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# Young buskers entertain at Leader

BY JOAN JANZEN

It may have been a first for the town of Leader when two young buskers entertained while people shopped at the Young Entrepreneurs Market on Monday, August 21. Fifteen-year-old Grady Dale and his 12-year-old brother Colden provided instrumental music from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kyla McCallum said she enjoyed their music while helping her daughter at the market. "They played real jamming tunes all ages can enjoy. They played classic rock and were really good!" Kyla said.

The boy's mom, Felisha Dale, said both boys have been taking piano lessons for a long time since they were five or six years old but started playing guitar more recently. Colden started playing guitar a year ago, and Grady has been playing guitar for almost two years. They both play the instrument by ear.

As well as playing the piano, both boys play the ukulele, and Colden plays bass, while Grady plays acoustic and electric guitar, banjo and drums. Grady said his dad plays guitar and encouraged him to start. "I started on the ukulele about three years ago, got a ukulele banjo, stepped up to a guitar, and just kept going," Grady explained.

The young buskers played some classic rock and a couple of country songs during the market. "We basically went all over the map," Grady said. "People really liked it."



Brothers Grady and Colden Dale busked at the Young Entrepreneurs Market at Leader on Monday, August 21.

PHOTO BY KYLA MCCALLUM

But he hasn't considered pursuing music as a career. "It's certainly a hobby," he said but did admit they each acquired \$41 in tips while busking.

Grady's brother Colden said he taught himself to play guitar, along with some help from his dad. "I did watch a few YouTube videos to learn a couple of songs, but after you learn the notes, you can figure it out slowly," he explained.

He said people were very gen-

erous, and they ended up making more money than they had expected. Although Colden admitted he doesn't really like playing in front of people, he had fun busking.

His mom said, "People were just milling around, so it wasn't just all eyes on them, so it made it a little easier."

The boys also share their musical talent at the Leader Alliance Church, where they play on Sunday mornings. Grady has played there for

three years, and Colden started helping out seven months ago.

And they both belong to a guitar club at their school, where they can have fun and learn from their teacher. But the brothers stick closely to their instruments. "We both prefer not to sing," Colden explained.

However, if they have another opportunity, you can be sure you'll hear these two buskers again, sharing their musical talent at the Leader Market or wherever they are invited.

## Saskatchewan celebrates resumption of Provincial Firefighting Training

Saskatchewan residents can once again be trained as certified firefighters in the province. Suncrest College has re-opened its firefighting program in Melville, Saskatchewan.

On August 22, the Government of Saskatchewan, Suncrest College and community representatives recognized the returning program's first summer cohort. Fourteen students have already begun their National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) training with more programs and courses becoming available this fall.

"Becoming a firefighter is more than just a job; it's a rewarding career for skilled professionals who are

committed to the safety of our communities," said Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant. "Students trained here at Suncrest College are benefitting from up-to-date, high-quality training that is tailored to meet the needs of our growing province."

This year, the Government of Saskatchewan invested a combined \$1.8 million toward the college's firefighting training program through the Ministry of Advanced Education, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training.

Suncrest College's provincial training site, newly named the Sas-

katchewan Emergency Response Institute, will provide continued municipal firefighter education to train pre-employment, volunteer and industrial firefighters.

"This program will ensure firefighters in Saskatchewan benefit from robust firefighting training, including continuing education," said Marlo Pritchard, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency President and Fire Commissioner. "Firefighters play a critical role in safeguarding and protecting the people, property and resources of Saskatchewan, and our Government's support of this program is an investment in them and their commitment to improving public safety throughout the province."

Firefighting training was previously available through Parkland College until 2021 when it was placed on hold due in part to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, those who were seeking to become professional firefighters needed to go outside the province for training.

"Firefighting training has been a flagship for our College for the past 15 years," said Alison Dubreuil, President and CEO of Suncrest College. "Moving forward, this partnership ensures that we can continue to provide a coordinated, responsive, high-quality training and evaluation system for professional firefighting, volunteer services, and industrial

training by incorporating SPSA's expertise in emergency response with Suncrest's expertise in program development, delivery, and student records. With additional government funding, we were able to upgrade the training facility in Melville and relaunch the NFPA 1001 professional firefighting program."

The next intake for the NFPA 1001 program is Spring 2024. Current students will have access to the Emergency Medical Responder course immediately following the completion of their program. Industrial fire training will also be expanded to meet industry needs this fall.

"It is good to have a school in a rural location because it prepares us for where most firefighters end up working in Saskatchewan," said current NFPA 1001 student Ethan Rugg. "The school is well-equipped to prepare us for anything you could expect from city fires to basic wildland fires."

Suncrest College was established in 2023 as a result of merging Cumberland College and Parkland College. The college offers a superior learning experience with locations in Canora, Esterhazy, Fort Qu'Appelle, Kamsack, Melfort, Melville, Nipawin, Tisdale, and Yorkton.

For more information about the firefighting courses available and how to apply, visit: <https://parklandcollege.sk.ca/programs/protectionemergency/firefighting/nfpa1001.html>





# Library's science session makes kids' hair stand on end

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kids got together at their local libraries at Kerrobert, Kindersley and Luseland on August 22nd and 23rd to participate in interactive sessions put on by the Saskatchewan Science Centre's Go! Code and GenAction team. The team visited these three of nearly 100 libraries in Saskatchewan throughout the summer months.

Dave Loos, Go! Code Manager said the Science Centre is able to run the two-hour program free of charge thanks to funding from both CanCode and GenAction, two federal grant programs that aim to help spread information about their respective fields.

"We have a series of experiments and demonstrations that talk about climate change and greenhouse gases, as well as a game that we set up to help frame the discussion in a fun and interactive way," he explained.

The team, consisting of Chey, Ben and Ally from the Saskatchewan Science Centre, talked about electricity, technology and coding, and provided another demonstration, as well as a few different hands-on activities to help the kids understand circuits and robotics.



The team from the Saskatchewan Science Centre wowed the kids at Kindersley with their demonstration. PHOTO SUBMITTED.

They taught the kids about energy and how it is formed. The children learned about solar, wind, water and geothermal and how it works to create power. They also learned about + and - charges and how opposites attract.

The kids took turns learning firsthand how like charges repel each other by using themselves and a like charge to get their hair to stand on end. The session ended with snap circuits, as they worked to create their own windmills, lights, sounds and much more.

# Drought support for Saskatchewan livestock producers on the way

Support is coming for Saskatchewan livestock producers affected by drought.

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced the province is making up to \$70 million available to help offset extraordinary costs of feeding livestock to maintain the breeding herd in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan continues to work quickly with the federal government to jointly examine how AgriRecovery could help respond. Provincial funding will be available based on receipts or appropriate documentation for extraordinary expenses for the purchase of feed or transportation of feed or livestock, to provide cash flow to eligible producers impacted by significant drought.

"Immediate measures are needed as farmers and ranchers deal with significant challenges due to drought," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "Our government is committed to ensuring livestock producers have the support they need, as they continue to provide the high-quality food Saskatchewan families rely on."

The program will be administered by Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC).

"We appreciate the province stepping up and providing their portion of the AgriRecovery payment," said Keith Day, Board Chair of the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association. "We look forward to a similar announcement from the federal government to provide their funding to ensure our producers get the help they need through these challenging times."

"This support is promising, and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) is thankful for how quickly the province stepped up to assist those livestock producers most in need, it will certainly help," said Ray Orb, president of SARM. "We are confident that the federal government is working together with the province to assess how they can provide additional support through AgriRecovery and look forward to seeing what that much-needed assistance will be."

Saskatchewan's funding will provide eligible producers with up to \$80 per head to maintain breeding stock for beef cattle, bison, horse, elk, deer, sheep and goats. The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to providing assistance as soon as possible to producers.

Other supports have been implemented to help mitigate the situation. The Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada have agreed to increase the 2023 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 per cent to 75 per cent, so producers can access a larger portion of their final AgriStability benefit early. The AgriStability compensation rate also recently increased from 70 to 80 per cent. In July, the federal and provincial governments announced SCIC was doubling the low yield appraisal threshold values to allow additional acres of cereal, pulse, canola and flax crops to be diverted to feed. Saskatchewan has also frozen the 2023 rate charged to producers who lease Crown grazing land. Additionally, through the 2023 Crown Grazing Lease Rental Reduction Program, lessees may be eligible for a rent reduction due to the impact of drought.

Producers in some areas of the province are dealing with drought, particularly in western Saskatchewan. Precipitation has remained well below normal, contributing to a substantial moisture deficit and hindering recovery of pasture and forage ranges.

Additional information, including application forms, will be available in the coming days at [www.scic.ca](http://www.scic.ca) or call toll-free at 1-844-723-1211.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

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August 2023



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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

**Luseland Senior Mallards will be back on the ice this season**

BY KATHY WURZ  
 Mayor of Luseland



The Luseland Credit Union Swimming Pool hosted a diving clinic on Sunday, August 20, 2023, with 15 participants. The pool will be staying open until after the Labour Day weekend, with the last day being September 4, 2023. The pool was extremely busy this season, with three full sets of swimming lessons offered. Luseland Pool also offered Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and the Swim for Life instructor course this year. We want to thank all of our patrons, our residents, and the surrounding communities for the great support we have received again this pool season. Also, a huge thank you to our amazing pool staff, who put a lot of effort into running extra activities and fun events that helped bring people out to the pool.



The Town of Luseland recently had a by-election and welcomed a new councillor to our table, Rianne Bozzard. Rianne works at the Delta Co-op in Luseland and was recently sworn in at our August council meeting. We welcome Rianne to our team. We still have one open seat on council, and a second by-election will take place. The nomination paper deadline is Wednesday, August 23, at 4:00 p.m. Please follow the Town of Luseland's Facebook page for further information on polling station information regarding this election.

The Luseland Hall Board hosted a Farmer's Market at the Luseland/Salvador Community Hall on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The market helped our hall committee raise another \$1,551.90 for projects that keep our community hall viable. Congratulations to Pam Bergen, who won the amazing gift basket that was raffled off and

comprised of numerous items donated by home-based business owners. The event was a great success and has led to a group of individuals planning a second market on Saturday, September 9, during the annual Harvest Festival. They are looking for any and all "Make it, Bake it, Grow it" vendors as well as home-based businesses. The donation campaign and fundraising events that the hall board has put on over the last couple of years have raised more than enough monies to proceed with the boiler replacement project. The new boiler will be installed very soon and ensure the longevity of this much-used recreational facility in the Town of Luseland.

The Luseland Senior Mallards will be back on the ice this season. They will be one of four teams as part of a new league being formed in the area. This new Cross Roads Hockey League will include teams from Luseland, Kerrobert, Doddsland and a Kindersley team so far. This is extremely exciting news for the Luseland rink committee is also busy with two major projects before rink kickoff. They will be announcing more details regarding this soon.

The tree committee for the Town of Luseland is working hard to strategize on the removal of aged trees and a plan going forward to take one section each year and plan removal and the replanting of new trees. Very soon, town residents will notice that we will begin by starting on the Strathcona tree project. We will be taking down a section of trees and replanting with a different variety.

The Luseland Community Development Committee is once again hosting a Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 9, 2023. The committee is asking businesses and organizations to host their own events on this day and as part of the festivities. The museum will be hosting a variety of events, such as a vegetable car race. Please follow the Luseland Harvest Festival Facebook page for updated information on the events taking place. The Luseland Travel Club will be setting up a food booth on Main Street and there will be a Farmers' Market on this day, as well.

**NOTICE OF POLL  
 TOWN OF LUSELAND  
 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:  
 A poll has been granted for the election of:  
**Councillor: Town of Luseland**

Voting will take place on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the polling place listed below.

**Council Chambers  
 Town of Luseland Office  
 503 Grand Avenue  
 Luseland, Saskatchewan**

I will declare the results of the election at 503 Grand Avenue at the Town Office on the 14th day of September, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.  
 Dated at Luseland this 24th day of August, 2023.

Karyl Y. Richardson  
 Returning Officer

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 TOWN OF LUSELAND**

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Voting will take place on  
**Thursday, September 7, 2023**  
 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.  
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**Town of Luseland Municipal Office at  
 503 Grand Avenue, Luseland, Saskatchewan**

Karyl Y. Richardson  
 Returning Officer



# OPINION:



## When policies are enforced by threats, sanctions and censorship

BY JOAN JANZEN

A doctor told a woman she only had six months to live. He advised her to marry a chemist and move to Toledo. The woman asked if this would cure her disease. The doctor replied, "No, but it will make six months seem like a very long time."

In a similar fashion, Europe is finding their time spent living with clean energy policies is proving to seem like a very long time. Ralph Schulhammer, an academic researcher, was interviewed by Clayton Morris online. Ralph said ten years ago, the world looked to Germany as a role model for clean electricity, as it is Europe's largest economy.

Germany has ideologically locked themselves into their policies, so they're moving more slowly in realigning themselves with reality, and that will hold back everybody, Ralph reasoned.

Meanwhile, the winter of 2023-2024 in Europe is predicted to be much colder than the last one, which was extraordinarily mild. It's estimated another \$1.2 trillion will need to be spent to get Europe through a harsh winter.

"Slowly but surely, more and more countries are realigning themselves with reality," Ralph said. Norway has approved another \$18 billion in oil and gas exploration, Sweden is making a change in their energy course, Denmark is looking for more oil and gas, and the United Kingdom is making a U-turn in their energy policy.

"I have some cautious optimism that there's a realignment with reality, but it's a matter of how much pain will Europeans have to experience," Ralph pondered.

A Newfoundland and Labrador submission to the Senate Energy Committee, said Canada must double or triple its non-carbon electric-

ity output to meet its 2050 net-zero emission targets, which likely aren't possible without more federal subsidies. It offered a further explanation in its submission.

"Slowly but surely, more and more countries are realigning themselves with reality."

In order to achieve the goal of a net zero electricity sector by 2035, Canada will need electricity generation equivalent to that of "four Churchill Falls." To get an idea of what that means, Churchill Falls Generation Station is Canada's second-largest hydroelectric plant.

Nevertheless, this month, the federal government released a draft proposal for Clean Electricity Regulations (CER), aiming to electrify sectors that rely on fossil fuels, including transportation, home and water heating and industrial activities. The CER explained that rate-payers in provinces that are heavily dependent on coal and natural gas will experience increases in their electricity bills.

Those provinces are Alberta, with 90 percent of its electricity generated from coal and natural gas, and Saskatchewan, with about 81 percent of its electricity produced from coal and natural gas. It's expected that most of the expenses incurred by electric utilities would be passed on to consumers.

Ralph Schulhammer said, "Those who are fighting against oil and gas already have agriculture high up on their list. Without agriculture and without energy, you can't live a modern life; you can't have access to modern transportation, modern

medicine, to anything that makes life a comfortable life. A realization of this needs to be made clearer."

He expressed some optimism as media in the UK, such as the Telegraph, mocked the King of England's doomsday clock. "It's a D-Day scenario; those who say net zero at any cost, and others who say this is a suicidal policy," he said.

At this point in time, it's vitally important that information gets out to the public and pushback becomes stronger. "What I'm more afraid of than the actual net zero policy is the push to put under punishment anyone who criticizes it," Ralph said. "There is a tendency to do this."

He said anyone who disagrees is classed as a climate denier, dangerous and, therefore, should be silenced. The pushback will become more pronounced as more people come to believe these policies are misguided. "But instead of changing policies, some governments will say they're just going to ban any debate," he explained.

We only have to look at Canada's

recent censorship bills to realize the truth in his projections. He also said many movements or governments start off with promising plans to combat the ideological program and change it. He said many movements start out promising but throw their ideals overboard in order to get access to funds.

Currently, the premiers of Alberta and Saskatchewan are rejecting the federal government's net-zero regulations planned for 2035. However, the federal government has recently threatened to withhold billions of taxpayer dollars from provinces that continue to use their natural resources to generate electricity beyond 2035. And in May, the federal Environment Minister said violating environmental regulations banning the use of coal and gas-fired power after 2035 might result in criminal sanctions.

What kind of government policies need to be enforced with threats, criminal sanctions and enforced censorship? Are they unrealistic ideological policies? It's something to consider.



# TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

Thank you sincerely to the city fathers of Kindersley for the treasure which you have opened up for us right on the edge of our town. We visited the new beach and walking

trail on the 16th and were amazed at the beauty spot which has always been there, but mostly hidden, but is now enhanced and accessible for all of us to enjoy.

Eleanor Smith, Kindersley

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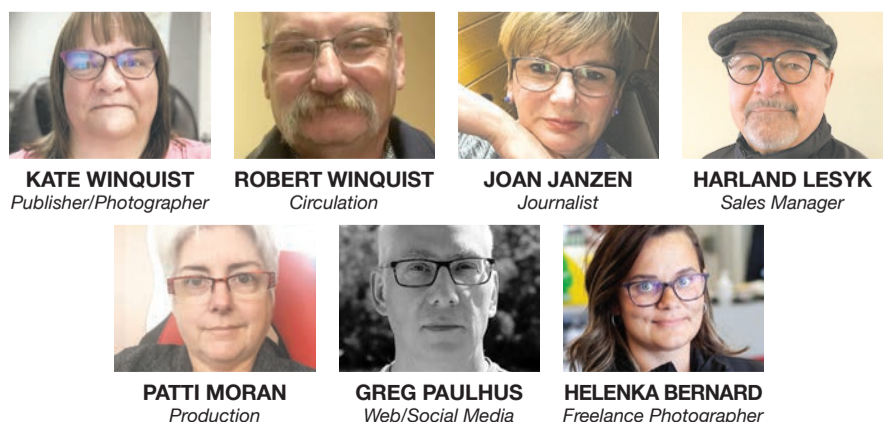
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# Pop89: Pray tell

BY MADONNA HAMEL

Upon arriving at the cabin my sisters and I breath a sigh of relief. We are prepared to release the tensions and worries that have taken over our lives this year - a brother's stroke, a father's aging, a friend's illness, a sibling's shock, a child's anxiety. We enter the cool cabin and are relieved to see comfortable bunks with thick mattresses and plenty of room to prepare meals. It was wise to pay the few extra dollars for a cabin instead of hauling tents to the campsite. It was an act of tenderness and maturity toward ourselves. We are learning to make life easy in the few places where ease is possible.

The cabin, in Cypress Hills, overlooks a small lake. For some reason, no one else is on the lake. So when we are not paddling or swimming, we are gazing out on what feels like our private resort, an entirely different experience than one we had a few years ago when two guys, obviously high on something, broke out into a fight in the tent site beside us. One of them pulled out a Bowie knife and threatened to eviscerate the other. Adrenaline pumped through my body as I urged my sisters to say or do nothing, to lay low until out of danger. Then I prayed like crazy.

We live in a world where security feels like the ultimate priority, and

all actions are predicated on keeping ourselves safe and sound. But we have no control over the actions of others, especially the actions of campers in the site next to us. Then what? My reaction was an ancient one. It may unnerve some to know that Help! is a prayer. And even the desire to pray is a prayer.

I grew up in a tradition in which there exists a prayer for everything: from blessings on your family (including the sister you just hit with a croquet mallet) to prayers of thanks for a full meal on the table, to prayers beseeching St. Christopher for a safe journey in the station wagon on the way to Christmas at grandma's. While we didn't think about prayer per se, we didn't think twice about praying.

As a child, we were given holy cards by the nuns the way other kids got birthday cards or trading cards. My favourite guardian angel holy card depicted two children crossing a swinging bridge high over a canyon with a flaxen-haired, amazonian-shouldered winged woman shepherding them to safety. You could never have enough angels, and we had them all - announcing, way-paving, protecting, singing, interpreting, revealing, wrestling, guiding, assisting, encouraging, bestowing.

The Talmud says: Over every

blade of grass hovers an angel, whispering grow. And, once upon a time, it was common for a host to welcome both you and your friend, your guardian angel, to their supper table. You might find all of this silly and maybe even embarrassing, but having been raised on a diet of prayers and petitions to saints and angels, I am relieved to still feel connected to their mysterious world. A world far more preferable to a staid, dry, intellectualism which, when it cannot explain Mystery, often chooses to dismiss it rather than surrender into it.

I could fill my head with worrying thoughts that build upon themselves, increasing my fears and anxieties until they rule my world, turning a vague "what if" into an elaborate drama that grows with every worse-case scenario I fertilize it with. I can spend a ton of time and energy spotting the next catastrophe, building my case, when I could spend my time and energy being creative instead. I can spot and elaborate on and commiserate over a million perceived slights by others, or I can spot their beauty, their vulnerability, their awkwardness and their own suffering. It all depends on what I choose to see and hear and, on my own level of maturity.

Contemporary theologian Eugene Peterson once said he found the word "spirituality" cheap. It's been overused. To be spiritual is simply to be mature, he says. To me, the means, there is nothing mature about posturing as a tough guy, full of bravado in times of fear and trouble. There is no heart, no courage, in bluster and ridicule. The word "courage," after all, comes from the French for

"heart." Phrases like "who cares?" "outta my way," "I got this!" "suck it up" and "tough it out" tighten my soul and constrict my heart; they do not welcome help from beyond my tight little reality. If you look in the bible, you will see there is no phrase: "God helps those who help themselves." Only: "God helps those who ask."

Who do I ask? Some of my siblings get amazing results going straight to our mom, who left her body behind in 2009 but whose presence is felt daily. I pray good old-fashioned Hail Marys on my grandmother's rosary. My chair by the window in front of a Mary altar full of holy cards and candles and little written petitions faces the field where Carmen keeps her cows. Mornings, they pass by my window, and afternoons, they pass again, headed the other way home. So, while I don't sit there all day - I stop throughout my day, especially when my mind wants to weave all kinds of terrible tales of destruction - I literally pray til the cows come home.

Prayer is a space wherein I can be 100% honest. I can tell the truth, find centre, be real. I get to express my fears and anger, as well as my doubts and thanks, then listen. Theologian Robert Barron tells a great story about a woman who, after days of watching her husband suffer in the hospital, approaches the statue of Mary standing outside the emergency doors and begins hurling dirt at it. Security tries to stop the woman, but a nun comes and stops them, saying: "Leave her be. She is praying."




  
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**MAKING AND TASTING SMOOTHIES:** Kids at iKids day camp in Kindersley were making smoothies during Chef Week. As they added ingredients, they would take a taste and add a little more fruit or yogurt as needed, until they were satisfied with the end product. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



# World's largest gopher turns 34 years old

BY JOAN JANZEN

Eston has been home to the world's largest gopher, since June, 1989 – 34 years ago when it was placed on Main Street. The sculpture was built by Michael Martin in 1987, stands 8 feet tall and weighs 3,000 pounds. It's made from tyndalstone taken from a quarry in Manitoba. It was erected to commemorate the town's World Gopher Derby.

The World Gopher Derby began twenty years prior to the statue's construction, and ended some time shortly before 1989. Anyone who happened to attend the Gopher Derby in days gone by would recall it operated much like a horse race. Eight lucky gophers were selected to participate. If anyone knows the specifics of the selection process, they can let our readers know.

The gopher runners were placed on a track shute, and the first one to reach the end, enter the winning gopher hole tipping the tube downward, was declared the winner. The gopher wasn't the only winner; everyone who placed bets on the creature also became a winner. This was an annual event held every July beginning in 1969.

Perhaps someone knows what happened to the winning gophers and the other competitors after the gopher derby concluded. But according to information from Eston's "Grass to Grain" history book, we do know the stone gopher was unveiled at the head of Eston's Main Street on Thursday, June 30, 1989 to commemorate the culmination of the Eston Lions Club's World Gopher Derby.



PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

## ADAMA Canada Donates \$5,000 to Help Revive Eston's Ball Diamond

ADAMA Canada, a global leader in crop protection, announced a donation of \$5,000 to the Eston Recreation Committee to improve its local ball diamond last week. This donation is part of All In On Your Stomping Grounds, a new initiative to help fund community projects across the country.

The money will be used to help install an irrigation system on the ball diamond, which has been a project long in the making. For decades there has been no means to water the diamond, which has made upkeep challenging given the hot and dry climate in west-central Saskatchewan. Garrett Turner, Recreation Director for the Town of Eston, said this year there are 14 minor baseball teams using the field, which is more than the community has seen in years. The ball diamond wasn't equipped for this much use, so it's resulted in teams having to play games out of town.

"We're very grateful for the donation and know this will help give our teams a home field advantage at a much greener ball diamond," said Turner. "Installing a new irrigation system will be a necessary first step in making the ball diamond functional for the growing baseball community we've developed over the years. The kids deserve a diamond they can play in safely and this will help make that happen."

The Eston ball diamond is one of 19 initiatives supported by ADAMA Canada's All In On Your Stomping Grounds program, which issued a cross-country call for Canadians to share community space improvement projects, agricultural ed-



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ucation projects or community food bank projects in their hometowns that needed funding earlier this year. The program donated up to \$10,000 to each recipient and a total of \$120,000 after receiving 60 applicants.

"We understand the pride of being from a small town and we could tell how important it was for ADAMA to support the Eston Recreation Committee on this project," said Cornie Thiessen, General Manager for ADAMA Canada. "Initiatives that build community are the reason we wanted to create All In On Your Stomping Grounds, and we're looking forward to using the fund to continue to help improve communities all over Canada."



Volunteers at Eston's Prairie West Historical Society were serving burgers, hot dogs and cool drinks on Saturday, August 26. The season is starting to wind down, but there still may be a back-to-school BBQ next week.

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# Karlsson will add 'power' to Pens' powerplay

BY BRUCE PENTON

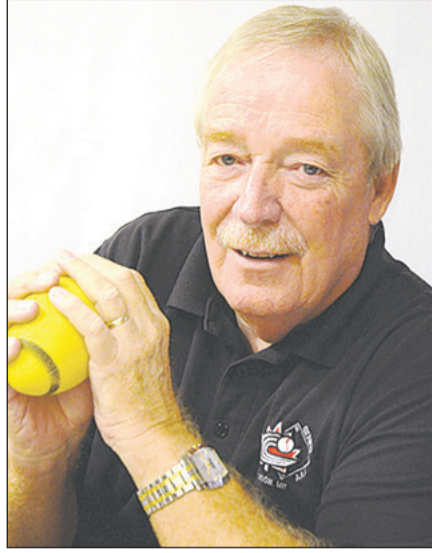
Like a poker player pushing all his chips into the centre of the table and declaring "all in," new general manager and president of Hockey Operations Kyle Dubas of the Pittsburgh Penguins is going for the gusto in the approaching National Hockey League season.

Scanning the birthdates of players on his roster, Dubas, 37, the former Maple Leaf wonder kid who was sent packing after last season but quickly caught on with the Penguins, saw that his best players were, well, aging.

While 37 may be considered young for an NHL GM, the same can't be said for players. Sidney Crosby, 36. Evgeni Malkin, 37, Kris Letang, 36, the three pillars of the team's relatively potent power play, had perhaps two, maybe three more years of brilliance before Father Time took over.

Hence, chips all in.

Dubas struck a deal with San Jose Sharks to acquire Erik Karlsson, 33, who may or not be the league's best 'defenceman' but is undoubtedly the NHL's most potent offensive defenceman. Last year, the Swedish superstar racked up 101 points for the Sharks, 27 of them on the power play, and was 25 points better than the next highest-scoring defencemen — Quinn Hughes of Vancouver and Josh Morrissey of Winnipeg. By the way, Karlsson also won his third James Norris Memorial Trophy as the NHL's best D-man.



BY BRUCE PENTON  
Sports Columnist

Add Karlsson to the Penguins power play alongside Crosby, Malkin, Letang and perhaps Richard Rakell or Bryan Rust (Jake Guentzel had ankle surgery and will miss the first couple of weeks of the season) and it could be red-light horror for opposing teams' netminders. Crosby is one of the most creative players in the league, but Karlsson may be even better with the puck. Those two controlling the play while Malkin and Letang get into position to fire rockets could result in an offensive explosion.

Scoring powerplay goals is not the whole reason for Karlsson's presence, though. It's to try to win a Stanley Cup, and the addition of the super Swede could be an important piece of the puzzle for Pittsburgh.

If goalie Tristan Jarry has an above-average season in goal, the Pens should score enough goals to be a Stanley Cup threat.

"I was very excited about the opportunity to have a chance to go somewhere where I could be on a team that is contending," Karlsson said in an NHL.com story. "It was exciting when I heard that (the Penguins) were interested, so I'm happy that it worked out in the end here."

NHL training camps don't open for about another three weeks, and while many eyes will be on Chicago and the Connor Bedard Show, Penguins fans will be excitedly watching how Karlsson, Crosby and Co. work on developing their magic to make life miserable for NHL goalies.

- Headline from the onion.com: "Theatrical Farce Features Teammates, Parents, Coaches Pretending Little Leaguer's 12-Error Dribbler Was Real Home Run"
- Headline at fark.com: "Anthony Davis got a \$186 million contract extension to continue to get injured for the Lakers through 2028"
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Is it just me or does the ACC seem to be shopping at the second-hand thrift store? The ACC adding Stanford and Cal is like your old Uncle Al coming home from Goodwill wearing a wrinkled, too-tight, out-of-style Hawaiian shirt."
- Brendan Porath of The Fried Egg on the PGA Tour's 'designated' events now being called 'signature' events: "So we're continuing to work our way through the entire thesaurus to find a

word that will suggest that some events are more important than others."

- LIV-bashing English pro golfer Eddie Pepperell, on Twitter, after Harold Varner III said it was easier to win on the PGA Tour than on LIV: "Unlike money, brains aren't in abundance on LIV."
  - Steve Simmons of Sunmedia: "The Jays don't need a new hitting coach. They need better hitters."
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## Education Minister announces new parental inclusion and consent policies

Education Minister Dustin Duncan has announced new parental inclusion and consent policies for Saskatchewan schools.

As of August 22:

- Schools must seek parent/guardian permission when changing the preferred name and pronouns used by students under the age of 16 in the school;
- Parents/guardians must be informed about the sexual health education curriculum and have the option to decline their children's participation; and,
- Boards of education must immediately pause involvement with any third-party organization, such as ARC Foundation and the SOGI 1 2 3 Program, connected to sexual health education as the ministry undertakes review of educational resources to ensure alignment with curriculum outcomes. Only teachers, not outside third-parties, will be able to present sexual education materials in the classroom. This directive does not include professionals employed by govern-


ment ministries or the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

"Our government has heard the concerns raised by Saskatchewan parents about needing to be notified and included in their children's education in these important areas," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said.

"We also determined that while all of Saskatchewan's school divisions had policies dealing with these matters, those policies varied from one division to another, so it was important to standardize these policies and ensure consistency of parental inclusion, no matter where your child goes to school."

"Parent/guardian involvement is critical in every student's education," Duncan said. "Schools will continue to ensure safe learning environments where all students feel included, protected and respected."

Parent/guardian consent for students under 16 will now be required to change a student's name or pronouns in the school. For students 16 and over, parent/guardian consent is not required.



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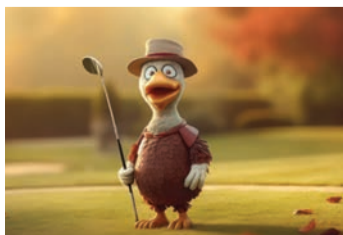
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# “Neighbours Helping Neighbours: The Story of Good Neighbours Food Centre”

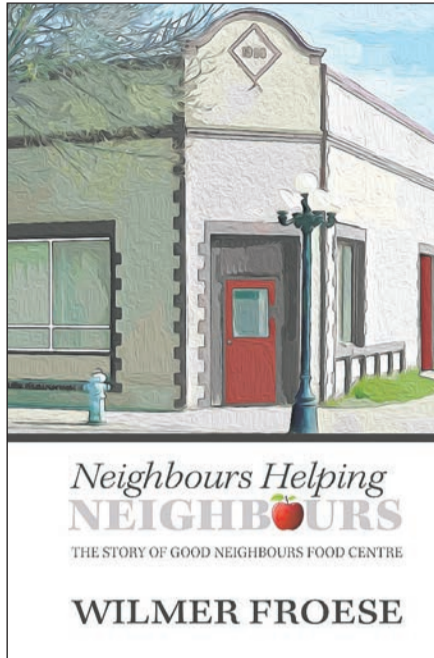
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REVIEW BY TOBY A. WELCH

I love books that started out as a passion project as the author's enthusiasm shows through in the words. That is clearly the case with Neighbours Helping Neighbours.

In a world filled with negativity and news channels that promote doom and gloom, Neighbours Helping Neighbours is a breath of sunshine. It gave me long-term warm fuzzies. The story of the Good Neighbours Food Center reaffirmed to me that there is still so much good in this world. People who care are out there.

This book shares an inspiring success story that took place in Rosthern, a small town located halfway between Saskatoon and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. The community banded together to create a food



bank for people who lived with food insecurity. The author, Wilmer Froese, shared the initial planning of the food bank with two other community-minded people. Their vision statement was simple: to give food

to people who need it. They opened in September 2011, operating one day a week at the local senior centre before upgrading to a standalone building. They faced some huge obstacles over the following years and crushed all of them.

The food bank eventually claimed charitable status and then incorporated itself. It was interesting reading the steps they had to go through to make that happen. As well, they joined the Food Banks of Saskatchewan organization, an invaluable resource.

In time, the then-named Rosthern District Food Bank expanded to include aspects that the three founding members likely never dared dream about. They created and grew a massive garden, started a food security task force, and held annual general meetings. One day a week, someone with the local employment agency takes up residence in the food bank to assist clients with all aspects of job development and employment barriers. The now-named Good Neigh-

bours Food Centre became invaluable to their community in so many ways that extended beyond food.

People came from all over to access the food bank, bringing with them tales of serious struggles in most cases. It is a fascinating story.

This book brought home the power of what one (or three) people can do. In a world where so many of us feel useless because really what can one person do, the answer is a lot. Lives can be changed when someone has an idea and turns it into a reality. The Aesop quote that opens chapter four sums it up best: “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

I cannot recommend this book enough for anyone looking for a read about a small-town Saskatchewan success story that will leave you with that warm feeling long after you have turned the last page.

*This book is available at your local bookstore or from [www.skbooks.com](http://www.skbooks.com)*



Luseland Pool was a popular place to hang out on hot summer days.

## Luseland Pool is a popular summer hangout

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Luseland Pool was a busy place throughout the summer months, especially during the hot temperatures we experienced. Swimming lessons were scheduled as usual, thanks to six energetic individuals who became certified Swim for Life instructors before the pool opened. The swimming instructors are from Kerrobert, Luseland and Plenty.

Thanks to their dedication, the pool was able to host a few special events. Shark Week began on July 11th, with crafts, a glow night, shark games, story time in the park and a music day. Later in the month, the Access team hosted a free BBQ at the Swimming Pool park.

Summer will soon come to a close, and students will return to school. Labour Day weekend will mark the final day the Luseland Pool will be open on Monday, September 4th.

## KINDERSLEY RCMP

### No charges laid after reported abduction attempt

August 17th

At approximately 7:59 a.m., Kindersley RCMP assisted Luseland Fire Department with a reported plane crash west of Luseland. When emergency services arrived on scene, a single engine crop dusting plane crashed into an area field. The pilot sustained what were reported as serious, but not life threatening-injuries. There were no other occupants. STARS air ambulance also responded and transported the pilot to Saskatoon for further treatment. Transport Canada was called and took carriage over the investigation.

August 3rd

Kindersley RCMP responded a reported abduction incident at a Spray Park located on Princess Street involving a child. Officers conducted extensive patrols and continued a priority investigation and have now concluded, based on evidence collected, that no abduction attempt occurred. This information is being released to assure the community that no risk was identified after a fulsome investigation.

Investigators remind parents that it's important regularly discuss safety tips with children. Remind them to never go anywhere with someone they don't know or trust, and to re-

port suspicious activity to a trusted adult as soon as possible. Kindersley RCMP would like to caution the public about posting allegations on social media and the importance of obtaining information from credible sources.

“We would like to remind the public that if they have a concern or a suspicious circumstance to report it to the police immediately. If there are public safety concerns, the RCMP will communicate this to the public,” states Staff Sergeant Kevin Peterson, Kindersley RCMP. “We would hate to see someone being falsely accused of a crime before it is properly investigated.”

August 15th

Kindersley RCMP responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle at the parking lot of a local restaurant. Investigation revealed the vehicle to be stolen and all three occupants were arrested and held for court in Saskatoon on August 16th.

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

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Dark and Dusty: This fabulous harvest photo was sent into us by Henry Kleinsasser. We think this is an award winner. Keep shooting, Henry!

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# Harvest progressing in west central region

The west-central region has made fantastic progress this week with harvest. The region is now 27 per cent complete harvest, ahead of the five-year average of 15 per cent.

Producers are nearing the completion of fall cereal harvest, with 100 per cent of winter wheat and 98 per cent of fall rye harvested. Producers have turned their focus to getting spring seeded crops into the bin, including barley (36 per cent) and spring wheat (22 per cent). Field peas (70 per cent) and lentils (80 per cent) are also being harvested when ready. Mustard is the primary oilseed being harvested right now, with 35 per cent in the bin.

Scattered showers moved through the region this week, however very few areas got their fill of rain. Outlook recorded the most moisture, with 20 mm being reported. Topsoil moisture in the region continues to be limited. Thirteen per cent of cropland has adequate moisture, 49 per cent is short and 38 per cent is very short. Hay and pastureland have limited moisture. Producers are reporting six per

cent of these acres having adequate moisture, 36 per cent short and 58 per cent very short.

Pastures had little moisture or reprieve from the heat this summer. Pasture conditions are poor (41 per cent) to very poor (31 per cent). Fifteen per cent of forage acres went uncut or baled this year due to drought conditions.

Crop damage this past week is due to drought conditions, grasshoppers and some hail. Producers are busy desiccating, combining and swathing. Producers are also hauling water and feed for livestock.

Harvest is a very busy and stressful time for producers, and they are reminded to take safety precautions in all the work they do. This includes having fire mitigation resources at the ready and taking precautions when working around powerlines. The Farm Stress Line is available to provide support to producers toll free at 1-800-667-4442. The public is reminded to use extra caution when encountering machinery on the roads, and to give extra time and space.

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# Kindersley resident touches lives by volunteering

BY JOAN JANZEN



Kindersley resident Doug Dale enjoys volunteering. SUBMITTED

Kindersley resident Doug Dale retired from full-time employment in 2022 but hasn't slowed down since then. A retirement slogan says - Never underestimate the difference you made and the lives you touched. However, Doug and many other volunteers are proving that you can continue to touch lives long after you leave the workforce.

Doug has worked hard throughout his life, even when he was a kid. "If I wasn't going to school, I was working on the farm," he explained. "I farmed full time all my life and never had time to volunteer." He stopped farming in 2009, after which he transported dairy products. "I started in the oilfield in 2012 and worked until 2022," he said. At that time, he helped a neighbour on the farm in the spring and fall for a year.

Aside from being part of the Parent Advisory Council while his kids were in elementary school, Doug hadn't done much volunteer work, but that all changed in 2023.

In February of this year, he was asked if he was interested in volunteering at the FoodMesh program, and he hasn't looked back since. Now, he faithfully volunteers every afternoon and evening, three days a week. "I'm the kind of guy who jumps into something wholeheartedly," he explained. The strong

work ethic he had acquired from his years in farming is now utilized in contributing to the needs of the community.

"I really enjoy what I'm doing. It gives me something to do, and it's a needed service; there's no doubt about that."

Although he spent much of his life operating farm machinery and working in the oil patch, he now enjoys associating with people. "I'm getting to know the people, and it becomes very personal. It's overwhelming sometimes when you see the needs coming through the doors. Most of the people are very appreciative," he admitted. "It can be emotional because you get a large food donation, and in a week, it's gone."

He also enjoys working with a team of volunteers who are equally as dedicated as himself. "I put my time in farming, in the oilfield, and now I need to take a step back and enjoy retirement to a certain extent," he said. He enjoys golfing and time at the lake, but volunteering gives him purpose.

"It's a rewarding experience all around, knowing that you're doing something for the benefit of the community and not expecting any payment for it. You're doing it just for the reward of helping the community," he concluded. And he plans to keep at it as long as he is able.

# Three men face serious charges after Rosetown raid

On August 23, 2023, at approximately 6 a.m., Rosetown RCMP, along with officers from the North Battleford and Moose Jaw RCMP Crime Reduction Teams, the Saskatchewan RCMP Emergency Response Team and Combined Traffic Services Section (CTSS), executed a search warrant at a residence located on the 700 block of Herkimer Street in Rosetown in relation to an ongoing weapons investigation.

Officers secured a perimeter around the residence to ensure public and officer safety. There were no injuries sustained by anyone involved in the execution of the search warrant.

Four adults were arrested and taken into police custody without incident. One adult female was released with no charges.

A search of the residence incidental to the arrests resulted in officers locating and seizing a sawed-off shotgun, a sawed-off rifle, a large amount of ammunition, imitation firearms, hash packaged for sale, illicit cannabis, scales and packaging material.

In addition to the RCMP specialized units above, this investigation also received assistance from the Saskatoon RCMP General Investigation Section and the Saskatchewan RCMP Trafficking Response Team in Saskatoon.

As a result of this investigation, 28-year-old Brandon Hipfner, 31-year-old Andrew Ek and



The weapons and ammunition seized during a raid in Rosetown. RCMP/SUBMITTED

23-year-old Jaiden Rosin, have each been charged with the following:

- Attempted murder while using prohibited firearm, Sec. 239(1)(a) of the CC;
- Discharge firearm with intent, Sec. 244.2 of the CC;
- Two counts, possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition, Sec. 95 of the CC;
- Unsafe storage of a firearm, contrary to Sec. 86(2) of the CC;
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to Sec. 92(1) of the CC;

- Possession of firearm with a serial number that has been altered, defaced or removed, Sec. 108(1)(b) of the CC;
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Sec. 88 of the CC; and
- Possession of a prohibited device, Sec. 92(2) of the CC.

Andrew Ek is facing two additional charges of possession of a weapon (firearm) contrary to an order, Sec 117.01 of the CC; and possession of a weapon (taser) contrary to an order, Sec 117.01 of the CC.

Brandon Hipfner is facing one additional charge of possession for the purpose of trafficking, Sec 5(2) of the CDSA.

Hipfner (Information #: 90435653), Ek (Information #: 90449164) and Rosin (Information #: 90449163) have been remanded and are scheduled for a show cause hearing on August 28, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Rosetown RCMP would like to thank residents in the community for providing the space required to conduct a safe, thorough investigation.

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## Saskatchewan funds nuclear specialist for supply chain development of small modular reactors via SIMSA

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

**SASKATOON** – As the federal government’s recently released draft Clean Electricity Regulations make coal-fired power, even with carbon capture, all but impossible, and will require almost perfect carbon capture on natural gas-fired power generation. As a result, Saskatchewan’s increasing focus on nuclear power generation is coming to the fore. And to that end, money is starting to be dedicated to that purpose.

The Government of Saskatchewan, through Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) is providing \$479,000 to the Saskatchewan Industrial and Mining Suppliers Association (SIMSA) and its partners to prepare local companies for their future participation in provincial, national and global small modular reactor (SMR) development. The provincial government has been actively partnering with SIMSA for both mining and energy development in recent years.

“Programming and resources made available through this funding are crucial to moving toward building a nuclear industry in Saskatchewan,” Minister of Crown Investments Corporation Don Morgan said in a release on Aug. 24. “Our province has a long successful history of nuclear research and development, and we are a world-class supplier of high-quality uranium ore. Advancing Saskatchewan’s SMR supply chains will unlock economic and job potential for communities near and far, including our rural, northern and remote regions, and Indigenous communities.”

In the spring of 2022, Morgan had announced Saskatchewan’s intention to build four small modular reactors. But on Aug. 24, he spoke on John Gormley Live about the possibility of up to nine such reactors. And Premier Scott Moe, when questioned about this in Estevan on Aug. 23, told Pipeline Online, “I don’t think that that number certainly hasn’t been decided on, as of yet. But as we look ahead, through the decades, and not the next number of years, but through the decades, you know, we’re embarking down that path with going through the regulatory process on where

you may locate and a small modular reactor, and how many you can ultimately locate at that.

“So I want surmise as to what the end number would be of small modular reactors, because there are other are other options, and larger 1,000 megawatt reactors and such. There’s other, options that we have that can play into this as well, with some of the other generation infrastructure that we have,” Moe said.

The two-year funding agreement between CIC and SIMSA, a nonprofit organization representing more than 300 Saskatchewan-based suppliers of the industrial, mining and energy sectors, will support an SMR supply chain specialist position with SIMSA. The funding will also help engage First Nations Power Authority (FNPA) for its assistance to explore Indigenous economic opportunities and enable the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) to deliver its Ready-4SMR program to develop local suppliers, including Indigenous-owned companies, the government said.

“SIMSA is excited to work with CIC to build additional resources to enhance the development of qualified nuclear manufacturing and construction companies in our province,” Eric Anderson, executive director of SIMSA said. “One crucial component of this work is the recruitment of an SMR supply chain specialist. The specialist has outstanding nuclear and supply chain experience and knows the current market elements. This position will be an invaluable asset to advance SMR development in Saskatchewan.”

To that end, SIMSA announced it had hired Tom Kishchuk as its nuclear specialist. “SIMSA and its members will now be able to leverage his considerable experience, such as being the former president and CEO of Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems Canada, as well as the former vice president of Operational Support for Federated Cooperatives Limited,” their release said.

“As SIMSA’s Nuclear Specialist, Tom will maximize the amount of Saskatchewan content for new nuclear development in Canada and globally, especially in Saskatchewan, including but not limited to: Small Modular Reactor component manufacturing and deployment, certified services to the nuclear industry and nuclear fuel manufacturing.”

To assist in this effort, SIMSA has added three broad nuclear headings and several sub-headings to their member database. With these database enhancements, Governments, technology providers, and procurement functions can quickly identify who is “interested in nuclear” or “becoming accredited” for nuclear work, or “are accredited;”

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Tom Kishchuk, SIMSA's new nuclear supply chain specialist. SIMSA



Premier Scott Moe, speaking in Estevan on Aug. 23. He had a lot of questions about nuclear power. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

## ...Supply chain development

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and then explore further to see which SIMSA members may be of interest.

"Tom brings a unique combination of technical and business leadership experience gained during more than 25 years of developing provincial, national and international networks and relationships to support the manufacturing of heavy industrial equipment in Saskatchewan. Tom has the knowledge and experience to review technology design elements, and then help members assess the risks to their business from participating in the nuclear supply chain. He can also discuss business attraction and regulatory items with major technology providers and governments.

"From 1989 to 2015, Tom was involved in all aspects of a heavy industrial manufacturing business including the design of turbines (steam, gas, hydro) and generators, development, and implementation of management systems (health and safety, environment and quality), advanced manufacturing engineering (turbines, pressure vessels, piping, heat exchangers, wind turbine towers, and nuclear components), and business development for emerging low carbon technologies including nuclear plants. In these roles he travelled frequently to Asia, Europe and within North America for the purpose of supply chain development and technology transfer for heavy industrial equipment manufacturing and servicing," SIMSA said.

Anderson said, "SIMSA is excited to have the opportunity to work with a person of Tom's abilities. He portrays an outstanding balance between nuclear and supply chain experience and knows the current market elements. In short, he will be an invaluable asset to SIMSA and its mem-

bers. Further, with someone of Tom's abilities on-board, SIMSA can maintain its traditional work in the mining, energy and industrial sectors, without any distraction."

"We are proud to partner with CIC, SIMSA and OCNI to advance economic reconciliation with Indigenous owned businesses," Guy Lonechild, President and CEO, FNPA said. "FNPA will establish a new database to build nuclear capacity and track certifications both provincially and nationally."

FNPA is the only North American non-profit Indigenous owned and controlled organization developing power projects with Indigenous communities.

"The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries is proud to be working in Saskatchewan with SIMSA and FNPA to implement our Ready4SMR program," Bill Walker, president and CEO, OCNI said. "We'd also like to acknowledge and thank the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan for their contribution in making this project possible. Canada is leading the world in the deployment of small modular reactors and we're excited to see Saskatchewan planning for SMRs as part of their clean energy mix. Our role is to build a pan-Canadian supply chain that gives provinces like Saskatchewan an opportunity for economic development as your already thriving supplier base considers joining the Canadian nuclear industry."

OCNI describes itself as the leading voice of the Canadian nuclear supply chain and actively promotes the production of safe, clean, and reliable nuclear base load electricity as a central part of Canada's balanced electricity generation portfolio. It is an association of more than 200 leading suppliers of the nuclear industry in Canada and the international marketplace.

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It was named for the carpenter who built the school - J Warin. When the school was repainted in 1925 the name was put on the school and the painter add an extra R hence it became Warrington. Trees were also planted around the school yard by Arthur Dowling and Charlie Bush.

Driving south takes us by the Andy Dyson farm. Turning east we see a coulee running north east. This is Sparling's coulee where Christopher Sparling lived in a dugout built into the side of the coulee. It was just large enough for his bed, a stove and a table. Christopher was born in Ireland, travelled extensively and eventually, in 1910, he settled at the coulee. He lived in his dugout home until health began to fail. He was moved to Battleford where he passed away in 1934 in his late seventies.



Looking south you will see Shallow Lake - people called it "the end of the world". In 1914 the few homesteaders in the area met and decided to form a school district. However, it was in 1922 when they applied for funds to build a school. They were denied the amount they needed, so the school was never built. The children were driven to Luseland in a horse drawn van - the first School bus!

**The Whooping Crane**

Shallow Lake is the last known nesting place of the whooping crane in this area. Because of this, the Luseland museum houses a whooping crane.



*Painting by Elselth Bergen*

The community of Baliol, along the railway track, half way between Kerrobert and Luseland, boasted two elevators and a station. You can still find the spot by the caraganas. The Baliol School however, was north of the community. In 1921 a two-roomed teacherage was built for the teacher as options for boarding were too far from the school. When the school closed it was purchased and is now a shop on the Fd Flahr farm.

**Driving on north from Baliol School we turn east at Joe Meier's Farm.**

The silo on the horizon to the south east is the Simonson Farm. As we turn north we see a house built by Edward Ransbottom. He and his wife Elisabeth, came to the Abbots district in 1910 from Ohio. Their home had stained glass windows - the first for the area. The family of five children left for North Battleford in 1920. The land and home was then purchased by Nick & Jessie Zimmer.



Abbnott School was named for the first organizers - Frank Abbs and George Hoddinott. The first school was built in 1910, but by 1922 a larger school was needed. The decision was made to build a brick school with a full basement, which was a very impressive building as we can see today. Elizabeth Fruhstuk, Jerome Schroh's mom, taught here from 1952 - 1954. As was true of many teachers, she married a local farmer, Mike Schroh. Their wedding dance was the last one held at the school.

**Driving north from Abbnott.....**

just past Keith German's farm, we see the St Francis Cemetery. The 1st St Francis Church was built around 1910 and was used until 1927 when it was closed, only to be reopened again in 1935. The building was destroyed by fire in 1937, with a new church being built in 1940. This church also burned to the ground in 1948 due to a lightning strike. Courageously, they again built a third church in 1958 only to be closed in 1963.



Abbnott School (1910 - 1959) was named for the first organizers - Frank Abbs and George Hoddinott. The first school was built in 1910, but by 1922, a larger school was needed. The decision was made to build a brick school with a full basement, which was a very impressive building as we can see today. Today, the structure has been renovated and serves as a family's home. *SUBMITTED BY LUSELAND MUSEUM*

# Preserving the history of Luseland's country schools

BY JOAN JANZEN

Not only is it time for students to return "back to school," but it's also a time when the community of Luseland is preserving the history of the country schools in their area. "We feel this is a piece of history that we would like to see preserved," Jean Halliday, a museum board member, said.

"When one drives down country roads, a school sign including the name and years of operation is a very intriguing thing to come across." And that is exactly what the museum plans to do.

Jean said the five schools currently on the list to receive signs are Hearts Hill, Greenvale, Baliol, Niagara and West Luseland, which are presently unmarked. The markers will be large metal signs which will be readable for motorists driving by. Each sign will cost approximately \$540. Jean said Travis Kasis from Carl's Welding drew up a sample sign and will be doing the laser metal work.

Memorial cairns and plaques mark the Thornedale and Warrington school locations, but others, like the Niagara School building, were moved and became the Bell Acres Golf and Country Club clubhouse. That school was in use from 1923 to 1952. The Baliol School opened in 1912 and was the last country school to close in 1960.

During that era, provincial governments were ensuring children had to walk at most two or three miles to school in rural areas. Two nearby

school buildings still remain on their original sites. Built in the 1920s, Abbnott School has been renovated and now serves as a family's home. The other school, known as the West Luseland School, closed in 1952 and is widely recognized as the place where Luseland School graduates paint their names. Other country school sites can be recognized by clusters of caraganas growing in a field.

During the past year, the Luseland Museum focussed its theme on country schools. Luseland's museum board consists of a group of dedicated committee members. During the past winter season, research was done, which enabled a display board to be made for each country school. These boards include the name of the school, the years it remained open, its location, and the history of the school name, along with a photo of the structure.

Throughout the summer, the museum committee conducted events relating to country schools, which visitors could enjoy. Everything from spelling bees, math quizzes, hopscotch, marbles and jacks were included in the fun. The museum also conducted driving tours to the country school sites in the area for interested tourists.

The Luseland Museum invites area residents, people who grew up in the area and anyone interested in preserving history to be a part of their Country School Sign Project. Donations can be made to the Town of Luseland by sending a cheque or e-transfer.



# School days in the 'old days'

BY JOAN JANZEN

In just one more week students will be returning to school. While noticing parents busy shopping for school supplies, new clothes, shoes and lunch kits, two photos displayed at the Kindersley Museum caught my eye.

Both photos were taken in the 1930's. Notice the photo of the barefoot children on the steps of a school located near Yorkton, Sask. If the weather was warm, shoes were not considered a necessity. Coveralls served as school attire for the boys, and everyone had identical haircuts which they had received while sitting on a kitchen chair at home.

The photo of children carrying lunch pails was taken on the prairies in the province of Manitoba. The caption noted the students were ready for their 12-mile walk to school. Long before recycling became a popular trend, these students were reusing honey, peanut butter and syrup pails to carry their school lunches, or to pick berries after school.



## Improvements to Hwy 44 planned for 2024

Earlier this spring, Highway 44 near Eston claimed the title as the worst road in Saskatchewan in CAA's 2023 Worst Roads campaign.

Recognizing local concerns, the Government of Saskatchewan aims to enhance safety for residents, producers, and responders by improving this stretch of highway.

The Ministry of Highways is planning to upgrade seven kms of Highway 44 (between Glidden and Eston) in stages, beginning with 1.5 to 2 km in 2024. The initial focus is the Madison area, with crushing and stockpiling beginning this fall, stated Ken Francis, MLA for Kindersley.

Earlier this week, Francis and Jeremy Cockrill, the Minister of Highways met with representatives from the Town of Eston and the Rural Municipality of Snipe Lake regarding the state of Highway 44. This discussion followed up on a meeting held during the summer of 2023 and continued dialogues spanning several months.

"I am grateful and excited to see the progression on the upcoming improvements on Highway 44," Ken Francis stated.



Highway 44 near Madison. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

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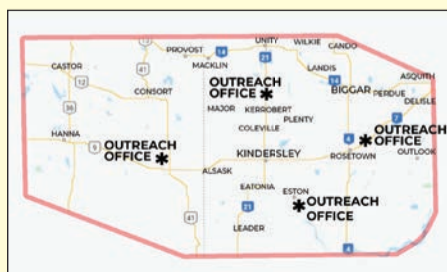
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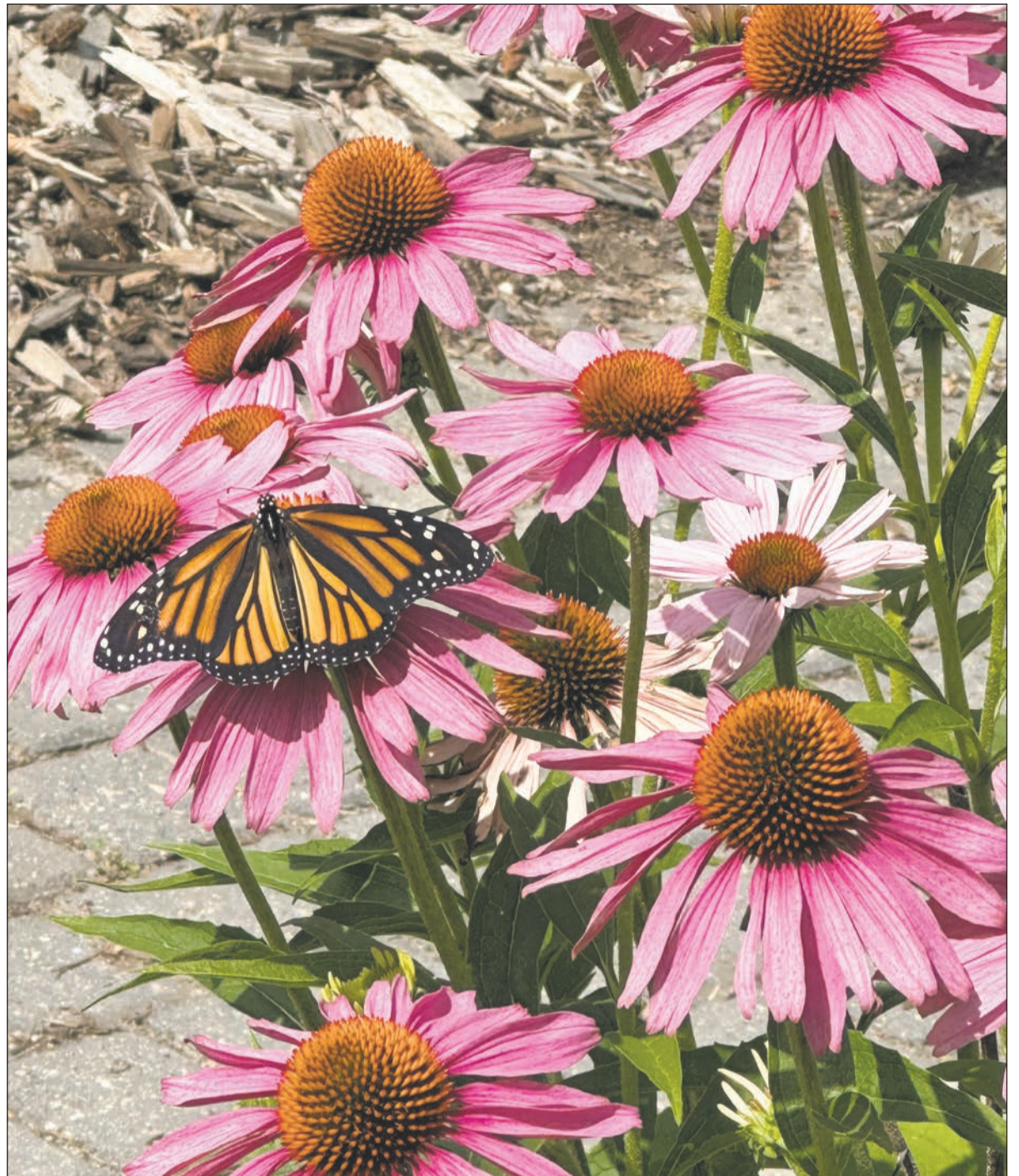


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Monarch on Purple Coneflower. PHOTO BY RAELEEN FEHR-ROSE

## Flap to it, and Plant a Fall Garden for Monarchs!

As our summer gears up for the last warm days before Autumn settles in, so to do our prairie Monarch Butterflies gear up for their big migration south.

August is an eventful month for the Monarch on the prairies. Milkweed is in full bloom, starting to develop pods, and the last of this summer's Monarch caterpillars are completing their metamorphosis into the beautiful iconic butterflies that we all love. This month watchful eyes can be lucky enough to catch Monarchs in all forms of their life stages, and it is one of the best times to give Monarchs a helping hand in the garden. "Migration takes an enormous amount of energy," Emily Putz, Habitat Stewardship Coordinator at Nature Saskatchewan explains, "The adults that emerge now are in a race to get the nutrients they need to survive the journey." The summer generation of butterflies will survive up to 9 months, journeying 4,000km south to their wintering site in Mexico- where they fast throughout the winter before producing the next generation to begin the flight northward in the spring. Foraging before they begin their flight can give them the boost they need to get going. "That's where the public can come in to help" further explains Putz, "lots of people know about the importance of Milkweed to a Monarch caterpillar, but it's often forgotten that ample late-blooming nectaring species are equally important to the adults in late summer." If you already have Milkweed incorporated into your yard, planting other nectaring plants completes the picture for the monarchs and will attract them to your Milkweed more readily.

Planting your garden with Monarchs in mind can create a habitat that blooms late into the fall season, while benefitting a huge number of our

other native insect and bird species alike. When looking to which species to plant, perennial native plants will give Monarchs the energy they need. "These flowering species are already adapted to our climate, making them low-maintenance once established, there's also the added benefit that our native pollinators are also adapted to their bloom times and know to look for them." Putz states. The large yellow blooms of our goldenrod species produce right into the fall, as well as golden and purple native asters, purple vervain, and pink blazingstar. Planting these species creates an attractive landscape to insects and humans alike. Stay away from tropical species, especially Tropical Milkweed, which may be colourful and advertised as butterfly benefitting, but can do more harm than good to Monarchs, spreading wing deforming disease and tricking them into staying too long before the frost.

Saskatchewan's Monarchs begin their flight Southward by the end of August into September. If you happen to spot one on its journey, or at any-time of its lifecycle, please report your sighting to Nature Saskatchewan's toll-free HOOTline, 1-800-667-HOOT (4668) or email Emily Putz at outreach@naturesask.ca. Every sighting helps fill the knowledge gap of this iconic butterfly in its prairie range.

*If you have Monarch habitat with consistent use year to year by this butterfly, consider joining Nature Saskatchewan's voluntary stewardship program, Stewards of Saskatchewan, which currently partners with 274 private land title holders and managers to help conserve habitat and monitor population numbers of monarchs and other species-at-risk in the province.*

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# Kinjo & Young performing across west central Saskatchewan

The Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) along with its member arts councils are proud to present Kinjo & Young in concert. The performances are part of the 2023/2024 Stars for Saskatchewan Concert Series.

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Stories of their long-standing musical adventures and blistering guitar solos compliment the amazing grooves and thoughtful lyrics of their songs. Kinjo & Young offer a show for audiences of all ages and musical tastes.

Kinjo & Young will be performing at the following venues in west central Saskatchewan in the coming months:

**Tuesday, October 17**  
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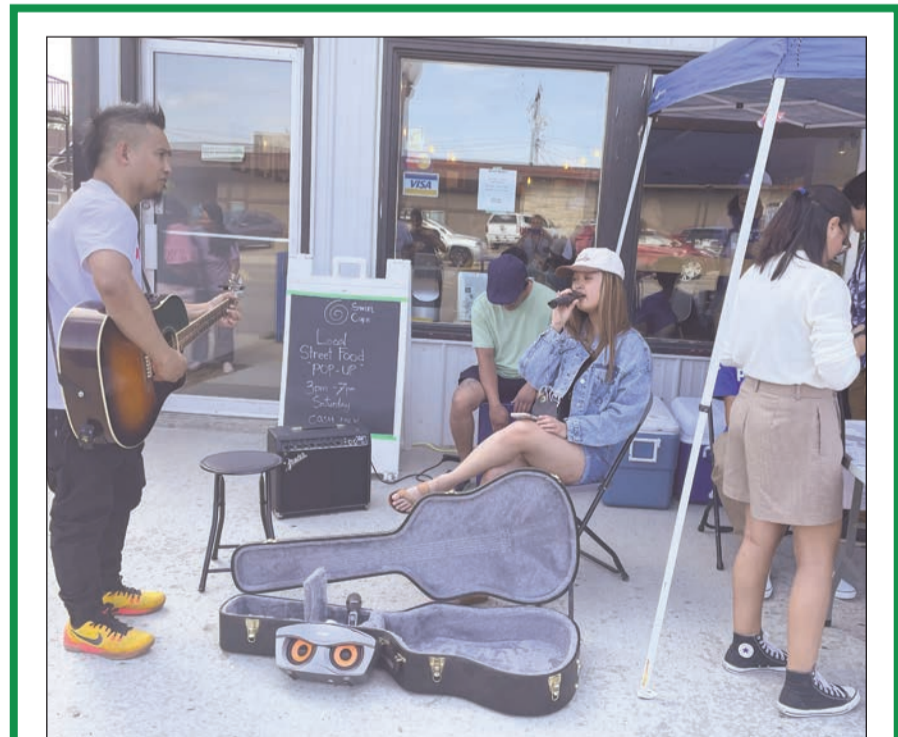
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**NOTHING BEATS GOOD FOOD AND GOOD MUSIC:** Saturday afternoon, August 26th was a beautiful sunny day, and an awesome opportunity for food vendors to sell their treats. Half a dozen Filipino food vendors gathered in front of Swirl Cafe, prepared to feed a hungry crowd, for as long as their supply would last. Not only was the air filled with tantalizing smells, but the band Lifestyle was on hand, delivering their talented brand of music to both vendors and customers. It was a great way to celebrate summer. The Lifestyle band delivered their talented brand of music at Swirl Cafe on August 26th, a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



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**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 AM and 4:30 PM 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 September 12, 2023, at 8:45 AM 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.

Issued at the Rural Municipality of Chesterfield No. 261 of this 22nd day of August, 2023.

Tosha Kozicki,  
 Administrator





The generations got together and were making music together at the Kindersley Plains Museum on Tuesday evening, August 22nd. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

# Generations make music together at the museum

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kindersley & District Plains Museum was filled with the sound of music on Tuesday evening, August 22nd. More than a dozen musicians strolled through the doors for another jam session at the mu-

seum. They all hauled their instruments and equipment and began setting up on the stage like a well-oiled machine.

Musicians of all ages were in attendance, all happily making music together. A small audience listened intently to Generation

Z accompany Baby Boomer musicians, performing tunes they would likely hear for the first time. And the more senior musicians in the group strummed along with songs Generation Z were playing.

An obvious passion for music

was melding the generations together while musicians honed their skills and provided entertainment for those listening. The audience included a three-year-old (Generation Alpha) who insisted her mom bring her to the museum to listen to the music.

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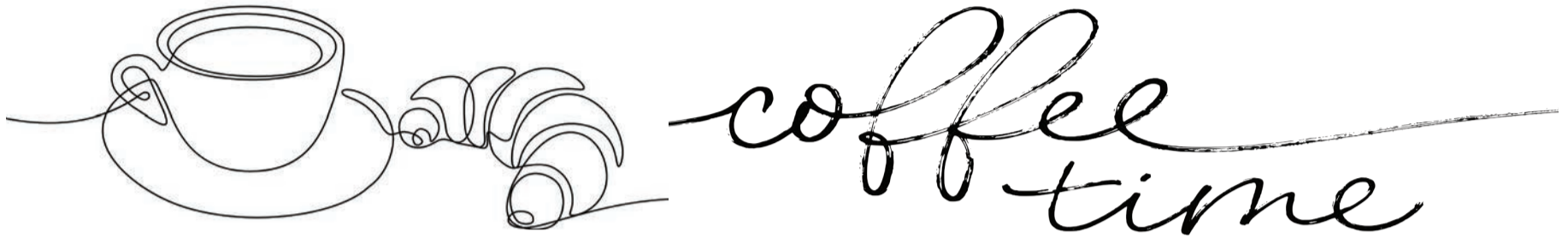
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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate    ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Pen is missing. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Number is different. 6. Hair is different.

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### August 28, 2023 Posting Date

## King Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 "Waterloo" group

5 Director Craven

8 Kilt wearer

12 Borscht base

13 Chop

14 Ginormous

15 Baltimore seafood treat

17 Congers

18 "— Little" (film)

19 Sweet-sounding

21 Toe count

22 Jazzy Fitzgerald

23 Lobbying org.

26 Stir-fry pan

28 Succinct

31 "American —"

33 Peruke

35 June 6, 1944

36 Casual shirts

38 Ran into

40 Fr. holy woman

41 Unhappy destiny

43 Arrest

45 Yell, "You're not funny!"

47 Believes (in)

51 Regrettably

52 Unambiguous

54 Marathon fraction

55 Bee follower

56 Judicial garb

57 Shopper's delight

58 Be sick

59 "Closer" actor Clive

8 Like ready-to-eat walnuts

9 Actor's visual aids

10 Leer at

11 Try out

16 Ship's staff

20 Last (Abbr.)

23 "Great Expectations" lad

24 Fuss

25 Telemarketer's tactic

27 Kipling hero

29 Perched

30 Needle hole

32 Quick glance

34 Refined

37 Costa del —

39 O'Hara estate

42 Pilgrimage site

44 Small pack animal

45 Easter entrees

46 Director Kazan

48 Garbage barge

49 Toothpaste holder

50 British gun

53 Floral neck-lace

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Vertebrae; 2. The Philippines; 3. NaVi; 4. 1976; 5. A cob; 6. Walnuts; 7. Fear of numbers; 8. Sarah Michelle Gellar; 9. Outback Steakhouse; 10. Isaac Asimov.

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Answer

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What are the small bones that make up the human backbone?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is made up of about 7,000 islands?
3. MOVIES: What native language is spoken in the movie "Avatar"?
4. BUSINESS: When did the first Apple computer go on sale?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male swan called?
6. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used in a Waldorf salad?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in arithmophobia?
8. TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the series "Buffy the Vampire Killer"?
9. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advertises itself as "no rules, just right"?
10. SCIENCE: Which science fiction author wrote the three laws of robotics??

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Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.





Pam Lyons (4th from left) and her fellow District 3 colleagues from Maidstone Kin Club, Unity Kin Club and Lloydminster Kinettes.



## Lyons represents Kindersley at Kin Canada National Convention

Local Kindersley Kinette member, Pam Lyons returned from the Kin Canada National Convention which was held in Leduc, Alberta from August 16-19. The convention served to celebrate the accomplishments

of the past year. Across Canada, \$25,083,327 in service dollars was raised to help the communities they serve. \$8,064,479 of that was raised right here in Saskatchewan!

"I met so many people from

across Canada, got to reconnect with some I already knew, and gained some new ideas and knowledge. To the nine others in my circle it was the best of times. I am very proud to be involved in the Kin

Canada organization. Thank you to my club the Kinsmen & Kinette Club of Kindersley for allowing me to represent us at Nationals," Lyons said on her Facebook page last week.

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## Unity, Wilkie and Macklin area RCMP Report

### UNITY REPORTS

- RCMP received a complaint of disturbing the peace. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a report of a missing person. The individual was located.
- Members conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a family member.
- RCMP received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members spoke to the subject of complaint.
- Members conducted another wellbeing check at the request of a family member.
- CP Rail reported animals near the railway tracks near Senlac. Members attended but the animals were gone on arrival.
- There was also one traffic complaint.

### WILKIE REPORT

- RCMP received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members transported the subject of complaint to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment.
- Members conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a family member.
- Police spoke to an individual regarding child

custody concerns.


- There was also one traffic complaint.

### MACKLIN REPORT

- RCMP acted as mediators in a dispute between a tenant and a landlord.
- Members acted as mediators in a neighbour dispute.
- Police are investigating a complaint of fraud.
- Members acted as mediators in another neighbour dispute.
- RCMP received a complaint of a break and enter at a business but it was unfounded.
- An individual reported locating empty drug baggies on the street in Macklin but there was insufficient evidence to proceed.
- Police received a request to assist CP Police with a report of an individual trespassing in a railcar.
- RCMP received a report of a missing person. The individual was located.
- There were also three false 911 calls.

Persons with information about crimes being committed in the Unity / Wilkie / Macklin areas are urged to call the Unity RCMP detachment at (306)228-6300; the Wilkie RCMP at (306) 843-3480; or the Macklin RCMP at (306) 753-2171. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may also call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, or \*8477 on the SaskTel Mobility Network. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000.00 for information which leads to the arrest of person(s) responsible for any serious crime. Crime Stoppers is anonymous and does not subscribe to call display, nor are your calls traced or recorded.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous** 

**Monday:** Kindersley AA Meeting  
8:00 PM, Legion Hall

**Tuesday:** Brock AA Meeting  
8:00 PM, Vesper Club

**Tuesday:** Leader AA Meeting  
8:00 PM, Leader United Church

**Wednesday:** Eston AA Meeting  
8:00 PM, St. Andrew's United Church

**Thursday:** Macklin AA Meeting  
8:00 PM, Grace United Church

**Friday:** Kindersley AA Meeting  
8:00 PM, St. Olaf's Lutheran Church

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# Leader's young entrepreneurs wind up their market season

BY JOAN JANZEN

The final Young Entrepreneurs Market of the 2023 summer season took place on Monday, August 21st at Leader. Seven young entrepreneurs manned their booths that day, offering a variety of products, and much ingenuity.

Mitchell Elsasser was on hand, selling his very popular cookies and baking. According to Kyla McCallum, who helped out at her daughter's booth, Mitchell's cookies sell out very quickly. His mom, Lee Elsasser runs the marketplace for both the adult and young entrepreneur markets.

Jesse Butt from Jesse's 3D Printing was selling her custom creations. She takes designs and personally makes the products she sells. Her sister, Rene Butt from Leader Lazer Engraving also ran a booth at the market.

Azia helped her Grandma, Jane Dietrich, sell delicious brownies and buns. Azia also sold her positive painted rocks, crafts, tie die and other art and photography, as well as lemonade.

The Meraki Art booth was run by Natalie Cocks. She sold her beautiful crafted frames, key chains and baking.

Logan Duchscherer offered a huge variety of items for sale. Everything from kuchen, pickled eggs, pickles, baking and iced tea, to tumblers, personalized items, as well as cool vehicle decals.

And Kyla McCallum's daughter Reese, was on hand with her huge display of rocks from Little Chick Treasure Prospecting.

"It's been a fun year working along side them all and checking out everyone's things," Kyla McCallum concluded.



Natalie Cocks offered her beautiful crafted frames, key chains and baking at the Meraki Art booth at the Young Entrepreneur Market in Leader on August 21st. PHOTO BY KYLA MCCALLUM



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**OBITUARIES**

**KINDERSLEY** – Larry M. McGrath died peacefully on August 20th, 2023, at Kindersley Heritage Manor surrounded by family after a short battle with cancer. He was born June 14th, 1940, in the Dodsland Hospital to Edgar and Margaret (nee D'Arcy) McGrath.



Larry quit school at the age of 15 to run and grow the McGrath Family Farm. Larry truly loved everything about farming and living on the farm, taking great pride in his “weedless” fields and his laser straight furrows.

Larry met his beloved wife Agnes (nee Heit) while she was working at the Dodsland Hospital, and were married May 24th, 1960, in Tramping Lake, SK. Larry and Agnes raised their three sons, Grant, Daryl, and Scott on the grain farm South of Dodsland, SK. He and Agnes cherished the many family gatherings on the farm over the years. Larry was a dedicated and supportive family man who was loved and will be missed by many.

Larry had a great love of sports, both as

**LARRY MARTIN McGRATH**

a fan and as a player. He played fastball in the summer and his true passion, curling in the winter months. Curling was a large part of who Larry was. His hours of practice led him to be on teams that won the Edmonton Car Spiel three times, three Canadian Mixed Championship titles ('67, '68, '71), and a trip to the 1974 Brier in London, ON where his team finished as runners-up. At that same Brier, Larry was awarded the prestigious “Ross Hartstone Sportsmanship Award”, which was an award voted on by the players. His Canadian Mixed teams were inducted into both the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. More than his accomplishments on the ice, his gentlemanly good nature had given him the good fortune of having made many friends across the country. During one of the many Briers Larry and Agnes attended, a curling pin collector approached Larry with a handful of the competitors pins and said, “Larry you should get into collecting curling pins”. This became a passion for him, with his collection of pins being displayed at many Briers.

Larry will be remembered a very social person, always ready for a chat on the side of the road, in front of the Dodsland Post Office, the countless curling rinks across the country, or even in the Walmart parking lot, you would be in for a good story from him. Larry amazed his family at his ability to remember the faces, the names, and the events from years gone by. His family heard his fantastic stories countless times, and never tired of listening to them.

Larry accomplished much in his lifetime, but those that knew him best will remember Larry as a modest and humble man.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife Agnes of 63 years. His son Grant (Lisa), Saskatoon, SK, and his children: Maeghan (Devin) Dubois, Morgan McGrath, Jolene (Andrew) Bailey, and Regan (Kirstie) McGrath. His son Daryl (Kelly) McGrath, Kindersley, SK, and their children: Tyler (Rachelle) McGrath, Dayna McGrath, and DJay McGrath. His son Scott (Chantelle Miller), Kindersley, SK, and his sons Dallas McGrath, and Joel McGrath. Larry's legacy will live on in his nine grandchildren and his eight great-grandchildren: Hudson, Hugo, Hazel, Theo, June, Beaumont, Rylen, and Jaden. Larry's memory will also live on with his brother Wayne (Jeanne) McGrath, Sorrento, BC, and his sister Carole (Rick) England, Sorrento, BC. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Dan McGrath.

There will be a Memorial Service held for Larry on Wednesday, August 30th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Kindersley, SK with Father John Abban-Bonsu as Celebrant. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service where all are welcome to share in their favorite memories of Larry.

Larry's ashes will be laid to rest during a private family interment in the Dodsland Cemetery.

For those wishing to donate in Larry's memory may do so to “Dodsland Minor Sports”, c/o Village of Dodsland, Box 400, Dodsland, SK S0L 0V0.

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**Growing Through Grief: Meaning and Inspiration**

BY ANGELA CLEMENT

The loss of a very dear and close loved one can leave us feeling lost and like life has no meaning. After all, you have wrapped your life around them and when they are gone it can seem like everywhere you turn to look is a reminder of your loss. We often try to hold onto their memories in a way to navigate the pain. What if we could use those memories to help us find meaning for our lives moving forward?

In the initial throws of grief we are in resistance and pain and understandably so. As time goes on we can choose to gently start to surrender to the pain of loss, acknowledge it is there and at the same time begin to think about what we can do to honour our loved one going forward. Think about what your loved one stood for. What did they believe in? What did they value? Are these things that you would like to start to focus on and incorporate into your own life moving forward? How might you make this happen? These thoughts can start to make meaning for you in your loss.

Grief teaches us some very valuable lessons. We start to understand the value of life and living life to the fullest. Suddenly none of the petty stuff

or drama matters anymore. We get clarity around what really does matter and we start to focus on that. What matters is that our loved one lived and they influenced us in a way that no one else has. There is a unique imprint that they have put on our soul. We can use that to help honor them as we navigate life going forward.

Blaine was never about waiting around to do the things you want to do in life. He knew what he wanted. If I saw him eyeing up a new truck or a new piece of machinery I knew it was all but bought. He loved people and he loved visiting with people. He was genuinely interested in others and their lives and he wasn't afraid to strike up a conversation with any stranger to find out more about them. He loved to travel, try new things, explore new ideas and eat good food. He loved following his kids around the country to watch them participate in their hockey games or anything else they were doing. He attended the Christmas Concerts, recitals and track and field days. He loved being involved in his community and attending community events. He also loved to be the host of gatherings of family and friends at our home. Wing nights, brandings and any special holidays became the highlights of his life.

Knowing this about Blaine I can look at my life and think about what he would love to see me carry out in mine. So I now can pick up on the things that he loved and integrate those things into my own life moving forward in his honour. I can embrace life, meet new people, follow my kids and host events that welcome others. These things bring me joy now. I am learning new things as I stretch my wings. It brings me great joy to help others and I know that Blaine sees that I am finding my way in this new life. I feel closer to him than ever knowing that he is with me every step of the way.

Where can you find meaning and inspiration in your own life and at the same time honour your loved one? Taking small steps to move forward is healing and your example will inspire others as well. Make them proud by honouring their lives and creating a meaningful life for yourself in the process.

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**EATONIA**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
 • 43rd annual Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Registration begins at 12:30 PM at the Eatonia Arena. The run will start from the arena at 1:00 PM. Walk, run or ride! Snacks and door prizes to follow. Contact Pam 306-430-7173 for more info.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
 • Eatonia Library Board presents: Murder Mystery Roast Beef Dinner. 19+ event. SAVE THE DATE!

**ESTON**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
 • Eston AGT Community Centre Eston Winter Kickoff. 19+ Rec Hockey Game, Free Hotdogs, Kids Movie Night in the Hall at 7:00 PM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
 • Eston AGT Community Centre Eston Winter Kickoff. Curling Bospiel, Battle of the Biscuit 3 on 3 Hockey, Free Family Skate at noon. Entertainment Saturday night.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
 • Eston AGT Community Centre Eston Winter Kickoff. PICKLEBALL TOURNEY. TOONIE BOWLING.

**SATURDAY, 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.*

\* *BBQ Saturdays at Eston Museum until August 26. 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**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
 • 2023 Harvest Festival Parade 10:00 AM. Businesses, organizations, families, etc. are welcome to enter a float! Kids: decorate & ride your bike!

\* *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, AUGUST 29**

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the Kindersley Health Centre (1003 First Street West) \*Boardroom\* 10 AM - 1 PM. Walk-ins and booked appointments available. Call 1-833-SASKVAX (727-5829) or Book Online [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](http://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)

**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.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
 • 365 Lloyd Sparky Ament Air Cadet Squadron is hosting an Open House and Information Night 7:00 PM at the Museum. Open to all youth aged 12-18. For more information email: [danit.vass@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:danit.vass@cadets.gc.ca)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
 • Kindersley Klippers Sledge Hockey Club annual board meeting 7:30 PM at JorAnn Safety (101 - 4th St. W.) Everyone welcome.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
 • Day #1 of Kindersley's Goose Festival Days!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
 • Day #2 of Kindersley's Goose Festival Days!  
 • Music Trivia Night 7:00 PM. \$10 at the door. Teams of 6 or less. Norman Ritchie Centre.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
 • Day #3 of Kindersley's Goose Festival Days!  
 • Kinsmen & Kinette Club of Kindersley Duck Derby at 1:00 PM. Buy your tickets online at [www.kindersleykinclub.ca](http://www.kindersleykinclub.ca)

• PDRA Touring Series (Hobby, Street, Mod.), Legends Touring Series, Stock Truck at Flatlanders Speedway 3:00 PM. Admission \$10.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
 • Day #4 of Kindersley's Goose Festival Days!  
 • PDRA Touring Series (Hobby, Street, Mod.), Legends Touring Series, Stock Truck at Flatlanders Speedway 1:00 PM. Admission \$10.

• Antique Threshing Club Demo at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum starting at 12:00 Noon. Food on site. 1903 Steam Engine will be featured as well as a 1920 Rumely Oil Pull Tractor.

**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 306-460-7450.

**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.*

**LEADER**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**  
 • Art Night in Leader at the Sandhills Credit Union Marketplace from 6:00-8:00 PM. Art vendors, live music, carnival and art activities for the kids, hotdogs, mini donuts and squares.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
 • Community Organization Fair 6:00-8:30 PM in the Leader Community Centre.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
 • Free Car Seat Safety Clinic sponsored by Sandhills Insurance from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Sandhills Insurance parking lot (around the back)

**LIEBENTHAL**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
 • 2nd Annual Bavarian German Supper at the Liebenenthal Hall. Advance tickets only. Adults \$20. Under 12 - \$10. Call Cheryl 306-662-7368, Joan 306-661-8075, Gerald 306-628-7677.

**LUSELAND**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
 • Luseland Harvest Festival! Music, Food, Games. Activities start at 9:00 AM.

• *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.*

**MAJOR**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**  
 • Major's Annual Hands at Work Fall Supper from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**  
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