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## **Sacred Art on display at Kerrobert Courthouse Gallery**

**BY JOAN JANZEN** 

The Kerrobert Courthouse Gallery is showcasing their first art show for 2024. A reception will be held the evening of January 24th when Tianna Williams will present her Sacred Art. Tianna is an oil painter with a passion for making new and unique Catholic art, with her paintings focussed on the saints.

She is looking forward to sharing her story and meeting those who attend. Prints of her paintings can be purchased at her online shop. Each new painting is shared with a short time-lapse video of the painting process.

Tianna does beautiful work, and will be showcasing 30 paintings. "I will be sharing all of my newest pieces as well as my best sellers and a few personal favourites," she explained.

She makes her home in Bruno, Sask. where she has a small but functional office and studio space in the basement of her home. Her love of painting began when she was a little girl and she hasn't stopped ever since.

"Galleries are a new adventure for me," she confessed. "Before this I have only had the opportunity for two galleries as part of the annual Advent retreat at St. Therese Institute in Bruno. However I have attended many Catholic conferences and retreats over the years where I have been able to display my work and share the stories behind the paintings."

While most of her customers are om Canada and the USA, she has shipped prints as far away as Australia and Thailand. "I try to price my prints so that anyone can afford to bring beautiful art into their home, while still cov-



Tianna Williams showcases her Sacred Art at the Kerrobert Courthouse Gallery beginning January 24th to March 31. PHOTO: SACRED ART WEBSITE

ering the growing costs of operating a business," she said. "Beauty can touch hearts in a way that words sometimes cannot."

Tianna said she loves the process of

and beauty. Most of all, I love journeying with the people that I paint."

"And finally, it brings me a lot of joy to share my paintings with the world and to receive feedback on how they have inspired and uplifted so many people. It is such a gift to be able to do something I love and have it also bless others."

painting, and enjoys the silence while she focusses on what she's doing. "I enjoy taking something that is blank and formless and giving it colour and shape





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This is a Marengo boys hockey team from 1964. Front row (I-r): Wayne Cowie, Daryl Cook, David Rea. Second row (I-r): Kelly Sullivan, Murray Faubert, Walter Sullivan, Arnold Cowie, Glen Brotzel. Back row (I-r): Doug Ellis (coach), Ron Ellis, Eddie Sonmor, Charlie Ward (caretaker). *PHOTO: THE WIND STILL BLOWS* 

## Learning to skate in Marengo

**BY JOAN JANZEN** 

The local Marengo history book "The Wind Still Blows" captured a photo of one of the many young hockey teams in Marengo. This 1964 team of youngsters are an example of the many boys who learned how to skate and play hockey in Marengo. The new skating rink was built in 1957, causing a resurgence in hockey. Through the years many volunteers coached and managed the many boys who played hockey in Marengo. During that some time period Marengo also had a senior hockey team which played in different leagues.

# Day 2 of province-wide teachers' strike

The province-wide teachers' strike was initiated with a one-day strike on Tuesday, January 16, and extended to include a second day of school closures on Monday, January 22nd. The Board of Education of Sun West School Division sent out a notice to parents of students to inform them of the strike.

The Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation made the decision to withdraw all professional and voluntary services for the entire day, and neither enter or report to their places of work. All school buses and extra-curricular activities were also cancelled for the day.

Samantha Becotte, President of the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation stated on social media, "We're asking you to join with teachers for a day of action. We don't want to take this action. We want to be in our schools and classrooms supporting our students. Call Premier Scott Moe and let him know that it's time that this government fix the crisis in education that they've created. The government's refusal to engage in meaningful conversation and make longterm commitments that will support student experiences in schools across the province, has left us with no other choice."

The teachers continue to call for the Minister to reverse nearly a decade of underfunding in public schools and invest in the resources that students across Saskatchewan desperately need to support their learning.

Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation (STF) reported in 2022-23, there was one social worker for every 2,588 students; one psychologist for every 2,904 students; and one speech language pathologist for every 1,413 students. Between 2007-08 and 2018-19, the number of students requiring intensive support grew by 38 percent, while the number of specialists decreased. Due to underfunding and budget cuts, caseloads for these professionals have become unmanageable and the support that many students rely on is inaccessible.

Now STF says they are done talking and are taking action. Becotte said, "Government refused to move from their opening positions or even entertain negotiating about critical learning and working conditions that impact students, teachers and parents - issues like class size and classroom violence."

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Jake Vaadeland and the Sturgeon River Boys entertained at Kindersley and Leader on January 19th and 20th while on their Arts Council tour. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN* 

## **Jake Vaadeland is a talented "Retro Man"**

## **BY JOAN JANZEN**

Jake Vaadeland and the Sturgeon River Boys brought their high-energy show to both the communities of Kindersley and Leader on January 19th and 20th. From the moment Jake and the band came on the stage, the audience was transported back in time to the 1950s era.

Band members Joel Rohs, Stephen Williams and Jaxon Lalonde were all attired in retro suits, and Jake proudly announced the suit he was wearing had once belonged to Wilf Carter.

It is hard to believe Jake is barely 20 years old. This self-taught musician grew up in Cut Knife, Sask., watching Grand Ole Opry shows over and over again. Although it sounds incredible, those shows taught him how to play banjo and guitar. His music is a mixture of bluegrass, old-time country, and rock.

His song "Retro Man" aptly described the young entertainer. The lyrics said, "he likes to be himself," and he does a great job doing it. Jake said it was one of the first songs he had written, and it won him quite a few awards.

Jake and the band's old-time showmanship delivered plenty of humour, energy, and, most of all, amazing talent. Throughout the concert, Jake occasionally traded his guitar for a banjo and "duel just a little bit" with the other player. The Sturgeon River Boys put on a stellar performance, with the banjo player kicking off one or two instrumental jam sessions while the bass player thrilled the audience with his acrobatic antics. just whipped out his comb and took his time expertly putting his oiled hair back into place while telling the audience a joke. Now, that's something you don't ever see happen on the stage.

The evening was filled with original songs Jake had written, most of which were flavoured with old-time gospel stories about enjoying a bit of heaven on earth. His song "One More Dollar to Go" ended with a member of the audience throwing some coins on stage. "It's the most money we've made," Jake quipped.

"If you have a request, write it on the back of a hundred-dollar bill, and we'll be more than happy to play it for you," he joked. He sang a song about a trip to Cadillac, Sask. and meeting a cow on the road; it's something most of the audience may have experienced.

During the intermission, Jake and the band were available for photos, and Jake sold vinyl albums and other merchandise. After they took a bow and left the stage, the audience cheered until they reappeared for an encore, dragging the bass player on stage, who was reclining inside his bass case.

"Sorry for all you people who wanted to go home," Jake said before they ended the evening by singing "Blue Suede Shoes."

Thanks to the efforts of the District Arts Councils in Kindersley and Leader, the audiences thoroughly enjoyed the nights of entertainment. Leader took the opportunity to host a pub night, which also included lunch.

Jake travels throughout the United States, as well as Europe, but he always returns to Saskatchewan. He started off 2024 with a 22-show Arts Council tour forging through the frigid temperatures of Saskatchewan and Alberta, where he and the band always received a warm welcome.





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# SaskEnergy sets new daily natural gas usage record

Extreme cold weather across Saskatchewan this past week resulted in record-breaking natural gas demand in the province. The peak demand was on January 12 with a natural gas consumption rate of 1.70 petajoules per day (PJ/d). This surpasses the previous record of 1.65 PJ/d reported two years ago on January 6, 2022.

"Natural gas is essential for Saskatchewan residents as we heat our homes and businesses during the coldest days of winter," said Dustin Duncan, Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy. "As a result of our government's decision to remove the carbon tax from home heating, Saskatchewan families saved over \$1M per day during the coldest weekend of this season."

This past week's exceptional demand extends beyond the peak day – with January 13 and 14 also exceeding the previous record with 1.68 PJ/d and 1.66 PJ/d usage respectively. This record usage is from demand across SaskEnergy's customer base, with main contributors being power generation and residential heating.

SaskEnergy measures daily natural gas consumption for the 24hour period from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. A PJ is a unit of measurement equivalent to one million gigajoules (GJ) of natural gas. An average Saskatchewan home consumes about



More than a few sets of booster cables were brought out of storage during the mid-January cold spell. Friends and neighbours lending a hand by giving someone's vehicle a boost occurred frequently during the frigid temperatures on the prairies. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN* 

100 GJ of natural gas each year.

"At SaskEnergy we anticipate higher usage of natural gas in the colder periods of the year," says Mark Guillet, President and CEO of SaskEnergy. "With a 99.998 per cent reliability, our system is designed with inventory and capacity to safely provide natural gas to our customers 24 hours a day."

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# ON: Wake up and smell the bacon

#### **BY JOAN JANZEN**

It was bedtime, and a young mom was reading the story "Sleeping Beauty" to her daughter. The little girl interrupted her mom and asked, "Did they try frying bacon to get her to wake up?" Many Canadians would consider the aroma of bacon frying as a welcoming wake-up call; however, not all wake-up calls are quite so pleasant.

During the recent cold snap, the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) issued an alert for the province, saying extreme cold resulted in high power demand, placing the grid at a high risk of rotating power outages. Albertans were asked to immediately limit their electricity use to essential needs only, to turn off unnecessary lights and electrical appliances, minimize the use of space heaters, and delay the use of major power appliances. They were also instructed to delay plugging in block heaters and charging electric vehicles. AEMA issued two alerts within two days due to high demand and low imports.

The Epoch Times reported on the alerts, noting Albertans were asked to monitor their electricity usage during peak demand times from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The online media source said the province was sourcing power from natural gas and some coal, and nearly every fossil-fired generating unit was running flat out. Meanwhile, wind power throughout the supper hour remained at 2 to 3 percent of installed capacity,

## Carbon taxes are not the answer to trying to help the environment.

#### Joe Goldberg

and only eight out of 43 wind farms were producing any power at that time. Most were shut down because temperatures below -30 run the risk of components becoming brittle and shattering.

As this scenario was playing out, Alberta MP Michelle Rempel said in her newsletter this is a real-life example of what happens when a jurisdiction's electrical generation and distribution system cannot keep up with demand. It may be a wake-up call for Canadians as they listen to the government's plans to pull all gas-powered passenger vehicles off the road within ten years. Rempel pointed out that Canada currently has about 26 million passenger vehicles, a number which will grow as the population increases.

The Epoch Times reported that at the time of the alert, SaskPower was assisting, sending 153 megawatts, pretty much the maximum Saskatchewan ever supplied Alberta. Premier Moe wrote online, "SaskPower is providing 153 MW of electricity to Alberta this evening to assist them through this shortage. That power will be coming from natural gas and coal-fired plants, the ones the Trudeau government is telling us to shut down, which we won't." Fortunately, Alberta was able to end their alert five hours after it had been issued.

At the same time, the federal government keeps promoting the carbon tax as a solution for Canada. Franco Terrazzano and Joe Goldberg from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation addressed the topic of the carbon tax in a recent interview on Faytene TV.

Joe Goldberg used Nova Scotia as an example. This province had the lowest carbon tax in Canada until this past summer. "They were paying about two cents per litre in carbon tax. Yet it was one of the leading provinces in Canada at reducing emissions," he said. "So what does that tell you? Carbon taxes are not the answer to trying to help the environment."

"We're putting pressure on the government to scrap the carbon tax," Franco said. "It's making all necessities more expensive but does absolutely nothing for the environment or to reduce emissions in places like China, Russia and India. That's why Canadians are not buying this carbon tax scam."

Canadians are waking up, realizing the carbon tax is not a solution; instead, it's making necessities more unaffordable for Canadians. But the federal government has come up with a solution for that as well; it's called an unconditional basic income. David Krayden



on the online show Redact-

was a guest

ed, where he spoke about this universal basic income.

David said two private members' bills were first introduced in October. There was a news conference, but mainstream media didn't report on it. "But two months later, everybody was talking about it as a solution to poverty," he said. "It's \$2000 a month for doing nothing, but you can work on the side, and they'll subtract fifty cents on the dollar."

"How are we going to get people to work at all when they get \$2000 for doing nothing?" David asked. "The worst part is, it's a tragic leap off of the fiscal cliff." And we can all still vividly recall how people were reluctant to give up their CERB payments and seek employment. "This is a colossal bribery scheme," David observed.

While all this is happening in our country, I have become truly grateful for organizations like the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, which are advocating for Canadians and helping keep us informed so we can reach out to our local representatives. And I hope Canadians are waking up and realizing the value of independent journalists whose goal is to provide information that the mainstream media refuses to touch. It's time to wake up and smell the bacon. We need Canadians who possess common sense to speak up.



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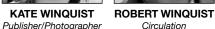
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# But then, she's Christian



#### **BY MADONNA HAMEL**

I'm talking to one of the aides on the rehab ward where my father is recovering from a stroke. She's telling me about another aide who has infinite patience and tenderness, even with the grouchiest of patients. "But then," she leans in and whispers, "She's Christian." I don't know if she's trying to tell me that the nice aide is nice because her religion tells her to be. Or maybe she's saying: those people - the real Christians- they really do believe in helping the least of their brothers and sisters. Or, she's just not that bright. Or, she's too uncool to know to be a badass toward irritating people.

Her remark reminds me of something Russell Moore, editor at Christianity Today and author of "Losing My Religion," said recently in an interview: "There's almost a valourizing of cruelty today that says abuses of power should not surprise us, and if they do, well, grow up because that's just how life is and how people operate." To be nice- ie: kind - is to be naive. He calls this "The Depravity Gospel," made popular by trash-talking politicians. It's also a play on the equally misguided Prosperity Gospel, which basically believes that Jesus came to make us rich.

Moore is a Nashville Baptist who considers himself a conservative. He's really smart, and I love his interviews - especially his segment "Tell Me Where I'm Wrong." I relax when I watch him because I know he's really listening, he's friendly, and he's not going to say something snarky. (And his favourite authors happen to be the ones I studied to get my AmLit degree.)

In my research to get a handle on what's happening south of the border among Christians, I stumbled on his recordings made after he left his church. In listening to him, I've discovered a whole new world of literate, enlightened, funny, kind Christian authors who may call themselves evangelicals but bear no resemblance to the Religious Right garnering all the attention in the media. They include historians like Tom Holland, or writers for The New York Times like David Brooks. Some are preachers highly critical of their own churches, like Tim Alberta, Shane Clairborne or David Platt.

Randall Balmer is the author of "Bad Faith," a book that makes it very clear that the Religious Right of America are not Christian. "There is nothing Christian about them," he insists. "Sadly," he writes, "the Religious Right were never about the advancement of biblical values. The modern, politically conservative evangelical activism we see today is a movement rooted in the perpetuation of racial segregation in the 70s." The catalyst was a court case that denied a certain "whites only" church from claiming tax-free status. They complained loudly that the government should stay out of their business; they did not view tax exemption as a form of government subsidy.

As for the woman whispering about the Christian



aide: perhaps, as a child, she had to sit through a thousand uninspired or fire-and-brimstone sermons so she can conclude: "Church is all about punishment and fear. Who needs it?" But that sounds as foolish as saying: "Hey, I had a history teacher who bored me to tears, therefore: education is a joke." Or, "my coach was a creep. So: down with sports." Or "I had to wait four hours to see a doctor, so: hospitals suck."

All institutions bear constant examination and course correction. But the principles behind them still stand: Love your neighbour, learn from books, heal others, play well with others, a healthy body makes for a healthy mind, etc.

As a Catholic, I grew up going to church; I've sat through my share of boring sermons. Church is where I understood patience. Sitting still, any aspiring meditator will tell you, is an enviable and invaluable skill. Thankfully, I also heard inspiring sermons on the poems of the psalms and the stories of the gospels delivered with such conviction and colour, I could fathom the existence of an inexplicable powers inherent in experiences like: living in the Mystery, connecting with Heaven through ritual, and the collective beauty of congregation.

Above all, I learned the healing power of pray. Far better to pray than to worry. Prayer sends my concerns heavenward instead of worrying endlessly in a closedloop inside my brain. In church we prayed standing, sitting, and kneeling. And we sang. My mother was the choir director. She raised us as a family choir. We sang praise and prayer without even knowing it. In my teens, I watched her sing lyric soprano as the soloist in Handel's Messiah. She - through Handel via Isiah - convinced me of the reality of soul. At this very moment, The Messiah sits in the cd player of my father's car. I turn it up full blast every afternoon on my way to the hospital to visit him.

Yesterday, I went looking for the hospital chapel. Back in 2013, I did an interview with the chaplain who conducted services in the chapel, so I knew where it was. But, trying the door, I found it locked. A nurse explained to me that "it's not a chapel anymore. We have a Sacred Space now, at the other end of the hall. It's much nicer; you'll like it," she promised.

The Sacred Space bore no resemblance to any religious space I've ever experienced- Christian, Buddhist, or otherwise. In an effort not to offend, the designers replicated what looked like the waiting room in a tire shop - a bare grey space with a TV screen at one end and a row of blue chairs at the other. I wasn't expecting Michelangelo on the ceiling or a stainedglass window, but a candle would have been nice.

My advice to anybody offended by chapels is: don't enter one. And here's some more advice, born from my own misguided prejudices (and perhaps a little snarky): update your knowledge of your childhood faith. You're not five years old anymore.



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Cypress Credit Union has worked diligently with insurers and contractors to restore services to the community as quickly as possible and sincerely thanks its customers for their continued loyalty through this transition.



Judy and Kathy are happy to announce that the Burstall Branch is back open to the public! PHOTO COURTESY CYPRESS CREDIT UNION

# **Online fun with Ohtani free-agent saga**

## **BY BRUCE PENTON**

Twitter, or X, as owner Elon Musk has renamed it, can be wonderful, or it can be an annoyance. A plethora of crap is displayed on the social media site, but there's also a lot of valuable information that can be fulfilling. Or useless.

But X really came to life a couple of weeks before Christmas, before Shohei Ohtani had made his decision where to sign his



BY BRUCE PENTON Sports Columnist

free-agent contract, and when the hottest rumour in baseball had Ohtani perhaps inking a pact with the Toronto Blue Jays, sports fans in Canada couldn't get enough from Twitter.

Someone in California on that day, Dec. 8, spotted an aviation note from the John Wayne Airport in Anaheim, whereby a private jet was taking off, destined for Toronto. That's all it took for the Ohtani-to-the-Blue Jays hype to surge into overdrive.

Hookah Doncic tried to put water on the rumour fire, saying: "He lives in Seattle in the off-season."

Talkin Baseball weighed in: "Shohei Ohtani is travelling to Toronto today. He has not signed a contract with any team at this time, per @jonmorosi."

Said Ben Verlander: "The plane from Anaheim to Toronto is currently the most tracked airplane in the world. And not a single soul tracking it has any idea if it's Shohei or not."

Alden Gonzales had a submission: "Source: Shohei Ohtani has not made a decision yet. That's not to say it won't ultimately be the Blue Jays; my understanding is that, at this point, that decision has not been made."

Said Matt: "We all know where he's going to end up," as he posted a picture of Ohtani in a Rays' uniform.

Said John: "He's going to the Cubs. I talked to him the other day."

Now it was Etherfuse's turn: "He's just trying to decide which Dodger hat he likes the best."

Some humour from Mike Petriello: "A direct flight from LA- to London is about to arrive, indicating Ohtani is about to sign with Arsenal."

More humour, from Joseph Garino: "Source: Shohei Ohtani will be making his decision at Four Seasons Landscaping later today."

Clarence Fraser added fuel: "Yusei Kikuchi (Jays' Japanese pitcher) reserves entire upscale sushi restaurant near Rogers Centre for tonight. Reservation for 50-plus people. Make of it what you will."

Countered Spencer: "That was a surprise party for his wife. Thanks a lot."

And then Vancouver humourist Steve Burgess did what he does best; "When out in right field there arose such a clatter; I ran to home base to see what was the matter; When what to my wondering eyes did appear; But Shohei Ohtani in full Blue Jays gear!"

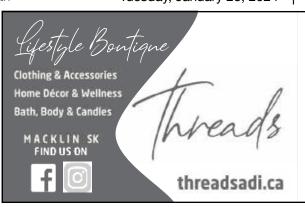
Of course, we now know Ohtani signed a 10-year contract the next day with the Dodgers for \$700 million US (almost \$1 billion Canadian) and Twitter will be quieter from here on in. (The plane, by the way, was carrying Canadian millionaire Robert Herjavec, a regular on the TV show, Shark Tank.)

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- Jack Finarelli at his sportscurmudgeon.com site, on a TV commercial where Peyton Manning tosses cans of Bud Light to patrons throughout the bar: "Can you imagine the clean-up mess in that bar as about 50 people open cans of Bud Light that have been thrown to them that they caught — presumably on the fly? That establishment will smell of stale beer for a month after that event."
- Late night funnyman Jimmy Kimmel, carrying on the public feud with NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers: "Rodgers got two A's on his report card, and they were both in his first name."
- Jason Gay of the Wall Street Journal, on former Patriots' coach Bill Belichick's sideline demeanour: "Belichick looked like a grumpy lobster boat captain, grimacing on the New England sideline like he's miles from shore in a storm."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Is it time for Jacksonville Jaguars fans to come to the realization that Trevor Lawrence is much closer to being Jon Kitna than John Elway?"
- Another one from Bianchi, on Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh and allegations of wrongdoing: "If you believe Harbaugh and his coaching staff are innocent, you probably also believe there are a bunch of crime fighting Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles living in the sewers beneath New York City."
- Headline at fark.com: "NCAA president: 'ecause we told you Michigan was cheating, that means that they won fair and square."
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "While watching team USA win the World Junior Hockey championship at a friend's, nobody noticed his Labrador eating the Christmas tree trimmings. Now the vet says the dog has tinselitis."
- Headline at the onion.com: "Bob Kraft: We're Already Searching Through Insane Asylums For A Possible Belichick Replacement"
- Headline at fark.com, after New England owner Robert Kraft promoted linebackers' coach Jerold Mayo to head coach, replacing Bill Belichick: "Kraft holds the Mayo."
- Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "While cranky, conspiracy-minded Aaron **Rodgers** should be fit for a tinfoil helmet, his Jets teammates voted him their 'most inspirational player for 2023.' Rodgers, you may recall, was on the field for four plays. We're not expected to understand."

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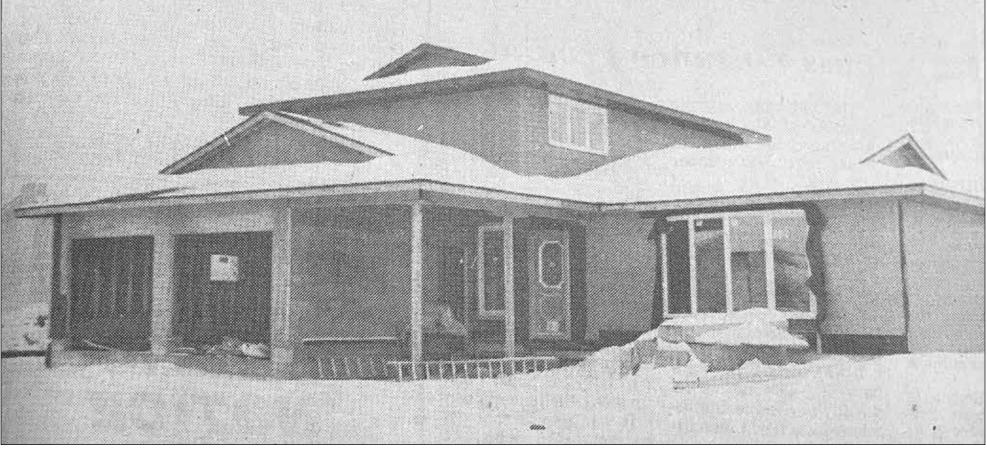
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Kindersley, Sask.



This was just one of the 58 houses that had been built in 1983 in Kindersley, and local lumber yard managers were confident 1984 would surpass that amount of start-ups. PHOTO: JANUARY 18. 1984 ISSUE OF THE CLARION

# Looking back at housing 40 years ago

**BY JOAN JANZEN** 

A look back at the housing industry forty years ago reveals a stark contrast to our present day circumstances. In a January, 1984 article in The Clarion archives, two local lumber yard managers reported 58 houses were built in Kindersley the previous year, accounting for over \$4 million of the \$7 million in building permits issued during the entire year. Some of the start ups were attributed to grants that were provided as incentives for people to build.

And the managers were confident 1984 would see a similar number of houses being built. The manager of Beaver Lumber had already received 40 inquiries from Kindersley and surrounding area for the upcoming year. The Bank of Commerce manager was also optimistic, as he noted there was a good indication there was far more interest being shown in new projects in 1984 than there had been the previous year.

lumber yard managers attributed the continued interest in housing start-ups was due to the reduction in interest rates. That year mortgage rates ran from 10 and a quarter percent for a one year term to 12 and a half percent for a five year term. Now remember, those were the reduced rates. Today the five-year fixed mortgage rate is 5.24 percent.

Although there were no grants offered as incentives in 1984, the local

## TOWN OF LUSELAND **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Luseland intends to adopt a bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007 to amend Bylaw No. 02014-09 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

## INTENT:

The proposed bylaw amendment will:

- Provide a definition for "Cannabis", Provide a definition for "Cannabis Retail Store",
- 2. Delete the definition of "Shipping Container" and replace it with a clearer definition;
- 3. Delete Section 4.22 Trailers, Box Cars, Sea and Rail Containers and replace it with clearer wording;
- Amend Section 4 General Regulations, by adding Section 4.32 "Outdoor Storage immediately after Section 4.31.2 Amend Section 4 - General Regulations, by adding Section 4.33 "Sight Triangles"
- 5. Amend Section 5 by adding 5.10 "Garden-Granny Suites" immediately after section 5.9

Amend Section 5 by adding 5.11 "Shipping Containers" immediately after section 5.10

Amend Section 5 by adding 5.12 "Retail Cannabis" immediately after section 5.11

6. Amend Section 7 "Residential District R1" by adding 7.9 "Development Standards for Mobile Homes" immediately after Subsection 7.8e

## **TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST TOWN OF LUSELAND 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 24th day of March, 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.

DESCRI	PTION OF PR	OPERTY	Title	Total		Total Arrears
Lot	Blk	Plan	Number	Arrears	Costs	& Costs
1	1	G70	148511932			
2	1	G70	148511954	\$1,436.67	\$15.36	\$1,452.03
6	3	G70	147410883			
7	3	G70	147410894			
8	3	G70	147410917			
9	3	G70	147411020			
10	3	G70	147411031	\$7,901.78	\$15.36	\$7,917.14
1	4	G70	135617036			
2	4	G70	135617047			
3 4	4	G70	135617070			
	4	G70	135617069	\$1,952.97	\$15.36	\$1,968.33
5	4	G70	153219584			
6	4	G70	153219595			
7	4	G70	153219618	\$4,752.14	\$15.36	\$4,767.50
11	10	G70	144764095			
12	10	G70	144764107	\$2,733.97	\$15.36	\$2,749.33
19	13	G70	143951586			
20	13	G70	143951597	\$3,135.71	\$15.36	\$3,151.07
1	15	G70	114248213			
2	15	G70	114248224	\$2,170.19	\$15.36	\$2,185.55
20	15	G70	149243597			
21	15	G70	149243610	\$2,327.71	\$15.36	\$ 2,343.07
1	19	G839	147853165	\$1,316.78	\$15.36	\$1,332.14
A	22	G836	117525449			
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G	22	G836	130640712	\$1,525.56	\$15.36	\$1,540.92
9	23	G875	151187171	\$2,315.12	\$15.36	\$2,330.48
6	24	66S13013	142328314	\$1,886.42	\$15.36	\$1,901.78
3	24	77S02802	117526013	\$3,627.98	\$15.36	\$3,643.34
5	25	G875	117525281	\$4,438.41	\$15.36	\$4,453.77
11	25	64S21785	144437148	\$2,439.23	\$15.36	\$2,454.59
9	28	64S20647-1	155854604	\$2,354.29	\$15.36	\$2,369.65
<u>9</u> 3	29	G770	143321217	\$2,615.48	\$15.36	\$2,630.84
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#### **REASONS:**

- To replace existing definitions with a clearer definition
- · To add definitions that are clear and concise
- To amend Sections to be clearer and more concise of Councils direction

## **PUBLIC INSPECTION:**

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Municipal Office, located at 503 Grand Avenue in the Town of Luseland, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaws are available at the Municipal Office.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Luseland Municipal Council Chambers, 503 Grand Ave, in the Town of Luseland to hear any persons 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 Town of Luseland this 22nd day of January, 2024.

Karyl Richardson, Administrator

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024. Karyl Y. Richardson, Treasurer

## Leader's Chamber of Commerce connects youth with businesses

#### **BY JOAN JANZEN**

The Leader & District Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking solutions for the future of the town of Leader. Lee Elsasser is Chamber Development Officer and one of the 61 members of the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber recognized needs in their town. Acquiring the services of a mechanic, welder, veterinarian and a chiropractor/physiotherapist would benefit the community and fill those voids. They also took into consideration the business opportunities available with a mechanic shop for sale and the RM of Happyland's ownership of a vet clinic.

In response to these needs, the Chamber has scheduled a Business Connections event which will be held in March at Leader Composite School. "The event will give the youth an opportunity to talk to a variety of businesses about what a typical day is like in those career options, potential career opportunities, training that may be offered through companies, information on courses needed, or where they could go to post secondary school for those careers," Elsasser explained.

Businesses represented will be able to offer advice to the students, let them know if they would offer training coverage and inform them about the availability of summer job opportunities.

"Our goal is to help our youth connect with local business leaders," Elsasser said. The Chamber is hoping to make this an annual event for Grade 10 to 12 students. Elsasser is approaching



Lee Elsasser is Development Officer for the Leader & District Chamber of Commerce. They want to open up the possibility of new and innovative business ideas for their town, and give current businesses an opportunity at succession planning. *SUBMITTED* 

businesses, but is confident twenty or more businesses will participate in the event.

The idea for the Business Connections event grew out of the Sandhills Credit Union Marketplace, where young entrepreneurs are encouraged to start thinking outside the box and try their hand at business. The Leader Chamber of Commerce built the marketplace and run it, while The Sandhills Credit Union is the naming right sponsor.

"We want to encourage and help any youth that would like to make Leader their home after high school or post secondary education," Elsasser said. "We want to open up the possibility of new and innovative business ideas for our town, as well as give current businesses an opportunity to look at succession planning."

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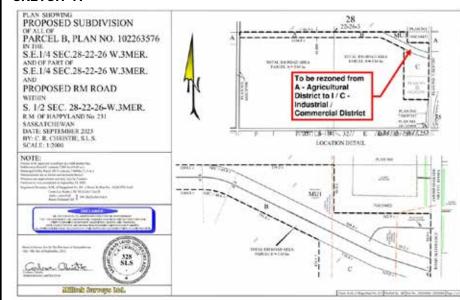
## RURAL MUNICIPALITY HAPPYLAND NO. 231 PUBLIC NOTICE

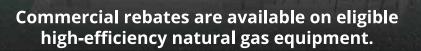
Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Happyland No. 231 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 4-81, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

#### INTENT

- · Create a new zoning district to accommodate Industrial/Commercial uses.
- Rezone all land shown within the bold dashed line on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision, located in the S 1/2 Section 28-22-26-W3M, dated September 19, 2023 and signed by Corban Christie, S.L.S., which is shown below as Sketch "A".

## SKETCH "A"







Contact your local Network Member or visit saskenergy.com to learn more.

#### REASON

 The reason for the amendment is to facilitate industrial and commercial development in the Rural Municipality of Happyland No. 231.

## PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the R.M. Office between 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the the R.M. Office in Leader, Saskatchewan 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 the R.M. of Happyland No. 231 this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Kim Lacelle, Chief Administrative Officer





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## Alberta won the energy lottery, yet it had to beg its neighbours if they could spare a megawatt?

#### **BY BRIAN ZINCHUK**

Alberta won the energy lottery millions of years ago. I'm not talking scratchers, but the Powerball. You know, the big American lottery that every so often is over a billion dollars?

Except Alberta's winnings are much, much larger than that.

So why is it the weekend of Jan. 12-15, the jurisdiction that has more oil, gas and coal than God, because God gave all his to Alberta, was forced to beg its neighbours if they could spare a megawatt?

Because that's what happened. It got so desperate the night of Saturday, Jan. 13, that the neighbours did not have another megawatt to spare. The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) and the government of Alberta sent out an emergency alert to every cellphone and TV screen in the province, calling on people to shut off everything from stoves to bathroom fans, as well as unplug block heaters and electric vehicles.

The only way this could happen is complete and utter incompetence at the top. It started with Rachel Notley, but Jason Kenney didn't seem to do much to reverse her moves. Only Danielle Smith seems to have finally said, "No more!"

Former Alberta premier Rachel Notley's push to get rid of coal as soon as possible and build as much wind and solar is a prime example of incompetence. While most coal plants converted to natural gas, not all units did, and hundreds of megawatts of cheap, reliable power were lost. Meanwhile, in the last two years Alberta's wind and solar basically doubled, projects that mostly got their start under Notley. And yet there were moments during the weekend where both wind and solar hit zero output. That even happened at the same time the morning of Jan. 14. Wind and solar's theoretical capacity of 6,131 megawatts was a big fat zero.

And yet when Notley announced her departure as leader of the NDP on Jan. 16, she put out a video proclaiming the elimination of coal-fired power and kickstarting renewables among her greatest accomplishments.

Some people blamed a small handful of natural gas plants being out of operation. Which is a greater concern - two of 87 gas fired units being down, or 88 of 88 wind and solar farms being down at the same time, as happened the morning of Jan. 14? Indeed, the vast majority of the 87 gas units and 2 coal units were indeed providing nearly all of Alberta's power throughout the weekend.

Those four days saw the AESO issue four "grid alerts" in a row. The second one was a much closer-run thing. As a last resort, they put all the grid-scale batteries into play, and those batteries were running out of juice after just an hour. The contingency reserve went to effectively zero. The AESO since reported they were within a half hour of calling for rotating blackouts.

If the province had not issued its emergency alert, rotating blackouts were minutes away.

Thankfully, it did work. But what about next time? The next step was rotating blackouts, and, if that didn't work, major load shedding. And if that wasn't enough, a replay of Texas, February, 2021, when 246 died. Except there would be more bodies, because it's a hell of a lot colder here.

There are some lessons from that weekend, and especially Saturday:

Do NOT expect your neighbour to be able to help you out. Often they can, and do. But as we saw Jan. 13, when your boat is sinking, your neighbour's may be sinking faster. Interties are good in many ways, but they must not be entirely relied upon.

We must not, allow this to happen here in Saskatchewan, or again in Alberta. But yet SaskPower keeps saying we're going to build an additional 3,000 megawatts of wind and solar. We are on Alberta's path. Alberta already has 6,131 megawatts of wind and solar. How's that working out for them? Friday night -6megawatts. Saturday night - 90. Sunday morning, zero.

Fossil fuels account for up to 94 per cent of Alberta's and 89 per cent of Saskatchewan's power on any given day. We cannot, must not, allow ourselves to think any amount of wind and solar can keep us alive when the temperatures hit -35 C. That weekend in Alberta proved it.

Brian Zinchuk is editor an owner of Pipeline Online and occasional contributor to the Frontier Centre for Public Policy. He can be reached at brian.zinchuk@pipelineonline.ca.







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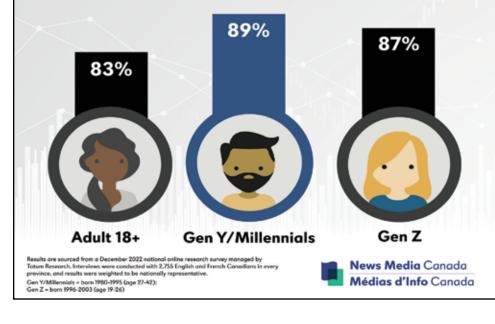
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## **USask College of Nursing expands nursing education in Saskatchewan**

BY: KYLIE KELSO, SENIOR MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST. UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN **COLLEGE OF NURSING** 

Since 2012, the University of Saskatchewan (USask) College of Nursing has been offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at various locations throughout Saskatchewan. At the end of 2023, USask Nursing announced the addition of two distributed nursing sites – Lloydminster and North Battleford.

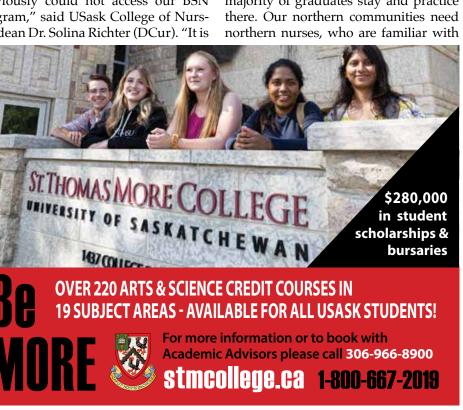
Beginning September 2024, students interested in taking the BSN program will be able to complete their entire degree at USask campuses in Saskatoon and Prince Albert or at nursing sites in La Ronge, Île-à-la-Crosse, Yorkton, Lloydminster, and North Battleford.

"We have listened to the residents of Saskatchewan and expanded to locations in the province where students previously could not access our BSN program," said USask College of Nursing dean Dr. Solina Richter (DCur). "It is

important our program offering is inclusive of rural areas of the province that have been previously underserved."

The College of Nursing Learn Where You Live model has proven to be successful at distributed sites in La Ronge, Îleà-la-Crosse, and Yorkton. Since the first students entered the BSN program in La Ronge and Île-à-la-Crosse in September 2012, 66 nursing students have completed their degree in northern Saskatchewan. Since starting the program in Yorkton in 2014, 81 students have graduated.

When nursing students complete their degree in their community, the majority of graduates stay and practice



For over the past four decades The Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association, in partnership with SaskPower and the Lieutenant Governor of



The University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at seven locations throughout Saskatchewan.

the culture and people. Saskatchewan has a large Indigenous population, particularly in northern Saskatchewan.

"In order to provide quality nursing care, we must actively contribute to a representative nursing workforce that is responsive to the needs of the province," said Dr. Richter.

"We have a long history of Indigenous student success and are recognized as having the highest number of self-declared Indigenous nursing students in the country. 16.6% of

seats in the BSN program are reserved for Indigenous applicants."

By expanding to Lloydminster and North Battleford, the College of Nursing aims to ensure all students in Saskatchewan have access to registered nursing education. When these students complete their nursing degree, they will help to fill unmet registered nursing workforce needs in northwest

Saskatchewan.

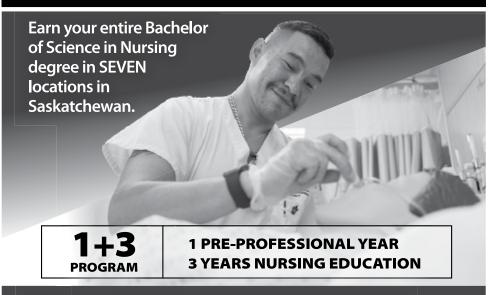
"By offering the BSN program at our distributed nursing sites, we are giving students the le-à-la-Crosse, Yorkton, Lloydminster, and North Battleford," adds Dr. Richter.

"We are decreasing the likelihood of these rural and remote communities experiencing a registered nursing shortage, as the students who complete their nursing education in these communities, will likely practice in the community once licensed."

The USask BSN is a 1+3 program. Students take their pre-professional year at USask campuses in Saskatoon and Prince Albert, at the University of Regina, or at a number of regional colleges throughout the province. The remaining three years are completed through the College of Nursing in Saskatoon (USask Campus), Prince Albert (USask Prince Albert Campus), La Ronge or Île-à-la-Crosse (Northlands College), Yorkton (Suncrest College), Lloydminster (Lakeland College), and North Battleford (North West College).

For more information on the University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing, please visit nursing.usask.ca.

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# Finding purpose in supporting others

Ernest Torniado always knew he wanted to help others.

Trained as a massage therapist, Ernest enjoyed the ability to work closely with his patients to discover suitable treatment plans but due to the repetitive nature of the work, he found himself in a state of burnout, considering other opportunities. When the COVID-19 pandemic forced him out of work for three months, he was ready to find a new career in the healthcare industry.

#### A path to physiotherapy

With an interest in physiotherapy, Ernest moved from Saskatchewan to enroll in the Occupational Therapist Assistant/Physical Therapist Assistant (OTA/ PTA) diploma at Medicine Hat College (MHC). This two-year program trains students to work under the direction of occupational therapists and physiotherapists, helping clients to successfully perform daily activities and mobilize after illness or injury.

"Becoming a therapy assistant allowed me to continue working within the healthcare scope, but more so on the rehab side," explains Ernest, who began the OTA/PTA program in Fall 2020 with an initial plan to pursue physiotherapy. He chose MHC for its ability to transfer the diploma to institutions like Athabasca University, Thompson Rivers University and University of Calgary for degree completion.



Upon finishing the program in 2022, he returned to Saskatchewan and took a role as an OTA at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. His role focuses on helping patients perform daily activities independently, such as getting dressed, feeding, and cleaning themselves.

"Working in a hospital, I'm able to see patients under different types of conditions and levels of abilities and I'm able to create a relationship with them. I like seeing their progress to recovery and getting them out of the hospital."

As the main point-of-contact throughout their

treatment, Ernest enjoys being an advocate for his patients and working closely with occupational therapists to find and adjust recovery plans, based on patient needs.

#### Supporting student success

Now, still closely linked to his educational roots, Ernest supports current MHC students during their practicum placements. Seeing an ongoing demand for OTA/PTAs in Saskatchewan, he hopes graduates will return to support hospitals and rehabilitation centers in need of staff.

"When I started my job at St. Paul's, one of four hospitals here in Saskatoon, I was only the second or third therapy assistant ever to be hired. Currently, I am the only therapy assistant working in the whole hospital, covering eight wards, so there is definitely a need for therapy assistants."

Ernest believes empathetic individuals with a passion for helping others and making a difference in their patients' recovery journeys would be most successful in an occupational therapy assistant role.

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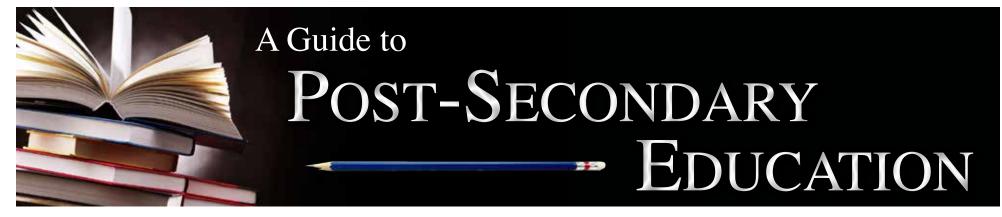
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## Sask Polytech welding apprentice crowned first Miss Rodeo Agribition

"As long as dedication is there, it can take you anywhere. I have so much passion and dedication for welding and rodeo," says Arianna Dyck, who was crowned the first Miss Rodeo Agribition in November.

Currently studying welding at Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw campus for her level one technical training, Dyck is taking apprenticeship training through an agreement with her employer and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.

"When I'm not training at Sask Polytech, I'm out in the field working and getting experience," Dyck explains.

Ready to add Miss Rodeo Agribition duties to her schedule, the new official brand ambassador of the Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) says she's received great support from her peers and instructors at Sask Polytech.

"With the title I currently have of Miss Rodeo Agribition, I want to show people to follow their heart and do what they want to do because in the end, they will live a more fulfilling life," she notes.

As part of the competition, Dyck had to do rodeo challenges, present a speech and complete an interview. Highlighting life in a skilled trade where women are underrepresented was a key element in her platform.

"I talked about women in the trades because it's a topic that's important to me. For me, it means a lot being a minority in such a male dominated industry. With my journey in welding, I want to show women that we can do it just the same as anybody else. No matter who you are, you can do anything," she says.

Her interview also stood out to the panel of judges, recalls Shaun Kindopp, CWA CEO.

"Arianna's interview was fantastic. By the end of it, people wanted to jump up on the table. She's a great speaker and a wonderful first Miss Rodeo Agribition," he explains, noting she was among three finalists vying for the crown.

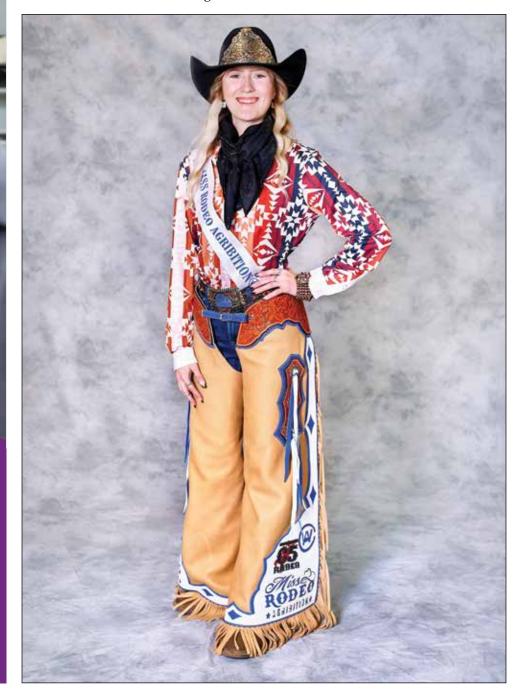
Dyck's passion for rodeo and barrel racing flourished in high school, which is also when she discovered welding. As she explored her post-secondary options,



she knew Sask Polytech was the right fit to achieve her career goals.

"Sask Polytech has resources like short course options. I had the opportunity to try Metalworking Madness," she says. The Continuing Education course geared to underrepresented groups including females, Indigenous people, newcomers, people with disabilities and youth enabled Dyck to further solidify her career choice. "It was very insightful and helped guide me towards being a welder."

For the next year, Dyck will travel to various communities and schools to represent the CWA as Miss Rodeo Agribition.



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## Murray Jeffries shares about life on the farm

**BY JOAN JANZEN** 

Murray and Carol Jeffries are newcomers to Caleb's community, having moved there in November of 2023 from their farm which is located between Marengo and Smiley. Murray said. "It's a very good place to be; the staff and the management make this place."

He has witnessed a lot of changes throughout his life, which began on December 5, 1940 when he was born in the Dodsland Hospital. Because it was winter and the roads were blocked, Murray and his mom took a train ride home to Smiley. "That was the mode of transportation in 1940," he explained.

He and his five siblings attended Prairiedale School, three miles west of the farm. There were 22 students. Both the school and a church were located on separate two acre plots of land. Murray was baptized and confirmed at St. Catherine's historic church located one mile west of Major. The priest travelled on a speeder on the rail line to Loverna for baptisms and funerals during the winter. Although church is still standing today, the school closed in 1958, after which students went to school in Major.

He estimated having ten different teachers while he was enrolled at Prairiedale School, and he remembers all of them. "There was a teacherage on the school vard," he recalled. "It was probably stressful for single female teachers to live in the middle of the prairie with no power or running water."

On one occasion Murray caused his teacher even more stress when he came into the school holding a live skunk by the tail. Apparently a skunk won't spray when it's held by the tail, but the teacher probably didn't know that. "I got her pretty excited," he admitted. "I got expelled for a day for doing that."

He also remembers the Prairiedale School and Victory School's combined ball team. Victory School was just seven miles from Prairiedale School. "We had a really good ball team," he said. All his siblings were on the team, and they played ball in Kerrobert, Major and Smiley.

On field days they'd enjoy a rare treat - ice cream that was ordered from Kerrobert and came in an insulated two gallon container. Since there were no freezers, the ice cream had to be eaten right away, which wasn't really a problem.

Winter was spent playing hockey and using Eaton's catalogues as shin pads. "It was better than a stick on the shins," he laughed. Although they played hard, they also worked hard. Families took turns cleaning the school and lighting the fires in the morning so the classroom was warm when the kids arrived.

All the kids in his family milked cows, shovelled grain from the wagon into the square bins, and gathered eggs. "Every month different farmers supplied beef for all the neighbours," he recalled. Since there were no freezers, there was lots of canned beef and canned chicken in the pantry.

After completing his Grade 10, Murray worked for the RM of Prairiedale, and continued working on a casual basis after he began farming. "I started working





Murray Jeffries and his wife Carol are adjusting to their new life in Caleb, after having moved from their farm in November, 2023. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

for 35 cents/hour. Beer was 10 cents a glass, and \$20 bought more bags of groceries than you could carry out of the store," he said. "Now I carry \$70 dollars worth of groceries out in one bag."

On Oct. 5, 1962 he and Carol were married and moved on to their farm in the spring of 1963. At that time they purchased three quarters of land for \$14,500, and installed power for \$600.

Their farm had a huge barn, 32'x80' and 42' high. "But the house was a cracker box," he laughed. "We moved in an old house, and renovated it. The wind blew right through it. We lived in it until 1972 when we built a new one."

Carol and Murray had four children ... two boys and two girls, who were involved in figure skating and 4H. "In 1976 I was Deputy Governor of the Kinsmen Club and visited 13 towns twice in a year."

Both Carol and Murray helped out at auction sales. Carol was a clerk and Murray was a ring man. "Did it for about 18 years. During April and half of May there was an auction pretty much every day," he said.

Besides farming, Murray also started up Prairiedale Oilfield which he operated for 25 years, along with his son, hired help and Carol doing the books. The Jeffries worked hard, but they also took time out to travel.

They journeyed south for the winter for 21 years. They also toured Alaska, Vietnam, Germany, China, Holland, Hungary, Florida, Hong Kong, Cambodia and Austria.

Now he and Carol have ten grandkids and two great grandsons. And they all love coming to the Marengo area to visit, where Murray and Carol's sons continue to farm.







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The Eston Red Ribbons - 1984. Back row (I-r): Jack Mc-Leod, Rick Morrice, Les Thome, Stewart Hunter, Brian Proudlove, Gerald Sinclair, Russell Houston, Gary Johnson, Peter Paul, Brian Reimer, David Hartsook, Garry Stevenson, Sheldon Hood. Front row (I-r): Clint Mathers, Morris Andrews, Bob Holmes, Tom Martin, Lawrence King, Ross Thompson, Blythe Irvine, Floyd Neilson, Gene Lonnberg, Bill Hartnell.

Those in the dark sweaters travelled to Reno, Nevada to play in an invitational tournament.

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# **Recognize anyone from this 1984 Eston team?**

## **BY JOAN JANZEN**

The Eston Red Ribbons were the first Eston hockey team to represent the town of Eston in an international tournament in Reno, Nevada. The Grass to Grain history book published a 1984 photo of the team, which began as a 30+ recreation team. The team competed throughout southwestern Saskatchewan, as well as in Alberta, playing up to 60 games per year.

The Red Ribbons was the first team to hit the

ice when the newly constructed complex opened. They were also the first team in Eston to have a bus, which was suitably named "The Big Red Ribbon". The converted school bus was equipped with a bathroom, space for equipment and card tables, which were used for their legendary smear games. A popular souvenir was a button that proclaimed, "I rode the Big Red Ribbon." There may be locals who still have one of those buttons in their possession.

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## "Half-Wild and Other Stories of Encounter"

#### BY EMILY PASKEVICS PUBLISHED BY THISTLEDOWN PRESS REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL

It's entirely rare that a first book packs a punch like Emily Paskevics' Half-Wild and Other Stories of Encounter. The Ontario writer's auspicious debut is multi-layered, engrossing, and technically well-wrought, and it credibly features the no-nonsense, hunting-and-fishing folks who populate Ontario's hardy wilderness communities.

If you love gothic literature, you'll devour these dozen stories. Think taxidermy. Animal fetuses in jars. Hitting a strange creature with your car on a dark, lonely road. Often characters are fleeing, or someone close to them has recently died, and the remote landscapes-rife with bears, wolves, covotes, harsh climate and dangerous waters-brilliantly parallel the characters' dire situations, their psychological turmoil, and the endangered ecosystem. "Bear Bones" is set in Sadowa, where "deer-crossing signs [are] half-battered with buckshot," a snowstorm's afoot, and Louisa's gone missing in a "man's oilskin coat". There's a touch of magic realism at play, but the next story—also featuring loner characters—is 100% dirty realism. Two unhappy, teenaged outsiders meet in a marshy bird sanctuary. The narrator says: "I bought a pair of binoculars from the rummage sale at the People's Church in town. One of the lenses was busted, but if I closed my left eve slightly I could still get a decent view".

haps thrive better within it than they do within towns, cities, and relationships. The women muck through marshes, know bird calls, use chainsaws, and can identify scat. Evelyn ("The Best Little Hunter"), at age fourteen, shot, skinned and tanned a black bear, and had been "a card-carrying member of the [Sadowa Hunting Club] since she was old enough to hold a rifle steady". Professor Ladowsky ("My Father's Apiary") is divorced, has lost her parents, and has suffered repeated miscarriages. Heidi, from "Predators," got an education in the city, but returns home to Sadowa to waitress at a "dingy pub".

And here's Paskevics' skill re: details. A woodstove fire fills a room with scents of "smoked cherry wood, beeswax, and crushed herbs". Night "comes alive in a rush of dry heat and cricket song. An acrid note of smoke hangs in the dry air from the wildfires up north". Sylvia, from the title story, returns to her deceased mother's home in the boreal forest and catches "the scent of spearmint in the overgrown grass by the front steps". "Wolff Island" is marvelously moody-one of the book's best: Martin's wife and child go missing on Wolff Island, where a warden tells him "You can't go missing on this island". Paskevics' "half-wild" characters will draw you into their woods, and, as the song goes, you're in for a big surprise.

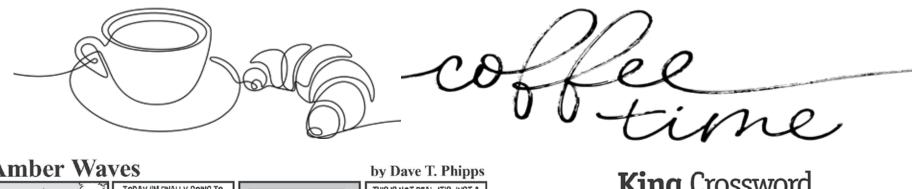
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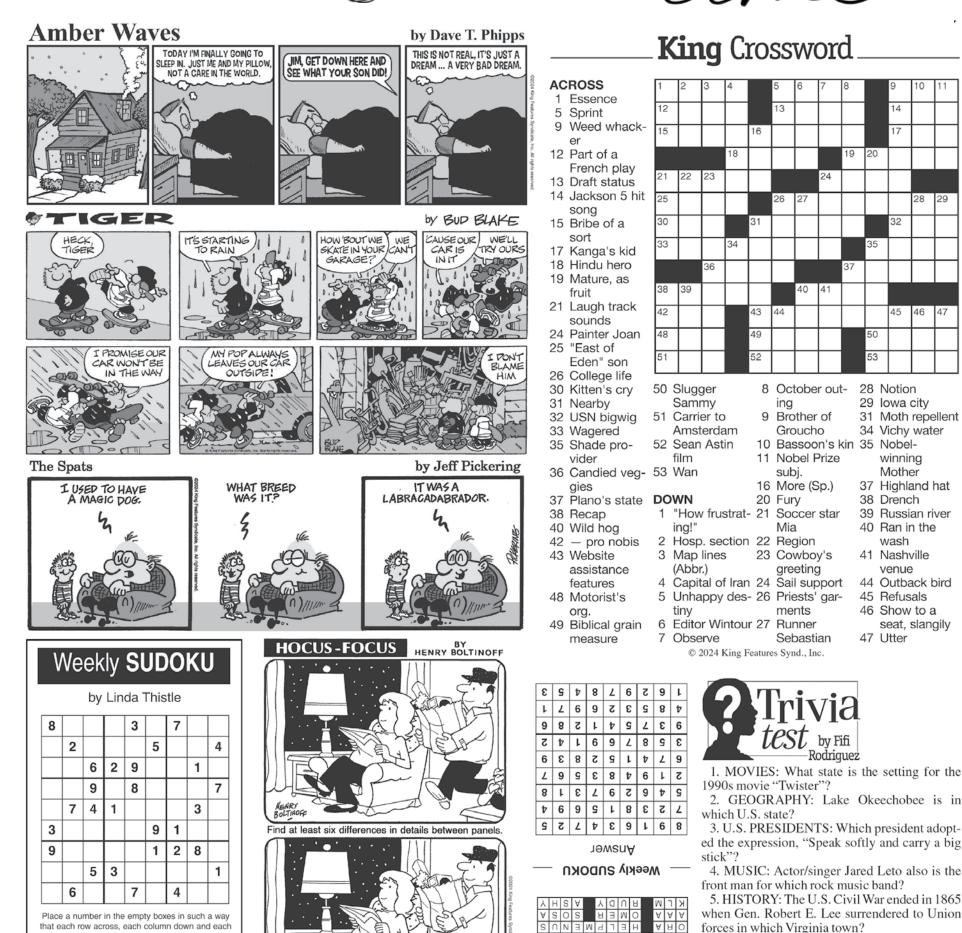
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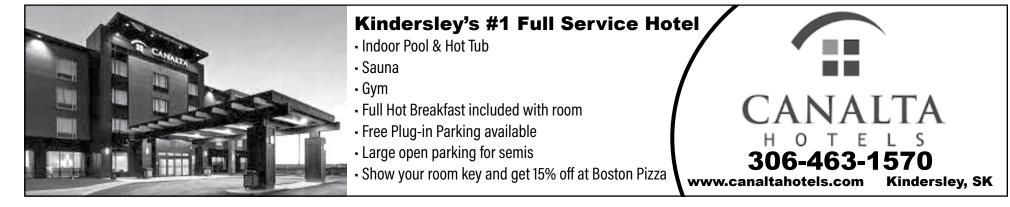




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# The advantages of **Sturling Curling**

Sturling Curling, a two-person team version of curling, has been present in Canada for a quarter of a century, and is gaining popularity. It was invented by two Alberta men, Brian Dingman and Carson Schultz of Didsbury, Alberta back in 1998. As the sport grew, players using sticks realized they can be competitive with slide curlers without any limitations.

The sport accommodates those with physical limitations, advanced age, or

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Under the provision of The Tax Enforcement Act the Village of Smiley offers for sale the following property:

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For more information contact the Village of Smiley at 306-834-1201.

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disabilities. It's suitable for people of all ages, both young and old, as well as people with knee, back, heart or shoulder disabilities, since the rocks can be handled with a curling stick from a standing or sitting position. The usual slide delivery can also be used, so evervone can participate competitively regardless of their preferred technique.

Sturling bonspiels are a more condensed version of a regular curling game, and are held as single day events,

> with every team guaranteed three games. The whole idea is to get people out curling and having fun.

With only two players on each team, it can be easier to organize and participate compared to traditional four-person curling teams. At the same time it retains the competitive nature of the game.

Sturling is often used as a way to introduce youth and beginners to the sport, which can help



Sturling curling allows participants to use a curling stick to handle the rocks, from either a standing or sitting position.

expand the curling community. In fact it has gained so much popularity, that it has gained Olympic status, and has extended beyond Canada's borders to Switzerland.

Sturling bonspiels help to promote league play which results in more curling memberships, dues, and volunteers. The whole idea of Sturling is to get folks out curling and to have fun!



Leanne Gartner (second from left) is a member of the cross-country ski team chosen to represent Canada in the U18 Olympic Games in South Korea. PHOTO NORDIC CANADA

MEDIA RELEASE

## **Olympic athlete has local connections**

## **BY JOAN JANZEN**

Leanne Gartner is a Youth Olympian who will be representing Canada at the 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, South Korea. Although 18-year-old Leanne is from Canmore, AB, her father, Neil Gartner grew up in Kindersley, and her mother, Michelle is from Saskatoon where her parents still reside. Leanne's grandparents, Gus Gartner and Diane Gartner both reside in Kindersley. Leanne is one of the four members of the Team Canada cross-country ski team who will be participating in the U18 Olympic Games from January 29th to February 1st at the Alpensia Biathlon Centre. This is

the same venue used in the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games. The other three team members are from the Yukon, Ontario and British Columbia. They will be wearing the same race suits as the athletes who competed in the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

Leanne has faced the momentous challenge of recovering from health issues throughout much of 2023. However thanks to her dedication and perseverance, she is now skiing at her very best. Her hard work has resulted in her first race overseas. You can be sure Leanne's family members in Saskatchewan will be cheering her on as she competes in South Korea.

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# 10 ways to celebrate 25 years of Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is taking place on January 27, 2024, marking its 25th year! Family Literacy Day raises awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups all across the country have taken part in the annual initiative.

In celebration, this year's theme is "Let's have a family party!" ABC Life Literacy Canada offers 10 ways for families to learn together by having a family party.

#### 1. Create your own invitations

Make invitations to your party. They can all be the same or different. Send them to family and friends a few weeks before the big day.

#### 2. Decorate your party room

Draw pictures of your family's favourite stories, books, and characters and use them as decorations.

## 3. Make yummy party food

Create a menu filled with fun party foods. Look in cookbooks, online, and talk with family about traditional recipes. Ask family members to help, and make your party foods together.

## 4. Sing and dance

Make up a song or dance. Make a video while you perform for your party guests and watch it together.

## 5. Dress-up for your party

Have fun planning what you'll wear for the party. Will you dress as your favourite story characters or with a certain theme? Have fun and show off your individual styles!

## 6. Take pictures in your own photo booth

Create a fun photo area. Gather fun and silly acces-



sories to wear. Make party signs for people to hold. Set up your area with a colourful backdrop created by you!

## 7. Make a toast

Write a toast to celebrate 25 years of Family Literacy Day and taking time to learn as a family. Your toast can talk about what you love most about learning or about the people at your party.

## 8. Play fun games

Plan fun party games like BINGO, Go Fish, I Spy, Pictionary, or Memory. You could even make up a new game and teach it to everyone.

#### 9. Eat cake to celebrate

Lots of parties have cake. Bake something yummy as a family. Use a favourite family recipe or find a new one in a cookbook or online.

## 10. Thank your guests

Everyone loves getting fun mail! Write and send a kind thank you note to each of your guests after the party. Share what you liked best, and make plans for the next get-together.

> For more activities and free resources, visit FamilyLiteracyDay.ca.

# Family literacy beyond the home

It's been said that parents are our first teachers, and our home is our first place of learning. But family literacy can – and should – extend beyond the home. Nurturing a love of learning doesn't have to be done alone. There are a plethora of community resources to access – many for free – to help build a love of learning for you and your children. In honour of Family Literacy Day on January 27, 2024, we explore a few ways that parents can take their learning outside the home.

## Local libraries

Libraries are not just warehouses of books, but thriving hubs of knowledge, learning and community engagement. A visit to your local library can be a magical experience for the entire family. In addition to exploring a vast collection of books, most libraries put on programming such as storytime sessions, sing-alongs and author readings. Libraries are 100% free and can usually be found in even the smallest communities.

## **Community literacy programs**

Beyond the library, community literacy programs play a vital role in enhancing family literacy. These programs are often tailored to specific age groups and provide targeted support and resources. Here's what they typically offer:

toddlers, these programs focus on developing pre-reading skills. They may include activities like rhyming, singing, and reading to babies.

- After-school programs: For school-age children, after-school literacy programs offer homework help and additional reading support. They often have certified educators who can provide one-onone assistance.
- Adult literacy classes: Community programs often cater to parents and adults who want to improve their own literacy skills. This is not only a great way to set an example for children but also an opportunity for self-improvement.

## Family literacy initiatives

Family literacy initiatives are specifically designed to engage parents and children together, fostering a shared love of reading and writing and learning as a family. There may be workshops that provide interactive activities that parents and children can enjoy together. Additionally, many communities host family literacy events, which include book fairs, author visits and hands-on literacy activities. These events can be a source of inspiration and excitement for both parents and children.

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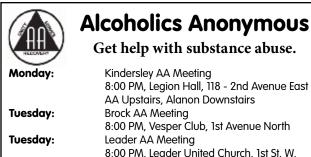
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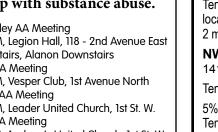
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• RM of Eye Hill Marshall RM of North Battleford

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> R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321 Box 160, Major, SK SOL 2H0 Email: administrator@rmofprairiedale.ca Phone: 306-834-1201 • Fax: 306-834-1202

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The Administration Assistant is also accountable for drafting, reviewing and editing time-sensitive correspondence. The Town of Kerrobert is looking for an experienced, career-minded Administration Assistant. We require a positive team-oriented person to set and meet goals and to ensure that every member of the team is delivering in accordance with the high standards of the Town's defined goals.

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The Town of Kerrobert offers competitive salary packages, an incredible work environment, and career advancement opportunities.

A full job description is available from the undersigned. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to the Town of Kerrobert at:

> **Tara Neummeier - Chief Administrative Officer** Box 558, Kerrobert, SK S0L 1R0 kerrobert.admin@sasktel.net

Deadline to apply is January 30th, however it will stay open until filled.

We sincerely thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates under consideration will be contacted.

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Successful applicants will possess the following qualifications:

- Be willing to work 40-50 hours per week, during peak season;
  - · Have experience and be willing to operate heavy equipment as required (grader/snow plow, tractor/mower/rock picker, payloader, gravel truck/trailer, etc);
  - Knowledge of maintaining and repairing roads;
  - Be able to work under direction of the Council/Foreman/Administrator. and work well with other employees:
  - · Be able to work independently and with minimal supervision;
  - · Be physically able to complete laboured tasks when required

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#### **Skills & Abilities:** Valid Driver's License

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- Type of Work Experience:
  - Grading municipal roads Roadside mowing
  - Culvert installations Signage & repairs
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  - Other duties as required

#### **Type of Equipment Operated:**

- Cat Grader
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## Applicants are invited to submit a resume including:

- Past experience and present work experience
- Certifications Expected Wage
- Three references
  - Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume by: mail, email or fax.

The R.M. of Progress welcomes all applicants, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Job Opportunity

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#### Reporting to the Head Librarian, the Assistant supports a wide array of library activities including:

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- · Be safety conscious and pay attention to detail

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Applications will be accepted until suitable candidates have filled the position(s).

Please apply by sending a resume that includes work experience (including types of equipment operated), proof of education/training/certification, and reliable references to:

R.M. of Newcombe No. 260 Box 40 Glidden, SK S0L 1H0 Phone: 306-463-3338 Fax: 306-463-4748 Email: rm260@yourlink.ca

self-motivated, organized, creative, comfortable on computers and interested in community literacy. No post-secondary training or previous experience required. On-the-job training provided.

The Eston Wheatland Regional Library is a vibrant community hub with one of the highest circulation rates in the Wheatland region, second only to the Region's cities. The library offers public access computers, a province-wide borrowing network, and an extensive collection of books, magazines, audio books, and other materials.

For additional details, please contact Head Librarian Cassie Stocks at eston.library@wheatland.sk.ca or 306-962-3513.

Applications, including a cover letter, resume, and references, can be submitted to the Eston Wheatland Regional Library via email at eston.library@wheatland.sk.ca, in person at 218 Main Street, or by mail to Box 487, Eston, SK S0L 1A0.



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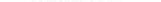


Parents were invited to bring their toddlers and babies to the walking track at the West Central Events Centre as part of the Parent & Tot Walking Crew drop-in community program. The free program offered by Pathway to Wellness kicked off on Monday, January 15th and will continue every Monday. The elevator was available for strollers as parents came with their children 5 years and under for a bit of exercise and visiting. About a half dozen moms brought their children to the track, in spite of the -35 degree temperature.

This mom braved the -35 cold temperature to come to participate in the Parent & Tot Walking Crew program at the WCEC. The program runs from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday mornings. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



This group of moms brought their babies and toddlers to the track Monday morning, in spite of -35 degree temperatures to enjoy the Parent & Tot Walking Crew program. PHOTO BY JOANNE KOSOLOFSKI





## **OBITUARIES**

## Patricia Jean Campbell

September 30, 1932 – January 11, 2024

Patricia Jean Campbell of Wainwright, AB (formerly of Luseland, SK) sadly passed away on January 11, 2024, due to complications of pneumonia. She was 91 years of age. Pat was predeceased by her husband Samuel Campbell, her parents Dorothy and Ed-



mund Prynallt and her brother Leonard Prynallt.

Pat was born in Maymont, SK on September 30, 1932. She attended school there until she graduated in 1949. Pat began training to be a nurse at City hospital in Saskatoon, SK. She lived in-residence there and completed round-the-clock duties under the supervision of matrons. Patricia received her nursing diploma after three years of training.

Pat met Sam, her future husband, at City Hospital in 1951. He was a patient recovering from an oil field accident. They married in the fall of 1954 and lived in Saskatoon where Pat nursed at St. Paul's Hospital.

In 1956, Pat and Sam moved to Luseland, Sk and raised three children. Pat was a stay-at-home mom, but volunteered at many charities, clubs and functions. Pat worked in the booth on school track and field days, took turns supervising at the first swimming pool in Luseland, was a Brownie leader, and taught a babysitting course. She also belonged to the Kinettes. Often Pat cooked warm meals for the

stray hockey players Sam brought home from practices. Pat enjoyed summer camping with the family and travelled over western Canada. The family have so many wonderful memories of those times.

When the children became older, Patricia chose to go back to nursing and took a refresher course in Biggar, SK. She nursed at both Dodsland and Kerrobert and Sam drove her to and from work.

After two tries, Pat earned her driver's license (Sam wasn't the best teacher) and went on to work at Kerrobert Hospital for many years. Pat loved working at Kerrobert and was a very caring and dedicated RN.

Patricia retired in her sixties and then enjoyed caring for her grandchildren and working in her garden and yard. At the age of 89, Pat had a stroke and after recovering, she moved to Points West Living in Wainwright. There she made wonderful friends and participated in numerous activities.

Patricia is mourned by her children, son Duncan (Pat), daughter Janice (Clay) Reade, and son Dean (Deanne); grandchildren Christine, Kelly, Kaitlin, Leah (Robert), Jeremy (Monique), Josh, and Rachel (Zach); great grandchildren Carys, Hollis, Royce, Kameron, and Hunter; sister Fern Hunter.

Patricia wishes to have a private ceremony. Those who would like to make donations in Patricia's memory may make them to the Alzheimer Society or Telemiracle.

The family would like to thank the staff at Points West Living for their care and compassion for Patricia. We are so very grateful.



Roberta "Robi" Jean Strachan

April 9th,1941 – November 26th, 2023

STRACHAN - Roberta "Robi" Jean Strachan was born April 9th,1941 in Montreal, QC. She passed away on November 26th, 2023, at the age of 82.

Robi was the beloved wife of Ronald Strachan and the mother of four children; Jamie Gelfand (Gary), Jeffery Stra-



chan (Michelle), Leanne Strachan, and Douglas Strachan. Loving grandmother to Aaron, Sydney, Michael, Jack, and Charli. She adored her loving puppy, Sammy. She has two brothers, Bob Walker (Lorraine) and Wayne Walker, a niece, Carmen, and five nephews; Paul, Jeffery, Bradley, Matthew, and Scott. She was predeceased by her parents Robert Walker & Jean Walker, and her sister Diane Harmel.

Robi was a successful businesswoman who owned and operated six ladieswear boutiques in SK, AB, and BC. She and her husband Ron owned and operated two restaurants in Melfort, SK, two KFC franchises in Kindersley and Rosetown, SK, and the Swiss Chalet Restaurant in Kelowna, BC. They also owned and operated a real estate publication which was distributed throughout the Okanagan and Victoria, BC.

continued to reach out by phone to her family and friends on a regular basis.

She was a member of a local book club, hiking club, and a passionate volunteer to many local charities. Other activities she enjoyed were downhill skiing and swimming. When she was raising her family in Saskatchewan, one of her favorite things to do was to spend the summers at Turtle Lake where they built a log cabin. There was always room for family and friends to come and enjoy the Griswold moments and adventures. She enjoyed long boat rides, would water ski from time to time, occasionally fish, and enjoyed long walks around the lake chatting with the locals and other guests.

Robi had an infectious laugh, a sweet smile, and a genuine curiosity for others. She encountered a few obstacles along the way and struggled for several years with a debilitating illness called Myasthenia Gravis, an autoimmune disorder. She faced a lot of adversities and setbacks and managed to stay the course with a strong desire and will to live. Her presence in our lives brought joy, kindness, laughter, and love.

Rest in peace, Robi.

A "Celebration of Life" was held on December 1st, 2023. Our family would like to thank all extended family members and close friends who attended. Robi's ashes will be spread at her favorite salmon run, located at Hardy Falls Regional Park, Peachland, BC late summer 2024. "You can shed tears that she is gone Or you can smile because she has lived You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left" Author: David Harkins

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Her hobbies included gardening, reading, sewing, knitting, and baking home-made pies. She enjoyed talking about current events, history, politics, healthcare, and business. She had an astute mind for the stock market and had a keen interest in real estate. She also had a memory like an elephant and



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• BINGO 2:00-4:00 PM at TJ's Pub & Grub.Presented by St. Paul's United Church - Senior's Quilting

Club. For more info call 306-460-8975.

## **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.

- Youth Curling Mondays 4:30-5:30 PM. Call Garrett for more information 306-962-4460.

- Youth Bowling Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM. Call Garrett for more information 306-962-4460.

- Adult Bowling Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. Call Garrett for more information 306-962-4460

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- 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.

## KINDERSLEY

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25** 

• St. Paul's United Church Robbie Burns Supper 6:30 PM. Doors open at 6:00. \$30/person. Limited seating. Deadline: January 18. Contact the church office at 306-463-6508. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

 Movie Trivia Night 7:30 PM at the Norman Ritchie Centre. Doors open at 6:30. To guarantee a table (5-6 people), message us on Facebook (@ kindersleytrivianights) \$10 each.

- FREE! Drop-In Soccer (Ages 15-99) Westberry School Gym every Thursday at 8:00 PM; Elizabeth School Gym every Friday at 7:00 PM. All welcome. Contact Kevin for more info: 306-430-4103 or email: kindersleysoccerboard@gmail.com

- Youth Curling hosted by the Kindersley Curling Club (Grades 4-12 welcome). Wednesdays 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 Kinderslev 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

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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

 BINGO at the Leader Friendship Centre. Doors open 6:15 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM.

#### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2&3

 Ladies Bonspiel Chicken & Wine at the G3 Iceplex. Raffle Prizes. Chicken Draw to the Button. \$60/person. Includes Banquet Saturday Night. Entry Deadline: January 20. Call Melanie Charnetski 306-460-7647, Leah Butt 306-628-7573, Krista Loudon 306-587-7379.

- Mondays are Family Fun Night (open to all ages) at the Leader Library 6:30-7:30 PM.

- Tuesdays & Thursday Stretch Exercises 10:00 AM at the Leader Friendship Centre.

- Wednesdays Toddler Time (ages 1.5 to 3) at the Leader Library 10:30-11:00 AM.

 Thursdays Baby & Me at the Leader Library 10:30-1:00 AM 0-2 years old (older siblings welcome)

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.

#### LUSELAND

Recurring events at The Luseland **Pioneers Club:** 

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- Members only: Wednesday afternoon cards 1:00-4:00 PM

- Members only: Thursday afternoon Ladies cards 1:00-4:00 PM

