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**SHOPPERS ENJOY LUSELAND'S HOLIDAY MARKET** Approximately 28 vendors were selling their products at the holiday market held at Luseland on Saturday, November 25th. Jean Halliday, President of the Arts Council, said the Arts Council has been hosting the event for 45 years. Arts Council members were on hand serving soup and sandwiches, and the funds from the market went towards supporting visual arts in Luseland.

Luseland's Arts Council offers three concerts a year, as well as supporting an annual live performance at the school through Concerts for Kids. "We put between \$400 to \$500 into that each year," Jean said. The market is an important fundraiser, and a popular event in the community.

Above, Rebecca Simonson and her girls were on hand at the Luseland market selling her popular Glad's Chocolates.

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# Christmas shopping begins at Kerrobert

BY JOAN JANZEN

Holiday shoppers streamed in the doors of Kerrobert's Winter Market on Saturday afternoon, November 25th. Thirty-five vendors supplied a wide variety of products for the shoppers' browsing

pleasure. There was everything from stuffies, books, health products, handmade signs plus much more. Lunch was available for anyone who was hungry, and the proceeds from the winter market went towards Mental Health in Saskatchewan.



These fellows from Prairie Branches were on hand selling their products and helpful services at Kerrobert's Winter Market. Their table offered "2 Sweet" goodies, cookbooks, handmade snuffle mats for dogs and cats, as well as offering services for snow shovelling and small labour jobs. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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You have a month to go! The shops are playing holiday music, and the weather is getting chillier. It's the perfect atmosphere to take care of these jobs:

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- Browse the stores for more gift shopping
- Put up your outdoor decorations if the weather allows
- Prepare some meals to freeze for later, like lasagna or meat pies
- Help your child write their letter to Santa

## 497 impaired driving offences reported in October

Results from the October Traffic Safety Spotlight on impaired driving are in, and police agencies across Saskatchewan reported a total of 497 impaired driving offences last month.

That total consists of:

- 201 Criminal Code charges
  - People who are charged under federal legislation; and
- 296 administrative suspensions
  - People who aren't charged criminally but have exceeded provincial limits and face tough administrative penalties.

Due to more effective enforcement, the number of administrative suspensions has risen sharply this year. There has been a notable increase in the number of people caught driving with drugs in their system, coinciding with increased police access to roadside oral fluid testing devices that can determine whether a driver has consumed cannabis and other drugs.

Saskatchewan has a zero tolerance for drug-impaired driving, which means drivers should not get behind the wheel with any level of impairing drugs

in their system that is detectable by a federally approved screening device. More information about how drug-impaired driving is enforced can be found here.

Alcohol, cannabis, various street drugs and numerous medications can impair your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. People who make the decision to drive after using drugs put themselves at risk and are subject to the same penalties as driving under the influence of alcohol. That includes licence suspensions, vehicle impoundments, financial penalties and a mandatory impaired driving education program.

In early November, SGI launched a new awareness campaign as a reminder that we all have plenty of options to get home safe.

Other results from October:

- 763 tickets for distracted driving (including 640 for drivers using cellphones);
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# Over \$48,000 raised by Leader's Trust Advisory Committee

BY JOAN JANZEN

A very successful fundraising event was held at the Leader Community Hall on Saturday evening, November 18th. A total of \$48,500.00 was raised from proceeds of a live and silent auction, thanks to the efforts of the Leader and District Trust Advisory Committee (TAC).

"This committee is setting up their own charitable foundation and will continue to raise money to support healthcare in our communities and to keep the Leader and District Integrated Facility innovative and



Leader and District Integrated Facility

up-to-date," explained Pam Busby, who is a member of the committee.

Six members of the committee organized the supper and auction, and six additional members from the community helped with set up for the evening. The Grade 11 class, under the direction of Donna Dillman, also helped with the set up. During the evening, the Leader Curling Club managed the bar and Somerville Farms Ltd. donated their auctioneer talents.

"The community and local businesses were very generous and contributed to our overwhelming success," Pam noted. There were 68 auction items, 12 live auction items, along with nine bucket draws and numerous cash donations.

Approximately 160 people enjoyed the supper catered by Jenna Mertin. The supper was paid for by IG Wealth Management (Jackie Martin and Eddie Gergely).

The TAC includes Leader, Burstall, Mendham, Eatonia, Fox Valley, Prelate and Richmond. It also includes the Rural Municipalities of Happyland, Clinworth, Chesterfield, Deer Forks, Enterprise and Fox Valley. All of the above are invited to the meetings of the Trust Advisory Committee and have a say in the direction and mandates of the organization.

In 2021-2022 the TAC purchased the garage at the hospital, a performance Bariatric Plus Hi-Lo Bed and a hematology analyzer. In 2023 the com-

mittee purchased a Di Retrofit Imaging System: Fox X-Ray, two blood pressure machines and stands, a bariatric therapy table, bladder scanner, a hospital grade recliner, five chairs and a portable ultrasound machine.

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This year New Life Community Church was the drop off location for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Over 165 gifts from the Kindersley and Eston area will be received by children in other parts of the world.

## Kick off to the season of giving

BY JOAN JANZEN

Every year, the Christmas season of giving kicks off in Kindersley with Operation Christmas Child. This year, the colourful shoe boxes were brought by groups, churches, and individuals from Kindersley and Eston. Each box for a girl or boy is designated by age and is filled with toys, school supplies and personal hygiene supplies.

Unlike children in North America who are blessed with gifts at Christ-

mas, many children in other parts of the world only receive one gift - a gift from Operation Christmas Child. It definitely puts smiles on so many faces!

Pastor Kelly Froese estimated over 165 boxes were delivered to New Life Community Church by the middle of November, where volunteers sorted and prepared them for shipping. Thank you to everyone who took the time and care to give a gift to a child. It's a great way to kick off the season of Christmas gift-giving.

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Bill Warrington recently moved to Caleb Village from his farm northwest of Marengo. Now he enjoys visiting, reminiscing and playing the piano. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

## A local farmer reminisces

BY JOAN JANZEN

Bill Warrington is a newcomer to Caleb Village, having moved there a month ago. He moved there from his farm northwest of Marengo, located in the RM of Antelope Park. "I lived right next to the correction line," Bill explained.

He was born at Kindersley on Oct. 8, 1941. His mother told him there was snow on the ground the day he was born. "There were seven of us; two girls and five boys, and I'm the oldest," he said.

His education began at Merid School, where there were only ten students. Later he attended a rural school near Loverna. "One fall I went to school right in Loverna," he recalled, adding that he attended high school in Marengo.

Bill has been farming full-time since 1959, but he was helping out on the farm long before that. "When I was four or five, I'd go with my dad and bring milk cows to the barn," he recalled. "We had a farm that had ranch land and farm land. My dad always had cows for milking; that's how they survived."

Bill always enjoyed Christmas concerts, playing ball, and going to dances. Although he claimed to be able to play "a little" piano, he later proved he is quite a capable pianist who plays by ear.

Bill married a girl from Porcupine Plain on January 16, 1965,

and they raised two children, a boy and a girl. Now Bill is the proud grandpa of a grandson and granddaughter. "My daughter and her husband look after the farm yard, and we rent out some of the land and farm some ourselves," Bill said.

He enjoyed showing visitors what it's like to live on a farm. When two young hunters from the States said they wanted to ride in a combine, "I said I can fix that for you in two minutes. My brother was combining, and those two guys were just about in tears because they were able to ride in a combine," he recalled.

On another occasion a couple from Vancouver Island were able to ride on a big air seeder. "They were so fascinated with those great big seeders, sprayers and combines," he said. Other visitors had never been around an oil well, and Bill was able to take them on a tour.

Throughout the years, Bill enjoyed curling, playing rec hockey and traveling. "I went to Alaska, Halifax, Mexico, California, Texas, Los Angeles, and Nebraska a number of times. I have family there," he said.

He was always been a very active member in the community. "I was on the wheat pool committee, RM council, and spent 16 years on the school board in Kindersley," he said. "One of the things I learned on the school board was

how precious young people are. I was always interested in the school board."

Bill was also on the committee for the Water West Pipeline, and was associated with the engineers, learning a lot along the way. And he's still on the council of the RM of Antelope Park, and recently attended a SARM meeting in Regina.

Bill is also chairperson for the Kindersley & District Plains Museum and describes himself as a historian. "There's a lot of history in this country that the younger generation is unaware of. They just take for granted all that we have in this country," he noted.

Bill remembered when an elderly couple from Washington state stopped at museum on their way to Alaska. They said their uncle owned a pool hall in Loverna and was buried at the cemetery there.

"What are the odds that they met up with me?" Bill asked. "I sent them off to Loverna and got them looked after."

In 2022 Bill's extensive volunteer service was recognized when he received the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee medal for volunteer service.

While Bill is getting settled in at Caleb Village, he still enjoys going for coffee at the museum, and visiting with friends at Caleb. "We spend a lot of time visiting and reminiscing. I enjoy that," he said.

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# OPINION: The greatest power grab in history



BY JOAN JANZEN

Here's a riddle for you. Question: Do you know how an electrician tells if he's working with alternating current (AC) or direct current (DC) power? Answer: If it's AC, his teeth chatter when he grabs the conductors. If it's DC, they just clamp together.

This week's topic is about a different type of power grab. American media personality Dr. Drew interviewed Michele Bachmann, Dean of Regent University, who spoke about the "greatest power grab in human history" that would impact every human being on earth. She's referring to the World Health Organization's (WHO) health treaty.

"Here is the challenge," she said. "This coming January, the finalized amendments and health treaty will be presented publicly, so we can read it. However, the WHO has already announced they will not have their documents done in time. According to their own rules, that means they shouldn't be allowed to proceed next May at the World Health Assembly," she explained.

Nevertheless, they will go ahead and proceed. They intend to have their final written documents done and given to the delegates of the World Health Assembly at the last minute so they won't have time to read them.

"Then they'll say let's go ahead and approve it," Bachmann speculated. "That's what their intention is, but we

have time between now and then to alert more people."

Anyone can go to WHO.int and click on the documents, read the proposed amendments, and read the treaty for themselves. "They're very clear of what their intention is. They are telling us what they propose to do. It's so audacious that's why it's difficult to believe it's true," Bachmann observed.

She said the documents show the arrogance of decision-makers who will make decisions for every area of our lives. They will have the power of censorship and the ability to decide what is misinformation.

She explained their concept of "one health," which includes environment, animals and humanity. "Those making decisions won't elevate the needs of humans over the environment. The needs of the environment can be elevated over the needs of humans," she said.

Decisions can be justified by a very small elite group called the Council of the Parties, who will meet in a constitutional convention. "They don't have to ask the nations for permission; they'll be able to change rules and make rules without having to get it ratified by all 194 member nations," she explained.

The way the adoption of interna-

tional health rules works is if nations don't object, then the amendments are passed. Today, there are 307 proposed amendments to the international health rules as well as the global Pandemic Treaty. Those would be merged into one document.

"The bottom line would be the same; international health care decisions would be removed from national decision makers. That decision-making would be transferred to global governing authorities like WHO," Bachmann explained. "Once we transfer sovereignty over decision-making to the international health care body, we don't get that authority back. The WHO could

announce a public health emergency, and nations would be without remedy and couldn't appeal to our government because we would have already transferred decision-making to the WHO."

Dr. Drew asked his guest why there's not a major panic about this since it's such a threat to our sovereignty?

Bachmann responded, saying very few media outlets have talked about it, even though it's been around since 2022. "They thought they could go under the radar in 2022 when they met in Geneva, Switzerland, at the 75th World Assembly," she said. There was scant media

in Geneva, Switzerland, covering the convention. However now, alternative western media have been covering it, so people are getting to know this is a real and viable threat.

Thanks to an individual from Botswana, Africa, who objected to the amendments, the amendments didn't go through, and the power grab didn't materialize. "The worst thing we could do is give away that level of power to international decision-making bodies that we can't trust," Bachmann noted.

"President Chairman of the WHO is also head of the Chinese Communist Party. I would have a hard time distinguishing between those two titles," Dr. Drew added. And even though the Director-General of WHO is not a doctor, he would be able to override the WHO Emergency Committee's decision, as was the case on July 23, 2022.

"This is the most upside-down idea I've ever heard of," Dr. Drew said.

Bachmann agreed, saying, "I'm a federal tax litigation attorney and researcher on education projects. I've read a lot of really bad ideas, but this is probably the worst idea I've ever read."

A lot of people are starting to pick up on this now, and Bachmann urged people to contact their government representatives and urge them not to give sovereignty over healthcare to the WHO. "This is not time to be silent," she advised.

Once we transfer sovereignty over decision-making to the international health care body, we don't get that authority back.

Michele Bachmann

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# Pop89: Sore afraid

BY MADONNA HAMEL

Leaning against a display case of Christmas cakes in the frozen foods section of the Medicine Hat Superstore last week, I sighed and wept. Was it the voice of Bing Crosby promising he'll be home for Christmas? Was it the thought of my brother struggling through the winter season alone? Was it the exhaustion of trying to be a solution to a problem that is beyond me? Was it the cake itself?

The more seasons we cycle through, the more memories and stories we gather in our heads and hearts. I am one of the fortunate ones; I have more wondrous tales than horror stories. Not that I haven't suffered my share of shocks, accidents and indignities, but as a writer, I know that everything is fodder for the story mill. I've had enough examples of fortitude and lifelong learning in my life, enough seekers and survivors among friends and relations to glean that it is always better to turn crappy into happy than to dally in the dung.

But, whoah, has this year been tough. My brother's stroke has stretched our faith to its limits. It has forced us to reassess our own lives. As sisters we ran to his side, then spelled each other off as he slowly grew into accepting the reality of his situation. I had just returned from my watch on his magical remote island when Bing Crosby broke my heart in the grocery store. And I wondered: how long do we all have? Where did the time go? And what a blow it is when the last vestiges of denial slip away, and there's no more avoiding the truth: we've less time ahead of us than behind us.

Pulling into my drive as the snow begins to fall, I feel my shoulders drop. I have re-entered the Twinkle Zone that is the prairie at dusk. A peace surpassing my limited understanding overtakes me, and I gladly yield to it my fears.

After unpacking the last of my duffel bag, I pull out my Nativity scene which includes a hanging star with a wee disco motor inside that scatters stardust around the room and into the night. I light all the candles in the room, then play my mother's favourite Christmas CDs: among them the standards that made up the Hamel Family Choir Christmas Songbook: Ding Dong Merrily on High, The Coventry Carol, The Huron Carol, Carol of the Bells, The Holly and the Ivy.

We were a singing family. Some of you may remember The Rhythm Pals from the Tommy Hunter Show; well, I liked to joke that we were The Rhythm Method Pals - a Catholic family big enough to form a choir. I also referred to us as The Big Trap Family, playing on the name of the famous Von Trapps.

Every Christmas we sang at midnight mass, conducted by our mother, Aurore. We performed at other occasions as well - funerals and weddings - but Christmas was the most wondrous, less a performance than an expression of bubbling joy. Standing at the front of a chapel crowded with families in boots and mitts and overcoats, huddled against the freezing Northern winds outside, eager to get home to a reveillon and presents, we sang our hearts out in three-part harmony.

At one point, mom would sing the words of Luke as put to music by Handel in The Messiah - her voice high and sweet and pure: "And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid."

Usually, I wait for the first day of Advent to put my Messiah CD on perpetual play, but the growing dark and the family's troubles calls for it now. The Messiah was never even meant for Christmas. An Enlightenment creation alluding to the passion of Jesus Christ

- it debuted in Dublin in the mid-1700s. Handel developed a whole new approach to the oratorio genre by writing it in English and shifting the plot from the typical courtly and romantic scenarios of opera to deeper concerns. As Jonathan Keats writes in his book on the composition, The Messiah gave the chorus a voice that represented the "wider community" and sang "sacred narratives" wherein lay "the deeper question of how a community stands in relation to God."

When I was a teen, mom would tune into the Sing-along Messiah broadcast live every Christmas season from the Met in New York City. I recall one season singing with her, standing in front of the TV, the dog yapping in the kitchen at my brother and his friends, who were frying eggs in the kitchen after a football game in the snow. She cajoled them into joining in on the Hallelujah chorus. She had sheet music for everyone.

I've been to a few live Messiah's over the years. And every year, according to tradition, we rise and sing that Hallelujah Chorus because, apparently, when George II first heard it, he was so moved he leapt to his feet, necessitating a standing ovation and affording full audience participation with the chorus. Now, alone in my room, I rise from my couch and bellow along.

I am one who rankles at the use of the Hallelujah chorus in tv ads, rendering Black Friday and Boxing Day sales holy events, sucking the mystery and reverence out of a piece of sacred music meant for rejoicing redemption after a long dark night of body and soul. The word "hallelujah" means praise be. It matters greatly to me where I direct praise and worship. And it ain't at 60% off sales.

Somewhere, I have a copy of The Hamel Choir singing at midnight mass, recorded on a little cassette recorder by the church accompanist. Despite being "sore afraid" of becoming inconsolable upon listening to my mother sing, "fear not, I bring you tidings of great joy," this year, I'll dig it out and start singing along with her again.



Darlene Senn keeps the sidewalk clear of snow in front of Kelly Insurance Brokers Inc. on Saturday afternoon. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

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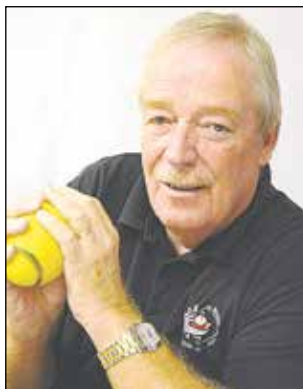
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# Canucks shine in topsy-turvy NHL

BY BRUCE PENTON



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Sports Columnist

In the National Hockey League, 'V' stands for victory. 'V' also represents two of the best teams in the Western Conference, Vancouver Canucks and Vegas Golden Knights.

The Canucks, a team that in recent years has been an also-ran and a playoff non-contender by mid-November, are a near-juggernaut in the early going of the 2023-24

season. Edmonton Oilers, predicted to be a legitimate Stanley Cup contender, were so bad to start the NHL season that they're already on their second coach.

Welcome to the upside-down world that is the NHL.

In the pre-season, Canadian teams in the NHL seemed to be pegged into three groups: The Oilers and Leafs were believed to be contenders; Winnipeg Jets and Calgary Flames would be middle-of-the-road teams; and Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver the usual door-mats.

Ha! How has that changed? The Canucks are one of the league powers, with superstar defenceman Quinn Hughes leading the way and coach Rick Tocchet getting the most out of a fast-paced, talented offensive unit that has by far the best goals-for-against differential in the league. And the Oilers? Well, you should probably say a little prayer for Connor McDavid and Co. up there in the City of (gulp!) Champions.

As a harbinger of things to come,

Edmonton opened the season with back-to-back losses to Vancouver, including an 8-1 thrashing in the opener. Things didn't get much better and while the best player in the game, McDavid, was nursing some sort of nagging injury, he went an unheard-of eight games without a goal. The team hit rock bottom with a 3-2 loss to San Jose Sharks, who, to that point in the season, had only one victory.

That loss set in motion the firing of coach Jay Woodcroft, even though the actual termination of employment came one day after the visiting Oilers beat Seattle 4-1. Unfortunately for Woodcroft, who served for 133 games and compiled a 79-41-13 record, that win did not represent a stay of execution. The Oilers replaced him with Kris Knoblauch, who had been coaching in the American Hockey League and who had been McDavid's coach in the junior ranks with Erie.

The Knoblauch era started with a 2-1 record, and Oilers' fans were hopeful that the coaching change would continue to turn around the team's fortunes.

Vancouver, meanwhile, was neck-and-neck with defending Cup champion Vegas for Western Conference supremacy. Elias Pettersson, J.T. Miller and Hughes were among the league's top 10 scorers and the Canucks' power-play, at better than 30 per cent efficiency, was best in the West.

It's a long grind, this 82-game NHL

season, but the upside-down developments in the first month have made fans wonder how the rest of the season will unfold. Will the Oilers bounce back? Will the Canucks continue to roll? We'll check back in February or March.

- Headline at fark.com: "Lakers crushed 128-94 by youth movement Rockets. To be fair, **LeBron James** said he couldn't practise all week due to MeTV's Matlock marathon."
- From the Canadian parody website The Beaver: "Oilers struggles blamed on carbon tax."
- **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel, who wrote a column about the "obscene Buyout Bowl. If schools can pay middle-aged multimillionaires NOT to coach, why can't they pay athletes who do all the work and take all the risks?"
- Bianchi again: "Question: If **Tom Brady** is the GOAT with seven Super Bowl rings, is **Philip Rivers**, who recently welcomed his 10th child into the world, the rabbit?"
- **Brandon Kravitz**, on X: "The Texas A&M job is essentially the LIV Golf of college football. Big time pay day with nothing to show for it in the end."
- **RJ Carrie** of sportsdeke.com: "Last week I had cardiac failure, was in ICU, had 2.5 litres of fluid and blood drained from a lung, was intubated and close to death. Even I looked

better than the Argos did in their playoff game."

- Headline at the onion.com: "LIV Golf Announces Fans Concerned Over Israeli-Palestinian War Can Make Donations To Saudi Royal Family."

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Brandon Kravitz

- Fark.com, after the Oakland A's officially cemented plans to move the franchise to Las Vegas: "VegA's"
- From a guy who goes by @Bazecraze: "The one thing I've learned from the World Cup is that Europe still hasn't mastered the haircut."
- **Steve Simmons** of Postmedia in Toronto: "Can **Johnny Gaudreau** have a do-over in free agency? In 97 games with the Columbus Blue Jackets, he has 22 goals and 58 assists for a respectable 80 points. In his final 97 games as a Calgary Flame, he had 45 goals, 90 assists for a spectacular 135 points."
- Simmons again, with a pro and con about Regina: "My favourite Grey Cups have been in Regina, which might be the least interesting city in Canada and the greatest place to have a football celebration."
- Haven't had a chess anecdote for a while, so here's **Matt Kirshen**: "I was playing chess with my friend, and he said, 'Let's make this more interesting.' So we stopped playing chess."

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Steve and Karla Stoffelsen shared their personal story of infertility and becoming pregnant with their son after waiting for 16 years. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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## Giving back to the community

BY JOAN JANZEN

The folks at Kindersley Christian Fellowship hosted a free turkey supper with all the trimmings on Saturday evening, November 25th, at their facility. It is their way of giving back to the community. Approximately 170 guests were welcomed to sit down and enjoy the delicious meal and entertainment.

Country singer-songwriter Troy MacNaughton from Canora, Sask, provided the entertainment. Troy spent twelve years working alongside some of the world's greatest country music artists, including Charlie Pride and others. But after twelve years, he decided to leave the intense pressure of Nashville and returned home to Saskatchewan.

Now, he enjoys playing at community celebrations like the Christmas supper in Kindersley. He has also produced country gospel CDs and a Christmas album.

Troy was joined by special guests Steve and Karla Stoffelson, who live in Guatemala, where they have a street ministry called 'House of Refuge.' Their motto is "Loving the unloved and reaching the unreachable."

On Saturday evening, they took the opportunity to share their personal story. Steve, who is a Canadian, and Karla, who is from El Salvador, have been working together as a married couple for nearly two decades. They wanted to start a family but agreed to wait a year before having a child.

They waited three years, then five

years, ten years; soon, fifteen years had passed by. At that time, Karla became pregnant but had a miscarriage; it was discouraging. But after almost 17 years of waiting, Karla and Steven's miracle baby, Caleb, was born.

To women who are facing infertility, Karla said, "Don't lose your faith. Every time I went to the hospital in the middle of the night during my pregnancy, I kept speaking life over my baby."

Karla and Steven also spend their days speaking life and hope to people who have lost their families and live on the streets due to addictions. The couple provides a place for them to stay and receive life skills and trades training so they can become productive citizens and be reunited with their families.

Karla reaches out to prostitutes, visiting them in bars and clubs. However, this is not easy since the bar owners control the girls and provide room and board. Over the years, Karla and Steven built relationships with the bar owners, who now permit Karla to share breakfast with the women once a week.

During that hour, Karla reaches out to these women who are mothers and shares the promises of God's love to heal their hearts. Some have the courage to leave behind their lifestyles and begin a new life and learn a trade.

At the end of the evening, the guests left the church with their stomachs filled with good food and their hearts filled with renewed hope and the love of Jesus, who is the reason for the season.

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Line 3 Construction Manager Allen Sawatzky (right) and contractor Brodie Charteris checking progress along the RoW.

## Post-construction field work complete for Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline project

The official record shows that construction of the Canadian portion of Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Program (L3RP) was completed more than four years ago and that the new pipeline came into commercial service in December 2019.

But as the general public marked those milestones, small Enbridge construction crews readied to tackle a final series of tasks – ensuring full and final restoration of the 1,070-km pipeline's surface corridor to its pre-construction state.

"Most people thought we were done with Line 3 in 2019, but there's plenty of work that goes on in the field even after construction is complete and a new pipeline becomes operational," says Enbridge Construction Manager Allen Sawatzky. "With the last seed sown within the pipeline right-of-way (RoW) at the end of October, we can now say the job is truly complete."

Going forward, maintenance of the pipeline RoW will continue under the Enbridge Operations team.

At the time of its construction, L3RP was the largest Canadian pipeline project in more than a decade. It included installation of 36-inch-diameter, Canadian-made steel pipe over a vast stretch of the Prairies, three above-ground tanks capable of storing up to 1 million barrels of oil, and 18 pump stations to keep the product flowing. Construction took place over several seasons by a peak workforce of about 5,300.

Both during and after construction, Enbridge worked closely with landowners to identify patches of land that would require additional attention such as reseeded, noxious weed control or rearranging topsoil among other measures. Aerial and ground surveys also helped pinpoint these areas.

By the start of 2023, a total of 84 items remained in need of some form of additional attention. With the support of subcontractors – Castle Oilfield Construction of Virden, MB and Neil Charteris Reclamation Services Inc. of Kerrobert, SK – this final field

work commenced in the spring and wrapped up in a snow-dusted field near Kerrobert on Oct. 29.

The full scope of work in 2023 involved:

- Reseeding pasture seed mixes following a third year of drought and poor germination in parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan;
- No-till drilling and hydro seed (applied wet with tackifier seed mix) to stick to steep, dry slopes;
- Rearranging topsoil and repairing settled ditch lines;
- Side-by-side chemical boom spraying, select hand spraying and mowing to control weeds; and,
- Tractor, skid steer and whipper snipper hand mowing.

"From the very beginning, Enbridge made a commitment that we would leave the land in as good or in better condition than it was before construction started," Sawatzky says, "and we can now say we've done what we said we would do and made good on that promise."

The construction manager's words are borne out by a total of 61 formal field inspections conducted by the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) dating to September 2017. While the focus of these inspections was environmental protection and reclamation, they also touched on erosion and sediment control, sites of Indigenous significance and general environmental compliance.

In keeping with commitments to landowners and Indigenous communities, the restoration crew also featured a monitor from the Canadian Association of Energy Pipeline & Landowner Associations (CAEP-LA) as well as an Indigenous construction liaison.

"At the end of the day, the people who live along or in proximity to the pipeline right-of-way are Enbridge's neighbours and we have an obligation to continuously live up to the trust that they've placed in us," Sawatzky concludes. "That's really what drives us."



In some areas, seed was applied wet, with a tackifier to adhere to dry slopes.



For the restoration crew, each morning began early with a "tailgate" safety meeting to discuss the day's work.



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# Unity RCMP Report

## UNITY

- RCMP received a report of a vehicle collision with a deer. There were no injuries. Reported for insurance purposes.
- CN Police reported a railway crossing malfunction in Unity. Reported for information purposes.
- Police received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members spoke to the subject of complaint.
- RCMP received a report of a deceased animal on the roadway. Members attended but the animal had been removed from the road.
- Police received a complaint of harassing communications. Members spoke to the complainant and the subject of complaint.
- Members received a report of an individual driving while impaired but it was unfounded.
- RCMP received a complaint of trespassing. Members attended but could not locate the subject of complaint.
- Members conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a family friend.

- Police spoke to an individual regarding a property complaint.
- RCMP received a report of a lost wallet.
- There were also four traffic complaints and two false alarms.
- RCMP received a report of a break and enter at a business in a rural area near Scott. This matter is still under investigation.
- CN Police reported two railway crossing malfunctions in Unity this week. Both incidents were reported for information purposes.
- Members are investigating a complaint of a break and enter at a business in Unity.
- Police received a report of another break and enter at business in Unity. This matter is still under investigation.
- RCMP received a report of an individual smashing a window at a business. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a report of an individual slashing tires on two vehicles. This matter is still under investigation.
- Members are investigating a complaint of a stolen truck.
- RCMP received a complaint of theft at a business in a rural area near Unity. This matter is still under investigation.
- Members received a complaint of a break and enter at a rural farmyard near Unity. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a report of a single vehicle collision near Unity. Both vehicle occupants sustained non-life-threatening injuries. This matter is still under investigation.
- RCMP received a report of a missing person. The individual was located.

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- alarm.
  - RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications. This matter is still under investigation.
  - Members acted as mediators between a landlord and tenants.
  - Police received a complaint of uttering threats. This matter is still under investigation.
  - There were also two traffic complaints, one false alarm and one false 911 call.
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- RCMP received a complaint of an individual damaging a vehicle. This matter is still under investigation.
  - An individual turned in a wallet that was left at a business. Members contacted the owner.
  - Police are investigating a complaint of an attempted assault. This matter is still under investigation.
  - There was also one traffic complaint.
  - RCMP received a request from Saskatoon Police Services to execute an arrest warrant on an individual residing in the Detachment area.
  - Police received a report of a vehicle collision with a deer. There were no injuries. Reported for insurance purposes.
  - Members received a complaint of an individual damaging a window on a vehicle. This matter is still under investigation.
  - RCMP received a complaint of an individual not complying with an undertaking condition. This matter is still under investigation.
  - Police received a report of disturbing the peace. Members spoke to the subjects of complaint.
  - Members received a report of theft. This matter is still under investigation.
  - RCMP received a complaint of uttering threats. This matter is still under investigation.
  - There was also one traffic complaint.

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

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**Note: New Venue**

## WILKIE

- RCMP received a report of a single vehicle collision. The vehicle driver sustained minor injuries. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police are investigating a complaint of a hit and run causing damage to business property.
- Members received a complaint of an individual breaking a residence window. This matter is still under investigation.
- RCMP conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a concerned citizen.
- Members received a request to assist Emergency Medical Services with a patient.
- Police conducted another wellbeing check at the request of a concerned citizen.
- There was also one traffic complaint and one false

## Grateful Thanks

Once again the Luseland Foodbank has been one of the fortunate recipients of the generous fundraising from Greg Riesling's annual harvest. Greg has rented his land to the Kohlman brothers, Jason, Shane and Cody. They very generously gave several acres to Greg to be harvested with his antique machinery. This unique "harvest" has become a very social activity in the Denzil area that draws a large annual audience each year. Thank you to all who were out to enjoy the harvest while supporting the food banks. Special 'thank you' to Viterro for matching the amount of grain



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The historic Kerrobert Courthouse will once again be lit up for the Christmas season. The community is gearing up for two special events - the Festival of Trees and the Town Christmas Party. FILE PHOTO BY VERONICA SMITH

# Kerrobert kicks off the holiday season with two great events

Come one, come all to the 2023 Kerrobert Courthouse Restoration Society's Festival of Trees and the annual Town Christmas Party. If you have never attended these two yearly events, you need to come and experience them!

For the Festival of Trees, there is no cost to attend. However, you can choose to donate towards your favourite tree if you like. All funds go back to the courthouse for restoration projects. Each year, the kick-off to the Festival of Trees happens on the first Thursday of December (December 7th, 2023) with our Festival of Trees event. Then, the trees can be viewed during regular town office working hours from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. throughout the Christmas season.

Each year, the Courthouse Restoration Society sets up trees, which have been donated, in the Courtroom Gallery. Our local Prairie Branches group helped KCRS bring all of the Christmas trees up from storage in the courthouse's basement and set them up, which is a huge contribution to the event. Once the trees are set up, they are decorated by groups and businesses donating \$60 towards the fundraiser. Each tree has a bucket placed beside it that people can "vote" for with their donation dollars, and all donations are then put towards courthouse restoration projects. Any contributions over \$20 can receive a tax receipt as well.

Thanks to members of the community, there is also a "Memory Tree" where people can write down the names of their loved ones who have passed on a paper ornament to hang on the tree and donate to the Kerrobert Cemetery. Another group has organized another special tree that is put up, which is the "Santa for Seniors" tree. Numbered tags with gift ideas from seniors in the community are hung on the tree. People can pick a tag off the tree and then give a gift or gifts to the senior that the tag belongs to. These gifts are dropped off at the town office, and then the organizers take the gifts to the seniors whose names correspond to the tag numbers. These two trees are a wonderful addition to the Festival of Trees event.

The Kerrobert & District Historical Society has been very busy preparing for the Festival of Trees by

decorating the museum rooms for the Christmas season. They are also offering tours of the museum from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., or those interested can go on a self-guided "I Spy" pamphlet tour that will take you through the building, trying to find specific items throughout.

This year, in the Courtroom Gallery, cookies and refreshments will be offered, as well as the chance to visit and sing carols. The Courthouse Restoration Society will be handing out treat bags to the children throughout the day that have been generously donated by our local Bick's Drugs. Santa will be there from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., as there will be sleigh rides provided by Myradge and Tetzlaff Farms.

The courtyard will be lit up at 5:30 p.m. this year with lights that have been donated in the past by businesses, volunteer groups and members of the community.

The next evening, December 8th, KCRS will also be hosting the Town of Kerrobert Christmas Party, with all funds going towards courthouse restoration.

The Town Christmas party is a night of great food and live music, which is on Friday, December 8th, at the Prairieland Community Centre. You can come and enjoy a delicious meal catered by Kerrobert's Vintage Market, and later, at 9:00 p.m., there will be a dance with a party band from Edmonton called Slow Walkin' Walter!

Companies and private groups can plan on having this event for their Christmas party with all the organizing done for them and then just sit back and enjoy a relaxing evening! Tickets are \$60 each, or if you buy a full table of 8, they are \$55 each! You can also phone the Town Office at 306-834-2361 to reserve your tickets or tables. Doors open for cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment at 9:00 p.m. Ticket sales end on November 29th. You can also come anytime after 9:00 p.m. for the dance for \$30 if you want.

The Festival of Trees and the Town of Kerrobert Christmas Party is a two-day event that the KCRS hosts in an effort to kick off the holiday season, bring people together and raise much-needed funds for courthouse restoration projects. We hope you can make it to these events!



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## SaskPower signs master services agreement with Ontario Power Generation for SMR development

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

REGINA – Finding your way through the incredibly complex path of licensing and building nuclear reactors is not for the faint of heart. SaskPower has someone to turn to for assistance.

On Nov. 20, Ontario Energy Minister Todd Smith, Ontario Power Generation president and CEO Ken Hartwick and OPG subsidiary Laurentis Energy Partners were present in Regina to sign a “master services agreement” with SaskPower president and CEO Rupen Pandya and Minister of Crown Investments Dustin Duncan, who is also Minister Responsible for SaskPower.

It's part of a collaboration between Ontario, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Alberta on the development and deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs). Small, however, is a bit of a misnomer, as the 300 megawatt-scale units Saskatchewan and Ontario are developing are each roughly equal in capacity to SaskPower's Shand Power Station near Estevan.

Duncan said, “Saskatchewan is committed to building a clean energy future, while protecting the sustainability reliability and affordability of our power system. Saskatchewan's path to a sustainable energy future is well underway, but not without challenges. The challenges are logistical, technological and financial in nature. But where there are challenges, there are also opportunities. For many years Ontario has been a valued partner across many sectors, or two provinces share a common vision of Canada's energy future. And a core part of this vision is the role nuclear power can play.

“Our ongoing collaboration with industry, utilities and other provinces and levels of government is an important path towards the potential deployment of SMRs in Saskatchewan. The agreement, announced today, is designed to establish a strategic partnership between SaskPower Laurentis Energy Partners, and Ontario Power Generation. Together, our provinces are taking meaningful steps on our shared path towards a sustainable and reliable energy future.”

Smith said, “For more than a half a century, nuclear energy has played a critical role in Ontario's electricity grid. Fifty-two years ago, Units 1 and 2 at Pickering came online. And since then, the role of nuclear on Ontario's grid has only grown. And it's helped our province transition off of coal. It's proven itself as a



Crown Investments Corp and SaskPower Minister Dustin Duncan on Nov. 20 in Regina. [YOUTUBE](#)

safe and reliable and clean source of baseload electricity. And it's providing more than 50% of our electricity each and every day. But it's the promise of nuclear power that has gotten us to where we are and it's going to continue.

“We're not stopping at just the facilities that we have up and running now in Ontario. It's going to help power future economic growth, electrification, and our growing population in Ontario and that's why, as Minister of Energy for the province of Ontario, I've got to tell you, it's great to be here to celebrate the important work that's happening right now in the nuclear energy sector in Ontario and Saskatchewan.”

He noted in March of 2022, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and New Brunswick released the strategic plan for the development of small modular reactors, saying, “And look at where we are today. A lot has happened since then. Ontario has announced that we're moving ahead with not just the first grid-scale SMR in the G7, but actually four, on the site at Darlington new nuclear.

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## ...Master services agreement

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“And our collaboration and leadership and new nuclear technologies, particularly when it comes to SMRs, is creating new opportunities in a growing and resurgent nuclear industry. And today we’re taking that a step further.

“I’m so pleased to see Laurentis Energy Partners, an OPG subsidiary, and SaskPower enter into this five year master services agreement, which will support the potential SMR deployment here in Saskatchewan. Laurentis Energy Partners as well placed to provide the knowledge and expertise when it comes to these major projects, including licensing, program management and operational readiness. With job creators looking for affordable, reliable, and clean energy. SMRs will continue to help build a clean energy advantage and help us secure new investments that will support business and create jobs in both of our great provinces.”

Pandya said spoke of how this marks another milestone for SMR development. He said, “More and more countries, states, provinces, cities and communities are taking it upon themselves to learn more about nuclear power as a Clean Energy Initiative. And Saskatchewan is no exception.

“We’re working as fast as we can to meet the target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and by exploring a range of low and zero carbon emitting nuclear power.

“Wherever our path forward takes us, or whatever it looks like, the reality we face right now is that the energy sector is facing its most profound transition in over 100 years. And SaskPower is no different. SaskPower is faced with transforming an electric system that took us over 95 years to build, and it’s a massive transition, of course, the minister noted earlier comes with significant challenges.

“But as the minister noted, within there with it with

every great challenge, there is significant opportunity. And today’s partnership agreement is a testament to this an opportunity for collaboration, which I believe is critical to our journey towards net-zero. Ontario Power Generation and Laurentis Energy Partners represent decades of experience and expertise in Canada’s nuclear industry. And while we’ve worked with OPG for several years on our small modular reactor project, today’s agreement allows SaskPower to further tap into that experience and gain valuable insight around what it is to be a licensed nuclear operator in Canada will gain access to layers of incredibly useful regulatory knowledge and best practice.

“This agreement creates the opportunity to share the best of what we have ideas, lessons learned, and the skills of our people. By signing this agreement today, we’re doing our part to contribute to a brighter and cleaner energy future for generations to come. The world is watching us right now. And we look forward to working with our partners Laurentis Energy Partners and OPG on this important transition.”

Hartwick said, “We have a long experience in nuclear, with of over 50 years of successfully running our nuclear facilities and are now on our path to build our own SMRs on our Darlington site, to have them up and operational late ‘28 or early ‘29.

So it’s real; the technology is real, and the impact it can have on our all our climate goals is real.

“But really one of the words you said is really important is that this is a partnership with SaskPower. So by entering into the master services agreement, it really sets up a partnership between two companies that have a very similar ethos and a very similar way to things. And as much as we’ll bring some of our nuclear background to the to this partnership, we’ll learn a lot as well. And actually think it will make our project on our Darlington site more successful because of the great teams you have in place that we can also then

take and learn from.

“So the partnership part is really, really important to us. I think we can do something together that is very special and advanced both the new nuclear development in Ontario as well as the initial development here in in Saskatchewan. So this is a partnership that I think is going to be very dynamic and continue to evolve over the next number of years, and it’s something that we are really looking forward to being able to tap into all the skill and expertise that SaskPower brings to brings to us, so that collectively we can do something here that is very special, both for our two provinces, but I think also for Canada as a country as well.”

In responding to reporters, Hartwick said, “This is going to be very cost competitive with any form of electricity. We get asked a lot, ‘Can nuclear be done on time and on budget?’

“For those that don’t know, we are refurbishing our Darlington station, so it’s a 3,800 megawatt station. And we are we just finished the last reactor 169 days ahead of schedule, and under budget. So nuclear can be done the right way. And I’m very confident with the partners we have at SaskPower that this will be the same here.”

He added, “We have a lot of the technical background on impact assessment work that might need to be done, on technical design, on how you site a reactor, the issues around siting an SMR building. So again, we’re a couple of years into our process with our technology, as well as then ultimately building out an operational capability.

“And the goal of OPG and Laurentis in this is to build out all this capability here. So, it’s in a way, to work ourselves out of a job is what the intention is. We know we have great universities here in Saskatchewan. You have a highest high skilled workforce at SaskPower. It’s to just bring what we’ve already done and have that expertise picked up by people here.”



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## Illegal tobacco products seized near Gull Lake

On the afternoon of November 16, an officer with Swift Current Rural RCMP observed a semi speeding on Highway #1 near Gull Lake and conducted a traffic stop. Further investigation determined the semi was hauling illegal tobacco products. The semi driver was arrested.

Saskatchewan RCMP’s Swift Current Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT) and Moose Jaw Crime Reduction Team (CRT) obtained and executed a search warrant in the semi and attached trailer. They located approximately 42,000 cartons of illegal

cigarettes.

As a result of continued investigation, 46-year-old Michael Weins from Aldergrove, BC is charged with:

- one count, possession of unstamped tobacco, Section 121.1(10), Criminal Code;
- one count, possession of unstamped tobacco products, Section 32(1), Excise Tax Act; and
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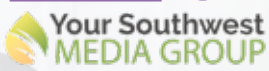
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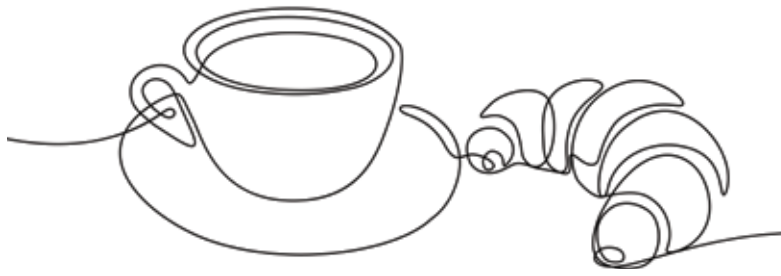


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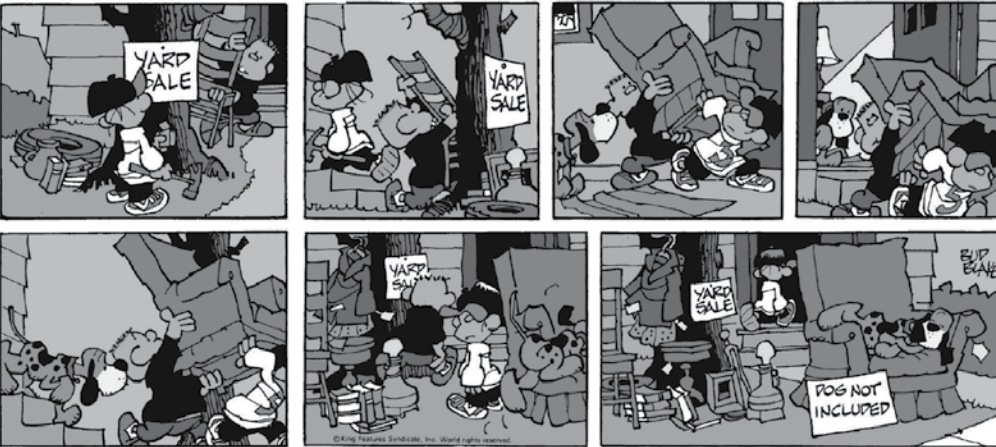
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by Dave T. Phipps



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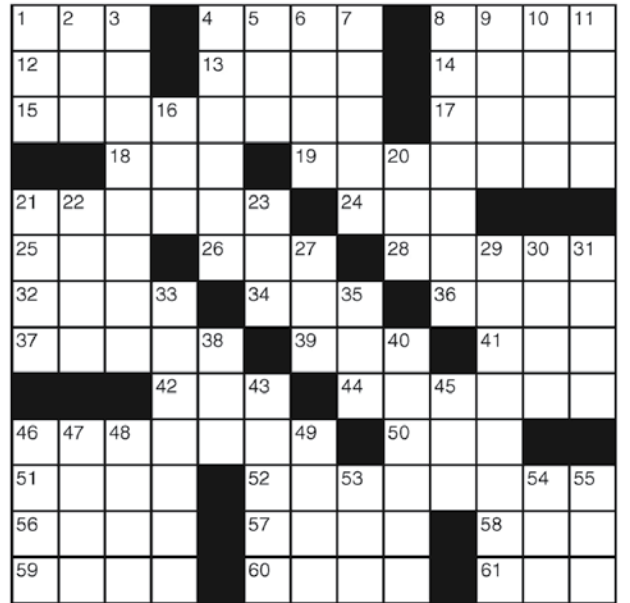
by Jeff Pickering



**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Microwave
- 4 Jubilation
- 8 Scruff
- 12 "— Believer"
- 13 Give temporarily
- 14 Big-screen format
- 15 Layered desserts
- 17 Refer to
- 18 Irrate
- 19 Breaks away
- 21 Stockholm's land
- 24 JFK's veep
- 25 Fleur-de- —
- 26 Cutting tool
- 28 Parlor pieces
- 32 Now, on a memo
- 34 Luau bowlful
- 36 Karate level
- 37 Prison-related
- 39 Atty.'s title
- 41 Mauna —
- 42 Soda
- 44 Steering device on a ship
- 46 Leaping antelopes
- 50 Hosp. hook-ups
- 51 Donald Duck's nephew
- 52 Like a good golf score



- 7 '50s Ford
- 8 "Great work!"
- 9 During
- 10 Top of the head
- 11 Former mates
- 16 Passing craze
- 20 "Survivor" ainer
- 21 High-five sound
- 22 Sagacious
- 23 Snooze
- 27 Misery
- 29 Crystalline mineral
- 30 Skin soother
- 31 Twinkler in the sky
- 33 Tropical fruits
- 35 Leb. neighbor
- 38 Texter's chuckle
- 40 Calms
- 43 "Straight Up" singer Abdul
- 45 TiVo, for example
- 46 Denny's rival
- 47 Nuisance
- 49 Break suddenly
- 53 Chips go-with
- 54 Santa — winds
- 55 Crater part

**DOWN**

- 1 Energy
- 2 Docs' bloc
- 3 Italian cheese
- 4 Forest clearings
- 5 Tiki bar neckline
- 6 Tolkien creatures

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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Answer

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

**King Crossword**

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the captain in "The Love Boat"?
2. MOVIES: What is E.T.'s favorite candy in "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What is Hungary's national spice?
4. ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot is Elsie the Cow?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called plutophobia?
6. GAMES: How many pawns are on a chessboard?
7. SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
9. LANGUAGE: What is an octothorpe?
10. LITERATURE: Where are the novels "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" set?

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- Trivia Test Answers
1. Capt. Merrill Stubing.; 2. Reese's Pieces.; 3. Paprika.; 4. Borden Dairy Company.; 5. Fear of wealth.; 6. 16, eight pawns for each player.; 7. Panga.; 8. Lake Erie.; 9. A hashtag or pound sign.; 10. Missouri.



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Flaxcombe's Square Dance Club, 1957. Identified in foreground: Mary and Bryce Rowe, Dave Hill, Mary Linn, Leo and Isobelle Helfrich, John and Muriel Bradley, Boyd and Dorothy Sadler, Walter Murphy, Em Engel.

PHOTO FROM LITTLE TOWN IN THE VALLEY

## When square dancing was alive and thriving

BY JOAN JANZEN

Square dancing was one of the most popular forms of entertainment decades ago. Every community had a square dance club, and Irene Murphy penned memories of the Flaxcombe club which was published in the history book "Little Town in the Valley".

Flaxcombe's club was organized on November 23, 1957, and had a membership of over 42 families. An orchestra was organized consisting of Isaac Clark on the violin, Irene Murphy - piano, Dick Engel - accordion, Otto Neufeld - banjo, and Irene Hilts playing the guitar. The orchestra also accompanied local plays which were performed in Major, Mantario, Loverna and Marengo.

The first president was Nick Evans, and Mary Rowe

was secretary. Membership fees were \$5.00 per year for a family or \$2.00 per person. The Farmer's Union and the Square Dance Club each contributed 25 percent of the cost of an amplifier, microphone and four speakers, with the Flaxcombe Homemakers contributing \$50.00.

Paul Kolysher, a teacher at Kindersley, was the club's first caller. He taught club members the basic steps, as well as teaching his students to square dance. On June 27, 1958 a caller course was held in Kindersley, where Ken Clark from Driver and Bryce Rowe and Boyd Sadler acquired their calling skills.

The hall was usually filled to capacity, and square dance parties were also held in people's homes, besides dancers travelling to adjacent towns. Kindersley's club had been formed earlier in December of 1956 with its first dance held January 8, 1957.



The Downtown Kindersley Association's Kick-Off to Christmas event featured a free movie at the Sunset Theatre which was sponsored by Dr. Lonnie Brooks. The feature being shown was Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem, which was enjoyed by many families. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST



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BOOK REVIEW

**The School of the Haunted River**

By Colleen Gerwing  
Published by Endless Sky Books

REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL

What a surprise. It's poetic, actually. During my Saskatoon years, each time I'd launch a book, an affable but unassuming woman I knew only by sight would attend and we'd make minimal small talk while she had her copy signed. I moved. Several years passed. I never thought of her again.

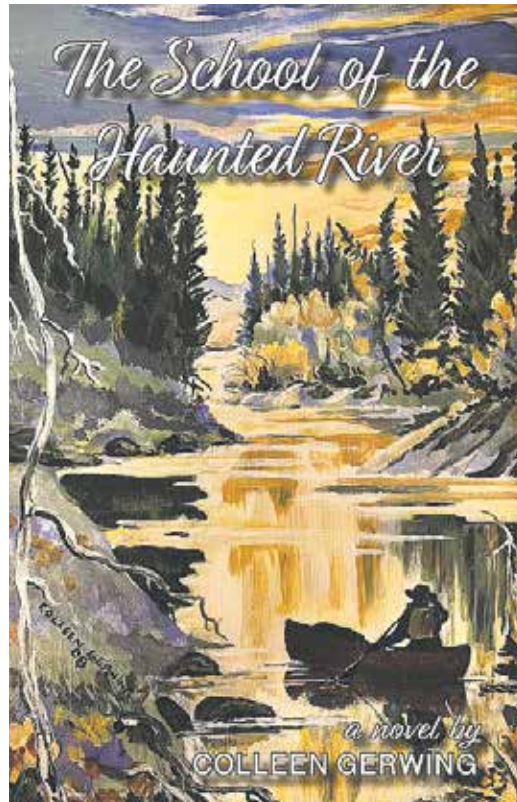
Last week a newly-released autobiographical novel arrived in the mail. The School of the Haunted River concerns outdoorswoman Jay, who takes her college-aged niece, Dilly, on a two-week snowshoeing and camping trip in northern Saskatchewan. I flipped to the author bio and photo before beginning the novel, and there she was, Colleen Gerwing, the woman who'd attended all of my Saskatoon launches. I never even knew she was writing. And I certainly never knew she'd died in 2021; this sad fact made reading her fine stories-within-a-story even more bittersweet.

In her "real" life, Gerwing, I learned, grew up on a farm near Lake Lenore, SK, and her love of adventure was evident from childhood. In 1977 she hitchhiked to the National Outdoor Leadership School in Wyoming, and later worked for the Parks Service (mostly in Prince Albert National Park), ran Wilderness Trips for Women, and shared her zest for outdoor life via the Saskatoon Boys and Girls Club. Canoeing, snowshoeing, winter camping ... these were her passions. Apparently documenting her adventures was a passion, too.

In this reflective novel—the author's cover painting of a canoeist in the boreal forest demonstrates that Gerwing was also a talented artist—the snowshoeing

trip provides the frame from which Jay shares stories about her earlier canoeing adventures during the grueling, solo, five-month canoe trip that was part of her Outdoor School experience. "I was dropped off by plane in a remote area," she begins, revealing that the earlier expedition was near where the aunt and niece are now snowshoeing.

Jay's solo canoe expedition began at the Saskquatsch Annie River, northwest of La Ronge, and she was to travel in a circular route, ending at Silver Feather Lake. Packrider "Cowboy" dropped provisions along the route every few weeks. The first night, ice and snow still on the ground, Jay slept beneath her sleek canoe: "... in my sleeping bag, I squirmed like a big grub in a cocoon under trillions of stars in trillions of galaxies with unfathomable empty space between. I was nothing. And that made me feel like everything."



All the wildlife encounters, weather woes, a "scourge of mosquitoes," portage and river challenges, and the hunger one would expect from an extended, solitary canoe journey are here, but it's the revelations about self and humanity that raise this book to a higher level. Gerwing ingeniously weaves her engaging life-story into an adventure novel and fills it with life lessons and poetic gems, like "Sunrise is a wordless poem," "Gratitude is a moving target," and "I could've left, but somebody had to look for stars in the sky."

Thank you, Colleen Gerwing, for transporting us to your sanctuary. Rest well now.

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

**Rosetown RCMP Report**

**NOVEMBER 17**

- Rosetown RCMP acted as mediators in a family dispute near Elrose, Sask.
- During a traffic stop Rosetown RCMP arrested and charged an 18 year-old female from Broderick with Impaired Operation of a motor vehicle.

**NOVEMBER 18**

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a lost wallet. If anyone finds a wallet, please return to the RCMP Detachment.

**NOVEMBER 19**

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 7. Members were unable to locate the vehicle.

**NOVEMBER 20**

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of a person walking on Highway 7 near Rosetown, SK. Members paroled the area but were unable to locate.

**NOVEMBER 21**

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 7. Members located the vehicle and issued the driver a warning.
- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications in Wiseton, SK. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

**NOVEMBER 23**

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of mischief in Rosetown, SK. Members attended and spoke to the complainant and found no suspicious activity.

There were 53 Traffic related charges issues, 2 false alarms and one 911 mis-dial call.

Police are asking anyone with information about these or any other crimes to please contact the Rosetown RCMP at 306-882-5700, Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com)

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GROWING THROUGH GRIEF:

# Self compassion

BY ANGELA CLEMENT

What happens when you start to feel the pressure from the world around you? Do you have trouble sleeping at night because you think of all the overwhelm that comes with the Christmas season or things that you should do? Does it feel like your mind is on overdrive?

Losing a loved one will definitely put your nervous system on high alert. If you were an anxious person before your loss it will be magnified now. One thing I have noticed since my loss is that my nervous system seems extra sensitive. Consequently, I have set boundaries as far as listening to the news, watching TV and putting myself in situations where I may have to deal with someone else's drama in person or on social media. This has helped me stay calmer and able to deal with the challenges of daily life and the grieving process.

It has been two years since my loss. I have done a lot of work to help myself and I feel like the energy is now starting to return. I have taken on projects that are fulfilling and make me happy. They are also making me busy and I have noticed a little more stress and anxiety. My body has been letting me know when I am pushing the edge of this new boundary.

Through what I have learned about grief I know that when uncomfortable feelings come forward we best be listening. I also recently learned from a podcast with Mel Robbins and Lewis Howes that Anxiety is an alarm going off asking you to listen. With both anxiety and grief the tendency is to try to cover the feelings up. We do this by eating, scrolling on social media, getting busy, drinking alcohol, smoking or shopping. Just remember, the emotion we resist will persist. You might put it away for a while but it will come back again and again.

Mel suggests that there is a part of us that is crying out for love and reassurance. So why not give that part of us what it wants? We often look outside ourselves for love and attention. We have spent our lives relying on our parents or teachers to give us the support we need. We go to extraordinary lengths to make others happy so we can feel loved. Looking back I realize I was this person. I felt like if I could make others happy that would mean I would be successful



and then I would be loved. If I completed some major project or provided some service then people would love me and admire me and I would feel fulfilled. Yet even when I was successful I never felt fulfilled. I was always searching for the next thing to make me happy.

Showing yourself love and support are key in being able to navigate the emotions that come from anxiety and grief. Mel suggests a simple exercise of putting your hands on your heart and breathing and reassuring and supporting yourself. We can also put our arms in such a way as giving ourselves a hug and then rubbing our upper arms. Taking the time to acknowledge what is happening in your body and providing acknowledgement and understanding is key. If you can provide that inner voice with reassurance and love the discomfort subsides.

We are often spending our days making sure that the daily tasks get done. We do those first and then if we have time, we consider ourselves. Do something to honor yourself first. How can you show up for you today? Practice self care. Have a bath, listen to some calming music or read a book. Maybe do all three at once! Showing up for yourself is the greatest gift you can give to you. It is also the greatest gift you give to the world. You are already enough just as you are. You are worthy. You deserve self compassion. You will be surprised at how far this can take you and how much more fulfilled you will feel. For more helpful tips or to subscribe to my newsletter join me at [www.healingenergy.world](http://www.healingenergy.world).

## Leader and Kindersley RCMP investigating break and enters, ATM thefts

Earlier this fall, Leader RCMP charged an adult male in relation to their ongoing investigation into a break-and-enter and theft of an ATM in their detachment area in July 2023 (full background below). A warrant was issued for his arrest, and Leader RCMP worked to locate him.

On November 19, 2023, investigation by Kindersley RCMP determined a vehicle reported as stolen from Unity was parked outside a business in Kindersley. An adult male was arrested nearby. He was determined to be the male wanted by Leader RCMP.

Kindersley RCMP then executed a search warrant in Kindersley and located and seized tools as well as a trailer that was determined to be stolen. Officers have returned some of the items to their owners and are working to return further items.

As a result of further investigation, Kindersley RCMP charged the male in relation to thefts that were reported recently in Coleville, the possession of the stolen vehicle, as well as the theft of an ATM in Eatonia reported in July 2023.

36-year-old Cole Marshall from Redcliff, AB is charged with:

- one count, break and enter, Section 348(1)(b), Criminal Code;
- one count, break, enter and commit, Section 348(1)(b)(e), Criminal Code;
- two counts, theft over \$5,000, Section 334(1)(a), Criminal Code;
- two counts, theft under \$5,000, Section 334(1)(b), Criminal Code;
- three counts, mischief over \$5,000, Section 430(3), Criminal Code;
- one count, knowingly use a forged document, Section 368(1), Criminal Code;
- three counts, possession of stolen property under \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code;

Cole Marshall appeared in Kindersley Provincial Court on November 23, 2023.

Leader and Kindersley RCMP continue to investigate. If you have information about these or any other crime, contact your local RCMP detachment by dialling 310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

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• Brock Cemetery Soup and Sandwich Luncheon 11:00 AM at the Brock Community Centre. Adults \$15, 12 & under \$5. Bake table.

**COLEVILLE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
• Rossville School Christmas Concert 6:00 PM. All community members are welcome.

**DENZIL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
• The Colors of Christmas 7:00 PM at Denzil Sacred Heart Church. The evening includes carol singing, special choir numbers and the handbell choir. Lunch to follow.

**EATONIA SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
• Paint Night at TJ's Pub & Grub. Class starts at 7:00 PM sharp. Seating at 6:45. Call 306-967-2227 for more information.  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
• Monday Bingo starts at 1:30 PM at TJ's Pub & Grub. presented by St. Paul's United Church - Senior's Quilting Club. For more info call 306-460-8975.

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
• Carol Festival at Eston Full Gospel Church 7:30 PM. Admission by donation.  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
• Rambler Alumni Game 4:30 PM at the Eston AGT Community Centre.

**HOOSIER Sunday Service**  
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• Kerrobert Sr. Tigers vs Dodsland 7:30 PM  
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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
• The Colors of Christmas 7:00 PM at Kerrobert Catholic Church. The evening includes carol singing, special choir numbers and the handbell choir. Lunch to follow.

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

**KINDERSLEY 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.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
• Free Christmas Dinner at Kindersley Alliance Church, 74 West Road at 6pm. Please RSVP with number of guests by emailing Carmen Julseth at kaoffice7@gmail.com or calling 463-6568.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
• Christmas Carol Festival 7:00 PM at St. Paul's United Church. Admission by donation. Proceeds to Kindersley & District Music Festival.  
• Kindersley Aquatic Centre Free Swim 1:30-6:00 PM. Sponsored by Whitecap Resources Inc.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 & 9**  
• Kindersley & District Plains Museum "Museum of Lights" Fridays are drive-thru only. Saturdays are walk-thru and indoor events.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
• Kindersley Senior Klippers vs Unity 7:30 PM  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 & 16**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
• Kindersley Senior Klippers vs Wilkie 8:00 PM  
**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 Com-

unity 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**  
\* Adult Volleyball every TUESDAY 7:30 PM at LCS Gymnasium (student parking lot door). Participants must be Grade 10 or older. Call Shelley 306-628-7643 for more information.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
• Leader & District Chamber of Commerce Santa Night from 6:00-8:00 PM. There are Santa photos \$3. Bonfire, Late Night Shopping, Free Hotdogs, Carolling, Hot Chocolate stand and Fireworks.

**LUSELAND Recurring events at The Luseland Pioneers Club:**  
\* Third Friday of every month; Birthday Lunch noon  
\* Last Monday of every month; Pie-n-Ice Cream  
\* Every Monday afternoon; Coffee open to the public. 2:00 - 4:00  
\* Members only; coffee, pool, cards; Mon - Sat 8:30 - 12:00  
\* Members only; Tuesday evening games night 7:00 - 9 or 10  
\* Members only; Wednesday afternoon cards 1 - 4  
\* Members only; Thursday afternoon Ladies cards 1 - 4

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
• Luseland Sr. Mallards vs Kerrobert Tigers 8:00 PM  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
• Luseland Pioneers Club Christmas Supper & Entertainment. Details to be announced.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
• Luseland Sr. Mallards vs Kindersley 8:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
• The Colors of Christmas 7:00 PM at Luseland Alliance Church. The evening includes carol singing, special choir numbers and the handbell choir. Lunch to follow.

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