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Is it possible not to be on social media?

BY NICK KOSOVAN

The answer is "Yes," however, the existential question is, "Can you live without social media?"

How social media works:

Me: "I prefer mangoes to oranges..."

Random Person (hiding behind an anonymous account): "So basically, what you're saying is that you hate oranges. You also failed to mention pineapples, bananas, and grapefruits. Educate yourself!"

You can never win on social media. Are there times when you wonder if the benefits, whatever they may be to you, of being active on social media outweigh the adverse effects of being exposed to all the toxicity it manifests? What motivates you to spend as much time as you do scrolling, posting, and commenting on social media? FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)? Wanting to appear relevant? Seeking recognition?

Studies have shown how social media negatively impacts our mood and self-esteem and is creating a generation lacking social skills and unable to develop meaningful relationships. Many people, regardless of age, find creating a persona on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter much easier than navigating the real world as themselves. Gen Z has turned being unengaged with their surroundings and community into a Zen-like thing. Today, many people have the limiting belief they are an introvert and use social media as a crutch to avoid face-to-face interactions.

Without a strong sense of self, it is easy to lose yourself while vying for your place in the world, comparing yourself to everyone's beautiful social media life.

Social media works the way an abuser and manipulator works. Asking if one can live happily without social media implies the person knows social media is hurting them but fears a life without it.

It would be overly simplistic for me to advise, "Deactivate it!", "Delete it!", "Stick to emailing the people who matter to you, asking how they are doing." If you followed this advice, you would be sharing and inquiring without being voyeuristic.

However, we have long passed the point where having a digital presence is optional, especially if you have an ongoing career, a business or are seeking recognition (e.g., artistic endeavour, promoting a cause, running for political office). Conversely, having a digital "presence," which you maintain occasionally, greatly differs from being constantly "active" on social media.

It has become a familiar sight to see people hunched over their phones in social settings, mindlessly scrolling through their feeds, ignoring everyone around them as if what is happening in the digital world is more important than what is happening in the real world.

Your life will not implode if you do not have any social media accounts. However, being completely off the digital grid comes at a price. Imagine 30 years ago not having a telephone. The reason for having one was so people could reach you and vice versa. Nowadays, people prefer to send a message (Facebook messenger, WhatsApp, Twitter direct message, LinkedIn message) rather than call because it is more "efficient."

Think of all the messages you now receive, whether by email, text, or social media, that would have been a telephone call or a letter not long ago.

If you eliminate social media entirely from your life, you offer fewer ways for people to communicate with you. Essentially, you would be severely cutting yourself off from family, friends, professional networks,



and the world at large.

Having a social media presence is akin to having a landline telephone back in the day. I recommend having a presence on LinkedIn and Facebook (other platforms are optional) where you connect selectively and have message notifications turned on. Consider the notification ping as your telephone ringing. However, just because you have a social media presence does not mean you have to be active on social media; being inactive offers many benefits.

- You free up considerable amounts of time. (Are we not all time-stressed?)
- You have more control over your personal information and privacy.
- Your mental well-being improves since you will not be comparing yourself to the posturing (flaunting a sugar-coated lifestyle while drowning in debt) typically displayed on social media, causing feelings of self-doubt and inadequacy.
- You will be more social in real life.
- You are less in your head and more in the present moment.

In terms of your professional life, having a social media presence is a necessary evil; otherwise, you will miss out on networking and employment opportunities. Employers rely on social media platforms to advertise job openings and recruit candidates, LinkedIn being the go-to platform. If you are a business owner, promoting your business without a social media presence would make it much more challenging to connect with potential customers.

Not being active on social media is not an act of rebellion; it is you choosing to prioritize your mental health and time, which you will likely find liberating. The key is to convince yourself that not being active on social media will help you follow your own pace of development, with progress and failures. Focusing on yourself first, instead of looking at what others are "supposedly" doing, will foster a sense of self-awareness, which many people lack.

Nick Kossovan, a self-described connoisseur of human psychology, writes about what's on his mind from Toronto. You can follow Nick on Twitter and Instagram @NKossovan

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But who exactly are the people behind the press? It could be the person sitting next to you at your favourite coffee shop or the spectator who cheers on your local little league each week; it's someone in the community just like you!

And just like you, the people behind the press care deeply about their community - so much so that they've made it their life's work to keep citizens informed and connected. At the core of every newspaper is a team of real people committed to telling real stories that impact the lives of those in their community.

Champions of the truth come in many forms. It could be journalists and photographers who are on the ground capturing these stories as they happen - using the power of words and imagery to make change. It could be publishers and editors who keep their newsrooms buzzing with opportunities to ensure that community stories make it beyond local borders. Or cartoonists who help readers interpret these same stories visually.

There are a handful of powerhouses behind every story who all have one common goal: keeping our democracy thriving through vibrant, independent and local news media.

Each National Newspaper Week, we celebrate the people behind the press for their ongoing commitment to keeping communities connected and our democracy thriving through credible reporting. While they might be people in your community, they are also champions of the truth.

To pay tribute to Canada's champions of the truth, News Media Canada has created its first-ever illustrated book entitled "Champions." This book features the stories of notable Canadians from the news media industry who play an integral role in keeping newspapers alive - the most credible source of information that remains written by humans, for humans.



Kate Winqvist publishes the Kindersley-based newspaper, Your West Central Voice, The Oyen Echo, The Kerrobert and District Chronicle, The Hanna Sentinel and The Weekly Bean. Winqvist is passionate about the print industry and telling stories and sharing photos about our great communities and their people.

Learn more about National Newspaper Week and show your support for the industry by purchasing a copy of the Champions book and downloading the "Champions" font at www.ChampionsoftheTruth.ca.

Why We Celebrate National Newspaper Week

National Newspaper Week is an annual opportunity to recognize the critical role that newspapers play in an active and healthy democracy and is celebrated in North America starting on the first Sunday in October. Local newspapers deliver vital information to Canadians, connecting local communities across the country and keeping citizens informed, engaged, and connected.

Dropping the puck on ten seasons with Goals for KidSport!

SaskEnergy, KidSport Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) are celebrating their tenth year working together to make playing sports more accessible to young athletes.

"Goals for KidSport is an important initiative for SaskEnergy that not only achieves its commitment to supporting children and youth, it also highlights the Corporation's role as the Champion of Volunteers," said Dustin Duncan, Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy. "In this key collaboration with SJHL and KidSport Saskatchewan, SaskEnergy has the opportunity to contribute to vibrant and active communities throughout the province."

The Goals for KidSport program has raised more than \$230,000 and has supported more than 1,100 youth athletes across the province since its inception in 2013. Through the program, SaskEnergy donates \$20 to KidSport for every home goal scored during the SJHL season, up to 1,000 goals. SaskEnergy also takes the opportunity to celebrate the many volunteers who support the SJHL and KidSport through the Volunteer Champion Award, which is presented to deserving individuals in each SJHL community.

"We're excited to celebrate the tenth year of this wonderful partnership that helps so many kids across our province," said Jerry Shoemaker, Provincial KidSport Committee Chair. "By giving kids an opportunity to participate in sports we know they are given the chance to learn, gain confidence and develop valuable skills they will use forever while making some great friends along the way." KidSport uses the funding in its mission to provide grants to help cover the costs of

sport registration fees so that all kids aged 5-18 years in Saskatchewan can play a season of sport.

This year's Goals for KidSport program features 11 SJHL Game Nights that will include intermission activities to get the crowd involved.

"We are so excited to enter the tenth year working with KidSport and SaskEnergy this season" said Jacob Faith, Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's Director of Marketing and Partnerships.

"Through the Goals for KidSport program, the SJHL is able to give back to grassroots hockey, and help grow the next generation of SJHL players. We are looking forward to another

1000-plus goals scored in home arenas, leading to another \$20,000 for KidSport this SJHL season."

All funding raised during the Game Nights will stay in the home team's community.

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Service groups attend Community Connections event

BY JOAN JANZEN

A Kindersley Community Connections Planning Event occurred on Wednesday afternoon, September 27, from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. at Clearview Community Church at 819 Main Street. Lunch was provided by Simply Satisfied Catering.

The Kindersley Community Connections Planning Event was organized by the Kindersley Integrated Children's Services (KICS) Committee. Representatives from the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) were in attendance. Deanna Callsen from SHA and Angela Malcolm from Regional KidsFirst/West Central Play-Mobile joined to lead the conversation. They welcomed attendees' input on objectives, strategy, action, revision, analysis and solutions.

Over a dozen representatives from various organizations and programs attended the meeting, held at Clearview Community Church. Everyone contributed their thoughts, ideas and suggestions during the discussion, while Deanna Callsen documented their recommendations.

An extensive list of strengths within this region was listed, which included the numerous resources offered. Threats to people within our community were given, including money issues, sustainability, segregation, miscommunication and many more.

A similar list included suggested weaknesses. Representatives from various groups in attendance submitted their thoughts, which had community building and information for newcomers, lack of collaboration and communication between groups. Once again, there were many items on this list.

The afternoon ended positively, as everyone added



L-R: Deanna Callsen (SHA) and Angela Malcolm (Regional KidsFirst/West Central Play-Mobile) led the conversation at the Kindersley Community Connections Planning Event held in Kindersley on Wednesday, September 27. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

their suggestions to a list of opportunities available. Those in attendance suggested connecting agencies, engaging with other groups and local media, and involving the public were definite options available for all to access.

The planning event completed its objective to generate discussion, ideas and appreciation for the many opportunities available to the groups represented.



Both young and old were kept busy during the antique threshing demo at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum on Sunday afternoon, September 24th. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Everyone pitches in at antique threshing demo

BY JOAN JANZEN

A beautiful sunny day dawned on Kindersley as antique harvesting equipment converged in the field adjacent to the Kindersley & District Plains Museum on Sunday afternoon, September 24th. It was thanks to all the hard work of the members of the Antique Threshing Club, that this event was made possible.

There were three horse drawn wagons giving rides to children, while spectators sat in the stands and watched the activity in the field. And there was lots happening.

It began with an older Case tractor and swather making its rounds, stopping periodically to make some repairs. Next, Lionel Story made his rounds with his team of four plough horses towing an antique John

Deere implement.

Two older combines were picking up swaths in the field, while spectators viewed a 1903 steam engine which had been brought out of storage so everyone could see how it operates. But the primary focus of the afternoon was the operation of the threshing machines and the 1920 Rumely oil pull tractor.

Both youngsters and adults were pitching in with their pitch forks, loading a horse drawn wagon with sheaves, and then forking them into a threshing machine, while a crew was kept very busy troubleshooting. Their efforts were rewarded by the intermittent bursts of grain pouring out of the auger into the grain wagon.

Meanwhile inside the museum, burgers and drinks were being served to a hungry crowd.

OPINION: Be careful what you applaud



BY JOAN JANZEN

A child said, "I try to teach my mom something new every day. Because you're supposed to learn from your mistakes." Hopefully, there will be a lesson learned from a mistake that took place in the House of Commons last week.

Although it's news everyone has already heard about, it's worth regurgitating. It's noteworthy that those who profess to be the authorities on qualifying what is disinformation and misinformation invited a WWII veteran who served in a Nazi unit as their special guest to the House of Commons.

It's even more unfortunate that the special guest's visit coincided with the eve of Yom Kippur, one of the holiest days for Jews. MP Michelle Rempel-Garner pointed out the irony of the situation, writing in an email, "The Liberals, for years, have insinuated that some Canadians are Nazi sympathizers, but then allowed someone who reportedly actually fought for those forces into the House of Commons to be recognized."

Independent journalists were credited with pointing out the error, while the mainstream media rushed to give the Liberals the benefit of the doubt. And the Liberals are calling it an "oversight"

on their part.

Everyone in the House gave this guest not one but two standing ovations. Perhaps everyone applauded because they assumed such an individual wouldn't be recognized in the House of Commons. Even President Zelenskyy applauded.

You would think the Prime Minister's personal protocol office would check out the history of invited guests for state visits. However, Trudeau's office issued a statement claiming no prior knowledge of the individual. One has to question whether they scrutinize their guests.

Brian Lilley with the Toronto Sun said in an online interview, "As this story started to break out, I was watching football with a bunch of guys who have all worked in politics, and they're saying there's no way there weren't at least ten pairs of eyes on this."

Andrew Lawton from True North offered his opinion about the ordeal, saying online, "Everyone is accused of being a Nazi, and there will come a time when there are none left on this earth. But the very lowest bar possible is that we shouldn't honour them and give them standing ovations in the House of Commons."

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs said they are deeply troubled and disturbed by the situation. The National Citizens Coalition credited the poor decision as a matter of shortsightedness and ignorance of history.

Before this incident occurred, Fayette TV interviewed Josh Reinstein, president of the Israel Allies Foundation. Josh grew up in Toronto and is a Jew. "The fight against anti-Semitism is where Canada needs the most work. Anti-Semitism is on the rise in Canada like never before. I never seen anything like this when I was a kid growing up in Toronto. There are almost daily attacks on the Jewish community with impunity."

House Speaker Rota extended apologies to the Jewish community in Canada and took responsibility for what was characterized as an oversight. Later in the week, he handed in his resignation. And in an effort to absolve themselves of all guilt, the following Monday, the Liberal Government House Leader attempted to move a motion to erase all records of recognizing the 98-year-old veteran.

Michelle Rempel-Garner noted, "But there's one thing that Jews know, it's that when history is erased, lessons are forgotten."

Brian Lilley with the Toronto Sun said, "Justin Trudeau has a habit of calling anyone who disagrees with him a Nazi. The penchant for doing it has to go out the window. This is something that should have stopped a long time ago. This should finally come to an end."

Hopefully, they will have learned something from their mistake.

TO THE EDITOR:

Open Letter to Saskatchewan Senators Re: Bill C-234 – Carbon Tax

Dear Saskatchewan Senators:

As the Canadian Senate considers the merits of Bill C-234, An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, I want to encourage each of you to support this Bill given its implications for Sask's agricultural community, and farm families across Canada.

Innovation has been the cornerstone of our agricultural practices. Long before climate change and emissions reductions became national priorities, farmers in Saskatchewan were making significant progress towards reducing CO2 emissions and increased carbon sequestration in soils.

As the merits of Bill C-234 are discussed, we should ask ourselves if we have fully quantified the economic value of this gift and how it compares to the relief this Bill will provide to our farming community.

Agricultural production faces significant hurdles that must be overcome in the effort to replace current fuel sources with greener alternatives. Many farms have already transitioned to cleaner alternatives like natural gas and blended fuels, but there is a lack of infrastructure and technological development to support the adoption of newer, greener energy sources.

The unique environmental conditions and vast geography of our region pose challenges for technologies like

hydrogen, solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal. These alternatives may hold promise, they cannot match the reliability of existing sources, especially during extreme weather conditions.

The issue of grain drying is of particular concern. Ideally, we would not need to dry a single bushel of grain, rendering the taxation of energy use for this purpose irrelevant. The carbon tax imposes an additional financial burden during a challenging time. I believe that this unintended consequence of the carbon pricing policy is something that Bill C-234 seeks to address.

Farmers are driven by a deep commitment to environmental stewardship because we want our farms to be better, more productive, and more sustainable for the generations that follow us. This legacy is what truly matters to us. We cannot be bound by policies that diminish our capacity to invest in the very solutions you wish us to pursue. Shifting to cleaner energy sources is a costly and gradual process and penalizing us for our reliance on fossil fuels at this stage is neither practical nor appropriate.

On behalf of farm and ranch families, I encourage you to vote in favour of Bill C-234. I remain hopeful that our shared dedication to a greener future will guide us towards informed and equitable decisions.

Sincerely,
Ian Boxall, President
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BY MADONNA HAMEL

The UPS man enters the library, huffing and puffing, and cursing me by name. He drops his boxes on the desk in front of Betty, who is wearing her librarian hat today. "I'm sure half of these are yours," he says to me. Betty warns him not to give me a hard time as I help keep the circulation high and the library open. "Yeah, so there," I laugh and start snooping through the boxes, looking for my latest requests.

While I'm snooping, Betty signs me up for canteen duty at the rodeo on Saturday night. I'll be sharing the shift with Amy and her youngest daughter Michaela, whom I refer to as Mickey-Moo. Mickey was a toddler when I met her and her family for the first time at The Nativity of The Virgin Mary church back in 2014. Saturday night, I find myself gasping the old cliché: "The last time I saw you, you were this high. Now you're taller than me!"

My other canteen companion is my former pen pal Elizabeth, Lizzy-Lou, as I like to call her. Lizzy-Lou wrote to me for a whole year, not knowing who I was. Keeping my identity secret meant I had to write about my life pre-Val Marie.

I love these girls. There is a touching eagerness to them, borne of the last vestiges of innocence. Do they realize that soon they will stop running everywhere? That they will assess their bodies in shop windows,

times, to be full-out physical. (And I mean outside of a culturally prescribed hyper-sexual physicality.) Without a woman's physical agency, rural communities could not survive.

And yet, while these girls ride horses, feed animals, bail hay, it never occurs to them to stay busy behind the canteen by refilling salt shakers and napkin holders and ketchup bottles. To stay on top of the many endless chores that keep a canteen or restaurant running smoothly on a hectic night. So, I teach them a few of my old waitressing tricks. I'm two university degrees broker, and yet some of the most important life skills I've ever needed came from waiting on tables.

I remember a speech Michelle Obama was giving a room full of girls: get an education, she kept saying. I get that. But some of us are built for the trades. I personally love welding. I wish I had my welding ticket. Still, it was at art school I learned I loved welding. And my English degree has made my life more meaningful, richer and exciting in every way. It cracked the world wide open, helped me live with life's paradoxes, heightened my curiosity, which directed me to think beyond money, clothes and boys.

The Humanities didn't train me to produce, it's true. They did more than that: it nourished my soul. They - English, History, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science and Religious Studies - gave me insight into joy and suffering, into how to talk to others, even to argue. It opened me to ideas and options.

It built character. Something I'll be working on til I die. Which is why I still carry a dozen books home from the library every Wednesday. The Humanities made me a reader and a ponderer because, as author Robert Barron insists, the liberal arts are essential, points out: You can get a tech degree and design a faster car, "but what will you do when you get there?"

I used to say the same something similar to a Marxist when he proclaimed that microwave ovens would "free the worker to spend more time with their family." "Not if they don't already," I replied. "The microwave doesn't teach you how to talk with your kids. It doesn't make all that free time quality time. If they don't know how to talk or be with their families, some other busy work will fill the gap."

I don't mean to say that microwaves, dishwashers, washing machines weren't welcomed by women who

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SE 12-39-22 W3rd	municipal assessment -	\$229,000.00
NE 12-39-22 W3rd	municipal assessment -	\$180,700.00
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NW 17-39-21 W3	160 acres	Canola
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One could put together a terrific all-star team using only players born in the 2000s, which means this group is no older than 23. And since we love lists, here's one man's version of the top 10 NHLers in that youthful group.

Counting down....

No. 10 — Matty Beniers (born in 2002) of Seattle. The reigning rookie of the year put up 57 points for the Kraken and was an impressive plus 14.

No. 9 — Cole Caufield (2001) of Montreal. The diminutive Wisconsin native has speed and great moves, and terrifies opposing goalies. He scored 26 goals in only 46 games last year and projects to be a perennial 50-goal scorer if he can stay healthy.

No. 8 — Trevor Zegras (2001) of Anaheim. His second full season produced a second-straight 23-goal campaign. The innovative Zegras introduced lacrosse-style 'Michigan' goals, things of beauty, to the NHL.

No. 7 — Moritz Seider (2001) of Detroit. The German-born defenceman won the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year in 2021-22 after putting up 50 points. He racked up another 42 last season.

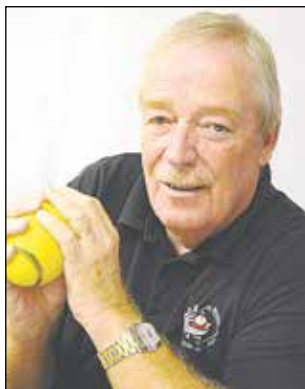
No. 6 — Dylan Cozens (2001) of Buffalo. The former Lethbridge Hurricane found the scoring range last year. After netting only 13 goals in his first full season, Cozens erupted for 31 goals and 68 points last year and is the team's No. 2 centre behind Tage Thompson.

No. 5 — Andrei Svechnikov (2000) of Carolina. Was on a 30-goal, 70-point pace last year until a late-season injury put him on the shelf and helped derail the Hurricanes' legitimate Stanley Cup hopes.

No. 4 — Connor Bedard (2005) of Chicago. The hype is real.

No. 3 — Rasmus Dahlin (2000) of Buffalo. The first overall pick in the 2018 draft has not disappointed the Sabres or their fans. He plays more than 20 minutes a night, anchors the Sabres' power play and his point totals went from 53 two years ago to 73 last year.

No. 2 — Tim Stutzle (2002) of Ottawa. The third overall pick in the 2020 draft, Stutzle has more than lived up to his pre-draft billing. He collected 90 points



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

last year (39 goals, 51 assists) to lead the Sens' offence. He has gone from 29 points to 58 to 90 in his three years in the league. Season four and beyond could be spectacular.

No. 1 — Jack Hughes (2001) of New Jersey. The top pick in the 2019 draft broke through with 99 points last year, including 43 goals, and is one of three Hughes brothers in the NHL (Quinn with the Canucks and Luke with the Devils). Will win a Cup or two before he's done.

- Headline at fark.com: "(Washington) Capitals sign **Tom Wilson** to a 7-year, \$45.5 million extension, which lets him live rent free in his opponents heads until 2031."
- NBA all-star and renowned bad golfer, **Charles Barkley**, telling a friend he liked his Nike clubs: "Yeah, one of the other big companies is paying me a lot of money not to use theirs."
- Headline at the onion.com: "Resilient **Aaron Rodgers** Vows To Return More Detached From Reality Than Ever"
- Found in **Peter King's** Football Morning in America, quoting **Peyton Manning**, who speculated about what Jets' offensive co-ordinator **Nathaniel Hackett** was doing at halftime of the Jets-Bills game, after **Aaron Rodgers** was kayoed with a torn Achilles: "I think he spent most of that time vomiting."
- Comedy writer **Torben Rolfsen** of Vancouver: "**Lionel Messi** has 'muscle fatigue'. Didn't Inter Miami do due diligence on this guy before they brought him over?"
- **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel, on the rumoured romance between **Taylor Swift** and the Chiefs' tight end **Travis Kelce**: "Beware, Travis! My sources tell me she's eventually going to break up with you just so she can write a hit song about it!"
- Comedy writer **Alex Kaseberg**: "In the Bears' loss to the Bills, Chicago QB **Justin Fields** blamed his robotic play on the coaching. So that must be some awful coaching that would tell Fields not to throw to a receiver who was open by 30 yards."
- **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: "Blue Jays pitcher **Yusei Kikuchi** says a short sleep caused him to cramp last game — only 11 hours instead of his usual 13! They're going to start calling him Rip Van Kikuchi."
- Another one from **RJ Currie**: "More than 600 runners from around the world took part in this year's Red Bull 400 in Lahden Suurmäki, Finland, where competitors must run uphill. 'We can relate,' said the Houston Texans."
- From theonion.com: "**Aaron Judge** Thankful Yankees Protecting Privacy By Keeping Name Off Back Of Jersey"

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operated as workhorses all their lives. But we seem to have created a world where women who once stayed home, scrubbing and baking, are now expected to work outside the home and still return to cook and clean. Yes, they use more efficient machines, but have the machines made the worker any freer to spend time with their families?

Education is meant to be about exposure to different philosophies, world-views, ideas, etc, not the production of business majors and computer wizards, not pipelines to high-paying jobs. In her book: "Not For Profit," Martha Nussbaum writes: "Radical changes are occurring in what democratic societies teach the young....Thirsty for national profit, nations, and their

systems of education, are heedlessly discarding skills needed to keep democracies alive ... nations will soon be producing generations of useful machines rather than complete citizens who can think for themselves."

Is the situation as grave as she claims? I do think the young should be allowed to learn, to choose what they read and be trusted with our support, to develop discernment. I personally intend to stick around and encourage Michela and Elizabeth and their peers to fill the salt shakers, ask questions, and to read, read, read. Read the conservative and liberal authors AND, Indigenous poets AND, medieval theologians AND, turn-of-the-century anthropologists AND, contemporary novelists of all genders AND, yes, even some old dead white men.



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Kindersley kids learn all about bats!

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Kindersley Library arranged for the University of Saskatchewan Biology Outreach Department to come to Kindersley and teach about bats. Yes, that's right, bats! The U of S offered a free 'citizen science research program' to learn more about those small flying rodents.

Three separate information sessions on bats were given to the Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 4 students at Westberry Elementary School on Thursday, September 28. The kids all came home equipped with a lot of knowledge of bats to share with their parents and grandparents. The kids were all excited!

And they were even more excited to explore at the Kindersley Walking Trail, where their instructor helped detect bats. About sixty parents, grandparents and children showed up for the exploration walk. With the help of an ultrasound detector, they soon discovered whether or not bats hung out at the Kindersley Walking Trail.

The group was told there are eight varieties of bats in Saskatchewan. Three of those varieties migrate and are already heading to warmer climates. The other five species hibernate, but at this point, no one knows where. Bats eat insects and pests that harm farmers' crops, and their predators include owls and falcons.

Before beginning the walk, the bat detector tracked a sizeable brown bat flying overhead. Although no one saw it, the instrument detected its call and the flapping of its wings and recorded it as being a large brown bat. A bunch of excited children ran ahead as the group followed behind. No more bats were detected. Perhaps the timid creatures had been scared off by all the excitement.

It was interesting to discover when this event was held at Moose Jaw earlier in September; it was so popular an additional evening session was added. Library patrons were also able to borrow bat detector kits and contribute to bat research in Saskatchewan.

Pat Perkins at the Kindersley Library said a couple of bat detectors would be in circulation in a week or so. Hopefully, they will be available before the weather cools off and the bats go into hibernation.



A representative from the U of S Biology Outreach Department instructed children and their families about bats and showed them how a bat detector works while on an exploration walk at the Kindersley Walking Trail.

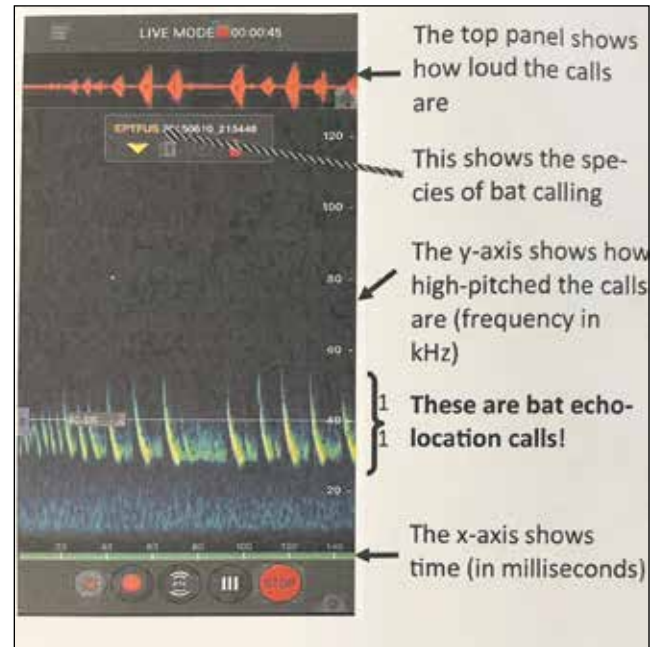


Illustration of a bat detector and how it works.

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Local Royal Purple member is hard at work

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Kindersley Royal Purple consists of six members who joined the team when the Royal Purple came to Kindersley in 2017. Royal Purple member Darlene May said the group is planning their second Braingo Tango event, to be held at the Kindersley Inn on Saturday, November 4th.

"Last year, we had a huge snowstorm," Darlene said, recalling the Braingo Tango - 2022. "There were only thirty of us there, but we still made money." Last year, the group donated \$2300 each to the Food Bank and the Crisis Centre, and \$500 each to Elizabeth Middle School and Westberry Elementary School

This year, the group aims to raise \$8,000 to \$10,000. On the evening of the event, they will present donations to the Crisis Centre, Food Bank, Elizabeth School and the Sask Brain Injury Association.

The evening will begin with a roast beef and chicken dinner, followed by a silent auction, loonie auction, presentations and a dance. Once again, the band "1 Cent Melon" from Lloydminster, who plays classic rock, will provide the evening music.

If the efforts put forward by Darlene are any indication, the fundraiser is destined to be a success. So far, she has approached over eighty-six businesses, inviting their participation. And she has only just begun!

Meanwhile, Purple Thursday, held on the third Thursday of October each year, will be recognized at an awareness campaign to be held in Saskatoon. "It's an across Canada event," Darlene explained and emphasized the superior calibre of speakers who are invited to address the attendees. Registration is \$100, and there is a Zoom link available for those who can't attend in person. Everyone is welcome.

As usual, the Kindersley group will deliver care bags to nearby shelters on Purple Thursday. The bags are filled with donated supplies that survivors fleeing violence may not have had time to gather.



Kindersley Royal Purple member, Darlene May is busy making preparations for the group's upcoming Braingo Tango event. *SUBMITTED*



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Our Student Athletes have been very active and successful in our first couple weeks of school.

Our Cross Country team had their first meet in Wilkie and had great success! Congratulations to Bronc placing 1st, Berkley placing 4th, Louis placing 10th and many other students completing a great race! Way to go Cross Country Team!

Congratulations to Drake and Avery who competed in the SHSAA Provincial Golf Championship in Elbow last week. Avery finished 44th out of 54 golfers and Drake finished 50th out of 54. Way to go boys, you represented KCS and Battlewest Athletics well!

Volleyball is in full swing at KCS! Our Senior girls volleyball team hosted their home tournament as well as attended two other tournaments. They are looking forward to the rest of their season. Our Junior girls and boys volleyball seasons are also off to a great start! Our Jr. Teams will both be taking part in league this year, starting off last week with Unity! The teams also got some exhibition games in with both Macklin and Kindersley, and this week has the girls playing the Macklin 'A' team. League will continue for the next little bit, with both teams hosting Luseland, and then traveling to Wilkie and Cut Knife, before gearing up for conferences October 28th! Best of luck to our Volleyball teams!

Our Senior Football team also had their home opener this past weekend and got the win with a score of 23-20 over Plenty. They will be on the road to Big River this Friday! Next home game is Friday, October 6th. Good luck & Go Rebels Go!

We are so proud of all of our student athletes!



The Kerrobert Rebels defeated Big River 54-24 over the weekend.



Thanks to Baker Hughes and the Kerrobert Golf Club for hosting us for a BBQ and Golf last week. The Grade 7-9 students had a great afternoon!. PHOTOS COURTESY KERROBERT COMPOSITE SCHOOL



Drake and Avery represented us well at the SHSAA Provincial Golf Championships.

Quebec students visit Luseland for week-long visit

BY JOAN JANZEN

Twenty-one students and three teachers from St. Hubert School in a suburb of Montreal, Quebec, arrived in Luseland, Saskatchewan, on September 14, 2023. The Grade 10 to Grade 12 exchange students were paired up with Grade 10 and 11 students from Luseland School. As soon as the exchange students arrived, they were whisked off to the Holman Farming Group, where they were given a crash course on harvest. They had a great time touring the Holman elevator, climbing on a combine, checking out grain in the field and exploring grain bins - all new experiences for the newcomers. They also toured the Luseland & District Museum, where Arden Body, Jean Halliday and Victor Delhommeau shared their knowledge of local history.

Throughout the week, the students went hay bale jumping at the Teri and Morris Scheidt farm and enjoyed venturing on a YMCA trip. A mix of 42 students

and six chaperones travelling by school bus to all the destinations proved entertaining. It was also an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted.

During the excursion, they visited an old one-room country school in Major and toured St. Catherine's Church near Major, with Jaclyn Patton providing information during their visit. They got to experience harvest operations at the Jason Patton and Clay Patton farms and visited the stone wall and sod house near Smiley - two rural tourist attractions. The Smiley Hutterite Colony gave the students a tour of their property, and later, they were given a tour of an Enbridge pipeline.

At North Battleford, the group toured the Western Development Museum and learned about the history of Saskatchewan. The Allen Sapp Museum was also on their list of destinations. They checked out a bison company in Denzil, stopped at the world's largest tomahawk in Cut Knife, and visited the Holy Rosary Church and Shrine in Reward.

The visitors experienced a whole spectrum of events, including learning all about farming and touring the Provost Auction Market. They had fun playing their very first game of bones in Macklin.

Raymond and Blanche Wack and Arden Body took them out into the pasture, where they learned about the First Nations peoples of the area. At Moreland Acres Cattle Company, they learned about cattle and goat farming, and got some horse riding lessons from Ben and Brittany Cairns.

Sunday was a free day for everyone. Some families visited the Great Sandhills by Leader, while others spent the day at the lake. Another group went to Drumheller, but some chose to stay home and spend the day harvesting.

The Luseland School's exchange students spent their last day in Saskatchewan on Monday, September 18. A potluck meal was served in the Luseland school gym for all the exchange families. Everyone was very well fed and ended the night with some fun games, turning the Quebec students into honorary Saskatchewanians.

The week-long visit was packed with authentic and fun Saskatchewan experiences everyone enjoyed. Claire Patton, a Grade 11 student at Luseland, said the highlight of the exchange was the combining experience when all the students and adults experienced firsthand what her family does for a living. Claire said her partner Megan Bernier from Quebec was a super good match, and they had a lot of the same hobbies.

Emma Greter, a Luseland Grade 10 student, said her favourite part of the exchange trip was the free day when she went to the Sandhills, but she also enjoyed the combining experience. She had a lot of fun with her partner, Amelia St.-Laurent from Quebec, and thought they made a great pair.

The students said their goodbyes before flying back to Montreal. Both students and chaperones had a blast exploring all of Western Saskatchewan and learning many new things. And Luseland students are looking forward to going to Quebec in October!

Thanks to Grade 9 Luseland student Katerina Feser, for providing much of the information for this article.

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Increase in wages for Certified Early Childhood Educators beginning October 1

Last week, the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada announced an investment of \$7 million dollars to increase the wages for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) through the Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement grant, starting October 1, 2023.

“Our government is proud to continue investing in early childhood educators so that they can continue to grow and nurture future generations of Saskatchewan citizens,” Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. “This investment will help recruit and retain staff throughout the province and recognizes the importance early childhood educators have in supporting positive outcomes for our province’s youngest learners.”

It is estimated that more than 90 per cent of ECEs currently working in the sector, or 2,500 individuals, will see an increase in wages. ECE Level I will receive an increase of up to \$1.50 per hour; ECE Level II will receive an increase of up to \$2.00 per hour, and ECE Level III will receive up to \$2.50 an hour. Compared to September 2022, this is approximately an eight per cent increase, on average, in the hourly wages for ECEs in the province.

The ECE Wage Enhancement grant is also being expanded to include assistants working in group family child care homes who have an ECE certification. Certified assistants will be eligible to receive an ECE Wage Enhancement grant of up to \$7.50 per hour, bringing them in line with the wage increases provided to ECEs working in child care centres in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Funding for this wage increase is provided through the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement 2021 to 2026, signed in August 2021, which provides a federal investment of nearly \$1.1 billion over five years for child care in Saskatchewan.

“Supporting the valuable work of early childhood



educators is key to the success of a high-quality child care system, especially one which will expand the number of regulated spaces across the country,” Canada’s Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jenna Sudds said. “The early childhood educator workforce needs improved working conditions and compensation that reflects their education, experiences and responsibilities. This increase in wages for Early Childhood Educators here in Saskatchewan is an important step. I look forward to continuing the work with provinces and territories to strengthen the workforce, and advance recruitment, retention and recognition supports.”

Child care facilities will be receiving additional information regarding the wage enhancement grant.

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- Police received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members spoke to the subject of complaint.
- Members are investigating a complaint of theft.
- RCMP received a complaint of trespassing in a rural area south of Unity. Members patrolled but could not locate a subject of complaint.
- Police received a report of an individual intoxicated in public. Members transported the subject of complaint to be lodged in cells in Unity until sober.
- There were also six traffic complaints and one false 911 call.

WILKIE REPORTS

- RCMP attended the sudden death of a 65-year-old male from Wilkie. The death was not suspicious in nature.
- Police received a report of an attempted break and enter at a residence. Members patrolled but could not locate the subject of complaint.
- A 40-year-old male from Macklin was charged with Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Operation While Prohibited after Members received a traffic complaint.
- There was also one traffic complaint.

MACKLIN REPORT

- RCMP received a complaint of uttering threats but

- there was insufficient evidence to proceed.
- Police received a report of an individual in the school grounds during recess. Members attended and were notified the individual was engaged in outdoor work at the Catholic Church.
- Members are investigating a complaint of assault.
- RCMP received a noise complaint. Members spoke to the subject of complaint and issued a verbal warning.
- Police received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members transported the subject of complaint to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment.
- Members attended a two-vehicle collision on Highway 17 north of Macklin. There were no injuries. This matter is still under investigation.
- There were also four traffic complaints and one false alarm.

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With oil prices now at US\$94 per barrel, why is industry activity akin to when it was half that?

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Oil prices are now US\$94 a barrel, and yet oil industry activity levels in Saskatchewan are more like when it was US\$40 a barrel. A lot of people in the industry I've spoken to in recent days are wondering just what the hell is going on, or more specifically, why it is not going on.



Pumpjacks near a battery southwest of Torquay, Saskatchewan. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

In the last week I've spoke to some of the most knowledgeable people I know in the Saskatchewan oilpatch, business owners all, from Weyburn, Lloydminster and several from Estevan. There's a rising chorus of dissatisfaction amongst them. Things should be booming in this province's oilpatch, but they aren't. And this disquiet could threaten the governing Saskatchewan Party with the potential loss of a key portion of its base.

The level of dissatisfaction they are showing is extraordinary. These are people you would expect to be writing big cheques to support the party in power. Instead, one helped found an upstart new party. Another c'd me on an email sent to the premier. One of the points was the recent rejection of a donation of \$2 million for an MRI in Estevan (from a family which made its money in the oil business). He also pointed out regulatory overreach into, of all things, "new policies mandated are anti-bullying, anti-violence, and anti-harassment in the workplace."

Drilling is key, and it's simply not happening. The most important indicator is drilling rig activity, and relative to the price of oil, it's in the dumps, with only 31 rigs working. Only 28 were drilling for oil.

As of Sept. 27, there were 14 rigs drilling in southeast Saskatchewan, but one of those was drilling for potash near Lajord, so it doesn't really count. There were three rigs drilling in southwest Saskatchewan, but two of those were drilling for helium, leaving just

one punching holes for oil. For a very long time, there were four rigs working in that area, then two, now one drilling for oil. And one rig, which spent most of its career in the southwest, recently showed up in southeast Saskatchewan.

West central Saskatchewan had seven rigs working, about half of the usual number for this time of year as companies have shut down their drilling programs for the year, three months early.

The one bright spot, if you could call it that, was the seven rigs working in northwest Saskatchewan. But that, too, is a shadow of the numbers of just a few years ago, even during the downturn.

But what is really alarming to me is that it's the end of September, and several companies in both west central and southeast Saskatchewan are shutting down their drilling programs until the new year. Why? The weather has been pretty much perfect for drilling, with good temperatures and dry conditions. When oil prices are at a level we were dreaming of all during the seven year downturn, why are rigs shutting down? And more importantly, why are they shutting down in Saskatchewan?

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One of those people I spoke to likes to say that, all things being equal, when it comes to oil, Alberta's got better rocks. So Saskatchewan has to compete on its regulatory regime, making it easier to do business here. But that's not what I'm hearing, and it's not what I've been hearing for a long time, and from more and more people.

They feel they are being drowned in paperwork from ever-increasing regulatory burden. The above example of the need for an "anti-bullying" policy is a perfect example of regulatory overreach gone mad. You want an "anti-bullying policy?" Don't be a jerk. There's your policy. Now can we get back to business?

I was told Saskatchewan used to be a place where five guys could launch an oil company for \$5 million, and build it to 500 barrels per day. Those numbers have gotten higher and higher to the point that is exceptionally rare to see anyone trying to launch a junior oil company in this province these days. The fact that I've spoken to two small junior producers in the past week is a rare oddity, because they hardly exist anymore. You're more likely to find a moose walking across a road in southeast Saskatchewan than a run into an oil executive, these days.

Crescent Point, the largest driver of oil activity for the last 15 or so years, has largely lost interest in this province. Don't be surprised to see them announce a sale of their remaining assets. I've started a pool, and so far, not one person has told me they don't expect it's going to happen.

To compound all of this, there seems to be the start of yet another technological revolution occurring in drilling in southeast Saskatchewan. There are now three companies who have adopted a wnew technique for drilling and completing wells. The idea is to drill not one or two horizontal legs to a well, but eight, or more. Instead of running frac ports or even casing to the toe of the well, and cementing them in, it's all open hole now. And since it takes about three days to drill a leg, some of these wells are ending up taking 28 days, compared to six for a more typical southeast Saskatchewan well.

That's good for the oil producer, because costs are brought down substantially. But its bad for the services, because while that one rig might be working, it's moving one-fourth as many times, meaning substantially less work for the rig movers. Open hole means much less casing and cement, meaning much less work and product for power tongs companies, the trucking companies moving pipe, pipe sales, and cementers. And it also means lease building is reduced by a similar factor - about 75 per cent, since you only need one lease per month for those rigs working 28 day holes. The lucky few rigs drilling these are getting steady work, but there are much fewer rigs working overall.

Even bit salesmen don't have nearly as much to do. I spoke to geologist

working in northern Alberta who said they're getting 20 legs drilled out of one bit!

And hardly anyone is fracking anymore. Whereas the sky used to be lit with the light towers of 40-man frac crews, it's rare to see a frac crew at all anymore. I drove past one near Torquay the other day, and came to the realization I couldn't remember the last time I had seen a frac crew prior to that.

In Saskatchewan, the oilpatch is not the corporate headquarters jobs. It's not the oil companies. It's the oilfield service companies which work for those oil companies that are providing the jobs and local employment. And those service companies are doing less and less for all the above reasons.

There's definite angst there, among those oilfield service business owners I spoke to. And while much blame is rightly placed on Justin Trudeau's federal government, it was also pointed out to me by one, who is also an oil company executive, that they hardly deal with the feds at all. Their interaction is with the provincial government. And he questioned if the Ministry of Energy and Resources is really trying to promote the industry or regulate it to death. He even told me he thought the best energy minister Saskatchewan ever had was Eric Cline, who was the NDP minister of Industry and Resources from 2003-2007, the ministry previously known as Economic and Cooperative Development and as Energy and Mines. That's saying something, coming from someone who you would expect would be an ardent supporter of the Saskatchewan Party. And it's also pretty strong words on what he thought of the Saskatchewan Party's record on oil and gas.

Another person I spoke to is now actively trying to unseat the Saskatchewan Party, saying they are acting more like Liberals than small "c" conservatives, allowing a more woke agenda in classrooms and less Christianity.

That's outside the energy argument, but the thrust is the same - many people whom you would expect would be the natural supporters of the Saskatchewan Party government are becoming disillusioned with how the bureaucracy is bringing in regulations they are increasingly uncomfortable with. "Their own energy (ministry) has bought into what the feds have said. And now our guys in Kindersley can't vent any gas at all in production. What do you think that does to those guys?" he pointed out.

Pretty much every government says they will reduce red tape. But 16 years in, this government must realize any red tape in place now, they own.

And underlying all of this is the open question of geology: Are our oilfields now in a decline? Despite the government's plans to increase oil production by a third, from around 450,000 barrels per day to 600,000 barrels per day by 2030, we're not seeing any concrete action to make that happen. And as I like to point out whenever I write about all this Net Zero stuff, 2030 is only six years, three months and two days away.

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 Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 11:30 - 1:30 United Church Pulled Pork Lunch
 Thursday, Oct. 5th, 11:30 - 1:30 RCMP Pig Roast - at the Detachment, Silver collection

Friday, October 6th

Bank Coffee Parties: PRAIRIE CENTRE, Scotiabank, RBC Royal Bank, Canada Trust

11:30 - 1:30 BBQ Lunch, Hamburger & Beverage - Legion Hall
 12:00 - 1:00 VIP Pumpkin Decorating - Legion Hall
 7:00 Football Under the Lights - RCHS vs Biggar, Kickoff at RCHS
 7:00 Rosetown Community Theatre - Rosetown United Church - "Nick Tickle - Fairy Tale Detective"
 8:00 - 10:00 Medieval Knights Bale Maze - Sparks Farm - 11 km South of Rosetown, 0.8 km West on TWP Rd 290

Saturday, October 7th - Events & Entertainment

8:00 - 10:00 Pancake Breakfast - Regal Motors, 124 1st St. W.
 11:00 Parade
 Food Vendors - Many food choices available
 12:00 - 4:00 Festival Market - United Church Hall
 Pumpkin Display - Rosetown Cellular

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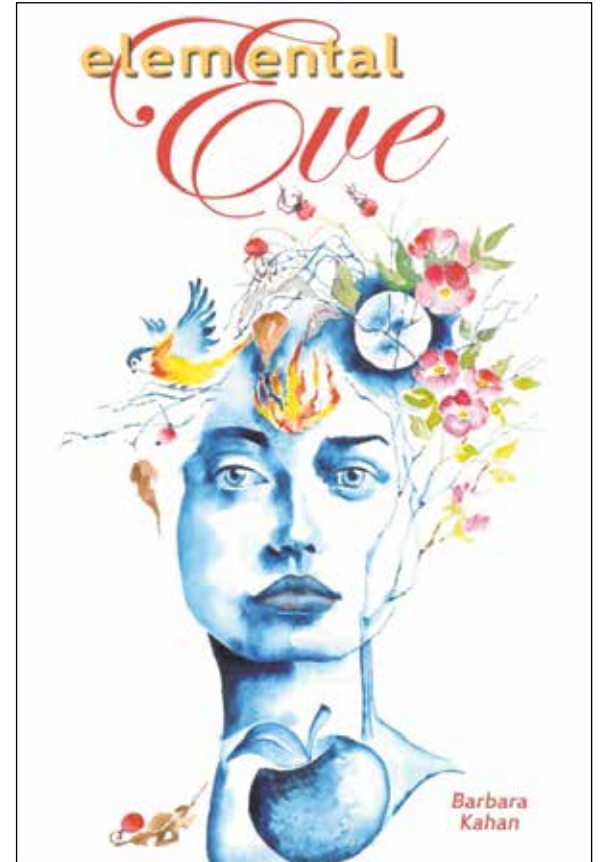
Elemental Eve

Written by Barbara Kahan, Illustrations by Wendy Winter
 Published by Wild Sage Press

REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL

The front and back cover images on Saskatoon writer Barbara Kahan's complex multi-generational novel, *Elemental Eve*, depict two magnificent, multi-coloured watercolour paintings of women—one young, one old—set against snow-white backgrounds. Before reading even the first word, I paused to appreciate Wendy Winter's cover illustrations: this is one of the most attractive books I've seen in a long time.

Metaphorically speaking, *Elemental Eve* is a labyrinthine river with numerous tributaries, flood plains and wetlands. The plot concerns four different "Eves". There's Millennium Eve, a revered artist who lives in Regina. She's the great-grandmother of Future Eve (Evie), a young New Zealander and self-professed "wannabe artist with no talent" who travels to Canada to speak with a third woman, Solloway, a close friend of Millennium Eve's. Solloway grew up in Regina, worked in Toronto for many years, and retired to a cabin in



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northern Saskatchewan. Two other Eves—Biblical Eve (she has intellectual conversations with the Serpent) and Prime Eve (who "climbed out of the briny sea billions of years ago")—appear less frequently in this heavily-populated novel that spans the length of history and beyond: it concludes in 2062.

Though the youngest Eve is the only character whose chapters appear in First Person, I consider Solloway the metaphorical river's source here. Solloway—an author, professor, and daughter of parents who died in a murder-suicide—has "Indigenous heritage," and she's on a mission to locate Evie's sister, who may or may not even exist, because Solloway promised Millennium Eve that she'd find the mystery girl. Evie has never known who her father is and has "a desperate need" for more family. She leaves Kerikeri, NZ and travels to Solloway's cabin hoping to learn more about her great grandmother, who died just before she was born "but felt like a living presence in [Evie's] life".

The author includes a list of the important characters, a timeline, and a map to help sort out the who, where and whens of this sprawling story in which family, belonging, the arts, and learning the answer to why we're on this earth are explored. Even the Serpent questions its existence: "I have a feeling I am here for a purpose that I know nothing of, and won't know until I have fulfilled it".

After Millennium Eve's husband dies, she asks herself: "Who am I?" By age sixty-eight she determines that she's "A Jewish romantic existentialist socialist anarchist". Evie decides that Eve is a hero, and says: "Every time I see one of her shimmering masks or luminous scenes or glowing paintings, I discover a truth about myself".

This thought-provoking story is about women searching for their true purpose in life, about sisterhood by birth and by choice (Solloway and Eve are as close as sisters, and the latter's first line in the book is "Every woman needs a sister"), and mother-daughter relationships. It's also about sharing stories, self-doubt, and all the digressions (flood plains, wetlands) one makes on her journey toward the inevitable sea.

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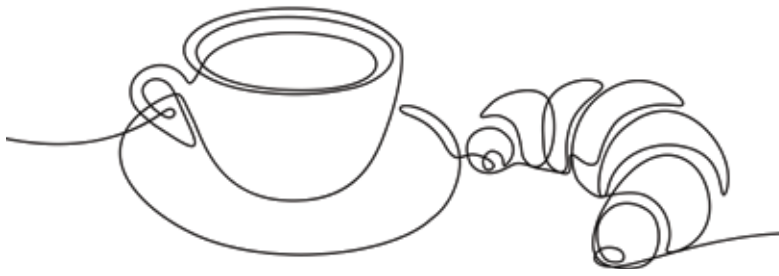
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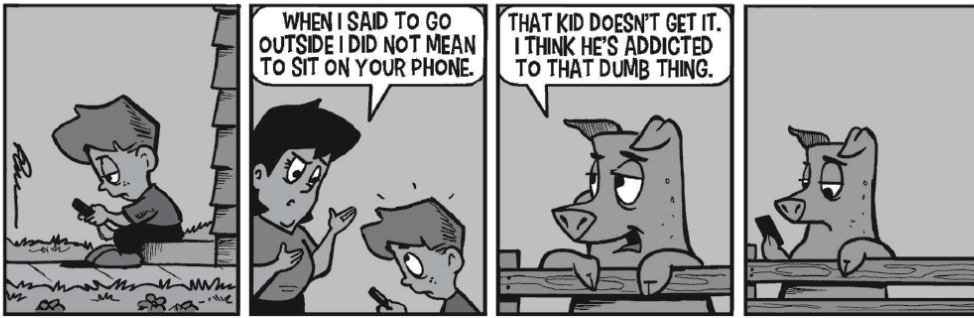




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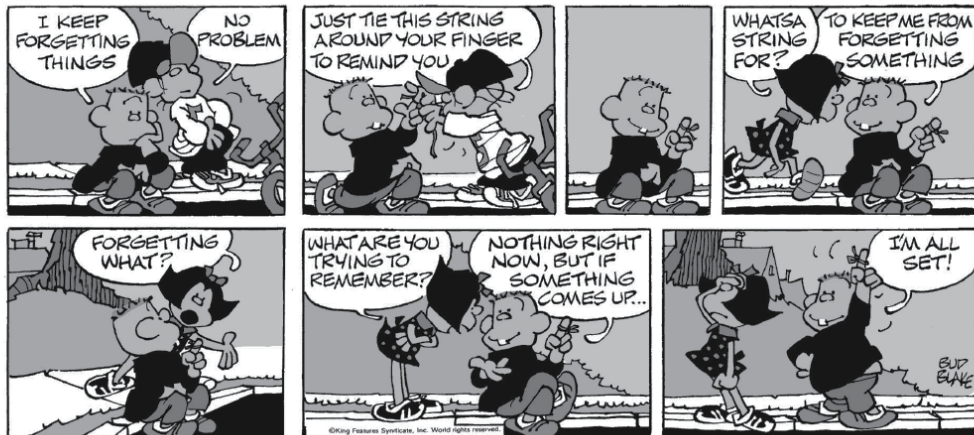
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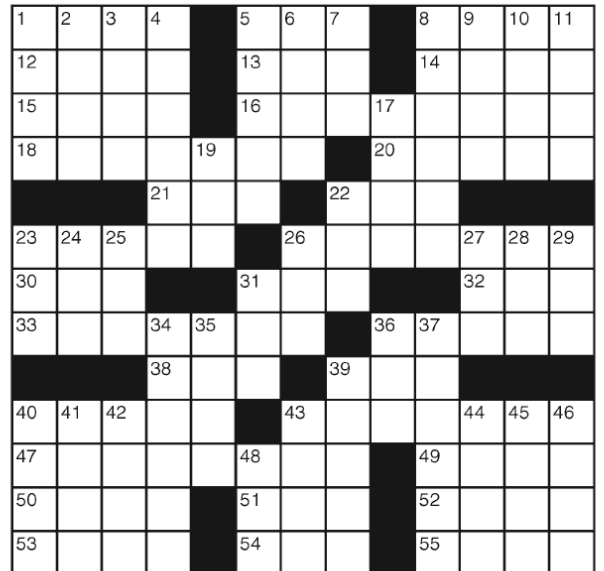
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sketch
 - 5 Shock partner
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 - 12 Ms. McEntire
 - 13 Scale note
 - 14 Mosque VIP
 - 15 Shakespeare title starter
 - 16 Centennial State
 - 18 Man's youth
 - 20 San Francisco griddler
 - 21 Newt
 - 22 Take to court
 - 23 Give a leg up
 - 26 Madrid museum
 - 30 Klutz
 - 31 Author Tan
 - 32 Have a bug
 - 33 Swagger
 - 36 Open-mouthed
 - 38 Mornings (Abbr.)
 - 39 A Gabor
 - 40 Painting of a scene
 - 43 Public speakers
 - 47 16th-century Spanish explorer
 - 49 Loafer, for one
 - 50 Scent
 - 51 Nourished
- DOWN**
- 1 Colorless
 - 2 Move, in realtor lingo
 - 3 With skill
 - 4 Cleanses
 - 5 Fancy neckwear
 - 6 Fireplace fuel
 - 7 Right angle
 - 8 More ventilated cheer
 - 9 One-named supermodel
 - 10 Miami-County
 - 11 Latin love
 - 17 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
 - 19 Frequently
 - 22 Devious
 - 23 Short 'do
 - 24 Galley item
 - 25 Son-gun link
 - 26 Comic Philips
 - 27 Small battery
 - 28 Quick swim
 - 29 Flamenco
 - 31 Billboards
 - 34 Mists
 - 35 Prayer ender
 - 36 "Selma" director
 - 37 Fitzgerald title character
 - 39 Wear down
 - 40 Garbage barge
 - 41 Morse —
 - 42 Yankee nickname
 - 43 Praiseful pieces
 - 44 Wheeling's river
 - 45 Bakery buy
 - 46 Hunt for
 - 48 Sternward



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: How many noble houses are mentioned in "Game of Thrones"?
2. MOVIES: What is the name of the high school in the musical film "Grease"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which southeast Asian country's monetary unit is the ringgit?
4. MUSIC: The song "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" is from which musical?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be impeached?
6. ANATOMY: What is considered the "master gland" of the human body?
7. PHYSICS: What does a newton measure?
8. HISTORY: Which founding father wanted the turkey to be the national symbol of America rather than the eagle?
9. SCIENCE: What is studied in mycology?
10. U.S. STATES: What is Alaska's state animal?

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A look back at Eaton's first hockey team

BY JOAN JANZEN

The first hockey team in the Eaton district was formed in 1915 when games were played on an open rink at Root's farm. Meanwhile, in Eaton, the first rink was made on the south side of 2nd Avenue East. The open-air rink was practically located near the water main.

According to A.M. Defoe's records of the Eaton Hockey and Skating Club, a shack adjoining the skating rink was sold to the Eaton Skating and Hockey Association in January of 1921. This information was documented in Eaton's history book, "A Past to Cherish".

At that time Eaton's first men's hockey team was formed.

A women's hockey team was also organized by Phoebe Snyder. The history book's article noted Phoebe had to hang on to a hockey stick to stand up. Evelyn Boomer was a team member and recalled Ruby Clark hitching her fingers under Phoebe's girdle and being pulled the full length of the rink as Phoebe scored a goal.

There were no uniforms. Instead the players wore skirts and were known by the colours of their warm flannel bloomers.

Kindersley DU chapter celebrates 40th anniversary

BY JOAN JANZEN

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Kindersley Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada. The occasion will be celebrated on October 14th at the Kindersley Inn when the group extends an invitation to their annual conservation dinner and auction.

Everyone is invited to dress up or accessorize in their finest ruby red for the 40th Ruby theme. Tickets include a fully catered supper, an open bar and chances to win door prizes. Live and silent auction items cater to outdoor enthusiasts and include decoys, trips, limited edition prints, special edition Ducks Unlimited Canada firearms and much more.

Last year's event raised \$30,000, and expectations are high that this amount will be matched once again on their 40th-year celebration. Funds stay in Saskatchewan, where DU focuses on maintaining the habitats for the creatures who call it their home. Proceeds go towards preserving and restoring wetlands in the area.

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GROWING THROUGH GRIEF:

Freedom to try something new

BY ANGELA CLEMENT

After a significant loss it is common for us to pull into ourselves and go into hiding. We play small. We get into some sort of daily routine that feels safe and we fall into complacency. Over time we find ourselves bound by our own self-imposed boundaries. We also allow ourselves to be trapped by the expectations of others. At some point we realize that doing the same thing we did yesterday serves us in one way but limits us in another. This is when we might consider fully stepping into the unknown and trying something new.

When I lost Blaine I felt alone. I lived each day with a subconscious fear that I might not be able to do the things I needed to to survive on my own. I realized that some of the things like fixing the lawn mower or lifting some heavy object into the back of a truck was out of my scope. Fixing the water leaks in my home and the repairs to my roof were out of my ability. I found myself having to reach out to others. I had to rely on my family to help. At the time, I found myself vulnerable and afraid and worried about my future. I think to a point I still feel a little like that.

Something happens amid a drastic change. I have spent almost two years now contemplating the fact that I am a widow. Things have changed. I have changed. The situation is leaving me no choice but to start to release any preconceived notions about how life should now unfold. I have to be adaptable to

the situation I am in. I can see after my loss that in some situations there is really no control. Still, it is not easy to accept change. I am sure the butterfly and the frog feel the same way when they have to make big changes in their lives. They have no choice but to surrender to the process. It must be frightening for them too. Yet I bet that they could have never imagined what they would become!

Stepping out of one's comfort zone can create a great deal of anxiety. In the past I have been very uncomfortable with making a mistake and looking foolish. I would rather muddle through and figure things out myself than show someone else what I didn't know. In the past two years, just simply calling a contractor or asking the neighbor for help made me nervous. Blaine used to take care of such things. I was afraid of making a wrong decision and looking stupid. Perhaps I might get taken advantage of somehow because of my lack of knowledge. I think fear of stepping into something we are not used to is always there. What if I fail? What if I make the wrong decision? What will happen? What will others think of me?

What I have learned is I have been a pretty "play it safe" kind of gal until this all happened. I have a good head on my shoulders, some might say. I think that has served me well over the years so why wouldn't it serve me well in trying something new? I think at our core we want to be free. We want to be free to try something different without holding back or worrying about the outcome. Perhaps now I am ready to be a little daring and go beyond the predictable. Create something new. Try something fun and help some people in the process. Take a calculated risk. Step forward knowing I may make a mistake from time to time and that's okay. What about you? Is it time to try something new? I believe it is never too late to try new things. Just like the butterfly, you never know how change will transform your life.

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	Municipal Assessment	Cultivated Acres	2023 Crop
NW 36-36-28 W3rd	\$44,800.00	30	Lentil
SW 36-36-28 W3rd	\$191,000.00	130	Lentil
SE 36-36-28 W3rd	\$116,700.00)	68	Lentil
	- oil well @ \$3,000.00/year		
SE 26-36-28-W3rd	\$234,200.00	160	Lentil
SE 25-36-28 W3rd	\$269,900.00	160	Lentil
NW 25-36-28 W3rd	\$228,500.00	152	Lentil
	- gas well @ \$1,090.00/year		
NE 25-36-28 W3rd	\$144,900.00	154	Lentil
	- oil well @ \$3,220.00/year		
SW 25-36-28 W3rd	\$246,000.00	158	Lentil
	- shut in well @ \$600.00/year		
NW 24-36-28 W3rd	\$145,900.00	24	Lentil
	- An additional 40 acres on South side of slough has previously been cultivatd.		
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NE 09-36-27 W3rd	\$218,300.00	134	Lentil
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OBITUARIES

Walter J. Becker



The family of Walter J. Becker is saddened to announce his passing and will try to recap "a life well lived."

Walter John Becker was born at his farm home near Eatonia, SK, on August 26, 1923. His parents were Jacob and Caroline Becker, and Walter was the fourth oldest of fourteen children.

Walter lived and thrived through the Dirty Thirties. He helped his father with the farming, went to school (and yes - he did walk from the farm) and enjoyed the Saturday socializing that was the norm in those days.

Music was very prevalent in their lives - singing, playing instruments, and dancing were ever-popular pastimes. Walter always said he learned to dance (before walking) by standing on his mother's feet as she swayed around the kitchen.

And Walt loved to dance! That is the one thing he reminisced about the most. Every woman he saw, he said, "I danced with her"!

At age 11 (1934), Walt had a ruptured appendix and spent a year in the hospital as it was pre-penicillin days. He could see his farmhouse from his hospital window, and on Good Friday, he watched as the family house burned to the ground from an accidental fire. Walter's mother and a few of the younger siblings were home that day. She managed to get the children out, a bit of the bedding and her sewing machine.

The family then moved into two granaries until their house was replaced. Walt went to a rural school called Root School, a one-room schoolhouse, and then attended classes in Eatonia.

Walt was 16 when World War II broke out. He enlisted from 1943-1946. He was a duty driver and operated heavy equipment building roads. He was stationed at several places in BC, Sask., Ontario and Manitoba. He was part of the Polar Bear Expedition, taking commando training for Japanese warfare in Bella Coola, BC.

After the war, Walt moved back to farm with his father and worked on road construction with RA Kenny Construction. He also helped build the Cold Lake, Alberta Air Force runways.

When Walt wasn't busy building roads, helping on the farm or duties around the house, Saturday nights were filled with dances around the area. This is where he met his future wife - Audrey Lewis, at a dance in Glidden. They courted for four years till he proved himself to Audrey's five brothers and mother and father Georgina and Nelson Lewis. They were married on July 7, 1949. The marriage took place at St. Paul's United Church. They dined at the Seymour Hotel and danced the night away at Turvin School. The marriage was blessed for 71 and a half years before Audrey passed away in March 2021.

Walt and Audrey moved to Laporte in 1949, where Walt continued to work for RA Kenny Construction, building Highway #30 and #44, and he worked for the RM of Laporte. They lived for a period of time at the pump house north of Eatonia as Walt looked after the water flow for CN Rails for the steam engines. He also bought grain for a few years for Pioneer Grain in Eatonia.

Walt was always busy with sports; he loved all of them. He was a master pool player from a very young age; he umpired ball games and refereed hockey. He played fastball well into his 40s. Then he was on the Kindersley Klippers executive, Kindersley Royals, and coached girls fastball.

Family life began with Wendy's birth in 1951 and Rick in 1954. Walter immersed himself in all sports activities they were involved with through the years.

In 1958, they moved to Kindersley, and Walt worked in construction for the school unit building schools. In 1960, he started work for Halpen-

ny Agencies (the local Case dealership) as a parts man.

Walt and Audrey decided to buy some farmland, and in 1973, he was farming full-time. He harvested with his brother-in-law Jim Webster until Rick joined him on the farm. He also worked with Jackson's Sales and Service part-time as he farmed.

Walt farmed into his 80s (he said he did the easy jobs) until a stroke made it too difficult.

Walt and Audrey enjoyed extensive travel throughout North America and to Europe twice to visit Wendy and family, who were stationed at Lahr, Germany. They enjoyed a trip to Alaska with good friends Charles and Anne Heise.

They also enjoyed the company of many good friends from Kindersley, especially close neighbours Fred and Muriel Wake.

Winter became a special time as they headed to Mesa, Arizona, for three months every year for over 30 years. They loved golfing, hiking, touring and visiting with friends.

Walt said in his memoirs that he has many good memories, and his proudest accomplishment was having a nice family!

He was a proud member of the Elks, Lions, Legion, United Church Board and United Church Choir.

Walt loved life at Caleb and wished to live out his life there, but a move was necessitated in February of this year to Heritage Manor.

His 100th birthday was a special celebration, and he was honoured to see so many people come out to wish him Happy Birthday. It was a major highlight for him.

He was a lifetime Dodgers and Maple Leafs fan. Walt always said, "what a good life I have had"! And with that, Walt decided to rejoin his favourite dance partner on September 13, 2023.

Walter was predeceased by his parents, his dear wife Audrey, father and mother-in-law Georgina and Nelson Lewis, brothers Len, Ed, Al, Vern, George, and baby Becker and his sisters Alma, Tillie, Alice and Leona. Sisters and brothers-in-law Pearl, Doreen, Anita, Reinhard, Mickey, Bud, Jean, Marlene, Raymond and Jack. He was also predeceased by all of Audrey's brothers - Forbes, William, Douglas, Gordon and James Webster and Audrey's sisters-in-law Bea, Phyllis, Dorothy, Louise and Ruth.

He is survived by daughter Wendy Richardson and son-in-law Jim Ball, son Rick Becker (Linda), grandchildren Deborah Richardson Goulais, (Bob Goulais), Scott Richardson (Candice Metallic), Robbie Richardson (Francesca Walker), Dean Becker (Candice), Sean Becker (Lana Benjaminson), Alison Becker (Mat LeBlanc), 24 great-grandchildren and brothers Wayne Becker (Mae), Ken Becker, sister Colleen Boychuk and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service to be held October 5 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's United Church, with lunch and internment following. Donations can be made, if so desired, to The Heritage Manor Auxiliary or St. Paul's United Church memorial fund c/o Prairie Rose Flowers 400 Main St., Kindersley. Funeral service will be live-streamed through www.facebook.com/StPaulsKindersley

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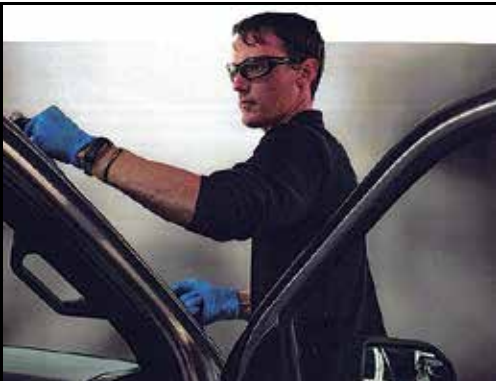
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 16
• Monday Bingo starts at 1:30 PM at TJ's Pub & Grub. presented by St. Paul's United Church - Senior's Quilting Club. Cost per game \$5.00. Six games. 19+ welcome. For more info call 306-460-8975. Bingo will be held October 16, 30, November 13, 27, & December 11.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
• Eatonia Library Board presents a dance with DJ after the Murder Mystery event (which has sold out!) 10:00 PM.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
• A Spooktacular Halloween Night 9:00 PM - Midnight at TJ's Pub & Grub. (19+ event)

DENZIL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
• Denzil's 36th Annual Fall Fair & Market at the Denzil Community Hall (lower level) 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Baking, crafting, photography, and art ensure a variety to enter in and enjoy viewing after judging. Stay for lunch, shop from vendors and catch up with friends. Contact Veronica Dewald 306-753-9672 for more information.
• Bones and a Meal sponsored by Denzil Rec Board at the Denzil Rink.

ESTON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
• 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 13
• Chicago Blues Hall of Fame Australian artist Michael Charles and His Band 10:00 PM at The Jug.

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 Bonspiel, 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.

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• 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.
• Pioneers Haven Co Ltd Harvest Festival Soup & Sandwich Day 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Harvest themed lunch which includes tasty desserts! \$15 per person. Children under 6 eat free.

* 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.

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 for more info.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
• Caleb Village Fall Craft and Trade Fair 12:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
• The Kindersley Rotary Club is hosting 'Uncork the Fun' - a Food and Wine Extravaganza 6:30 PM at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. 4 course meal and wine pairing. Tickets \$80 and are available at the Garden Gallery, from any Rotary member or by email at kindersleyrotary@outlook.com. Proceeds in support of Kindercollege and other local projects.

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

* Monday Night Jam Sessions at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 to set-up, then the fun begins at 7-11 PM. Call Keith 306-460-8633.

* Interested in a support group for weight management? TOPS meetings; every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Kindersley Senior Centre OR contact Jill at 306-463-4210.

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

* 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.

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

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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