catholic faith in her home never missing her nighttime prayers and always making the sign of the cross as she passed any cemetery on her travels, a trait that has been passed down too many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Daughter Lorrie (Nelson) Tye, Son Ralph (Michele) Thornton, Daughter Tracy (Shawn) Nunweiler, Daughter Tanice Thornton and Son in Law Pat (Kay) Craney. Her Grandchildren: Riley (Savanna and children Quade, Keller, and Cabrie), Branden (Lauren), Quinten (children Keilan, Sloane, and Griffen). Kendall (Diana), Garret (Andrea and children Braxton, Paisley, and Kiptyn), Aaron (Karen Ann and children Talen, Kailyn, Georgia, and Lily), as well as their mother Vickie Christianson. Carley (Josh) Faba, and Tanner (Brienne) Thornton. Sayler (Dustin and children Madison, Emily, Rylan, and Owen) Steinke, Eboney (Ryan and daughter Monroe), and Katlin (Angel and daughter Thea). Alex Neill (daughter Emily), and Dana Neill (children Bentley and Brezlyn). Tyson (son Beckett), and April (Jackson and son Duncan) Giroux. As well as sisters-in-law Jean Skeich, Shirley Sortland and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was welcomed with open arms as she crossed over by her loving husband Ralph, daughter Dallas Craney, as well as great grandsons Elijah and Noah. Her siblings Nick, Anne (Metro) Hruschak, Kay (Urban) Knabel, Dorothy (Andy) McGaughey, Marie (Albert) Schedlosky, Bill (Tillie) Ferbey, Otto Skeich and sisters-in-law Elaine (Henry) Durksen, Eileen Carless, and brother-in-law Don Sortland.

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EATONIA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

• Sunday in the Park 2:00-4:00 PM. Lemonade, Watermelon, Snow Cones and Open Mic Talent Show. If you wish to share call Sharon at 306-460-5267.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

• Eatonia Library Board presents: Murder Mystery Roast Beef Dinner. 19+ event. SAVE THE DATE!

ESTON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

• Eston Riverside Regional Park Eston Kidsport Golf Tournament. Registration 306-962-3845 (Clubhouse) or if you wish to donate a silent auction item or make a donation to KidSport, please contact Garrett Turner at 306-962-7748.

NOVEMBER 18

• MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Prairie West Historical Society's annual Christmas in November.

* 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 Reburn Field May 7 - August 6. \$50 registration.

* Town Council meetings will be June 13th & 27th.

* BBQ Saturdays at Eston Museum from June 17 to August 26. Two exceptions (July 8 and August 5 will be at Wheatland Centre (Plus 50). On BBQ Saturdays at the Museum, tgere will be 6 Marketplace tables available for use. No charge. Contact Shari at 306-430-8730 for details.

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.

KERROBERT

FRIDAY, JULY 28

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

AUGUST 3

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

• Kerrobert Library presents Danny Kazam and his Young Wizards Day Camp 1:00-4:00 PM. This is for ages 6-12 with a magic show at 3:30 open to the public. Preregistration is required for the camp. Register

by contacting Kerrobert.library@wheatland.sk.ca

• Paiting with Joy at the Vintage Market Place 6:00-9:00 PM. Detailed instruction for Beginner to intermediate painters. Using acrylic paints, we will turn a blank canvas into a beautiful Iris Flower painting. For info or RSVP: 639-679-0115.

* Storytime at the Kerrobert Library the first and third Thursday of every month at 10:30 AM.

* Anne Nordstrom "Africa and Abstracts" A collection of acrylic paintings influenced by the colour and light of Africa 7:00 PM at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery. Exhibition runs until August 31.

KINDERSLEY

TUESDAY, JULY 25

• Kindersley Library Branch: Let's learn about Indigenous Culture: Drum Storytime and Craft for 0-5 years.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

• West Central Crisis and Family Support Centre Annual General Meeting 7:00 PM Morgotch Law Board Room. Includes Auditor's Report and Bylaw Revisions. Public welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

• Kindersley Library Branch: Teen Zone Mental Health First Aid Kit

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

• Kindersley Library Branch: 10:30 AM Go Filipino: Philippines Flag Storytime and Craft for 0-5 years.

• Kindersley Library Branch: 2:30 PM Go Filipino: Philippines Flag Youth Craft for 6-11 years.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

• Kindersley Library Branch: 2:00-3:30 PM Bluey Book Party at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

• 2nd Annual Fashion Show at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum. Interested in modelling? Please call Kerry or Jordyn at 306-463-6620.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

• PaintNite 2:00 PM Boston Pizza. Join us for a fun time! Enjoy good food and drinks while unleashing your inner artist!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

• Kindersley Library Branch: 10:30 AM Go Filipino: Foods of the Philippines Storytime & Craft 0-5 years.

• Kindersley Library Branch: Go Filipino: Kite Making Youth Craft for 6-11 years

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

• Kindersley Library Branch: Go Filipino: Jeepny Storytime & Craft 0-5 years.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

• Kindersley Library Branch: Go! Science with the SK Science Centre at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

• Kindersley Library Branch: Teen Zone Bad Art Night **SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

• Kindersley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

• Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Teacher at Westberry Elementary School 5:00 PM. \$5 Hamburger, Chips & Pop. BBQ by Kindersley Klippers. Drop off your school supplies.

SEPTEMBER 21-24

• Goose Festival Days!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

• Donations wanted for United Church Garage Sale. Open 9:00 to 4:00. No clothes please. Can bring items anytime over summer. Arrange drop-off with Church Office or Mary. For more information: 306-463-6508 or 306-463-7450.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

• Kindersley and District Arts Council presents Kinjo & Young at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre.

* Parkinson's Support Group Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month 2:00 PM at the Kindersley Hospital. Everyone is welcome! For more info call Nancy at 306-463-4514.

* 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.

* 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.

* PickleBall is at the outdoor court next to the West Central Events Centre every Monday & Wednesday 6:30 PM. \$50 per season or \$5 drop in. More info call 306-460-8356.

LIEBENTHAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 (please note date change)

• 2nd Annual Bavarian German Supper at the Liebenthal Hall. Advance tickets only. Adults \$20. Under 12 - \$10. Call Cheryl 306-662-7368, Joan 306-661-8075, Gerald 306-628-7677.

LUSELAND

• The Luseland and Districts Museum is open this summer every Saturday from 1:30 to 4:00 and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00. Stop in to explore our museum and check out our exciting new displays including aerial views of Luseland from 1910 to the present and the history of country schools.

SMILEY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

• Smiley Fowl Supper

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

• Smiley Ladies Fashion Show

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