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It was a beautiful day for Luseland's Harvest Festival and Main Street was a busy place with people shopping and visiting all the various outdoor booths. Cotton Candy was a favourite treat! PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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Everyone cheered during the veggie car races at Luseland's Harvest Festival.



What lady doesn't love taking home a bouquet?

## Veggie car races highlight Luseland's Harvest Fest

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

Everyone turned out in full force for the festivities at Luseland on Saturday afternoon, September 9th. It turned out to be a beautiful day for Luseland's Harvest Festival, and Main Street was a busy place with people shopping and visiting all the various outdoor booths.

The Harvest Festival started bright and early at 10:30 a.m. Local businesses joined in the festivities, offering sidewalk sales, a photo booth, all-day specials and free pumpkin spice cappuccino at Daisy's convenience store. Booths on Grand Avenue offered flowers for sale and cotton candy.

Kids were invited to take a ride on the Smurf train from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Some kids enjoyed more than a few rides throughout the day. Later in the evening, Frank Beauseloil provided musical entertainment outside the Ranger Electric Shop.

There were over twenty vendors selling their wares at the farmer's market, with a soup and sandwich lunch available. One of the vendors was twisting up some unique balloon characters, making everything customers requested, from motorbikes to daisy wristbands and cows.

The library offered an assortment of homemade baking for its patrons and provided ceramic coasters for the children to paint and take home. The Travel

Club sold hotdogs, lemonade and popcorn, and delicious homemade pie and ice cream was provided at the Pioneer Club.

The chickpea play box was filled with kids loading up their toy harvesting equipment. Adults and kids lined up for cotton candy while others tried guessing how many sweets were in the jar. Little ones were playing with the floating ducks at the Duck Duck Goose display, and others tried out the bean bag toss and ring toss.

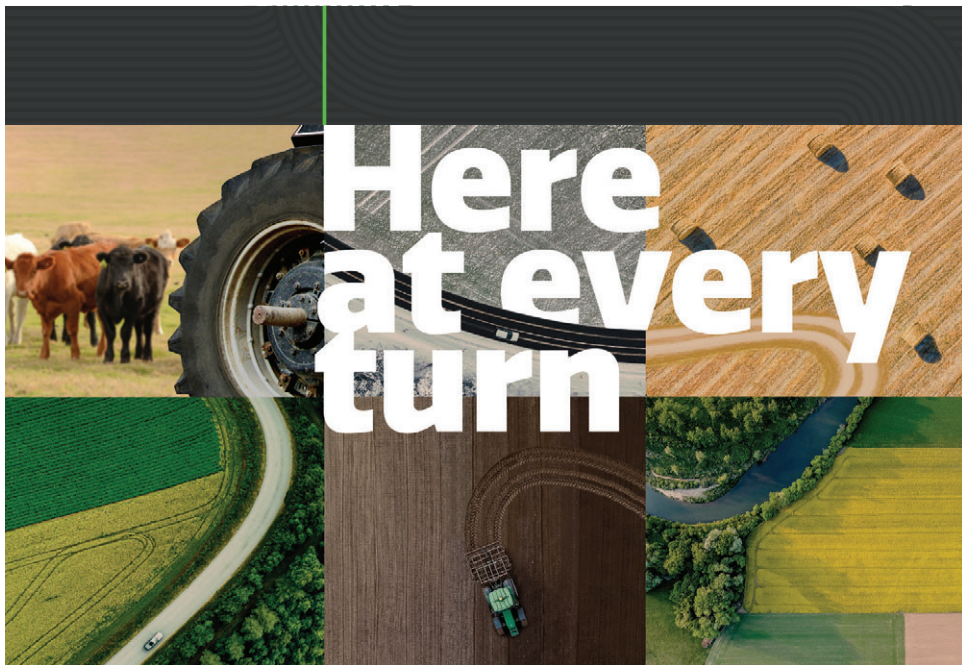
I didn't wait for the Chicken Poop Bingo to play out. It was late afternoon, and the chicken had not yet done its business on a numbered square, but it's hard to defecate on demand when everyone is watching you!

But the afternoon's highlight was the Veggie Show & Shine and Veggie Car Races. Spectators made wagers on the veggie car races and cast their votes for the funniest, most creative and best veggie creations.

Wheel kits and instructions were provided, but the ingenuity and creativity came from the kids and possibly some help from their parents. The result was a large assortment of vehicles.

There were carrot dragsters, a burning onion car, potato-powered vehicles, a Goodyear Tire zucchini, a Jurassic Park zucchini truck and a zucchini submarine. A corn cob roadster was com-

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Kids loved harvesting in the chickpea box.



Bean bag toss was a favourite game on Main Street.

peting with a cucumber driven by Barbie and pumpkin monster vehicles.

After everyone had a chance to view the veggie vehicles inside the museum, a track was set up outside, and the racing began at 2:00 p.m. Everyone cheered on the veggie vehicles as they made their way down the track. And the kids pounded on the track, urging along vehicles that were having difficulty moving forward on their own.

At the end of the afternoon, most of the veggie vehicles had managed to race to the finish. More importantly, all the children, their parents and the seniors in the crowd were smiling after spending an enjoyable day at Luseland's Harvest Festival.



Homemade pie was served at the Pioneer Club.



The chicken wasn't in a hurry to poop on demand for the Chicken Poop Bingo outside the museum.

## Kindersley RCMP request help in identifying persons of interest in fraud investigation

Kindersley RCMP are investigating a report of a fraudulent use of a credit card. The RCMP entered into an investigation concerning fraud, and a follow-up revealed some persons of interest in the investigation. The RCMP requests the public's assistance in identifying the people in the pictures. Kindersley RCMP are asking if you have information to contact the Detachment directly or contact Crime Stoppers.

Kindersley RCMP are also investigating the theft of cattle fence panels from a well site in Hoosier. Sometime between August 31st and September 1st, someone stole several fence sections from an oil site in the area. The RCMP again requests the public's assistance in identifying any suspicious people or vehicles that may have been in the area at the time.

In addition to ongoing investigations between August 28th and September 5th, Kindersley RCMP responded to a further 73 calls for service\*. These calls included, but were not limited to, one missing person complaint where the subject was located, four mental health concerns, two 911 calls and three impaired driving investigations.

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# Air Cadets hold open house in Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

The 365 Lloyd Sparky Ament Air Cadet Squadron hosted an open house and information night at the Kindersley Museum on Thursday, September 7th. Air Cadets is open to all youth aged 12-18 years, and a dedicated crew was there to welcome new Cadets and Cadets from the previous year. Civilian Instructor (CI) D. Bird-Hahn, Captain Ian Kehrer, Lieutenant Sheila Kehrer, Captain Monte Sheppard and Captain Danit Vass were all present at the open house.

Captain Vass said their squadron has nine members. New members from Kindersley and surrounding communities are welcome to join, including Kerrobert, Alsask, Eatonia, Rosetown, Coleville and Doddsland.

The squadron meets on Thursday evenings and is about to start another fun-filled year. All aspects of the program are offered free of charge, although they do conduct fundraisers throughout the year.

The squadron endeavours to develop Saskatchewan youth to become excellent citizens by providing education, recre-

ation, leadership skills and experience in aviation. Qualities the Cadets are encouraged to embrace include loyalty, professionalism, mutual respect and integrity.

"The older Cadets take their classes and are responsible for the younger Cadets," CI Bird-Hahn explained. "They learn by training the younger ones."

Cadets have the opportunity to participate in numerous activities and earn awards. Cadets have received awards in public speaking, marksmanship, fitness, service awards and attendance throughout the program. They learn survival skills, conduct drills, participate in curling, learn how to use air rifles and earn promotions.

Each Cadet has the opportunity to pursue specific interests, including a music program and ground school for pilot training. There are several summer camps available for specific instruction.

The 365 Lloyd Sparky Ament Air Cadet Squadron are excited to begin regular training in September and prepare for the upcoming Goose Festival Parade and fly-in breakfast.



L-R: Squad Commander Samson Winter and Warrant Officer Taylor Kubik prepare for another fun-filled year. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



Captain Danit Vass (left) and Captain Ian Kehrer assist Cadets and their parents in registering for the new year.

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# OPINION: Boy, am I glad that's over with!



BY JOAN JANZEN

Carol Burnett, a popular comedian from the 1970s, described her daughter's first day at kindergarten in her book "Carrie and Me." When she realized she wasn't going to be able to walk her daughter into her classroom, she was forced to leave her crying for her mother as the teacher held her hand. When Carol picked her daughter up three hours later, the youngster got in the car and smiled, saying, "Boy, Mommy, am I glad THAT'S over with!" Carol took her daughter out for ice cream and explained that school lasts more than one day.

Most people may have said the same thing – "Boy, am I glad THAT'S over with," concerning the last three years; however, now we're hearing news that suggests otherwise.

John Campbell, a retired nurse teacher, reported in a recent video the British Medical Journal stated, "Little is yet known about the transmissibility of the new virus or whether it may cause more severe disease, but scientists do not expect it to be much different from previous omicron strains currently in circulation." John described the latest news we're hearing as "panic, based essentially on no information."

I listened to a two-minute clip on CTV news about the new strain of the virus. The words "fear and worry" were used five times as videos of ICU pa-

tients were shown throughout the news clip. When asked how serious the new variant is, the Toronto doctor replied, "We don't know a lot yet about EG 5.1". When asked if the new booster would offer protection against the new variant, he replied, "That's another thing we don't know", but said he would be taking the booster.

What we do know is the recent report of the death of Sheila Annett Lewis, who was denied an organ transplant because she refused to get the vaccine. According to the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF), funds were being raised for Lewis to have a transplant in the States, but she didn't make it on time.

In 2019, Lewis was diagnosed with a terminal illness and was placed on the wait list for a double organ transplant that would allow her to live out her normal life. After hesitating to take the vaccine, she was removed from the transplant wait list by Alberta Health Services.

In an interview with the National Citizens Inquiry, Lewis said she had a thorough head-to-toe test in order to get on the waiting list. It took a year to get all the testing done. They couldn't find her record of childhood vaccinations, so she had to get all those vaccinations again, which she did. "They told me I was an ideal candidate for a transplant and couldn't wait to get it done." But that changed when she was told the vaccine was a requirement for a trans-

plant. Lewis said she looked into it and had concerns.

John Carpe from the JCCF reported in an online interview, "Doctors knew when they started to pressure Sheila that it didn't prevent transmission or getting sick."

When taken off the waitlist, Lewis started court proceedings. JCCF stepped in to help her without charge because she didn't have the financial resources herself. She lost and appealed it. The Court of Appeal felt they shouldn't interfere and stuck to the lower court's decision. The Minister of Health stated on Twitter that he agreed with the court of appeal's decision.

A tearful Lewis said, "I'd never been to court in my life. I didn't want to go to court. I didn't want to hurt anybody. All I want to do is live and see my grandbabies, but it's not going to happen now. It doesn't matter what I do or if I have natural immunity. They wouldn't do the test for natural immunity. They told me they don't do it anymore."

In March of 2023, Lewis presented a blood test she had obtained at her own expense, showing she had had Covid twice (once in 2021) and had natural immunity. "I was told I had high antibodies to Covid, extreme high levels was what I was told."

When asked what's the takeaway from this tragic event John Carpe replied, "Phone your MLA and say it's inexcusable that government allows Alberta Health Services to engage in this

kind of unscientific and unethical discrimination that has no foundation in medicine and urge the Health Minister to inform the Alberta Health Services that they're never again to do to other people what they did to Sheila Annette Lewis."

Vinay Prasad, MD MPH has been sharing extensive research online throughout the past two years and commented on a recent video. "I would not advise anyone under the age of 65 who is healthy to get this vaccine, and that's in line with the United Kingdom's advice. I would not advise anyone who's had Covid to get this vaccine. I can't imagine there could be much benefit if you've already recovered from it," he said. "It would be absolutely unethical to mandate this booster because it has no benefit to third parties." If you disagree, you could email Dr. Prasad.

According to a report on Bridge City News, hundreds of fines are being quashed and money returned pertaining to pandemic-related charges. A judge recently ruled politicians shouldn't have made the final decision on health restrictions.

As we move forward, I agree with the sentiment expressed by Carol Burnett's young daughter, who said, "Boy, I'm sure glad THAT'S over with!" We cannot afford to walk down that path again.



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# Pop89: Convent mornings

BY MADONNA HAMEL



I read the big existential guns in university, though with great trepidation. I was in my twenties and had stopped going to church, though I still held dear the rituals, the hymns, holy cards, angels and saints. In sharp relief, “No Exit,” “The Plague,” “Nausea,” and “The Stranger” seemed dry, almost crabby, reminding me of the tragic and morose posturing of the over-thinking boys I fell for in college. I felt I was in another church, but without the lovely bells and smells, the heart-felt songs and prayers. The existentialists gave me no wiggle room; they cut us lovers of mystery no slack.

In fact, they scared me, they expected far much more restraint than any Mother Superior ever did. I could not read them in the confines of my apartment. I had to sit outside, beside the fountain or under a tree. I needed to be near frisky athletic freshmen tossing footballs or young poets, strolling among the roses. I remember loving the way Camus wrote, but hating the relentless dead ends of his character’s lives. What was the point of anything? After reading Nausea I was nauseated for days.

I feel nausea now. I wake up with it. I feel haunted by things I have no control over: my brother’s health, my friend’s losses, the vagaries of aging. It doesn’t help that I am lackadaisical about what I read in the morning. This year, I made a point of not reading anything online first thing in the morning and later in the day, limiting it to a half hour. Instead of searching the internet, I would supplicate to greater forces. Read books instead. I have three thousand of them, cramming shelves and climbing corners, after all. I think often of Pascal’s words about all the world’s troubles stemming from the inability of a person to sit still, alone in a room. Did he actually mean: not reading?

My first year in Val Marie, I woke every morning with a sense of elation. And I don’t just mean I felt “rested”, “positive” because I woke “on the right side of the bed”. I mean, I was filled with joy, delight, and

enthusiasm. I clapped my hands with glee before entirely conscious, like a child on Christmas morning. I felt this way, every day of the year, but especially my first three months at The Convent, nestled in my narrow but comfortable bed in the basement room next to the boiler room. The room once belonged to the Mother Superior. But when the Ducan’s rescued the defunct convent from demolition and turned it into an inn, they dubbed it The Cinderella Room. I preferred to think of it as my cell, tethering me, anchoring me, like an anchorite.

The anchorites were one of the earliest orders of monastics who withdrew from secular society and focussed on communing with God and the angels. Julian of Norwich, the 14th century mystic, and perhaps the best-known anchoress, lived in a tiny room attached to the local church. Through a small window, she could participate in the mass. Through another small window, she could address any poor soul on the road looking for wisdom and solace.

I imagine her dispensing spiritual sustenance the way fast food gets dispensed from a drive-through window today. Julian is most known for her phrase: “All will be well, and all be well, and all manner of things will be well.” That pretty much covers everything – no need for an extra package of salt or ketchup to accompany that one.

In his last section of The Waste Land, written one winter in London, T.S. Eliot repeats Julian’s phrase of reassurance, a reassurance the poet himself sought throughout the Second World War, and afterwards amidst growing materialism. Through Julian, Eliot found beauty in the practice of Aestheticism, with its focus on mysteries and rituals.

My own search for a life like Julian’s began when I packed up my car with boxes of books and sweaters, and my Mary icons and drove to Saskatchewan. All I knew is: I had a month at the convent dedicated to just writing. I attributed my new happiness to my disciplined focus. But also to the silence and simplicity of my surroundings. And the omnipresence of Nature.

On evening walks, I would encounter meadowlarks, the occasional badger or porcupine appearing around the corner, always a deer bounding over a fence, sometimes a whole herd of antelope, a night-hawk diving directly in front of me, thrilling me, stoking my sense of wonder.

Every morning, I rose early, dressed hastily, and

padded my way up two narrow flights of stairs to the kitchen. Waiting for my coffee to brew, I’d read the blackboard where visitors from around the world chalked their favourite quotes. My favourite: “The wind gives the grass a voice, the grass gives the wind a face.” Though I’m also fond of: “In life, there’s rarely justice, but there’s always mercy.” Occasionally, the Ducans would cull the quotes, erasing the ones they didn’t like and adding a few of their own.

Then, I’d carry my coffee to the far end of the building, the rising sun reflecting in the glass cabinets full of old catechisms lining the long, shiny hall. By the time I reached my desk in the sitting room, a former chapel, I would know how to begin my first line. Beside me was the old confessional. Someone had impishly replaced the doors with sheer curtains. “Just to keep me honest?” I wrote in my journal. I also wrote: “I seem to be propelled by an impulse to examine my motives and beseech the divine presence to keep me free of too much thinking.”

And here’s something odd, I recently discovered the last words in Eliot’s Waste Land are: “And all shall be well and/ All manner of things shall be well/By the purification of the motive/In the ground of our beseeching.”



The Kindersley Kinsmen and Dinette’s were busy selling tickets for their Duck Derby Fundraiser over the weekend. FACEBOOK PHOTO





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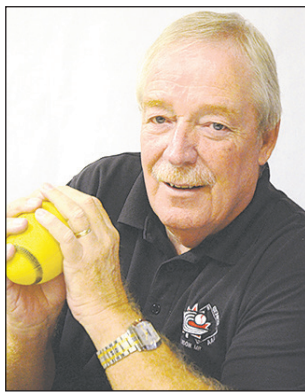
The sports world doesn't yet know the winner of the Most Valuable Player award in the National League. Meanwhile, the presumptive Most Valuable Player award winner in the American League doesn't know what his future holds.

Let's start with Part II — the A.L. MVP. The 2023 season still has a couple of weeks to go, but Shohei Ohtani of the Angels winning the award will be about as surprising as Connor McDavid cracking the roster of the Oilers. Ohtani, the Japanese phenom who pitches and hits with the best in baseball, has put up spectacular numbers. At last glance, he led the A.L. in home runs with 44, in the OPS (on-base percentage plus slugging percentage) category by an enormous margin, was fourth in batting average (.306) and third in runs-batted-in. On the mound, he was 10-5 with a 3.14 earned-run average (third-best in the AL) and was the only pitcher in the league to limit opponents to a sub-.200 batting average.

So, give Shohei the trophy. But hold the massive cheque that he was hoping for as a free agent following this once-in-a-lifetime statistical season. Ohtani tore the ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) in his elbow in mid-August, effectively bringing his pitching season to an end. Whether he will undergo Tommy John surgery for the second time in his career remains to be seen, but Ohtani still plans to take a regular turn at the plate as the season winds down with his Los Angeles Angels out of the playoffs again.

That \$800 million to \$1 billion free-agent contract is now a big question mark. Will teams be paying for a slugging outfielder or a pitcher-slugger with a history of arm trouble? Big decision. Expensive decision.

Meanwhile, over in the National League, Atlanta's Ronald Acuna, Jr., may have to halt construction of the trophy case he's having built especially for the 2023 MVP trophy. While he was the acknowledged leader, and likely winner, for most of the season, he suddenly has some company in the MVP race. Acuna, Jr., is the first player in MLB history with a 30 home-run, 60-steals season (and likely to hit 70 steals), and the Braves are the runaway leaders in the



BY BRUCE PENTON  
Sports Columnist

N.L. East, but Mookie Betts of the Dodgers is making a late charge. Unlike A.L. MVP voters, those casting ballots for the N.L. award will actually have to put some thought into it. Acuna has a big edge in batting average and steals, but Betts leads his rival in three important categories — OPS, home runs and RBI. Those making a case for Betts also point to his versatility. A regular outfielder, Betts has filled

in due to injuries at second base (48 games) and shortstop (16). A valuable guy to have at manager Dave Roberts' disposal? You bet.

Voters will either pick A or B (Acuna or Betts). The choice is much simpler in the A.L.

- **Jack Finarelli**, at sportscurmudgeon.com., quotes Swedish playwright, **August Strindberg**: "I loathe people who keep dogs. They are cowards who haven't got the guts to bite people themselves."
- **Phil Mushnick** of the New York Post: "Drunk gamblers are now the most welcomed patrons at sports events as they best fit the officially authorized financial goals. Buy a ticket. Buy lots of booze. Bet with an official gambling sponsor."
- **Janice Hough**, of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "The New England Patriots have waived QBs **Bailey Zappe**, **Malik Cunningham**, leaving **Mac Jones** without a backup. Wonder if **Bill Belichick** got an 'I'm available' call from Tom Brady?"
- German tennis pro **Alexander Zverev** on the scent of marijuana at the U.S. Open: "(Court 17) smells like weed. It definitely smells like **Snoop Dogg's** living room."
- **Eamon Lynch** of gulfweekusatoday.com, on **Zach Johnson's** choices for the U.S. Ryder Cup team: "... if it (U.S. team) loses, the firing squad will be loading muskets before the European guys sober up from the celebrations."
- Comedy writer **Brad Dickson** of Omaha, a devoted Nebraska Cornhuskers' football fan: "Good news, Husker fans, most of the offensive line from last year is back. Bad news, Husker fans, most of the offensive is from last year is back."
- Comedy writer **Torben Rolfsen** of

Vancouver: "Tough to watch **Alek Manoah** clowning around in fried chicken commercials while he's trying to put his career back together in Buffalo."

- **Steve Simmons** of Sunmedia, on the Braves' **Ronald Acuna**, with 60-plus stolen bases, getting married on the day of a game in Los Angeles: "Apparently, no one has ever walked down the aisle faster."
- **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: "A

Galapagos tortoise named **Di-ego** has reportedly fathered 800 offspring. It's been named an official mascot for the NBA."

- And from the website onlinefun.com: "Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water."

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



**KOBRA KAMARADERIE!** The Kindersley Kobras football team celebrated along the sidelines after their home opener against the Unity Warriors - no, they didn't win the game, but they still showed great team spirit, encouraging their fellow teammates. Good job, guys! PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

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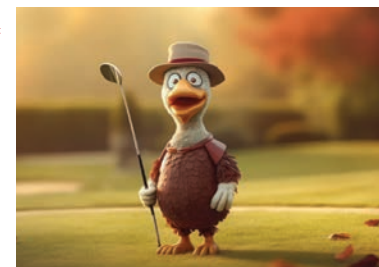
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# The Elephant on Karlův Bridge

by Thomas Trofimuk  
Published by Thistledown Press  
\$24.95 ISBN 9781771872331

REVIEW BY TOBY A. WELCH

Holy cannoli - what did I just finish devouring?! This amazing fiction read will be on my Top Three Books of 2023 list.

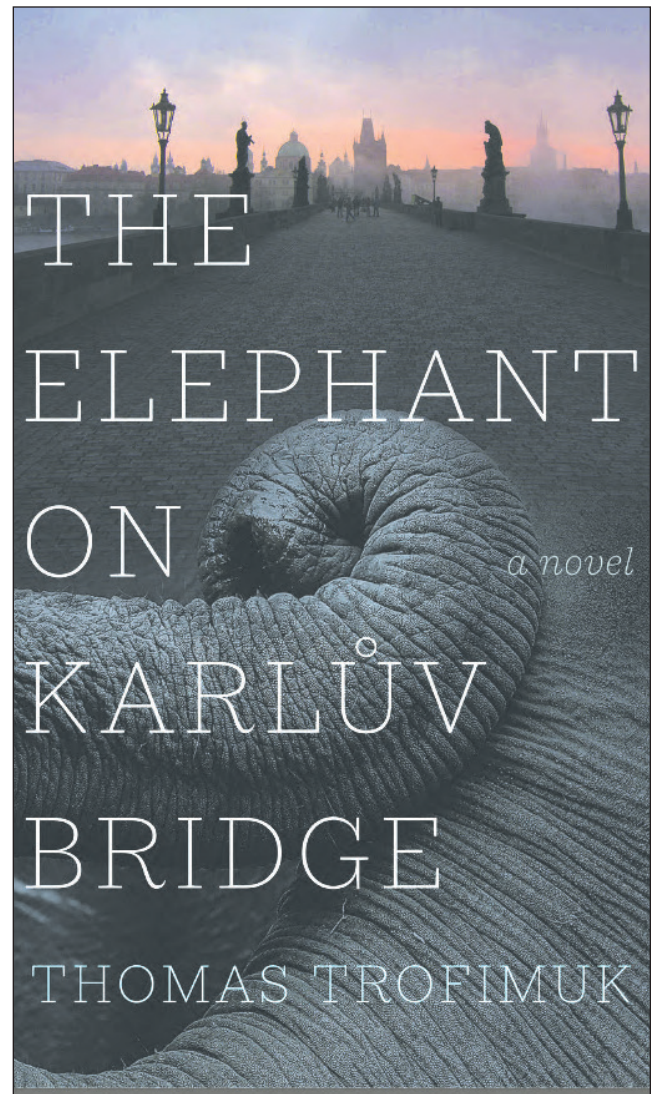
Considering how much I loved *The Elephant on Karlův Bridge*, I am horrified to admit that I was skeptical at first. The premise seemed ridiculous. The novel is narrated by a bridge in Prague - what the heck? The story centres around an elephant named Sál that escapes from the Prague Zoo, detailing the people she encounters as she navigates her freedom. How can that be entertaining? But I jumped in as I have been a huge Trofimuk fan since 2002 when I read the award-winning *The 52nd Poem*, his first published novel.

My life changed the moment I cracked *The Elephant on Karlův Bridge* open. That sounds dramatic but it's true. This book will linger long in my consciousness. Under Trofimuk's expert hand, the five-ton elephant took on human characteristics. Crazy, I know! Another bonus is the joy of being submerged into the beautiful and alive city of Prague; if readers close their eyes and focus, they can feel like they are actually there.

As enthralling as Sál and the bridge are, the humans we meet along the way are enchanting as well. They come from diverse backgrounds and their age range spans decades, leading to a varied group of people. All of them had fascinating stories to share but my personal favourite was Šárka. I've always been captivated by people whose lives have a singular focus; how they feel and what they do once that one mission is accomplished intrigues me. (Like an Olympic athlete or the lady in *Zero Dark Thirty* whose sole goal for years was to track down Osama Bin Laden.) Šárka was living that reality as the end of her career as a dancer loomed close. As we know, everyone has a story - *The Elephant on Karlův Bridge* drilled that home in the best possible way.

Another perk of this book is that I learned a lot about elephants that I previously had no idea about. (For example, male elephants go through a period of sexual madness called musth.) I laughed out loud at one of Trofimuk's acknowledgements: "No real elephants were harmed, or abused, or insulted in the making of this book. Elephants were, however, visited."

If you are a history buff, make sure you read the



End Notes at the back of the book after the acknowledgements. You'll find some true explanations about some of the figures, places, and things mentioned in the story - they are worth the read.

Run - don't walk - to pick up a copy of *The Elephant on Karlův Bridge* the next time you are looking for a book that you cannot put down. I promise you won't regret it!

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# Wolfe family donates \$75,000 to Kerrobert Swimming Pool

It is with great excitement and gratitude that the Town of Kerrobert would like to say thank you for the generous donation to our Kerrobert Swimming Pool by the Joseph and Anna Wolfe family, sons Giles and John.

The Administrator for the Town of Kerrobert was contacted by John Wolfe, who expressed an interest in a donation to the Town. They met and drove around to give John choices as to where he would like the donation to be utilized.

Joseph and Anna Wolfe were both immigrants to Canada in the 1920s. In Kerrobert, they met and established their life. Joe was a stone mason by trade and established his own business

in 1926, Wolfe Construction. This soon became a cornerstone business in Kerrobert, which built many homes, the RCMP detachment, bakery, post office, swimming pool and many sidewalks. Their talents also extended to projects around the area. This business grew to be a successful family business for many years as their two sons, Giles and John, both joined them. John continued with the family business until 1963, when life took him to Saskatoon, where he continued to be a successful businessman. Giles remained in Kerrobert, becoming an active member of the community with a membership in the Kinsmen for 30 years. In this time, he was an integral

part of the drive and construction of our Kerrobert Swimming Pool, which is still in use today. Giles was also a long-term member of Council.

After the tour of the Town, it was decided in honour of the Wolfe Family a \$75,000 donation would be made to the Kerrobert Swimming Pool. This is a timely donation as we have had some volunteers come forward to form a pool committee to start discussions on the direction of our pool facility, which has served us well over its lifetime. It is a testament to the quality of work that Wolf Construction succeeded within their business.

The money will remain in the Pool Reserves until a future direction is decided on. When it is utilized, there will be a plaque to commemorate the Wolfe Family for their past and now present contributions to the quality of life in the Town of Kerrobert. Once again, thank you!



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# Artistic Endeavours group looking for members

BY KATE WINQUIST

The Prairie Sunset Embroiders Guild had been meeting for approximately the past 30 years in Luseland, but dwindling numbers has meant shutting down that organization. All has not been lost though, as six members from the former embroidery group have created Artistic Endeavours, which welcomes crafters and artisans of all ages.

Spokesperson for the group, Barb Klinger said that everyone is welcome to join the group which will be meeting for the first time on Monday, September 11 at the Luseland United Church. The plan is to meet every 2nd and 4th Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

“Everyone is welcome, Barb said in a phone conversation. We have our group of embroiderers and some knitters as well. We’re hoping to get some ladies out to join us.”



The Plenty Wildcats defeated the Kerrobert Rebels 56-26 in 1A 6-side Football last Thursday. PHOTO BY CHERYL MCGRATH. COURTESY NORTH WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL FACEBOOK.



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## Unity RCMP Report

### UNITY REPORTS

- RCMP received a complaint of theft. The property was returned to the owner. Insufficient evidence to proceed.
- Members acted as mediators in a family dispute.
- A 49-year-old Unity male was charged with Assault and Uttering Threats after Members received a complaint of threats.
- Police received a complaint of fraud but there was insufficient evidence to proceed.
- Members assisted Emergency Medical Services with a patient.
- RCMP received a report of a baler on fire in a rural area near Unity. Unity Fire Department extinguished the fire which was not suspicious in nature.
- Members acted as mediators in another family dispute.
- Police spoke to an individual regarding a child custody issue.
- There were also two false 911 calls and one false alarm.

### WILKIE REPORTS

- RCMP received a complaint of a stolen trailer. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a complaint of harassing communications. Members spoke to the subject of complaint and issued a verbal warning.
- Members attended a two-vehicle collision in a rural area near Tramping Lake. There were no injuries. A traffic ticket was issued to one vehicle driver.
- An individual found a bicycle at a residence. This matter is still under investigation.
- RCMP received a report of an individual laying on the ground near the Wilkie Museum. Members spoke to the subject of complaint.
- A 28-year-old female from Wilkie was charged with Assault and Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle after Members received a complaint of assault.
- Police received a report of a combine fire in a rural area near Reford. Wilkie Fire Department extinguished the fire which was not suspicious in nature.

- RCMP received a complaint of theft. This matter is still under investigation.
- Members received a report of a power pole on fire. SaskPower and Wilkie Fire Department attended. The fire was not suspicious in nature.
- There were also two traffic complaints.

### MACKLIN REPORT

- RCMP received a complaint of sexual assault. This matter is still under investigation.
- Members received a complaint of theft. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a complaint of assault. Members attended and removed the subject of complaint from the residence. The complainant requested no further action be taken.
- A 70-year-old female from Lloydminster was charged with Refusal to Comply with Demand after Members received a traffic complaint.
- RCMP received a complaint of theft. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members located the subject of complaint and transported them to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment.
- Members received a complaint of an individual not complying with a release order condition. This matter is still under investigation.
- RCMP assisted Emergency Medical Services with a patient.

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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Local Saskatchewan author, Margy Reid shared her stories with children at the Kerrobert Library on Thursday afternoon, September 7th.

# Kerrobert's new Golf Cart Bylaw comes into effect

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Town of Kerrobert passed a Golf Cart Bylaw at the end of July 2023, which came into effect on August 3 after approval from SGI. The driving of golf carts is only allowed on the streets within the town of Kerrobert; they are not to be operated on provincial highways, although they may cross them.

In May, SGI updated a policy which allowed people to drive golf carts in town if their municipality passed a bylaw, subject to certain limitations and SGI approval. The requirements included not operating golf carts on provincial highways other than to cross one. The operator must hold a valid learner or driver's licence and carry a minimum of \$200,000 in third-party liability insurance. Golf carts can't operate on any

roadway with a posted speed over 50 km/h, must display a slow-moving vehicle sign, and can only be used during daylight hours.

Before passing the bylaw, the Town of Kerrobert received clarification from the RCMP regarding its enforcement. Once the bylaw is in place, the Town and their Bylaw Officer enforces minor offences. That would include the inability to produce proof of liability insurance or not having a slow-moving sign visible.

The RCMP will enforce any infractions that are of a more serious nature and fall under the Traffic Safety Act or criminal code. That would include drinking and driving, underage operators, or not obeying traffic signs.

A full copy of the Golf Cart Bylaw is available on the Town of Kerrobert website.

## Local author captivates children

BY JOAN JANZEN

A group of a dozen youngsters were captivated as they listened to stories shared by a local author at the Kerrobert Library on Thursday afternoon, September 7th. Saskatchewan author Margy Reid was invited to the library to read tales from her children's books, thanks to the sponsorship of the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild.

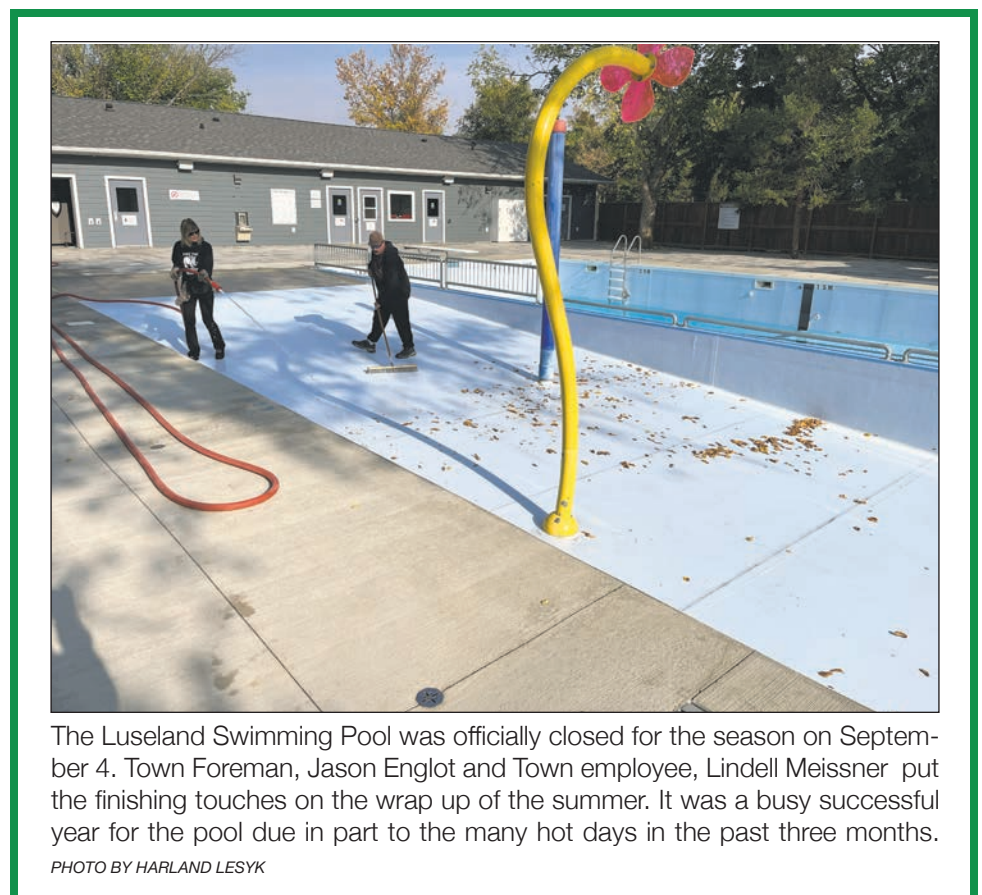
Margy writes books for all ages, including stories for little ones. Her books for youngsters include Lexi's Magic Clothes, Flitflee Flanderfoodle, A Crazy Day, Tags Go In The Back and Alfred Dinglewiggie. In the last book listed, Reid pens a story about a boy who figures out if he stops trying to not listen, and do the opposite of what people want him to do, he may have a bit of fun. It offers a great learning experience for children.

Margy is a familiar face in the area, having been born in Macklin, growing up on a farm near Denzil, and now

residing in Mildred, Saskatchewan. She had three older siblings and three younger siblings, and always loved kids, chaos and noise. Which may help explain her book entitled 'A Crazy Day', about a boy with a big imagination filling his day with all kinds of adventures.

As soon as she was old enough, she couldn't wait to begin babysitting. And by the age of twenty, she was a wife and mom, giving birth to four daughters before she was twenty-five years old. As a stay-at-home mom she opened a day home, and has had the privilege of being surrounded by children all her life. When her children left the nest, she finally had time to pursue her dream of writing children's books.

Once again, Margy was surrounded by some of her favourite people, as parents brought their youngsters to the library to listen to the author share her stories. Margy was kind enough to leave a copy of each of her books for patrons at the library to check out.



The Luseland Swimming Pool was officially closed for the season on September 4. Town Foreman, Jason Englot and Town employee, Lindell Meissner put the finishing touches on the wrap up of the summer. It was a busy successful year for the pool due in part to the many hot days in the past three months.

PHOTO BY HARLAND LESYK

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## Despite the best oil prices since November, only 33 drilling rigs are working in Saskatchewan

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

With oil prices the highest they've been since November, 2022, drilling activity in Saskatchewan is not exactly flourishing.

According to RiggerTalk.com, which publishes data from the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors, there were 33 rigs working in Saskatchewan on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

In southeast Saskatchewan, there were 16 rigs working, if you include one rig drilling for Western Potash Corp. near Lajord.

Harvard Resources Inc. had one rig northwest of Colgate. Crescent Point Energy Corp. had one rig northeast of Midale and another just northwest of Handsworth and a third several kilometres northeast of Handsworth.

East of Handsworth, Saturn Oil & Gas had one rig drilling.

Vermillion Energy Inc. had one rig working near Viewfield. Whitecap Resources operated one rig east of Benson and another southeast of Lampman. Aldon Oils had one rig northwest of Lampman, while Surge Energy had a rig south of Lampman. Midale Petroleum had one rig north of Frobisher.

Taprock employed one rig north of Alameda. Anova Resources Inc. had one rig northeast of Oxbow. Adonai Resources II Corp had one rig halfway between Oxbow and the U.S. border.

Villanova Energy Inc. had one rig working west of Storthoaks.

Notably, there was no drilling activity in the Torquay area.

Four rigs were working in southwest Saskatchewan, of which two were focused on helium, as opposed to natural gas or oil.

North American Helium had one rig at Success and a second at McCord. Whitecap and one rig south of Success. Crescent Point was drilling with one rig between Eastend and Frontier.

There were just seven rigs working in west central Saskatchewan, an unusually low number given the price of oil, the time of year and the fact there's been no rain (rain will shutdown drilling in that region in a heartbeat.)

Prospera Energy Inc. had one rig within spitting distance of the Alberta border south of Alsask. Whitecap had a rig working southwest of Kindersley and



xxx Saturn Oil & Gas, drilling near Manor on June 16.  
 PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

another north of Coleville. Ish Energy Ltd. was drilling west of Coleville with one rig. Teine Energy also had a rig working east of Coleville.

Strathcona Resources had a rig close to the Alberta border south of Macklin, while Longshore Resources had one north of Macklin.

Drilling activity in northwest Saskatchewan has picked up marginally, with six rigs working. Alsace Energy had a rig working east of Lone Rock. Northeast of Lloydminster, Rife Resources had one rig working.

At Marie Hill, west of Pikes peak and south of the North Saskatchewan River, Cenovus Energy Inc. had one rig working. The had a second rig working north of Spruce Lake, and a third one at Vawn.

Strathcona had its second rig working at Meota.

According to private-sector forecasters, Saskatchewan's real GDP is now expected to grow by 1.8 per cent in 2023, second highest among the provinces, and by 1.2 per cent in 2024, third highest among the provinces, the ministry said in a release.

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# Lower oil and potash prices and sales impact provincial revenues, but surplus still intact

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Lower potash and oil prices have put a half-billion dent into Saskatchewan's budget forecast, but the province is still forecasting a \$485.5 million surplus at first quarter and intends on retiring up to \$1 billion in operating debt remains on track.

That's according to Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier Donna Harpauer, who released first quarter financials on Aug. 31.

Most significantly, the budget forecast oil prices to average US\$79.50 per barrel, and for most of the quarter, the price of West Texas Intermediate has been below that, in the US\$70s or even US\$60s. . .

The surplus is down \$532.0 million from budget, largely due to higher non-cash pension expense and spending to fight wildfires and to safely evacuate those impacted by the fires. Lower resource revenue is also forecast at Q1 compared to budget.

At first quarter, revenue is forecast to be \$19.6 billion, down \$123.7 million, or 0.6 per cent, from budget. The decrease is largely attributable to a \$528.9 million reduction in the non-renewable resources revenue forecast, primarily due to lower potash and oil prices, and lower-than-budgeted potash and oil sales forecasts.

The resource revenue decrease is largely offset by a combined increase of \$405.2 million across all other revenue categories, including Taxation revenue due to ongoing strength in consumption and, as a result, Provincial Sales Tax revenue.

"Saskatchewan's finances continue to be in a strong position, with a substantial surplus," Harpauer said in a release. "The forecast, however, clearly demonstrates the need to be prudent and manage spending carefully, as resource revenue is volatile and forecasts can change quickly due to global impacts on prices and production."

At first quarter, expense is forecast to be \$19.1 billion, up \$408.2 million, or 2.2 per cent, from budget.



Finance Minister and Deputy Premier Donna Harpauer, holding the 2023 budget this past spring.

The higher expense forecast is largely due to a combined \$317.2 million increase in education, general government and finance charges, primarily attributable to a non-cash increase in pension expense, related to actuarial adjustments. An \$89.0 million increase, largely to fight wildfires and to safely evacuate those impacted by the fires, is also contributing to the higher expense forecast, at first quarter.

"We will continue to pay down operating debt, as planned. We're able to do so because higher opening cash balances due to a strong year end in 2022-23 have offset the drop in the projected surplus," said Harpauer.

"Sticking with our debt reduction plan is important, because paying down up to \$1 billion in operating debt this fiscal year, combined with \$1.5 billion in debt retirement last fiscal year, is resulting in projected annualized interest savings of \$110 million – savings that go directly into supporting priority programs, services and infrastructure for Saskatchewan people," Harpauer said.

Saskatchewan's net-debt-to-GDP is projected to be 13.4 per cent at the end of 2023-24 and is currently ranked second-best among the provinces.

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## Memorial bench honours Kindersley resident

BY JOAN JANZEN

This summer a memorial bench was placed near the Kindersley Library in Baker Park. The bench is a tribute to a beloved Kindersley resident, Chester Dobni who passed away in 2022.

Chester took his early school years in Kindersley, and after obtaining his teaching degree in Saskatoon,

taught high school in both Alberta and Saskatchewan schools. The inscription on the bench reads as follows:

"To have made even one person's life a little better, that is to succeed." Henry David Thoreau. Chester M.W. Dobni - English Teacher, 1965-2022 - Loved - Never Forgotten. The bench is a reminder of all the lives he touched.

## New diagnostic training seats at Saskatchewan Polytechnic

More students can now train to become Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLT) and Medical Radiologic Technologists (MRT) at Saskatchewan Polytechnic this fall.

The Government of Saskatchewan has provided funding for 10 additional MLT seats and eight additional MRT seats in Saskatoon to help meet the need for these specialized services.

"Expanded training opportunities will help more students find rewarding health care careers right here in Saskatchewan," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "Our government continues to work with post-secondary institutions to support students who want to train for these in-demand careers in our growing province."

The MLT and MRT seat increases are part of the approximately 550-seat training seat expansion announced in January, which targets 18 priority health occupations. The training expansion is part of Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources Action Plan, which aims to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health care providers in a range of key professions.

"This program expansion will support Saskatchewan's future workforce by increasing the number of professionals trained in these two critical health oc-

cupations," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "Increasing training seats for MLTs and MRTs will help to address shortages experienced in these areas and improve available patient health care services across the province."

Both MLTs and MRTs are in high demand in Saskatchewan. Medical Laboratory Technologists and Medical Radiologic Technologists conduct medical testing and imaging services to assist other health care professionals in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and other medical conditions.

"Sask Polytech plays an important role in training students to support the future of health care in our province," Saskatchewan Polytech President and CEO Dr. Larry Rosia said. "Thank you to the Government of Saskatchewan for expanding seats in our MLT and MRT programs. Our instructors empower students with the practical knowledge and skills they need for a successful health care career. Together we are shaping a healthier, brighter future for Saskatchewan, one technologist at a time."

For more information about the training seat expansion in these and other priority health programs, visit [saskatchewan.ca/hhr-train](http://saskatchewan.ca/hhr-train).



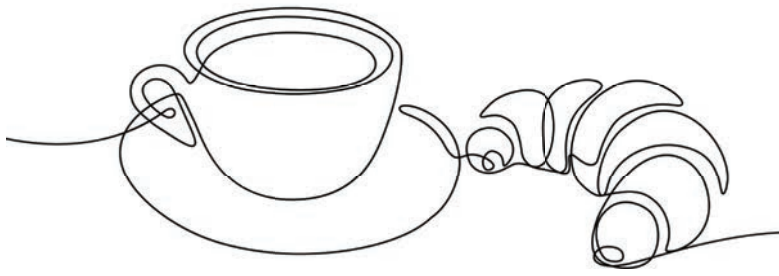
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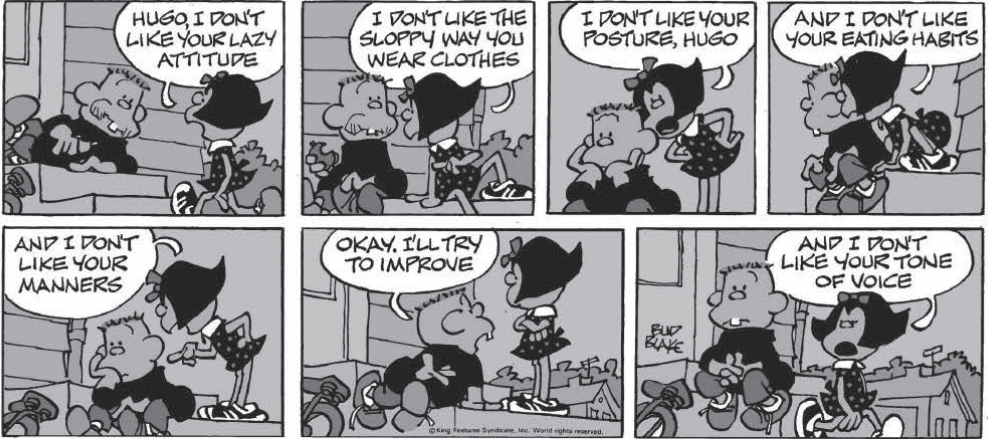
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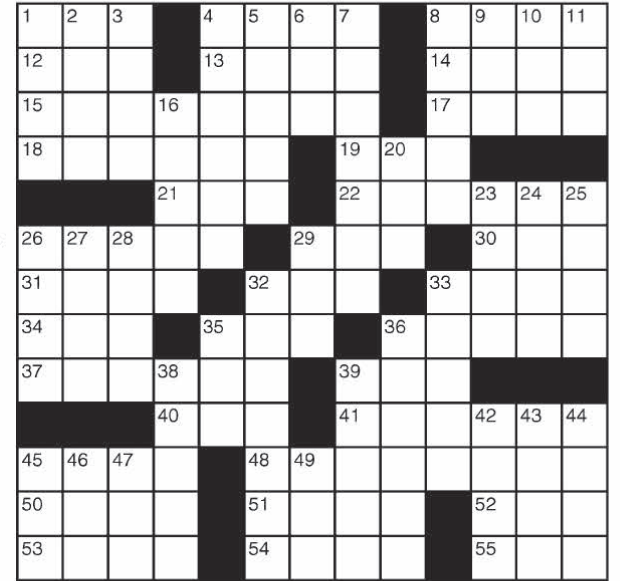
by Jeff Pickering



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Stetson, e.g.
- 4 Big gulp
- 8 Miles away
- 12 Boxing leg-end
- 13 Galileo's birthplace
- 14 Tubular pasta
- 15 Comedy club razzers
- 17 Streetcar
- 18 Attack
- 19 Poem of praise
- 21 Old Ford model
- 22 Frenzied
- 26 Stupefies
- 29 AAA job
- 30 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
- 31 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 32 Sushi fish
- 33 Nile queen, familiarly
- 34 Capitol Hill VIP
- 35 Passing craze
- 36 Sacred song
- 37 Browbeat
- 39 Indent key
- 40 Gallery display
- 41 High-flying battle
- 45 Rotate
- 48 Large land measures
- 50 Out of control



- 51 "Star Wars" royal
- 52 Sportscaster
- 53 New Mexico resort
- 54 Bigfoot's cousin
- 55 Surpass
- 9 Tall tree
- 10 — loss
- 11 Brink
- 16 Curly-leaf cabbages
- 20 Morning moisture
- 23 Lean to one side
- 24 "Got it"
- 25 Coagulate
- 26 Plate
- 27 "... sting like —"
- 28 Galvanizing matter
- 29 Media mogul
- 32 Terrestrial
- 33 Hooded snake
- 35 Supporting
- 36 Rum cocktail
- 38 Armored vehicles
- 39 Unspoken
- 42 Legal document
- 43 Aviation prefix
- 44 Answer an invite
- 45 Make lace
- 46 Hollywood's Thurman
- 47 Aussie hopper
- 49 Shoe width

### DOWN

- 1 "Funny!"
- 2 Hearty quaffs
- 3 Twitches
- 4 Divides
- 5 Brandish
- 6 Medit. nation
- 7 Hybrid fuel
- 8 Ancient

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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.

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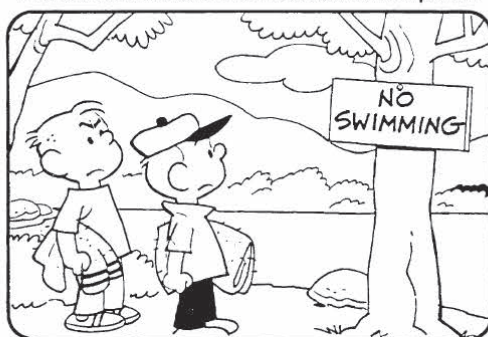
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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



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Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to a giant sequoia tree named General Sherman?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Is a rhinoceros an herbivore, omnivore or carnivore?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which city in India is home to the Taj Mahal?
- MOVIES: What is the title of the first James Bond movie?
- TELEVISION: What was the product featured in the first TV advertisement?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which French fashion designer is credited with inventing the Little Black Dress?
- FOOD & DRINK: What does it mean to julienne vegetables?
- GOVERNMENT: What does the acronym GDP stand for in economic terms?
- LITERATURE: What is the cat's name in Shakespeare's "Macbeth"?
- SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of the atomic bomb?

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### Trivia Test Answers

- California, Sequoia National Park; 2. An herbivore, a plant eater; 3. Agra; 4. "Dr. No."; 5. Bulova watch; 6. Coco Chanel; 7. Cut into short, thin strips; 8. Gross domestic product; 9. Grimalkin; 10. J. Robert Oppenheimer.

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To Dr. Wentzel, Dr.Mada, nursing staff, care aides and housekeeping. Thank you for the wonderful care you provided to mom. Mom was so appreciative of all of you. She enjoyed the smiles, laughter and conversations that you all endured with her.

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# This year's harvest is now 60 per cent completed in west central Sask

Producers have crossed the half-way point of harvest this week at 51 per cent complete. This is up from 33 per cent last week, ahead of the five-year average (2018-2022) of 34 per cent and the 10-year (2013-2022) of 33 per cent.



1,058 lbs/ac, chickpeas at 1,071 lbs/ac, and peas at 30 bu/ac.

Pockets of moisture moved across the province this week, with the Kelliher area receiving the most rain at 44 mm. Regionally, the southeast received the most moisture, with the Corning area reporting 41 mm of rainfall. Cropland topsoil moisture remains relatively unchanged, with 36 per cent having adequate moisture, 39 per cent is short and 25 per cent is very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture increased this week, with 29 per cent having adequate moisture, 40 per cent is short and 31 per cent is very short.

Grasshoppers remain the primary concern for producers this week, while gophers remain an issue and waterfowl have returned to the northern fields. Regions that received rain are concerned with sooty moulds resulting in downgrading of standing crops. Producers are busy swathing and combining, while also hauling feed and water for cattle. Some producers have brought cattle home for the winter and have begun feeding them.

Harvest is a very busy and stressful time for producers. 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 take extra caution, time and space when encountering machinery on the roads.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report>.

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Harvest progress was made in all crops this week. Harvesting of fall cereals are now completed, with lentils 91 per cent and peas 92 per cent complete. Significant progress was also made in all spring cereals, with durum leading at 73 per cent harvested. This is followed by barley at 68 per cent, spring wheat at 50 per cent and oats at 36 per cent. Seventy per cent of triticale has been harvested, with 61 per cent of the crop being used for feed. Mustard continues to lead the progress in oilseeds, with 68 per cent of the crop in the bin, followed by canola at 23 per cent, flax at 14 per cent, and soybeans at 31 per cent. Canaryseed and chickpeas are near the half-way mark, with 45 per cent and 51 per cent harvested respectfully.

The diverse growing conditions across the province this year are apparent as producers are seeing varying yields for all crop types. The drought conditions the southwest have led to yield averages well below the provincial averages. Meanwhile, the moisture received in the northeast has led to above average yields. Hard Red Spring Wheat is provincially estimated at 42 bu/ac, durum yields are estimated at 23 bu/ac, and barley is estimated at 53 bu/ac. Canola is estimated to yield 31 bu/ac, while mustard is estimated at 599 lbs/ac. Lentils are estimated to yield

# Province adds 4,600 jobs over last year

Saskatchewan continues to demonstrate strong labour force growth, with 4,600 new jobs year over year according to newly released labour force figures from Statistics Canada with the labour force climbing to 632,800 an all-time high. Monthly job gains showed 2,800 jobs created, ranking 3rd among the provinces.

"With each month of growth, Saskatchewan gets closer to achieving its Growth Plan goal of adding 100,000 jobs by 2030," Immigration and Career Training Jeremy Harrison SAID. "Investment in Saskatchewan is driving our economic growth, but our strong labour force is critical to Saskatchewan's continued advancement on our goal of making Saskatchewan the best place to live, work and raise a family."

Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 per cent, which is the third lowest amongst the provinces.

August 2023 saw all-time historical highs (aged 15 and over), with Saskatchewan's labour force reaching 632,800 and Saskatchewan's full-time employment reaching 504,000. In addition, August 2023 also set a record high for the month of August (aged 15 and over) for off-reserve Indigenous full-employment, which reached 56,300.

Saskatchewan's largest cities also saw year over year growth in August, with Regina's unadjusted employment up 9,500, an increase of 6.7 per cent, and Saskatoon's employment was up 3,700, an increase of 1.9 per cent when compared to August 2022.

Major year-over-year gains were reported for:

- Transportation and warehousing, up 5,700, an increase of 22.2 per cent;
- Business, building and other support services, up 5,400, an increase of 50.5 per cent; and
- Professional scientific and technical services, up 4,900, an increase of 16.1 per cent.

Saskatchewan continues to demonstrate its economic strength through other recent indicators, including having its Aa1 (stable) credit rating reaffirmed by Moody's Investor's service on August 1, 2023. In addition, housing starts showed year-over-year growth according to figures released by Statistics Canada in August, increasing 50.7 per cent from July 2022 to July 2023, the second-highest growth in the nation compared to other provinces. Saskatchewan also led Canada in GDP growth last year at 5.7 per cent.

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The Plato post office is believed to be the smallest free-standing post office in Canada.

## The history of the hamlet of Plato

BY JOAN JANZEN

Many people in the Eston-Kindersley area will have fond memories of the village of Plato. According to an article in The Eston Press (July 6, 1956), the original townsite was one-half mile south and two miles west of its later location and consisted mainly of two stores. In 1914, another survey was made, and a new location was staked out. The arrival of the railroad in 1915 brought a corresponding building boom.

According to information from Eston's history book "Grass to Grain," the village was incorporated on May 26, 1916. The Plato Pub was moved from Tyner to Plato in 1927. D.A. Hennessey built an ice cream parlour on the north side of the building.

St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church was functioning in Plato in 1918 and closed in 2001. With only three practicing families attending the church, it was felt it was economically not possible to carry on.

The Plato community hall started in 1929, with one of the items of interest being a scroll listing the members of Plato and district who volunteered for active service with Canada's Fighting Forces. There are sixty

names on the scroll, five of which were killed in action.

The Plato School was open from 1915 to 1970, the longest of any of the twenty-six schools in the RM of Snipe Lake. A cairn marks the location.

Plato has another claim to fame. Its post office is believed to be the smallest free-standing post office in Canada.

The move to disband the village came in the fall of 1994 when a petition was circulated asking that the village, which had a population of about twenty, be dissolved and revert to the RM of Snipe Lake.

Lloyd Gillies was elected by acclamation as Plato's last mayor, with Pat Burke and Janet Robinson as councillors. Their last few acts included a vote for the dissolution of the village, as well as refunding 95 percent of the municipal and school taxes, which had been paid in 1994.

Once the dissolution occurred, the RM of Snipe Lake became responsible for maintaining the streets in Plato, which included snow removal and street lighting. Sadly, the Plato Pub, which was the only remaining business in Plato, was destroyed by fire on May 28, 1997. Patrice Pope was the owner of the Plato Pub.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Otilia Greschner**

*Born December 2, 1922 — Died September 1, 2023*

Otilia Greschner passed away peacefully at the age of 100 years, 8 months on September 1, 2023 in LTC at the Kerrobert & District Health Centre surrounded by her loving family.



Otil was born in Guta, Czechoslovakia on December 2, 1922 to Louie and Julianna Telekes; who were of Hungarian heritage. She was the oldest girl of nine siblings; four girls and five boys. Otil met the love of her life, Joe Greschner during World War II and they were married on March 8, 1943. After their children Steve and Michael were born, in 1947 the family moved to Canada to farm near Millerdale, Saskatchewan. Otil arrived in a new country, unable to speak the language and unfamiliar with the surroundings, but grateful

to be starting a new life. Through listening to the radio and with the help of new found friends she learned the English language.

Otil was determined to be a good farm wife and mother. Together Joe and Otil raised their nine children, kept cattle, chickens, turkeys, geese and hogs as well as farmed the land. It was a hard life; Otil hauled water for laundry and dishes, put enough food away for the whole winter by canning the vegetables she grew in her

huge garden. She dedicated her life to her family and faith. She worked day and night making wonderful meals, sewing clothes, and growing huge gardens to feed her family. It seemed she never stopped working except at night when everyone was finally asleep, she would sneak some time to herself to read, which was a favorite pastime until her eyesight worsened and then she continued to enjoy her beloved books by listening to novels on her CD player.

Otil and Joe moved the Millerdale train station to Doddsland and made it their new home in 1962 and commuted back and forth to the farm until Joe retired from farming.

For years after her children had left the nest, Otil kept busy

with church functions, working at the museum, singing in the choir and playing in the senior's kitchen band. She loved to bowl with her friends and enjoyed playing cards at the senior centre. She could be found on any given day, baking for a bake sale, preparing snacks for senior lunches, mending clothes, tending her very big garden, canning, quilting and crocheting. Her love of flowers showed in abundance every summer when her whole yard transformed into a showcase of blooms.

Otil also greatly enjoyed spending time with her growing brood of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as Grannie O. She loved to show them how to bake, sew and garden. She was famous for nev-

er letting anyone away from the table without a full stomach. She spent countless hours in her kitchen showing her love by baking buns and preparing many other family favourites.

Otil moved to Pioneer's Haven in Kerrobert in August of 2014; and then into LTC in February of 2021.

Otil guided her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with her faith, grace, and love. She wonderfully touched the lives of so many and will be dearly missed.

Otil is predeceased by her husband Joseph Greschner, son Michael, her parents, and several siblings. She is survived by her children Steve (Rayna), Eugene (Helen), Sally (Harold), Paul (Maelene), Julie, Tom (Brenda), Tony

(Linda), Veronica (Vern), 22 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

The Greschner family would like to thank Dr. Wentzel, the nurse practitioners, all the staff at Pioneer's Haven, Home Care and the Kerrobert & District Health Centre, for the wonderful care that she received over the years.

The Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Grace Doddsland Catholic Church, with Private Internment at Doddsland Cemetery. Lunch and social followed at Doddsland Legion Hall.

For those wishing to donate in Otil's memory, please consider doing so through Chalice Canada's Gifts of Celebration Fund, Chalice Canada, 101-26 Union Street, Bedford NS, B4A 2B5 or [etransfer@chalice.ca](mailto:etransfer@chalice.ca).



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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
• Monday BINGO starts at 1:30 PM at TJ's Pub & Grub. Presented by St. Paul's Church Senior's Quilting Club. Cost is \$5.00 for six games. 19+ welcome. For more info call 306-460-8975. **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
• Paint Night at TJ's Pub & Grub. Class starts at 7:00 PM sharp. Seating at 6:45. Call 306-967-2227 for more information.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
• Eatonia Library Board presents a dance with DJ after the Murder Mystery event (which has sold out!) 9:00 PM.

**COLEVILLE**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
• Coleville Fowl Supper at the Coleville Community Hall. Doors open at 5:00 PM. All proceeds to support Coleville Playschool and the new development of Coleville Licensed Daycare. For any questions or if you would like to donate, please contact Teneal at 306-430-1188 or Stacey at 306-430-7788.

**ESTON**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
• Prairie West Historical Society (Eston Museum) is holding their annual "Pie Social" at the Holy Cross Anglican Church from 2:00-4:00 PM.

**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 4**  
• MARK YOUR CALENDAR Bizarre Bazaar at the Eston Legion Hall. Hosted by Eston Museum.

**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**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
• National Tree Day 2023. We need your help! The Town of Kerrobert is having a tree planting event. We will have the trees. Bring your gloves and help us green up Kerrobert! 1:00 PM at the Kerrobert Fairgrounds. Refreshments will be served.

**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!  
• Harvest Festival Hoedown 9:00 PM at the Prairieland Community Centre. \$10 admission. Children under 12 free. Featuring Gypsy Renegades. Family friendly event. Designated drivers available.

\* 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, SEPTEMBER 12**  
• Prairie Crocus Quilt Guild meet 7:00 PM at the Pensioners Hall (3rd Ave. E., Kindersley). Please join us for lots of quilting fun. Contact Donna at 306-463-4785 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
• SJHL Preseason: Kindersley Klippers vs Battlefords North Stars 7:30 PM at the West Central Events Centre.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
• Kindersley Terry Fox Walk 2023 starting at 1:00 PM at the Motherwell Beach & Recreation Area. Stop by between 12:30-1:00 to register in person.

**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**  
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• 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.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
• West Central Crisis Centre Annual General Meeting 7:00 PM at Morgotch Law Office.

\* 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.

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\* 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.

\* Prairie Crocus Quilt Guild meet the second Tuesday of the month (September to May) at the Pensioners Hall (3rd Ave. E., Kindersley) at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Donna at 306-463-4785.

**LEADER**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
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**SMILEY**  
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