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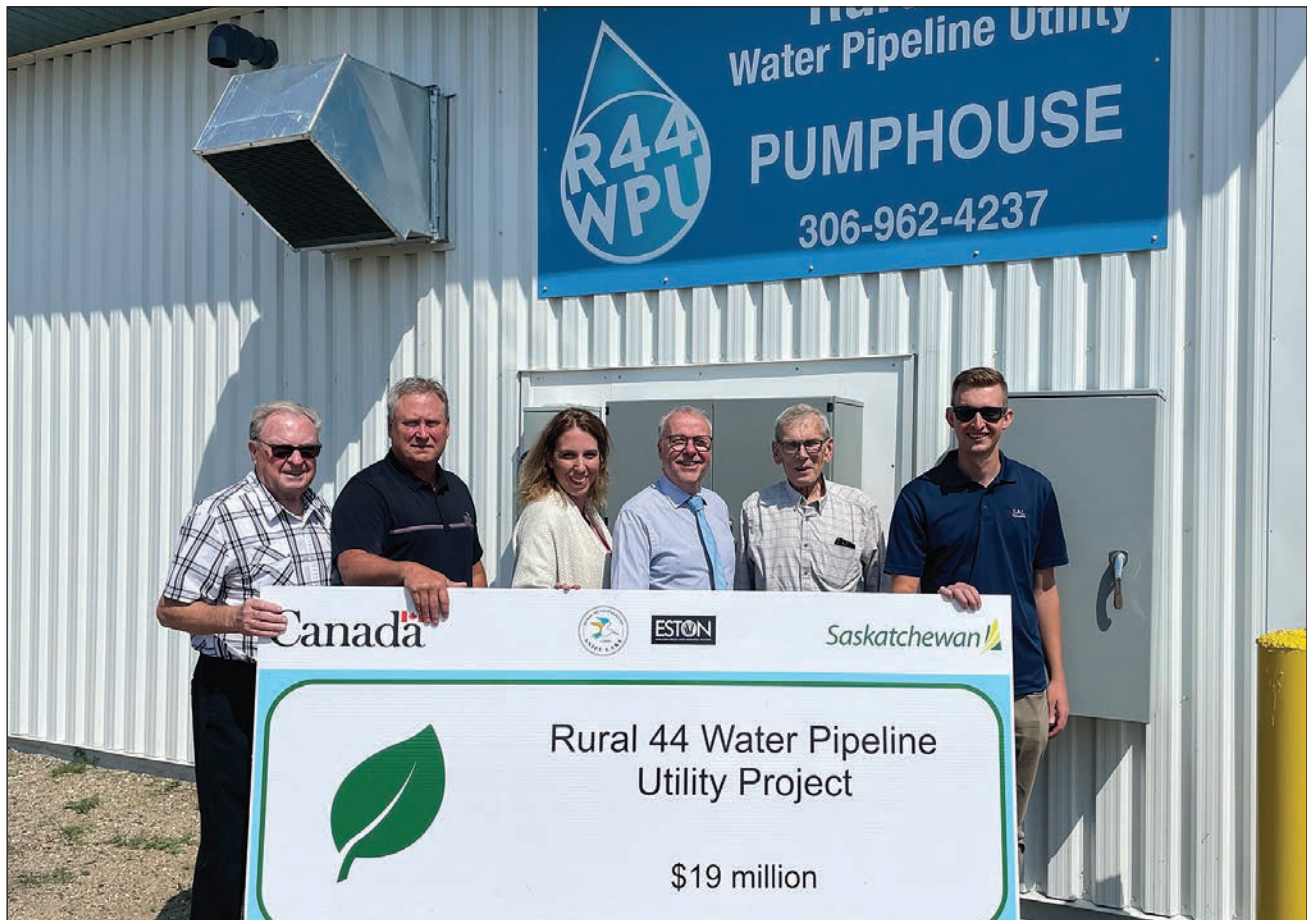
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### Eston celebrates Rural 44 Water Pipeline Utility Project

BY JOAN JANZEN  
Your Southwest Media Group

The Rural 44 Water Pipeline Utility showcased its more than \$18 million infrastructure project in Eston on Wednesday, June 28th. The project involved installing nearly 300 km of distribution pipe and twinning a portion of the EK raw water line.

It also involved up-

grading the Town of Eston's water treatment plant and the building of the Rural 44 Water Pipeline Utility Pumphouse. The community was invited to have a look at both projects Wednesday afternoon.

The project was the combined effort of the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, Rural 44 Water Pipeline Utility subscribers, the RM of Snipe Lake No. 259 and the Town of Eston. The first subscribers were connected to the distribution line on May 1st, 2023. Tollifson Cable Services continued working to complete the rest of the subscriber connections to deliver potable water to the RM of Snipe Lake and surrounding areas.

Bill Owens, Reeve of the RM of Snipe Lake, read greetings on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities.

MLA Ken Francis attended on behalf of Pre-

mier Scott Moe, Government Relations Minister Don McMorris and the Government of Saskatchewan. He noted this was "arguably the most complex rural water system in the province" and thanked the subscribers, RM of Snipe Lake and the Town of Eston, for their diligence and vision.

The celebration of the completion of the rural water pipeline included door prizes and cake for everyone who toured the facilities.

Ken Francis encouraged all who attended,

saying, "You should all be proud of your achievement and celebrate your hard work."

PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN: Bill Owens, Reeve of the RM of Snipe Lake, MLA Ken Francis, Lisa Oakland - Project Liaison, Brian Shauf - Administrator RM of Snipe Lake, Bob Mullock - Councilor/Town of Eston and Nick Neufeld stand in front of the new Rural 44 Water Pipeline Utility Pumphouse, on the occasion of the open house.

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# Doreen Gronning is unstoppable

BY JOAN JANZEN  
Your Southwest Media Group



One of the most recent residents who has made Caleb Village her home is Doreen Gronning. Before moving to Caleb, she had lived in her home in Kindersley for sixty-four years. Enjoying independence is appreciated by all seniors, but even more so by Doreen, who lost her sight almost five decades ago.

Doreen was born in 1938 at Tuprose, Saskatchewan, a town which no longer exists. It was located six miles from Kyle, Sask. Doreen, her parents, brother, and sister lived on a grain farm in that community.

Her parents were originally from Norway, and her father suffered from Tuberculosis. He had built a new house but passed away a year later in 1947. "He only got to enjoy it for a year," Doreen said. "Mom decided to move to Saskatoon and rented out the farm." Doreen and her siblings had attended school at Tuprose, but the school closed down after they left.

"My mom had a hard time," Doreen said. "I praise my mom for making ends meet the way she did. She would take in four to ten boarders. And we all had a good education so we could be independent."

When she was in Grade 10, Doreen met her future husband. "He was going to Kelsey to be a mechanic and was living at my cousin's home," she explained.

She graduated from high school in Saskatoon, and the young couple got engaged at Christmas that year. "I went to secretarial school, and we got married in the summer of 1958," she said.

Doreen's husband worked at Keller and Cameron in Kindersley for many years, and their first daughter was born in 1959. Due to injuries sustained in a fall, she

suffered from numerous daily seizures and sadly passed away two weeks before her thirtieth birthday. The couple had three more daughters born in 1961, 1964 and 1973.

In 1974, Doreen's life changed drastically. There was a lot of snow that year, she explained. Doreen took her oldest daughter to a doctor's appointment in Saskatoon; her other daughters also came along. The visibility was poor on the drive home.

"I told my mom I'd phone her when I got to Rosetown, but she never got the call," Doreen said. "There was a bad accident, and a semi-trailer was on my side of the road, and I ran into it." It took rescue personnel an hour and a half to cut her out of the vehicle.

Two of her daughters were hospitalized for ten days, and Doreen was hospitalized for three months. After losing her sight, she was nervous about how her children would react, but they all adjusted quite well.

"I was a Kinette at the time, and they would have my family over for supper once a week. Meals on Wheels were delivered after I got

home," she explained. "Living in a small community, everyone was there to help."

And there was additional help available for Doreen. She felt blessed to take a two-month-long adjustment training program with CNIB in Saskatoon. "They trained me to do things I thought would be impossible to do," she said. Doreen was then able to begin cleaning, cooking and washing clothes for her young family.

Not only did she enjoy gaining independence while working at home, but Doreen also enjoyed holidays with her family. "We went camping every weekend, sometimes at Cutbank," she said.

Sometime after her accident, she was paired up with a seeing eye dog. "It was awesome to have the freedom and independence, and I was glad I had that opportunity," she said.

After her canine companion passed away, Doreen travelled to BC to meet her next seeing-eye dog. Both dogs lived to the age of 14 years.

"You get really attached, so it's hard when they go," she said. Her cat was also very close to the

dog and always slept next to the dog's bed.

Doreen's circumstances may have changed, but she once reminded her peers at a Kinsmen function, "I'm still me." And Doreen wanted to get a job and wasn't going to let her circumstances stop her.

She enrolled in a Reflexology course along with her 14-year-old daughter. "It was a short course," she explained. "I didn't think people would come see me."

But people of all ages from many different locations came to see Doreen at her Reflexology clinic. "It helped with many different health issues. I carried on reflexology until my health deteriorated," she said.

Doreen's life-long partner tragically died at the age of 72. Now Doreen has four grandchildren, one of whom was born on her birthday.

Not only did Doreen benefit from everything CNIB offered, but she contributed to the organization as well. "I was head of a CNIB support group for 30 years. We met once a month and would have speakers come in to encourage people," she said.

After moving to Caleb, Doreen fell and injured her hip. But in her typical determined manner, she faithfully continues her daily exercise program after undergoing surgery. Doreen also enjoys playing cards with her friends at Caleb. "Everyone is so friendly here," she noted.

Doreen attributes her long and happy life to more than simply her determination. "I feel it's important to always have a positive outlook on life, because then you can do things," she said. "And I really believe in God. Without my faith, I don't know where I'd be."

It was a pleasure to meet you, Doreen. You truly are unstoppable.

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## Revery

BY MADONNA HAMEL  
Your Southwest Media Group



“To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee/One clover, and a bee.

And revery./The revery alone will do, /If bees are few.”

You may recognize this poem by Emily Dickinson. I have long been tickled by it. And yet, the more I think about it, the more I realize that revery arises because of bees and prairies and clover. And a Northern Harrier hawk flying low over you to say: stay away from my nest, you human pest! Also: blooming cacti and a muskrat spotting swimming just beneath the surface of Frenchman River. A meadowlark alone will make a prairie. That is to say: the critters and plants come first, then revery, mystery, transcendence and giddy sweet bliss.

My pal Avril left yesterday for Toronto where she works on film sets. I will miss her prod-

ding me out to wander the hills and the grasslands at every sundown. We have a routine - no talking until we get home. Unless, of course, it's to point out a critter one of us might not have spotted. But no need to state the obvious out loud every two minutes: “Wow! It's so beautiful. The light is so golden! I love the sound of the Night Hawk!” Just walk in silence and immerse oneself in that immediate experience of nature that has thrown humans into a fever-pitch of mystic merging with creatures ever since two-legged first prowled the Earth.

On Sunday, Avril went off on a guided lizard count while I decided to hunt for spectacular cactus blooms. Edging along the banks of the Frenchman River, I came across a bouquet of pink, peach and yellow blossoms atop a healthy clutch of spiked prickly pairs tipping precariously toward the water. The sight of them made me

squeal with glee. Below me an underwater creature mysteriously maneuvered its way down river, popping up every once in awhile, unpredictably. That moment filled me with a sense of reverence and awe that felt ancient, essential and uniquely connected to nature. That is to say: no toy, no video game, no fast car nor new dress, not even a new boyfriend or a grand prize announcement has ever filled my being with such a profound, if subtle, sense of wonder, transcending the mundane worries of a workaday world.

I told Avril this, then followed it with a regret that so many kids don't ever get to experience that thrill. “Maybe they don't even care to,” suggested Avril. “Not all kids are into critters like we are.” Is nature just a preference? Like a hobby? I can trust Avril to keep me somewhat grounded in my speculations and not get too “woo-woo” about my belief that nature is necessary for the soul. But without it, we forget that we are nature too, not apart from it. And, come to think of it, isn't it a love of nature that keeps her grounded?

I think, like Robin Wall Kimmerer, expert in mosses, and ant expert E.O. Wilson, that we all have a deep longing for connection with nature. It's an innate “love for living things.” And it's true, the sensation that

comes over me when I walk on 70 Mile Butte is so ineffable, yet intense, that I would equate it with the function of memory. Kimmerer says: “It's as if people remember in some kind of early, ancestral place within them. They're remembering what it might be like to live somewhere you felt companionship with the living world, not estrangement.”

Today's kids tend to spend more time immersed in video games and Tie Tok than in the magic of places like Grasslands National Park, and it means they pay attention to other things, prioritize according to different impulses. “It worries me,” says Kimmerer, “that kids can identify a hundred different corporate logos but not even ten plants.” A dad from Toronto who was camping in Grasslands, relayed to me his similar concern and his reason for bringing them to this Dark Sky Preserve: “My kids thought there were, like, four stars in the sky.”

One of my favourite writers and theologians is Marcus Borg. In a talk on mysticism, he points out that most of the mystical encounters with the divine in Christian tradition occurred outdoors - on the shores of seas, in fields, under starry skies. And the Buddha found enlightenment under a tree, not in the mall. Mary only shows up in groves and fields (and usually to children and the poor, by the way). Recent changes in human history like machine noises, and light pollution, have made encounters with mystery less likely, suggests Borg. I am happy to report that I wake to the racket of birds at 3:30 in the morning. That the sky at night still staggers me backward when I look up and lose myself.

But you don't have to be a poet or theologian to appreciate the mystic and the mystery of nature. The author and physicist Alan Lightman, in his new book *The Transcendent Brain*, describes himself as a materialist, “a scientist with a scientist's brain.”

“Everything is made of atoms and molecules and nothing more,” he writes. And yet he does have transcendent experiences that are inexplicable. Try as he might to explain them.

He opens his book with a story about two ospreys nesting across from his porch in Maine. When the day came for them to take flight, they headed straight for his porch. “My immediate impulse was to run for cover,” he wrote, “since the birds could have ripped my face off. But something held me to my ground.” They flew close, then veered upwards at the last second. And in that split-second, the two species made eye contact. “I was shaking and in tears. I don't know what happened in that half-second.” Maybe that's the beauty of mystery. We can't know. There's no formula. We aren't meant to know but to revere. To welcome revery.

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# Check It Out



## Guard against apathy

I read somewhere that a politician is a person who will lay down your life for their country. It's meant to be funny, but it may be why Franco Terrazzano from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation stresses the importance of citizen engagement.

While speaking with Faytene Grasseschi, Franco said, "I know things are tough, but the number one thing we have to guard against is apathy. We can't be so pessimistic that we don't take action. If we want change we have to stay in the game and keep the pressure on."

He gave the example of the recent election in Alberta, where taxes were a huge issue, since the NDP wanted to increase business taxes. On the flip side, the United Conservatives wanted to cut income taxes.

However Franco said the biggest issue, was wanting to expand the Taxpayer Protection Act in Alberta, so any future government couldn't increase taxes unless a referendum was held beforehand.

"That is fantastic protection that all taxpayers across the nation need," he said. "This is the strongest protections act in Canada by miles."

He said Alberta also has some rules around balancing the budget, limiting future government spending, and debt repayment. "We could use these in other provinces. We should be talking to our premiers and MLA's, saying these are common sense policies that can protect taxpayers," Franco advised.

While some people push back, claiming reducing taxes will result in reduced public services, Franco said the

problem citizens should be concerned about is government wasting too much money.

"We should be pushing more to cut the waste," he advised. Government MPs get pay raise after pay raise, he noted. "Then there's corporate welfare. The federal government handed out \$13 billion to Volkswagen, for a cost of \$4 million per job. The reason you're paying so much tax is because they're wasting too much of your money."

Canada Day will usher in a second carbon tax, which is said to be for the sake of the environment. However Franco said even if the government brought all our industries to a screeching halt, it would do almost nothing for the global environment. "In fact it would be worse, because those industries will be forced to go to places with less environmental concern," he added.

"Canada makes up less than two percent of global emissions. The whole point of the carbon tax is to increase the cost of gas and make it more expensive to heat your homes," he said. "But some good news is I think more people are waking up to this. Sometimes I do feel like I'm banging my head against the wall. But the only way to stop this is to stay engaged. You have to participate, and you have to continue to call or email your Members of Parliament."

Faytene Grasseschi also spoke with Doug Sharpe of the National Leadership Briefing. He explained that what makes parties better is when citizens engage from within the party and participate in forming policy and making the party less flawed.

Faytene resides in New Brunswick

where the premier is facing backlash for new legislation stating children under the age of 15 need to get parental consent if they want to change their names or pronouns. The backlash is coming primarily from media and politicians, but not from parents.

Vassy Kapelos from Power Play spoke to the premier of New Brunswick. Vassy pointed out critics say this is the premier's personal agenda rather than a government policy. Critics also say the policy will negatively impact kids and is causing division within the party. She also noted there were only three complaints regarding the previous policy.

Premier Blaine Higgs explained, saying the former policy came in quietly and parents were unaware. But when they became aware, they felt left out, and there was a situation where there wasn't a plan to include parents.

"We are getting overwhelming support from parents who want to be part of their child's experiences," PM Higgs said. He added that if a child has a difficult home life, we should be aware of that, but the goal is to bring parents back into the equation, while being cognizant of the needs of the child.

A June 14 article by Sabrina Maddeaux in the National Post, addressed the topic of this new legislation. She noted Prime Minister Trudeau accused those who are concerned about parental rights of endorsing cruelty.

"It's not unreasonable that parents are upset that schools now treat them

as inherent risks to their kids, when the reality is most support and love them unconditionally," Sabrina pointed out.

Personally, I've seen that unconditional love played out over and over again. Parents who sold their belongings in order to pay for their child's medical expenses. Parents who worked full time, but took on another part-time job so their children could participate in the sports they loved. Parents who spent months and years in hospitals and Ronald MacDonald House waiting for their child to receive a transplant. Parents who considered it a privilege to be the lifetime caregiver for their handicapped child, and never ever complained. Parents who raised their grandchildren while their parents struggled with addictions. Parents who spent a minimum of two hours every evening tutoring their child who had a learning disability.

All those examples don't sound like parents who present a risk to their children. Children desperately need unconditional love, and it doesn't come from politicians, media, teachers, therapists or even peers. It comes from parents, most of whom are willing to lay down their life for their children.

Doug Sharpe encouraged parents to accept that they are the primary caregivers and the primary persons dealing with the education of their children. "Don't let anybody else tell you differently. That's a reality you can stand on as a parent," he said.

## Kerpan endorses nomination of Randy Weekes

BY JOAN JANZEN  
Your Southwest Media Group

MLA Randy Weekes held a come and go coffee party at Kindersley on Monday afternoon, June 26th at the Kindersley Inn. He introduced the guest speaker, Allan Kerpan, a former MP, MLA and co-chair of the Economic Autonomy Committee.

Kerpan shared his perspective regarding the well-being of our province. He said he considered the Saskatchewan First Act the single most important thing that's been done in this province.

"We're starting to take control over our own destiny, something I've looked for, for a long time," he noted.

He described the upcoming election in the fall of 2024 as the most important election we ever had. He also warned that "governments defeat themselves by

complacency."  
"We need candidates who are strong, to become our MLAs. That's why I'm here today to endorse the nomination of Randy Weekes," he announced.



Allan Kerpan officially endorsed the nomination of Randy Weekes at a meeting in Kindersley on June 26.

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Do you recognize any of these Leader Composite School graduates from the class of 1983? The class held their 40th school reunion on the June 17th weekend at Leader. All those who attended agreed that they should hold their reunions more often - at least every five years, rather than every 40 years.

Photo 1: Back row: Darren Dirk, Doug Schmunk, Lyndon Wenzel, Wanda Scott, Jillian Crump, Carol Hudec, Darren Martin. Front row: Jackie Nagel, Dixie Deering, Harriet Ehnisz, Doreen Miller, Jackie Eirich.



Photo 2: Back row l-r: Albert Heck, Darren Dirk, Jackie Dirk, Elaine Kales Enns, Wanda Scott. Middle row: Douglas Schmunk, Cheryl Robinson (Wenzel), Karen Fogen, Lyndon Wenzel, Doreen Miller (Fitterer). Front row: Carol Sackville (Hudec), Dixie Deering Smith.

## APAS: One-sided grain contracts need to change

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is asking the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to weigh in on contract protections after the recent \$60 million dollar loss Saskatchewan farmers are absorbing due to the unilateral contract cancellation of a buyer.

"This is the second massive financial loss for Saskatchewan farmers resulting from contract fallouts in just the last three years," APAS President Ian Boxall said. "When farmers experienced drought and couldn't deliver product, they had to pay hundreds of millions on buy-out costs, admin fees, and legal costs. And now, when a buyer backs out of the contracts, farmers pay again. This needs to change."

In 2021, APAS surveyed producers, in which 75% of respondents reported difficulties fulfilling the grain contracts. Respondents reported various discrepancies in how these shortfalls were handled, with some having to pay interest of 19% on replacement costs and administrative fees. A further 25% of those who were short could not get in touch with the grain buyers during the growing season to discuss buy-out and cancellation terms.

In 2022, APAS and SaskCrops (which includes SaskOats, SaskWheat, SaskCanola, SaskFlax, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, and SaskBarley) commissioned the Producer Contract Review undertaken by Mercantile Consulting Ventures Inc., which analyzed areas of concern with contracts and identified alternatives to help bring greater balance and predictability to grain contracts.

"It seems that grain contracts are very one-sided and actually represent a fairly significant financial risk to producers," Boxall added. "Producers can incur additional costs when contracts are canceled by buyers, such as added trucking and storage costs and foregone market opportunities. As we have often pointed out, Canada seems to be an outlier in its lack of clear and consistent terms governing grain contracts."

"The nature of farming inherently involves a lot of risk and uncertainty. The lack of clarity and balance in these contracts unnecessarily adds to this risk," Boxall said. "At the end of the day, making business transactions more transparent and predictable benefits everyone in the supply chain. It's time to find a solution to this long-standing problem."

Boxall noted that APAS is working to engage with partners and levels of government to have grain contract improvements identified.

## You're invited to join Prairie Art Road Trip

### A DAY TRIP TO WEST-CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN

BY JOAN JANZEN  
Your Southwest Media Group

Local art enthusiasts are invited on a Prairie Art Road Trip on July 22 to visit four different venues. Cindy Hoppe hosts one of the locations, Cindy Hoppe Studio & Gallery, located just north of Biggar.

Cindy is a self-taught fibre artist who replaced her paintbrush with a sewing machine. She now integrates embroidery, knitting and sewing into wearable art and wall hangings.

This is the third year for the Prairie Art Road Trip. "We usually have early birds in the yard by 10:30 a.m.," Cindy said. The four venues are within reasonable driving distance from each other in the RMs of Glenside, Eagle Creek and Perdue.

Cindy and Prairie Fire Alpacas will offer their guests burgers and drinks throughout the day. Total driving time on the road trip is under an hour, from Cindy's place at the west end to Prairie Fire Alpacas at the east end. Karen Pashovitz is the host at Prairie Fire, where you can feed the alpacas, purchase yarn and other products from her gift shop, and perhaps see a baby alpaca.

There are two more venue locations, which are in between visits to Cindy's studio and the alpaca farm. Bailey Duecker's Boondocks Flower Farm is a small-scale, seasonal flower farm, growing flowers in the field and an unheated greenhouse. She sells fresh and dried cut flowers and offers bouquets for customers who pre-pay a five-month flower subscription.

The host to Arelee Art is Ric Pollock, a metal sculptor who will welcome visitors into his gallery and sculptor park. Visitors are also welcome to camp in the unserviced park area. Ric's impressive statues include three buskers.

"I built the guitar player so the banjo player could have a



boyfriend," Ric posted on Facebook. "Now I decided they needed a child." So he constructed a violinist. He said the trio is currently playing at a local wedding but will be back for the road trip tour.

"There is no admission charge at the venues," Cindy explained. "But we certainly accept donations to help with expenses and encourage people to make purchases." Over the past couple of years, attendance has been around 150 visitors, al-

though not all visitors register. People pick and choose which venues they check out.

Anyone interested in taking part in the road trip can get directions at [prairieartroadtrip.wordpress.com](http://prairieartroadtrip.wordpress.com)

Photo: (Arelee Art FB page)  
This trio of buskers is located at Arelee Art, just outside of Saskatoon. It's just one of four stops visitors will make on the Prairie Art Road Trip on July 22, 2023.



## ~ Eatonia's Heritage House ~

If you haven't had a chance to tour Eatonia's Heritage House, it is a must see this summer! I had the pleasure of taking these photos on June 24th when I was down for the Show & Shine. This was definitely the highlight of my trip.

The house was built in 1917 and is as close to original as you are going to get! (except the toilet that was installed a couple of years ago).

Many of the artifacts and items displayed in the house are all donated from local residents. It is a pretty special place!

**PHOTOS BY KATE WINQUIST**



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### POOL A

**Kindersley Klippers  
Sask Sportsmen  
Kindersley Sambros**

### POOL B

**Red Deer Legends  
Regina Drifters  
Provost Buds**

### POOL C

**Spring Lake Masters  
Medicine Hat Jays  
Saskatoon Joes**

### FRIDAY, JULY 14

#### BERARD FIELD

3:30 PM Kindersley Klippers  
Sask Sportsmen  
6:00 PM Red Deer Legends  
Provost Buds  
8:30 PM Kindersley Klippers  
Kindersley Sambros

#### FLANAGAN FIELD

6:30 PM Spring Lake Masters  
Saskatoon Joes

### SATURDAY, JULY 15

#### BERARD FIELD

10:00 AM Provost Buds  
Regina Drifters  
12:30 PM Kindersley Sambros  
Sask Sportsmen

3:00 PM Medicine Hat Jays  
Spring Lake Masters  
5:30 PM Playoff Game "O"  
2<sup>nd</sup> B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> C  
8:00 PM Playoff Game "L"  
1<sup>st</sup> B vs 1<sup>st</sup> C

#### FLANAGAN FIELD

10:30 AM Saskatoon Joes  
Medicine Hat Jays  
3:30 PM Regina Drifters  
Red Deer Legends  
6:00 PM Playoff Game "R"  
3<sup>rd</sup> B vs 3<sup>rd</sup> C

### SUNDAY, JULY 16

#### BERARD FIELD

9:30 AM Playoff Game "N"  
2<sup>nd</sup> A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> C  
12:00 PM Playoff Game "K"  
1<sup>st</sup> A vs 1<sup>st</sup> C

2:30 PM Playoff Game "J"  
1<sup>st</sup> A vs 1<sup>st</sup> B

#### FLANAGAN FIELD

9:00 AM Playoff Game "Q"  
3<sup>rd</sup> A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> C  
11:30 AM Playoff Game "P"  
3<sup>rd</sup> A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> B  
2:00 PM Playoff Game "M"  
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# Ohtani's spectacular play getting better

BY BRUCE PENTON  
Sports Columnist

The Shohei show goes on. And it keeps getting better.

The most amazing athlete of our time — perhaps of all time — is the multi-talented Japanese superstar Shohei Ohtani, and his 2023 baseball statistics with Los Angeles Angels are off the chart. Financially speaking, it couldn't have come at a better time for the 28-year-old pitcher-outfielder-slugger, who will be a free agent this winter.

Can you spell gazillions? He'll be able to cover the national debt of most small countries with the financial offers he will undoubtedly receive and if you're a fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers, his speculative landing spot, you're salivating at the prospect of Ohtani moving across town from the Angels to the Dodgers in the most lucrative free-agent signing in history. Ohtani's financial haul will make Aaron Judge's nine-year \$360 million deal with the Yankees last year look minuscule in comparison.

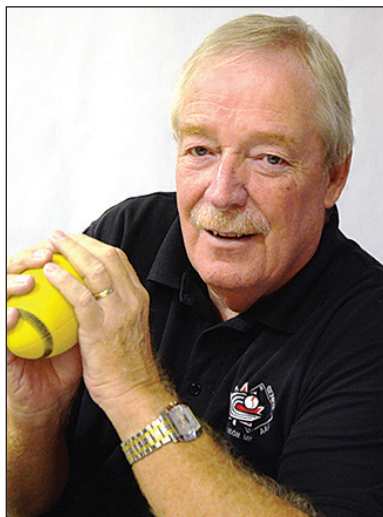
So what kind of a year is Ohtani having in 2023? As of June 24, Ohtani led all of Major League Baseball with 25 home

runs. He was tops in runs-batted-in with 59. He was also No. 1 in slugging, and in OPS, which is a combination of on-base percentage and slugging. OPS is generally regarded as the statistical category that best rates a hitter.

Oh, and Ohtani also does a little bit of pitching when he's not demolishing baseballs thrown by those who wish to be his mound peers. He's posted a 6-3 won-loss record, and opponents' batting average of .179 is best in the majors.

But if you're the Angels' management and you agree it's a foregone conclusion that Ohtani will go the free-agent route this winter, do you maximize the Ohtani asset and trade him in July to a contender? The trade haul would be massive, but it would likely kill the Angels' chance of making the playoffs (they're currently in a wildcard position). It would also infuriate fans of the team, who love having baseball's best player wearing their home team's uniform.

The best-case scenario for the Angels would be to trade Ohtani by the Aug. 1 deadline, and then make him a free-agent offer he can't refuse in the off-season. Those close to



the team, however, say Ohtani would be unlikely to sign with the Angels if they were to trade him this season.

The 2023 Angels haven't been overpowering, but with Ohtani and Mike Trout in the everyday lineup, the team is a contender for the first time since the Japanese star joined the team in 2018. It would be a shame for the Angels to dump their superstar in a trade just when their first playoff appearance was on the horizon.

• **Headline at fark.com:** "GM says Angels unlikely to trade Ohtani as long as they stay in contention this summer. Which probably means he'll be suiting up for the Yankees or Dodgers by August."

• **Janice Hough**, aka left-coastsportsbabe, on Twitter: "Leeds United was just relegated from the Premier League. Now the team has been sold to 49ers Enterprises. (Yes, as in SF 49ers.) I see a potential **Ted Lasso** sequel coming on."

• **Scott Ostler** of the San Francisco Chronicle, on the Oakland A's proposed move to Las Vegas: "A's will sell out every game in LV, as long as seventh-inning stretch is **Seigfried & Roy** turning their tigers loose to chase **Wayne Newton**."

• English golf writer **John Hopkins**, on the barrancas at the L.A. Country Club, site of the recent U.S.Open: "What an attractive word *barranca* was. At home, such a feature would be called a ditch."

• Comedy writer **Alex Kaseberg**: "The collapsed I-95 highway in Philadelphia has been repaired in two weeks. That highway got fixed faster than a Las Vegas Raiders home game."

• **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel: "I just saw where French police are investigating Olympic organizers for graft allegations relating to the 2024 Paris Olympics. As the great **Ben Franklin** once

said, 'Nothing in this world is certain — except death, taxes and Olympic corruption scandals.'"

• Comedy guy **Torben Rolfsen** of Vancouver: "I knew Vegas wasn't a real hockey town when they didn't boo **Gary Bettman**."

• **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: "News of a shocking and unexpected implosion. We're talking of the missing submersible Titan's tragic dive toward the Titanic — not the Blue Bombers crash-diving at IG Field against B.C."

• Another one from **RJ Currie**: "TSN has been showing sailing highlight shows. Which tells you, among other things, the NHL and NBA playoffs recently ended."

• **Headline at the onion.com:** "Vegas-Area Pawn Shop Celebrates Being Six Weeks Away From Owning Stanley Cup."

• From the onion.com again: "**Tyreek Hill** Surprised To Discover Assault Illegal In Florida."

• **Headline at fark.com:** "**Chris Paul** traded to the Warriors for what could be his last season(-ending injury)."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)



Pickleball is enjoyed throughout the year in Kindersley. Whether indoors during the winter months or across from the West Central Events Centre at the outdoor courts in spring and summer, the sport is enjoyed by many. There were two games underway on Wednesday evening, June 21. Anyone is welcome to come out.

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**New Tree Bylaw passed by Kerrobert Town Council**

As you all know many of the trees in our community were lost in the big storm that "blew" through Kerrobert last summer. Many were most likely left damaged and weaker as well. The Council for the Town of Kerrobert has recently passed a Tree Bylaw. This Bylaw can be found on the Town of Kerrobert Website. For the last few years, we have allocated a small amount of the annual budget to start trimming and maintaining boulevard trees. Going forward if you would like to remove a boulevard tree, or want permission to plant a tree on your boulevard there will be forms that are required to go to Council. There is a list of approved species on the website as well. The office will have a Tree wish list if you would like trees planted on your boulevards, at our cost, please just give us a call. We will begin planting trees as our budget allows as well as start sourcing out additional financing through grants, so there is no guarantee when your tree will be planted. There are details in the Tree Bylaw for expectations on help from the resident that requested the tree. It is our hope that we can begin to rebuild the tree population within the town to help beautify Kerrobert.

The other big question to address for those that have not already asked at the office is our boulevards.

First let me thank you for your patience as we wait for Gee Bee to return and start to do the warranty work that is associated with our Phase 1 street project, and yes this does include the addition of better soil to the boulevards and the replanting of the grass seed. If you are interested in a more maintenance free approach to your boulevard Council has approved the use of hard scape materials as long as the area is dug out a minimum of 4 inches with appropriate weed barrier added before the material is added on top. Please note that wood chips ARE NOT ALLOWED they are too light and tend to not stay put.

Please help us bring the beauty back to our town by helping to water this new grass seed when it arrives. According to Bylaw 940-09 Section 8, general boulevard maintenance is the responsibility of the home owner adjacent to that boulevard. Many hands make light work! Thank you.

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Thank you to the 2022 KCS Graduates for their generous donation of \$2070.47 to purchase new chairs for the Arena warm room! Pictured here is 2022 Graduate Emma Fillion presenting the cheque to Bobbi Hebron, Kerrobert Recreation Director.

## Vandalism at Kerrobert Fairgrounds



Sometime during the evening between June 27 and 7:00 am June 28 there were damages incurred at the Kerrobert Fairgrounds. If you have information about this incident, please contact the Rec office at 834-2344 or the RCMP at (306) 463-4642. | PHOTOS COURTESY TOWN OF KERROBERT CULTURE & RECREATION

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|---------|---------|---------------------|
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| July 4  | Tuesday | Dr. Wentzel         |
| July 7  | Friday  | CLOSED              |
| July 10 | Monday  | Dr. Mada Wentzel    |
| July 11 | Tuesday | Dr. J. Wentzel      |
| July 14 | Friday  | Janelle Fischer, NP |
| July 17 | Monday  | CLOSED              |
| July 18 | Tuesday | Dr. J. Wentzel      |
| July 21 | Friday  | CLOSED              |
| July 24 | Monday  | Dr. Mada Wentzel    |
| July 25 | Tuesday | CLOSED              |
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## Crescent Point releases 2023 ESG report

CALGARY – Crescent Point Energy Corp. announced on June 28 the release of its 2023 Sustainability Report “highlighting the company’s strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance,” the company said in a release.

“Crescent Point remains on track to achieve each of its environmental targets which are comprised of initiatives centered around reducing emissions, freshwater use and the number of inactive wells across its land base. Building upon these environmental targets, the company has also introduced new targets to further strengthen its commitment to safe operations and Indigenous engagement,” the company said.

“Our 2023 Sustainability Report showcases our strong performance and strategic approach in managing our ESG priorities,” said Craig Bryksa, president and CEO of Crescent Point. “We continue to lead by example, delivering on our purpose of ‘Bringing Energy To Our World – The Right Way’ by integrating ESG practices throughout our organization. Our position as a leader in the industry is also evident in our record safety scores and our continued success in meeting our ambitious environmental targets. Furthermore, our portfolio strategy and continued optimization of our asset base reflects our focus on high-quality resource plays with long-term sustainability.”

### 2022 Key highlights

- Achieved safest year on record for both Serious Incident Frequency (SIF) and Total Recordable Injury Frequency (TRIF), demonstrating strong safety culture and active engagement with staff and contractors.

- Achieved previous target to reduce scope 1 emissions intensity by 50 percent ahead of schedule and built upon this success by establishing new, more aggressive, emissions targets to reach a combined scope 1 & 2 emissions intensity of 0.024 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/boe by 2025 and 0.020 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/boe by 2030.

- Established two new water targets to reduce surface freshwater use in the company’s southeast Saskatchewan completions by 50 percent by 2025 and to develop strategic water management plans for all major operating areas.

- Safely decommissioned 240 inactive wells as part of target to reduce inactive well inventory by 30 percent by 2031.

- Continued to dedicate three to five percent of annual maintenance capital to fund environmental stewardship initiatives.

- Demonstrated ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion through the company’s Women’s Leadership Network, expanded campus recruitment strategy and scholarship programs.

- Donated \$2.2 million to support more than 450 charitable organizations and community groups.

### NEW ESG TARGETS

Established two new safety targets to promote safe work practices and strengthen support for mental health.

Enhanced Indigenous engagement and set new targets for Indigenous awareness training for all staff and Board members.

The full Report, including a downloadable PDF and data tables, is available on Crescent Point’s website at [www.crescentpointenergy.com](http://www.crescentpointenergy.com).

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This is a durum crop in the Leader - Liebenthal area, that has been destroyed by grasshoppers and dry weather. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Grasshoppers wreak havoc on crops

BY JOAN JANZEN  
Your Southwest Media Group

Farmers in Alberta and Saskatchewan are watching the skies, waiting for much needed rain. But for some crops, it's too late. Even a down pour of rain will no longer be able to revive the crops.

Randy Schneider, from Mendham farms in the Leader and Fox Valley region, and has observed the damage first hand. After spending a week at Cypress, he was disheartened as he observed the crops on the drive back home.

The crops were shrinking away, and the

occasional cloud burst of rain the area received just wasn't enough to help the crops. According to Randy, every field is going to be a crop insurance claim. It's just been too dry for too long.

Ranchers were raking swaths together, but the brittle and dry swaths have little value to them. Randy noticed the crops were equally devastating in the Cypress and Medicine Hat region.

Farmers did spray their crops, which enabled them to come back; unfortunately the plants didn't have enough vigour to push their way out of the ground.

Grasshoppers were already established. This year the pests were cleaning up the crop as it came up out of the ground. Grasshoppers were a problem in last year's crop as well, but Randy noted in 2022 the hoppers came after the crop was

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**Location:** R.M. of Kindersley No. 290  
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Preference will be given to candidates who possess the following qualifications:

- Valid Class 5 driver's licence and clean abstract
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office programs
- Knowledge of LSD's
- Ability to deal effectively with the general public, businesses and to work independently
- Willingness to learn the R.M. bylaws and policies
- Ability to multitask efficiently
- Have well developed interpersonal communication and organizational skills
- Great problem solving skills

The municipality offers a competitive salary and benefits package in accordance with qualifications and experience.

Applicants should forward a resume by **3:00p.m., Friday July 14, 2023**. Council wishes to thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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A complete job description is available, upon request.

You may forward a resume and cover letter by July 7th, 2023 by delivery, mail or email to:

**Tara Neumeier - Town of Kerrobert  
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The preferred candidate will be required to complete a Criminal Record Check including a vulnerable sector check prior to the offer of and appointment to a position.

**Submit applications by 5:00 p.m. July 14 to:**

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**Kindersley RCMP Looking to Arrest Wanted Subject**

Kindersley RCMP are requesting the assistance of the public in locating 31-year-old Derek Webster-Dinney from Hoosier who is wanted for charges involving breaching court ordered conditions of his release. Derek Webster-Dinney is described as a 6'2" male weighing approximately 200 lbs. He has blonde hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information pertaining to his current location is asked to contact the Kindersley RCMP at 306-463-4642 or their local police service.

Kindersley RCMP would also like to remind the public that with the long weekend approaching to drive safe and not drink and drive as extra police officers will be on



calls for service over the past week.

Kindersley RCMP are investigating a break and enter to a business that happened overnight (June 29) on Main Street in Eaton. If anyone has any information about this or saw any vehicles or people in the area between 2:30 and 3:00am, please call Kindersley RCMP.

If you have information related to this advisory please call 310-RCMP for immediate response,

the road.

In addition to searching for a wanted male Kindersley RCMP report responding to an additional 45

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If you need to report any suspicious activity in your community, please contact the Kindersley RCMP detachment by calling 306-463-4642 or their local police service. Information can also be provided anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.sask-crimestoppers.com](http://www.sask-crimestoppers.com).

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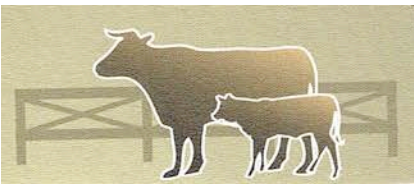
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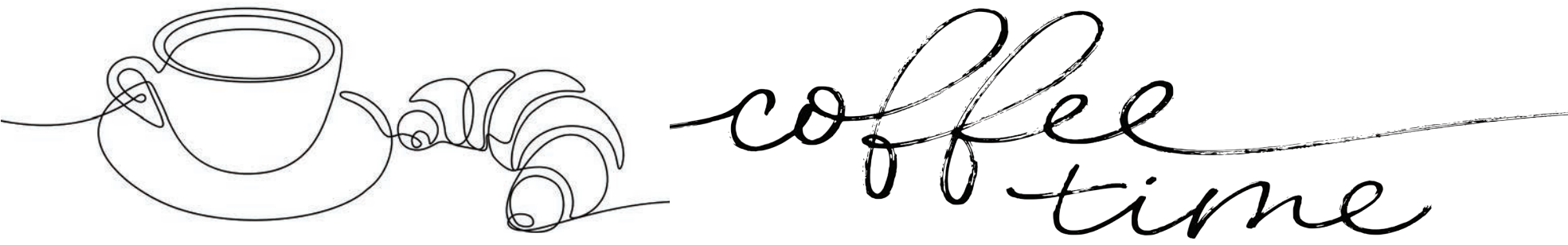
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by Dave T. Phipps



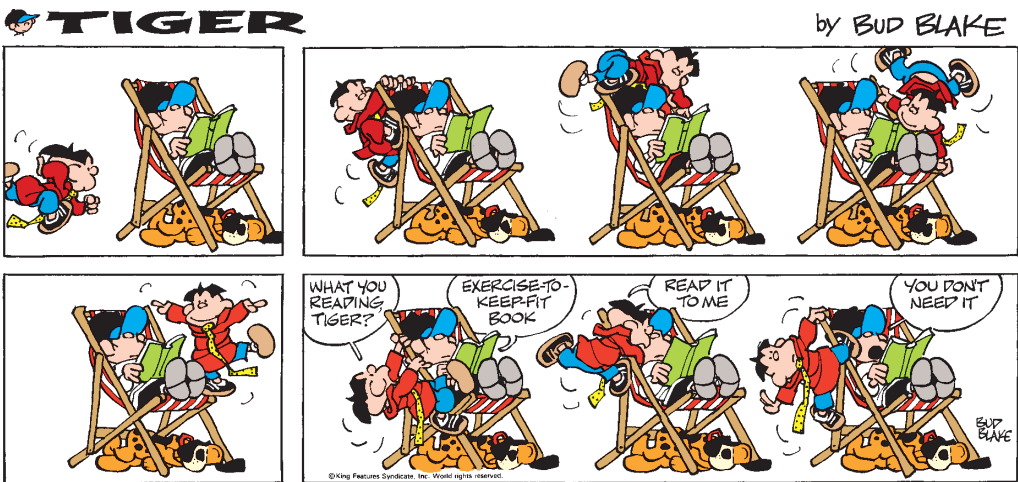
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by Jeff Pickering



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by Linda Thistle

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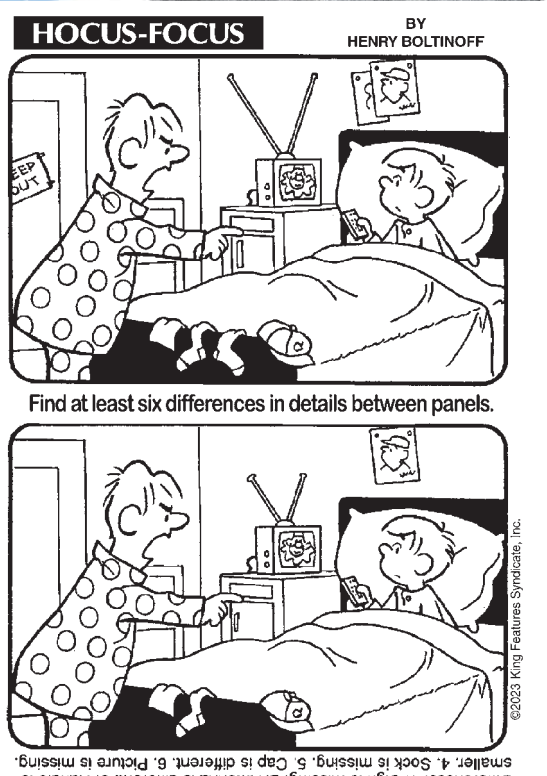
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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24 Swelled heads

25 Curator's concern

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28 "Bullitt" director Peter

31 Leeway

33 Hirohito's title (Abbr.)

35 Aspiration

36 Rapper's headgear

38 "Chandelier" singer

40 Stimp's pal

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43 Aged, in a way

45 As a whole

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48 Zodiac feline

5 Blow up sword

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

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Alyssa Maffenbeier and Blake Rooke were awarded the Principles List Award for an average of 90 percent or better.



Westcliffe Composite School student, Chelsey Blackman received the Governor General's medal. Principal Erin Pincemin made the presentations.

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# Awards presented at Westcliffe School

BY JOAN JANZEN

Your Southwest Media Group

Westcliffe Composite School welcomed family, friends, students and staff to an awards night and band concert on Tuesday, June 27th, hosted by Mrs. Erin Pincemin and Mrs. Jennifer Loken. Both the senior and the Grade 6/7 bands played three selections each, and the Grade 4/5 band entertained the audience with four musical numbers.

Numerous awards were presented to deserving students in various categories. The Governor General's Medal was presented by Mrs. Erin Pincemin to Chelsey Blackman. It is presented to the Grade 12 graduate in each of Canada's high schools who has graduated with the highest academic standing in their institutions. It is awarded in August of each year and is presented at the school during the following academic year's awards night.

Academic Honour Roll was awarded to Grade 10 - 12 students who have an overall average of 80 to 89 percent for the first three quarters of the school year. Mrs. Pincemin presented the award to Tommy Lillico, Jaime Loken, Sierra Smolinski, Tatsiyana Cisna, Makayla Kiss and Mason Sullivan.

Alyssa Maffenbeier and Blake Rooke were awarded the Principal's List award as students from grades 10-12 having an overall average of 90 percent or better for the first three quarters of the school year.

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work throughout the school year.

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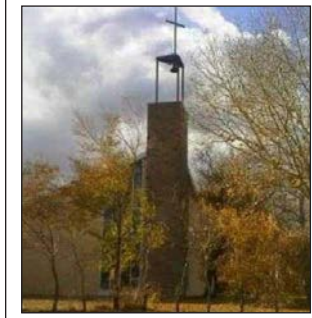
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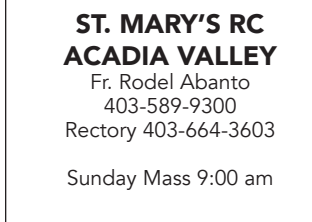
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# Growing Through Grief: Acknowledgement

BY ANGELA CLEMENT  
for Your Southwest Media Group

When we lose our special someone we start out in just plain disbelief and absolute shock. It is hard to describe the pain and yet anyone who has lost someone special knows it. The pain is intense and it doesn't just go away without some type of intervention on your part. Having your grief acknowledged is a huge part of your healing and yet often this is something that gets overlooked. We need to be understood and know that grief is a normal part of the healing process. We need the reassurance that it is okay to feel all the intense emotion that comes with grief. We in fact need to feel all of it without feeling guilty or ashamed in order to heal.

It is difficult for others to understand how intense grief can be. They can sympathize and even feel really awful about it but until they lose a special someone themselves they will never be able to truly understand the pain of grief. It is incomprehensible. It is not something to minimize. Time alone does not heal the wounds. It takes more than that.

People around you want you to be happy again and so they say and do many things to try to help you to feel better. They tell you that you need to be strong and to move on because your loved one wouldn't want you to be sad. They tell you your loved one is in a better place and if you just get on with life and get busy you will feel better. They also usually have a preconceived amount of time after which you should be fine. Certainly all of this is well meaning but not that helpful.

Only you will understand the uniqueness of your grief. Even siblings that have lost a parent will all have different grief journeys. Your relationship with your person was yours and because no one can know that intimacy no one can completely know your grief. The beautiful thing about this is that your relationship is very special

indeed and it is a bond that only you and your loved one on the other side will know.

There is no cookie cutter recipe for grief. How long it takes to feel better, what you need to do to heal, what helps you and what doesn't is all individual. It is not just physically being left all alone that makes you feel alone, it is the actual healing journey that is lonely. You will need a lot of encouragement, patience and support to trust your own judgment when it comes to what you need moment to moment. You will need to carefully listen to your own body and intuition. Meanwhile, people often have their own lives to live and their support will wane long before you are okay. Even if you are one of those people that keeps communicating you are still needing support, often people will not know how to help you.

You will find that having your grief acknowledged is a big step toward healing. Having someone listen and validate your feelings is healing. My advice is this. If the

acknowledgement and support doesn't happen anymore or maybe it never has, don't keep waiting for it and consequently become bitter when it doesn't. Don't allow this to be the reason to stay stuck in your grief. You need to find individuals who are doing the work, have taken positive steps to heal and understand and validate your pain from their own experience. Listening to others who have been through grief and now are living a renewed life of happiness will bring you the hope and inspiration you need to guide you in your journey. Allow them to guide you. You are not meant to do this alone.

I know sometimes finding a place to have your grief acknowledged can be difficult. Find out if there is a group in your church or in your community where you can go to find the people you need to meet. Also, I host a special get together on zoom to provide the very support I describe. You can find out more here: [www.healingenergy.world](http://www.healingenergy.world)

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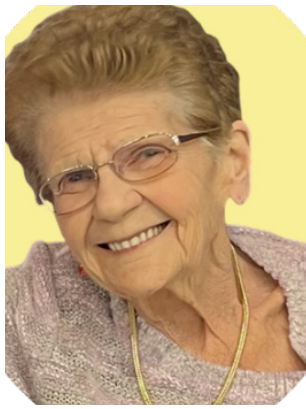
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*Hi everyone. Mom, being the caring person she was, wrote her life history, we believe to make the task of preparing for her funeral just a little bit easier. Below is a slightly edited version of what she wrote about her life:*

**HEWITT - I, Edith Shirley Margaret Hewitt, was born on July 10, 1931 at Loverna, Saskatchewan, with no doctor on duty, just Nurse Lawson. I was the third daughter of Charles and Edith Hewitt, 10 years after Aileen and five years after Dorothy.**

Being a youngster during the 30's, I didn't feel our life was difficult, but grew up aware of the tough years of drought, heat, grasshoppers and poor prices for both livestock and grain. We had eight years without rain.

There were so many people that moved away, but Dad chose to stay. I can remember relief food being shipped in on the train.

I learned to gather eggs and milk cows at an early age. I remember separating cream, making cottage cheese, butter, cheese and ice cream in the winter. I also remember making porridge – it was a family event! Us kids would put the seed in the colander and hand pick out the weed seeds and other bad stuff.

Dad would grind the wheat in his chopper and we'd fill two five-gallon pails, enough to use for the winter.

When it was cold out, my parents had to take turns staying up at night, to keep the stove burning. We had no insulation in the house and the stove was the only heat we had (the floors were always so cold). We had a bath once a week on Saturday night – using the same bath water, youngest to oldest. It was a special night. After our bath, Mom would read a book to us and we listened to a one-hour radio show called Luxe Radio Theatre. In the war years, we had to be quiet when Dad's radio show came on.

I had to walk a mile to Coe School (half way between Esther and New Bridgen). I had a good

saddle horse, but my parents thought it was better for me to walk. The West-erlund boys had three miles to get to school so they rode horses. Sometimes they would stop on their way and say "hop on!" and would take me the rest of the way to school. I took up to Grade nine at the school and took grades ten and eleven by correspondence plus one Grade 12 course, with the help of Miss MacArthur (Aunt Wyn to all of us). My teachers were Miss Byler, Miss Hatson, Miss Gowland, Miss Patterson and Miss Coates. The school was our entertainment centre, with picnics, ball games and dances (music was Bill Code, guitar and Ernie Traleck on the violin). In the summer there would be Sunday school and church held in the school nearly every week.

Maxine Heatherington (married Lloyd Westerlund) spent many hours at my house as a young girl, and we did a lot of horseback riding.

I loved playing softball (I was the catcher) and each school would have a team. A big day for me, was getting the team and wagon to take the whole school (and the teacher!) to Wenger Heights school for a ball game. When I wasn't at school, I enjoyed doing all of the farm work with Dad, especially if it was on a horse. I got interested in horses because of my Dad. He had eight horse outfits for working in the fields and at one time had about thirty colts to be broke. I rode all the workhorses (after hitching them up by myself) and would work on the combine for twelve hours a day. One year I bought a saddle from the Eaton's catalogue for \$65.00 – a full year of wages working for my Dad. I ended up with my own horse, Brownie and a dog named Baldy.

I got my Driver's License at age 16 and drove the District Health Nurse to all the country schools for vaccinations. When I was 17, there was a Polio epidemic, and I became really sick with it - two of my friends died. I spent three months in the University Hospital in Edmonton and felt very, very fortunate to be able to come back home and learn to walk again and live a normal life!! I attended Nursing Aid school at Calgary the following year but was unable to finish because of the after effects of polio.

I met Burt when he was teaching school in

New Bridgen, and that was the start of our courtship. We were married October 20th, 1950 in Oyen, having a double wedding with my sister Dorothy and John Hoffmann.

We had six kids: Gary on Aug 28, 1951 / Irvine – June 19, 1953 / Joyce – November 28, 1956 / Lloyd – September 21, 1959 / Joanne – October 5, 1961 / Karen – May 14, 1964.

(Our entire family now in July 2023, including spouses, is 101).

Once we were married, I had to learn how to cook!! I didn't know a thing because I had spent all my growing up years outside helping my Dad. It was interesting at times!! I also learned how to play the drums and became part of the band called "The J's". We played for so many dances over the years, and when the kids were small and we were playing close to home, sometimes the younger kids were lined up across the back of the stage in sleeping bags until the dance was over. I really enjoyed curling and getting together with the ladies for bonspiels. My favorite past times were gardening and starting all my own flowers (I had one garden for potatoes - about 1000 hills and another one for all the other vegetables). I also enjoyed yard work, baking, helping with community activities and helping with the field work and cattle. Our three daughters took care of meals when I was out in the field, and I liked to tell them "It was that experience that made them such good cooks"! The boys were also out driving trucks, tractors, and all the other equipment, at a very young age.

As our kids got older, they all enjoyed the 4-H Beef Club, hockey, ball, curling, school sports, piano lessons, and the older kids – the Oyen Community band. We often had two vehicles going different directions getting the six kids to all their activities.

My whole life changed October 27th, 2003 when Burt passed away suddenly in a tragic farm accident, doing what he loved to do – working with his family. I stayed on the farm until January 2011, when I moved into the Oyen Seniors Lodge. It was very hard leaving so much, but I know I'm better here with both of my "old" friends (Myrtle Heatherington and Betty Beynon) and many

"new" ones!! The Lodge is now my home. We have comfortable suites, good meals, entertainment and an excellent staff caring for us.

Here ends the shorter version of all that Mom wrote.

Some things that Mom would never write about, but we feel she so much deserves to be recognized for, was how many times she would feed and entertain hundreds of people in her house over the 61 years that she was on the farm!!! Customers, salesmen, overseas visitors, riggers, Hiway 41 construction workers, employees and most importantly – friends and family!!!! She could whip up a meal for unexpected guests in a heartbeat. Maybe taken for granted at the time, but so much appreciated, was the mid-morning coffee and baking she would send to the pig barn every day, as well as for coffee guests in the house, the TGIF gatherings that no one wanted to miss, and the Sunday brunches. She often talked about cooking up 2 pounds of bacon the night before (SLOW cooked bacon of course), so she wasn't so rushed in the morning.

As busy as she was, she was organized!!!

Due to health issues, Mom moved to Long Term Care care at the Oyen Hospital in March of 2021. Soon after moving, she broke a hip which left her wheelchair bound, but this did not dampen her spirits!!! Mom LOVED having visitors and occasionally getting out for small excursions to different family's homes and events. She enjoyed all the activities provided to her at long term care and spent many hours colouring and doing beautiful art projects and paintings (to her kids' surprise, we had no idea of her artistic talent until she was 90 years old). The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff of Big Country Hospital Long Term Care for the love and dedication they showed our Mom.

Three weeks prior to her passing, Mom very much enjoyed attending the 70th Anniversary celebration for Ralph and Marvel, visiting with so many neighbors from New Bridgen and surrounding areas, as well as many relatives and friends she hadn't seen in years. Near the end of the evening, she was even seen chair dancing to the live music and didn't get

back "home" until after midnight. She lived a long, fulfilling life and always looked at the positive side of any challenge, often sharing her huge smile and love for others.

Rest in peace our dear Mom!!

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\* 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, there 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 7 - SUNDAY, JULY** • Kerrobert Rodeo

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**  
• Kerrobert Kinsmen Gumball Rally & Show & Shine. Cool cars, live music, food & drinks and more!

**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

\* 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 SATURDAY, JULY 15**  
• Lincoln Andrew Ray Bairos Memorial K-Town Toy Run. Registration at the Kindersley Inn 10:00 AM. Kickstands up at 11:30 AM. Supper at 6:00 PM. Door Prizes. Toys and donations will be going to the West Central Crisis and Support Centre. Contact Joan Phinney 306-460-6176 or Kelly Phinney 306-460-6156 for more info.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**  
• The 1st Annual Kid's Academy Golf Tournament Fund-raiser sponsored by Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. Kindersley Regional Golf Course. For more info and to register contact Monique Neigum 306-512-8227 or email moniqueevine@gmail.com

**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.

**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!

\* 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 29**  
• 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.

**SMILEY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**  
• Smiley Fowl Supper  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
• Smiley Ladies Fashion Show

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