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Bill Pinchin from Hoosier has donated his prized collection of harnesses to the Kindersley & District Plains Museum. Bill said his son-in-law found the antique bridal he is holding in his right hand. The bridal was made by a farmer for his son's birthday gift. Bill decided to make a new one exactly like it, which he is holding in his left hand. See the story on page 2.

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When Bill didn't have enough room to hang up his items, he made a few of these portable display columns.



Cliff Finley, a farmer from Dewar Lake, donated this edge roller to the museum. It had belonged to his uncle in the 1890's, and was used to smooth off corners and make decorative designs on leather.



Bill purchased this unique harness privately from someone who was selling a bunch of wagons and bridles. The bridle had a bit that was made to look like guns.

Hoosier farmer donates his collection to Kindersley's museum

BY JOAN JANZEN

A local collector from Hoosier, Sask. has decided to share his prized collection of harnesses and equipment with the Kindersley & District Plains Museum. Bill Pinchin and his wife reside on their farm five miles west of Hoosier, where Bill keeps his vast collection in a tack room in his barn.

The Kindersley Museum allotted space for Bill's collection on the museum's upper floor. "It's only one-eighth of my collection," Bill estimated. "More of it will be coming in the future. Lionel Story brought in the wall to display my harness collection. He took a chain saw and cut 14x7 foot chunks out of a barn for a feature wall."

Bill grew up on the family farm, but when he retired from farming eleven years ago, he realized he needed a hobby. "I enjoyed horses and raised a few horses, so I started a tack room in our barn, and it just blossomed from there," he said. "The land is rented out. We have a few head of cattle and the grandkids use our pasture. I'll be 89 in February, but we love the farm, so we'll stay out there as long as we can."

As for his extensive collection, Bill is trying to sell it on the internet. And whatever doesn't sell will be donated to the museum. Some items are more valuable than others. Bill pointed out a bridle with blinkers. "They're supposed to be worth \$500 a pair because they're so rare; they fall off the horse and get stepped on and broken," he said. The blinkers were used to

keep horses from looking at something they would be scared of while threshing, Bill explained.

"I enjoyed going to auction sales and looking for antiques. I'm disappointed that auction sales aren't like they used to be. That's where you found all the little items; some people called it junk," Bill chuckled.

He would travel over 100 miles to attend auctions, enjoying the social interaction and bidding. He would buy things nobody else wanted because they couldn't identify the items. He recalled one occasion when the bidding started at \$100

and kept going down until he bought three items for a dollar a piece. However, antique harnesses and other similar items are becoming more expensive and more difficult to find. "It's all been destroyed or is in museums," Bill said. He pointed out several harness traces farmers had made back in the day when they needed to be innovative. They were made out of tires or machinery belting instead of leather.

Every item seems to come with a story. "Someone would buy six old saddles and make three new ones out of the six," Bill said. "I collected harnesses and restored them. I worked steady at it and have no idea how many I made." When Bill went to an auction, he would look for really old riding bridles and then use the pattern to make new ones.

He would purchase leather from Ontario, but the freight was often more than the price of the leather. However, sometimes, he was able to find leather at auction sales or from farmers who had their own tack rooms. Hanging on the wall at the museum was a unique-looking bridle with a bit made to look like guns, which Bill had purchased privately from someone who was selling a bunch of wagons and bridles. "He had lots of that kind of stuff. Buying all that stuff raised hell with my pension cheque," Bill laughed.

During the past summer months, Bill also donated twenty-five drill presses to the museum. When Bill wasn't working on his harness collection, he was busy making and restoring wagons and sleighs. "I restored a wagon for someone in Rosetown, and you can see it along the No. 7 Highway," he said. "My wagons have my trademark diamond on them."

If you happen to drop in at the Kindersley Museum, be sure to go upstairs and check out Bill's harness collection. It's truly a labour of love.

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Gartner wants to represent small communities in legislature

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kim Gartner from Macklin, SK, recently won a contested nomination to be the Saskatchewan Party's candidate for Kindersley-Biggar in the 2024 provincial election. Gartner said he was overwhelmed by the win.

"The support from around the constituency was great, with lots of messages of encouragement. The overwhelming support from the Macklin, Denzil and Cactus Lake area was particularly gratifying and very humbling," Gartner said.

Although he had considered running for the nomination in the past, he was unable to do so because of work and family commitments, which have always been a high priority in his life. "When Ken Francis decided not to run again, I thought about what that might mean for my community and for our area of the province," he said.

Gartner's career experience includes thirty-five years in municipal administration and thirty years



Kim Gartner

serving as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Macklin. He is the past president of the Urban Administrators Association of Saskatchewan and has served as School Trustee for the Living Sky School Division.

"I want to bring my wide range of experience in all aspects of life in west central Saskatchewan. I believe my background is well rounded; local governance, along with provincial and community involvement, has provided me

with a wide scope of interests," he said. Gartner has been a dedicated volunteer in his community, contributing to numerous organizations, as well as serving as Event Coordinator for the World Bunnock Championship.

"I have a deep-founded appreciation for small communities and wish to represent them in the legislature," Gartner said. This deep appreciation had been cultivated beginning at a young age, as he was born and raised on a family farm near Macklin.

As a resident in rural Saskatchewan, Gartner is well

aware of both the challenges and needs in his province. He realizes small communities are particularly vulnerable to governmental decisions.

"We are an economic generator for the province, but our small population and local tax base require consideration when legislative and programming decisions are being made," Gartner observed. "Attraction of families and businesses into our communities relies heavily on stable governmental policies."

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Leader RCMP investigating break and enter and ATM theft at Burstall Credit Union

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Investigation has determined the front loader was stolen from Burstall early on December 17, and the truck used to haul the ATM was stolen from Leader late on December 16.

Officers located the dismantled ATM and front loader at the scene. Parts of the ATM and the truck were recovered later on December 17, approximately 10 kilometres west of Liebenthal. None of the cash has been

recovered.

Leader RCMP continue to investigate. Anyone with information should contact Leader RCMP at 306-628-4600. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Editor's Note: The Town of Burstall has been asked to share the following information regarding the recent damage to the Credit Union in Burstall. Management has met with adjustors and engineers. The goal is to restore the building and resume services as quickly as possible. Discussions are underway re: the possibility of temporary service in the meantime.

We will provide any updates when made available.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Dated at Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, this 14th day of December, 2024.

Tara Neumeier,
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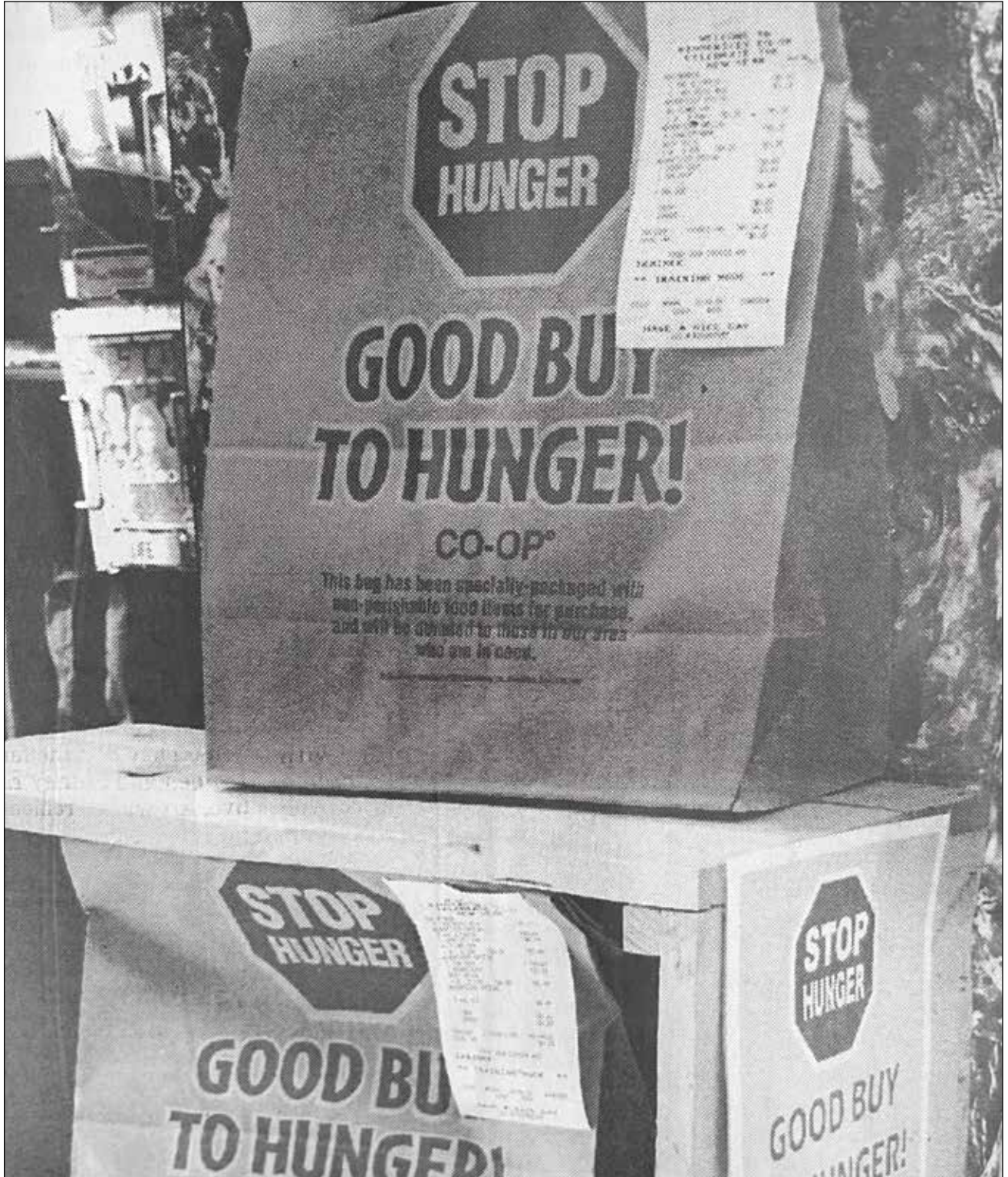
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The Co-op Marketplace initiated the Good Buy to Hunger program twenty years ago, in January 2004, and it's been serving this area ever since. PHOTO (JAN. 7, 2004 - THE CLARION)

Good Buy to Hunger program has been providing food for 20 years

BY JOAN JANZEN

Did you know the Co-op Marketplace's Good Buy to Hunger initiative has been providing food for people in Kindersley and area for twenty years? The program started up in January of 2004, according to a report in the Jan. 7, 2004 issue of The Clarion. Thirty-five bags of food for donation were purchased in the first week it got underway.

The provincial program, sponsored by Co-op, consists of bags of non-perishable food being bagged and made available for purchase at varying amounts as customers pay for groceries at the cash register. Bags are set aside and collected weekly by a community service organization that disperses food to residents

in need.

Twenty years ago, bag prices ranged from \$5 to \$12 to allow people to find a price that fits their budget. Due to inflation, bag prices have increased significantly since the program first began.

Although the prices have increased, the positive impact of the program has also mushroomed, providing nutritious food for so many people for two decades. In 2004, it was described as the kind of program that people are really going to take advantage of. Those words proved to be true, both then and now in 2024.

The success and longevity of the Good Buy to Hunger program is a testament to the generosity of the people in Kindersley and surrounding area.

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OPINION: A look at homelessness and the working poor



BY JOAN JANZEN

This was a funny post I discovered on social media. It read: To the lady who flipped me off when I honked at you, your phone probably isn't on top of your car anymore.

Although many Canadians express warnings to the government in an effort to help prevent further losses, their endeavours are often ignored, much like the lady who forgot her phone on top of her car. One of those warnings expressed is the belief that proposed immigration targets will have a negative impact on housing costs.

A bank executive and chief economist expressed a caution at the National Bank of Canada, whose August memo pointed out the Liberals' high immigration levels are creating a "record imbalance" between housing supply and demand.

Nevertheless, the Minister of Immigration insists the targets will be maintained or even raised, not cut. Meanwhile, numerous media reports have been "honking" out warning messages.

Several years ago, in July 2020, a CBC article by Catherine Tunney reported that the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) didn't know the whereabouts of 34,000 foreign nationals slated for removal. The article claimed CBSA was unaware of the whereabouts of two-thirds of the 50,000 enforceable cases in the agency's inventory.

Even though the situation has clearly gotten out of hand, three years later, there is evidence that not much has improved. An August 2023 CIBC Capital Markets report estimated that Canada is undercounting the number of non-permanent residents living in the country by nearly one million.

In spite of all the honking and warnings being issued, a Global News article from August 2023 reported the Immi-

gration Minister claiming Canada absolutely can't build more houses without more immigrants.

Andrew Lawton interviewed Cosmin Georgia, host of the Daily Brief, who noted immigrants are moving to high-density areas, which brings a host of problems, including increases in the cost of housing and rent. "Yet we know there's not enough houses being built," he said.

Stats Canada showed that the most popular jobs for immigrants are service, healthcare and the fast food industry. "They aren't coming here to build infrastructure," Georgia reasoned. Stats Canada has also released data showing a severe labour shortage in the construction sector.

"Immigrants that came here before them (recent immigrants) are still looking for homes as well, and there's nothing left for them," Lawton said. "Immigrants now have to get full-time jobs and are in a position they didn't expect to be in. As a country we should pride ourselves on providing a positive experience when they come to Canada. So making it worse is simply not the solution."

So what is the solution? The situation has become so dire that an article by Quinn Patrick reported a Nova Scotia minister calling for residents to rent out extra rooms to combat the housing crisis. Another article by Sue-Ann Levy reported the Mayor of Toronto asking residents to house asylum seekers.

Not only does the housing shortage affect asylum seekers, it also has a negative impact on Canadian citizens. Since housing costs have doubled, it can take as much as 25 years to save up for a down payment. Consequently, it's not surprising that criminals are becoming more brazen, like the recent incident in a small town in Saskatchewan where thieves stole a payloader and rammed

it into a bank, using it to haul out the ATM machine.

According to a 2019 report to Parliament by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, homelessness likely affects 3,000 to 5,000 of Canada's nearly 650,000 veterans. The report noted the issue is rooted in numerous concerns, including affordable housing shortages.

On her online show, Canadian Faytene Grasseschi reported on a growing problem in Canada - the working poor. The majority of those who are struggling with homelessness are people who have jobs but can't find a place to stay that's within their budget.

"You look at the ocean of need across Canada, and we all wonder what we can do," Faytene observed. While the report by the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs emphasized the importance of community organizations stepping in to lend assistance, Faytene discovered two guys who decided to get involved, stepping forward to provide help for the homeless.

The two men named Stephen and Matt joined forces, raised some money, and erected a temporary emergency village outside the city hall in Halifax. They set up ice fishing tents in an effort to save lives during the cold winter months.


Stephen shared one story about meeting a construction worker in New Brunswick who heard about the new encampment. He asked Stephen if they

had a place for him since he had been sleeping on the construction site. Unable to find affordable housing, he had contemplated walking off the edge of the building and committing suicide because he couldn't handle it anymore. He was extremely grateful to be offered a warm place to stay and is just one of many of the working poor in Canada.

However, a recent headline gave us a glimpse into the future. The headline from an article by Lindsay Shepherd read, "Canada to import 1 million new permanent residents in 2025-2026". One can't help but wonder if more people coming to Canada means more votes for the government.

But Marc Miller, the Immigration Minister, did offer a faint glimmer of hope when unveiling an action plan. He said Canada's immigration planning will now take into account housing, health care and infrastructure. Hopefully, those words translate into tangible action.

As we begin a new year, it's important that we recognize the need to voice both our concerns and suggested solutions to our governing leaders, who are our "public servants." As Andrew Lawton's guest pointed out, "If you have more families coming than you have houses being built, you have a housing crisis." Our public servants need to hear our simple yet logical evaluation of the situation in order to avoid a crisis.



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Pop89: Thrown Together

BY MADONNA HAMEL

I've heard family defined as the people who have to take you in when you wash up on the rocky shores of life. In 2010, when, in the midst of sporadic successes in my professional life, my personal life was foundering, my father, newly widowed, took me in. And thus the prodigal daughter and the bereft husband were thrown together to muddle through until the dust settled and the darkness passed, if only for a while.

I recall the day Dad and I visited Mom's grave, and he turned to me and whispered sheepishly: I bet you wish it was me who died instead of her. To his brave and sad suspicion, I replied: It's not that Dad. It's just that I knew her so much better than I know you. We've been thrown together, so we will get to know each other.

I got to know some other people at that time - friends who helped us move through a new chapter in our lives - our neighbours Alyson and Al. Al and Al are consummate hosts. They bring people together under their airy roof, feed us vintage wines and exotic cheeses, and pull from us stories we've been dying to tell. Or never knew we held. Stories that only needed nudging.

Some days, Evan, a hockey player from Saskatchewan living across the street, would come over with his three little girls. Other days, Alyson and I would make our way to the end of the road and dive off rocks into the warm Okanagan Lake. We'd talk about books and her kids, or we'd just float and bob silently on the water til sunset, and sometimes we'd laugh, and sometimes we'd cry. Walking back to her car, gripping our towels around our wet bodies, I always felt lighter, washed clean of the day's sorrows and worries. Those days made me feel my life was not a shipwreck but a boatload of friends holding life preservers in the shape of stories.

For three summers, we lived like that. I gardened my mother's garden and fed my Dad whatever he wanted for supper, which was usually chicken wings or barbecued ribs, then watched Jeopardy with him. After he went to bed, I'd call over the fence to Alyson: "Hey neighbour, whatcha doing?" And over the fence came the reply: "Come over."

Last night, she called me over again. We don't live a hedge away. But we're in the same town as long as my father is in hospital. I'm staying a few blocks away with my sister, who takes turns with me, sitting with Pops while he eats, making sure he consumes more than pudding, then playing checkers to keep him seated upright for at least another hour, even though he just wants to sleep. These are the obligations of sisters and daughters.

"You're not going to believe this," says Alyson over the phone. "Evan's Dad is in town, and he told me about this column in a prairie newspaper by a writer named Madonna. You have to come over." John lives in Eston. When Evan was young, he moved from Eston to Swift Current to play hockey. It turns out his PE teacher in high school is a friend of mine. In fact, we know many of the same people he knew as a child, people I met when I moved away from Kelowna to Val Marie.

Over and over, I marvel at the ways our lives, all our lives, urge toward meaning and connection. The longer I live, the easier it is to understand what the Franciscan author Richard Rohr means when he says: "Religion can only use the language of metaphor because it points to transcendent things. Basically, you can translate The Kingdom of Heaven as The Big Picture." We are constantly invited to live in "the final and full picture, and not get lost in momentary dra-

mas, hurts and agendas."

And as I age and allow for The Big Picture, I find, paradoxically and mysteriously, that my world gets smaller. That is, all the random events and strange acquaintances become welcome and necessary guests at the wine and cheese table of life.

Just this morning at New Year's Eve mass, I ran into Johnny, one of my brother Doug's best friends from high school. I immediately called Doug and shoved my cell phone into Johnny's face because no one has a laugh like Johnny; it's a balm for weary souls. As a kid, Johnny cheered Doug in the same way Alyson did me in my later years. And after a hard year recovering from a stroke, my brother could use a laugh. This evening, seated next to me at Al and Al's, Evan introduced me to his beautiful young wife. Turns out she's Johnny's daughter.

I am reminded of the day in Quebec City when I realized I was related to my new neighbour. "Bien sur!" She laughed. "We are all relations. This is an old country, Quebec." And on the prairie, nobody seems surprised either - families go generations back. Indigenous families even farther. We are ALL relations; they remind us, even when we feel haphazardly thrown together.

We don't get to pick our neighbours. And even when we think we are choosing our mates and spouses and friends, we have no idea the rich and confounding pantheon of little gods and grubby angels that come with the package. If we did, we might not have the guts to go through with it.

On the prairie, if you get caught in a storm, you pull over and trudge to the nearest home, and they will take you in. We call this a Storm Stay. You watch and wait for the storm to pass, telling stories, drinking cups of coffee. It occurs to me, as my family goes through this storm of illnesses, longing for clear skies and land to light on, that life is just one big storm stay, and we are thrown together until it passes.



The Kindersley Food Bank is extremely humbled by this year's generosity of food, monetary donations and volunteered time. A total of 185 hampers were packed, assisting approximately 370 individuals from Kindersley and surrounding area. 35% of these were children and 10% were seniors. Inter Pipeline's \$10,000 was one of many generous monetary donations. Pictured are Esther Boyd and Jenn Mueller from Inter Pipeline.

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Winners in '24: Ravens, L.A Kings, Dodgers and Riders

BY BRUCE PENTON

Almost certainly guaranteed to happen in 2024 (emphasis on the 'almost'):

January — Canada's best hope on the men's side of the Australian Open tennis draw is Felix Auger-Aliassime, the 29th seed, but he's unlikely to win. The closest a Canuck will come to a title is on the women's side, where both Leylah Annie Fernandez and Bianca Andreescu are ranked in the top 45. Winners?

February — It's never wrong to pick the National Football League's best quarterback as the reason his team wins the Super Bowl, so Lamar Jackson will lead the Baltimore Ravens to this year's SB57 (LVII) title in Las Vegas.

March — Yes, there will be Madness on U.S. college basketball courts and no, a 16-seeded team will not beat a No. 1 this year.

April — The NHL regular season will come to a close and, astonishingly, both Sid the Kid and the Great 8, Alex Ovechkin, will be on the playoff sidelines.

May — With Mookie Betts batting in front of him, and Freddie Freeman following him in the batting order, Shohei Ohtani will have hit so many home runs for the Dodgers after 50 games that they'll remove the 'Hollywood' sign atop Mt. Lee and replace it with a gigantic picture of the Japanese phenom.

June — Sadly, hockey season will come to an end with the Leafs failing once again to break their 56-year non-Cup curse. L.A. Kings will beat Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup final.

July — In a pre-tournament promotion, Nick Taylor will be given 100 tries to replicate his historic 72-foot putt that won him the Canadian Open last year and he'll finally sink it after try No. 87.

August — Canadian swimming star Summer McIntosh, who will turn 18 on Aug. 18, will dominate the women's events at the Paris Olympics, coming home with more medals than any other Canadian swimmer other than Penny Oleksiak, who won seven in the 2016 and 2020 Games.

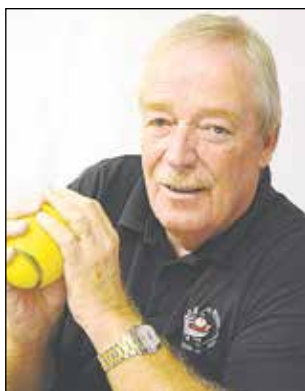
September — What's in that Red Bull engine? With Max Verstappen winning 19 out of 22 races in 2023, there's was about as much drama in a Formula 1 race as wondering whether the sun will rise each morning. Steps will be taken to reduce his team's dominance, because fans will yawn and start tuning out.

October — Even though winning 127 games is no guarantee of a World Series title, Los Angeles Dodgers will breeze to the 2024 championship, proving that money may not buy happiness, but it will buy championships.

November — B.C. Place will be the site of the Grey Cup game Nov. 17, but the home team won't be playing. Saskatchewan and its new head coach Cory Mace will nip the Alouettes in an overtime thriller.

December — Connor McDavid, Connor Bedard and Connor Hellebuyck will make headlines in the NHL, as will Kyle Connor, who wishes to be known as Connor Kyle to improve his chances of on-ice success.

• Comedy guy Steve Burgess of Vancouver: "Ap-



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

parently it wasn't just about the \$700 million. (Shohei) Ohtani was unhappy when the Jays explained their plan to always yank him in the fourth inning."

- Hockey broadcaster John Shannon in pre-game chat when Connor Bedard met Connor McDavid in Edmonton for the first meeting between the two NHL superstars: "It's 97 vs. 98 in a city made famous by 99."
- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The third-string QB of the Giants, Tommy DeVito, who they call Tommy Cutlets, pulled an upset of the Packers. Remember how Peyton Manning used to yell 'Omaha' at the line of scrimmage? Tommy Cutlets yells 'Badaboom badabing.'"
- Headline at fark.com, after the L.A. Chargers lost 63-21 to Las Vegas Raiders on Thursday Night Football in December and both coach and GM got fired: "Brandon Staley was so bad at his job last night he got his boss fired, too."
- Steve Simmons: "Is Easton Stick a starting quarterback with the Los Angeles Chargers or is it in my garage, beside my frozen hockey bag?"
- Headline in the Beaverton, after free-agent Shohei Ohtani shunned the Blue Jays and signed with the Dodgers: "Inspiring: This man isn't locked into a long, expensive contract with Rogers."
- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "There was an earthquake in Southern California. It was pretty strong; at their practice it actually shook an L.A. Charger into the end zone."
- Headline at fark.com: "The Dodgers have spent \$1 billion on two players this offseason. Look for \$60 beers and \$40 hotdogs at the ballpark this year."
- Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfsen, after Sweden defeated Canada 2-0 at the world junior hockey championship: "I thought the national anthem of Sweden was Dancing Queen."
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "North Pole police have finally cleared Santa's head elf of charges of careless use of a firearm. Authorities admit mistakes were made after finding a cartridge in a pear tree."
- fark.com headline after Amari Cooper caught a team-record 236 yards passing against Houston Texans: "Texans placed Jimmie Ward on the IR, presumably from all the burns he received trying to cover Amari Cooper."

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Local students receive scholarships

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Dr. Holmes Scholarship recipients for 2023 are students from the communities of Coleville and Eatonia. The two recipients from Coleville are Brian Pinno (Nursing), and Emily Sproule (Physical Therapy). The two Eatonia recipients are Emma Eckstein (Nursing), and Trinity Connolly (Nuclear Medicine Technology). The Dr. Holmes Scholarship Fund has been assisting students for 42 years, with a maximum of eight students receiving assistance each year.

Eatonia, Eston, Kindersley, Brock and Kyle, which is the area Dr. Holmes covered throughout his practice. Applicants pursuing a career in the health field submitted a transcript of marks for their most recent year of study, a proof of full-time enrolment letter, a volunteer involvement reference, employment reference, as well as an academic reference. The scholarships are awarded by a selection committee based on qualifications.

Dr. Stewart Holmes passed away on Nov. 2nd, 2017 at the age of 93 years. The scholarship continues as his legacy and is made possible by the generous donations received throughout the area.

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Possibility of job action by teachers

A letter was recently sent out to school families by the Director of Education of the Sun West School Division informing parents of the possibility of teacher job action. In October of 2023 the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) engaged in contract negotiations with the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee, which led to an impasse. Afterward, the STF announced that teachers had voted in favour of sanctions, or job action.

In December, 2023 another impasse was reached following conciliation meetings, which resulted in the possibility of job action by teachers in Saskatchewan, including teachers in Sun West School Division. Teacher job action could take various forms including withdrawal of supervision of extra-curricular activities and/or noon supervision, or rotating

strikes or a general strike.

Parents and guardians were advised that job action would have varying impacts on school operations and may include closing schools to students. However, they were assured measures will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of students is prioritized throughout any job action taken.

The letter was sent out in order to prepare families if job action is to take place, in which case Sun West School Division will provide ongoing communication to keep them informed. In order to do so, the director advised families to ensure their parent/guardian contact information at their schools is accurate. The website (www.sunwestsd.ca) and their social media channels will also be utilized to provide information and updates.

Sun West School Division respects the collective bargaining rights of all its employees, and thanked families for their understanding and cooperation.



Joan Janzen (right) was happy to donate a bag of bottles to Grade 8 students from Elizabeth Middle School last week. Students were canvassing the town last week to help with fundraising projects.

PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

Perspective from a Bus Driver's review mirror

The following comments by a school bus driver were recently posted on social media. Although the driver chose to remain anonymous as to the location of their bus route and their personal identity, the content remains relevant to bus drivers in general. Therefore it is hoped that parents and grandparents who have children riding on school buses will take the driver's comments into consideration.

As a school bus driver, I would like to explain something. My job is to transport your child from point A to point B safely, on time and ready to learn. That is all.

What do I mean when I say safely? Let me explain. Safely means I pre-trip my bus daily to ensure it is running properly and that it hasn't been tampered with. Safely means my eyes are constantly scanning all 7 mirrors, blind spots, and the road in front of me. I'm not a babysitter. I'm not a mediator. I'm a Bus Driver.

I would absolutely love to be able to watch and hear each and every little thing that goes on in the 40 feet of school bus behind me, but while I'm watching Johnny jump across the seat, I just missed a car pull out in front of me. And oops, while I'm yelling at Susie to keep her hands to herself, the light changed and now I'm slamming the brakes to stop in time at the intersec-

tion. And what's that? Now Joey has a nose bleed? And now someone dumped all of Katie's stuff out of her book bag, and "bus driver, Bobby is flicking me", and "bus driver, Lily said she doesn't like me anymore", and what's that? While I'm looking in the mirror behind me reprimanding your perfect children, a car just ran my reds and Sally almost got run over!

It's Never Ending to us ... And that doesn't even include the way the children speak to us. I'm pretty certain they don't speak to other school faculty like that. And certainly don't speak to their parents the way they speak to us.

So please, parents, tell me ... where do you want me to look? Behind me? In front of me?

Would you prefer I pull over each and every time someone yells "bus driver"? Because then you will complain that the bus is never on time, and trust me if I did pull over every time, we wouldn't even make it out of the school parking lot before I'd have to stop. In case you didn't know, your children are not perfect...no one is.

Would you rather I continue down the road watching what's going on behind me more than what's going on with other vehicles on the road around me? Because I can assure you, if I'm not scanning every angle around the bus, there will be an accident, and then I will

again be to blame, because I should've been paying attention to the road.

Now, on top of that, we see your children for less than 30 minutes a day, in

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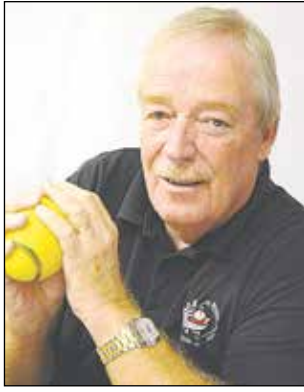
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Sports humour review from 2023 (Part 1)

Part 1 of a review of some of the best quips and quotes from 2023 (January to June); Part 2 to follow next week:



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

- Comedy writer **Alex Kaseberg**: "In the World Cup, France beat England 2-1. What I like about France is no trash-talking. Actually, they can't trash talk because, in soccer, you're not allowed to use your hands."
- **Al Michaels** on Thursday night Football, about Jets' QB **Mike White** seeing a plethora of doctors to deal with an injury: "He saw every doctor except Zhivago and Julius Erving."
- PGA Tour player **Mackenzie Hughes**, on Twitter: "This has been a tough decision to make, but after talking with my family and friends, I've decided to retire. The game has just beaten me up too much over the years. One day I may come back, but for now it's time to say goodbye to fantasy football."
- **Phil Mushnick** of the New York Post: "To assign 'Hollerin' Kevin Harlan an NFL game on CBS or Westwood One Radio, is like listening to a bingo caller on a cruise ship loaded with hard-of-hearing seniors."
- **Pierre LeBrun** in The Athletic, on junior hockey star **Connor Bedard**: "He is the kind of prospect an NHL franchise should go all-out tank-a-palooza for."
- **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: "Canadian Olympic figure skater **Tessa Virtue** has gotten engaged to Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Morgan Rielly. I suggest a spring honeymoon — the Leafs usually aren't busy that time of year."
- Comedy writer **Torben Rolfsen** of Vancouver: "Switching over from the end of the World Juniors

to the NHL games Thursday night... it was like watching the Moon Landing followed by a documentary on plumbing."

- **Alex Kaseberg** again: "Less than a week after team trainers saved the life of **Damar Hamlin**, the Packers' **Quay Walker** was ejected for shoving a Lions trainer aiding an injured player. It was the stupidest thing I have ever seen in the NFL and I saw the Chargers draft **Ryan Leaf** second overall."
- Another one from Kaseberg: "In Dallas' 31-14 win over Tampa Bay, Cowboys' kicker **Brett Maher** missed a record four extra points. It turns out

Maher is a German word for shank."

- **Jason Sobel** of Sirius SX, on Twitter: "**Patrick Reed** threw a tee at **Rory McIlroy**, which might not sound like much, but this is essentially golf's version of a bench-clearing brawl."
- **RJ Currie** again: "The Edmonton Oilers hung updates of their 20 total NHL division, conference and Cup banners at Rogers Place. Not to be outdone, the Winnipeg Jets installed new Plexiglas."
- **More RJ Currie**: "**Tiger Woods** recently told Golf Channel's Morning Drive if all the pieces fall into place, he still has a shot at Nicklaus's 18 majors. It was so inspiring, I mailed another marriage proposal to **Anne Hathaway**."
- **Kaseberg** again: "When asked who he liked more, the Eagles or the Chiefs, **George Santos** said, 'I've never heard of the band the Chiefs. But I used to play guitar for the Eagles.'"
- Broadcaster **Colt Knost** on the raucous 16th hole at the Waste Management Phoenix Open: "We've got a loaded leaderboard and a loaded gallery."
- **Bryan Hayes** of TSN, on Twitter: "Imagine being on the LIV Tour and watching **Tiger, JT** and **Rory** roll birdies on 18 at Riviera and thinking 'well, guess I got a big match against the Range Goats tomorrow.'"
- Vancouver comedy guy **Steve Burgess**, referencing the proliferation of gambling in the world of sports: "I am guessing we're a year or two away from teams being awarded the Super Bowl only if they cover the spread."
- Columnist **Rob Vanstone** in his farewell column in the Regina Leader-Post: "Be assured that dogs are much more popular than sports columnists. As a bonus, dogs can be housebroken."
- More from **Kaseberg**: "The frisbee dog at the half-time of the University of Louisville basketball game took a big No. 2 on the court. He got the idea from watching the Los Angeles Lakers play."
- **Steve Simmons** of Postmedia, on the Winnipeg Jets activity at the NHL's trade deadline: "The Jets went conservative and picked up **Nino Niederreiter** and **Vladislav Namestnikov** at the deadline. The team is no better on the ice but they are harder to spell."
- **Rolfsen** again, on defenceman **Jacob Chychrun** being traded from Arizona to Ottawa: "He's truly experiencing climate change."
- Another **Burgess** offering, tweeting during the U.S. blowout win over Canada in the World Baseball Classic: "If the USA scores four more runs against Canada they get custody of Windsor and a formal apology for the War of 1812."

- Another one from **Kaseberg**: "People are really into their NCAA Tournament brackets or they're not. Today I told a woman I had **Gonzaga** in the Semis and she suggested I see a urologist."
- Radio sportscaster **Mike Golic, Jr.**: "I wonder if the influx of cash going to college football players will lead to better quality tattoos."
- **Mushnick** again: "As the door in old Tigers Stadium read, 'Visitors Clubhouse, No Visitors.'"
- **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel, on the death of **Willis Reed**, who famously limped onto the court in the 1970 NBA final to lead the Knicks to the title: "Fifty years later in New York, **Kyrie Irving** missed an entire season because he wouldn't get jabbed with a needle."
- **RJ Currie** again: "Complaints from fans prompted the N.Y. Islanders to scrap their new goal horn. It's a shame too, because they got a good deal on it from the Ottawa Senators, who had rarely used it."
- **Paul Friesen** of the Winnipeg Sun, on the gritty style of the Calgary Flames: "Playing **Darryl Sutter's** Flames is like trying to eat a cactus salad, with motor oil for dressing."
- **RJ Currie** again: "Ohio residents recently voted not to legalize marijuana. Not to worry Cleveland Browns fans: you've still got liquor."
- Another one from **Kaseberg**: "Regarded as the worst owner in sports, **Dan Snider** is selling the NFL's Washington Commanders for \$6 billion (after buying the team for \$750 million). That will show him."
- **RJ Currie** again: "One of Google's computer-driven cars was pulled over in California for going too slow. The police christened it **Danica Patrick**."
- Golden Knights Twitter feed after **Mark Stone's** two goals led Vegas to a 5-2 win over Winnipeg Jets on April 20: "Nothing like getting Mark Stoned on 4/20."
- **Bob Molinaro** again: "The Oakland A's relocation in 2027 will give Las Vegas three major pro sports franchises. Finally, something for tourists to do in that town."
- From the parody website the Beaverton: "Calgary tackles housing crisis by spending \$867 million on new home for the Flames."
- **Janice Hough** of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "How much worse do the Oakland A's have to look before Las Vegas says, 'Never mind, don't come, we're holding out for a major league baseball team?'"
- **Bob Molinaro** again, on Saturday, May 5: "With the Derby in Louisville and the coronation of **King Charles** in London, Saturday will be a big day for silly hats."
- Another one from **Simmons**: "Do you remember that (the Leafs' **Brendan**) **Shanahan** offered a front office position to **Kelly McCrimmon** when he was running the Brandon Wheat Kings? McCrimmon stayed in junior hockey and then left for Vegas, where he is currently GM. The Golden Knights have won eight playoff rounds in McCrimmon's time in Vegas. The Leafs have won eight in the past 24 years."
- **RJ Currie** again: "Have you seen the life-size bronze statue of **Shaquille O'Neal** outside of Staples Center? It's just like Shaq, only it's lighter and more mobile."

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SWHL Stars of the Month for December announced

BY PHIL HEILMAN

The SWHL this year is doing the 3 Stars of the Month, aiming to recognize outstanding performances in the league and highlight great talent and unsung heroes. The First Star each month will receive a \$30 Tim Hortons card.

Third Star: Joel Gryzbowski; Hafford Hawks. The man known as Gryz amassed a 3-1 record in the month, stopping 121 of 128 shots for a stellar .945 save percentage. After a rough November, he has really rebounded. Joel has been a part of two huge wins over the Edam 3 Stars and the Kindersley Sr Klippers.

Second Star: Chris Henry; Biggar Nationals. The former Notre Dame Hound has been a model of consistency and an important cog in what is becoming the surprise of the year so far with the resurging Nats. In 4 games played this month, He has 10 points (3-7).

First Star: Brett Boehm; Wilkie Outlaws. The former Flin Flon Bomber has had an amazing start in an Outlaws jersey, getting at least a point in every game so far, as well as a 5 game goal scoring streak. In 4 games this month, he has 12 points (5-7).

Honourable Mentions: Davis Chorney; Unity Miners, Rick Cey; Wilkie Outlaws and Kyle Donaldson; Kindersley Sr Klippers.

SASKATCHEWAN RCMP MAJOR CRIMES

50% increase in the number of homicides in the last 5 years

From 2019 to 2023, Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes has seen a 50% increase in the number of homicide victims. Investigators have noted that, of the individuals charged with homicide*, 44% were on conditions, bail, parole, or probation at the time the homicide was committed.

**Homicide includes first degree murder, second degree murder, and manslaughter.*

“It goes without saying that a homicide is worst case scenario – but when an individual commits a homicide while on bail or release conditions, it is extremely discouraging and frustrating for our investigators,” says Officer in Charge of Major Crimes, Superintendent Joshua Graham. “In 2023, our Major Crimes unit had five instances where two to three separate homicides occurred in less than 48 hours – these clusters of homicides are alarming but no longer an anomaly. Our Major Crimes investigators continue to do an outstanding job, despite not receiving any additional investigative resources since 2008 – their dedication, resiliency, and undeniable expertise is what contributes to solving 84% of the homicides since 2015 with the ultimate goal of giving all victims’ families closure and answers.”

17,000 proactive conditions checks by Saskatchewan RCMP officers

As the provincial police service, the Saskatchewan RCMP continues to implement strategies and targeted enforcement initiatives to monitor prolific offenders re-

leased back into the communities we serve. From January to December 2023, officers conducted approximately 17,000 proactive conditions checks to ensure prolific offenders were complying by their court ordered conditions. Some court ordered conditions include, but are not limited to: abiding by curfews, not in possession of any weapons, having no contact with identified individuals, not entering certain communities, and more. On December 2, 2023, Pierceland RCMP officers located a seriously injured female during a proactive conditions check, exemplifying the importance of ongoing monitoring of violent prolific offenders.

Saskatchewan Serious Violent Offender Response (SVOR)

The RCMP Saskatchewan Enforcement Response Team also collaborates with front-line RCMP officers, both provincial and federal Crown prosecutors and correctional services, municipal police services, and the Canadian Mental Health Association Saskatchewan Division to help reduce potential threats posed by high-risk violent offenders in Saskatchewan through the SVOR program. The SVOR is an evidence-based approach that monitors violent offenders for the purpose of ensuring they are complying with court ordered conditions while providing coordinated services to reduce the likelihood of future reoffending – with the ultimate goal of keeping communities safe.

A hopeful way forward

On January 4, 2024, amendments are being made to

the Criminal Code and current bail provisions – targeting prolific violent offenders (Bill C-48).

“I am hopeful the amended bail provisions are a step in the right direction – because at the end of the day, those individuals who are not interested in rehabilitation or changing their lifestyle, will continue to do harm to others and should not be released back into our communities,” says Saskatchewan RCMP Commanding Officer Rhonda Blackmore. “I am incredibly proud of our front-line officers and specialized units who continue to monitor, suppress, and investigate these violent offenders – from ensuring individuals are complying with their release conditions, implementing initiatives to target prolific offenders, arresting those with outstanding warrants, to investigating homicides.”

The Saskatchewan RCMP is only one component of the Criminal Justice System and will continue to support all partner agencies by sharing relevant information that can be used to inform decision makers when making bail, release conditions or detention decisions.

Please note: the statistics provided in this release are representative of reports received within the Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction. They are from the RCMP records management system and are accurate as the day they are collected. Crime statistics are regularly updated due to changes in reporting procedures, changes in ongoing investigations, etc. As a result, the statistics below may differ from previous or future published reports.

Ice fishing returns to Saskatchewan with emphasis on safety

Ice fishing season has finally arrived on Saskatchewan waterways, and the Ministry of Environment is reminding anglers to keep safety top of mind.

Unseasonably warm temperatures throughout December means that many waters in Saskatchewan still have not fully frozen. This makes it especially easy to misjudge ice thickness.

“Ice fishing is one of the great Saskatchewan pastimes and I know many people are eager to get out and enjoy it,” Environment Minister Christine Tell said. “While we are excited for ice fishing season to get started, anglers must be especially careful this year when on or around ice by thoughtfully assessing its thickness.”

Ensure you’re familiar with all rules and regulations for fishing

- safety gear for emergencies such as a cell phone, ice picks, a throw rope, flares and a life jacket or
- flotation suit.
- Stick together. Try to fish with others rather than alone.
- Avoid open water. If there is open water nearby or the ice looks slushy, stay away.
- Don't assume. Ice conditions can change rapidly. Test the ice thickness before you travel on it and
- check with other local anglers for information about the waterbody.

In addition to safety, ensure you're familiar with all rules and regulations for fishing. Know your limit and stay within it, carry your license, mark your ice shack and clean, drain and dry all of your equipment.

Some tips include:

- Plan ahead. Always tell someone where you will be fishing and when you plan to return.
- Be prepared. Wear proper cold weather apparel and layer clothing to stay warm. Assemble some

RURAL MUNICIPALITY MILTON NO. 292 DISCRETIONARY USE APPLICATION NOTICE SW 14-28-29 W3 Ext 2 {Surface Parcel #117964198}

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 55 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292 has received an application to develop a ground mounted solar farm within the SW 14-28-29 3.

Solar Farms are a proposed discretionary use in the Agricultural Resource District (AR) and includes specific discretionary use evaluation criteria. This addition is part of the proposed bylaw amendment that must be passed by council and approved by the Ministry of Government Relations - Community Planning Branch.

Council will hold a public hearing on January 24th, 2024 at 8:45 a.m. at the Marengo Municipal Office located at 20 - 1st Avenue North to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed discretionary use application. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing, or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Robin Busby, Administrator
Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292

RURAL MUNICIPALITY MILTON NO. 292 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2017-08 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw amendment will:

- Provide a definition of “Solar Farm”;
- Provide development standards for solar collectors and solar farms;
- Addition of solar collectors and farms as a discretionary use in the Agricultural Resource District (AR)
- Addition of solar collectors and farms as a discretionary use in the Commercial/Industrial District (C/I)

REASONS

- Facilitate the development of a solar farm in the Agricultural Resource District (AR) and Commercial/Industrial District (C/I)
- To facilitate and provide appropriate development standards for solar collectors and solar farms within the RM

Please note, that should Council adopt these amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, they will subsequently hold a public hearing and consider the following discretionary use applications:

- A Solar Farm proposed by MiEnergy on the SW 14-28-29 W3.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Municipal Office, located at 220 - 1st Avenue North in the Village of Marengo, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaws are available at the Municipal Office.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on January 24th, 2024 at 8:45 a.m. at the RMarengo Municipal Office, 20 - 1st Avenue North in the Village of Marengo 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.

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Stampede Drilling Rig 2 is one of the first rigs out of the gate this year. This photo was taken several years ago, when it was working near North Portal. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Just eight rigs drilling in Saskatchewan on January 2

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

It usually takes a few days for the drilling industry to wake up from the holiday break, and this year is no exception.

According to RiggerTalk.com, Saskatchewan had just eight rigs working on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

In southeast Saskatchewan, there were four rigs working, including one working for Western Potash near Lajord.

Burgess Creek Exploration had Betts Drilling Rig 4 working northwest of Storthoaks. Surge Energy Inc. had Stampede Drilling Rig 2 just southeast of Lamp-

man. Stampede Rig 22 was working for Whitecap Resource Inc. just northwest of Lampman.

In southwest Saskatchewan, Whitecap had Savannah Drilling Rig 416 drilling south of Gull Lake. Jarrod Oils employed Bonanza Drilling Rig 2 southwest of Success.

Only one rig was working in west central Saskatchewan, with Teine Energy Ltd. employing Predator Drilling Inc. Rig 9 just north of Kindersley, close to the airport.

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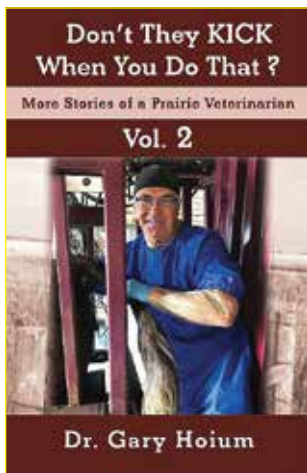
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BOOK REVIEW

Don't They Kick When You Do That? Vol 2 More Stories of a Prairie Veterinarian

By Dr. Gary Hoium
Published by
DriverWorks Ink
REVIEW BY
MICHELLE SHAW



An anxious Saint Bernard with a muzzle full of porcupine quills, four escaped buffalo that inadvertently crossed the international border into Canada and an escaped tomcat that resulted in an unusual "fishing" experience. These are a few of the heartwarming and quirky scenarios Dr Gary Houim relates in Don't They Kick When You Do That? Vol 2 More Stories of a Prairie Veterinarian, the sequel to his popular 2021 memoir Don't They Kick When You do That?

For more than 30 years, Dr Gary Hoium was the owner of a mixed animal clinic in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Mixed animal is a simple way of saying that he treated everything in the surrounding areas from turtles to alpacas. Most of his day-to-day work of course was more routine – calving cows, caring for injured cattle and horses and the many small animal concerns and emergencies of a busy veterinary clinic. But never, ever snakes. And yes, there's a story in that!

Gary Hoium is a wonderful storyteller. He sets each scene with a vivid sense of place: you really feel you're right there with him. The 36 chapters are short, but you can tell that each has been carefully crafted to

make the most of every story. I really appreciated the collection of photos at the back of the book. I love seeing what the people and places that have been mentioned in the book, actually look like.

Some of my favourite stories are the ones that involve Gary's dog, a Goldendoodle named Stanley. He was so large that he would sit on the passenger seat next to Gary with his front paws on the floor and his chin on the dashboard and was sometimes mistaken (from the back) for a frizzy haired human.

You really get a sense of the hectic and hard life of a rural vet in Saskatchewan, particularly in the winter. I was an avid reader of the James Herriot books growing up (the stories of a Yorkshire vet, most recently brought to life by the BBC with the series All Creatures Great and Small). I could always clearly envisage James, with his arm in the rear end of a cow that was trying to calve during a bitterly cold Yorkshire winter night. Now I will replace that with an image of Gary in the same situation except it's a Saskatchewan blizzard and the temperature is minus 45 degrees C.

So, will there be a third collection of stories? Well, you'll have to read the book to find out.

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

Kindersley Citizens On Patrol

This semi annual newsletter is for the businesses of Kindersley July, August, September, October, November and December.

This is a report of activity by the "Citizens on Patrol"
Numbers of patrols - 17
Numbers of Hours - 136
Kilometers - 1209.3
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Citizens On Patrol would like to thank the RCMP, SGI, The Bean, Your West Central Voice, Kindersley Social, 1210, Mix 104, Town of Kindersley, and the business community for their support.

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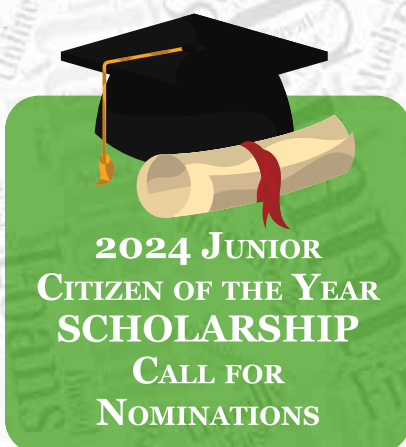
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Happy Bucking New Year event is a huge success

Beau Gardner Rings in New Year in Style

The Happy Bucking New Year event was better than the Big Country Ag Society (BCAS) hoped for. Dave Cordick from BCAS described the event as "electrifying".

"You know it's a great event when you have sponsors asking if they can sponsor the event next year," he said. "It will definitely be an annual event."

More details will be provided in the next issue of The Oyen Echo, but in the meantime the Pro Rodeo Canada News Release provides a look at the event from a bull rider's perspective.

BY BARB POULSEN

"I couldn't have drawn it up any better." That was the sentiment expressed by 18 year-old bull rider, Beau Gardner after a dominating performance at the first-ever "Happy Bucking New Year" bull riding event at the Crossroads Center in Oyen, Alberta.

The rookie, competing at his first CPRA open bull riding event, rode a pair of X-6 Ranches bulls en route to the win. Gardner covered 802 Chain Gang for an 85 to grab third place in the long go (behind Chad Hartman and William Barrows), then mastered 810 Night Stalker for a whopping 89 points and the title (174 on two). The New Year's Eve victory was worth \$7200 to the Ar-



rowwood, Alberta talent. Veteran Garrett Green was the only other cowboy to cover both his bulls (170 on two) and took home a tidy \$4900 for the effort.

"It was pretty cool," Gardner remarked. "The guys that were there, a lot of them have helped me since I was a steer rider, guys like Jordan (Hansen) and Jared (Parsonage). To ride with those guys was a dream come true and then to get the win was pretty awesome."

The Western Texas College freshman didn't know many of the bulls in the short round and asked fellow competitor

Cauy Schmidt to single out three that might suit the rookie's style. Night Stalker was one of those bulls and when he was still available when it came his turn to pick, Gardner pulled the trigger. "He was really good, came around to the right, he made me work for it, that's for sure."

Gardner noted as well that the win is a definite confidence builder heading into his first pro season. "It's huge to have a debut like that; it makes you feel like you belong with these guys."

Gardner already has an impressive resume to look back on as the reigning

CPRA Novice Bull Riding Champion, 2023 Alberta Provincial High School Champion, and having captured both Rookie of the Year honours and the National Championship in the BRC.

"I plan to prioritize rodeo this year," the likeable teenager acknowledged. "There's lots of places I haven't been to since I was a steer rider and I'm looking forward to getting back to those places. And the CFR is definitely a goal for this year so I'll be rodeoing hard for sure. Plus I love travelling with a great bunch of guys, building memories especially while I'm young."

Those memories may start accumulating quickly as Gardner will head back south for school on January 4th and plans to hit rodeos at Laurel, Mississippi and West Monroe, Louisiana and follow that up with a stop at Uvalde, Texas for the San Antonio qualifier.

Looking back at the event in Oyen, Gardner called it one of the best he's ever been to. "Travis Jordan and Legend Rodeo did a really good job, it was run very professionally and the crowd was really energetic—great bulls, great guys."

And for one rookie bull rider making his professional Canadian debut and about to embark on a career in the game he loves, it was a night he won't soon forget.



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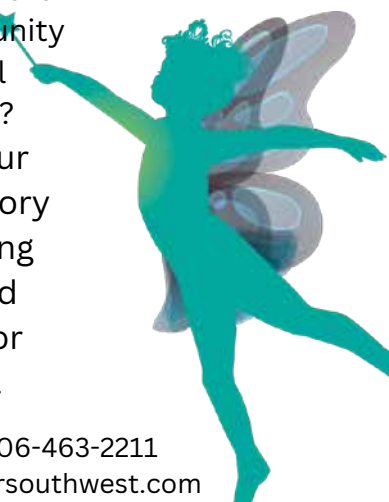


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Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12, 2024 to March 27, 2024

Inspections can be completed in person from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

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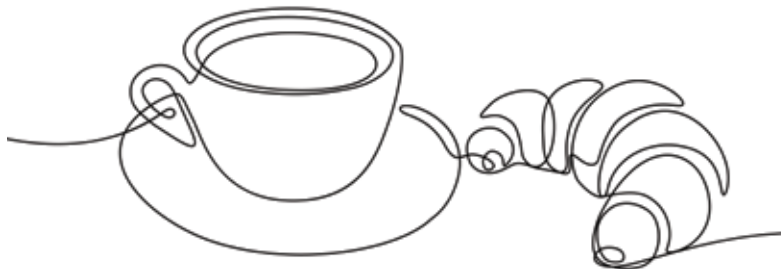
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Phone calls and email inquiries will also be accepted during regular business hours.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2024.

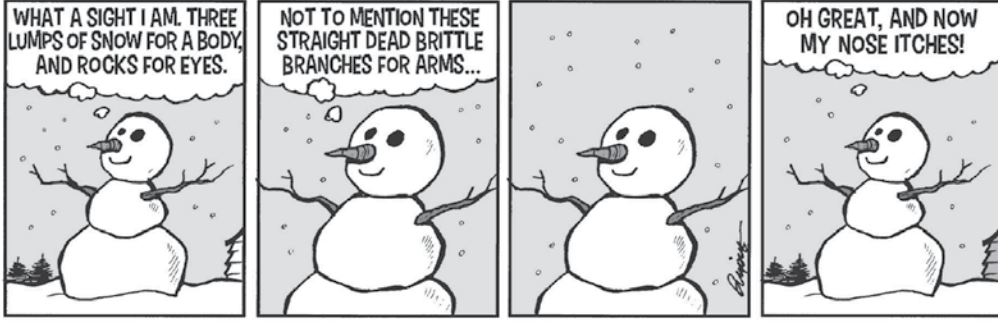
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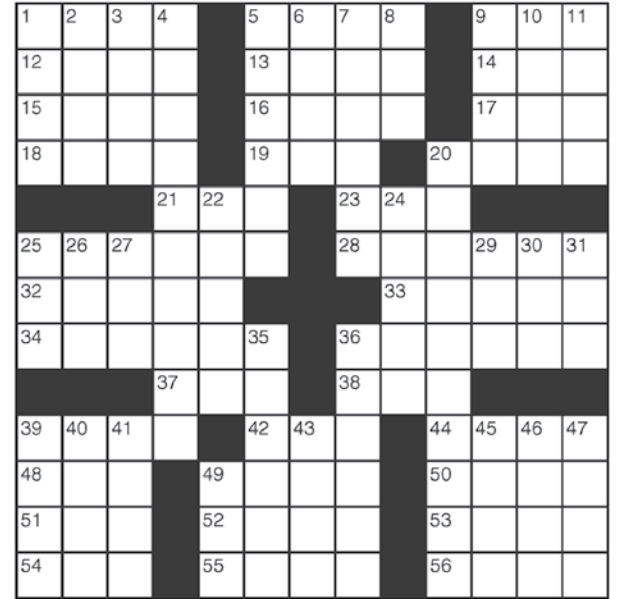
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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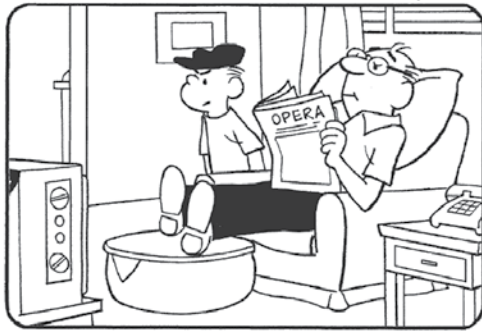
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ottoman is turned. 2. Drawer is added. 3. Phone is moved. 4. Legs are shorter. 5. Hat is turned around. 6. Boy is moved.

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When is Three King's Day celebrated typically?
2. TELEVISION: In the drama series "Mad Men," what product is presumed to be Don Draper's last advertisement?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is a chain or collection of islands called?
4. MOVIES: To which city is the McCallister family traveling in the holiday classic "Home Alone"?
5. LEGAL: What is a moot court?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of the heroine in "The Scarlet Letter"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut is used in marzipan?
8. MUSIC: What is the gift on the 11th day in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
9. SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
10. HISTORY: What are the two Japanese cities that the United States hit with atomic bombs in WWII?



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The sanded tree is fired in the kiln, which is opened only after it has cooled completely.



The finished decorated product. PHOTOS SUPPLIED

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I still can't count the endless tears
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I still believe you were taken too soon,
But there was nothing I could do,
I still love you.*

*You are still a part of everything I do
I still cherish the life and love we shared,
Still ... I know there's nothing or no one
that will ever compare.*

*Sometimes life just seems so unfair
'Cause I am here, and You're up there
Still, I love you ... I always will ...*

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Your wife Kim, Chris and Jenna,
Alicia and Trevor, Nathan and Jamie,
your grandbabies Madison, Dexter, Jordynn,
Tucker, Kaycee and Piper.
Rest peacefully darling

Ceramic hobby involves lengthy process

BY JOAN JANZEN

Creative hobbies are especially popular during the winter months on the prairies. Ceramics is a sought-after hobby of choice, so much so that local ceramic clubs find they do not have enough room to accommodate everyone who is interested in their workshops.

This is the case for Delaney Smith, who is one of four members of the Leader Ceramic Club in Leader, Sask. Their space is limited, and so the club handles a very limited number of participants. Delaney also noted that a great deal of preparation, time, and resources are required to prepare for classes, which can take up to two months prior to the workshop.

"The process is long," Delaney explained. "You must pour, wait, clean, first fire in the kiln, wait for the kiln to cool and repeat. And with only having one mold of a lot of our products, this takes even longer." Since the time-consuming process limits the number of participants, Delaney was willing to share the lengthy process with our readers.

The following is a description of the process which took place during a recent ceramic Christmas tree workshop. It begins with the mixing of liquid clay, which is poured into both the tree mold and the base mold. A waiting period follows until it solidifies, after which it is gently removed from the mold.

The ceramic product which has not yet been fired

in a kiln is known as greenware. After it has been allowed to dry completely, it is gently buffed and sanded to remove any imperfections and break lines from the pouring process. With great care, holes are drilled in the back of the base so a power cord can be attached later on, as well as holes on the branches and tree top for lights and a star.

Now, the tree can be fired in the kiln, and after a few days, the kiln is opened after it has cooled completely. "If you open the kiln too soon after firing, the piece could break," Delaney advised.

The tree which has been fired is now referred to as bisque and is ready to be glazed. After selecting one of many options and ensuring the glaze is the proper consistency, it is applied in three even layers with a soft fan brush. This will avoid streaking.

At this point, the tree is allowed to dry before being re-fired in the kiln. Once again, the kiln is opened after it has completely cooled. Now, the glazed and fired tree is ready to be decorated. A snow look is achieved by applying snow tex, and glitter is added directly onto the wet snow for sparkle. The snow will harden and dry, before the lights and star are added and siliconed in place. Last of all, the cord is strung through the base.

The end result is a testament to the work and creativity of the ceramic club's members and the workshop participants who provided their personal creativity.

OBITUARIES

John (Jack) Herbert Scott

October 10, 1941 - December 3, 2023

SCOTT – Born October 10, 1941 in Doddsland, Saskatchewan, eldest son of Stewart and Bertha Scott.

Jack grew up in Eston, Saskatchewan attending elementary and high school there before graduating from Saskatoon Business College.

After a career start with Federated Cooperatives Jack worked at the Eston Credit Union before retiring after 25 years of service.

Jack was a super advocate for the Eston community and a volunteer extraordinaire. He served 20 years on the Town Council providing expertise in all areas of administration. He was recognized as Citizen of the Year in 1999. He was a member of Li-



ons International serving the communities of Eston and Fairmont Hot Springs for over forty years.

Jack loved the Ramblers devoting many years and much energy to grow the baseball and hockey programs in Eston. He was proud to be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2022.

Jack was a strong-willed individual with a zest for life. Courageous, generous, and community minded. Jack was recognized with the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal (1992) for his significant contribution to compatriots, community and to Canada.

Jack was predeceased by his parents Stewart and Bertha Scott, and youngest brother Doug. Remembered with pride by brother Jim, sisters in law Dianne and Norma Grace and nieces Stacey Pilato and Jody Scott.

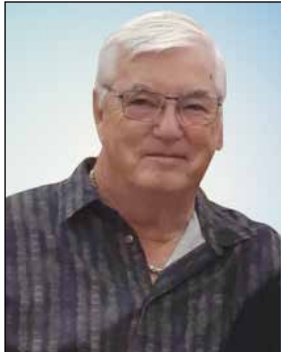
Jack passed away peacefully on December 3, 2023 at Chilliwack Hospital.

Ray Francis

1945-2023

FRANCIS – It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Raymond Edward Francis on December 22, 2023, at his home in Yuma, AZ.

He was born November 21, 1945, in Kindersley, SK. Ray is lovingly remembered by his wife Beverly (Loran) of 54 years; his son Todd (Tammy) Francis and daughter Kimberly (Kristopher) Lindberg. Grandchildren: Scott, Matthew, Nathan, Bradi, Griffin and Sawyer. As well as many extended family members. He was



predeceased by his daughter Paula Francis, grandson Christian Francis, and his parents Edward and Mai Francis.

Ray was an active member in the community where he was a Co-op board member and councilman on the RM of Kindersley. He was often seen at the rink where he coached hockey and ringette. He farmed with his brother Doug, worked for CN Rail and did construction in the winter months. For the last 24 years, he loved traveling to their home in Yuma in the winters where he would sit on his deck chatting with his neighbours and friends.

A celebration of life will be held in Kindersley, Saskatchewan at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kindersley Integrated Health and Wellness Foundation.

Joanne Sullivan

December 24, 2023

SULLIVAN – Joanne (Jo) May Sullivan nee Larsen of Calgary AB, passed away on December 24, 2023, at the age of 65.

Survived by her devoted husband of 32 years, Cameron, her daughter Erin (Steven) Turner, grandchildren Madison and Deegan; son Ryan (Sarah) Trew and grandchildren Griffin and Sullivan.

Predeceased by her father Niels, mother Margaret and the many beloved pets, most notably her



dog, Sparky.

Jo was best known for her sense of humour, love of sports, animals, exercise, and Elvis Presley.

We would like to thank all the wonderful care workers, who have taken great care of Jo over the years at Intercare Brentwood Care Centre and during the final weeks at South Health Campus.

There will be a celebration of life hosted by the family back in Marengo, Saskatchewan at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joanne's memory to a charity of your choice. To view and share photos, condolences and memories with the family, please visit Choice Memorial Cremation & Funeral Services | Calgary, AB

Arthur William Rooke

1951 - 2023

ROOKE – In Loving Memory of Arthur William Rooke of Glenside, Sask who passed away Friday, December 29, 2023 at the age of 72 years.

Art was born Saturday, October 6, 1951, in McCreary, Manitoba. Beloved husband of Olga (nee Lubinski); father to Tina (Lyle) Leverton and Michael; grandfather to Blake, Sarah and Jessica. Brother of John (Gayle); uncle to Marcus (Angela) and Laura (Michael) Ran-



alietta; great-uncle to Benjamin and Isabel; brother-in-law of Hilda; uncle to Leslie (Glen) Radway and Steven (Melissa); great-uncle to Payton, Cole and Molly.

Art was predeceased by his parents Dan and Ethel Rooke; parents-in-law Michael and Anastasia Lubinski; nephew Chris Rooke; and brother Tom Rooke.

A Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, January 6, 2024, 2:00 pm Glenside Activity Centre, Glenside, Sask. Lunch and fellowship followed the service. Memorial donations may be made in Art's name to the Outlook Kinsmen or a charity of one's choice. To share memories and condolences, visit outlookfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Outlook Funeral Chapel 306.867.8255.

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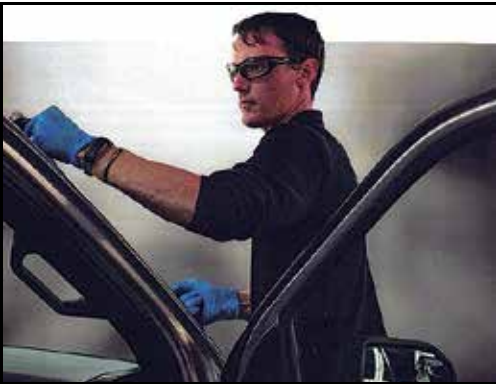
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