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Luseland students travel to Quebec

BY JOAN JANZEN

Twenty-four excited students from Luseland School set out on the YMCA exchange trip on October 10. The group of grade 10, 11 and 12 students travelled to Quebec, accompanied by their teacher, Chris Williamson, along with retired teachers Mavis Hoffman and Anita Phillips. The trip lasted only six days, but each day was packed with activities and new sites and experiences.

For six students, it was their first time flying, which was just the beginning of many more new adventures. The group was reunited with the students from Quebec who had visited Luseland not long ago. Now it was their turn to show their new friends what there was to see in Montreal, and the Quebec teachers provided some great opportunities to learn and explore.

One of the favourite sites for many of the students were the historic streets of old Montreal. "I was genuinely impressed by the architecture of the city," Morgan Eurich, a Grade 10 student, said. "And the underground city and the Biosphere left a lasting impression."

They also toured the environmental-themed science museum inside of the Biosphere. Kim Thrun, a Grade 10 student, enjoyed climbing on the outside of the Biosphere.

The Biodome offered an experience of different climates and wildlife in its three-zoned zoo. Different modes of transportation were also experienced for the first time, including the above-ground electric rail system, the REM, and the subway.

"The traffic and the size of the city



This group of 48 students from Luseland and Montreal enjoyed six days together in Quebec on the YMCA exchange trip. *SUBMITTED*

made things so difficult to be able to get to sites," Morgan recalled. And at times, they experienced a language barrier when they encountered people who spoke only French.

On a free family day, some of the students went to the lookout at Mount Royal, while others went to La Ronde, a huge amusement park. "It had thrilling rollercoasters, but the long waiting lines and high prices were a drawback," Morgan said.

Heritage School, with a student body of 2000, was entirely different from Luseland School, with three gyms, a spacious auditorium and multiple cafeterias. Students graduate in Grade 11 and then move on to Cegep, followed by post-secondary education. The Saskatchewan students left a tangible reminder of their visit to Heritage School by painting rocks for their rock garden.

The group toured the EVLO re-

search facility, where massive batteries are built that store energy made from renewable resources. The Notre Dame Basilica was on their list of destinations, as well as First Nations historical tours. They hiked up Mont St. Hilaire and visited an apple orchard.

Taylor Crowe, a Grade 10 student, summed up the experience saying, "It was an amazing trip, and everything was awesome!" And Grade 11 student Cole Ostrowski described it as a "fun and unique experience".

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Throne Speech 2023: Build And Protect

Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty delivered the 2023 Throne Speech last Wednesday, outlining the Saskatchewan government's agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

Premier Scott Moe said the Throne Speech outlines the government's plan to build and protect Saskatchewan.

"Together with Saskatchewan people, we will continue to build a strong province, a strong economy, strong communities and strong families," Moe said. "And we will protect what we have built together from the risks of global uncertainty and from a federal government that seems intent on shutting down important parts of our economy."

During the upcoming legislative session, the government will:

- Introduce a new Saskatchewan Employment Incentive program to bolster the income of low-income working families with dependent children;
- In order to promote new home construction and help with rising costs, new homeowners will qualify for a Provincial Sales Tax (PST) Rebate for New Home Construction, effective retroactive to April 1 of this year.
- Introduce a Secondary Suite Program to increase rental availability;
- Introduce a new Investment Attraction Strategy;
- Introduce a new Saskatchewan Jobs Plan;
- Continue to increase Indigenous employment and participation in the economy through the Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation;
- Lead a significant Saskatchewan presence at the COP28 Conference in the United Arab Emirates, where



Lt.-Governor Russ Mirasty, delivering the Speech from the Throne on Oct. 25.

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Saskatchewan companies and government officials will promote our province's sustainable products to the world;

- Protect Saskatchewan's economic autonomy by using The Saskatchewan First Act to refer the federal Clean Electricity Regulations, the Clean Fuel Standard and the oil and gas emissions cap to the Economic Impact Assessment Tribunal;
- Implement the new Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions, which includes the creation of 500 new addictions treatment spaces across the province;
- Implement the new Provincial Approach to Homelessness;
- Create 30 new Complex Needs Emergency Shelter spaces in Regina and Saskatoon;
- Continue to build a number of important hospital and health facil-

- ity projects in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Weyburn, La Ronge, Grenfell and other communities;
- Continue to implement the Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health care workers across the province;
- Expand the Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program to include Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Yorkton and The Battlefords;
- Continue to reduce the pandemic-related surgical backlog;
- Continue to build new schools in Regina, Saskatoon, Lanigan, Moose Jaw and La Loche;
- Continue to expand online learning opportunities for students through the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre;
- Continue to add more childcare spaces;
- Expand mental health services for children and youth in Estevan, Weyburn, Carlyle, Oxbow, Regina, Saskatoon, North Battleford, Humboldt, Prince Albert, Kindersley,

Yorkton, Swift Current and Moose Jaw; and

- Expand support for second stage housing to protect individuals fleeing interpersonal violence.

The Throne Speech outlined a number of bills the government will introduce including:

- The Workers' Compensation (Extending Firefighter Coverage) Amendment Act to expand presumptive cancer coverage for firefighters to include six additional types of cancer;
- The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Amendment Act to raise the legal age for smoking and vaping from 18 to 19, consistent with the age for alcohol and cannabis consumption;
- The Protection from Human Trafficking (Coerced Debts) Amendment Act to relieve human trafficking victims of negative credit factors incurred through coercion; and
- The Saskatchewan Remembrance Day Observance Act to protect individuals' right to wear a poppy in all Saskatchewan workplaces.

The Throne Speech concludes by saying Saskatchewan has built a strong foundation of a strong economy, strong communities and strong families.

"A strong and growing province means more homes, more businesses, more families, more opportunities, more careers and more futures have been built, right here in Saskatchewan," Moe said. "It means more hospitals, more schools and more highways have been built right here in Saskatchewan. And it means there is so much more to be built in the years ahead.

"My government, together with the people of our great province, will keep building Saskatchewan and we will protect all we have built."

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Passing on the love of curling to the next generation

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Kindersley Curling Club is endeavouring to keep the love of curling alive and well by teaching the next generation of curlers. Although the youth program has been running for quite some time, it is now able to grow thanks to the sponsorship of the West Central Oilmen's Association and a group of passionate volunteers.

Once a week, youth curling will offer skills training and game play free of charge. Young people ranging in age from 9 to 18 years (Grades 4 to 12) are invited to register. Equipment is provided if needed, and all skill levels are welcome.

This is the second year that the free program is getting underway on November 1 and will run once a week until March. Last year, approximately thirty stu-

dents registered, and it's anticipated this year's group will exceed that number.

"New registrations are coming in, including students from neighbouring towns," Lexie Adamson explained. Lexie, one of the volunteer coaches, will be working alongside Kyle Wiebe, Patrick Johnson, Nathan Hebert, Shannon Skinner, and Sean Cey.

"Last year, we had five coaches and help from the Kindersley Curling Club board and members when needed," Lexie explained. The Kindersley Curling Club board and members will once again pitch in and help this year as well.

However, the program wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteer coaches who have a passion for teaching skills training and game play to the next generation of curlers.



SGI Traffic Safety Spotlight

Last month, 260* drivers in school zones found out that speeding through a school zone leads to an expensive ticket.

As kids headed back to school in September, SGI's Traffic Safety Spotlight reminded drivers to watch their speed, follow the rules and remain focused on the road to keep kids safe.

In addition to September's school zone speeders, police also reported 35 drivers received tickets for failing to yield to pedestrians at an intersection.

By now, kids have settled back into their familiar school routines, but drivers are asked to remember that school zones are busy throughout the school year.

Slow down to the posted limits, watch out for pedestrians and avoid distractions.

Other results from September:

- 723 tickets for distracted driving (including 605 for drivers using cellphones);
- 4,827 tickets for other speeding or aggressive driving offences;
- 426 tickets for seatbelt and car seat offences; and
- 384 impaired driving offences, including 172 Criminal Code charges and 212 administrative suspensions.

*Traffic Safety Spotlight numbers do not include tickets issued as a result of photo speed enforcement.

Kindersley RCMP offer winter driving tips

With a very early start to winter the Kindersley RCMP would like to offer the following reminders for driving during the winter season:

- Scrape all the ice off your windows before driving – if you can't see, you can't drive safely!
- Remove all snow from your vehicle, including from your headlights, taillights and roof.
- Slow down on slippery or snowy roads.
- Be gentle and smooth when you accelerate, brake or steer.
- Using cruise control on icy or snowy roads can be dangerous! If you skid, your vehicle will accelerate and rapidly spin its wheels as it tries to maintain a constant speed.
- Before traveling, check the weather forecast for both your current location and destination. If travel can be delayed during storm warnings, do so.
- Be prepared for anything: consider stocking your vehicle with extra warm clothes, candles, matches, non-perishable snacks, a snow shovel, traction mats, booster cables and a tow rope or chain.

- If you become stranded on the highway, do not leave your vehicle! Turn on your vehicle periodically to warm up, but try to conserve fuel. Make sure your tailpipe remains clear of ice and snow, or carbon monoxide could potentially seep into your vehicle.

Between October 16th to October 22nd, Kindersley RCMP responded to 45 calls for service*. These calls included, but were not limited to 4 suspicious person/vehicle calls, 1 break and enter and 2 impaired driving investigations.

If you have any information in regards to this break enter or other crimes in the area, please contact the Kindersley RCMP detachment by calling 306-463-4642 or your local police service. Information can also be provided anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

*For more information on the calls to service please contact the Kindersley RCMP detachment.

CORRECTION

In last week's article, "District Governor visits Kindersley Rotary Club", Barb Derbawka-Stevenson's name and location were incorrect. She is from Eston, not Kindersley. We apologize for the error.

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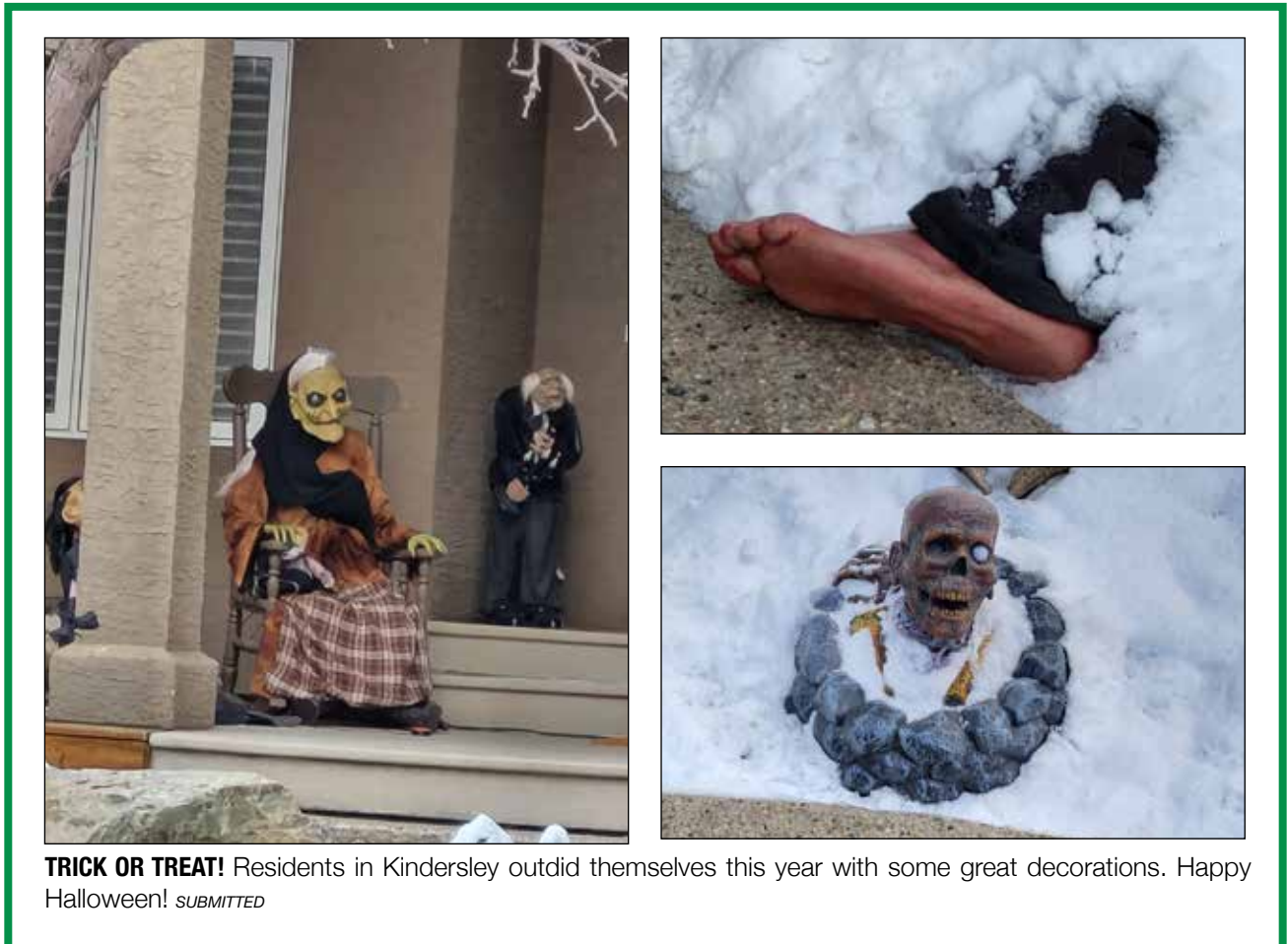
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TRICK OR TREAT! Residents in Kindersley outdid themselves this year with some great decorations. Happy Halloween! *SUBMITTED*



Babies and toddlers decked out in costumes brought smiles to the faces of residents at Heritage Manor at Wednesday morning's Halloween party. *PHOTOS BY JOANN JANZEN*

Halloween party at Heritage Manor

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Kindersley Heritage Manor invited children and their parents to a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 25. Kids, parents and residents got together to have fun and enjoy snacks and crafts together. Lively music was playing, and the staff got into the spirit of the event, as they were all attired in bright costumes. Even one of the residents came disguised as Batman. By the expressions on the faces of the residents, it

appeared this was more activity and noise than they were accustomed to, but they were enjoying it all.

Parents paraded their costumed children around the room for all the residents to see. But the highlight of the morning was seeing the smiles on the faces of the residents as they kissed and hugged babies and toddlers who came to visit.

A big shout out to the staff for hosting the event, and to all the parents who took the time to dress up their children and bring them out for a visit at the Manor.

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OPINION: Exchanging ideas determines truth



BY JOAN JANZEN

The sign said: "When one door closes, another one opens. Other than that, it's a pretty good car." Not only was it a witty sign for a used car dealership, but it's an excellent example of how important it is to read beyond the first line or headline.

Something that Canadians should be aware of is Canada's Justice Minister has promised to introduce "online harms" legislation "as soon as possible," according to a report by Lifesite News.

Andrew Lawton from True North noted the government's definition of hate speech was informed by a Supreme Court decision from some years ago. Lawton read a line from that particular Supreme Court Decision which said, "Truthful statements can be presented in a manner that meet the definition of hate speech and not all truthful statements must be free from restriction."

"That is a very dangerous line that the government is embedding in its ap-

proach to freedom of expression," he suggested. The online harms bill has yet to be seen, but we have seen former versions of it.

Lawton interviewed John Carpe, President of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms and asked him what he thought about the introduction of "online harms" legislation.

"It sounds like a step in the wrong direction. It's already illegal to willfully promote hatred online or otherwise," John said. "What I see here is the government stepping toward a repressive regime."

The term may sound extreme, but he noted the one thing repressive regimes have in common is they all censor, with the government determining what is true or false, good or evil, right or wrong. "Politicians never violate your rights and freedoms without offering some pretext - fighting some cause."

In this case, they are fighting for the cause of avoiding "online harms"; however, what else is at stake? John suggested such legislation would take away the

right of Canadians to have full access to information and diversity of viewpoints. So why is it important to have access to a diversity of viewpoints?

Lawton responded by suggesting it's only through the exchange of conflicts that we can interrogate and find out what is the truth.

John agreed, saying, "We don't even know what's false until after we have a debate. The criminal code of Canada says expressly that truth is a defense. Sounds like it's not going to be a defense when human rights bodies get involved."

The proposed legislation would make the Canadian Human Rights Commission the arbiter of what can and cannot be said.

"The government should not be in the business of determining historical truth or falsehood; it's not the role of the state. Once you have the government doing that on one issue, it grows like a cancer," John observed.

Nevertheless, some groups desire legislation to regulate and punish websites and new emerging platforms. As a lawyer, John explained, "If we go down this road, instead of engaging in debate and making your case, you're going to see more and more groups lining up, trying to get the government to shut up their opponents. And that's fascism in practice."

Lawton said that even if you fundamentally agree to limit hateful speech lower than the current threshold, the

logical question is: who do you trust to be the authority to make that determination? Do you trust the government to define what is good or evil, true or false?

The next step in the process would be the imposition of penalties for expressing different opinions. If this concerns you, feel free to contact your MP and Senators to speak out against this proposed censorship.

Throughout the past decade, we've seen reports broadcasted by all the major news outlets which turned out to be completely false. Those reports were not censored. Yet when they were proven to be false, the actual truth was not well publicized.

We are engaged in a massive information war, where headlines can be deceptive, designed to get your attention rather than present facts. While it's advisable to not allow what you hear on the news to trouble you, you also need to be careful that no one deceives you.

May the peace of God that transcends all understanding guard your heart and mind as you navigate through all the information we receive daily.

At the end of the day, wouldn't you prefer to have unlimited access to information, do your own thinking and come to your own conclusions rather than having the government determine what content is "safe" for your consumption? It's in the exchanging of ideas that truth is determined.

100-year-old veteran remembers the fallen

Dear Editor,

I lost my right arm on October 18, 1944, while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Italy. I was staked at a farmhouse that had a children's treehouse located nearby. In the treehouse was a sniper who kept shooting at our boys. A tank then came which shot out shells, the shrapnel hitting my right arm.

When I returned home from the war, I joined The War Amps and have been a member ever since.

This Association was started by First World War amputee veterans to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees.

Having just recently turned 100, I am reflecting this Remembrance Day upon all those who served in my regiment and never returned home. Their absence weighs on me and it is essential that we keep their memory alive. I take comfort in knowing that The War Amps and its young members will continue to keep spreading the message long into the future.

The sacrifices of those who served (and continue to serve) deserve to be remembered and honoured. Each Remembrance Day serves as a poignant reminder of the tremendous price paid by these brave individuals. Their selflessness and courage continue to resonate, and it is our duty to ensure that their legacy endures.



Second World War amputee veteran Lloyd Brown in 1943 and today.

Lloyd Brown, 100

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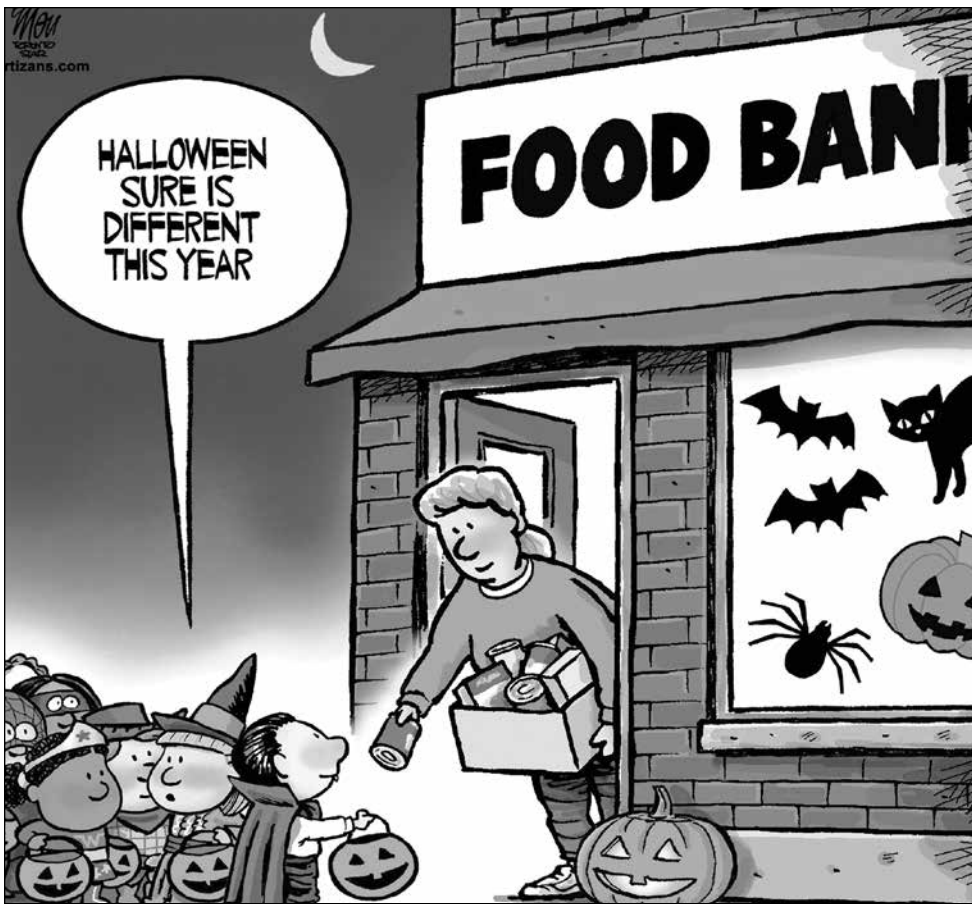
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Pop89: I'm counting On Grace



BY MADONNA HAMEL

I miss our church and the odd little congregation that made it up. We've been closed for a while now. I can see the steeple from my back window. It used to light up at night, glowing suspended in the dark night sky, giving off a reassuring blue glow, the same blue often associated with Jesus' mom.

It may not be politically cool for me to long for a glowing cross in the sky these days, given the horrific history of treachery visited upon indigenous people by religious zealots in the formative years of this country. But I have always found comfort in crosses: The mother-of-pearl one hanging in our house, the large crucifix bearing the body of a mortally wounded Christ in the chapel of my childhood years (that crucifix began swinging back and forth once during a minor earthquake in our town), and another lit cross on the banks of Donnacona. The cross replaces the one Champlain erected to thank St. Anne, patron of ocean voyages, for getting him safely across the Atlantic. His men were dying of scurvy until the local Huron showed them how to boil cedar boughs into tea. You can still get a cup of that tea at the Donnacona Visitor's Centre. I lived behind it and would often walk over and down a paper cup full whenever I caught a cold. (Thank you and Merci to my Huron ancestors!)

As I write this, I am looking out over my brother's garden: twenty raised beds spilling over with squashes of all kinds, carrots, beets, kale, herbs and fallen apples. I am back on Cortes Island, and everything is still vibrant evergreen with interspersings of flaming red and yellow of maples. We are doing what we can to prepare for winter. My brother has made progress after his stroke, but some things will never change. And some will never return. And the daily, momentary struggle and letting go of an old life is an ongoing chore that takes precedence. My brother is my teacher now. I listen; I try not to use insulting, placating clichés empty of meaning. I pray a lot. We both do. On the drive to Nanaimo for more meetings with the neurosurgeon and the occupational therapist, we recite the rosary, just like we did when we were a young family on road trips. We cling to the ornate wee crucifixes on the tip of the lasso of beads.

We talk about the whole cultural shift away from practicing religious traditions that focus not on "getting" but "offering up" to secular habits of constructing tailor-made individual consolations concerned with temporal, material compensations. My brother and I can work up a good rant when we get on this subject. But it's a worthy awareness - the realization that an obsession with "getting mine," "getting recognition," and "getting even" is a painful posture toward life. Resentment and revenge do not strengthen the soul; they strangle it. Mired in self-pity and victimhood, we keep our worlds small and our vision navel-ward; we leave no room for Grace.

Belonging to The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Church meant having to put away my petty complaints and incessant cravings. All the postures and gestures and rituals reined me in, humbled me and unified me with the others - all eight of us. We had to sit and pray, sing, sit, kneel and stand together in unison and harmony for an hour, ideally not focusing on the slights others have visited upon us but on strengthening the habit of compassion for others. The cross on the wall behind the altar was not there to keep us grieving and dour but to remind us of the others in the world who are hurting, caught in that dire moment of despair, hitting complete bottom. We pray for Grace to visit not us but them, and in so doing, feel

It's sweet relief.

I still haven't found a new church. Like many, I say my church is Nature. I am fortunate to be living on the edge of Grasslands National Park, where every day, a stunning sunrise or sunset, a glimpse of a moose or a bison mother with babies trailing her across a plateau or out of a swamp, fill me with the same (and often, even greater) sense of wonder that prayer and hymns do. But that is another kind of church. The church of wandering off into the desert to fast from other humans and human noises and to pray the soft, sad prayers of the heart is an essential church for anyone searching for a conversation with their God. But The Church is nothing without The People; it is The People. And no matter how misanthropic I prefer to be - lifting myself above the fray with lines like "the more I talk to people, the more I prefer my dog" and "God is great, beer is good, and people are crazy," the less good I am to anyone, the more I know I must get me to a rural church. Kneel among others. And bake some Matrimonial Squares for coffee after mass.

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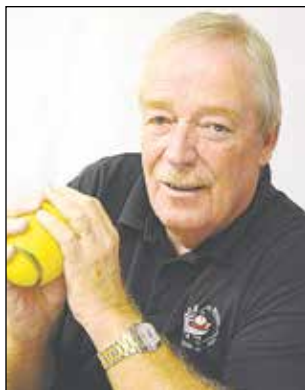
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Matthews' hot start bodes well for Leafs



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

Auston Matthews has always been able to put pucks past National Hockey League goaltenders, but his blazing hot start to the 2023-24 season might be an indication that the best is yet to come.

For only the second time in the past 100 years, a player, Matthews, scored hat tricks in the first two games of the season. Not surprisingly, the only other NHLer to do it since 1917-18 was the guy who may wind up as the NHL's all-time goal-scoring champ, Alex Ovechkin, who turned the trick at the start of the 2017-18 season.

Matthews, who grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, an unlikely location for development as one of the world's best hockey players, needed only 11 shots on goal in the Toronto Maple Leafs' first two games to get to six goals — and it could be a harbinger of things to come. He's completely healthy, has a new four-year contract worth \$53 million, has talented line-mates and obviously hasn't lost his scoring touch.

Team-mate Morgan Rielly says the best is yet to come. An NHL.com feature written by Mike Zeisberger quoted Rielly saying "He's going to do a lot of damage on a lot of records."

Instead of the Leafs being just a run and-gun offensive team, led by Matthews, Mitch Marner, William Nylander and John Tavares, Toronto is now a more rounded team this season after new general manager Brad Treliving got the key to the vault and spent some money on free agents.

The Leafs now boast a lineup featuring more gritty and 'sandpaper'-type players, with the addition of Ryan Reaves, who might just be the heavyweight champion of the NHL's hockey-fighting fraternity; Tyler Bertuzzi, whose uncle Todd played a hard-nosed game during his 18-year NHL career; and Max Domi, whose father, Tie, was known for aggressive play and remains one of the Leafs' all-time favourite players. Treliving also signed defenceman John Klingberg, but his reputation is that of an offensively skilled player whose defensive play is often lacking.

Still, the roster additions have made the Leafs one of the most exciting teams in the league and if they can get solid goaltending from the duo of Ilya Samsonov and Joseph Woll, they won't be an easy out come play-off time. While more likely to win a game 6-5 than 2-1, the Leafs easily have the firepower to win many of those high-scoring games. With Matthews and Co.

leading the way, of course.

Calder Trophy winner (top rookie) in 2016-17; Hart Trophy winner (MVP) in 2021-22; two-time Rocket Richard Trophy winner (most goals), Matthews would love to add one more piece of silverware to his collection — the Stanley Cup. It seems the pieces are fitting together nicely in Canada's largest city for that to possibly happen for the first time since 1967.

- **Bob Molinaro** of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "Before rolling your eyes at the proposed inclusion of flag football at the 2028 Summer Olympics, keep in mind that the '24 Paris Games will introduce breakdancing as a medal sport. Now you can roll your eyes."
- **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel, on X, after **Tom Brady** said the NFL is softening up and becoming like flag football: "So now that he's retired he wants the game to be more physical."
- Los Angeles Rams' head coach **Sean McVay**, whose wife is pregnant, on possibly missing a game for the birth of his son: "I'm not going to miss a game. My son knows better than to come during a game."
- **Mike Bianchi** again: "**Anthony Richardson** played in five NFL games this season, was knocked out of three of them with three different injuries and now is out for the season with a bum shoulder. Sadly, I fear A.R. has the speed and strength of an oncoming locomotive, but the fragility of a butterfly's wings."
- Another one from **Bianchi**: "Question: What has less forward progress — the Tampa Bay Bucs running game or a snail on a treadmill?"
- Canadian parody site The Beaverton on Scotiabank Arena in Toronto maximizing revenue with ridiculous charges: "People in the stands will be charged \$15 for each time they say the name 'Auston Matthews.'"
- The Beaverton, in the same story: "Since there is no correlation between the Leafs winning and people attending, we realized there is no need for any correlation between money and food either."
- **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: "A nine-year-old showed cat-like reflexes by catching his baby brother who had fallen off a table. Metro UK called him a hero; the Denver Bronco called him with a contract offer."
- Fark.com: on the inscription of a headstone of an avid golfer: "Guess what? I'm 6 under."
- Fark.com again: "**Russell Wilson** has \$39M guaranteed next season. Any significant injury would guarantee another \$37M. Safest to bench him now."

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...Counting on Grace

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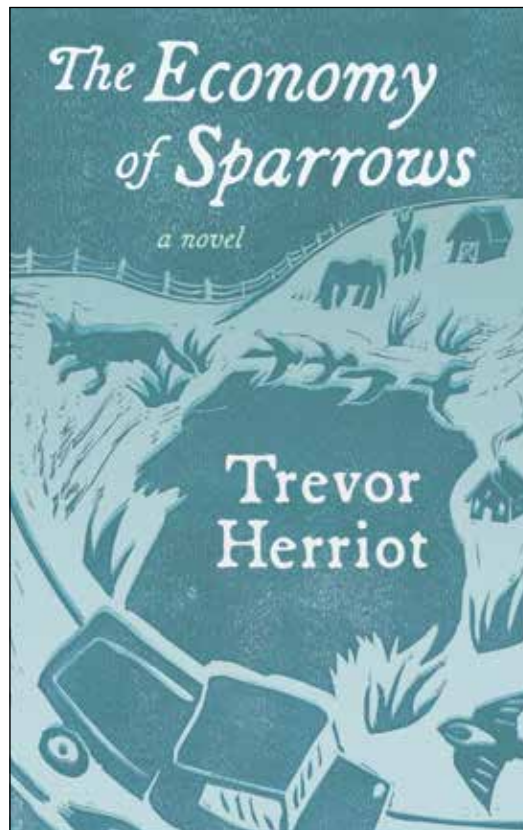
“The Economy of Sparrows”
by Trevor Herriot
Published by Thistledown Press

REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL

I’m considering what I enjoyed most about award-winning Regina writer, grass-land conservationist, and naturalist Trevor Herriot’s first foray into fiction.

His debut novel, *The Economy of Sparrows*, conveys the story of pensioner Nell Rowan, a Saskatchewan-born birder and researcher who—after earning a biology degree at Carleton and working for two decades as a night janitor cleaning “the bathrooms and hallways of the National Museum of Nature’s research and collections facility”—returns to her family’s southern Saskatchewan farmstead and remains dedicated to learning everything possible about “long-dead bird collector” William Spreadborough, and the other early naturalists and collectors she read about on her work breaks. Is there some connection between Spreadborough and her own family?

This multi-layered book succeeds on every level. Firstly, the plot: Nell’s obsession with Spreadborough drives the story, but there’s also a mother who walked into winter and was never found; a teenaged foster child with a knack for communicating with animals; interesting rural neighbours; and Nell’s passion for documenting the birds in her area ... her “bird survey stuff”. Nell tries to remain optimistic, but her faith in policy-makers re: reports, surveys and environmental assessments (“mostly smoke and mirrors”) feels “like messages set adrift in



bottles on an ocean of apathy”. As a child she learned that “the beauty of creatures” had the ability to both “stir something in her” and “comfort”—now her dog’s “expressive face was what got her out of bed each morning”.

Herriot’s comprehensive knowledge of birds and prairie conservation is well-served. Chapters begin with a descriptive excerpt from Taverner’s *Birds of Western Canada*: this includes facts about various bird species, as well as the birds’ “Economic Status,” ie: the Vesper Sparrow is “One of

the most beneficial of the sparrows ... therefore, should receive every possible protection.”

Make no mistake, this is a highly political story, right down to “gravel operations ruining their road;” Nell’s dilemma concerning an application for Century Farm status, considering “settler privilege, broken treaties, [and] the rest of it;” climate change truths; “No trees, no shrubs, no grass, no wetlands, just the uniform green of canola;” and, especially, the critical importance of maintaining habitat for birds and insects.

Herriot’s writing skill is exemplary: “They passed a shelterbelt of trees surrounding the ruined shell of a house, weathered to a wasp-nest grey, windows like empty eye sockets.” Melancholy veritably oozes from this line.

The characterizations of Nell, fifteen-year-old Carmelita, and several secondary characters are well-wrought and credible, ie: in Nell’s pasture Carmelita sits on a “waist-high boulder spangled with orange lichen” and says: “I get like four bars here.”

Certainly Herriot underscores that “Western civilization [is] at odds with nature,” but all the conservation conversations aside, this captivating story is not at all predictable. We learn much about Nell, the “aging naturalist” with “a soft spot for sparrows,” but I couldn’t have guessed what would progress—and it’s gripping.

In short, Herriot adeptly pulls together his storyline’s sticks and strings and builds one hell of a nest.

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Vickie Newmeyer, General Manager at Community Futures Meridian Region, was a 2023 Awards of Excellence recipient, receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Vickie Newmeyer receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Kindersley resident Vickie Newmeyer was recently presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Saskatchewan Economic Development Awards recognize the province's best economic development marketing programs and partnerships. These prestigious awards honour organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban and rural communities.

Vickie is one of those individuals who has made a significant contribution to Kindersley and the surrounding district. Her 30-year legacy in Saskatchewan includes the creation of the Lemonade Stand Game, used for more than twenty years in over 120 communities

to help high school students gain interest in entrepreneurship.

Vickie has been successfully managing Community Futures Meridian Region for the last 33 years. This prestigious award is a compliment to her hard work and a testament to her enthusiasm for rural Economic Development.

Community Futures Meridian Region, where Vickie leads as General Manager, has loaned \$28.1 million to entrepreneurs, with an estimated 2,000 jobs created and maintained in the region.

Vickie plans to enter retirement in the new year, but it won't be surprising if she decides to return to her roots as an entrepreneur.

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34 licence suspensions issued this past weekend in Battleford traffic safety initiative

Colder temperatures arrived this past weekend in Saskatchewan, but that didn't stop Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan from focusing on road safety in North Battleford.

Partnering with officers from the Saskatoon Police Service, Battleford Community Safety Officers, Battleford RCMP, 500 vehicles were stopped as part of this initiative within the City of North Battleford, and surrounding highways on October 19, 2023 to October 21, 2023.

Here is what was located:

- 26 license suspensions for testing positive for THC (on an approved screening device)
- 8 license suspensions as a result of approved screening device tests between .04 and .08 BAC
- 1 person was charged under the Cannabis Act (for having cannabis in a motor vehicle)
- 3 people were charged under the Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act (for having open alcohol in vehicle)
- 1 driver located with existing licence suspensions
- 173 tickets were issued for various other offences (ex. speeding, distracted driving, seatbelts)
- 11 invalid registrations (10 for invalid vehicle registration, 1 for invalid trailer registration)
- 32 vehicles were impounded (for driver's license suspensions related to cannabis and alcohol)



- 244 warnings were issued (for vehicle equipment regulations including mud flaps, burnt out headlights, cracked windshields)
- 12 vehicle inspections were issued

Over the weekend, officers issued 34 roadside suspensions – 26 related to cannabis use and eight related to alcohol.

"This weekend was a perfect example of why check stops like this are so important. Through this traffic safety initiative, our officers continued to educate the public safe driving practices and the impacts of cannabis use," says S/Sgt. Kevin Williamson of the Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan, "Cannabis remains in your body for a long time. For perspective, when considering whether its safe for you to operate a vehicle or not, when inhaled,

cannabis effects can begin immediately and last several hours. When ingested, cannabis effects can last even longer. When deciding whether to get behind

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Unity RCMP Report

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- RCMP received a report of theft of fuel from a local gas station. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members spoke to the subject of complaint.
- A 32-year-old Unity male was charged with Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Operation While Prohibited during a traffic stop.
- Members are investigating a fraud complaint.
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into a residence in a rural area near Senlac. This matter is still under investigation.

- Members assisted an individual who was accidentally locked out of a residence.
- Police received a complaint of an individual throwing eggs at a vehicle but there was insufficient evidence to proceed.
- RCMP received a report of trespassing at a farm in a rural area near Unity. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a complaint of a suspicious individual in Unity. Members spoke to the subject of complaint. No police action required.
- Members received a report of dogs running loose in Scott. This matter is still under investigation.
- RCMP received a report of a missing person. The individual was located.
- Police received a report of an abandoned vehicle north of Senlac. The vehicle had been stolen from the Luseland area. This matter is still under investigation.
- There were also two traffic complaints.

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- RCMP received a report of an individual driving while impaired. Members patrolled but could not

locate the subject of complaint.

- There was also one false alarm.

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- RCMP received a report of a missing person. The individual was located.
- A 62-year-old male was charged with Operation While Prohibited and Failure to Stop After an Accident after Members received a complaint of a hit and run causing damage to a vehicle.
- Police received a report of a single vehicle rollover near Primate. There were no injuries and no charges were laid. Reported for insurance purposes.
- There were also two false alarms.

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Winter driving

In Saskatchewan, it's possible that you could be operating your vehicle for at least five months of the year in winter driving conditions. It's in this period, from November to March, that most collisions occur.

Snow, ice and freezing rain reduce traction. Drifting and blowing snow, fog, whiteouts, gas exhaust clouds and frosted windows may severely limit visibility.

The main cause of collisions in winter months is failing to adjust to the changing conditions.

Before heading out, be sure to check the Highway Hotline at hotline.gov.sk.ca/map for road conditions, and stay home if it says travel not recommended.

Preparing your vehicle

Winter conditions, plus the effects of extremely low temperatures, demand that a vehicle be in top condition. For this reason, a pre-winter check is a necessity, and in the end is less annoying and less costly than battery boosts, tows and being late. Give special attention to your heater and defroster.

As well as getting a tune-up and adding antifreeze to your radiator, you would be wise to have the following:

- snow tires
- block heater
- snow brush and scraper
- gas line antifreeze
- small snow shovel
- set of traction mats
- booster cables (know how to use them)

For out of town trips, add the following survival equipment:

- extra warm clothes (include footwear, mitts and hats)
- a supply of candles and matches
- tow chain or rope
- nourishing freezable food (raisins, nuts, candy)
- sleeping bags
- cellphone and charger cable

Preparing to see and to be seen

If you cannot see through your windows, you should not drive. If your lights and signals are to protect you, they must be visible.

Before you drive, do the following:

- Brush the snow off your car.
- Scrape the windshield, rear and side windows.
- Clear your heater air intake (this is usually in front of the windshield).
- Clean your headlights, tail lights and signal lights.
- Be sure to clear your tissue boxes, sunglasses, papers, etc., away from defroster outlets.
- Drive with your headlights on at all times. Even on a clear day, swirling



snow makes it difficult to see and to be seen.

Driving on slippery surfaces

Winter traction problems require a number of changes from summer driving techniques. The general rule for driving on slippery conditions is drive slowly.

You should not use cruise control on icy or slippery roads. This is even more important when the road may have black ice formed on it (a thin layer of transparent ice found on the road or other paved surfaces).

Traction varies tremendously with temperature changes. Icy roads will look just the same at -2 C or -22 C, but will be far more slippery at the warmer temperature. Winter driving calls for special driving skills. This means gentle acceleration, gentle braking and small, smooth steering movements.

Reduced traction means the grip between your tires and the slippery surface is fragile.

If you accelerate hard, you go beyond the amount of traction that is available and your wheels spin. If you brake too hard and your wheels lock, you break the traction, which means that when you turn the steering wheel, the vehicle will not turn - it will continue in the direction it was going when the wheels locked.

If this occurs on ice, your stopping distance changes. In most situations, locking four wheels by pushing hard on the brakes will give you the shortest stopping distance. But on ice, especially when it's near the freezing point or if you are driving fast, you are better off to threshold-brake by pushing on the brake up to the point just before it locks.

If the surface is slippery, flatten the corner or curve by positioning your vehicle in the left side of your lane prior to making your turn.

As you enter the curve, gradually steer across the lane so that as you near the mid-point of the curve the vehicle is

near the right side of the lane with its wheels straight. As you exit the curve, gradually steer back across the lane towards the left side. For left curves, reverse the process. This will lessen the sideways force and reduce the chance that you will spin out. Slow entry into the curve is crucial or your vehicle may not make it around the curve.

Because there is reduced traction available for stopping and turning, reduce your speed when conditions are wet or slippery. As well, give yourself a following distance even longer than three seconds.

How to get moving

You can usually start moving on ice or packed snow by accelerating gently. If this does not work, or if you are on a slight downgrade, try moving in second gear.

If you're stuck in deep snow, try rocking your vehicle. To do this, start forward, gently accelerate and you will move forward a little. When your wheels spin, immediately stop accelerating and hold the vehicle with the brake to stop it from rolling back. Shift to reverse, release the brake and accelerate gently. You will move back. When the wheels spin again, stop immediately. Repeat the forward-backward rocking movement, increasing the distance you move each time until you gain sufficient momentum to keep moving ahead. Be sure the wheels have stopped turning before changing gears to avoid damage to your transmission.

Search for traction. Look for sand or grit. Choose snow rather than ice. A small movement to one side will often move you from a low traction icy patch onto snow or sand. This motion can usually be completed in your lane.

How to stop on slippery surfaces

1. Shift to neutral (or declutch) before you brake.
2. Brake early and gently using the

threshold technique.

3. Again, search for the best traction and position your vehicle to take advantage of it.
4. Allow extra space for other drivers to stop. They may not be as skilled as you, or their traction may be worse.

Temptations to resist

1. Accelerating hard when you are passing.
2. Using cruise control on wet or slippery roads.
3. Forgetting that other drivers may not be making proper allowances for winter conditions.
4. Letting your gas tank drop below half full.

Whiteouts

Whiteouts occur when the sky, horizon and ground blend into one, making it very difficult to determine your position on the road. All shadows and distinctions disappear, so that you can barely tell where the road ends and the ditch begins.

The first snowfalls

During the first few snowfalls, drive very slowly and keep a 6-second following distance. It takes time to change from your summer driving patterns. Exaggerate your gentleness on your brake and accelerator pedals and you will stay out of the line-ups at the body shop.

Survival

Lives continue to be lost in Saskatchewan winter blizzards.

Dress warmly for long trips. Do not be deceived by the false comfort of a well-heated car and wear indoor clothes on long journeys.

Before starting a long trip, listen to weather forecasts and pay attention to storm warnings. If storms develop while you're travelling, seriously consider stopping over in a town or village, rather than continuing, when there is a possibility of being stranded.

If you are stranded:

1. Always stay with your vehicle.
2. Keep calm.
3. Lower your downwind-side windows slightly and open the heater air vent to get fresh air into the vehicle.
4. Run the engine to get some heat, and to listen to news reports or charge your cellphone, but don't run out of gas or drain your battery.
5. Keep your exhaust pipe clear of ice and snow.
6. Get into your emergency clothing before you get cold.
7. If necessary, use candles to keep warm. Be careful not to overexert yourself by shovelling or by pushing your vehicle.

Many people die when they leave their vehicles to walk for help in a blizzard. If you stay with your vehicle, you have a better chance of surviving and are more likely to be found.

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Trudeau just blinked on his premier climate change initiative, the carbon tax

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

With Atlantic Canada in revolt over the carbon tax on fuel oil, Trudeau suspends carbon tax for three years (until after the next election)

OTTAWA – Late in the afternoon of Oct. 26, the staunch federal Liberal policy of climate change priorities conquers all just cracked.

With Atlantic Canada, once a solid Liberal base, up in arms over the federal carbon tax on fuel oil used for home heating, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau blinked.

For the next three years (which would put it beyond the next federal election), fuel oil will be relieved of the federal carbon tax. While most of Canada stopped using fuel oil (very similar to diesel) for home heating years ago in favour of natural gas, up to 40 per cent of the population of certain Atlantic Canada provinces still use it. Up until July, fuel oil for home heating had been exempt from the carbon tax. And as those provinces recently adopted the federal carbon tax this past summer as it applies to fuel oil, those constituents were about to see major hikes in their heating bills as winter comes to bear.

During those three years, the federal government will heavily subsidize the adoption of electrically-powered heat pumps as a replacement for current fuel oil heating systems.

The announcement from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also comes at a time when he and his party have been tanking in opinion polls. The “Atlantic caucus” of Liberal MPs flanked Trudeau as he made the announcement.

The pause was announced with the federal carbon tax currently at \$65 per tonne of CO2 equivalent (CO2e). In three years, the carbon tax will be \$110 per tonne, nearly double its current level. Trudeau did not specifically say what would happen at the end of the three year relief period.

Price on pollution

Trudeau opened by saying, “Let me first talk a bit about the price on pollution. Economists and experts around the world have long known that putting a price on carbon emissions is the best way to drive down those emissions that caused climate change. It’s the cheapest, most efficient and most impactful way and it’s working. We are bending the curve leading the G7



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announcing a three-year pause on the carbon tax on home heating fuel oil in Atlantic Canada. Notably, while Trudeau had no jacket and his sleeves rolled up, all 16 MPs standing behind him were more formally attired, with all the men wearing suit jackets. CPAC

countries because of our price on pollution. And then we design that price on pollution. So that incentivizes people to choose less-polluting ways to live and work and it puts money back in the pockets of eight out of 10 households where the federal system applies.”

However, apparently not enough people in Atlantic Canada to date have been incentivized to get off of fuel oil heating, so Trudeau announced a massive subsidy to a new technology, and a short timeline for it to be put into place.

He said, “We’ve heard clearly from Atlantic Canadians through our amazing Atlantic MPs, that since the federal pollution price came into force this summer, replacing provincial systems, certain features of that pollution price needed to be adjusted to work for everyone.”

Trudeau continued, “Specifically, as Kody (Blois) said, many people in Atlantic Canada and in rural communities across the country rely on home heating oil. To be blunt, the price signal on heating oil is not resulting in enough people being able to switch to electric heat pumps, despite people wanting to move to these cleaner home heating options.”

Heat pumps for all

He continued, “Atlantic Canadians understand as well as anyone else in the country why we need to fight climate change, and what the impacts of extreme weather are on people. But we have to make

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sure we're fighting climate change in ways that supports all Canadians that has been at the centre of our choices as a government for the past eight years, fight climate change, while supporting Canadians in how we do it. That is why today we are announcing a three year pause on the federal pollution price on heating oil, so that we can give everyone the time and ability to switch to heat pumps."

Those three years will be spent implementing a massive conversion from fuel oil heating to electrically-powered heat pumps. Heat pumps have become the key technology the federal government has been pushing in the last couple years to replace combusting fossil fuels for space heating. Similar in operation to an air conditioner, they don't burn fuel, but rather extract heat from the outside environment, which can be problematic when temperatures get extremely cold and there's precious little heat outside to extract.

In making his pitch, Trudeau said, "Switching to an electric heat pump from oil heating, which is very vulnerable to volatile global market prices, can save people a lot of money. In fact, it can mean as much as 1000s of dollars a year less spent on energy bills. So the second part of our announcement today is that, piloting in the Atlantic, we're working with provinces to install a free heat pump for people who are making at or below median household."

That means half the population would get a taxpayer funded "free" heat pump. The press release noted, "A strengthened Oil to Heat Pump Affordability program that will partner with provinces and territories to increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 the amount of federal funding eligible homeowners can receive for installing a heat pump, adding up to an additional \$5,000 in grant funding to match provincial and territorial contributions via co-delivery arrangements. This would make the average heat pump free for lower income households as we continue to minimize upfront costs and make federal programs even easier to access for all households."

Surprise money, more money

And Trudeau surprised his own MPs by promising a \$250 incentive to sign up right now. "Didn't how about that one, guys?" he said to the applause of his Atlantic caucus.

"And for everyone else, we've got an enhanced program that will deliver heat pumps upfront, to be paid off with the savings you'll be getting over the coming years.

"We are switching to heat pumps, off home heating oil, as a region in Atlantic Canada, and as a country."

Trudeau said rural Canadians will be

getting more money as well. He said, "One more thing today, we are doubling from 10 to 20 per cent the rural top up that people get as part of their quarterly pollution price rebates. Because if you live in a rural community, you don't have the same options that people who live in cities do. We get that. So this is more money in your pocket to recognize those realities, even as we continue to fight climate change and build a stronger economy."

Why now?

When asked, "Why wait until now to do this?" Trudeau said, "This is an important moment where we were adjusting policies so that they have the right outcome. We are doubling down on our fight against climate change and keeping true to the principles that we are supporting Canadians while we fight climate change. We recognize that for many people, particularly in Atlantic Canada, where the proportion of home heating oil is higher than elsewhere across the country, regardless of the price signal, they were unable to make the switch to heat pumps, for example.

"So we decided to take a slightly different tack of suspending the price on pollution on home heating oil for three years, while we ensure that everyone can get access to a heat pump and get it installed, free, working with the provinces, for people on the below the median income scale, and upfront with an interest-free loan to pay it back with the savings they're going to make on electricity for higher income people.

"This is a program that continues to push what we need, which is to reduce our emissions, and to support families as we do it. It's a program that took a lot of hard work and a lot of discussions in terms of getting it right. But the various elements that we're announcing today, I know are going to be extremely well received by people across Atlantic Canada."

Undermining

Asked if he was undermining his own policy by granting a carbon tax exemption, Trudeau replied, "It's actually enhancing our own policy. This is about accelerating the adoption of heat pumps. What we heard very clearly from Atlantic Canadians over the past months was the pricing signal on home heating oil was not, in itself, sufficient to be able to transition, to be able to have people say 'Okay, it's worth it for me to invest in a home heat pump.'

"And the conversations we had with people we realize that that's what we want, as we're getting off coal as we're electrifying our grids across the country, as we're looking to reduce our emissions. We know the solution. Heat pumps are a massive, clear solution to

fighting climate change, and to creating more affordability for families across the country. But Atlantic Canadians in particular, were unable, many of them were unable to make that switch," he said, reiterating the "free" aspect of the program.

He said, "So the point of our fight

against climate change, the point of our price on pollution and all the measures we put forward is to get people to change behaviors in ways that are affordable to them that are going to save them money and leave them better off. And that's exactly what this announcement does."

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SUMA reacts positively to Throne Speech

SUMA is pleased with the Government of Saskatchewan's focus on homelessness, mental health, and addictions in last week's Throne Speech. Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) has advocated government for more action on the mental health and addictions crisis, going so far as to declare this crisis a cornerstone in our advocacy. We have also continually advocated for more action on the homelessness crisis and the shortage of healthcare professionals in our province. We are glad to see each of these important files being addressed in some way.

"Issues related to mental health and addictions have left clear scars in many municipalities across the province," said Randy Goulden, President of SUMA. "If we are to work our way collectively toward finding a sustainable solution, we all must take responsibility, and the first step is acknowledging the situation. I am glad to see the province recognizing the severity of this crisis. While there is much work to be done, it is good to know they are hearing some of what we have to say."

The implementation of the Provincial Approach to Homelessness is a positive step. We are also pleased to hear about expanded support for second stage housing to protect those suffering from interpersonal violence, and the previously announced complex needs emergency shelter spaces as these projects will have a positive impact not only on the homelessness crisis but also mental health and addictions within our province. We welcome all these developments, but we encourage the Government to take this a step further and amend the SIS and SAID programs to address continuing issues experienced by Saskatchewan's most vulnerable population.

The Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions is also a direct result of advocacy from SUMA and many other partners and NGOs throughout the province, and we are pleased to recognize the 500 new addictions treatment spaces across the province, as well as expanded mental health services for children and youth.

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APAS calls on Senate to restore Bill C-234

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) urgently appeals to the Honourable Senators of Canada to rectify the recent amendment to Bill C-234, "An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act." This call comes in the wake of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry's review, which took place on October 24, 2023, leading to an amendment that significantly altered the original intent of the bill.

The amendment, which removed barn heating and cooling fuel from the list of exempted farm activities, poses a critical challenge to the agricultural sector. APAS passionately implores all Senators to reject this amendment and reinstate the bill in its original form, allowing it to proceed to the third reading.

"This Bill is intended to correct the oversight when carbon pricing was introduced," stated Ian Boxall, APAS President. "The amendment suggests that some farms are less important in our industry, in their contribution to our food security, and in helping to address rising food prices. No farm should be left behind."

Canada's agricultural sector serves as a cornerstone of the nation's economic growth. While striving to transition to a greener economy, penalizing this essential industry is counterproductive. The financial measures outlined in Bill C-234 underscore the agricultur-

al economy's fundamental role in ensuring Canada's long-term prosperity.

Barn heating, especially within the rigorous conditions of Saskatchewan's winters, is vital to maintaining animal health. With alternative heating technologies not yet commercially viable, imposing a carbon price on heating fuel only increases costs for operators and consumers without achieving meaningful emissions reductions.

APAS urges Senators to rally behind the original Bill to put an end to persistent delays and stand alongside the dedicated farm families committed to food production and responsible land stewardship. By exempting barn heating, the Bill promotes a balanced approach that respects the unique needs of the agricultural sector.

Effective environmental policy should strike a harmonious balance between emissions reduction and support for essential industries. The concerns regarding greenhouse gas emissions must be weighed against the broader social, economic, and environmental impacts of specific regulations. In the case of Bill C-234, maintaining the exemption for barn heating stands as a rational policy decision that accommodates the agricultural industry's distinctive requirements.

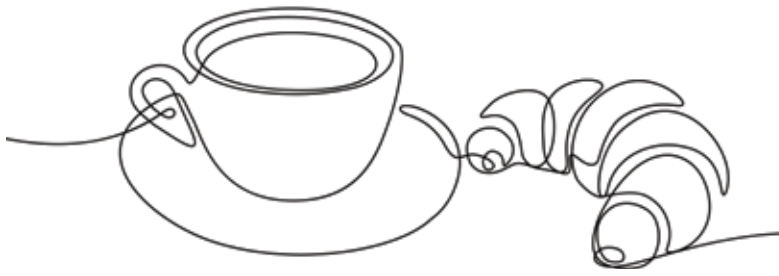
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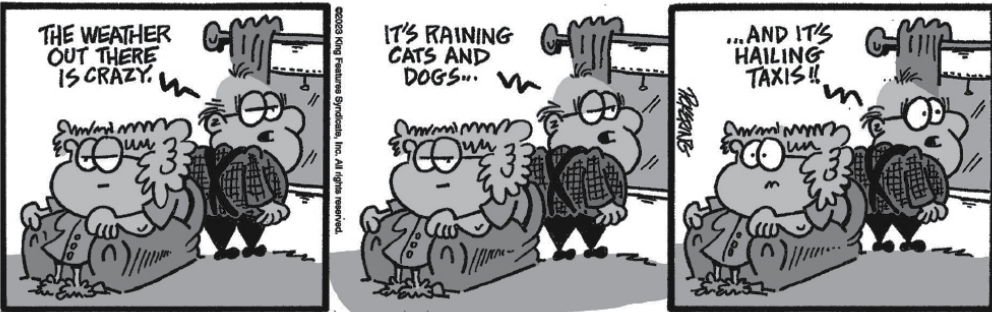
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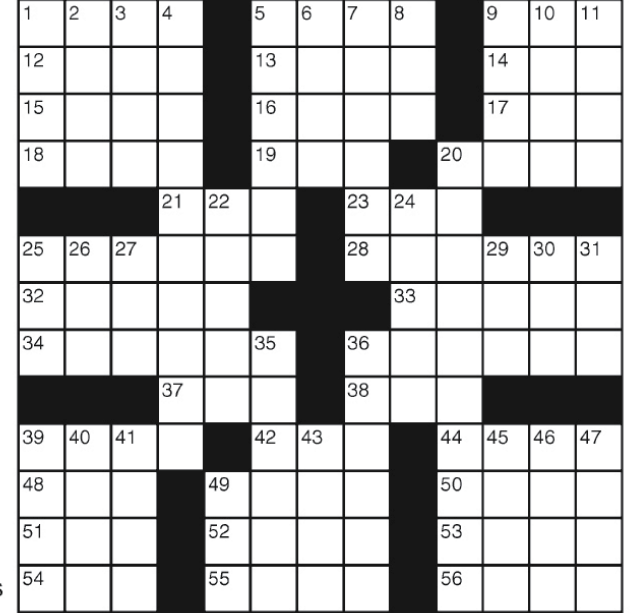
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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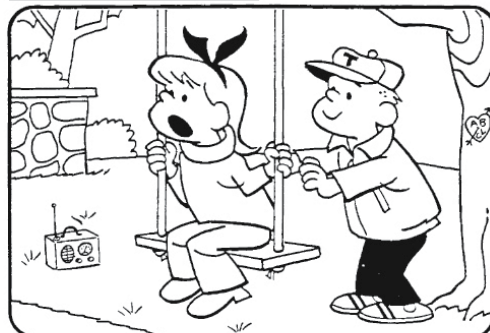
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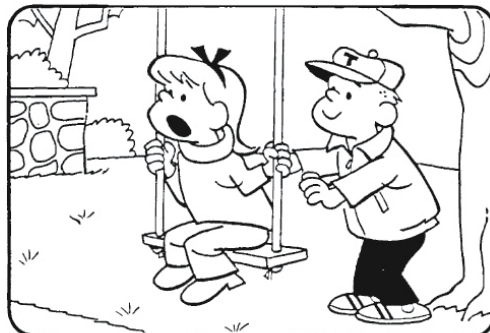
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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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Solution time: 21 mins

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- SCIENCE: What was Joseph Lister's main contribution to science?
- HISTORY: Which pro football team won the very first Super Bowl?
- MUSIC: What is the title of the Rolling Stones' 2023 album?
- MOVIES: Who played the monster in Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How much of the popular vote did Abraham Lincoln receive when he was elected president in 1860?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the ancient city of Petra located?
- AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised by a man who kept saying, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is often called the national dish of Canada?
- LANGUAGE: What does an oologist study?
- TELEVISION: What does SVU stand for in "Law & Order: SVU"?

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Trivia Test Answers: 1. Antiseptic surgery; 2. Green Bay Packers; 3. "Hackney Diamonds"; 4. Peter Boyle; 5. Less than 40%; 6. Jordan; 7. Alka-Seltzer; 8. Poutine; 9. Eggs; 10. Special Victims Unit.

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- **Challenge your mind.** Activities that stimulate your brain, such as reading, playing games or learning a new skill, can help keep your mind active and engaged.
- **Take care of your health.** Eating a healthy diet, getting enough sleep and managing stress can help improve your overall well-being.

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• **Find hobbies.** Engaging in activities you enjoy can provide a sense of accomplishment. This can be anything from gardening to cooking to playing music.

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Health and hospitals in early 1900's

BY JOAN JANZEN

In the early 1900s, most small rural hospitals were run as mission hospitals by churches or by women who were registered nurses or midwives. This was true for the communities of Leader, Kindersley, Eaton and Prelate, according to 'A Past to Cherish,' a history book about that region.

In 1909, Dr. J.W. Lord and Dr. D.W. Dixon were in Kindersley, followed by Dr. W.C. Wilson and Dr. Murison. Around the same time, Dr. Mains was at Leader, which was then known as Prussia. Dr. W.M. Anderson was at Prelate and was later replaced by Dr. Shaperer in 1923. In 1916, Dr. McInnis started up a practice in Eston, and Dr. Whaley came to Alsask in 1911. After 1929, he was replaced by Dr. Harvey and his wife, Dr. Ruth.

At that time, doctors had to travel great distances to give aid, and there was a great need for a hospital at Eaton. Consequently, a two-storey house on the east end of 1st Avenue was made available in 1920. Soon, a matron, housekeeper, cook and assistant

nurse were hired.

From then on, things moved quickly. According to an excerpt from the local history book, an expectant mother went into labour while in the doctor's office on December 3, 1920. Just after midnight, another expectant mother arrived, needing immediate attention. Beds were quickly set up to accommodate the new patients.

In 1922, the hospital was moved to the Gabel house at the west end of town, and two buildings were moved beside it to be used as a kitchen, surgery and intensive care. By January 1923, the hospital had become the place to go when having a baby, and the first two weeks of that month were very busy.

Births recorded during the first two weeks of January 1923 were as follows: January 7: Mrs. Jack Day (girl); January 11: Mrs. E.R. Leeks (boy); January 12: Mrs. Roy Smith (girl) and Mrs. Rudolph Miller (girl); January 14: Mrs. William Alporte (girl) and Mrs. John Miller (girl); January 15: Mrs. Robert Stevenson (boy); January 16: Mrs. Wilfred Young (girl), Mrs. William Clarke (boy) and Mrs. William Royle (boy).

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OBITUARIES

Linda Whatley — July 15, 1945 - September 18, 2023

Linda (Joyce) Whatley, 78, of Kindersley, SK, passed away on September 18, 2023, in the Kindersley Heritage Manor.



She was born July 15, 1945, to Lawrence and Gladys Kreiser in Provost, Alberta, with sisters Doreen (Leo) Dietrich, Jean (Harold) Ward, and Myrna (Don) Grafton. Her schooling occurred in Kerrobert, SK, and she later became a dental assistant in Kindersley.

She married Wayne Whatley on December 16, 1967, and they had two children: daughter Dana (David), grandkids Nikita, Jordanna and Mason, and son Kevin. She was a family-oriented homebody who took great pleasure in watching the many events of her grandkids, baking, and attending church.

She was predeceased by her parents Lawrence and Gladys Kreiser, Lawrence and Winnifred

Whatley, Leo Diederichs, and nephew, Shawn Whatley.

Linda is survived by her husband Wayne, daughter Dana (David) Kucher; grandchildren Nikita, Jordanna and Mason; son Kevin Whatley; sisters Doreen Diederichs, Jean (Harold) Ward, Myrna (Don) Grafton; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Barry and Velma Whatley, and many nieces and nephews.

The family of Linda Whatley would sincerely like to thank: the staff at Heritage Manor for the great care Linda received, the Kindersley Community Funeral Home for their compassionate handling of Linda's service. Thank you to Rev. Piotr for a very fitting service for Linda and to the United Church Choir and United Church Ladies for the tea after the service.

Thank you to friends and family for the support, food, flowers, cards and donations in memory of Linda.

FOSTER, Sophie Evelyn — October 29, 1914 – October 21, 2023

Sophie Evelyn Foster of Saskatoon, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother and friend passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 21, 2023 just 8 days shy of her 109th birthday in Saskatoon. Sophie was born on October 29, 1914 to Tony and Nellie (Romanow) Ripa. She was the eldest of 9 children. She was raised in the Amsterdam/Tadmora area near Canora, Sask. She attended the Forest Hill school until grade 8, and Yorkton College for grades 9-12. She then attended school for 1 year in Saskatoon where she graduated with her teachers' certificate. After accepting a position in Kerrobert she met Wilfred Foster whom she married on November 4th, 1945. They had 2 children and farmed in the area for many years. Sophie completed her Bachelor of Education from The University of Saskatchewan in 1969. Once she officially retired, she continued to teach English to adults from foreign countries until she was 98. Sophie was predeceased by her husband Wilfred Foster, parents Anton and Nellie Ripa, brothers Pete, Steve, Joe, John, Paul, and Bill, her sisters Lola Baker and Mary Ripa. She will be lovingly remembered by her children Ronald (Susan), and Evelyn Foster,



grandchildren James Bacon, Shellan Gerlinsky, Stephanie (Rob) Mayhew, Alexia and Clarke Foster, great grandchildren Hannah, Samuel and Elizabeth Gerlinsky, Catherine Mayhew, Lincoln Williamson and great great granddaughter Lilith Glackin. As well her great nephew Grayson, numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend heart felt thanks to the staff at The Hospice at Glengarda for the extraordinary care and compassion shown to Sophie.

Donations in lieu of flowers to the Hospice at Glengarda, The Saskatoon Fiddle Orchestra and Prairie Hospice Saskatoon. The Celebration of the Amazing Life of Sophie E. Foster was held on Sunday, October 29, 2023, which would have been her 109th Birthday, at Park Funeral Home, 311 Third Avenue North at 1:00pm. The Celebration of Sophie's life may be viewed on livestream – the link is <https://youtube.com/live/zYNOMzPfx5I?feature=share>. Interment followed prior to the service at Woodlawn Cemetery. To share memories and condolences, visit www.parkfuneral.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Derryl Hildebrandt, Park Funeral Home, 306-244-2103.

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Growing through grief: Another milestone

BY ANGELA CLEMENT

Today is the 26th of October. This is the day two years ago that I lost my husband, Blaine, to colon cancer. It was the saddest day of my entire life. Two years ago I had no idea how I would ever survive. Part of me really didn't want to. My life was turned upside down and I had no idea how I would be able to navigate this new existence. It seemed impossible to imagine a life without my husband. I expected to have so much more time with him. I expected my children to have their father for so much longer.

A lot has happened since then. There have been very challenging times as you can probably imagine. This loss has been such a deep wound for me in this life. There have been times where I have questioned my sanity, my faith and why I am even here on this earth. It has led me down a deep, dark path to finding out what life even means to me now that he is gone.

Through the past two years I have learned an awful lot about grief as a process and how it helped me to accept and find meaning. I have this innate desire to keep searching for my truth about life, love and loss. I have been fortunate to find so many who have helped me along the way. I believe it is by no accident that so many of these growth opportunities were put before me. I feel the support of what I call my higher self supporting and guiding me.

Today my heart is tender. I reflect on my life. I am the same and yet I am so very different. I have come

so far that it feels like I am in another lifetime. I feel confident that I know how to get through any sadness that arises. I have done it many times before. I have learned how to release the emotions that come up. I see grief differently. My tears are a cleansing release. I know joy will return again soon. I choose what I want to do to nurture myself. Today I chose to have a quiet day at home. I chose this time to reflect and learn something new through the experience. I chose to allow whatever comes without worry or fear.

I have learned to trust the guidance within me. I seek things that bring me joy and happiness. I follow my heart. I don't know what the future holds but I continue to take one step at a time. I am always surprised when I find out what comes to me when I open myself up to trying something new. I have learned to love who I am now. With Blaine tucked safely inside my heart, I open myself up to being surprised at what experiences and adventures I will take in the years to come.

I know I am not alone today. There are many that walk with me on this earth and up above that support, care and love me as continue down this path. Blaine and I are still very much connected. We are building our relationship every day as he guides and supports me from his spiritual space. He and I hold space for everyone who is grieving today. My family, my friends and anyone else who is hurting, my heart goes out to you. I see you. We are sending hope, inspiration and peace to you today. Lots of love, Angela.

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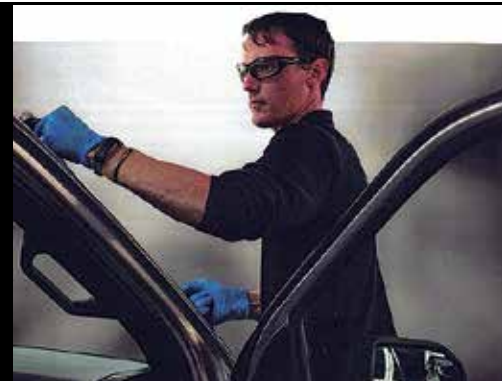
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

• Denzil Curling Club along with Denzil Rec Board present Comedy Night with Quick Dick McDick at the Denzil Hall. Must be 19 years or older to attend.

ESTON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

• Prairie West Historical Society presents "Winter Wonderland" Bizarre Bazaar Craft Show & Sale at the Eston Legion Hall 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Admission \$2. Lunch available for purchase starting at 11:00 AM.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

• Prairie West Historical Society 14th annual Christmas in November. Silent auction, fashion show by LaBelle Boutique. Local artist Christine Code will be working on a painting throughout the evening which will become part of the silent auction. Tickets \$50 at the Town of Eston office.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 & 26

• The Case of the Conceited Choir dinner theatre (Saturday) and matinee with dessert and coffee on November 26. All proceeds to the Dr. David S. Mulder Eston District Health Foundation. Tickets at the R.M. of Snipe Lake office in Eston. \$80 for the dinner theatre \$40 for the Sunday matinee.

* 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.

HOOSIER

Sunday Service

• Hoosier Community Church 10:30 am at the Community Hall. Contact Joel Hamm 306-460-7056 or Curtis Kornelson 306-460-7327.

KERROBERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

• Girls Hockey Day in Kerrobert

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

• Kerrobert Winter Market 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

KINDERSLEY

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.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 & 18

• Kindersley Curling Club Grey Cup Weekend Kickoff Bonspiel \$160/team. Tailgate supper Saturday night. Wear your favourite football jersey. Text/call Jacquie at 306-0237 to register or sign up at the Curling Club.

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

• Kindersley Trivia Nights - Music Trivia 7:30 PM at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. \$10 at the door or reserve your team on our FB page Kindersley Trivia Nights.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 & 9

• Kindersley & District Plains Museum "Museum of Lights" Fridays are drive-thru only. Saturdays are walk-thru and indoor events.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 & 16

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 & 23

• Kindersley & District Plains Museum "Museum of Lights" Fridays are drive-thru only. Saturdays are walk-thru and indoor events.

* Youth Curling hosted by the Kindersley Curling Club (Grades 4-12 welcome). Beginning November 1 at 5:30 PM on a weekly basis until March. No fee! More info contact Lexie at 306-831-5330.

* 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 every Sunday & Wednesday 7:00-9:00 PM at Elizabeth School \$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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

• Leader Little Flower Oktoberfest Family Celebration in the Community Hall 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM. Doors open at 5:15 PM. German Supper at 6:00 PM. Anne Dietrich and Friends Band at 7:00 PM featuring Scott Heatcoat. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

• Auction & Supper to raise funds for a new Charity for the Leader & District Integrated Health Care Facility. \$50 each Roast Beef Supper, Live & Silent Auction items. Tickets available at Town of Leader, Leader Pharmacy and Leader Liquor Market.

MAJOR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

• Major Fall Fair 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Major Centennial Hall. Shopping, lunch, pie, door prizes. \$2 admission.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

• Major Rec Board Annual General Meeting 7:30 PM at the Major Hall. New board members are needed. Succession of the Board if new members cannot be acquired. Email: majorrecboard@gmail.com

Got an upcoming event in your town? Let us know about it!



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