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Life in Mexico is very different from life in Canada

BY JOAN JANZEN

Mexican resorts are a popular vacation destination for many Canadians, but have you ever wondered what life is like for the people who live there? A Kindersley resident who came here from Mexico was willing to share her comparisons of Mexican culture with our Canadian way of life. Angie McCormac married a Canadian and moved to Canada several years ago, and they are now the parents of two young daughters.

She was born in Mexico City and lived there until she was five years old. At that time, her family moved to Texas for several years because her brother needed surgery. She also frequently visited her grandparents in Ohio.

However, after living in Texas for several years, the family returned to Mexico, where Angie continued her education at a private school. There are both private and public schools in Mexico, which are similar in many respects. Both have English programs, and Angie's mastery of her second language is evidence of the quality of those programs.

Uniforms are also a requirement at both public and private schools. "When I moved to the States, we wore whatever we wanted to school. But when I went back to Mexico, I didn't mind wearing uniforms because there's less competition," Angie said. "And it's easier in the morning because you know what you have to wear."

Parents are required to purchase uniforms, backpacks and books at both private and public schools, which can be difficult for lower-income families. However, private school tuition is very expensive, almost equivalent to that required at a college.

Scholarships are offered at both schools. "Those who want scholarships work really hard to get it," Angie said. "Mexico has great universities, but most of them are private, and there's lots of opportunities for exchange students to attend their universities." There's also a program (UNAM) which offers university admission at a minimal charge.

"If you have a university education, you have the advantage of starting work as an intern," she said. "But wages

are generally awful unless you're working in a corporate position, such as a CEO." Doctors in private health care get paid much better than public health care doctors, and the same situation applies for teachers.

"There's always work if you want to do the job," she explained. "Everybody is willing to start from the bottom." She gave the example of a waiter who would earn \$10/day minus deductions. "They live mostly off of tips."

Most people own their homes in Mexico, but the increased cost of housing has resulted in more people who rent. However, there is a program available that helps people with lower incomes buy homes, but the payments are extended over a long period of time.

There are many contrasts between life in Mexico and life here in Canada, but the most significant difference is in their culture. "It's just different than here," Angie said. "Different culture, different music; it just doesn't compare. Mexico is a very friendly place. There's more fun. They don't live to work; they live to enjoy life."

Even after a long work day, Mexicans will still make time to have fun. "When talking to other people, whether they're from Mexico or the Philippines. One thing they all say is that it is very lonely here," she commented.

Many Catholic traditions are celebrated in Angie's home country. A baby's baptism is an all-day affair with friends, family, food and drinks. The same holds true when a child has their first communion.

A girl's 15th birthday is celebrated with a huge party, much like a wedding, complete with gowns, music, food and dancing. And weddings in Mexico are much different than those in Canada.

"I remember showing up at a Canadian wedding in a gown and was shocked!" Angie recalled. Weddings in Mexico are black tie and gown events. "You would never ever see men wearing ball caps. My jaw dropped when I saw that," she said.

Christmas in Mexico is similar but different, she explained. On Christmas Eve, people living in small towns go from house to house, re-enacting the bi-

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Angie McCormac is originally from Mexico and lives in Kindersley along with her Canadian husband and their two daughters. She reminisces about life in Mexico, and how the traditions and culture differ from life in Canada.

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blical account of Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. "The house that is hosting the dinner invites them in, and there are sparklers and candles, and a piñata is broken," she said.

Kings Day is celebrated on January 6th when they celebrate the three kings. "Everybody cuts a piece of a cake. Inside the cake, there's a plastic figurine of a baby, and whoever gets it has to make tamales for the February 12th celebration." Angie plans to pass on all those traditions to her children.

People from Mexico immigrate to Canada for various reasons. Those who come to Canada to work seasonally are often people coming from rural areas. Many professionals come to attain better wages; however, the immigration process is often long, difficult and expensive. "It took almost three years to get

my permanent residency," Angie said.

Like most Mexicans, Angie didn't move here because she wasn't happy in her home country; she moved out of necessity. Their daughter required surgery because of a heart defect; the surgery would have cost \$200,000 (US dollars), not including the hospital stay. But in Canada, their daughter receives excellent care.

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Reece Gray captured some photos of a coyote that was in his farmyard near Brock a couple of week's ago. "The cheeky critter tried to have a nap in our yard during that last cold snap, said Reece. Our pup lost her mind when she saw it out the window." PHOTOS BY REECE GRAY

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Wily coyotes making their appearance known

BY JOAN JANZEN

People living in small towns on the prairies are not surprised to have various wildlife occasionally meander down their streets. Wild rabbits are the most common, and I've even had a deer running ahead of me on the streets in Kindersley. Nevertheless, rural residents are still very surprised to see other types of wildlife on the streets of their small towns.

A recent Facebook post by a Leader resident announced, "A coyote just ran down our street! Keep your pets indoors!" Coyotes are animals people don't want to see in their town.

But an immediate response by a Burstall resident confirmed rural sightings, writing, "We've had coyotes around here too. One night, there were three of them on the street! I haven't been walking too much at night."

Small-town residents may be surprised to see these animals scampering down their streets. However, they may not realize it's more of a common occurrence than they realize. Coyotes have also been seen in the village of Brock on a number of occasions, and the Town of Kindersley posted a caution that coyotes were spotted at the Motherwell Reser-

voir in Kindersley. A resident commented that she had seen two coyotes near her house, and one was limping.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment claims coyote sightings are not unusual, even in cities like Saskatoon, where coyotes were seen in the Costco parking lot last fall. According to their report, coyotes are exceptionally adaptable to living in urban areas, but they are rarely seen since they are primarily nocturnal and often stay in open spaces.

However, in winter, coyotes are more active during the day. This is the season when primarily young coyotes who don't have established territories are seen in residential areas, seeking food and shelter.

Coyotes need "space and respect," the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment advised in an email. But if you do happen to meet up with one, they suggest waving a bag or scarf to make yourself look big, waving your hands and yelling, as recommended ways to stay safe.

Of course, they also recommend keeping garbage in closed containers and keeping pets indoors to avoid creating additional stress for the wild animals.

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OPINION: Digital addiction - an under-discussed problem



BY JOAN JANZEN

While out for lunch at a restaurant, a wife watched her husband as he was preoccupied with his phone. When she suggested he was addicted, he replied, "I am soooo not addicted to my phone because I have an app that warns me if I'm turning into an addict, and it hasn't gone off yet."

But the reality is most of us have become glued to our phones, so much so that if I send certain people a text and do not receive a response within a half hour, I get concerned about their physical well-being. And social media statistics verify those concerns.

Statistics for 2023 reported the average Canadian spends two hours a day on social media, with 24-35-year-olds being the most active group. It also showed there are 33.1 million social media users in Canada, 36 million Canadians are on the Internet, and 72 percent of Canadians use Facebook.

So how can we ensure that technology in our lives brings a positive impact rather than a negative one? Well, a group of volunteers from the tech industry have produced a network in Canada that is providing service with a positive impact. The CEO and founder of Faith Tech, James Kelly, described how the network began in an interview on Faytene TV.

"About seven years ago, I discovered every month 8,000 people in Canada would search these words - 'How to Kill myself,'" James recalled. He discovered the top result was an article entitled "7 Easy, Painless Ways to Kill Yourself".

"I remember the moment so vividly and wondered if it was for real!" James said. Just a couple of months later, he was hosting a retreat for technology

geeks to get together and build technology. It was there that he presented his findings. While he had no idea what to do, he knew he had to do something.

"Amazingly, four people at the retreat got together: two developers, a communications manager and a psychotherapist," he said. The foursome gave up their weekend and got to work.

They purchased the website "How to kill yourself," but on the website, they put the banner title "You're Not Alone." The website provided sources of help which people could contact.

About a month later, one of the web developers from the team had coffee with a friend and was telling her about the website she was building. Her friend interrupted her and asked for the website's domain name. When she told her friend it was called "How to Kill Yourself," her friend immediately started to cry. She said she had gone online the evening before and asked Google the question, "How to kill myself."

"I found that website, and it saved my life," was her friend's tearful response.

Seven years later, Faith Tech has a network in 37 cities around the globe, is in 14 nations, and continues to grow. It consists of hundreds of people who work at Google, Facebook and other organizations and donate their time to create innovative technology.

"We're very action-oriented. We've got about a hundred products being built, all by volunteers. It's amazing!" James said. "The Faith Tech community loves to solve big problems. The solutions we bring are things most organizations aren't thinking about."

One of those organizations is Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), a charity that brings medicine, food, and doctors

to help transform people's lives in developing nations. They found their donors wanted to know how their funds were being used to affect change, but the organization also realized it was very difficult to measure impact. Faith Tech Developed an ultra simple-to-use app that gathered impact numbers.

A pilot from MAF said he was impressed with their dedication. "We record flight data, the hours we've flown and number of landings. It helps us focus on what we do," he said. A member of MAF said he was impressed that a handful of volunteers got together and were committed to making the app, which otherwise would have cost the charity tens of thousands of dollars.

Volunteers who help at Faith Tech expressed different reasons for helping out. "I had the skills, but I didn't really have the opportunity to apply them," one volunteer stated.

James agreed, saying, "We saw there were tech people who were highly skilled but were not using their gifts."

"We've done a ton of events on digital addiction, which is a very under-discussed but significantly present problem right now," James continued. "We take drug addiction very seriously, and yet there's this digital realm that has emerged so quickly. Hopefully, we can point people in the right direction. We may not be the experts, but we have many friends in our network who can help."

The organizations' volunteers all


come from different backgrounds, but they have one common goal that bonds them together. Faith Tech volunteers make sure they're mastering tech and tech is not mastering them.

"Big tech is extraordinarily powerful; I don't think we've ever seen this kind of power in an industry. It's remarkable how powerful a few people can be in the world," he noted.

James recognized concerns centered around Artificial Intelligence (AI), whereby people believe computer-generated images are real and share those images. "That's a negative use of it," he explained.

However, he said there's also something called 'Liars Dividend', and he continued to explain. "Now it's more common that a real thing gets questioned and gets claimed as fake. That's the growing trend. Now, the truth becomes questioned more than things that are fake are assumed to be real. It undermines truth at the deepest level," he explained.

But when asked how we can see transformation in big tech, he replied: "You can approach this from a legal perspective with regulations." But James prefers the bottom-up approach. Instead of everyday people being focused on complaining about technology, Faith Tech is a group of volunteers who are passionate about transforming the industry. "I'm proud of the work we've done," James concluded.



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Pop89: A little peace and quiet

BY MADONNA HAMEL

"I had to leave for the library to find some peace and quiet," I told my sister, returning to her house to work on this column. "So I went to the hockey rink!" She laughs and nods. She understands; she has worked in libraries for years. "They call libraries 'resource centres' now," she says. I tell her I understand the desire to be a welcoming haven for everyone, but the library seems less a haven and more an after-school hangout for kids waiting for their parents to get off work. "Five nine-year-olds were sitting at the table behind me - well, more like jogging on the spot - playing a video game which involved a guy trying to eat a penguin!"

I was not yet nine when I first entered a public library. It was evening, and it had been raining. I remember Mom and I climbing the steps, and when she opened the heavy front doors, light spilled from the warm and well-lit front hall, and the wet steps shone in the light. And yes, there was silence. But it was not a stifling silence - in fact, its very presence allowed for the echoes of other things: soft voices of women at the check-out counter, book trollies, pens scribbling and, most of all, those inner voices that allowed me to speculate at what lay inside all those books. I imagined hearing the voices of the characters calling me. Nobody shushed me. Nobody had to.

Today, the voices are not the subtle, accented whispers I imagined drifting through the spines of books, but the squealing of kids playing video games or repeatedly climbing up onto then jumping from the mini plastic story-time chairs. I want to ask their parents: how do your children fall in love with the buried treasure lurking and languishing, untouched, on the library shelves? But I'm afraid I'll grumpily blurt: how is this free-for-all helping them learn about silence? Discipline? Boundaries? Respect?

I've always been skeptical of efforts made to "keep with the times." It smacks of "keeping up with the Joneses." Whose "time" are we trying to keep up with? Who sets the pace? I suspect that's why, for some of us, the longer we live, the more we come to respect certain traditions. We come to understand which traditions are worth maintaining, which are indispensable habits of soul-survival.

On that first library visit Mom showed me the children's section but assured me the whole place was open to exploration. I was thrilled to be left alone - free to lift whatever book called to me from the stacks, vying for my attention, promising to transport me into a whole other realm and time, not necessarily "the times."

Perhaps the streak of traditionalism that runs through me, begging for quiet places, is the same one that longs for holy places because you can't have one without the other. Silence is Golden, we were taught. Yes, but not because you have no right to be heard or because your witness impact statement is being sti-

fled, but because silence is where we find our soul. Without silence, how do we slow our minds down and focus on what truly matters to us? How do we concentrate? How do we get comfortable with waking up alone in the middle of the night? Maybe even hear voices emanating from books on library shelves?

The next morning, I go to church to sink into the psalms and rituals and the replaying of the confounding Mystery of Faith. But I find I can't concentrate on the priest's words because the two kids in front of me are fighting over a Tonka truck, and the four kids in the pew across from me are playing hide and seek. I should find this adorable, even refreshing, I know. But I don't. I find it annoying. In fact, I cuss to myself in the middle of mass: Where do I go to find a little peace and quiet?

Grasslands National Park, where I live, and long to return, was dubbed the quietest place in North America. But when I returned to the city to care for my dad after his stroke, I expected to be confronted with the steady din of traffic on busy streets. And I looked forward to the hum and chatter of coffee shops. I just hadn't planned for shrieks and mayhem in libraries and churches.

"Surely the pre-condition for both intellectual and spiritual discovery is a focussed and blessed silence?" I ask a friend, who is also parent, after Sunday's mass. Her answer is that "children need to experience church as a happy places, so that they will return again and again." "Do they?" I ask.

Happy is not the first word that comes to mind when I think of church. (Except when I recall singing as a family choir.) But happiness was never the goal. I felt many things when I heard the stories, like Magdalen at the empty tomb and Mary coming face to face with an extraterrestrial, but happiness was not one of them. More like: Awed. Moved. Troubled. Confounded. Curious. A subtle and ineffable longing. A vague awareness of something beyond words that made me willing to listen a little longer. To sit still and hopefully enter into The Mystery.

And anyway, why are we assuming that noisy children are necessarily happy children? Aren't we just teaching them to be like us, looking for distractions whenever restlessness, irritation, and boredom hits? "Hmmm, I doubt child monks in saffron robes run roughshod in Buddhist temples," I murmur.

Noise chases away the subtle feelings of awe and yearning as it chases away critters from their private dens and nests. Without silence, Mystery is just another genre in another aisle in the noisy library. Noise might keep my nagging fears, doubts and boredoms at bay, but libraries and churches helped me to learn to face them and to ask for relief from them.



The Elizabeth School Interact Group hosted an afternoon of bingo for the seniors at Dawnview Apartments in Kindersley on Thursday afternoon, January 25th. This is the second occasion when the Interact Group volunteered their time to help out with bingo at Dawnview, and the seniors wholeheartedly welcome them every time they enter their doors. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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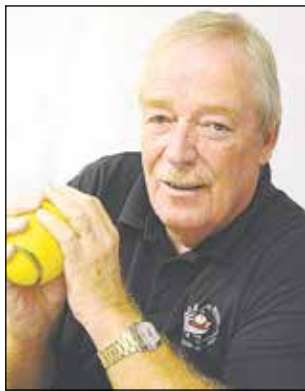
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It's now 'Winnerpeg' with NHL's Jets

BY BRUCE PENTON



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Sports Columnist

Hopes are higher than the Golden Boy this year for Winnipeg Jets to have playoff success in the National Hockey League. Does anyone close to the franchise, or any of their fans, wary of a jinx, dare to whisper the words 'Stanley Cup'?

When the 2023-24 NHL season went past the half-way point, the Jets — perhaps the most vanilla of the league's Canadian teams, considering the Centre of the Universe Leafs, the historical brilliance of the Canadiens, the Gretzky/McDavid Oilers, etc. — had established themselves as among the best of the league's 32 teams, dancing around with Boston and Vancouver for the statistical No. 1 spot. For Winnipeg, it's a David beating Goliath story, a janitor from Des Moines outsmarting Warren Buffett on the stock market, Taylor Swift starting a tour in Swift Current.

The Jets have always been underdogs. Born when the outlaw World Hockey Association formed in 1972, the Jets were one of the four teams adopted by the NHL in 1979, mainly due to their powerful team led by Bobby Hull, Anders Hedberg, Ulf Nilsson et al. But the franchise fell upon sad times almost immediately, winning only two playoff rounds through 1996 when poor attendance and rising costs led to the team moving to Arizona. But in the summer of 2011, the Jets were reborn when Atlanta Thrashers went looking for a new home.

Still, success did not follow the team's move north. The team did win two rounds in 2017-18, losing in the Western Conference final to Vegas, but in general, there has been no need for the Jets to have a champagne supplier on retainer.

That was then. This is now. Superb defensive play has been the key to the Jets' recent domination. On Jan. 20, they were in the midst of an incredible 34 consecutive games without giving up more than three goals, dating back to Nov. 2 (a 5-2 loss to Vegas). Goalie Connor Hellebuyck is a Vezina trophy favourite, veteran Mark Scheifele agreed to a long-term contract in October and a couple of malcontents, Pierre-Luc Dubois and former captain Blake Wheeler, were dispatched — Dubois via trade to L.A. that returned two dependable players (Gabriel Valardi and Alex Iafallo) and buying out Wheeler's contract.

But there's more. Josh Morrissey is in the running for the Norris Trophy as best defenceman, Cole Perfetti is emerging as a star and Nik Ehlers has been red-hot offensively while sniper Kyle Connor, now back in the lineup, was sidelined with an injury.

"It's been our 5-on-5 team game, everyone has bought in," Jets coach Rick Bowness told NHL.com.

It's long been accepted that the Jets would have difficulty succeeding because free agents would avoid Winnipeg like the plague. Cold weather, smallish population, perennial losers. But that was the 'Winterpeg' version. It's now 'Winnerpeg' and Jets fans can't wait to see how the rest of the season unfolds. Perhaps the Golden Boy won't be the only shiny bauble in Winnipeg come June.

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- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Did you see where Tiger Woods and Nike have split up? I'm just wondering if Nike found out Tiger was cheating on them with FootJoy."
- Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Tiger Woods has ended his association with Nike after 27 years. He will now be exclusively with Perkins."
- Patriots owner Robert Kraft was reportedly annoyed at coach Bill Belichick after Tom Brady left for Tampa Bay, where he won a Super Bowl in his first year: "Bill had told me he couldn't play anymore."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Miami TE Cam McCormick, due to various injuries, COVID, and transferring, was just granted his ninth year of eligibility for college football. Maybe it will improve Cam's draft stock. How many rookies reduce their team's costs by being eligible for Medicare?"
- fark.com weighed in on the same subject: "Cam McCormick will return next fall to play college football. This is a repeat from every year since Obama's last year in office."
- Super 70s Sports: "I wonder how Bill Belichick feels after six Super Bowl wins to know he's battling Jim Harbaugh just for the honour of coaching in Atlanta."
- Jack Finarelli at his website, sports curmudgeon.com: "Deion Sanders has gone silent for a couple of weeks. When next he surfaces, he will need to make up for his public absence by saying something abjectly outrageous."
- Finarelli offering up a trivia tidbit: "These are the first NFL playoffs since 1998 where there is no one named Manning or Brady as a QB on any roster."
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Two sure signs the NFL playoffs have started: 2) A snowstorm forced the Bills to push back their game one day; 1) The Dallas Cowboys got the jump on another early playoff collapse."
- Another one from Currie: "At the Aussie Open, American Coco Gauff will open the tournament in a one-sided affair. She's up against Slovak Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, whom she trails 23 characters to nine."

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The Sandhills Credit Union presented a donation of \$10,000 to the Leader & District Arts Council for the stage upgrade project. PHOTO COURTESY TREENA REDMAN

Leader Community Centre to receive stage upgrade

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Leader & District Arts Council and the Town of Leader are excited to announce funding has been received to complete stage upgrades at the Leader Community Centre. The successful approval of a Canadian Heritage Grant in the amount of \$60,000 will cover 75 percent of the projected costs. The upcoming project includes the installation of new curtains and stage lights.

Treena Redman, President and Performing Arts Coordinator for the Leader & District Arts Council, explained the grant was under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Program, Special Equipment Component. She was excited to make the announcement on Saturday, January 20th, that 100 percent of the project-

ed costs had been raised. Twenty-five percent of that amount came from donations.

Those donations included \$10,000 from Sandhills Credit Union, \$5,000 from Leader Lions, and the River Hills Lions Club donated \$3,130. Halftime Huddle held a karaoke night with the 50/50 and a portion of the drink sales going towards the project. There were also donations received from individuals who contributed to the project.

"We have hired Production Lighting from Saskatoon to do the work," Treena said. The company visited Leader last week to take measurements and order everything required for the project. Treena said the curtains presently on the stage were originally installed more than three decades ago and have seen better days, and the stage lights will be upgraded to LED lights.



LEAVE IT TO THE BEAVERS: Do you recognize any of these boys from a January, 1978 Investment Night in Kindersley for the Beavers held in the United Church basement? They are as follows: Carson Bawkovy, Chris Brilz, John Brown, Jason Cote, Brent Crotenko, Brendon Fauth, Ricky Gerein, Dean Jones, Jason Knight, Gary Koebel, Jason Kuehn, Brad Lane, Chad McCarter, Shawn Oswald, Keith Weber, and Sean Chisholm.

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Hollywood Dusty Adonis comes out of retirement again and again

BY JOAN JANZEN



Eston resident Dustin Meyer, otherwise known as Hollywood Dusty Adonis, officially retired from wrestling in 2015. But he keeps coming out of retirement again and again. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DUSTIN MEYER

Ten years ago, a film crew arrived in Eston in January to make a documentary about one of the town's most famous residents, Hollywood Dusty Adonis (HDA), otherwise known as Dustin Meyer. Although he officially retired from wrestling in 2015, the Eston resident continues to do one match a year.

"I have had seven matches since retiring," Dustin said. "I never really wanted to retire; I just knew I could no longer do it every weekend. It was hard on my body as well as the travel. I still miss doing it. That's why I try and do one a year or so." The matches include: RCW Kyle - 2015, PWA Edmonton - 2016, CWE Kindersley - 2018, PWA Edmonton - 2018, RCW Calgary - 2021, RCW St. Warburg - 2022, and a match in Saskatoon in 2023.

"Last February, I dropped the puck in St. Warburg at a senior game. One of my last matches was there two years ago, where I won the Blueberry Battle Royal during their Blueberry Festival. I became the Blueberry King," Dustin stated.

In January 2014, an Edmonton-based production company travelled to Eston to film the Prairie Wrestling Alliance (PWA) performer, capturing his every move from sunrise to sunset. The crew interviewed his friends and family members, and even followed him to work at a local canary seed plant. Now, Dustin is the manager at AGT Foods Canary Plant.

The film crew headed to Calgary to get behind-the-scenes footage of the wrestler at a live PWA event. The result was a 15-minute documentary about wrestlers who came together to fight for a championship. The documentary was viewed on TV later that summer of 2014.

"It actually went to over 25 film festivals around the world, even winning in Alberta, so I would say it was a huge success," Dustin reported. "Since the Match documentary came out, I have done some media."

Ten years ago, the crew chose to film Dustin because he was such an interesting guy. The documentary featured the story of his life in Eston, his talent in the ring and the title match. An article in the Jan. 31, 2014 issue of West Central Crossroads reported on the exciting event as the film crew showcased Eston to people across Canada.

In January 2024, Dustin will be living on an acreage with his girlfriend and two-year-old daughter, Journey Belle. "We have horses, dogs, cats and chickens," he added. He loves his life, but he also still loves wrestling.

"People always tease me about coming out of retirement again and again. But I never said I wouldn't do the odd show. I love wrestling. I love the fans, the roar of the crowd. You never know when it's gonna be your last match. I take all my appearances serious," Dustin posted on Facebook.

He is also serious about contributing to his community and has become a RM Councillor in Snipe Lake No. 259, Division 4. "I spend a lot of time at meetings," he explained.

Throughout his wrestling career, he said his friends, family, and the community have always been super supportive. "They made trips to see me whenever I would perform," he said. "I think maybe some were disappointed I retired, and some were happy as they know the danger it is to my body." Which is why he now chooses to do one match a year.

Nevertheless, Hollywood Dustin Adonis says, "I can see myself doing it again if the right opportunity knocks."



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From the Mayor's Desk

BY KATHY WURZ
Mayor of Luseland

I'd like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. We began the year with below normal temperatures and then really entered a cold snap mid January. This resulted in a fairly substantial water main break on Tuesday, January 16th, which resulted in a two-day stop to water services before the break could be located and fixed. We'd like to thank all of our town citizens for their patience during this time, we know it is frustrating and our town crew and contractors try to work quickly to get services back online.



Mayor Kathy Wurz

We welcome some new staff to our team this year. Dwaine Scheuerman started in January as our assistant foreman, filling the vacancy that we had since Kirk Meyers left at the end of September of 2023. We also hired Caitlyn Jahner as our new assistant administrator, who just began employment with us on Monday, January 22nd, 2024 and will replace Krystal Bazylnski who will soon fill our administrator role when Karyl Richardson retires at the end of February. We also signed a contract with Ty Kohlman of Cactus Lake, SK, whom the Town of Luseland has hired to be our next police chief. Ty started police college on Monday, January 8th, 2024 and will return to work for the town after the completion of college and several months of training with former police chiefs Nate Ekstrand and Jason Mochoruk. In the interim, policing needs will be met by the Kindersley R.C.M.P. detachment.

The Luseland Rink Improvement Committee had approached the town about utilizing the un-developed subdivision owned by the town, which had been getting seeded and the monies used to help pay off the remainder of the pool loan, and finding a similar busi-

ness arrangement to fundraise for upgrades to the arena. The town agreed that they would consent to the rink improvement committee organizing and seeding the subdivision and using this as a fundraising opportunity for the arena. The Luseland Rink Improvement Committee has also taken over the Trip of the Month and will also use this to fundraise for some substantive rink upgrades in the future. Stay tuned and like their new Facebook page where they will be updating town residents on their progress.

The Town of Luseland is holding a strategic planning meeting on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at the town office. Our office staff have conducted a survey, asking for resident input on a multitude of areas, in order to help identify service needs and the priorities of our tax base. We will use this information to help us in our strategic planning and in the budget process; aligning our future plans via taxpayer engagement. If you have not seen the survey yet, please feel free to visit the Town of Luseland Facebook page, where the citizen survey can be found. A paper copy can be picked up at the town office if you prefer.

The Town of Luseland was successful in obtaining a Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant through S.G.I. to install a crosswalk system to improve pedestrian safety at the main entrance to town, which crosses Highway 31 over to our town fairgrounds. Minor ball numbers have significantly increased the past year and foot and bike traffic to the fairgrounds has gone up exponentially since usage has increased. We hope that the push button crosswalk system will help make keep our citizens safe. The town was awarded \$12,621.00 to install the crosswalk.



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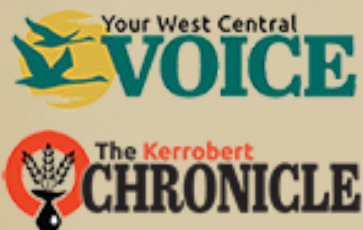
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44 Rigs drilling in Saskatchewan on Jan. 24

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

The last week in January has seen a notable uptick in drilling in Saskatchewan compared to December, with 44 drilling rigs active on Jan. 24.

That's according to data from the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC), as published by RiggerTalk.com.

The next six weeks are typically the height of drilling activity for the year, so it's a good time to take note of certain trends. Cenovus Energy, the province's largest oil producer, had only two rigs drilling. But Whitecap Resources had likely the highest number its shown in this province to date, with ten rigs working. That's the highest number of rigs seen employed by a single company in Saskatchewan since Crescent Point dramatically scaled down its activity several years ago. And Crescent Point had just two rigs working, with notable absences in its Shaunavon and Flat Lake core areas.

January has also seen several companies pop up that are unfamiliar to Pipeline Online. That includes two working in northwest Saskatchewan, one of which appears to be wildcatting is in a totally new area in the Battle River Valley, west of the Battlefords.

There were 21 rigs working in southeast Saskatchewan, with notable clusters near Lampman and Glen Ewen. One of those rigs was drilling for Western Potash at Lajord.

Starting from the southeast corner, Burgess Creek Exploration Inc. had a rig drilling north of Storthoaks. Aldon Oils had a rig working just outside of Manor. Trinidad Energy had one rig just east of Arcola.

In the Glen Ewen cluster, Midale Petroleum was drilling northwest of Carnduff, Adonai Resources II Corp had a rig between Glen Ewen and Carnduff, Anova Resources was drilling north of Glen Ewen and Saturn Oil & Gas had one rig north of Oxbow.

Within just a few kilometres of Lampman, five rigs were drilling, with another two a bit further out. Just southeast of the townsite, Surge Energy Inc and Whitecap Resources Inc had two rigs drilling side by side. Whitecap had another rig working north of Lampman. South of Lampman, Surge had another rig going. And south of that, Hummingbird Oil had a rig working in its core area. Sixteen kilometres east of

Lampman, Tundra Oil & Gas had one rig drilling. Ten kilometres east of Benson, Whitecap had one more rig making hole.

Crescent Point had one rig drilling 16 kilometres north of Stoughton. Their second rig was drilling south of Griffin. Notably, these were the only two rigs Crescent Point had drilling in Saskatchewan, with none drilling in the southwest. It wasn't too many years ago the company would have over 20 rigs drilling in this province. What's also significant is that two of their principle core areas – Flat Lake (south of Torquay) and Shaunavon had no rigs working.

Whitecap had one rig drilling on the edge of the Weyburn Unit at Halbrite.

Harvard Resources had one rig northwest of Colgate. Vermilion Energy Corp. had one rig drilling south of Radville, which is significant as it has been quite a long time since Pipeline Online has seen any drilling in the Radville area.

Three rigs were drilling in southwest Saskatchewan. Two were drilling for North American Helium, at Success and Mankota. Whitecap had one rig northwest of Gull Lake.

Fourteen rigs were working in west central Saskatchewan. Whitecap had one rig southeast of Elrose and another just outside of Plenty, with a third and fourth north of Coleville. Teine Energy had a rig east of Plato, Stranraer, and two at Kiyiu Lake, south of Dodsland. Baytex Energy had one west of Herschel and another west of Kerrobert.

Ish Energy was drilling south of Major.

Strathcona Resources had one rig southwest of Cactus Lake.

Prairie Thunder had a rig north of Macklin. Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. had a rig southeast of Senlac.

Six rigs were drilling in northwest Saskatchewan. Strathcona had a rig northwest of Winter and another at Meota.

A new entry Pipeline Online has not seen before is Lineup Resources, which had a rig in a totally new area, six kilometres west and four kilometres south of Delmas.

West Lake Energy Corp., had a rig south of Waseca.

Cenovus Energy Inc had on rig north of Maidstone and a second northeast of Paradise Hill.

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Kindersley Playschool: This is my favourite shirt!

BY JOAN JANZEN

The morning and afternoon classes at Kindersley Playschool all took turns walking down the street to Prairie Cresting shop for a field trip. Once they arrived, the staff had the kids watch the operation of one of their machines as it sewed an image on a hat. Although the machine wasn't loud, all the kids insisted on covering their ears just to be safe.

Afterwards, they were all ushered into another room, where each one took a turn picking out the design they wanted on their shirt. Then, one by one, they watched as their favourite design was imprinted on their shirt. After their shirt was removed from the printing machine, it was given a few flips to cool it off before it was placed in the hot little hands of its new owner.

The playschool kids who visited Prairie Cresting on Wednesday had the additional excitement of petting the puppy who came to work at Prairie Cresting that day. Although the puppy didn't get a t-shirt, he could still be in the photo, along with the kids and their new shirts.



The kids were proud to show off their new shirts, along with the Prairie Cresting staff and their puppy.

PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



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Tenders can be mailed to the **R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321, PO Box 160, Major, SK S0L 2H0** or delivered to the R.M. of Prairiedale Office located at #1 Recruit St., Major, SK.

The R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321 reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

For more information contact the R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321 at **306-8834-1201**.

Tenders will be accepted until **Feb. 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

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- 2 Full-time seasonal Utility Operators**

The R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321 offers competitive wages in accordance with qualifications and experience in addition to a benefit plan. Please contact the RM office for job details. Applications stating previous experience and references will be received at the municipal office by mail, fax or email on an ongoing basis until suitable persons are found to fill the positions.

**R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321
Box 160, Major, SK S0L 2H0
Email: administrator@rmofprairiedale.ca
Phone: 306-834-1201 • Fax: 306-834-1202**

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.



HEAD LIBRARIAN Career Opportunity

**Application deadline: Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024
Estimated Start Date: As soon as possible**

Eston Wheatland Regional Library is in search of a part-time, permanent Head Librarian. Reporting to the Town of Eston's Chief Administrative Officer and a Library Board for support and overall direction, this position is responsible for overseeing all operations and programming at the Eston Wheatland Regional Library. The Head Librarian works approximately 20-25 hours per week and qualifies for health and dental benefits, vacation days, sick days and other benefits. Schedule is negotiable. The hourly wage ranges from \$21.86 to \$25.30 per hour depending on the experience and qualifications of the successful applicant.

The Eston Wheatland Regional Library is a hub of activity in the community, with the 4th highest circulation rate in the region. The library boasts public access computers, a province-wide borrowing network and a large selection of books, magazines, audio books and other materials.

Duties:

- Oversee day to day operations of the library including book checkouts and returns, patron support, borrowing network exchanges, and new accounts
- Maintain an inviting community library space where patrons are welcomed and assisted
- Manage Assistant Librarians including scheduling, training and performance management
- Coordinate children's programming
- Pre-Playschool visits occur monthly
- Implement new and revised passive and active programming on an ongoing basis
- Provide updates and act as secretary to the Library Board
- Work with the Board to compose budget proposals, strategic priorities, new initiatives and other governance functions; participate in Town management team functions
- Complete administrative activities including any reporting required by the Wheatland Regional Library Central Office or Town Office.
- Utilizing the skills of the Assistant Librarians, oversee the implementation of library displays and features, a weekly newspaper submission, and social media pages

Qualifications:

- The ideal candidate is energetic, good with the public, interested in working with children, self-motivated, organized, creative, good knowledge of computers and passionate about community literacy.
- A grade 12 education is required; post-secondary training or previous experience is beneficial but not mandatory. On-the-job training provided.

Applying:

For more information contact **Town of Eston CAO Jody Schmidt cao@eston.ca or 306-962-4444.**

Applications, including cover letter, resume and references can be submitted to the **Town Office at cao@eston.ca in person at 111 - 4th Ave. SE, or by mail to Box 757, Eston, SK S0L 1A0.**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Town of Kerrobert Office Administrative Assistant Part-time (21 Hours/Week)

The Town of Kerrobert appeals to all with its outstanding location, family-orientated environment, excellent recreation facilities and numerous services and is located at the junction of Highways #21, #31 and #51.

The Town of Kerrobert requires an **Administrative Assistant** who will be required to perform an array of administrative duties. The job is considered Part-time at 21 hours/week. This is 3 days per week at 7 hours a day. The actual days of the week can be determined.

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.

The Administration Assistant shall be responsible for planning and overseeing all administrative support and office services for the Town, as well as the coordination and communication of office activities, reception duties, shipping and receiving, supplies and stationery, administrative help for the Operations department and general troubleshooting.

Other duties, relevant to the position, shall be assigned as required.

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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- 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;
- Provide proof of a valid driver's licence and driver's abstract upon request (a Class 1A driver's licence would be a definite asset)
- Provide a criminal record check upon request
- Knowledge of machinery maintenance (being mechanically inclined would be a definite asset);
- 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:

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Application deadline: until filled

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The Eston Wheatland Regional Library is currently looking for a part-time Librarian Assistant to work an average of 7-10 hours per month, with potential for more depending on needs. Responsibilities may include covering holidays, providing support during sick days, and assisting with additional tasks, possibly involving evenings and weekends.
Reporting to the Head Librarian, the Assistant supports a wide array of library activities including:
• Assisting with children's programming
• Library displays and features
• Book checkouts and returns
• Patron support
• Bulletin boards

The ideal candidate is energetic, good with the public, 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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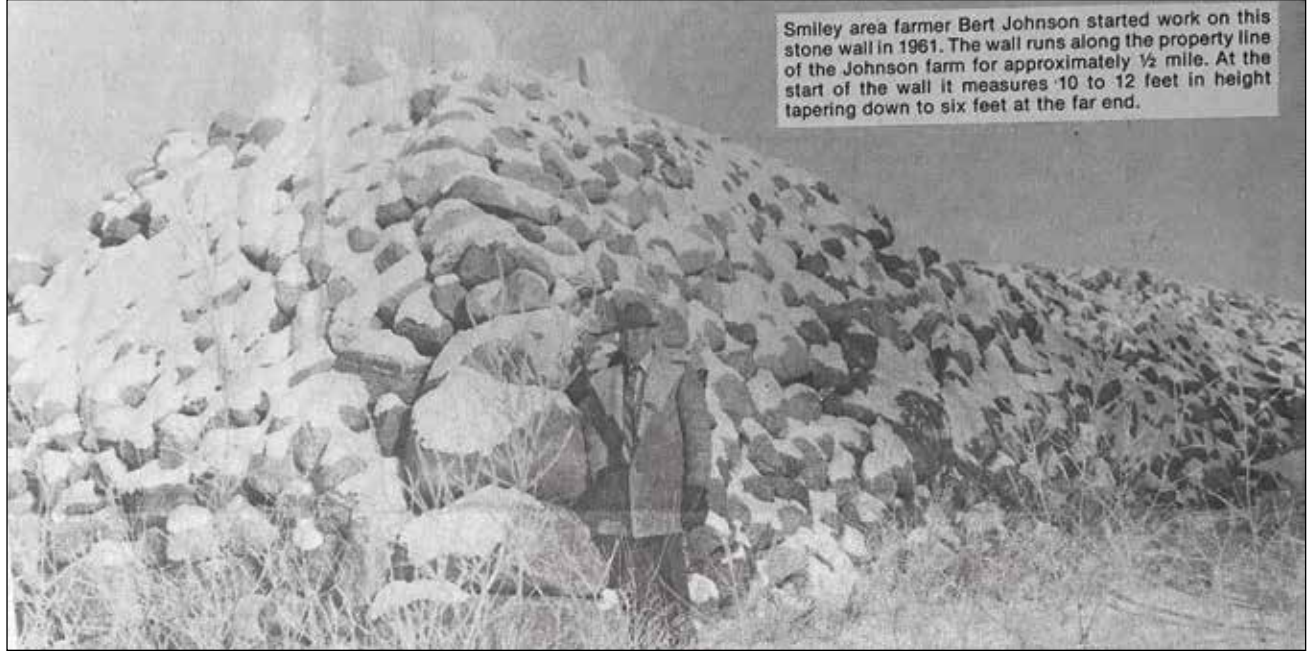
NW 36-29-17 W3rd (municipal assessment - \$253,800.00)
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Smiley area farmer Bert Johnson started work on this stone wall in 1961. The wall runs along the property line of the Johnson farm for approximately 1/2 mile. At the start of the wall it measures 10 to 12 feet in height tapering down to six feet at the far end.

WEST CENTRAL CROSSROADS 1984

Smiley stone wall remains a tourist attraction

BY JOAN JANZEN

A wall of stone in the midst of the flat Saskatchewan landscape has attracted the attention of motorists for close to sixty years. Johnson's stone wall, sometimes referred to as the Great Wall of Saskatchewan, is located one and a half kilometres west of Smiley, Sask.

The man who started building the wall back in 1961 passed away in 2001 at the age of 92. However, the archives of the West Central Crossroads contain a January 25, 1984 article when the famous farmer, Bert Johnson, was alive and well and excited to talk about his wall-building journey.

The then 75-year-old Johnson

said his job as a boy had been herding cattle, "And we had storms during the winter that were as severe as the ones today, which means you didn't have any protection out on the land." So Johnson would get on a high spot in the pasture and gather stones around him to make a wall that might be six feet high by four feet wide to offer some protection.

When asked, "Why did you build the wall?" he replied, "Everyone, when you're young, has something you want to do when you're older. And more often than not, you don't get the chance." Bert Johnson had both the opportunity and the time to build his stone wall and started collecting rocks in 1961.

Johnson told the Crossroads reporter in 1984, "It didn't have a beginning because when I started, I didn't know what I wanted. I just wanted to do something to show I'd been here."

Sixty years later, the wall still remains, running along the property line of the Johnson farm for half a mile, twelve feet tall at its highest point and six feet wide.

"It really didn't have a beginning, and I don't want it to end. I'm hoping the next generation will keep adding to it," Johnson had said. Perhaps he was not only hoping future generations would continue building the wall but also encouraging them to continue building their dreams.

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:

1. 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;
4. 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.

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

Kindersley RCMP arrest four in relation to stolen vehicles

On January 17th, the Kindersley RCMP received a call about a suspicious vehicle on Main Street. Members conducted patrols and located the vehicle, which was found to be stolen, parked next to another truck that the investigation also revealed to be stolen. Four suspects from Alberta were taken into custody, three of whom were remanded for court in Saskatoon.

"This is another great example of the public seeing something that was suspicious and reporting it to police," stated Staff Sergeant Kevin Peterson. "As a result of this call, we were able to reunite two vehicles with their owners and arrest the subjects in possession of these

vehicles," Peterson went on to say.

In addition to the recovery of the stolen vehicles, Kindersley RCMP responded to a further 97 calls for service between the dates of January 8th and January 21st. The calls for service included, but were not limited to, one assault with a weapon call, one drug trafficking charge and eight suspicious person complaints.

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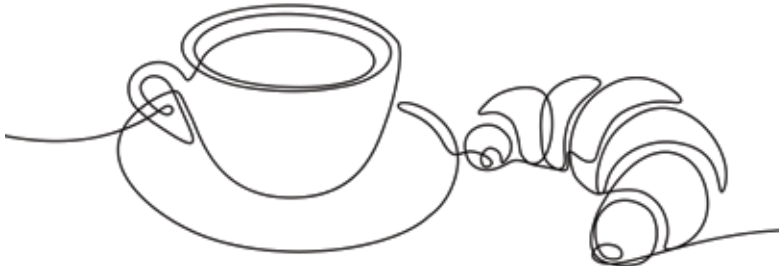
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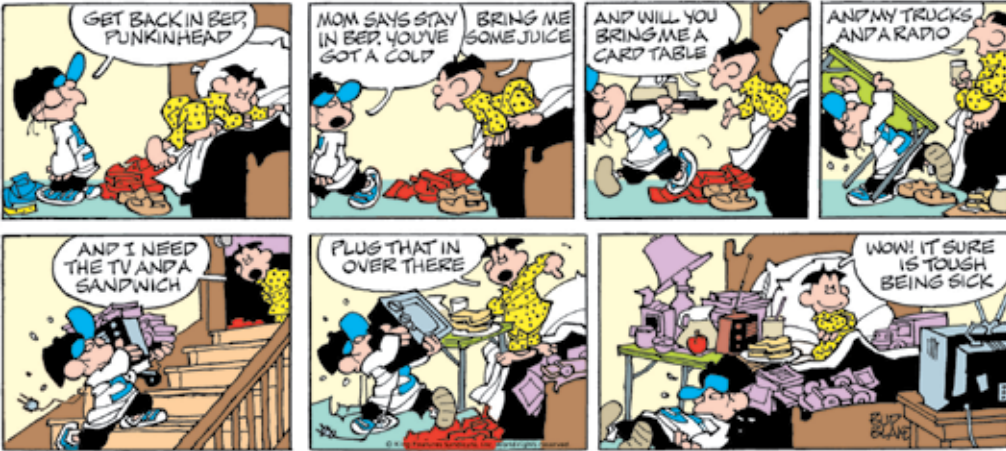
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by Linda Thistle

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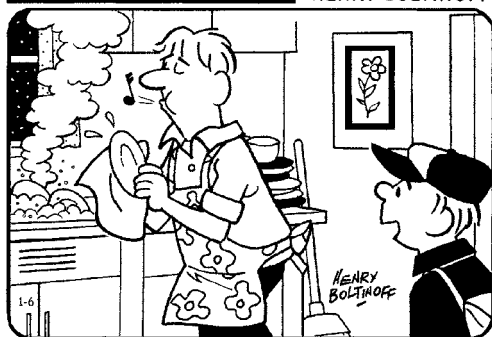
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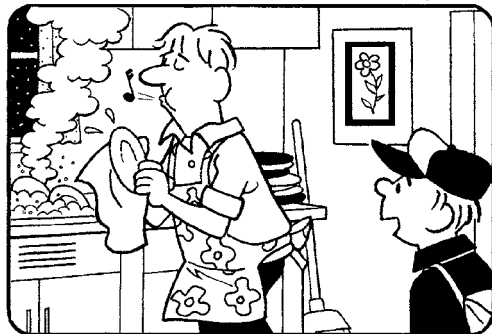
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Broom handle is longer. 2. Cloth is different. 3. Cap is different. 4. Cup is missing. 5. Cabinet is wider. 6. Flower picture is reversed.

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the last name of Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend?
- TELEVISION: In the sitcom "The Office," the company is in which U.S. city?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is The Matterhorn located?
- MUSIC: Which 1990s group was the singer Beyonce a part of?
- U.S. STATES: In which state is Monument Valley located?
- LITERATURE: In which children's book do the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear?
- MATH: In Roman numerals, what is XLVIII divided by XII?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for polythelia?
- CHEMISTRY: How many elements are listed on the Periodic Table?
- MOVIES: What is the year of the Olympics in the movie "Chariots of Fire"?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. His full name is Kenneth Sean Carson; 2. Scranton, Pennsylvania; 3. Switzerland; 4. Destiny's Child; 5. Arizona; 6. "Through the Looking-Glass"; 7. IV (Four); 8. Having an extra nipple, which affects about 1%-5% of the population; 9. 118; 10. 1924.



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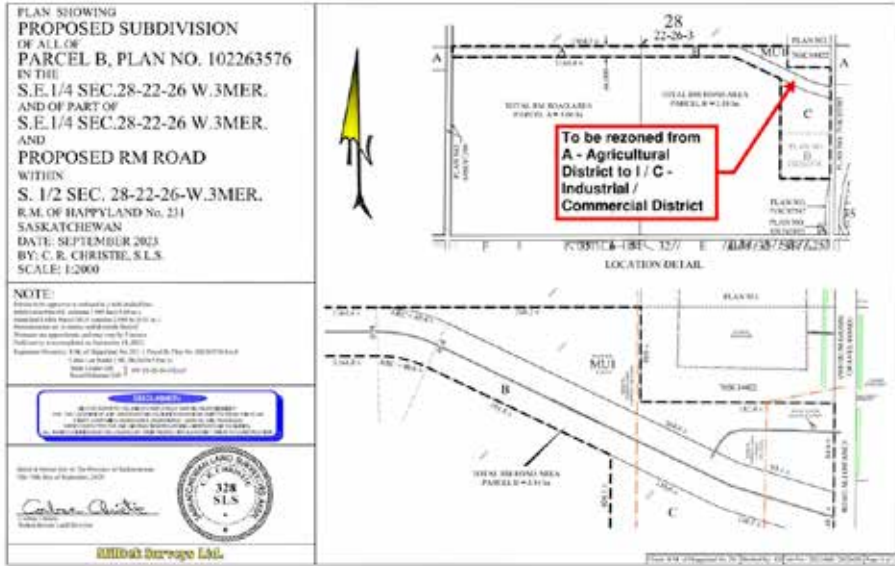
RURAL MUNICIPALITY HAPPYLAND NO. 231 PUBLIC NOTICE

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"



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



Cliff Jamieson piped in the Haggis, which was carried by Bob Watson at Robbie Burns Night at St. Paul's United Church on January 25th. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Robbie Burns Night celebrated in Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

A series of old Scottish traditions took place at St. Paul's United Church on the evening of January 25. On that date, Robbie Burns Night is celebrated in honour of the birthday of Scottish poet Robert Burns (otherwise referred to as Robbie). Although it is an annual event, Rev. Piotr Strzelecki noted this was the first time St. Paul's and friends hosted it. He welcomed the 75 guests who were present before saying the Selkirk Grace.

Robbie Burns, the poet, was also known for his musical compositions and adaptations of folk songs. When piping in the haggis kicked off the evening, Cliff Jamieson played the song "A Man's a Man for a That" on the bagpipes. That particular song traditionally announces the arrival of the haggis.

Attired in kilts, Bob Watson carried the haggis while following Cliff Jamieson playing the bagpipes. The traditional national dish of Scotland is a meat pudding, and it is usually made out of

the liver, heart and lungs of a sheep and encased in a sheep's stomach. However, Rev. Piotr chose to prepare the alternative offering "for the squeamish," completely devoid of organ meat.

After the arrival, the haggis was addressed in the form of Robert Burns' poem, "Address to a Haggis." The very first Burns Night was held in July 1801 when nine of his closest friends gathered to mark five years since his passing. The piper was added in subsequent celebrations.

The hungry guests enjoyed a delicious roast beef supper, which included neeps 'n' tatties (a potato dish) and oatcakes with marmalade. The meal was followed by a number of bagpipe selections, including "Auld Lang Syne," "Scotland the Brave," and "Amazing Grace." Clayton Braybrook, the Bickersons, Heather Bews and the choir also provided musical entertainment for their guests.

Overall, the first-ever Robbie Burns Night was a huge success. Hopefully, it will become an annual event at St. Paul's United Church.

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OBITUARIES

Irene Anna Body

1937 - 2024

BODY - The Body family sadly announces the passing of Irene Anna Body in Kerrobert Hospital on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Irene was born to Ingmar and Elsie Johnson on August 17, 1937, on a homestead in the Domremey area south of Prince Albert.

Irene married the love of her life, Arden Body, on October 19, 1956. Together, they had two children, Perry (Laurie) and Shelly.



She had four grandchildren, Kyle, Cheyenne, Mckayla, and Zac, and four great-grandchildren, Alexander, Madysen, Destiny and Easton.

Irene loved curling and won many trophies. She loved the farming way of life but got away and travelled widely. Irene served all stations of Royal Purple, served on the History Book committee, and was also secretary/treasurer for the hall board for 21 years.

Irene will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

The Body family would like to thank Unity and Kerrobert Hospitals for the love and care during her stay there.

There will be a service held for Irene at a later date.

Robert Lawrence Hancherow

1941 - 2024

HANCHEROW - Bob passed away on January 8, 2024 at the age of 82 years old after a very short battle with cancer. He was born on August 4, 1941 at Eldersley, SK and raised on the family farm. Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife Faye who passed away in 2008. He was also predeceased by his parents, two sisters and six brothers. His is survived by his numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews as well as many friends, both in Kamloops and around the world.

Bob attended school in Eldersley until grade



7 when his family moved to Nipawin, SK and he graduated from high school there in 1959. He enrolled in Teachers College that fall and received his Masters of Education from Gongaza University (Spokane) in 1990. He previously taught and lived in Saskatoon, Meadow Lake, SK, Peavine Metis Colony in Northern Alberta, Watson Lake, Yukon and Merritt. Bob then made his way to Kamloops where he lived for over 45 years. Bob enjoyed being with family and friends, going to the gym, walking, traveling, reading, cooking, gardening and being an amazing and very involved uncle to his nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered by all who knew him as a generous and kindhearted person who loved to have fun and could tell a great story! Bob will be buried at the Kindersley Cemetery and a celebration of life will be held at a later date in Kamloops, B.C.

Lillian Irene Senger

1929 - 2024

SENGER - Lillian Irene Senger nee Obermeyer of Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, died peacefully in her sleep on January 22, 2024, with her daughter Janice at her side. Lillian was 94 years of age at the time of her passing.

Lillian was born in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, on October 25, 1929, to Joseph and Helen Obermeyer. Lillian spent her elementary school years in Broadacres, Saskatchewan and then attended St. Gabriel's School (convent) in Biggar, Saskatchewan. After graduating, she went on to attend nursing school at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Upon graduating from nursing, she returned to the Kerrobert area, where she married Leo Senger in 1952 in Broadacres, SK. After a few years, they moved from the farm to Kerrobert, where they raised their family: daughters Janice and Wendy and sons Jim, Trent, and Allan. Lil finished her nursing career as the matron of Beuna Vista Lodge in Kerrobert.

Lil was an avid Bingo player, and she taught her



grandchildren how to play the game. Lil enjoyed travel and went on several cruises. One of the highlights for Lil was going to the Obermeyer factory in Germany. Her overall favourite travel was the infamous Senger Family Camping Trips where there was always much noise and laughter.

Lil was an active member of Our Lady of Assumption's CWL, but she is most remembered as the key organist for the choir, where she accompanied not only Sunday masses but also special occasions where her talents helped others celebrate their special day.

Lil was predeceased by her parents, her husband Leo, and her brother Gerry. Lil is survived by her five children: Janice and Darryl Morris of Kerrobert, Saskatchewan; Wendy and Miles Weatherhead of Summerland, B.C.; Jim and Janice Senger of New Market, Ontario; Trent and Jayne Senger of Corman Park, Saskatchewan, and Allan and Heather Senger of North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Lil also leaves behind her seventeen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was held at Our Lady of Assumption in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, on January 27, 2024, at 10:30 am. The celebrant was Father Charles Nweze. Internment followed at Kerrobert Cemetery. Reception was at Our Lady of Assumption.

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BURSTALL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

• Town of Burstall Community Supper & Charity Auction. Proceeds going towards ongoing maintenance and operating costs of the Burstall & District Community Complex, Swimming Pool, Arena, Curling Rink and Golf Course. Auctioneer: Donnie Peacock.

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.*
- *Mens Curling Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Call Garrett for more information 306-962-4460.*
- *Mixed Curling Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Call Garrett for more information 306-962-4460.*

HOOSIER

- *Sunday Service Hoosier Community Church 10:30 am at the Community Hall. Contact Joel Hamm 306-460-7056 or Curtis Kornelson 306-460-7327.*

KERROBERT

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

KINDERSLEY
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.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- *Kindersley Band Fruit Drive delivery. Band students are selling now. Prices are: Full case of grapefruit = \$72; 1/2 case of oranges or grapefruit = \$44; 1 dozen oranges = \$18; 10 grapefruit = \$20.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- *Kindersley Screen Arts presents "What Happens Later" 4:00 PM at the Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- *Kindersley Arts Council presents Andrea Superstein at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre 7:30 PM.*

- *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 Kindersley Senior Centre OR contact Jill at 306-463-4210.*
- *PickleBall every Sunday & Wednesday 7:00-9:00 PM at Elizabeth School \$50 per season or \$5 drop in. More info call 306-460-8356.*
- *Prairie Crocus Quilt Guild meet the second Tuesday of the month (September to May) at the Pensioners Hall (3rd Ave. E., Kindersley) at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Donna at 306-463-4785.*

- *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.*
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- *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
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- *Luseland Arts Council presents Rory Gardiner 7:30 PM at the Luseland Homecoming Hall.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- *Luseland Arts Council presents Jake Vaadeland & the Sturgeon River Boys 7:30 PM at the Luseland Homecoming Hall.*

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LEADER
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.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- *Toddler Tunes & Tales 10:30 AM at the Leader Library. Join us for an hour of songs, rhymes, stories & fun learning activities for children 0-2 years old and their grownups. Siblings welcome!*
- *Deadline to register for the Leader & District Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow on April 13, 2024. To register: 306-628-7887 or email: leadercdo@gmail.com*
- *Leader & District Arts Council presents Rory Gardiner 7:30 PM at the Leader Community Centre*

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- *Leader & District Chamber of Commerce AGM Doors open: 6:30 PM. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM at the Leader Friendship Center. Speaker: Corwin Boechler - Chamber Insurance. Everyone welcome.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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