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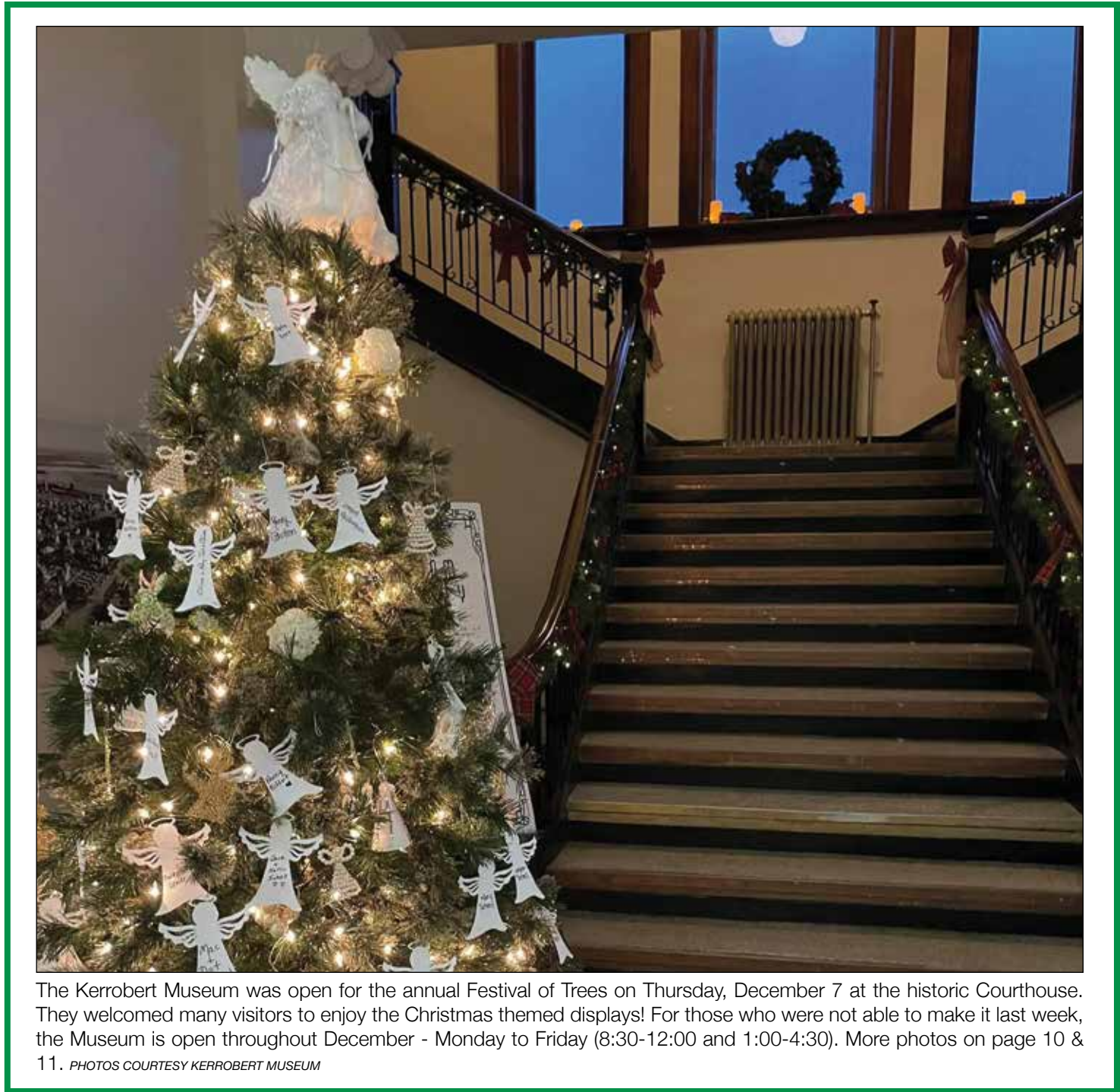
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The Kerrobert Museum was open for the annual Festival of Trees on Thursday, December 7 at the historic Courthouse. They welcomed many visitors to enjoy the Christmas themed displays! For those who were not able to make it last week, the Museum is open throughout December - Monday to Friday (8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30). More photos on page 10 & 11. PHOTOS COURTESY KERROBERT MUSEUM

The Kerrobert & DISTRICT CHRONICLE NOTICE
The last Chronicle of the year will be published on Tuesday, December 19th. There will be no paper on December 27th or January 3rd so we may enjoy the Christmas break with our families.
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The Radiant performed in Toronto at the Come Together Artist Showcase and Industry Mingler in November. SUBMITTED

Local musicians perform in Toronto

Saskatchewan was represented by five talented musicians who performed in Toronto last month. Michael Reece from Kindersley, along with hometown members Mikhaïla Anderson, Evan Knouse and Paul Hillacre, travelled to Toronto. On behalf of their band, The Radiant, Michael submitted an account of the band's experience. Michael teaches music at both Kindersley Composite School and Westcliffe Composite School. The following is his account of their exciting opportunity.

The Radiant had an excellent time in Toronto at the Come Together Artist Showcase and Industry Mingler. It was

truly an honour to be featured alongside some of Canada's most promising acts.

Come Together was an opportunity to network with some amazing and talented people in the Canadian music industry. We have gained new friends and new connections from this experience.

The first day started with an opening keynote from Spotify Canada. There were so many intricacies in how the Spotify algorithm works and how you can Spotify to reach new listeners. Spotify has become a social platform for musicians to feature their music. Brand recognition is important, such as making connections from the music to the

videos and pictures. Knowing which playlist to submit your music to that has similar genres. Also, when uploading your own music to Spotify, know which artists (both local and global) you sound like and include them in your upload to provide a chance at organically finding new listeners through the Spotify algorithm. However, the best way someone can support a band is buying a ticket to a show or buying their merchandise. Of course, we love it when you listen to our music and share it with others!

We went to a round table talk afterwards, where groups of agents, labels, and publishers had different tables set

up, and we went around to each station in mixed groups of artists and music organizations to discuss our goals. We made so many great connections for the future and plan to make the most out these new business contacts.

We have had an exciting year with being chosen for this artist showcase and being nominated for Rock Artist of the Year at the Sask Music Awards that were held on December 2nd, 2023 at the Broadway Theatre. We are ending this exciting year off with a big New Year's Eve party at the Capitol Music Club on December 31st. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Hours

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December 27-29 - Regular hours

January 1 - Closed

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Local State of Emergency declared by the Town of Leader

Low water levels of the South Saskatchewan River effect the Municipalities water intake

The Town of Leader has declared a State of Local Emergency, under Section 20 of The Emergency Planning Act, in response to low water levels of the South Saskatchewan River preventing water flow into the Municipalities intake pipe.

Through declaration of a State of Emergency, the Town of Leader will be able to install urgent pumping equipment at the river intake site within the regulations of the Water Security Agency and create awareness, within the province, of the effect the drought and other projects diverting water from the river have had on the Town's drinking water supply.

"We have had several conversations with the Water Security Agency in the previous months in regards to the low water levels and flow rates at our Mu-

nicipal Water Intake Site," said Mayor Aaron Wenzel. "As this has been an ongoing concern, the Town has provisions in place to minimize any service disruptions for our residents and water users."

Public Works and Administrative staff are working on securing pumping equipment and supplies, while meeting with Council, the Water Security Agency and other levels of Government. Please be assured that the Town and these partners are working together to execute the work in a timely and effective manner.

Updates can be found on the Town of Leader's webpage and Facebook Page or by contacting the Town of Leader Administration Office. Media inquiries are to be directed to the CAO, Erin Romanuik, at (306) 628-3868 or by email to cao@leader.ca.

FORM 2 [Section 4]

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF HAPPYLAND NO. 231 PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 12th day of February, 2024, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

NOTE: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

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SW	31	22	26	W3rd	150665586	\$ 179.26	\$18.00	\$197.26	
NE	25	22	27	W3rd	150665553	\$ 301.65	\$18.00	\$319.65	
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NW	05	23	26	W3rd	150665294	\$ 214.11	\$18.00	\$232.11	
SW	05	23	26	W3rd	150665317	\$ 200.21	\$18.00	\$218.21	
NE	08	23	26	W3rd	150665496	\$ 229.86	\$18.00	\$247.86	
NW	08	23	26	W3rd	150665519	\$ 205.65	\$18.00	\$223.65	
SE	08	23	26	W3rd	150665520	\$ 218.51	\$18.00	\$236.51	
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This little girl couldn't wait to sample the cookies her momma had purchased at the Kindersley trade show, and found a quiet spot to sit and enjoy her treat. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

Kindersley's Trade Show was a holly jolly affair

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Holly Jolly Trade Show displayed dozens of vendors on Saturday morning and afternoon on December 9th at the Kindersley Mall. There was a wide assortment of holiday gift ideas and home-

made items available, as well as a soup and bun lunch for anyone who was hungry. More than anything, there was plenty of delicious food and treats available, and there was also a lot of shoppers coming through the mall doors browsing amongst all the booths.

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OPINION: The best gift you can give your child



BY JOAN JANZEN

A grandparent watched her grandson's nativity play. As the third wise man, he marched up to the manger with his gift of frankincense and bellowed: "Frank sent this!"

Another lady remembered her six-year-old son poking his head around the door, saying, "Mom, you know I wanted a bike for Christmas? Well, I don't need it now. I just found one behind your wardrobe."

Christmas is a special time for kids, a time when parents and family members love to give their children something they've always wanted. But what is it that children need all year round?

Erica Komisar, a social worker and psychoanalyst, spoke on social media, emphasizing that children need to be able to experience childhood. Having spent the last 33 years working with parents and children, she realizes the importance of raising happy, healthy and resilient children.

"That should be every parent's goal," she said, "And yet there is a worldwide epidemic of mental illness in children and adolescents. We need to focus on the underlying causes of this epidemic as well as solutions."

As an author who has filled books with neuroscience and epigenetic research, she advised there is no substitute for healthy parents spending time with their children. "So many studies link institutional care from 0 - 3 years to behavioural issues, increased stress hormone levels, anxiety, and increased aggression," she stated.

Most adults who were raised in the 1960s and 1970s never experienced institutional care as preschoolers. During that time period, it was more common for one parent to be available for their preschool-aged children, and also be present for children arriving home after school.

People raised in that era, myself included, lived on the edge, riding in vehicles without seatbelts, pedalling bikes without wearing helmets and eating cereals loaded with sugar so we could get the prize inside the box.

Our visual options included one to three TV channels and cartoons on Saturday mornings; however, this also meant we had more time to play outdoors. Our music playlist was acquired by listening to the radio for hours and simultaneously pushing the play and record buttons to capture our favourite songs on cassette tapes.

Phones hung on the wall, and you answered at your own risk since there was no caller ID. Polaroid cameras and photo booths at the mall were the closest thing to instant photos we ever experienced.

Nevertheless, most kids grew up to be relatively responsible and resilient. In stark contrast, psychologist Jonathan Haidt from the Alliance for Responsible Citizenship noted in an online interview that anxiety in children began increasing starting in 2012. That's when phone-based childhood began replacing play-based childhood, and teachers, parents and psychologists began seeing problems arise.

"I call it phone-based childhood," Jonathon explained. "Kids used to go to a friend's house to play. Kids used to see each other more before they got phones. Social interactions were replaced by virtual play."

He said, social networks can be useful for adults, but children should be playing in person. Playing on social networks breeds social comparison and is not good for intellectual development.

"Nobody wants their kids to be isolated," he noted. In his book, he advises parents to wait until their child is 14 years old before giving him/her a smartphone and even later before allowing them to use social media. "They should meet friends after school and do things together," he said.

Social worker Erica Komisar sug-

gested communities step up by providing affordable mental health services to help coach parents. They need to understand the underlying causes of behavioural symptoms in children rather than labeling and medicating them, which only causes more illness, Erica suggested.

She stressed that media should help by turning around the narrative that implies work outside the home is more important than mothering. "Being a mother is the most important and valuable work," she said. "Instead, we find that media focuses on the needs of the parents, not the needs of the children."

Erica also suggested governments provide flexible spending money to families, which they can use to pay a family member or friend to be a caregiver for their child, rather than providing state-funded institutional care.

The family is the building block of society, the unit that ensures children are fed, loved, protected, nurtured and raised to become resilient and responsible citizens. There is no substitute for loving parents spending time with their children.

Experiences growing up in the 1960s and 1970s may not have been perfect, but it did produce a lot of children who later became resilient and responsible adults. The best gift you can give your child at Christmas and all year round is spending time with them.

TO THE EDITOR:

CANADA'S HIGHS IN 2023: We have a 10 year high for domestic abuse, high number of break and enters, high number of car thefts, high cases of shootings, high rates of homelessness, high rate of Food Bank use, high rates of suicides, high food prices, high mortgage rates, high rental rates, high Carbon Tax, high number of scams, high rates of immigrants and asylum seekers wanting to

leave Canada because it is such a tough place to survive, and highest number of wild fires set by humans in 2023. These are just a few of Canada's unwanted highs. The only thing that isn't "high" is our life expectancy - it fell! Definitely not the Canada we used to know, eh!?

Robert Blagen
Youngstown, AB



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Pop89: Tis the season of noticing

BY MADONNA HAMEL

A tall woman in a bright red dress was singing in the foyer as I stepped out of the elevator. The violinist accompanying her leaned into his instrument. They filled the hospital with their music and soulful presence. Yet, no one stopped. No one even turned in their seats to face the music. Talkers kept talking; some spoke louder. Others kept their cell phones plugged into their ears, walking obliviously in front of the performers, untouched.

I walked up to the musicians on their break and said: "On behalf of my fellow humans, I apologize for the rudeness. It's as if they're deaf." The violinist responded: "Oh, not to worry.

"It may not seem like it, but they notice. They still hear it. It affects them." I just got home from tending to my brother after a major stroke, only to rebound a plane to help my sister tend to my dad after his stroke. Bleary-eyed, we divide the schedule. I take mornings; she takes evenings. We don't know how long this will last, we are on tenterhooks, like we were with our brother.

We have arrived at that time in our lives when age will poke and prod at us and make very concrete what once was theory. Now, there really is nothing to do but be present to the moment. Once again, I hear the old slogans running through my brain: "Live life on life's terms." "One day at a time." "Let go of expectations and the illusion of control."

Let go. There was a time in my life when I knew I had to move on from a relationship that had too many hardships and behaviours working against it. Let go, said my mentor. But I did, I swore. How many times do I have to do this? Every hour of every day, she said. All the time. Seven times seventy times. Life is not about acquiring, grabbing and clinging. Even the good stuff we need to part with. And, if you can't let go, then try loosening your grip. Let go of expectations, concepts, ego, regrets, shame, and glories because none of it is under our control. Life is not about gaining control but

going with what is presented us.

This is not to say we have no part in choosing how we live. Richard Rohr, in his little book of daily meditations for the season, writes that Advent is the time to look at the expectations and demands we put on our lives and release them in order to make room for the spiritual birth that comes every Christmas. This is the season of noticing. Get rid of attachments and perceptions that crowd out the Mystery of this time of year. "Keep the field wide open to Grace," he writes.

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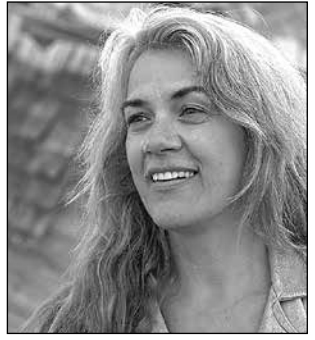
Most Christmases, I have no problem keeping the field open to grace and the wonder and mystery of the season. I call it staying in the Twinkle Zone. If that sounds like something out of a kid's book - that's the whole point. The ability to be open, it seems to me, is completely connected to the ability to still touch that place in one's being where childhood reigns strong and clear and wonder-filled. The good news is, it's not a talent. It's a muscle. Everyone is born with it. I've never met an uncurious child, only grown folks who, strangely, stop allowing curiosity to rule their lives.

Plans, fears, expectations and regrets: they clutter our waking thoughts. They fill our lives. We say one day we'll deal with them, when we have time. But, at my age, I don't know anyone who hasn't been blind-sided by a shock, ailment, accident or loss that hollers: now. The time is now.

There's a strange beauty that bursts forth when we show up and notice. Whether rushing to a loved one's bedside, or talking through the night to a bereaved, priorities re-stack themselves. Big deals seem petty. Little things jump to the top of the heap. Three days ago, I was festooning a Christmas tree with Betty in the community hall in Val Marie. We managed to find all the working lights and loaded string after string on the poor bedraggled fake fir. I ran home and got the disco star from its own perch. We turned off the overhead lights, plugged in the lights and for a moment we were kids sitting under our childhood family Christmas trees. Today, I perched a tiny angel on the hospital side-table and wound sparkly garlands around my father's bed. "Not that anyone will notice," I whispered under my breath.

Celebrating this morning's mass was Fr. Gerald. I recognized him from ten years ago when I lived with my dad after mom died. He was a seminarian from Africa, just starting out. Now, he's the parish priest. I like his energy and attitude. He spoke about compassion, calling it "the kind of knowing a mother feels for a dying child. It hits like a punch to the gut. You feel it like that. For Advent you must empty yourself, so you can feel that kind of compassion, the gut punch."

I returned to the hospital as one of the women from the church arrived with her small metal container of Eucharists. She mashed half of a host in Dad's leftover applesauce so he could swallow it with ease, then handed me the rest, waiting for my Amen. "Your dad's a keener," she whispered. "Always first to arrive at church, first in line for the host. I noticed he's first at the cookie table at coffee hour." She told me that my old high school English teacher will be on the next Eucharist shift. At that moment, the occupational therapist burst into the room singing the "Good Morning!" song from Singing in the Rain. "Oooh," she says, looking round the room. "I see you're rocking the Christmas decorations, Harold."



FORM C
[Section 6]

NOTICE

The Tax Enforcement Act

TAKE NOTICE that the **Village of Plenty** intends to be registered pursuant to the above Act as owner of the land described below.

The municipality claims title to the land by virtue of an interest based on the tax lien registered against the existing title to the land in the Land Titles Registry as Interest Number 196615547, 196615558, and you are required to TAKE NOTICE that unless you contest the claim of the municipality or redeem the land pursuant to the provisions of the above Act within six months from the service of this notice on you and, subject to the further provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, a title will be issued to the applicant.

On and after the date that the title is issued to the applicant, you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to, or with respect to, the land.

The amount required to redeem the land may be ascertained on application to the Clerk, Treasurer or Administrator of the municipality.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2023.

Carol Anne Van Horn and Warren Smith, Assessed Owners
Michele Schmidt, Treasurer

Legal Description of Lands	Title Numbers
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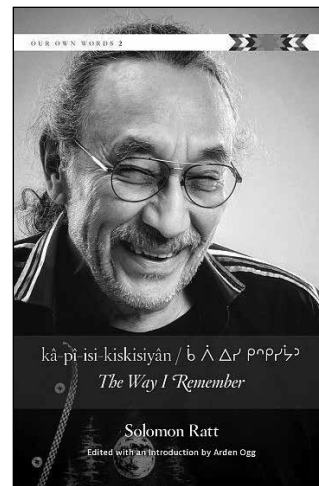
"kâ-pî-isi-kiskisiyân / The Way I Remember"

By Solomon Ratt

Published by University of Regina Press
REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL

Blurbs from Buffy Sainte-Marie ("Sol is an international treasure ...") and Maria Campbell ("This is an important book ...") grace *kâ-pî-isi-kiskisiyân / The Way I Remember*, the memoir of educator, writer, storyteller and keeper of the Woods Cree language, Solomon Ratt and demonstrate that Ratt's highly lauded for his work in restoring Woods Cree and preserving the traditional stories he heard near his home community "on the banks on the Churchill River just north of ... Stanley Mission". Ratt's 340-page autobiography is uniquely and significantly presented in Cree th-dialect Standard Roman Orthography, syllabics and English.

Between ages six and sixteen, Ratt was "Torn from his family" for ten months each year to attend All Saints Indian Student Residential School in Prince Albert, SK. The abuse that several thousands of residential school survivors endured has been documented



via the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (2007-2015), and the multi-generational legacy of being wrenched from one's home has been the subject of several books, but Ratt's story differs greatly. He writes: "I was not abused, and I did not lose my language. I still speak Cree because my parents spoke Cree to me when I would go home in the summer months." Hal-lelujah that.

Home was a northern wonderland where his family lived off the land ... berry picking, canoeing, building a cabin, fishing, snaring, "[fetching] moosemeat,"

storytelling, and enjoying traditional foods like bannock.

Ratt writes that if he forgets about the residential school children who were lost and killed, he will "not show them honour" and he "will lose [his] soul". He admits that he "wandered about lost for a long time" too, but "walked away from alcohol and drugs" thirty years ago.

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Canadian NHL teams: Two distinct groups

BY BRUCE PENTON

Observations at the quarter pole of the 2023-24 National Hockey League season about the highs and lows of the seven Canadian teams:

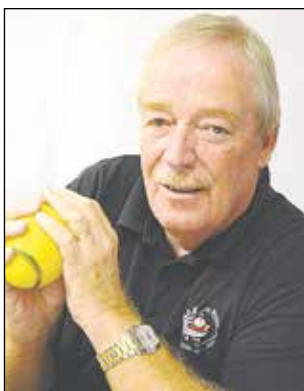
— Two distinct divisions are emerging. The ‘haves’ are the surprising Vancouver Canucks, who were playing at a .660 clip through 25 games; the Winnipeg Jets, a solid third in the Central Division; and Toronto Maple Leafs, playing .636 hockey in a tough Atlantic Division. The ‘have-nots’ are three of the usual suspects — Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary — and one surprise, the Edmonton Oilers, who were one of the pre-season favourites to contend for the Stanley Cup

— Despite languishing between 60th and 70th in the scoring race through the first month, Connor McDavid erupted for 14 points in five games to move into the top 10 and will, in all likelihood, win the Art Ross trophy for most points for the sixth time in eight years.

— Bright spots? Start on the west coast, where defenceman Quinn Hughes is making a case for being the best Hughes in the league, and that’s something considering one of his brothers, Jack, was a 99-point man last year for New Jersey. Vancouver’s Quinn, second in the league in assists, is surrounded by MVP and top-defenceman chatter. His team-mate, Brock Boeser, leads the league in goals after scoring only 18 last season. In Toronto, William Nylander has emerged as the best Leaf, shining brighter than Auston Matthews and Mitch Marner, after putting together a 17-game points streak to start the year. In Calgary, the Flames could boast scoring balance, with 10 players at four goals or better through 24 games.

Elias Lindholm, however, was the team leader with only seven. The two Connors were largely responsible for the Jets’ early success. Kyle Connor was lighting it up, with 14 goals after 23 games, and goalie Connor Hellebuyck was back to his dominant self. The talent is thin in Montreal, but Cole Caufield, Nick Suzuki and Alex Newhook were tied for the team lead in goals with seven. Newhook suffered a serious ankle injury, though, and will be out until late January.

— Disappointments? Shoddy goaltending in Edmonton and a scoring slump by McDavid led to the Oilers’ early downfall. Goalie Jack Campbell, in year two of a five-year, \$25 million contract, was dispatched to the minors for a couple of weeks. Coach Jay Woodcroft was fired. The Oilers were battling it out with the woeful San Jose Sharks for last place in the Pacific Division. Calgary Flames are still waiting for Jonathan Huberdeau to become the prolific scorer he was in Florida, where he racked up 115 points in 2021-22 before being dealt to the Flames. Huberdeau was on



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

Calgary Flames are still waiting for Jonathan Huberdeau to become the prolific scorer he was in Florida, where he racked up 115 points in 2021-22 before being dealt to the Flames.

a 51-point pace at the quarter pole and a team-worst minus 11. The potential in Ottawa was yet to pay dividends. Top talent such as Tim Stutzle, Claude Giroux, Brady Tkachuk, Vladimir Tarasenko and Jake Sanderson should have led the Sens to better than a 9-10 record through 19 games.

- From the Canadian parody website The Beaverton: “Hockey world in shock after NHL star marries brunette.”
- A followup from The Beaverton, quoting analyst Kelly Hruby: “All championship squads, the Lightning, the Penguins, when the camera pans into their family seats, you get perfect blonde uniformity.”
- Super 70s Sports, on X, joking about the old age of an Atlanta Braves’ pitcher: “Phil Niekro enjoyed a solid 1979 season when his 21 wins matched the number of kills he scored during the Civil War.”
- Vic Tafur of the Athletic, suggesting Bill Belichick of the Patriots delays his choice of starting QB just because he wants to put it off as long as possible: “It’s like choosing to down a pint of prune juice or watch a Hallmark movie.”
- Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.) “The 2023 college football season, it’s reported, has been the most watched ever across all networks. Which means there’s a lot of leaves that still need raking.”
- Super 70s Sports, on X: “Maybe men do like sports too much but I’d rather watch the Patriots play the Panthers five times in a row than watch five minutes of The Bachelor.”
- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: “Michael Irvin was on ‘The Jimmy Kimmel Show.’ It was part of their ‘Let’s invite six-time sexual assault charged, cocaine-addict guest’ week.”
- Headline on The Beaverton: “Ottawa radio station still waiting for first caller to claim free Sens tickets.”
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: “Now that Sports Illustrated has been busted for using A.I.-generated stories, here is my updated to five list of greatest S.I. writers of all time: (5) Frank DeFord, (4) Gary Smith, (3), Dan Jenkins, (2) Rick Reilly, (1) R2-D2.”
- Jack Finarelli at his sportscurmudgeon.com website, on the poor play of New England’s quarterbacks: “Mac Jones and Bailey Zappe would have to improve by 100 per cent to qualify as a dumpster fire.”
- Headline at fark.com: “Luis Severino to sign a one-year deal on the Mets’ disabled list.”

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Pam Busby honoured with Queen Jubilee medal

Mayor of Leader, Aaron Wenzel presented the Queen Jubilee Medal to Pam Busby at the Trust Advisory Auction in Leader last month. The award had officially been presented at an event held by SUMA in the spring, but the Town of Leader wished to recognize Pam locally as well.

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Leader, Mayor Aaron Wenzel presented the medal to Pam and detailed her extensive contributions to the community. The following is Mayor Wenzel's speech, which he delivered on that occasion.

Pam has been an advocate for rural healthcare and primary health for the Leader area for many years. Much of the work Pam does is out of the public eye; therefore, many are not aware of all she has done for us. This is long overdue, and it is time to shine a spotlight on Pam for her dedication and hard work.

Pam's journey with healthcare began when she was elected as Mayor of Leader in 2000, not to mention

she was the first female Mayor of Leader. This was the year she was appointed to the Leader and District Trust Advisory Committee. Pam had an active role on this committee and worked with the health region to collect donations, oversee the bank account, and assist the committee with filling the requests from the hospital for equipment and furnishings they needed.

In 2001, Pam and former Reeve of the RM of Happyland, Tim Geiger, formed the Leader and District Doctor Recruitment Committee. These two worked long hours looking to fill doctor vacancies at our hospital, which at the time was a never-ending job. Pam also played a crucial role in the negotiations with the Ministry of Health to bring a contract doctor to Leader and succeeded. Back then, all doctors in the province were paid for service, so this was a big step in improving doctor retention. The first contract doctor Leader had was Dr. Grevelink. He was set up in a newly renovated clinic, which is now home to D & D Styling.

The next project for Pam was meeting with the Ministry of Health, Cypress Health Region and the Heartland Health Region to negotiate a contract that would see the two health regions working together, something unheard of at that time, to provide medical services in Eatonia. Today, the doctors from the Leader & District Integrated Healthcare facility have clinic days in Eatonia and Cabri.

To the doctors who have come and gone, Pam is known as the "Mother of the Doctors," a title she was given by one of the many doctors she has been involved in recruiting over the years. The doctors who come to Leader know that they will have a place to stay and someone who is looking out for them. One could say that we have one of the best recruitment rates in Saskatchewan, largely thanks to Pam. When a new doctor arrives, Pam is their first point of contact. She has set up living arrangements, toured them around Town, helped with setting up bank accounts, insurance, and utilities, sourced furnishings for their homes if needed, and even assisted them with immigration issues. There are so many tasks that Pam does for these doctors that there are too many to name. She is there for the doctors 24/7 and the person they call when troubles arise.

With the current staff shortages in our area and all across Saskatchewan and Canada, Pam has branched out and is now assisting the contract nurses and other healthcare professionals coming to work at the Leader and District Integrated Facility. Just as she does when a doctor arrives, Pam makes sure those coming have suitable accommodations and fills any other needs they may have. The Doctor Recruitment Committee owns one house in Leader, currently occupied by Dr. Hawk, and rents two apartments. All of these are looked after by Pam. I guess she can add property manager to her resume.

In 2003, Pam's time as Mayor came to an end, but Council saw the value in her dedication to healthcare and asked her to stay on these committees as a Town appointed representative. Pam says, "from that point on, I just continued doing what I had been doing and added a few more jobs along the way."

Over the years, Pam has sat on many different committees and boards, including having been appointed to the Cypress Health Region's Board of Directors by the Ministry of Health, held a position on the Quality as a Business Strategy Committee, which promoted quality care for the residents of Saskatchewan. Over the coming years, she was a Patient Family Advocate for District 4 of the Saskatchewan Health Authority and represented Leader and area on the Dr. Noble Ir-



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win Foundation executive board. Recently, Pam was honoured when the Saskatchewan Health Authority asked her to be a part of a new committee called Healthcare Excellence Canada, which was formed to strengthen primary care in northern, rural and remote communities across Canada. This committee is funded by the Federal Government and has committee members from all across Canada.

Pam's passion for Primary healthcare came from a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in 2011. She was invited to attend the Nuka Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Healthcare professionals from all over the world observed an organization called South Central Foundations, which delivered excellent leading-edge healthcare to 13 rural and remote tribes. Pam was able to bring back valuable ideas from this conference and see how they could fit within our system.

Pam completed a number of courses and certifications over the years. She has obtained a Professional Director designation after completing the Health Director Education and Certification Program and received a certificate from John Black and Associates for successfully completing Lean Training and participating in Kaizen Activities in the Cypress Health Region.

During the concept and design phase of the Leader & District Integrated Facility, Pam attended all the meetings, mock-up nights and worked with the municipalities to fundraise their portion of the cost for the new facility. When the Leader & District Integrated Healthcare Facility opened its doors in September of 2018, all of Pam's and many others' hard work became a reality.

As you can see, over the past 23 years, Pam has devoted her time and knowledge to grow rural and primary health in our area and our province. She has had many roles and even more accomplishments that she should be very proud of. Our communities have benefited greatly from Pam's dedication and heart.

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Gordon Stueck honoured at Chamber Christmas party

Mayor of Leader, Aaron Wenzel presented the Queen Jubilee Medal to Gordon Stueck at the Leader & District Chamber of Commerce Christmas party on December 2nd. The award had officially been presented at an event held by SUMA in the spring, but the Town of Leader wished to recognize Gordon locally as well.

In his speech, Mayor Wenzel explained that the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal was created to celebrate the 70th anniversary year of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. The Government of Saskatchewan partnered with municipalities to distribute these medals to those deserving individuals who have made a significant contribution to society and their communities. Gordon Stueck is one of those deserving but humble individuals.

Gordon said volunteers do what they do for many other reasons. He listed several reasons, including personal satisfaction, helping improve our neighbourhood, and improving the quality of life of others. Volunteering also sets an example for the young so they realize they can do things for others throughout their lives.

The following is Mayor Wenzel's speech which he delivered at the Chamber Christmas party.

Gord has been a very active community since he arrived in Leader many years ago. Town Council would like to recognize Gord's dedication to the Millennium Gardens, which would not be what it is today without Gord's green thumb and hardwork. The Millennium Garden was created 24 years ago using federal grant money to celebrate the millennium. It was the perfect place to build, as upon the Town demolishing the building on the lot, contaminated soil was found. Without spending tens of thousands of dollars, the Town would be unable to resell or use these lots. This is when the idea of the Millennium Gardens came to fruition.

Gord was a part of every step of bringing the garden to life. After its completion, Gord personally hired high school and university students to care for the garden each summer. At some point, the student program faded, but not Gord's dedication to this special place.

From April to October, you can find Gord at the Millennium Garden most days, as he spends, on average, 2-20 hours a week there. He is busy mowing the grass, spraying & cutting weeds, trimming the trees and hedges, and working on the irrigation system. In addition to all of this work, Gord has taken great care of the gazebo that is placed in the middle of the garden. He has built the raised planters around the gazebo, reg-



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ularly treats the wood base of the gazebo and takes it upon himself to sand and paint the monuments. There is much more work that goes on in the gardens during the summer, and Gord has acquired a crew of helpers. These helpers have the green thumbs that Gord maybe lacks, just kidding, Gord. The Town would like to recognize the volunteers that spend so many hours in the Millennium Garden planting, deadheading, weeding, etc: Carol & Kevin Fitzsimonds, Lori Kuntz, Bonnie Meier, Cheryl Graff and the River Hills Lions Club. Thank you all for your dedication and time.

One would think that the winter months are Gord's time off, but he still finds work to be done in the garden. With his handy snowblower, Gord is making sure to clear all the pathways so everyone can access the garden to pay their respects at the War Memorial and enjoy the lights all around the garden, spreading Christmas cheer.

As you can see, over the past 24 years, Gord has played a pivotal role in ensuring we have a beautiful garden to enjoy. The Millennium Garden is a hidden gem in our Town, and it is because of Mr. Gord Stueck. Please take some time this coming year to visit the garden during each season. We know you will find something special.

Gordon concluded, "The award was unnecessary" since all contributions are done to help others rather than to win an award.

Cram the Cruiser – a Christmas tradition

BY JOAN JANZEN

The annual 'Cram the Cruiser' event has become a favourite Christmas tradition in Kindersley. Once again, the Kindersley RCMP get together with the staff of the Kindersley Co-op in a joint effort to supply much needed donations to the Kindersley Food Bank.

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12th, customers headed into the Co-op Food Store where they could buy bags which literally "Cram the Cruiser". The community was very generous as the Kindersley RCMP were on hand to accept the donations which "crammed the cruiser" full of paper bags four times throughout the afternoon.

Tuesday was also the day customers were able to pick up their equity cheques and enjoy a donut and coffee, compliments of the Co-op.



Kindersley RCMP were on hand in front of the Co-op Food Store on Tuesday, December 5th, accepting donations for the annual "Cram the Cruiser" event.

PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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Saskatchewan SIRT notified after in-custody death in Wilkie

On December 5, 2023, at approximately 7:45 p.m., Wilkie RCMP received a request to conduct a wellness check at a residence in Wilkie, SK. Officers immediately responded and did not locate the subject of the call for service, an adult female, and began patrols and other investigational efforts to locate her.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., Wilkie RCMP received a report of a 911 hang-up at a different residence in Wilkie. Officers immediately responded and located the female, whom they determined required medical care. She was taken into custody under the Mental Health Act.

EMS was engaged to transport her

to the hospital for medical care. After transfer to EMS, the female went into medical distress. She was later pronounced deceased at the hospital. Her family has been notified.

As required by The Police Act, 1990, Saskatchewan RCMP notified the Saskatchewan Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT). SIRT will investigate the Saskatchewan RCMP's interaction with the deceased and the circumstances of her death.

The Saskatchewan RCMP is disclosing this as part of our ongoing commitment to transparency.

Any inquiries regarding this matter can be directed to SIRT.



This Raggedy Ann doll, found in the Kerrobert Courthouse Museum, is a character created by American writer Johnny Gruelle (1880–1938) in 1915 that appeared in a series of books he wrote and illustrated for young children. The doll was introduced to the public in the 1918 book *Raggedy Ann Stories*. The Raggedy Ann doll was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame in Rochester, New York, on March 27, 2002. WIKIPEDIA

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In November the Kerrobert Multiple 4-H Club said goodbye to their long-time general leader and archery project leader. Over the years, Dwaine and Susy Thiessen have done much for the 4-H club. Dwaine also ran the small engine project for some years and Susy ran the cloverbud project for a few years. Thanks to both of them for their service. PHOTO COURTESY KERROBERT MULTIPLE 4-H CLUB

Christmas message from the mayor of Luseland

BY KATHY WURZ

On behalf of the Town of Luseland, I am wishing everyone in the community and surrounding area a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year. May the spirit of this wonderful season be with you and your family throughout this holiday season. Christmas is a time not only to celebrate but also a time for reflection on our lives.

2023 was a year of many challenges, with the rising cost of living, global uncertainty, unrest and war and fundamental challenges with our health system due to strains from the past several years. But despite the many obstacles we face, I am reminded daily of the many gifts and treasures we have living in this wonderful town we call home.

Luseland had many victories to celebrate in 2023. The Luseland Rink Improvement Committee spent a great deal of time in the off-season moving the penalty boxes to the north side of the arena and purchased a new sound system as part of phase 1 of arena improvements. Luseland Minor Hockey presented the town with a cheque for \$65,110.42, which will go towards the payment of arena improvements as the next phase of work will begin next year.

The Luseland Hall Committee also had many small fundraisers but then a drive for donations to replace the aged boiler in the community hall. They well surpassed their funding drive, replaced the boiler system and are now in planning stages to do further improvements to the community gathering space. They also moved the theater equipment



Kathy Wurz

into the hall and will create more space and opportunities for movies and events to be held at the hall. We are very excited to have the theatre back once again.

The town also had an extremely generous donation come from Jack and Carol Body for \$136,400.00, which has

paid off our remaining new swimming pool loan. This closed the chapter on the unbelievable journey to build a new swimming pool in our small community and, remarkably to have that paid off within five years from the time the old pool was demolished. If this isn't the very definition of teamwork, community spirit and support, I don't know what is.

We also have successfully completed the largest part of our landfill decommissioning process in 2023 by clay capping and covering our landfill site. We were successful in receiving an ICIP grant, which greatly helped bring this to fruition.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of our Town of Luseland staff, along with my fellow council members who have served their community over the last year. You are remarkable colleagues and cherished friends who have made a positive and lasting contribution to this town. I am honoured to sit among you and to work side by side with you to serve our town residents. We look forward to working together to make 2024 another successful year and to strive for continued progress and development in the Town of Luseland.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes in 2024.

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Fuel 94 disbands – donates funds to STARS

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The following years - ESSO in North Battleford got

the tender with the group growing to 120 members.

The tender was taken over by UFA from Provost. They had it until 2023. In March 2023, because of a decrease in membership, the group decided to close.

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Nova Scotia and federal government put final bullet in the head of still-twitching offshore gas play

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Well isn't that just peachy? Nova Scotia's Progressive Conservative government teamed up with the federal Liberal government to put a bullet in the head of the province's natural gas industry, whose body was apparently still twitching, despite having been thought dead since 2018.

On Dec. 4, Tory Rushton, Nova Scotia Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables, and Jonathan Wilkinson, federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources issued a joint statement overruling approval of the offshore regulator, Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board.

The dollar figure, so far, wasn't much, just \$1.5 million work expenditure bid for the now dead exploration license. But if successful, the company in question, Inceptio Limited, could have maybe, just maybe, revived the offshore gas industry in Nova Scotia.

According to the regulator, there were two bids for eight parcels in the Sable Island area, only one of which was satisfactory. To be clear – the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board was apparently seeking bids for development. As in, they actually wanted companies to come and develop these natural gas resources.

But I'll bet my reporter's fedora someone realized it didn't look good for Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault speaking at COP28 in Dubai about how Canada would be eliminating venting and flaring, while his partner in crime Wilkinson had it in his power to kill off a new methane (natural gas) project in an area that had been purged of the demon gas industry.

No sir. That could not stand. Thus, the announcement killing the Nova Scotia exploration project on the same day as the announcement of the venting and flaring ban. (Saskatchewan calls that a "production cap by default")

The message is clear to industry – no more new projects if the feds can stop them.

It was very clear in the joint ministerial statement that no more gas projects will be approved, so stop trying.

The ministers overrode the board, saying, "We recognize the expertise of the board and want to reiterate our confidence in the regulatory process that it undertook. However, we both agree that this decision must



Deep Panuke was only in operation for five years, near Sable Island. CANADA-NOVA SCOTIA OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD.

Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board as a world class regulator, Canada and Nova Scotia are actively pursuing the establishment of a joint regulatory regime for offshore renewable energy by amending the Atlantic Accord Acts to expand the board's mandate so that it can regulate and enable the development of an offshore wind sector in Nova Scotia.

"This will ensure that Nova Scotians can seize the economic benefits associated with the energy transition, including the projected \$1-trillion global market opportunity for offshore wind."

In other words, there's no future in oil or gas for you, so now you're going to regulate offshore wind.

Never mind that just a little further down the coast, offshore wind projects are dying off. Never mind that offshore developers are in dire fiscal straits, with billions in losses. Expect the "Offshore Petroleum Board" to get a new name in the coming days.

And shame on the Conservative government of Nova Scotia for going along with this. While the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta are standing their ground, reasserting control over natural resources, the Nova Scotia Conservatives went along with this travesty.

It's pretty easy to do, if you don't have to pay your own bills with your own resources. After all, Nova Scotia gets a huge chunk of its budget from the federal equalization program.

Here's what Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland wrote to Saskatchewan Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer in the most recent round of equalization payments:

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December oil and gas public offering brings in \$17.2 million in provincial revenue

The Government of Saskatchewan's Crown petroleum and natural gas public offering, held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, has raised \$17,230,215.44 for the province.

Of the 70 parcels posted for this offering, 40 parcels received acceptable bids. These bids covered 15,594.075 hectares.

The Estevan area generated the most interest, yielding \$11,277,440.47 for 17 leases and one exploration licence totalling 2,443.839 hectares.

Following that, bids for leases and licences in the Lloydminster area raised \$3,552,733.57. These bids covered 13 leases and three exploration licences totalling 3,917.825 hectares.

Acceptable bids in the Kindersley area generated \$2,400,041.40 for three leases and three exploration licences totalling 9,232.411 hectares.

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bid in this offering — \$10,084,381.86, or \$7,778.89 per hectare. This bid is for a 1,296.378 hectare exploration licence in the Estevan area, west of Alameda and is prospective for oil in the Frobisher Beds.

After five of six public offerings this fiscal year, the province has received \$65,464,000.73 in revenue. At this time last fiscal year, oil and gas public offerings had generated \$46,105,597.68 in revenue.

Factors that affect public offering activity include fluctuations in the price of oil or gas; availability of lands that are prospective for oil or gas; geological and technological constraints; and market conditions that favour inventory growth through mergers and acquisitions rather than through public offerings.

The next scheduled date for a public offering in Saskatchewan is February 6, 2024. It features 46 leases covering 11,246.027 hectares and two exploration licences covering 6,013.485 hectares.

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INTENT

The proposed bylaw amendment will permit recreation vehicles limited to motor homes, campers, trailers, and 5th wheel trailers in the Hamlet Residential District (H) and provide appropriate development standards for the above noted recreation vehicles.

REASONS

The reasons for the amendments are to facilitate residential occupancy in recreational vehicles in the Hamlets of Hoosier and Loverna.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Marengo Municipal Office, located at 201 - 1st Avenue North, in the Village of Marengo, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at the Municipal office.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2023 at 6:45 PM at the Marengo Municipal Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at the Rural Municipality of Antelope Park No. 322 this 1st day of December, 2023.

Robin Busby, Administrator

...Nova Scotia offshore gas play

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qualify for an Equalization payment for 2023-24."

Alberta, which has a massive oil and natural gas industry, was similarly stiffed.

And here's what Freeland wrote to Nova Scotia Minister of Finance Allan MacMaster:

"In accordance with the legislated formula under the Act and its regulations, your province's Equalization payment for 2023-24 will be \$2,802.8 million."

Alberta and Saskatchewan pay into equalization,

largely with money from oil and gas, but Nova Scotia will continue to draw \$2.8 billion from it, but not develop their own natural gas resources.

Nova Scotia's hospitals are still being paid for by natural gas, except that it's Alberta and Saskatchewan's gas, not their own.

Pretty peachy, indeed.

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Kids and adults kick off the season at Kindersley's Carol Festival

BY JOAN JANZEN

Once again, a long-standing tradition took place in Kindersley on Sunday evening, December 3rd. The date marked the night of the Christmas Carol Festival held at St. Paul's United Church when a large audience came to enjoy the evening's performances.

Sharon Haubrich, as MC, welcomed everyone and thanked the audience for supporting music in the community. She also thanked the ushers, sound personnel and those greeting at the door. Before the entertainment began, everyone participated in singing several Christmas carols.

Celebration of the holiday season kicked off with the Mosaic Trio of Vanessa Klassen, Christina Bakanec and Sandy Yiu. They were followed by some of the youngest performers on the program, Felicity and Maria Bosch, Andy Venn, Kenzi Weese and Adalee Marcos.

Throughout the evening, more young people delighted the audience with their performances. They included Brooklyn Hagan, Oriana Gonzalez and Moira Padberg, Reille Longtin, Isabelle Jackson, Angela and Dominic Bosch, Sierra Gardiner, Jayla Peardon and Serenity Malcolm, Ava Watchel and Alexis Bellisle, Sage Barclay-Rosher and Kaitlyn Herner.

The Kindersley Community Choir graced the stage twice during the festival, singing a number of festive tunes. Another traditional performance followed by St. Paul's United Church Handbell Choir, who skillfully performed two numbers.

Six members of the Adult Percussion Ensemble entertained the audience with "I Saw 3 Ships" and "Sleigh Ride." The evening concluded with MC Sharon wishing everyone all the best this holiday season on behalf of the Kindersley & District Music Festival Committee.



Kathy Strutt and Clayton Braybrook performed in the Adult Percussion Ensemble, along with Helen Barclay, Glenda Watson, Sage Barclay-Rosher and Isabelle Jackson.



Once again, St. Paul's United Church Handbell Choir, directed by Clayton Braybrook, performed several selections at the Carol Festival.



Kaitlyn Herner and Vanessa Klassen performed "Jingle Bell Rock" at the Kindersley Carol Festival.



An instrumental selection "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" performed by Kenzi Weese and Adalee Marcos was enjoyed by the audience at the Kindersley Carol Festival.



Felicity and Maria Bosch were two of the youngest performers at this year's Carol Festival.



The Mosaic Trio of Vanessa Klassen, Christina Bakanec, and Sandy Yiu on piano kicked off the festive performances at the Carol Festival on December 3rd.

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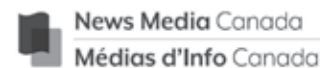
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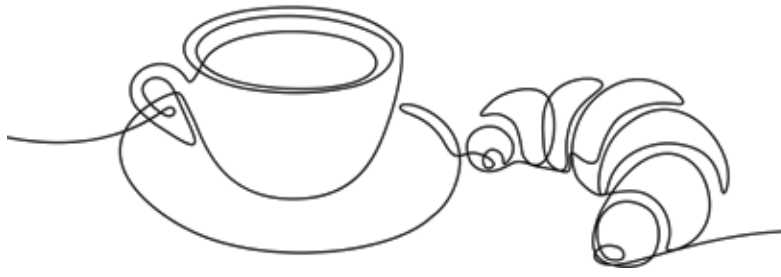
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- 22 Twitch
- 23 Shroud city
- 26 He can hold his head high
- 30 "Dream on!"
- 31 Zero-star review
- 32 Santa's runway
- 33 Old English Sheepdog feature
- 35 Skilled
- 36 Tramcar contents
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by Linda Thistle

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Which famous highway that stretches across the United States is sometimes known as the Will Rogers Highway?
- MUSIC:** Which country did the pop group ABBA come from?
- TELEVISION:** What article made Frosty the Snowman come to life in the popular TV special?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is colcannon?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is home to the Volcanoes National Park?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of the acapella group that Anna Kendrick joins on "Pitch Perfect"?
- INVENTIONS:** Who invented the Barbie doll in 1959?
- MATH:** How many tablespoons are in 1 cup?
- LITERATURE:** What is the title of the sequel to "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which elected president is the only one to fail to gain his party's nomination for a second term?

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The story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Anyone who has ever wondered when and where the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer originated will enjoy reading about Bob May, who created this fictional story eighty-five years ago.

As the holiday season of 1938 came to Chicago, Bob May wasn't feeling much comfort or joy. The 34-year-old writer for Montgomery Ward was exhausted and nearly broke. His wife, Evelyn, was bedridden, on the losing end of a two-year battle with cancer. This left Bob to look after their four-year-old daughter, Barbara.

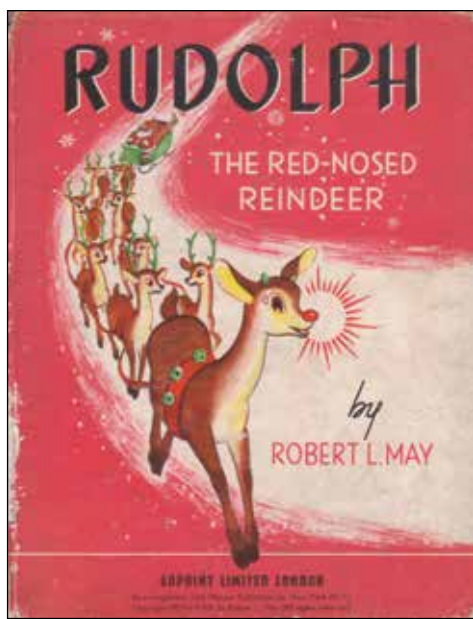
One night, Barbara asked her father, "Why isn't my mommy like everybody else's mommy?" As he struggled to answer his daughter's question, Bob remembered the pain of his own childhood. A small, sickly boy, he was constantly picked on and called names. But he wanted to give his daughter hope and show her that being different was nothing to be ashamed of.

More than that, he wanted her to know that he loved her. So he began to spin a tale about a reindeer with a bright red nose who found a special place on Santa's team. Barbara loved the story so much that she made her father tell it every night before bedtime. As he did, it grew more elaborate. Because he couldn't afford to buy his daughter a gift for Christmas, Bob decided to turn the story into a home-made picture book.

In early December, Bob's wife died. Though heartbroken, he kept working on the book for his daughter. A few days before Christmas, he reluctantly attended a company party at Montgomery Ward. His co-workers encouraged him to share the story he'd written. After he read it, there was a standing ovation. Everyone wanted copies of their own.

Montgomery Ward bought the rights to the book from their debt-ridden employee. Over the next six years, they gave away six million copies of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to shoppers at Christmas. Every major publishing house in the country was making offers to obtain the book.

In an incredible display of goodwill, the head of the department store returned all rights to Bob May. Four years later, Rudolph had made him



into a millionaire. Now remarried with a growing family, May felt blessed by his good fortune. But there was more to come. His brother-in-law, a successful songwriter named Johnny Marks, set the uplifting story to music. The song was pitched to artists from Bing Crosby on down. They all passed up on the offer. Finally, Marks approached Gene Autry. The cowboy star had scored a holiday hit with "Here Comes Santa Claus" a few years before. Like the others, Autry wasn't impressed with the song about the misfit reindeer. Marks begged him to give it a second listen. Autry played it for his wife, Ina. She was so touched by the line "They wouldn't let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer games" that she insisted her husband record the tune.

Within a few years, it had become the second best-selling Christmas song ever, right behind "White Christmas." Since then, Rudolph has come to life in TV specials, cartoons, movies, toys, games, colouring books, greeting cards and even a Ringling Bros. Circus act.

The little red-nosed reindeer dreamed up by Bob May and immortalized in song by Johnny Marks has come to symbolize Christmas as much as Santa Claus, evergreen trees and presents. As the last line of the song says, "He'll go down in history."

Robert L. May passed away in 1976, but the story he wrote for his young daughter still lives on.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Adoption of Bylaw No. 03/23 to Amend the Town of Leader Zoning Bylaw.

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Leader intends to consider the adoption of a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw No. 05/16 under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

INTENT/REASON OF ZONGING BYLAW AMENDMENT:

- To amend Section 7.14, 8.4 and 9.4, removing the current description for Maximum floor area "All accessory buildings shall not exceed 60 m² (650 ft²) or 83.6 m² (900 ft²) in area," and replacing it with "All accessory buildings shall not exceed 83.6 m² (900 ft²) in area."
- To amend the Zoning District Map by:
 - Re-zoning Lot 12, Block A, Plan 81SC00848 from RW – Railway District to C1 – Town Centre Commercial District; and
 - Re-zoning lots 1 and 16, Block 6, Plan N8523 from R1 – Residential Single Dwelling District to NC-Neighbourhood Commercial District.

AFFECTED LANDS

The affected land is outlined in red on the Zoning District Map.



PUBLIC INSPECTION:

Any person may inspect the proposed bylaws to amend the Zoning Bylaw during regular office hours at the Town of Leader municipal office.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Leader Town Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed Bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at the Town of Leader this 23rd day of November, 2023.

Erin Romanuik, CAO



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Recognize any of these faces from the past?

BY JOAN JANZEN

The archives are a wonderful source of nostalgia. As we're in the midst of the Christmas season, a photo from a Christmas past was discovered in the archives of a December 9, 1998 issue of The Clarion. These Grade 1 stu-

dents from Elizabeth School were pictured as they performed at the Kindersley Carol Festival, directed by their teacher Glenda Harris.

Can you identify any of these Grade 1 students from twenty-five years ago, as they're pictured belting out a rendition of "Come On Ring Those Bells" at St. Paul's United Church?

71 ticketed for failing to slow to 60 during weekend traffic safety initiative

More than 250 vehicles were stopped in the Swift Current area from December 1 to 3 during a Canada Safe Driving Week enforcement initiative.

Saskatchewan RCMP officers from the Swift Current, Moose Jaw and Regina Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan units and Morse detachment participated, along with officers from the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol. They focussed on commercial vehicle safety, slowing to 60 while passing emergency vehicles and ensuring drivers were not impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Here's how many tickets were issued by Saskatchewan RCMP officers:

- 71 for failing to slow to 60 km/hr while passing emergency vehicles with their lights engaged. The fastest passed a stopped police vehicle at 114 km/hr.
- 15 for speeding
- 30 for stop sign infractions
- 7 for driving without vehicle registration
- 7 for using a cell phone while driving
- Officers also issued 64 warnings for various offences.

Canada Safe Driving Week runs from December 1 to 7, 2023, however, road safety is a year-round priority for the Saskatchewan RCMP.



May the Christmas Season fill your home with love, and your life with laughter. Thank you for making Kindersley your home! Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season! All the best in 2024.

Holiday Hours of Operation	Western Regional Landfill	West Central Events Centre	Town Office	Kindersley Aquatic Centre
December 22 nd	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 11:00pm	8:30pm – 4:30pm	Regular Hours
December 23 rd	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 11:00pm	CLOSED	Regular Hours
December 24 th	CLOSED	10:00am – 2:00pm	CLOSED	10:00am – 2:00pm
December 25 th	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
December 26 th	CLOSED	10:00am – 2:00pm	CLOSED	1:00pm – 5:00pm
December 27 th	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 8:00pm	CLOSED	Regular Hours
December 28 th	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 8:00pm	8:30am – 4:30pm	Regular Hours
December 29 th	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 8:00pm	8:30am – 4:30pm	Regular Hours
December 30 th	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 8:00pm	CLOSED	Regular Hours
December 31 st	CLOSED	10:00am – 2:00pm	CLOSED	11:00am - 5:00pm
January 1 st	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1:00pm – 5:00pm
January 2 nd	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 11:00pm	8:30am – 4:30pm	Regular Hours

West Central Events Centre:

- Public Skating on December 24th and 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Dec. 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Located at the West Central Events Centre.
- Shiny on December 24th, 26th, and 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Located at the West Central Events Centre.
- Ice Rental Specials on December 27th to 30th for \$60.00 per hour.
- Call 306-463-1820 or email directorcommunityservices@kindersley.ca for more information!
- View the full schedule at: <https://www.kindersley.ca/things-to-do/ice-schedule/>

Kindersley Aquatic Centre:

- View the full schedule at: <https://www.kindersley.ca/community/community-facilities/aquatic-centre/>
- Call 306-463-2082 for more information.



Maple Creek RCMP continues working to locate Bryon Watson

Maple Creek RCMP continue to ask for the public's assistance in locating 23-year-old Bryon Watson, who was last seen in Maple Creek on November 26, 2023.

Investigators are asking anyone in Maple Creek who has surveillance video footage from November 26, 2023 from the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and who has not previously provided it to Maple Creek RCMP, to contact them.

If you have video, or any information on the whereabouts of Bryon Watson, contact Maple Creek RCMP at 1-306-662-5550. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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OBITUARIES

Edythe Hooper Floate

It is with great sadness that the family of Edythe Hooper Floate (nee Chanin) announce her passing on November 23, 2023, in Lake Country, BC.



Edythe was born to Samuel Heard Chanin and Gladys Eloise Chanin (nee Elliott) on May 1, 1922, in Stonewall, MB. She was the eldest of five children, followed by the births of her siblings – Herb, Al, Keith, and Alice.

Edythe attended primary and secondary schools in Stonewall and later went to Normal School in Winnipeg. She taught at various schools in Manitoba and taught for three years at the San Antonio School District in Bissett, Manitoba, where Edythe met her future husband, Norman Floate.

Edythe and Norman lived in many communities during their 53-year marriage, including Winnipeg and Dauphin MB, Saskatoon and Weyburn SK, Calgary AB, and Prince George BC, ultimately settling in Kindersley SK in 1977. Norm predeceased Edythe in 2002. At the age of 100 Edythe moved from Kindersley to Lake Country BC to be closer to family.

Edythe was a very caring and open-minded mother to her five children. She was also an epic “Nana” to her five grandchildren. Memories of buckets of boiled raisin, oatmeal date, ginger, and other cookies, Nanaimo bars, and hamburger soup will last for generations. Also lasting will be memories of Edythe’s kindness, caring, optimism, and wicked sense of humour.



Edythe managed the household logistics and finances so capably that she could have written a bestseller on how to do it. She loved to garden and passed that love onto her children. Edythe also worked with Norm in his store in Kindersley and as a personal care attendant after Norm retired. She found the time to be an active volunteer in the communities where she lived, including the United Church Women’s group, the Brownies, the Kindersley Horticultural Society, and the Kindersley Retired Teachers’ Organization.

Surviving Edythe are her children; Dennis, Terry (Heather), Maureen (Matt), Shannon, and Kevin (Rose), four granddaughters, one grandson and one great-grandson, and Edythe’s brothers Herb and Al.

Edythe lost her sight at age 86. While this significantly affected her later years, she continued to knit squares to be made into afghans for charities. The family is grateful for the love and support that she received from her friends and staff at Caleb Village in Kindersley and by the kind and caring staff at Lake Country Lodge in Winfield B.C.

Edythe had a life well lived full of love and friendship.

Interment of Edythe’s ashes will take place at the cemetery in MacGregor, MB at a date to be determined. For those who wish, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice.

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Kindersley RCMP offer holiday safety tips

With the holiday season upon us the Kindersley RCMP would once again like to remind area residents of some home and shopping safety tips:

- Ensure all doors and windows are locked at your home or business.
- While homeowners are away during the holidays, people are asked to keep an eye out for their neighbours by watching for and reporting suspicious activity to police.
- Plan to be home when packages are supposed to arrive or arrange an alternate pickup location.
- Check your mail and front step every day.
- Do not mail cash.
- Track your shipments, and if possible, opt for a “signature required” delivery.
- Consider installing surveillance cameras at your home or business.
- When out and about shopping if you have purchases in your vehicle and are continuing to shop make sure to lock those items in your trunks.

Kindersley RCMP would also like to remind residents that there will be an increase in impaired driving checkpoints for the month of December. The RCMP wants to ensure everyone engages in safe driving practices and that if you are attending holiday functions to make sure you have a designated driver or a



safe way home should you need it.

Online Crime Reporting can be accessed at: <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/saskatchewan>.

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

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

EATONIA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
• New Years Eve Dance at the Eatonia Community Hall. Live Entertainment, DJ, Sound & Lights by David Jukebox Leigh from Edmonton. Call Betty-Lou at 306-967-2227 Monday-Friday after 3:00 PM if you have any questions about tickets for this event.

ESTON
• *Eston Wheatland Centre Chase the Ace - Draws every Wednesday at the Centre. Ticket sales 4-7 PM. Draw at 7:30 PM. See our Facebook page for details. Lic#LR23-0068.*
• *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.*
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
• *Hoosier Community Church 10:30 am at the Community Hall. Contact Joel Hamm 306-460-7056 or Curtis Kornelson 306-460-7327.*

KERROBERT
• *Storytime at the Kerrobert Library the first and third Thursday of every month at 10:30 AM.*
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
• Kerrobert Minor Hockey Day at the



Memorial Arena.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
• Kerrobert Tigers vs Dodslan Stars 7:30 PM at the Memorial Arena. Calcutta & Midnight Lunch after the game. Frisbee Toss with proceeds going to the new pool committee.

KINDERSLEY
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 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
• *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.*
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
• Leader & District Arts Council: Leader Community Centre Stage Upgrade Fundraiser featuring Magician & Illusionist Citric James 7:00 PM at the Leader Community Centre.

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*
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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