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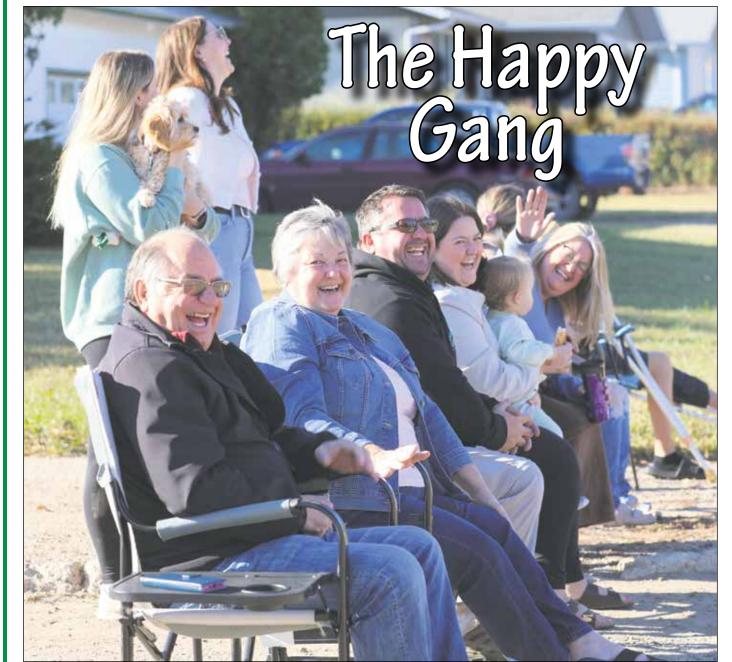
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Kim Gartner seeking **nomination for SK Party**

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kim Gartner from Macklin, Sask. has recently announced his candidate nomination papers have been accepted, and he is officially seeking the nomination for the Saskatchewan Party Kindersley-Biggar Constituency. He has spent the past 35 years working in municipal administration, supporting local, regional and provincial initiatives.

He grew up on the family farm four Kim Gartner miles east of Macklin and says his involvement in community organizations has been a lifelong commitment and a great source of personal pride.

As the CAO of the Town of Macklin, he had the privilege of working with many dedicated community leaders from across west-central Saskatchewan. Kim believes the core strength of Saskatchewan is based in its communities.

"The past 35 years have taught me that communication and cooperation are key to successful communities," he said. "I want to be an advocate for our west central communities and communicate how vibrant and vital we are to the success of the province."

Over the years, he's witnessed how communities that provide great infrastructure, health care, education, protective services, and recreational opportunities present a province that is attractive to current and future residents. "The west central area of Saskatchewan has a wealth of opportunities for individuals and families to live, work and play," Kim said.

During his time as a municipal administrator, Kim was actively involved in every facet of community life,

including municipal infrastructure, health care, education, protective services, recreation and environmental services.

"The provision of these community services is a partnership between the residents of our region and the provincial government," he explained. His involvement helped him appreciate the support provided by Saskatchewan's agriculture, energy and business sectors. "I speak from personal experience when I say, 'When your community is in need, they are there to support you."

He has been active in representing the Town of Macklin and the province of Saskatchewan in numerous capacities. He was the Past President of Urban Administrators Association of Saskatchewan; is Current Chair of SUMAssure (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Insurance Program), and is a Board Member of Living Sky School Division (2006 - present).

Locally, he's been involved in many community organizations. Here are just a few: Past President - Macklin Ball Association, Past President - Macklin Minor Hockey, Event Coordinator - World Bunnock Championship.

Kim encourages everyone to become involved in this nomination process. He believes party strength and renewal are vital to the province's future success.

"Open discussion and dialogue are a tenant to good governance. I believe I can effectively represent and communicate areas of concern that affect our quality of life," Kim said.

Anyone wanting to discuss Kim's candidacy can contact him at 306-753-8040 or kggartner@sastel.net.

October is Foster Families Month

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SFF looking for caregivers in Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed October as Foster Families Month to celebrate the many contributions of foster families across the province.

"Foster families help strengthen families by opening their homes and hearts to children and youth in times when their families are in crisis. I want to thank all foster families providing essential family-based care, supporting children and helping other Saskatchewan families in need."

SFF Executive Director Deb Davies said, "The month of October gives us the honour to celebrate the love, compassion and commitment that foster families make each and every day to children and their families who need support. It's about families helping

There are currently more than 415 foster families in Saskatchewan, and SFF is looking for caregivers in Kindersley. They have a six-step process for anyone who may be interested in making a meaningful difference in a child's life.

Applicants can be single, married or living common-law homeowners or renters, with or without children. Experience with or a willingness to learn about children with special needs is required. All adults living in the home need to pass a criminal record check and pass a child protection screening.

The six steps required usually take approximately four months to complete. The process begins by contacting the SFF to receive an information package and possibly speak to a foster parent about their experiences. If you wish to proceed further, the SFF will refer you to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services to start the process.

An in-person meeting and interview will then be arranged with a social worker, after which the Ministry will send out

reference checks to friends and family and conduct criminal record checks. The next step is a 30-hour training process conducted by a social worker and an experienced foster parent. Once completed, you will acquire first aid and CPR training. Once all this has transpired, you will be contacted when there's a suitable match.

During your first year, you will be supplied with support from an experienced social worker who is assigned to your home. They will help you navigate the fostering system and check in on you regularly.

The SFF has Leadership Committees around the province to help provide helpful and meaningful connections for foster parents. Networking with other families in the area is possible through means of planned events and meetings.

SFF always looks forward to the chance to get to know caring families who are interested in fostering.







Creating close-knit communities:

SaskEnergy's Share the Warmth Program Returns for 2023-24

People helping people is at the core of Share the Warmth Grant Program - one of SaskEnergy's mainstay community support initiatives. With an emphasis on creating close-knit communities, applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 season.

The program offers cash grants to charitable organizations to help them provide warm clothing, shelter, and food to those in our province who may need a helping hand during Saskatchewan's coldest months. Mental health-related initiatives are also eligible for the program.

"The Share the Warmth program has been running for nearly 30 years and is another great example of how our Crown sector is giving back to Saskatchewan communities," said Dustin Duncan, Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy. "The charitable organizations this program supports are great examples of the generosity in and strength of our province's close-knit communities, and our government is proud of the collaboration that takes place to make this program successful year after year."

This year, a total of \$50,000 is available for non-profit organizations, which will be distributed through grants of up to \$1,000.

The program began in the 1990's as a Sweater Recycling Project. In 2014, it evolved into a grant program. Since that time, SaskEnergy has provided \$370,000 to support more than 340 Share the Warmth projects across Saskatchewan.

Last winter, one of those projects was led by the Canadian Mental Health Association Saskatoon (CMHA Saskatoon), which received a grant in 2022-23 to support their Holiday Health Hamper program. This program provided 150 hampers filled with journals, activities, recipes, and other items that encourage mental well-being for individuals who are experiencing isolation, loneliness, depression, or anxiety during the holiday season.



"This project has allowed CMHA Saskatoon to be able to provide people with memories and connection over the holidays. It means a great deal to us for Share the Warmth to be part of the way we make that happen for people," said Carl Sheldon, Chief Creative Officer, CMHA Saskatoon. "For other organizations who are thinking of applying, we highly recommend it, it's just been so helpful for us. I think the stories and the people who have benefited from it speak for themselves."

Over the years, the Share the Warmth Grant Program has enabled a wide cross-section of organizations to deliver creative and meaningful projects to communities and people that are important to them. Some of these initiatives have included connecting sewing volunteers with winter jackets that need mending so they can be re-used, delivering hot breakfasts to seniors, and providing warm winter clothing to children who are new to Canada.

Applications are now open for charitable organizations who are looking to make a difference this winter. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2023.

More information about the Share the Warmth program and how to apply is available on SaskEnergy's website.









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Saskatchewan adds 13,700 new jobs in September

Full-time employment grows by 20,400 Jobs, unemployment rate at 4.9 Per Cent

Newly released labour force figures from Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan's labour force remains strong, with 13,700 new jobs year-over-year when compared to September 2022. In addition, Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is the second lowest among the provinces at 4.9 per cent, down from 5.4 per cent a month ago. This is well below Canada's national average of 5.5 per cent.

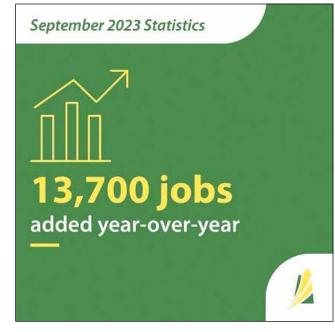
Seasonally adjusted employment increased 6,000 from last month at a rate of one per cent, the third-highest increase among provinces.

"Saskatchewan continues to demonstrate the strength of its economy through our labour market," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With consistent year-over-year job growth, an unemployment rate below the national average, and a record labour force, Saskatchewan's labour market is ready to meet the needs of our growing province."

The province also saw both an all-time historical population (aged 15 and over) high of 930,300, and an all-time historical off-reserve Indigenous population (aged 15 and over) high of 111,700. In addition, September 2023 also set a record high for the month of September (aged 15 and over) including, labour force, employment and off-reserve Indigenous full-time employment.

Year-over-year, full-time employment increased by 20,400, an increase of 4.3 per cent, with female employment up 1,500, an increase of 0.5 per cent and male employment up 12,200, an increase of 3.9 per cent.

Major year-over-year



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gains were reported for:

- Educational services, up 9,500, an increase of 20.3
- Professional, scientific and technical services, up 7,000, an increase of 23.3 per cent;
- Business, building and other support services, up 6,300, an increase of 59.4 per cent.

In addition to our strong labour force, Saskatchewan continues to enjoy record population growth, with the most recent quarterly population estimates showing the largest increase in a single year in more than a century. As of July 1, 2023, Saskatchewan's population was 1,209,107. The province added 8,567 people to the province in the second quarter and has grown by over 30,065 people in the last year.

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NE 17-39-21 W3	157 acres	Barley
SE 17-39-21 W3	160 acres	Peas
NW 17-39-21 W3	160 acres	Canola
SW 17-39-21 W3	130 acres	Peas & Canola
SE 12-39-22 W3	160 acres	Canola
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Saskatchewan RCMP offers reminders to hunters

Hunting season has started and Saskatchewan RCMP detachments are starting to get reports of stolen firearms, ammunition and other related items. This past week, a duck hunter in the Central Saskatchewan area left a vehicle parked while hunting and returned to find a shotgun, shotgun shells and binoculars missing from his truck.

Saskatchewan RCMP reminds hunters:

Never leave firearms unattended in a vehicle, especially overnight. Even if they are out of sight within the loaded firearm in a vehicle.

vehicle, other hunting equipment can signal the potential presence of a gun and a thief may be willing to break in to

Only bring as many firearms

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The truth will always be revealed

BY JOAN JANZEN

Here's a funny comment I read: "I had a happy childhood. My dad used to put me in tires and roll me down hills. Those were Goodyears." After having celebrated Thanksgiving, we can be grateful for the 'good years' we've had. However, there are examples of people who came out victorious in spite of ad-

Jim Thorpe was one of those individuals. On the morning of his race in the 1912 Olympics, he discovered his running shoes had been stolen. However, that wasn't about to stop him! He found two shoes in a garbage can, which he wore in the race. One of the shoes was too big, so he had to wear an extra sock. Despite wearing mismatched shoes and socks, he won two gold medals that day.

Today, we are competing in a different kind of race, and our mismatched shoes could be labelled censorship and secrecy. John Campbell recently interviewed James Roguski on social media regarding proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations.

James said that while more people are aware of the 'Pandemic Treaty,' he believes it is functioning as a distraction from a more immediate threat to our rights and freedoms. That threat involves proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations, which, if adopted, would surrender health-related sovereignty over to the World Health Organization (WHO).

"In their own words, the WHO would then be able to implement the regulations without respect for human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms," James stated. "There is an 18-month period in which leaders of every nation can step up and write a letter to the WHO saying they invoke Article 61 and reject that for their nation. Well, they procrastinated and said nothing for 16 months, and there's

The amendments will be approved by default unless there's an intervention. Meanwhile, the media isn't saying anything about it. James said to John Campbell, "What you have been doing is presenting all the information that every-

one else is missing.

only two months left."

Misinformation is actually the missing information they don't want you to hear."

The UK's petition received 100,000 signatures, which they presented and are waiting for a scheduled discussion on this issue. "There has been no media release, no public comments, nothing on the news about this. This is quietly rolling along," James noted. "But what is with all the secrecy?"

James advised everyone to inform their public servants about what's happening and let them know you don't approve. "Our public servants are busy listening to donors and lobbyists. We need to start yanking on their chain and get them to do what we want them to do. They work for us," he advised.

Regarding censorship, Dr. Suneel Dhand pointed out a headline on 'The Hill' which declared, "YouTube announces new policies to target medical misinformation."

> "The platform is going to use advise from regional, local and world authorities as the benchmark to determine what is the truth. Anything that doesn't follow that narrative is misinformation," Dr. Dhand said. "The history of medicine has clamped down on alternative viewpoints."

He listed numerous medical tragedies throughout history that proved the disastrous consequences of rejecting alternative viewpoints. The examples included thalidomide being promoted as a safe sedative for pregnant women in the 1950s and 1960s, which resulted in severe birth defects. Also, fifty or sixty years ago, doctors supported smoking and endorsed cigarette advertisements.

"Millions of people have died over the last few centuries all because the medical establishment want to stick to a narrative and didn't allow doctors to

be heard who had cerns,"

Dhand observed.

"Unlike in times gone by, nowadays these medical establishments can collude with big technology companies to control the narrative, suppress any dissent, and censor anyone that they don't like."

Dr. Dhand moved to America fifteen years ago from the UK and became a US citizen several years ago. However, he said the American establishment dislikes doctors like himself simply because he doesn't mindlessly follow pro-

He explained, "Whenever I see a directive, the first thing I ask is 'where has that come from?', 'what's the evidence behind it?', 'what are the true benefits?', and I want to know the absolute risk reduction." He's also very particular about doing his own research and seeing if there are any financial kickbacks involved.

"I want patients to be the centre of healthcare. I want every patient to be fully empowered and make a decision only after they know the true benefits and risks," he added.

Even though we're facing challenges of secrecy and censorship, we can't let them hold us back from running our race and winning. Dr. Dhand's favourite phrase is, "Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon and the truth. The truth will always come out in the end."

Good day, Kindersley news. I read with great interest the article written by Joan Janzen. It is about which journalists are talking to locals.

What she reiterated is so true. One really has to have their wits with them when hearing news from all mainstream journalists these days. They will never tell you the truth but will definitely bend it to what they want to tell you, and it must be taken with a few grains of salt.

Facts that pop up first is the Freedom Convoy that went to the nation's Capital and the so-called trials of some of its organizers. The Media and federal Gov. paint them as being the enemies of Canada, but in reality and the real world,

they are just the opposite. So much corruption and cover-up on so many levels of Government. This is so true for so many other issues that have seen the light of day, such as the fires that are being battled in so many provinces.

It seems like more and more Government officials are making decisions and doing stuff they don't understand and have no knowledge of but are telling the average Canadian and listener to trust them. Need more salt.

Thank you for your time, and I am looking forward to future editions of the Kindersley Newspaper.

Ed Lowenberger Gull Lake, SK

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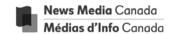


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89: Word-jackings

BY MADONNA HAMEL

ear Reader, not to worry, I am not about to preach once more on the crushing machinations of AI. Although I could go on about how it's blinding wizardry offers much in the way of no-fuss, no-mess creation - because, let's face it, there is no creative process involved when we leave creativity up to AI. AI's a replay of the discovery of the assembly line process with its focus on speed, efficiency and high rate of productivity, resulting in the ultimate good for all mankind: profit.

If you are probably concerned, I might just spend another thousand words bemoaning the hole in our lives produced by reducing everything to material gain and how we seem so willing to sacrifice the hard word, the muss, fuss, and all the messiness of digging into life, getting "down and dirty," getting grassstained and calloused, don't worry, I don't intend to.

I will say that I have always loved rolling up my sleeves, getting my hands in the muck, participating in the rawness of life. I had a boyfriend from Scotland who used to refer to me as "a mucky wee pup." I took it as a compliment. It meant I was participating in the blood and guts of life without worrying about getting dirt in my nails or mud in my hair. I still find it odd that "dirty" is a word used for people who are willing to engage in all manner of sexual adventure because, everyone I'd ever met who claimed to be "dirty" abhorred dirt. Or mud. Or mussed-up hair. They kept a latex interface between their bodies and those of the people they engaged with physically. They weren't, sadly, earthy, sensual creatures, enjoying the pleasures of a roll in the hay.

And that's what I want to talk about. No, not sex, but the ways we use and twist words to fit our worldviews and various beliefs. I've mentioned the word "dirty." And I understand that when it gets tossed off with a wink and a nudge, it's implying a flagrant disregard for "beige sex" or party-pooping Puritan ideas of the sexual life. It's worth noting that it is also linked with older traditions' rules concerning bodily "uncleanliness," especially pertaining to certain times of

While on the subject of dirt and dust, there's also "grit," a word that's getting a lot of traction these days. "Grit" is one of the 21st Century's new takes on an old word retrofitted for capitalism, according to John Patrick Leary in his new book "Keywords:The New Language of Capitalism." The book is a masterful dissection of the smooth sales-language of our age. What thrills me about "Keywords" is how many words in Leary's compendium match my own dictionary of suspect language, words that have, over time, been high-jacked by special interests to promote an agenda with which the word was never meant to be aligned. I call this misaligning of language: word-jacking.

As well as "Grit," Leary examines such words as "Free," "Engagement," "Passion," and "Share".

And, while I am troubled hearing the language of the sacred word-jacked for smaller and often more selfish and superficial pursuits, Leary is concerned about how the same words are co-opted for commercial purposes. So, we share the same concerns. And it tickles me how a Catholic gal like myself is in complete agreement with a Marxist like Leary.

But it shouldn't surprise me. Such is the soil of the Social Gospel, which, while we're at it, has been co-opted by a woke world that has decided to drop the word "Gospel" from the term. In so doing, they have eschewed the "down and dirty" work done by the leaders of the noble movement- leaders like: Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day (of The Catholic Worker Movement) and, of course, Tommy Douglas (who, as a politician sometimes compromised in ways that King and Day would not). As frightened and revolted as both conservatives and liberals are of the words "Marxist" and "Christian," it is undeniable that, to an important extent, Marx and Christ were after the same

thing: care for the impoverished, repressed, and ignored.

But back to that word "Grit". My first exposure

to the word was when, at a young age, I saw the movie "True Grit." Based on the novel by Charles Portis, "True Grit" is about young girl named Mattie determined to hunt down her father's murderer. Mattie had grit, that is: "character," "indomitable spirit, pluck." Today, that word has taken on a just-pull-yourself-upby-your-boot-straps tone. Proponents of "urban renewal" employ it now. Inequality is not your problem, explain the disciples of grit from atop their ladders of success. What you wage slaves need is more zest. I admire Leary's examination of 21st-century "grit" and his exposure of its flagrant disregard for the less fortunate among us. It's one thing to promote character in kids; it's another to employ a theory of lack of character as an explanation for their poverty.

I'm relieved to see words in Leary's book that address our tendency to use "body-talk" when talking about inanimate reality, playing on the old trick of pretending a corporation is an actual living person. Words like: "brand", (ask a rancher about that one!), "flexible", "nimble" "lean" and "robust", writes Leary "frame our labor as an athletic contest governed by fair and transparent rules."

Then there's the "moral vocabulary" of capitalism, which steals from artistic practice, giving an "artisanal" hue to everything that turns a profit. As an artist, I am particularly infuriated by corporate culture using words like "creativity," "curator" and "collaboration" in the hopes of coming off sounding engaged and adding a certain cache instead of cash to an otherwise deadening and low-paying job. "To care" is the root definition of both "curator" and crate. But it's coldness and disconnectedness that assumes workers prefer prestige over food.



This man enjoyed his tour of the Kerrobert museum, and trying out the antique



Families enjoyed a fun game of Jenga outside of the Kerrobert Courthouse on Saturday. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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In today's NHL, Canadian goalies a rarity

hat's so special about Vegas Golden Knights' goalie Adin Hill? In addition to him being a key member of the National Hockey League team that won the Stanley Cup last year, Hill has the status of being the only Canadian-born player to statistically finish among the top 15 goaltenders in the league last season.

Where have all the Canadian goalies gone?

A hockey fan has to be old to remember the NHL's Original Six, but I definitely fit that category and it doesn't take much brainpower to recollect who tended goal for the six teams. And they were all Canadians, too.

BY BRUCE PENTON

Sports Columnist

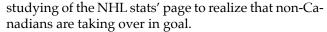
There was Quebec-born Jacques Plante in Montreal, the innovator of the face mask. Aging Johnny Bower of Prince Albert played goal for the Leafs before returning to the nursing home after every game. Glenn Hall from Humboldt, Sask., was the Chicago goalie, and he was famous for throwing up before every game. Eddie Johnston, born in Montreal, was the Bruins' goalie in the Original Six era. Terry Sawchuk from Winnipeg played almost every game for Detroit Red Wings and Gump Worsley, born in Montreal, kept pucks out of New York Rangers' net.

Of course, the game has changed. American players in the NHL back then were rarities. The league was a closed shop to Europeans. Russians? No way, Sergei.

Last year, the goals-against average leader was Linus Ullmark of Boston, a Swede. Runner-up was Filip Gustavsson of Minnesota, another Swede. Third was Antti Ranti of Carolina, born and raised in Finland. American Jeremy Swayman and a couple of Russian Ilyas, Samsonov of Toronto and Sorokin of the Islanders, followed. Scroll on down and ... finally, a Canadian netminder, Hill, at 15th. Two others Canadians, Logan Thompson of Vegas and Stuart Skinner of the Oilers, made the top 20.

Scanning all 32 teams' rosters showed only 34.8 per cent of goaltenders were Canadian-born. Four teams — Chicago, Nashville, Calgary and Florida — had not a single Canadian goalie on their rosters. At the other end of the table was St. Louis, which listed five Canadians among its six goaltenders, and Dallas, which had three of four.

There have been numerous Canadian goaltenders with Hall of Fame credentials in the past couple of years — Carey Price, Marc-Andre Fleury and Roberto Luongo come to mind — but it doesn't take much



Maybe it's akin to the old baseball saying — singles' hitters drive Chevrolets; home run hitters drive Cadillacs. In hockey, a similar adage might be that the McDavids, MacKinnons, Crosbys and Bedards drive Lamborghinis while the goaltenders get stuck with Volkswagens.

- ESPN broadcaster Robert Griffin III, whose parents were army sergeants: "He's got more moves than a military family."
- **Steve Simmons** of Postmedia: "What I almost have in common in Yusei Kikuchi: He gets 13 hours of sleep a night. I get 13 hours of sleep a week."
- Canucks coach Rick Tocchet following a 10-0 pre-season loss to Calgary Flames, on the same day Denver Broncos lost 70-20 to Miami Dolphins: "I feel like (Denver coach) Sean Payton."
- Headline on yahoo.com, in the midst of the **Taylor** Swift-Travis Kielce relationship

noise: "Taylor Swift visits friend at work."

How does a team score 70 points in an NFL game, asked yahoo.com.: "Miami had the good fortune to draw the seafood-restaurant Dumpster fire that is the Denver Broncos."

Bill Belichick on Travis Kelce/Taylor Swift (via @ TheGregHillShow): "I would say that Travis Kelce has had a lot of big catches in his career. This would be the biggest."

David Vincent, on X (formerly Twitter), on the Kelce-Swift

relationship: "Things are going so well between the two that she hasn't even started writing their break-up song vet."

- Eamon Lynch of gulfweek.usatoday.com, on the Euros' dominance through the first two days of the Ryder Cup: "This is the most lop-sided contest in Rome since the Christians were drawn at home to the lions at the Coliseum,"
- Comedy writer Alex Kasebeerg: "Miami beat Denver 70-20. Tua Tagovailoa had six three-point shots, seven rebounds and 10 assists."
- Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Am I the only person in this miserable nation who doesn't care that Taylor Swift was at the Kansas City Chiefs game and that she has been romantically linked to Andy Reid?"
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Did you see where Colin Kaepernick is lobbying to be signed by the New York Jets? Hasn't he suffered
- Headline at fark.com: "Dusty Baker complained about how often the Astros are getting hit by pitches while conveniently forgetting that his pitchers hit the other team more often."

Toronto's Steve Simmons of Postmedia: "This would like look nice on paper next season and certainly sentimental: **Joey Votto**, designated hitter, Toronto Blue Jays. Mom in Etobicoke would like that."

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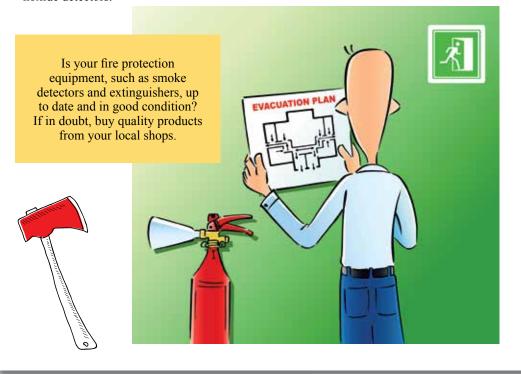
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- Fire extinguishers and alarms. Ensure your plan includes the location of fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Escape routes. Establish two different escape routes for each room so you can reach an emergency exit as quickly as possible.
- Muster point. Determine a place where everyone should meet after leaving the building. Remember that it must be easily accessible in every season.

Once the plan has been finalized, make sure everyone in your household is familiar with it. Carry out at least two fire drills every year to ensure everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire.



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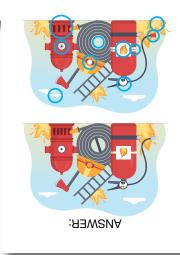
4 smart ways to avoid fires

Did you know that almost half of all residential fires are caused by human negligence or distraction? Adopt these four life-saving habits to prevent a fire from starting in your kitchen or another room in your home.

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- 2. Don't store combustible objects or materials in or on your range. Keep flammable items like paper, plastic utensils, dishcloths and cereal boxes away from your stove's heating elements. Remember that you could accidentally light the wrong ring or preheat your oven when there are flammable materials inside.
- 3. Be mindful of electrical cords. Whenever possible, avoid using extension cords for auxiliary heating appliances. Look for appliances with CSA or ULC approval and don't use them if they're damaged.
- **4. Have your chimney or flue professionally serviced.** If you use a traditional wood-burning stove or pellet-burning fireplace, leave the chimney sweeping or flue cleaning to the experts. Ideally, this should be done in the fall before the snow falls.





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Rise Above: Surviving Depression and Living a Better Life

by John Melnick **Published by Wood Dragon Books**

REVIEW BY TOBY A. WELCH

I truly feel that someone who hasn't been touched by depression wouldn't have been able to write this book with as much heart as John Melnick. He has struggled with the mental illness for decades and that experience comes through in every page of Rise Above. In 2002, in the depths of a severe clinical depression, Melnick swam into a fast-flowing river to end the pain in his life. Thankfully his desire to live prevailed. He shares his story and enlightens the rest of us about depression, a

devastating mental illness.

Melnick shares openly about the family dynamics he has lived with all his life, relationships that may or may not have contributed to his depression. I found those details fascinating and appreciated how forthcoming he was; that helped clarify his experiences.

One chapter shares the point of view of Melnick's wife and another of Melnick's niece. They cover what the ladies went through when Melnick tried to commit suicide and their perspective on things. Depression doesn't just affect the person afflicted with it; it touches everyone in that person's life. Hearing from different sides of the situation is eye-opening.

Each chapter in this book ends with encouragement to get help if needed and where to reach out for that support; it can be help for yourself or for a loved one who is at a crisis point. It is invaluable information.

Melnick shares what worked for him as he learned to live with his depression. Journaling, cognitive behavioural therapy, and getting a tattoo of his motto - carpe diem - are just three of his strategies. He encourages others to find what works for them and to 'rise above' whatever they need to get past.

I just watched the Mark Cavendish Netflix documentary, Never Enough. In it, we hear about Cavendish's depression diagnosis. Rise Above helped me grasp what the world-renowned cyclist may have been struggling with.

I love what Melnick is attempting with Rise Above, to try and remove the embarrassment and stigma attached to depression. He has spent the last twenty years educating people about mental health and encouraging others to talk about their experiences. Such a powerful calling! After all, as Melnick points out, one in five people in Canada are affected by mental illness. If you or someone you know has depression, snag a copy of this enlightening

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What a beautiful weekend for **Kerrobert's Harvest Festival!**

BY JOAN JANZEN

It was a beautiful, warm, sunny weekend for Kerrobert's Harvest Festival. The weekend kicked off Friday night, October 6th, with the Jr. Rebels taking on the Plenty team, followed by the Sr. Rebels competing with Macklin under the lights at Bishop Bowl. Friday also marked the beginning of the town-wide scavenger hunt. Everyone was invited to participate in the scavenger hunt throughout the weekend and take their picture in front of eight listed locations by 10 a.m. Sunday morning to be eligible for the prize.

Spectators lined the streets bright and early Saturday morning for the Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce Parade, and afterwards, Pioneers Haven supplied a soup and sandwich lunch. Shortly after the lunch hour, the Kerrobert Courthouse was buzzing with activity.

Young and old gravitated towards the courthouse, where tours were available for the curious crowd, and a turkey shoot was underway over at the library. Meanwhile, the art gallery was hosting their photography show 'Exposure', displaying the work of eight local photographers. This talented group included Cyndie Cairns, Tracy Cholin, Miguel Fenrich, Jenny Hagan, Laura Hegel, Gloria Knorr, Anna Pulsfut and Kate Winquist. Outside of the courthouse, a canteen and bouncy castles were offered for the children to have some fun. Prairie Sky Treasures & Print Studio were conducting mini photo sessions outside the courthouse while a flag football jamboree took place at Bishops Bowl.

A short drive down Highway 51 led to the scene of an antique farm equipment demonstration, which got underway at 1:00 p.m. Westward, MacDon, Massey Harris, and Massey Ferguson equipment were put to worth swathing and combining while a crowd of interested spectators watched.

By mid-afternoon the pool side park was a hive of activity, as a half dozen vendors set up their displays. The vendors included Little Kitchen Delights, Pink Zebra, Sage & Citrus, Samantha Gill's candles and bath bombs, Ritual Skincare Studio and Kohlman Eggventure. There was also glitter tattoos, a KCU money pit, and pumpkin painting.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m., DJ McGrath got a street hockey game going at the curling rink parking lot while the Kerrobert Minor Hockey Club served a pulled pork meal. All the kids loved having their faces painted and watching the Balloon Man twist up some spectacular creations while engaging the kids in a fun conversation.

Later that evening, there was a good old-fashioned Harvest Festival Hoedown, where families and friends danced to the country and rock tunes of Gypsy Renegades, a band from Cold Lake, Alberta. Early the next morning, the Kinettes were flipping pancakes at the Kinsmen Hall, with more fun following in the afternoon. That's when Ol'McDale's Friendly Farm set up their petting zoo at the Poolside Park for families

Breastfeeding and breast cancer: what you need to know



Can breastfeeding prevent cancer? Can you continue breastfeeding after a cancer diagnosis? Each patient is unique. Therefore, the best course of action is to seek professional medical advice. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, highlighting cancer research and the patient journey. If you're curious about the relationship between breastfeeding and breast cancer, here are some helpful facts.

PROTECTION

Many studies have shown that breastfeeding protects women from developing breast cancer. Women who breastfeed have fewer menstrual cycles, which reduces estrogen exposure to their breast cells. According to the studies, the longer breastfeeding lasted — five consecutive months or more — the greater the protective effect.

POSSIBILITIES

Patients who have been diagnosed with breast cancer are often advised not to breastfeed. Depending on the type of treatment, breastfeeding may even become impossible. For example, the substances used in chemotherapy and hormone therapy can pass into breast milk and pose a risk to the baby.

On the other hand, many women can still breastfeed after undergoing a lumpectomy or unilateral mastectomy (the removal of one breast). Additionally, breastfeeding is considered safe during external beam radiation therapy.

For more information on detecting or living with breast cancer, visit breastcancernow.org.

Do you know the risk factors associated with breast cancer?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month across Canada. Even though this disease has many causes, several factors can increase the risk of contracting it. Here's an overview of some of those risk factors.

- 1. Previous conditions. You're more vulnerable to developing breast cancer if abnormal cells have been detected in your breasts in the past or if you've had previous
- **2. Age.** More than 80 per cent of cases in Canada occur in women over the age of 50.
- **3. Alcohol.** According to the World Health Organization (WHO), drinking one beer or one glass of wine per day is enough to increase your risk significantly.
- **4. Menstrual cycle.** Early menstruation and late menopause are linked to the possibility of developing the disease.

- 5. Family history. Your risk of getting the disease is higher if your mother, sister or daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer, especially if it was before menopause.
- 6. Pregnancy complications. Your risk increases if you've never carried a pregnancy to full term or if you've been pregnant after the age of 30.
- **7. Body weight.** People who are obese have a higher statistical likelihood of getting breast cancer.
- **8. Taking hormones.** Undergoing hormone replacement therapy for more than five years is associated with the onset of this type of cancer.
- **9. Physical inactivity.** A sedentary lifestyle increases the likelihood of a breast cancer diagnosis.

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Pipeline Online.ca Saskatchewan's Energy News

Just 29 drilling rigs working in Saskatchewan on Oct. 3, and only 26 were drilling for oil

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

oes it look like the end of December? No. But several oil companies working in Saskatchewan have shut down their drilling programs until the end of the year, meaning three months of no drilling, before planned resumption of drilling in the new year. This, despite oil selling for US\$89.33 per barrel of West Texas Intermediate.

The reduction in drilling shows, with the numthat includes two helium

rigs and one drilling for potash. So the number of rigs looking for oil is just 26.

Those numbers from Oct. 3 are according to Rigger-

Talk.com, which posts data from the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC). In southeast Saskatchewan there were only 13 rigs

drilling, and one of those was working on potash near Notably, the Lampman area, which is usually a

hotspot, was all but devoid of rigs. There was just one working near Wilmar. Tundra Oil & Gas had one rig just west of Oungre.

Gear Energy Ltd. had one rig south of Torquay. Whitecap Resources had one rig in the Weyburn Unit.

Harvard Resources employed one rig between Halbrite and Hume.

Saturn Oil & Gas and Crescent Point Energy had a rig each working within spitting distance of each other northeast of Forget. Crescent Point had another rig working a little to the north, between Corning and Hazelwood.

Questerre Energy, a name not seen for quite a while, was drilling north of Antler.

Shifting to southwest Saskatchewan, there were only three rigs drilling, and two of those were for North American Helium, at Consul and Glenbain



(north of Kincaid). The Consul area is their core, but the helium explorer and producer has been continually stretching its legs throughout the entire region.

Crescent Point had one rig close to Shaunavon, the only rig in the region drilling for oil.

West Central Saskatchewan saw a significant reduction in drilling activity, with just five rigs working. The area from Kindersley to Dodsland, usually humming, was bereft of rigs. There was one rig working for Teine Energy just north of Kindersley. Baytex Energy and Whitecap each had a rig near Elrose.

Soujourn Energy had one rig northwest of Superb. Strathcona Resources had a rig at Cosine, near the Alberta border.

Northwest Saskatchewan was the one bright spot, if you can call it that, with eight rigs. Baytex had a rig at Winter. Rife Resources had a rig at Waseca. Strathcona had a rig south of Meota.

Cenovus Energy Inc. had a rig north of Marshall, another at Pikes Peak, a third at Spruce Lake, a fourth at Rush Lake and a fifth west of Edam. This is the strongest showing from Cenovus, Saskatchewan's largest oil producer, in quite some time.



Alliance Drilling Rig 2 was drilling northeast of Glen Ewen on gorgeous Sept. 29. Despite weather that has been very agreeable most of the fall, many oil companies are cutting back on their drilling programs. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK



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Who doesn't like holding a chicken? This boy sure did while visiting the petting zoo during the Harvest Festival.



Art enthusiasts enjoyed browsing at the art gallery's display of photography by local artists.



No one was too young to try their hand at the turkey shoot located in the Kerrobert Library.



Families came out to visit and shop at the outdoor market at the poolside park. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



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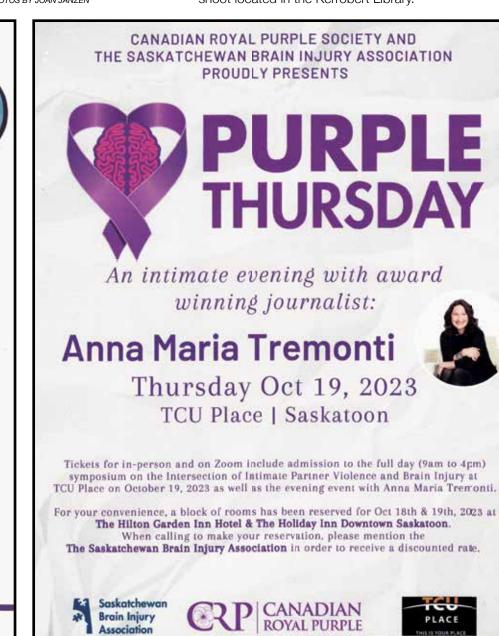
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Breast cancer survivor shares her story

BY JOAN JANZEN

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, a former Kindersley/Coleville resident stepped forward to share her personal story. This month is a time to champion cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and support, and the following story addresses all those topics.

Donna Jacobson resided in both the communities of Kindersley and Coleville while raising her young family. She now calls Kelowna, BC her home, and was enthusiastic about sharing her personal account as a breast cancer survivor.

Her journey began in 2016 when she first detected a small lump in her right breast. She immediately went to see her doctor, who said it was nothing of concern.

"I ended up having three mammograms," she said. "Each time, the lump was getting bigger, but it was reported as nothing. They told me it was probably just fat tissue." But deep inside, Donna said she knew it was more than just 'nothing.'

In 2019, she switched doctors and was asked what was her primary concern. She told them her main concern was the lump, which continued to grow. In fact, it was starting to protrude so she could visually see it. But once again, when the doctors checked it out, it didn't show up as anything cancerous.

As the lump grew, so did Donna's concerns. The doctors scheduled an ultrasound; however, the technicians reported it didn't look like anything.

"I had three friends who had had breast cancer, and they all said the same thing; I had to be persistent," Donna said. "My friend told me I had to press for a biopsy because she had gone through the same thing and ended up with a positive result."

Donna's persistence paid off, and a biopsy was done. Within a few days of receiving the results, she got a phone call. "The doctor said you need to get in here right away because it's positive," she said. That was in February of 2019.

"Through all of this, my first reaction was to immediately call my friends and ask for prayer," she said. "My doctor said if you have a strong faith, are positive and don't allow yourself to fall into negativity, you'll be able to make it through this a lot easier."

Soon after the diagnosis, she had appointments with a surgeon and an oncologist. The following month, she started chemo treatments. "I did nine months of chemo once a week, followed by three months of chemo every three weeks, then had the surgery," she

Donna Jacobson is a former resident of both Kindersley and Coleville, who now resides in Kelowna, B.C. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2019. This photo was taken after her hair grew back following treatments. SUBMITTED PHOTO

said. Donna always prayed before every chemo treatment and didn't have any nausea afterwards, and her blood work was always good. "But I slept a lot. I was reminded that 'rest' is the first part of restoration,"

The surgery was followed by 45 radiation treatments. "I have to say the cancer clinic in Kelowna was nothing but a positive experience. Everyone was supportive," she recalled. "My radiologist handed me a paper listing all the symptoms of radiation and suggested I hand it to my friends so they could pray about it."

One of Donna's doctors suggested she might want to shave her head rather than go through the trauma of losing her long hair. Although she wasn't sure if she would lose her hair, she decided to follow the doctor's advice. "I wore a wig for a

while, mostly because baldness bothered other people more than it bothered me," she said. "And I didn't want sympathy; I wanted support, so I wore a wig."

Donna's close friends and family were always asking how she was doing, so she began making a video update every week and posting it on her Facebook page. She gives God the credit for walking her through her journey, along with her close friends and people praying for her.

After doing some personal research, she chose to go on a high alkaline diet and cut out sugar and carbohydrates. "It's believed cancer is fed by sugar. I concentrated on having a healthier diet, and to some degree, I'm still on it," she said.

Donna said she surrounded herself with people who were positive thinkers and made sure all the input in her life was uplifting. The hospital staff noticed Donna's positive attitude and would sometimes ask for her help. While in a chemo room, Donna heard a woman saying harsh words to the nurses. "The nurse asked if I wouldn't mind talking to her," Donna said. "I told the woman it's not the nurse's fault you're going through this; she's only trying to help. The woman became quiet and then asked what I meant, and I was able to share my thoughts and pray with her."

Now Donna is back at work and enjoying volunteering in different capacities. "People come in at work and talk about family members going through cancer, and I'm able to talk to them and share my story," she said. "Sometimes they'll ask if I would come talk to their loved one. We can use the things we have gone through to help others."

She helps others by sharing what helped her. "At the very beginning, the doctor called it 'my cancer,' and I wouldn't call it 'my cancer'," she remembered. "It was just a lump that had to go. I tell people what you say and believe are very important."

Her concluding words offer much encouragement to those who receive a positive diagnosis. "There's a scripture that says trouble will not come a second time. I stand on that and stay confident," she stated. "Cancer can't become the centre of your life. It's what I dwell on that brings victory."









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It's been said that 'a picture speaks a 1000 words'. This photo from 1960 speaks a thousand words about sausage making. L-R: Bert Cathcart, Doug Ellis, Bill Armstrong, Dick Ellis.

PHOTO: "THE WIND STILL BLOWS - MARENGO REMEMBERED"

Making sausage - an old time tradition

BY JOAN JANZEN

Hunting season is on the horizon. After the hunt, there's sausage making, something farmers have been doing for over a century. In the history book "The Wind Still Blows - Marengo Remembered", a pioneer resident and his friends are pictured 'making sausage'.

Bill Armstrong was born in Brock and moved to Marengo with his parents in 1921. At the age of 15 he began transporting kids to school by van for a period of three years.

After working as a truck driver in Vancouver and joining the Royal Canadian Signal Corp as a Dispatch Rider during the war, he returned to Marengo and began farming.

His wife was a great cook and it was always an open house at the Armstrong place. Bill and his wife enjoyed many varied interests including card playing, music, photography, gardening, poetry writing and sausage making. For many years hunters came from the United States, and sausage making always came shortly after the hunt was over.

OBITUARIES

Jacob Gerald Neufeld

February 27, 1942 *September 30, 2023*

Gerald Neufeld, age 81 passed away on September 30, 2023 with family by his side. Left to cherish his memory are his two sons; Jared Mc-Donald; Aaron (Maegan) McDonald and their daughter Ava. His sister Lois Polachic; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Cath-erine Neufeld; brother Ronald Neufeld; sister Ellenor Dekteroff; Gloria McDonald and An-

He was raised on a farm near Bickleigh, Saskatch-ewan where he enjoyed duck and rabbit hunting. He lived in Outlook most of his life, working for Talbot Auction and there he developed a love for antiques. He also loved his cars and kept them spotless.

Thanks to the Doctors and Nurses at the Univer-sity Hospital, family and friends for all your care and support. A private family service will take place at a later date. To share memories and condolences visit outlookfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Outlook Funeral Chapel 306.867.8255.

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(Braxton is the grandson of Dale and Joanne Bredy; Dale and Joanne are Raeanne McIntyre's mom and dad). Let's come together, as only Eatonia can, and help this family out!

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New Action Plan will create more addictions spaces and better access to care

The Government of Saskatchewan today released a new Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions that will create 500 new addictions treatment spaces and a central intake system that makes care more accessible and respon-

New funding to support work beginning immediately under the new Action Plan will total \$49.4 million when fully implemented in the fifth year of the plan.

The new Action Plan has three pillars of focus: building capacity for treatment, improving the system itself, and transitioning to a recovery-oriented system of care for addictions treatment.

Work will begin immediately on implementing a central intake system that patients can contact directly to refer themselves for mental health and addictions services. A central intake will make the system more accessible to patients and enable care providers to better coordinate care for patients across the system and throughout patients' care and recovery journey.

"To build capacity for addictions treatment, we are setting a new target of adding at least 500 addictions treatment spaces in communities across the province over the next five years," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Tim McLeod said. "With new announcements coming in the weeks and months ahead, we are on track to exceed our original target of adding 150 addictions treatment spaces. New funding in the Action Plan will further accelerate this work for a new near-term target of 200 spaces by the end of this fiscal year."

The addition of 500 spaces over the next five years will more than double the number of addictions treatment spaces that Saskatchewan funds in communities across the province, including detox and pre-treatment, inpatient and outpatient treatment, post-treatment and supportive living spaces.

"Our plan is to build a full continuum of care that includes detox, inpatient treatment, and supportive living that is as seamless as possible and recognizes that the pathway to recovery is different for each patient," McLeod said. "This plan helps ensure the safety of both those suffering with addictions and those in their communities."

Transitioning to a Recovery-Oriented System of Care will make sure that the focus of the addictions treatment system is on getting people the treatment that they need. The Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) model takes a holistic, flexible, and individualized approach to treatment. It recognizes that the traditional 28-day model is insufficient for treating highly addictive drugs such as opioids and methamphetamine, which often require longer treatment in order to succeed. The ROSC model focuses on building people back up from an overall perspective, fostering a sense of ownership over the recovery journey, and promoting overall well-being to create the foundation and winning conditions needed to support lasting recovery for pa-

Recognizing that a cross-government approach is required to address mental health, addictions, and related issues, the new Action Plan includes collaborative initiatives between the ministries of Health, Social Services, Education and Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, with work beginning immediately on the following initiatives:

- in collaboration with the Ministry of Edcation, further expanding the Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools initiative to five more school divisions in time for the next school year, with more to come in future
- in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Services, providing wrap-around mental health and addiction supports for residents of the new supportive housing units announced today as part of the Provincial Approach to Homelessness; and
- creating a Provincial Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) program to make addictions medicines more accessible across the province, including for patients in correctional institutions and after their release, in collaboration with the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public

In addition to the work beginning immediately, Saskatchewan's new five-year Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions includes other goals and priorities that will continue to be advanced in future budget years. The new Action Plan replaces Saskatchewan's existing 10-year Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan which is due to sunset in 2024.

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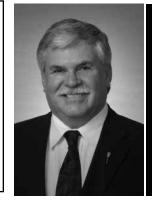


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Government announces provincial approach to homelessness

The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$40.2 million in new funding over the next two years to create 155 new supportive housing spaces, 120 new permanent emergency shelter spaces, and enhance community safety and outreach responses that include 30 new complex needs emergency shelter spaces.

The integrated approach between the ministries of Social Services, Health, and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety (CPPS) provides a continuum of services with targeted supports in appropriate settings, that are aligned with the needs of the individual.

"Together, and with community partners, we will work to improve the lives of Saskatchewan people who are struggling with addictions and mental health challenges to support their transition to stable and supportive housing," Social Services Minister Gene Makowsky said.

Government will invest \$7.16 million to develop 155 new supportive housing units in Regina and Saskatoon for individuals who need more than a home to remain connected to housing. Supportive housing provides on-site and visiting support and connection to wrap-around services to help individuals find stability.

"With an investment of \$665,000 this fiscal year and up to \$4 million in 2024-25 for operations we can ensure access to effective mental health and addictions services and programs in the supportive housing units," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Tim McLeod said.

A \$14.1 million investment will create up to 120 new permanent emergency shelter spaces in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw and other communities based on need. This means there will be approximately 500 permanent emergency shelter spaces available

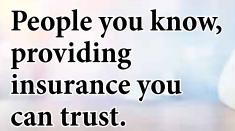
Government will also invest \$19 million to enhance community safety and outreach responses.

- Two complex needs emergency shelters will be established in Regina and Saskatoon that will provide a secure and medically supervised place to go for up to 24 hours for individuals who are intoxicated and exhibiting behaviours that present a danger to themselves or the public.
- Government will also work with municipalities to mitigate community safety issues around emergency shelters, and continue to expand delivery of homelessness outreach services.

"Public safety is a critical part of addressing the needs of people experiencing homelessness and mental health and addictions issues," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Paul Merriman said. "By working together across government and within communities, we will build supports that protect our communities and help people overcome the challenges they may be facing."

Working with our Indigenous partners, municipalities, and community-based organizations, the Government of Saskatchewan is committed to building and enhancing our housing and addictions programs, while protecting all of our communities.







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Saskatchewan RCMP committed to maintaining public safety in Richmound

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The calls for service received from Richmound include the report of an assault, of threats, and of suspicious persons. All are under active investigation and we are unable to provide additional details at this

Further updates will be provided if and when necessary. As always, Saskatchewan RCMP will advise residents if there is an imminent risk to public safety.

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

· 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.

FLAXCOMBE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

• Flaxcombe's Fundraiser Fall Steak Supper at Flaxcombe Hall. Doors open at 5:30. Supper at 6:00. \$50 Steak supper or \$15 Hotdogs (Kids meal). RSVP by October 13, 2023 as the steaks need to be ordered. Contact the Flaxcombe Community Club by the Villlage's Facebook page, or by email; Flaxcombecc@yahoo.com

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

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

KINDERSLEY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

 Kindersley & District Arts Council Annual General Meeting 7:00 PM at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre.

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.
- Ducks Unlimited (Kindersley Chapter) 40th Annual Banquet at the Elks Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

• The Rotary District Governor is visiting the Kindersley Rotary Club 6:00 PM at the Highway Host.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

· Canadian Royal Purple Society and the Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association proudly present "Purple Thursday" an intimate evening with award winning journalist: Anna Maria Tremonti at TCU Place (Saskatoon). Call Darlene 306-460-8947

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

 Kindersley Legion Awards Night. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Supper at 6:00 PM. Tickets \$30. Ham supper provided by

Jackie's Delicious Delights **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- Caleb Village Fall Craft and Trade Fair 12:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.
- Kindersley Screen Arts presents "Theatre Camp" 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 at the door. Sponsored by Speedy Auto Glass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- Kindersley Royal Purple presents Braingo Tango Fundraiser Dinner & Dance at the Kindersley Inn Ballroom. Cocktails 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM. Dance 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$75 per person with proceeds going to Sask. Brain Injury Association, Food Bank and Women's Shelter. Contact Darlene 306-460-8947 for more info.
- * 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-* Monday Night Jam Sessions at the Norman Ritchie Commu-
- nity 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.
- 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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- The Leader & District Chamber of Commerce is putting on an outdoor Fall Market, Show 'N Shine and a Pie Baking Contest 3:30-7:00 PM at the Sandhills Credit Union Marketplace
- Wagon Rides 3:30 6:00 PM at the Sandhills Credit Union Marketplace.

LUSELAND

WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 18

- · Luseland Arts Council presents King & Young 7:30 PM at Luseland Homecoming Hall. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**
- Major's Annual Hands at Work Fall Supper from 5:00 6:30

SMILEY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Smiley Fowl Supper
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
- Smiley Ladies Fashion Show

TRAMPING LAKE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

• Tramping Lake Social & Games Night 7:30 PM at the Tramping Lake Hall. \$20/person includes entry fee and evening lunch. Get your Corn Hole and Ladder Golf Teams together team costumes encouraged! Proceeds will go towards Tramping Lake Hall's roof repairs.



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