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The Cantata Singers and Handbell Choir performed their "Colours of Christmas" at Luseland Alliance Church, Denzil Sacred Heart Church and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Kerrobert last week. The director of the choir is Judy Neumeier. *SUBMITTED PHOTO*

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KINDERSLEY RCMP

Charges laid following impaired operation of vehicle causing injury

On November 5, 2023, at approximately 5:50 a.m., Kindersley RCMP received a report of a two-vehicle collision on Ditson Drive in Kindersley involving a car and a truck.

Kindersley Fire Department and local EMS.

The adult male driver of the car, who initially left the scene of the collision, was transported to hospital with injuries described as non-life-threatening. The adult female passenger of the car was transported to

Officers responded immediately, along with

hospital with what were described as serious injuries. Responding officers located and seized approximately 79 grams of methamphetamine, approximately 5 grams of cocaine, and a sum of cash in the car.

The adult driver of the truck was transported to hospital with injuries described as non-life-threatening.

A Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist also attended the scene to investigate further.

As a result of the investigation, 25-year-old Austin Heid from Kindersley was arrested on November 17 and charged with the following:

- one count, possession of methamphetamine, Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substance Act;
- one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substance Act;
- one count, possession of cocaine, Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act;
- one count, possession of property obtained by crime less than \$5000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code;
- two counts, operation while impaired causing bodily harm, Section 320.14(2), Criminal Code;
- one count, failure to comply with demand causing bodily harm, Section 320.15(2), Criminal Code;
- two counts, dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing bodily harm, Section 320.13(2), Criminal Code; and
- one count, failure to stop after accident resulting in bodily harm, Section 320.16(2), Criminal Code.

He was also charged with driving without registration and a valid license.

Austin Heid is scheduled to make his first court appearance in Kindersley on December 19, 2023.

The investigation is ongoing.



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.

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December 27 th	9:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 8:00pm	CLOSED	Regular Hours
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Kim Gartner wins contested nomination in Kindersley-Biggar

On December 14, Kim Gartner won a contested nomination to be the Saskatchewan Party's candidate for Kindersley-Biggar in the 2024 provincial election. He defeated one other candidate, Randy Weekes.



Kim Gartner

"I am humbled by your support here tonight," Gartner said. "I'm honoured for the opportunity to join the Saskatchewan Party team, and I will be working hard to represent you in our Legislature after the next election."

Gartner has had a 35 year career in municipal administration, supporting local, regional, and provincial initiatives. He has served as CAO for the Town of Macklin for the past 30 years. Gartner is a Past President of the Urban Administrators Association of Saskatchewan and has also served as School Trustee for the Living Sky School Division.

In addition to his professional life, Gartner has been an active volunteer with numerous community organizations and has served as Event Coordinator for the World Bunnock Championships.

Gartner was born and raised on a family farm a short distance east of Macklin. He and his wife Colleen have four children and four granddaughters.

The Saskatchewan Party has now nominated 34 candidates ahead of the 2024 provincial election.



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Kerrobert Festival of Trees and Christmas Dine and Dance

SUBMITTED BY VERONICA SMITH

The Kerrobert Courthouse Restoration Society members had two successful events happen last week to kick off the holiday season! The first which was our Festival of Trees opening event was held on December 7th. We had well over 100 people attend this year.

Santa made an appearance and handed out treat bags that were donated by Bick's Drugs. The Library provided "Take and Make" kits for the children! There were 21 trees including the memory tree which you can put a loved one's name on and donate to the cemetery and the Secret Santa for Seniors tree which allows you to choose a senior's tag and purchase a small gift for them to make their holiday season extra special. These gifts are then delivered to them by the organizers. There are still some tags on the senior's tree so please consider taking one when you come to visit the courthouse.

The courtyard lights were turned on in time for the Festival's 5:30 opening. The lights in the courtyard were put up by members of the Courthouse Restoration Society with help from the Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce. Big thanks to Brad Murphy for providing his man lift and to Grant Smith for running it for us. We were able to decorate three more of the bigger trees with lights this year in addition to the two done in prior years. Thanks also to Rick McNichol for donating new white battery lights for our trees trunks along Manitoba Avenue!

Inside the courthouse, along with the decorated trees, we were very thankful to Jessica Mitchell for setting up her extensive collection of Christmas Villages throughout the art gallery, which was a beautiful addition to the festival this year. Thank you to all the businesses and groups who participated in decorating the trees to make this evening so special and thanks to Kerrobert Prairie Branches for helping us carry all the trees up from the basement and set them up in order for the decorating to happen! Thank you to Kristyn Boyle who was kind enough to play the piano for our carolling this year and also thanks to Marilyn Henning who baked and served delicious cookies as well as hot chocolate! A big thank you also goes out to the museum committee for decorating all the museum rooms for the holidays as well as providing tours of the museum the night of the Festival of Trees!

Unfortunately the horse drawn wagon rides had to be cancelled due to icy conditions but all in all, the opening night went very well. The trees and Christmas Villages will stay on display in the courtroom gallery for the month of December and anyone wishing to still get their votes in for their favourite tree can do so until December 20th! The courtroom gallery's photography exhibit which features many very talented local photographers is currently on display so visitors are able to view this exhibit as well as the trees and villages. Anyone can go and see the trees and the photography exhibit at no charge during business hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm from Monday to Friday.



The Christmas Party Dine and Dance on December 8th was attended by approximately 130 people. Our local Vintage Market provided a scrumptious catered meal of turkey, ham and all the fixings along with lovely desserts. The Grades 5 & 6 classes and their parents helped us out by coming to clear tables after the meal which we were very thankful for. We were then entertained by a band called Slow Walkin' Walter who kept the crowd dancing with their great music and vocals. The Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce provided a beautiful basket of goodies to go towards our fundraiser and there was a door prize made up of items from local businesses that were purchased by the committee as well as two items that were donated by the Vintage Market and Hallmade Creations.

The attendance was down a bit from last year's party but the ones that were there seemed to have enjoyed themselves! A big thank you goes out to our designated driver, Celeste Kissick for getting everyone home safe and sound!

All the funds for both the Festival of Trees and the Christmas Party go towards ongoing restoration of the Kerrobert Courthouse building. The Courthouse Restoration Society sincerely thanks anyone who came out and supported our two events and we wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

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OPINION:



Passing on the light of Christmas

BY JOAN JANZEN

Quite a few years ago, people from across Canada shared their Christmas memories in Country Woman magazine. One person remembers their Christmas tree adorned with tiny candles. Because they were a fire hazard, a pail of water sat on the floor close to the tree throughout the holiday season. However, she only remembered the family having to use the water once when her uncle brushed against the tree and his jacket caught fire.

Another Canadian recalled her family always having a real tree. Each year, her parents would haul in a heavy potted evergreen tree, and her mom would cover the bulky container with white flannel to make it look like snow. Her dad would string lights on the tree's boughs, and she and her sister would make coloured paper chains and strings of popcorn for decorations. They used whatever they had, including coloured milk bottle caps, to make homemade decorations. And, of course, there was plenty of tinsel hanging on the tree, something you don't see on Christmas trees today.

But when the first weekend after New Year's Day arrived, the family would strip the tree of all its splendour, except for the stubborn strands of tinsel, and haul it out to their backyard. There, they would pick a spot and plant their Christmas tree, which they would thoroughly water to protect it from the freezing weather in January. Each year, another tree was added to their large backyard.

Fast forward forty years later, when the woman returned to her hometown and drove by her childhood home to have a peek at the old house. The owners



were out working in the front yard, and when they saw her parked out front, came over to chat.

When she told them she had grown up there, they offered to take her on a tour, where she found herself surrounded by a forest of evergreen trees in the backyard. The owners said they had been drawn to the home because of the huge evergreens.

The woman walked up to one of the trees and was shocked to find a piece of old tinsel on one of the branches. Anyone who remembers the days when tinsel was popular knows it's impossible to get rid of. But the trees which had been planted over four decades

earlier were now providing shelter, shade and beauty for generations to come. Those trees had drawn the new owners to that house.

As I read the story, I recalled Christmas when I was growing up. I have vivid memories of staying up late and then heading to a country church for a midnight Christmas service. Everyone received a candle when they entered the church, not the battery-operated kind, but candles with real wicks.

Although I usually had a nap during the service so I'd be rejuvenated for gift opening when we got home, I did stay awake for one particular part of the service. That part was when all the lights were turned off, and one solitary candle was lit. Before you knew it, that candle had lit another, and another, until the flames spread all the way down the row to my candle.

Now the entire sanctuary had gone from darkness to light, and very carefully, I lit the candle next to me, feeling honoured to be spreading light along with all the adults. It's a memory I will never forget.

So this Christmas, I hope you will pass on light to the people in your lives. Light of hope, love, encouragement, courage, kindness, joy and much much more. It may not seem like much at the time, but if you keep spreading it year after year after year, decades later, you will find the light you passed on alive and well in the lives you touched, much like those Christmas trees that became a forest.

The one who brought the light into the world was named Jesus, and He wants to pass His light on to you. This Christmas, I want to pass on the light from the candle of my heart to the heart of each one of you who manages to read this missive to the very end. God bless you all.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY AND BRIGHT CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be NO VOICE or CHRONICLE published on December 26th or January 2nd, so we may enjoy the holidays with our loved ones. Our office will be CLOSED from December 21st until January 2nd.

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Pop89:

A thrill of hope

BY MADONNA HAMEL

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I've been in Kelowna for a week and a half and am just now finding my rhythm. It's hard to develop a routine when every day is rife with significant change. From minute to minute, the men in my family face big, often agonizing challenges due to strokes. Their daily efforts to get back on their feet, to find the resources within themselves to adjust to life on life's terms inspire their daughters and sisters. And the heightened reality of their predicaments requires of us a kind of relentless witnessing and encouragement and hopefulness.

And I find myself wondering about hope. What is hope? Is it something we should try not to have too much of? Buddhists warn us that hope can destabilize us, pitch us too far forward into a desired future, keep us from living in the present. Hope ties us to craving, which, ask any addict, causes suffering. Hope is the opposite of that other form of suffering - fear, fear of losing what we have or fear of not getting what we want. It sounds so mature to have neither hope nor fear. It also sounds impossible.

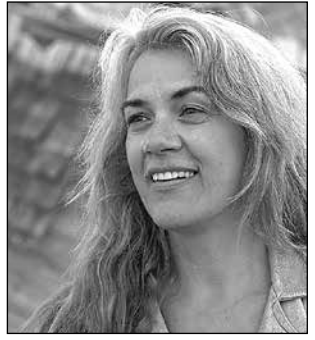
I understand that living in a constant state of grasping is not living. It's a deluded way of being. I can also recall my grade school days at St. Mary's and Mother Superior writing HOPE in capital letters on the blackboard. Hope, she told us, is one of the three main virtues, along with Faith and Love. Enduring suffering actually produces hope, she promised. And endurance helps fulfill intentions. I'm still working on that one. Then, with a nub of yellow chalk, she pointed to the board, saying: "This blackboard is actually green. Because green is the colour of hope. The colour of Spring. And hope springs eternal. Ask any farmer."

Frankly, all virtues seemed the same to me, they fed off each other. Faith meant confidence in some higher power, and love was the fuel that fed faith. And hope was the answer to the question: "Why even bother?" Hope allowed for a glimpse of glee. Like it says in the Christmas Carol, O Holy Night: "a thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices."

Who does not hope? Isn't expecting to wake every morning a kind of hope? Or is hope more like a downgraded expectation, preference based on the understanding that, while I do not have control over how things turn out, I do know in which direction I'd like them to go? I know the ideal state of mind is one in which I accept whatever comes my way, but the truth is, when not even my Love or Faith can save the lives of others, I can still cling to Hope, like a life raft on stormy waters.

I also cling to visions: of my brother getting his vision back, his poems published, his life settled into some kind of normalcy. I cling to an intention of having a heartfelt conversation with my father before he moves on. I cling to my plan to finish my novel. Maybe cling is too strong a word. What is the verb we use for "hope"? Maybe that's the problem. Maybe I should rest my hopes in the palm of my hand, like a baby bird or a rose or a glass ornament.

I believe we are meant to detach from our expectations and demands of life. But, the truth is, even my theories about letting and detaching are attach-



ments. Like those cling-free cloths you throw in your drier and find velcro-ed to your backside while shopping for groceries, my theories around surrender cling to me.

So every morning I go to mass at my father's church in hopes of hearing something inspirational from Father Gerald. Hoping to experience a state of metanoia - a sudden transcendent moment of bonding with the Divine. Hoping to be relieved of the bondage of self. Hoping to get an electric shock from the ray of light bursting from the giant heart of Jesus in a painting hanging in the coffee room, the way it hit me ten years ago while talking to a woman who said, after I told her what happened, "I'd look into that if I were you. And I don't just mean make an appointment with your doctor."

I take notes during the sermon, as if at a press conference. Here's what I scribbled yesterday: "And this I pray for you: That your Love may abound still more and more in knowledge and discernment and that you may approve of the things that are excellent, be sincere without defence, and be filled with the fruits of the Spirit." I'm not even sure what it means, but I hope to grow into a kind of embodied knowing of it. Meanwhile: I'll take all and every fruit the Spirit wishes to offer me. I'll loosen my grip to allow new fruits to land in the palm of my hand.

Fr. Gerald reminds us the whole point of this season is to get empty, get ready for a new life, and patiently trust that all will be revealed, in time. Why does such a message relax, warm and assure me? Perhaps because, these last months, I am hoping for a kind of nourishment that exceeds anything the secular, material world can give me. It turns out no amount of accolades, admiration, or even cash can fill me the way emptying myself of all those cravings can. I am not asking for answers as much as reminders that I am not alone in my religious doubts and Spirit nudging, my preferences and expectations, and my all too human hopes and fears.

It's late. My sister and I have returned to her home from the hospital. I sit and watch her decorate the tree while we recap our day. We know people the world over feel like we do tonight: thankful and fearful, weary and hopeful.

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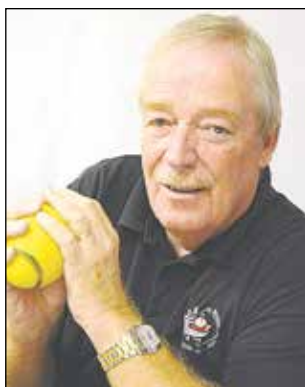
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Fitting celebration to end of Sinclair's career

BY BRUCE PENTON



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

The best aspect of the sendoff to Christine Sinclair's glorious career as a soccer superstar in Canada is that it didn't open with a minister telling the gathering that her's was a life well lived.

So many athletic, entertainment and political icons are lionized after death, but the Sinclair celebration came when she was fully alive, engaged and still able to play — although not at the highest, international level to which she has been accustomed.

The Canadian soccer world paid tribute to the retiring Sinclair Dec. 5 in Vancouver, renaming B.C. Place as "Christine Sinclair Place" for one night while the Canadian women's national team defeated Australia 2-0 in a friendly that was dominated by tributes to the greatest female soccer player in the world.

And she's Canadian. A B.C. girl who is now 40 years old and will continue to perform, for one more year, anyway, on the pitch as a member of the Portland Thorn in the National Women's Soccer League.

Humble and self-deprecating, like any good Canadian, Sinclair's retirement from the international game drew the appropriate celebration. The 48,000 people in attendance roared when her name was announced as part of the starting lineup. When the game clock hit '12' minutes, a full stadium standing ovation took place in deference to Sinclair's jersey number. A video tribute drew cheers from the crowd and tears from Sinclair, who was accompanied pre-game on the field by her two nieces.

Sinclair, who grew up in Burnaby, was but a child of 16 when she made her debut with Canada's national team. She has since won 14 player of the year awards for Canadian soccer and has helped Canada win gold, silver and bronze medals at the Olympics. Internationally, she scored goals in five of six World Cups in which she competed and is No. 1 when it comes to goals scored in international play, with 190. American legends Amy Waumbach and Mia Hamm are second and third, respectively, with 184 and 158.

Overwhelmed with the tributes pouring in from all over the world — messages came from Prime Minister Trudeau, actor Ryan Reynolds, American soccer star Megan Rapinoe, and others — she did only a couple of TV interviews following the match with Australia and said the overriding emotion was "Honestly, just joy."

"I've done everything I can on this national team," she was quoted as saying in a Canadian Press story. "I'm 100 per cent satisfied and content. And to go out with a win in front of my friends, in front of my family, honestly, it's been the perfect night."

Our Gretzky retired, our Ronnie Lancaster retired and our Fergie Jenkins retired. All athletes' careers have to eventually end and now our Christine Sinclair has retired. What a great run she had and all Canadians can be proud of her storied career.

- From **Jack Finarelli**, at his sportscurmudgeon.com site, quoting a long retired NFL player, **Alex Karras**: "I never graduated from Iowa, but I was only there for two terms — Truman's and Eisenhower's."
- Headline from fark.com: "Ex-Clemson, Oregon State QB DJ Uigaleilel to enter the transfer portal

(again) in his unending quest to find more vowels."

- **Charles McDonald** of Yahoo Sports, on the New England Patriots' 6-0 homefield loss to Los Angeles Chargers: "The Patriots play(ed) with the same urgency as a hibernating bear."
- PGA Tour player **Rickie Fowler**, an opponent of the plan to 'roll back' the golf ball about five to 10 per cent, with a mock conversation to a new golfer: "Oh, you love the game? Yeah. Hey, thanks for joining us over COVID. Now we're going to make you hit it 20 yards shorter."
- **Mike Bianchi** of the *Orlando Sentinel*: "And you wonder why college football is considered a cesspool of corruption? What's it tell you about the soul of a sport in which a player being injured is part of the CFB Playoff criteria, but a coaching staff that cheats (see Michigan) is not part of the selection process?"
- **Janice Hough** of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Well, of course the baseball world is 100 per cent focused on where **Shohei Ohtani** signs, especially since playing with **Mike Trout** he brought the Los Angeles Angels so many World Series championships."
- **Jack Finarelli** again, on quarterback **Brett Rypien** signed by four different NFL teams within an 11-month period: "He is more likely to be named 'Man of the Year' by United Van Lines than he is by any NFL fanbase."
- From fark.com: "Two-time world darts champion reveals drinking four pints before final helped him win his first title and beat **Dan "Fat Belly" Gutbucket**."
- Another one from fark.com: "**Tiger Woods'** marriage to Nike, which most thought would be eternal, is dissolving. TaylorMade could be the new Perkins."
- **Doug Molitor**, on X: "*Sports Illustrated* comes under fire for running erroneous articles written by AI. Suspicions were first raised when SI's Swim-suit Issue featured nothing but swimsuits."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Thank you to the Kindersley Rodeo Committee, who donated \$3000.00 to the Food Bank! Pictured from left to right; Karen Klein (Rodeo Committee), Mona Graham (Food Bank), Raylene Leipter and Jen Chester (Rodeo Committee).

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Paul Harvey was born in 1918 and died on Feb. 28, 2009. His program ran from 1951 to 2008, when he told his 24 million listeners "The Rest of the Story".

Paul Harvey's Christmas wish for growing up

A famous broadcaster from the past once relayed this riddle to his listeners. Paul Harvey claimed 80% of Kindergarten kids were able to answer the riddle correctly compared to 17% of university students. Here's the riddle:

What is greater than God, the poor have it, the rich need it and if you eat it, you'll die? The answer: Nothing.

Paul Harvey's radio program reached millions of people from 1951 to 2008. During that time he expressed his heartfelt wishes for children growing up, and his words still apply to future generations. Here are the wishes this famous broadcaster expressed.

We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better. I'd really like for them to know about hand-me-down clothes, homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and honesty by being cheated. I hope you learn to make your own bed, to mow the lawn and wash the car. And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you're sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep. I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister.

And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when they want to crawl under the covers with you because they're scared, I hope you let them.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag

along, I hope you'll let them. I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your mom. If you want a slingshot, I hope your dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying it.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books. When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush; and when you talk back to your mother I hope you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole. I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it. And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize they are not really your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your grandparents and go fishing with your uncle. May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbour's window and that she hugs and kisses you at Christmas time when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you – tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.

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2. The special assessment roll is open for inspection at the office of the assessor of the Municipality during regular hours until 4:30 p.m. on the 15th day of January, 2024 at the Town Office located at 433 Manitoba Ave.
3. Any person who desires to appeal a proposed special assessment must submit an appeal in writing, stating the grounds of the appeal at the office of the assessor during regular office hours not later than 4:30 p.m. on the 15th day of January at the Town office located at 433 Manitoba Ave.
4. The Board of Revision will sit to hear any appeals of proposed special assessments received by the time and date indicated above at 4:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of January, 2024 at Council Chambers, Luseland Town office, 503 Grand Ave., Luseland, SK.

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BOOK REVIEW:

“Cathedral of Stars: A Memoir of Home & Faith on the Move”

By Gloria Engel
Published by YNWP
REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL

Cathedral of Stars: A Memoir of Home & Faith on the Move by SK-born Gloria Engel is utterly fascinating. The stories about her peripatetic life—and constant faith—as a linguist with Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics is indeed hard to put down. The intrepid author asks and adeptly answers this question: “How can you find a sense of belonging in home and church when you’re constantly on the move?” Much of this global zinger of a book takes place in Guatemala, and Engel paints a colourful portrait of the family’s authentic experiences there.

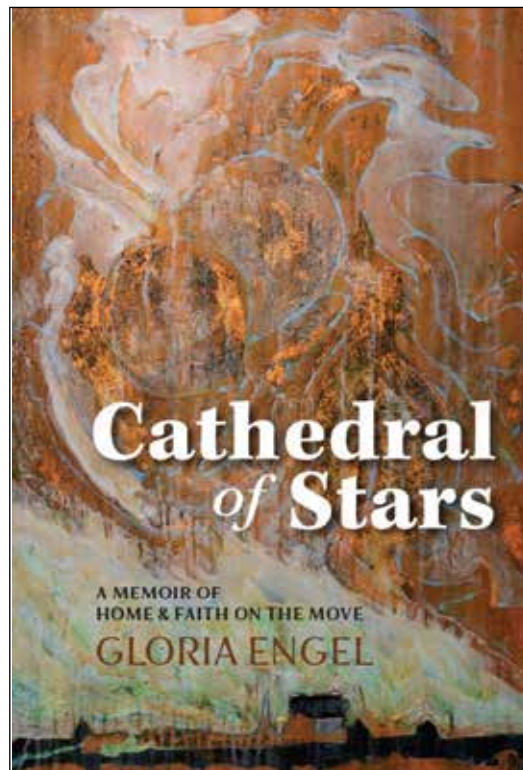
Now in her eighties, the joy-filled wife, mother of four boys, linguist, writer and dancer (a verboten activity re: her strict Lutheran upbringing) experienced “forty-five changes of residence in five countries,” before settling in Biggar, SK. The anecdotes about her resourceful family and rural SK upbringing (no indoor plumbing; folks said her father “could hold machinery together with macaroni”) are compelling, but the Guatemalan accounts left me gasping.

First came linguistics training at the University of North Dakota. Orientation sessions took place in Mexico City, then it was on to Chiapas, Mexico. After twelve weeks of “jungle survival training” there—Engel was pregnant and had three young sons at the time—the writer, her husband (fellow linguist, Ted),

and their sons (aged one to six), drove to Guatemala “to do Bible translation work with Mayan people of the Pokomchi language group,” and they remained in the highland town of San Cristóbal Verapaz for a decade.

Imagine being pregnant and navigating rapids in a dugout canoe: “We capsized, and our canoe went down the river without me, while I hung on to a protruding branch.” And that’s Main Base camp, where “several poisonous snakes were killed”. At Advance Base, her training included a “survival hike”. With machete in tow, hearty Engel “had to construct [her] own survival bed and build a campfire for warmth and protection”. Apart from the clothes on her back and a canteen, her “only equipment was a small food pack, a first-aid kit and a plastic sheet”. Even so, she says “it was a night of contentment and peace”.

The family also spent years in Guatemala City, and one riveting chapter concerns the 1974 Guate-



mala earthquake and Engel’s epiphany: “I felt as though Judgment Day had come, and God was there in his terrible beauty and justice. He seemed to be shaking and breaking the whole world, while cradling me gently in his hand”. Engel was also “roughed up” during a robbery.

Post-Guatemala and after eight years in Texas, the husband and wife team were then commissioned by two drastically different churches in Vancouver: one in the infamous Downtown Eastside, the other in the wealthy Shaughnessy neighbourhood.

Chapter after chapter, this author astounds with detailed stories about her family, and how hiking, orchid-hunting, reading, music and fellowship elevated their lives. Wherever

life has taken Engel, she’s proven that “she’s got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in her heart”.

This book is available at your local bookstore or from www.skbooks.com

Threshing Club gives back to the community

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Kindersley Threshing Club is dedicated to giving back to the community with the proceeds from the crop they harvest. They recently presented a cheque for \$4,800.00 to The Wellness Foundation, as well as giving \$500.00 each to both the Kindersley Food Bank and the FoodMesh program.

Earlier this year the Threshing Club spent more than \$5,000.00 to upgrade the gazebo at Heritage Manor, placing a brand new roof overhead. The club’s efforts and generosity are not only welcome, but very much appreciated by the recipients.



Left: The Kindersley Threshing Club recently presented a cheque for \$4,800.00 to the Wellness Foundation. Pictured from L-R: Gordon Dunn, Gordon Caswell, Norm Wiggins, Blair Dies, Darren Miller, Alf Knutson, Greg Becker. Rick McDougall accepted the cheque on behalf of the Wellness Foundation. It was presented by Hugh McLean.



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Left: Earlier this year the Kindersley Threshing Club donated over \$5,000.00 to upgrade the gazebo at Heritage Manor, and build a brand new roof overhead.

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You ask, "Who will serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on Earth.

~ Author unknown



During the weeks prior to Christmas, volunteers were busy organizing food items at the Christmas Hamper Program located at the Kindersley Mall. December 15th was the last day to apply for a hamper. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Volunteers lend a hand at Christmas hamper program

BY JOAN JANZEN

Volunteers have been hard at work helping out with the Christmas hamper program at the Kindersley Mall. The Kindersley Food Bank is stationed at the Mall, accepting donations and applications. December 15 was the last day to get an application for a Christmas Hamper for 2023, and volunteers were busy organizing all the food items into various categories.

The program has received many generous donations this year, including 318 bags of groceries, thanks to the Cram the Cruiser event held on December 5th. They also received a donation of \$3000.00 from the Kindersley Rodeo Committee and a huge donation of \$10,000.00 from Inter Pipeline.

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Enbridge sells Alliance Pipeline, Aux Sable to Pembina Pipeline

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

CALGARY – In 1999-2000, the Alliance Pipeline was built from Fort St. John to the outskirts of Chicago, cutting right across Saskatchewan along the way. It was to be a game-changer for natural gas from northeast Alberta and northwest British Columbia, allowing otherwise largely stranded gas access to mid-continental markets and ultimately allowing for the more recent growth in the Montney gas play.

It was also arguably one of the last major pipelines built in Western Canada that did not result in major protests blocking its construction.

The name "Alliance" had a lot to do with the fact that it was initially an alliance of numerous energy companies working together to build it. But as the run-up to actual construction taking place, Enbridge bought out most of the junior partners to the point where it was half-owner of the company and project.

And on Dec. 13, after 23 years in operation, Enbridge sold its stake to the other owner – Pembina Pipeline, for \$3.1 billion.

The two companies "entered into a definitive agreement to sell its 50.0 per cent interest in Alliance Pipeline and its 42.7 per cent interest in Aux Sable to Pembina Pipeline Corporation (PPL: TSX) (NYSE: PBA) for a purchase price of \$3.1 billion, including non-recourse debt at Alliance of approximately \$0.3 billion, and subject to customary closing adjustments," according to Enbridge.

The sale price represents an attractive valuation of approximately 11 times projected 2024 EBITDA for Alliance and approximately 7 times for Aux Sable, which is in line with other commodity exposed businesses, Enbridge said.

"We are pleased to continue our strong track record of surfacing value for shareholders through an ongoing capital recycling program. With this divestiture, we will have raised ~\$14 billion since 2018 at attractive valuations," said Pat Murray, EVP and Chief Financial Officer. "Today's transaction reinforces our disciplined approach to capital allocation. We remain committed to optimizing our portfolio, enhancing our industry leading cash flow profile by reducing commodity price exposure, bolstering our financial flexibility, and maintaining a strong balance sheet."

As part of the transaction, Pembina, a long-standing partner on Alliance and the current operator of Aux Sable, will also assume operatorship of Alliance. Enbridge will work closely with Pembina to ensure a safe and orderly transition.

"The Alliance and Aux Sable system has been a reliable and profitable asset for Enbridge for many years. We would like to thank our high-quality team for their commitment to safety and reliability," said Cynthia Hansen, EVP and President, Gas Transmission and Midstream.

The divestiture represents an important element of Enbridge's financing plan, the company said. The sales proceeds will fund a portion of the strategic U.S. gas utilities acquisitions and be used for debt reduction. Any remaining acquisitions funding will be satisfied through utilizing any, or all, of the following financing programs available to Enbridge including its ongoing capital recycling program, issuance of further hybrid securities and bonds, reinstatement of its DRIP Program, or at-the-market equity issuances.

The effective date of the transaction is January 1, 2024, with closing expected to occur in the first half of 2024, subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions. Enbridge's 2024 financial guidance and near-term growth outlook through 2025 remain unchanged as a result of this announcement.

Pembina said, "The cash portion of the acquisition will be funded through a combination of: (i) the net proceeds of a \$1.1 billion bought deal offering of subscription receipts; and (ii) amounts drawn under Pembina's existing credit facilities and cash on hand."

"Pembina's business is built around integrated, difficult-to-replicate assets that provide an enduring competitive advantage and unequaled market access for customers. Alliance and Aux Sable are world-class energy infrastructure assets and increasing our ownership in them will further strengthen our growing franchise," said Scott Burrows, Pembina's president and chief executive officer. "This is a rare opportunity to consolidate interests in these assets at an attractive valuation multiple, with cash flow accretion and significant synergy potential. Aligning with Pembina's strategy, the acquisition grows and strengthens our existing franchise and provides greater exposure to resilient end-use markets."

"Pembina is well positioned to benefit from growing volumes in the WCSB driven by near term catalysts, including new West Coast LNG export capacity, expanded crude oil export capacity, as well as developments in the Alberta petrochemical industry. The funding plan for the acquisition ensures Pembina's continued financial flexibility and ability to fund future projects that respond to growing demand, while maintaining leverage within targeted ranges."

"Pembina has enjoyed a strong relationship with Enbridge throughout our six years as partners in Alliance and Aux Sable," said Jaret Sprott, Senior Vice

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President & Chief Operating Officer. "Enbridge is a world-class company, with similar values focused on safety, people, customers, and the communities in which we operate. With this acquisition, I look forward to welcoming Enbridge employees to Pembina, enhancing our relationship with Williams and strengthening our growing franchise and integrated service offering."

Details on Alliance

Alliance's webpage notes, "The Alliance Pipeline system consists of a 3,848-kilometre (2,391-mile) integrated Canadian and U.S. natural gas transmission pipeline system, delivering rich natural gas from the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin and the Willis ton Basin to the Chicago market hub. The United States portion of the system consists of approximately 967 miles of infrastructure including the 80-mile Tioga Lateral in North Dakota. The system has been in commercial service since December 2000 and, through an innovative suite of customer-focused services, delivers an average of 1.6 billion standard cubic feet (or 45.3 million standard cubic metres) of natural gas per day."

The project was different than most major gas pipelines, in that instead of shipping dry gas (methane), it shipped liquid-rich natural gas. Usually the liquids – ethane, butane, propane, etc., would be processed out of the gas stream before hitting the mainline. In Alliance's case, those liquids are extracted at the far end of the pipeline, at a massive processing facility integral to the entire system known as Aux Sable. Located on the outskirts of Chicago, Aux Sable is also part of the deal.



The pipeline runs right past North Dakota's Bakken oil region which produces so much surplus associated gas, the flaring is easily visible from space at night. Thus, in 2013, Alliance added a lateral to Tioga, North Dakota to take up some of that surplus gas.

According to archives from the Canadian Energy Regulator, the project was approved in 1998, and that approval noted that it was scheduled to be in service in the second half of 2000. In stark contrast to what has happened since in major mainline pipeline construction in this country, it was indeed complete and operating by December of 2000. In 1998, the project was expected to coast \$3.7

billion Canadian, of which \$2 billion would be on the Canadian portion.

There are seven mainline compressor stations in Canada, and another seven in the U.S. Four of those compressors are in Saskatchewan – at Kerrobert, Loreburn, Estlin (south of Regina) and Alameda – the last station before crossing the U.S. border south of Carnduff. Several years ago, Alliance affiliate NRGreen installed organic Rankine cycle power generation systems at its compressor stations, with each one producing a net 5 megawatts to the grid by recovering waste heat and turning it into electricity.

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PHOTOS BY KATE WINQUIST



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Naloxone-resistant fentanyl circulating in southern Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan RCMP is warning the public that a dangerous strain of fentanyl is circulating in southern Saskatchewan – including in the Moose Jaw and Swift Current areas.

Saskatchewan RCMP’s Crime Reduction Team and Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team have determined this fentanyl does not look different than other circulating strains – but may be resistant to naloxone, a fast-acting drug used to temporarily reverse the effects of overdoses caused by opioids.

While we can confirm Saskatchewan RCMP has responded to reports of overdoses – including fatal ones – in southern Saskatchewan in the past few months, we are unable to provide a total, or confirm which were potentially caused by this fentanyl strain. Note that police don’t respond to every overdose that occurs in any given area. Only the Saskatchewan Coroners Service can confirm that an overdose caused a death, and which drugs contributed to it.

“The source and composition of this potentially-lethal drug is under active investigation, but it was important for us to immediately alert the public of the danger present in our communities. This fentanyl strain is particularly alarming because it doesn’t look any different than others circulating. But if you take it and experience an overdose, it may be irrevers-

ible,” explains Insp. Jeff Smoliak from Saskatchewan RCMP’s Saskatchewan Enforcement Response Team. “Using illicit drugs is always dangerous, but there is extra risk for fentanyl users in southern Saskatchewan right now. If you or someone you love uses fentanyl, you need to know what to do in the case of an overdose.”

Investigators believe the fentanyl may be mixed with benzodiazepines or xylazine, which increases the risk of an overdose which can’t be reversed by the administration of naloxone.

Here’s what you need to know:

Have a safe plan in place.

- Don’t use alone. Let someone you trust know of your plans to use.

Know the signs

- Someone experiencing an overdose may show signs and symptoms that include:
- Slow, weak or no breathing
- Blue lips or nails
- Dizziness and confusion
- Can’t be woken up
- Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds

- Drowsiness or difficulty staying awake

Know what to do when an overdose occurs.

- An overdose is a medical emergency. If you witness one, call 911 immediately.

Use naloxone.

- While naloxone-resistant fentanyl is circulating, it is still recommended that it’s administered to someone experiencing an overdose. Members of the public can keep naloxone on hand if they or someone they know is at risk of overdose. The Government of Saskatchewan offers a ‘take home naloxone’ kit available free of charge at many locations in the province. Naloxone can also be purchased at the Saskatchewan pharmacies on this list.

You have some legal protection if you call for help.

- The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides some legal protection for individuals who seek emergency help during an overdose, including the person experiencing an overdose. The act protects the person who seeks help, whether they stay or leave from the overdose scene before help arrives. There is help available.
- If you want to quit using drugs, there are services available to support you. To find services near you, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/addictions. You can also call the Province of Saskatchewan’s Health-Line at 811.



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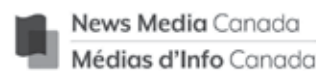
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Left: About thirty kids These two girls were among dozens of kids who were hard at work building and creating gingerbread houses at the Kindersley Mall Saturday afternoon, December 16.

Right: This satisfied young customer shows off her finished project after attending the gingerbread house making event at the Kindersley Mall on Saturday, December 16.

PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



The Man and the Birds Christmas story

BY PAUL HARVEY

Paul Harvey's radio program reached as many as 24 million people each and every week from 1951 to 2008. One of his favourite stories was about a man and the birds, which he relayed at Christmas time. Here is the story in Paul Harvey's words

The man I'm going to tell you about was not a scrooge, he was a kind decent, mostly good man, generous to his family and upright in his dealings with other men. But he just didn't believe in all of that incarnation stuff that the churches proclaim at Christmas time. It just didn't make sense and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus story, about God coming to Earth as a man.

He told his wife I'm truly sorry to distress you, but I'm not going with you to church this Christmas Eve. He said he would feel like a hypocrite and that he would much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. So he stayed and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier and then he went back to his fireside chair and began to read his newspaper.

Minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound. Then another ... and then another.

At first he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against the living room window. But when he went to the front door to investigate he found a flock of birds huddled outside miserably in the snow. They'd been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter they had tried to fly through his large landscape window. That is what had been making the sound.

Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures just lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter. All he would have to do is to direct the birds into the shelter.

Quickly, he put on a coat and galoshes and he tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on a light so the birds would know the way in. But the birds did not come in.

So, he figured that food would entice them. He hurried back to the house and fetched some bread



crumbs. He sprinkled them on the snow, making a trail of bread crumbs to the yellow-lighted wide open doorway of the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs.

The birds continued to flap around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them but could not. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. Instead, they scattered in every direction ... every direction except into the warm lighted barn.

And that's when he realized they were afraid of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could think of some way to let them know that they can trust me. That I am not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how? Any move he made tended to frighten them and confuse them. They just would not follow. They would not be led or shooed because they feared him.

He thought to himself, if only I could be a bird and mingle with them and speak their language. Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe warm barn. But I would have

to be one of them so they could see ... and hear ... and understand.

At that moment the church bells began to ring. The sound reached his ears above the sounds of the wind. He stood there listening to the bells, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. And he sank to his knees in the snow ...

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Eston resident shares Christmas memories



BY JOAN JANZEN

Vern Hewlitt took a trip down memory lane, recalling his life spent in Eston and area. He was born in 1934 in Eston, and grew up on the family farm. "It's thirteen miles from Eston and eleven miles from Madison," he explained. Vern has one sister, and attended a country school in the RM of Snipe Lake and another school in the RM of Newcombe.

"It was usually pretty cold with lots of weather at Christmas," he recalled. He remembered going to see his grandparents in Glidden one Christmas. It was storming and the roads were treacherous, so they stayed for Christmas dinner and then went right back home. "Back in those days there were no cell phones so you took your chances being out there in the cold," he said.

Attending his school's Christmas concert was a yearly tradition, as well as concerts held in schools in other districts. "The school was packed to the rafters with people," he said.

Turkey was usually served for Christmas dinner; sometimes it was a turkey that had been raised on their farm, and gifts were often homemade. "When people didn't have much money, you appreciated homemade stuff more than bought things," he said. "It was more personal." He also admitted he has never skated on

an ice rink, only on a dugout.

Although Vern was only five years old in 1939, he has vivid memories of the first rain storm that the area received after the years of drought. "Two neighbours and my dad were travelling north of the river. The sun was shining, but it was a dim orange ball in the sky because there was so much dust," he recalled. The dust was so thick that it completely concealed the thunder clouds that rolled across the sky, so his dad was taken by surprise when the downpour came.

"It just poured. It came down so fast that everything was white with water when we got out of the hills. It came down so fast the water didn't have a chance to soak in," he recalled. The steady rain continued for days, ending the lengthy period of drought. "Things turned around after that. That was one of the highlights in the 30s."

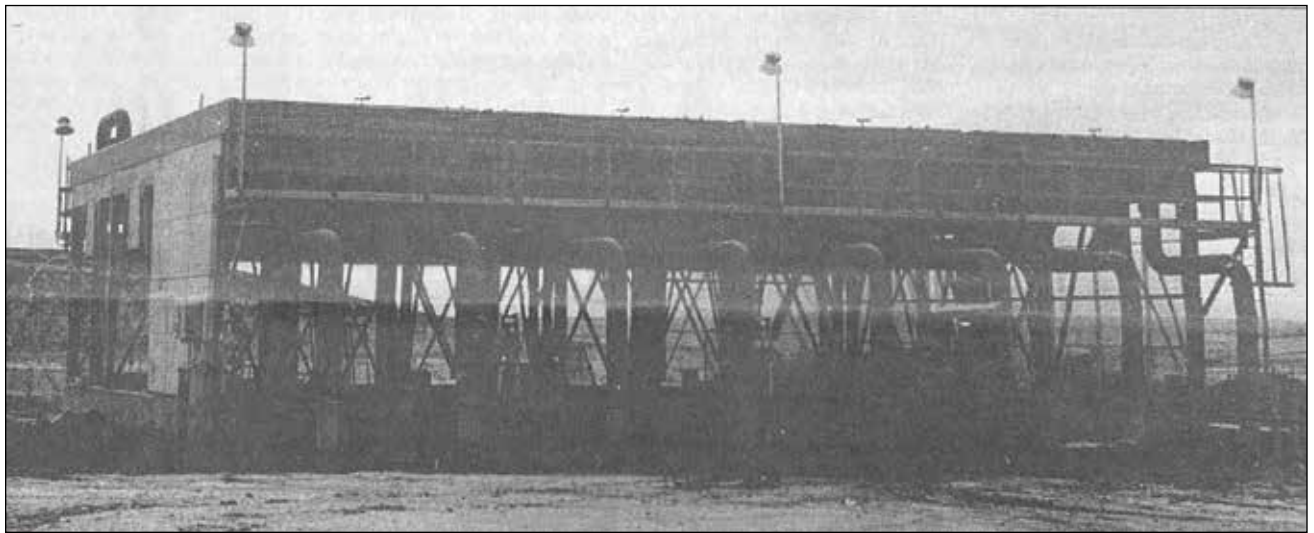
Vern eventually married and the couple had a daughter and a son. His son operates the family farm and his daughter lives on a farm near Kindersley. "We have six grandkids, all under six years of age. Two of them are twins," Vern said. "It's just a riot when they're all together."

You'll often find Vern having coffee with his friends, watching his grandkids skate at the rink or spending time at the family farm. "I go there everyday to make sure everybody else is doing something," he chuckled.



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The Alliance Pipeline compressor station, located just west of Kerrobert was under construction in November, 1999 and scheduled to be finished by July, 2000. PHOTO FROM WEST CENTRAL CROSSROADS NOV. 29, 1999

Construction projects from decades past

BY JOAN JANZEN

In December of 1999, cranes and contractors were busy constructing the Alliance Pipeline compression station located just west of Kerrobert. It was scheduled to be completed in July of 2000, according to an article in the Nov. 29, 1999 issue of The Crossroads. It was the

first of its kind in North America.

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Inge Koetting

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they worked a variety of jobs and lived in an assortment of interesting lodgings until they both landed permanent

work, he as a mechanic and she as an aide in the hospital. Inge lived 64 years in Kerrobert, raising her family, supporting the community and making many good, lifelong friends. She enjoyed her coffee times with "the girls". In 2019, she moved to Saskatoon to be closer to family and was never too old to get down on the floor to play with the children. Inge was prede-

ceased by her husband, Hans; her daughter, Brigitta Pedersen; and her grandson, Chad Pedersen. She is survived by her son, Hans (Mo) Koetting; grandchildren Curtis, Jeffery (Ella), David (Dianna), Garret (Jenn), Leah (Mathew), Hannah, and Risa (Mathew); as well as nine great-grandchildren.

A private family gathering will take place at a later date.

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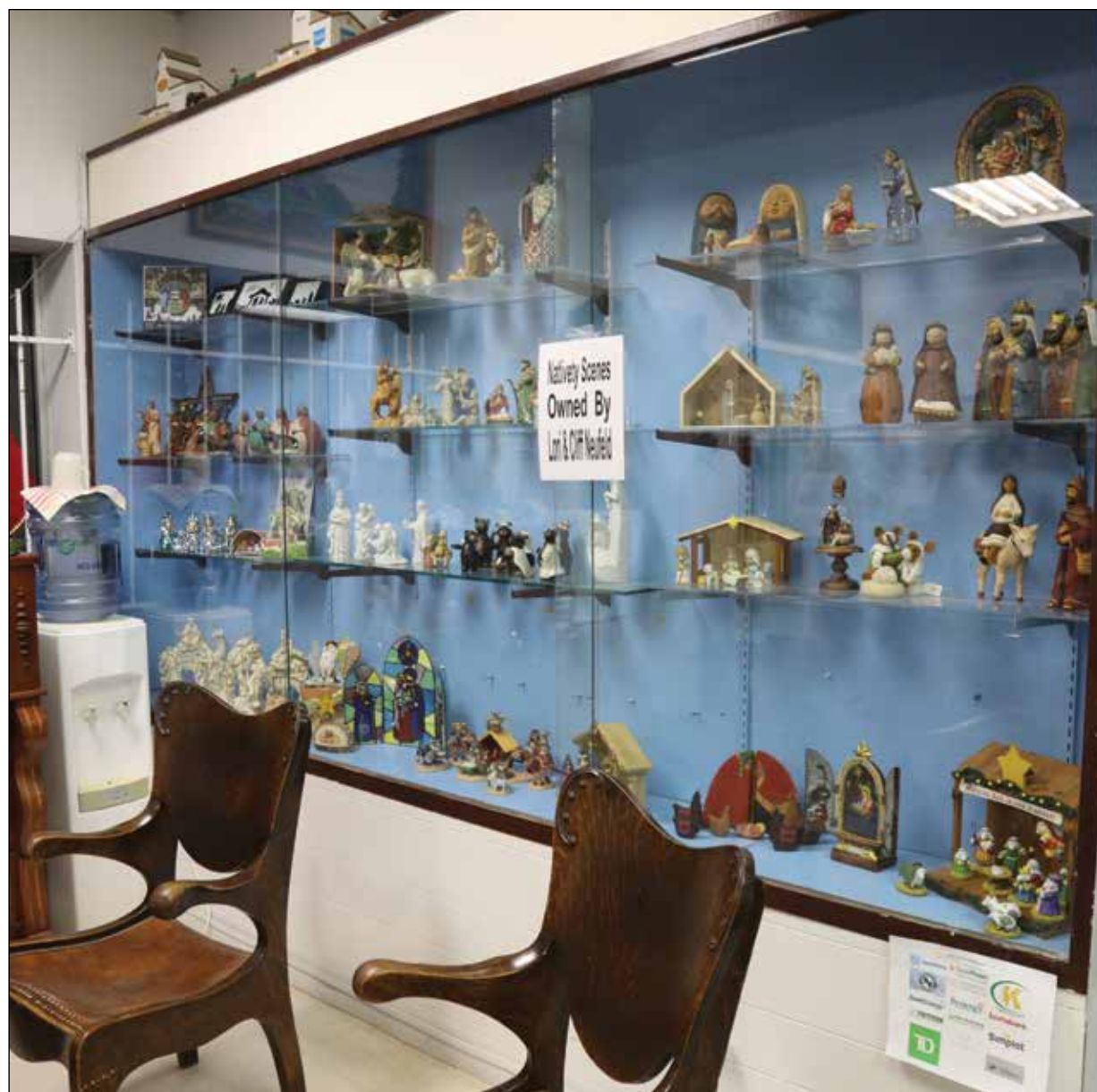
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A collection of Nativity Scenes that are owned by Lori and Cliff Neufeld are on display at the Kindersley and District Plains Museum. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

SASKATCHEWAN RCMP

'Tis the season of parcel deliveries

During the month of December, online shopping increases, and so do the number of parcels that are left unattended on residents' doorsteps. This creates easy opportunity for thieves.

Saskatchewan RCMP urges the public to keep safety top-of-mind and to follow these tips to prevent deliveries from being stolen by thieves:

- Schedule deliveries during a timeframe you know you will be at home;
- Consider having your packages delivered to your workplace, a relative's home, or a trusted neighbour's address;
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- Request a signature for delivery or for the package to be placed out of sight; and
- Consider installing exterior security cameras to monitor your doorstep remotely and capture any suspicious activity.

Always report suspicious persons or activity to your local police of jurisdiction. When all crimes are reported to the police, police officers get a clearer picture of the types and numbers of crimes occurring in their area. This information helps them launch future police projects, initiatives and education campaigns within the area and the division.

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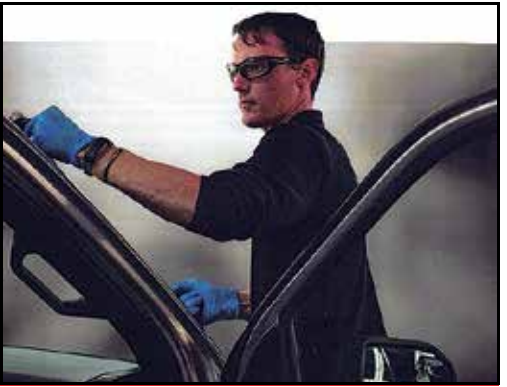




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* *Prairie Crocus Quilt Guild meet the second Tuesday of the month (September to May) at the Pensioners Hall (3rd Ave. E., Kindersley) at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Donna at 306-463-4785.*

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 Fund-raiser 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*



END IMPAIRED DRIVING

Celebrate responsibly. Arrive safely.

Every year, the festive season is sadly overshadowed by car accidents that could have been avoided. A large percentage of collisions involve drivers who have been drinking over the legal limit or taking drugs.

- Arrange to sleep at the party venue or stay somewhere within walking distance
- Call a taxi
- Use a designated driver service
- Designate a non-drinking person to drive you home





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