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SASKATCHEWAN'S FINEST:

# Perlinger twins desperate to bring playoffs home to Kindersley

BY JAMIE NEUGEBAUER, SJHL

Kindersley Klippers head coach and general manager Clayton Jardine is an exceptionally astute and observant individual.

So, it is saying something that he had to dig deep to think of anything that sets Cobe and Cam Perlinger, a set of 16-year-old twins playing for him on their hometown team, apart.

"Maybe Cobe has a girlfriend so that's something?" Jardine says with a laugh.

"Seriously though I wish I could say one has a different trait from the other really but it's a pretty simple answer for me; they are just very similar in everything that they do. On the ice, they have that 'twin' mentality where they make plays and find each other, they have that remarkable chemistry, and it's great for our team because they play an exciting brand of hockey that really helps build momentum as a group through the tough times of a game.

"You don't ever have to question their work ethic or mindset," he adds.

"They show up every single game, and play the way they need to, with energy and with no fear even if they are lining up against a much bigger guy."

The lone 2007 birth years featuring regularly in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League this campaign, the two locals have not looked out of place for a moment.

Both are listed as 5-foot-9, 160-pound forwards, perhaps the only obvious on-ice difference is the fact that Cam shoots right and Cobe left. At the time of writing, Cam has four more points with 20,



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Cobe has three more goals with eight, and their play and maturity were recognized with a well-earned selection to the 2024 SJHL/MJHL Showcase at the end of January in Winnipeg.

Yet the Showcase was not the first time the pair were singled out to represent Kindersley and the province.

The Canada Winter Games includes a hockey tournament that features the best Under-16 players in the country on the boys' side, and U-18 on the girls, and the Perlinger family was front and centre for the 2023 event in Prince Edward Island as the two and their big sis-

ter Caitlyn were all selected.

Team Saskatchewan ultimately lost a heartbreaking Gold Medal final to Ontario in overtime.

"It was pretty special for our family to share that experience together as our dad spent the full two weeks there too," Cam says.

"It was a lot of fun and especially awesome that Cobe, Catelyn, and I can all relate that it was so special for us."

"It was just so cool to make that team," Cobe adds.

"I was just sitting there staring at my phone in early December hoping to make it and when it came through for both of us it was special. We were so pumped and it was probably the coolest experience in my life playing that gold medal game in a sold-out arena in Charlottetown."

The two played their minor hockey close to home with the West Central Wheat Kings and moved 230 kilometres south last year to play U18AAA in Swift Current.

When the opportunity came to come back home again for this season and be part of a core of five top-notch Kindersley boys representing their hometown, they could not pass it up.

"It has definitely been good to have my dad around and it's so nice to play with guys like (captain) Logan Linklater, and the Hilbig brothers (Tylin and Ethan)," Cobe says.

"We've looked up to those guys our whole lives pretty much and to now actually able to be on the same team as them is special. We're just kind of like a

big family in Kindersley, so to wear the same uniform as those guys on a nightly basis means a lot to us."

As much as Coach Jardine and his staff and the community are proud to have two sets of local brothers on the team, they care even more about bringing the passionate Kindersley community a competitive, playoff team.

The last time the Klippers were in the post-season was in the 2018-19 season, coached by Jardine – who went off to the Alberta Junior Hockey League the next year – and was backstopped by Justen Close, another Kindersley boy who has won back-to-back NCAA Division I BIG10 Regular Season championships as the starter at the University of Minnesota.

The Klippers sit in sixth place at the time of writing in a league where the Top 8 make the playoffs. They are also only one point behind Melville for fifth, though the Mills have two games in hand.

As talented as the roster Jardine has put together around the Perlinger boys and the Kindersley Five, it is the competitiveness and determination of the group that truly defines it.

"Cobe and Cam definitely challenge each other in everything they do," Jardine says, "so the example they set with the passion with which they do that is huge for our team.

"Sometimes we have to pull them apart," he laughs.

"They go at each other hard because that's what brothers do, but at the end of the day you know they have each other,

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# Burstall pulls off another successful auction

BY JOAN JANZEN

The community of Burstall held their annual community supper and auction on Saturday evening, February 24th, at the Burstall & District Community Complex. Funds from the event go towards the ongoing maintenance and operating costs of the community complex, swimming pool, arena, curling rink and golf course.

This is the second year Colleen Bodnarchuk and her husband, Owen Wittig, coordinated the charity auction. Owen is the president of the hall board and was the MC for the evening.

The night began with a delicious roast beef supper arranged by Diane Hoffart and her capable crew of local workers. "Diane has convened the meal for years," Colleen explained. They were pleased to sell nearly all of the 150 available tickets.

The coordinators accumulated 75 items for the live auction and approximately 35 silent auction items. The estimated value of all the donations was \$30,000. John Baier, an auctioneer from Swift Current, conducted the live auction. John works for Donnie Peacock and volunteered his time for the evening.

The biggest item up for bids was a 4-piece patio set valued at about \$1200. There were also Moose Jaw Spa getaways, a kid's motorbike, plush camping chairs and a 54-inch wall-mounted electric fireplace. "People are always very generous," Colleen said.

There are always a few fun items thrown in for the live auction. "Cinnamon buns often go for \$500 or \$600 a dozen, and last year pickled eggs went for \$800," Colleen chuckled. "One year, we auctioned a single cinnamon bun for \$100." At this year's auction two ladies from the community each donated a home-made dinner for four.

A group of willing volunteers helped make the evening a complete success. The Lions Club worked the



There was an abundance of good food and really great auction items available at the Burstall supper and charity auction on Saturday evening. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

bar, along with people working at the door, others selling 50/50 tickets, as well as a volunteer who was on hand to help out the auctioneer.

Not only do the funds raised provide for operating costs of facilities in the community, but it also provided a lot of fun and good food for everyone who attended.

## ...Perlinger twins

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and they want the other guy to play the best they can. It's great to see how competitive these kids are, but for sure sometimes we have to break up a few fights."

As far as the twins' blend of talent and grit is concerned, the adage rings true that 'the apple does not fall far from the tree'.

Their father Jeff hails from North Battleford and is a beloved alumnus of the North Stars; also known as the Klippers' huge rivals.

Perlinger senior played in 195 SJHL games between 1987 and 1991 and posted 187 points to go with 431 penalty minutes.

"Yeah it's kind of funny to see him as a Battlefords legend," says Cam, "but we like to think he's all Kindersley now.

"It was a big rivalry growing up, but there's no doubt we want to beat them a little extra every time we play them. The biggest thing is that he knows what it's like to be a hometown guy playing on the local team so it's great to have him around to relate to."

"He was in the alumni shootout for the Stars and I definitely gave it to him a little bit about that," adds

Cobe.

"But he's more Kindersley now, especially with us from here and wearing the green, but he's definitely got some Battlefords in his heart still."

The two both mention how as much as the support they get from their dad has always been huge, the confidence they got from the veterans, especially the likes of Linklater and the Hilbigs, helped them settle in right away and believe that they could hang on the ice with players three and four years older in the SJHL.

And as the Klippers head into the recently unfamiliar waters of the SJHL playoffs, Jardine's message to the community is centred around how the teams' success so far in this campaign belongs to everyone in the 'Hub of West Central Saskatchewan'.

"Having these two incredible young men and having these five-quality local people and players as part of a winning team," he says, "it's just something that the whole town of Kindersley needs to be proud of.

"It takes a village to raise kids and the 4,600 people or so of the town all rightly feel like they had a little bit of a piece of helping these two and all these guys get to where they are and to where they hope to go."

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# Columbian teen is enjoying his visit to Kindersley



15-year-old Alex Gonzalez from Columbia, South America is enjoying his visit to Kindersley. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

BY JOAN JANZEN

Fifteen-year-old Alex Gonzalez was offered the opportunity of a lifetime at the beginning of 2024, which he gladly accepted. Alex lives in Barranquilla, Columbia, in South America, while his older sister Esmeralda Mazzei resides in Kindersley, along with her husband Cory and two young sons.

Esmeralda said she had always wanted her brother to visit Canada, so when it became possible, she approached his teachers to see what they thought. "This was the opportunity of a lifetime, and he had to take it," she said. "That's why he's here."

Since Alex is one of the top students in his class, his teachers were confident he could catch up when he returns to school in mid-April. He will graduate from Grade 11 this year, which is the end of high school in Columbia. He was allowed to skip a grade along the way, which enabled him to graduate at age 16. After graduation, Alex plans to go to university to become a mechanical engineer.

Living in a city of more than a million people with a continuous hot climate close to an ocean is a lot different than living in Kindersley, Saskatchewan. Alex described Saskatchewan as the opposite of where he came from.

He wanted to experience a Canadian winter and is enjoying it. Of course, this winter has been much milder than usual, and his sister reminded him, "When I came to Canada, it was -38 degrees!" Even though he's accustomed to temperatures of 30 to 32 degrees with lows of 26, he said he likes our weather.

"We bought him skates to see how he likes it," Esmeralda said. "And he's skating perfect, like he's always done it." And on weekends, they are taking him to see more of Canada. He's been to Banff and Johnson's Canyon, and they're planning to show him Drumheller, Calgary, West Edmonton Mall, and hopefully travel to B.C. In the meantime, he's spending time with the family and helping his sister with her home-based business.

The teen says the people here are really kind and then laughed and said, "People here say sorry to me all the time, even when it's not their fault." It's only in Canada phenomenon, but it's just one of many differences he's been observing.

Alex asked his sister why his nephews have so many teachers. Columbia classrooms have between 30 and 40

students with one teacher and no assistants. English is compulsory, and Alex understands the language quite well but is still learning how to speak it.

"At school, I have a ready-made schedule," he explained, with his courses determined for him. He is also required to do sixty hours of volunteer work throughout the year.

All students in Columbia wear uniforms to school and enjoy free meals at the school cafeteria at all public schools. The school year begins at the end of January and is completed at the end of November. Students get the month of December off, but there's staff at the school if they need to catch up on subjects.

Like most teens, Alex is looking forward to getting his learner's licence when he turns 16, but won't obtain his official driver's licence until he's 18.

"Here, you call three cars in front of you traffic. We have hundreds of cars around us in Columbia," Alex said. "That's everyday driving in Columbia if you can survive it. If you can drive in Columbia, you can drive everywhere!"

The houses are much different in Columbia. "The houses are connected and made of concrete," he said. "We have bars on all the windows and doors," Esmeralda said when she came to Canada, she didn't want to sleep in a house that didn't have bars on the windows because she didn't feel safe.

Alex and his sister admitted there's a lot of crime in Columbia, but you're more likely to see it if you're in a dangerous area. In those areas, you could have a phone or purse stolen.

There's no shortage of fast food in their city. "We fry everything!" Esmeralda said. "On every corner of the city you find a fast food place. You will never go hungry there."

However while in Canada, Alex said the food is delicious! His favourite foods are shepherd's pie and chicken pot pie. And he's really enjoying drinking Dr. Pepper, something that can't be found in Columbia.

It seems Dr. Pepper is just one of many things that has whet Alex's appetite for Canada, so much so that he would like to move to our country after he completes his university education. He wants to live in a safer place where there are more opportunities available.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your visit to Canada, Alex. And if I happen to bump into you on the street, I'll be sure to say, "I'm sorry."



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# OPINION: You are what you eat



BY JOAN JANZEN

A woman attended her great granddaughter's birthday party and said to her, "You're five now. You're pretty old." The little girl responded, "Nanna you're so old you're running out of numbers!". And when it came time to sing to the little girl she protested, "I don't like that silly song!"

Even if we don't like hearing that "silly song" or maybe we're running out of numbers, birthdays and good health are usually valued and appreciated. Although there's no shortage of topics to be discussed in our world, our physical and mental health are a primary concern. Because chronic illness often forces people to focus on little else beyond their health.

Dr. Suneel Dhand specializes in lifestyle medicine and metabolic health and practices acute care in a US hospital. In his podcast he advises his listeners to ask their physicians the right questions and seek alternative treatments and pathways to care if needed. "Always prioritize your metabolic health through lifestyle choices, so we have the best possible chance of not needing the healthcare system in the first place," he advised.

Dr. Mark Hyman, a US family physician reported in an interview 75% of North American adults and 45 percent of kids are overweight and 6 out of 10 people have a chronic disease. This is largely due to our explosion of ultra

We're focussed on the downstream things we can treat with medications rather than the causes

Dr. Mark Hyman

processed food.

The doctor said most people don't understand why we're seeing an increase in anxiety, depression and suicide. He did a literature review on how our food is affecting our brain. When our brains are inflamed it causes brain disorders such as autism, anxiety, and depression.

Yet the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has almost nothing slotted in their budget for nutrition research, which is the biggest driver of chronic illness, he said. NIH receives millions of dollars to study cancer, but they're not studying the root causes.

"We're focussed on the downstream things we can treat with medications rather than the causes," he said. Ultra processed food is one of the causes driving all the other diseases.

He explained that the food industry designs processed food to be addictive, just like alcohol or drugs. According to

studies 14% of adults and 12% of North American children meet the criteria for having an addiction.

In one study they gave a group of people as much ultra processed food as they wanted to eat, and they gave another group of people as much whole food as they wanted to eat. In this cross over trial they discovered the one group ate 500 calories more a day of processed food because their bodies didn't register that they're being satisfied eating that food.

A recent program on the Canadian show Marketplace, discussed artificial synthetic dyes added to food to make it look more appealing. Those dyes are especially unhealthy for children and can cause hyperactivity, sleeplessness, inattention, and irritability. In the United Kingdom foods that contain those dyes are required to have a warning label about the effects of these ingredients on children. However Health Canada says they can't prove that the dyes cause behavioural problems in kids.

As for Dr. Dhand he says for his own personal health he does everything possible to stay away from the healthcare system. He lists the top ten foods he consumes on a regular basis. These are anti-oxidant foods that help neutralize the effects of radicals that cause inflammation and diseases.

According to Dr. Dhand, 100 grams of blueberries contain more antioxidants than five servings of fruits or vegetables. Turmeric and ginger are also

potent anti oxidants that he adds to his foods regularly.

His list included green, leafy vegetables such as kale, spinach and broccoli, and also tomatoes. Not many people know that red and yellow peppers contain three times as much Vitamin C as an orange. Those were also on his list of preferred foods, as well as eggs which he described as a "super food" and valuable source of protein.

His preferred beverage is green tea, and his healthy treat is dark chocolate. However he advised to read the ingredients and be sure it contains about 70 percent of cocoa. But he also said supplements are always beneficial, especially anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant supplements.

Another interesting bit of information Dr. Dhand supplied was that breakfast is not the most important meal of the day. "No other animal in nature gets up in the morning and immediately eats," he said. "There's a lot of evidence out there claiming the longer you fast in the morning the better it is for your metabolism. And definitely don't eat sugary cereals first thing in the morning," he advised.

There's an old saying that claims "you are what you eat". Opting for healthy food choices rather than processed foods comes with a lot of health benefits, and unlike medications it doesn't have any negative side effects.



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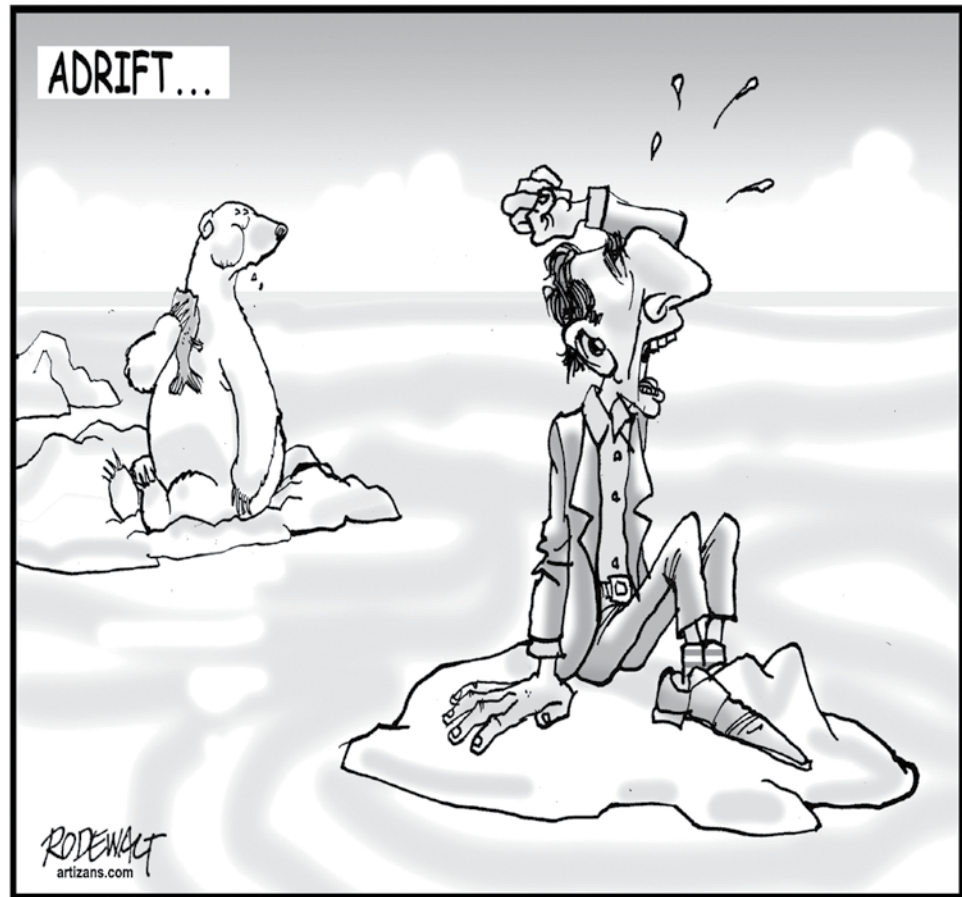
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## The liberation of limitations

BY MADONNA HAMEL



At 60, you are forced to realize you are no longer middle-aged; you are old. There's no getting around it. At 50, you can entertain the possibility of living until the age of a hundred. But at 60, there's no possibility of making it until 120. I phoned my younger siblings to share this little insight on their sixtieth birthdays. It wasn't the cheeriest of well-wishes, I admit, but I meant it to be a head's up as to how the shock of mortality can hit like a brick. And then, this past year, three of the men in my family were suddenly faced with serious health issues, and we are all still reeling from the triple dose of hard reality.

I'm not looking for sympathy - such is life. What is happening to us happens to us all - if we are lucky to live this long. This is the time of life where more and more aches and pains and sudden shocks will mess with our days and plans. I was warned by friends in their seventies and eighties who are further out to sea. They've been navigating the choppy waters of aging that much longer, facing life as is, not as it "shoulda" "woulda" "coulda" been. Learn to live within your limitations rather than whine about how much life has changed, they say.

"Have you noticed that old people don't cry at funerals?" asks Ervin. He drives through the early morning fog into the rising sunlight, and for hours, driving to and from Regina, we bring each other up to speed on our lives and our opinions. We rant and laugh, segue and interrupt our way through the day in a fashion that has become familiar, expected. "It's because they've been to so many," he continues, answering his own question. "They're all done crying."

He's right. But not so long ago, I had a more idealized notion; I believed they had physically integrated the truth of death; it was all part of the package. Meanwhile, the rest of us had been to so few funerals we still experienced them as unnatural ruptures in an otherwise fairly lively life. We were brought up short by them. But now, ten years later, obituaries, if not funerals, are becoming routine. Each of us can recite a litany of dearly beloveds friends and, neighbours and relatives we just saw a month, even a week ago.

We are headed to Regina for a CT scan I've been putting off for months. Without pausing, Ervin offered to take me to my appointment and take me home again, all in one day. His kindness brings tears to my eyes. It's a long haul, and yet he claims it will be an opportunity to catch up on a year fraught with mishaps and events. It's true - we do have much to talk about - but most people, especially on a cold February morning, would suggest a coffee at the hotel for a chinwag.

As the fog bank creeps over the highway, we speak

of the odd ways we hope to make a mark in life and yet how life makes its mark on us. I know I've had all sorts of plans, projects I'm still working on, planned to get around to, really should focus on etc. But now, so many of those just aren't going to happen. It's a fact, I tell myself. It's not meant as a chastisement, nor is it cruel fate. It's a reality check: life is only so long, and you are definitely on the downward slope, with more behind you than in front of you. You can only squeeze in so much in one lifetime. So, assess what can be done. And let the rest go.

Over the years, we've covered a lot of territory - in his truck, driving to Calgary, Medicine Hat, Regina, Montana and the Hawaiian coast- and in our conversations. We've covered the plights and passions of the young people in our lives - their Christmas pageants, volleyball tournaments, difficult subjects in school, recalling our own childhood gains and losses, hits and near misses along the way. We've covered our theories on what bits of history keep repeating themselves. We've covered the urban-rural divide and the delights that present themselves when people unexpectedly surprise you by being not at all what you presumed. We've listed the places in the world we plan to visit before travel becomes a pain and a risk. Of course, we've covered the rise of Trump and the concurrent demise of manners and civil conversation. There's always plenty to cover, and it turns out there is never enough time.

The surprise of aging is the daily inescapable humiliations it necessarily bequeaths us. There's no getting around the fact that "things break down", as a seventy-seven-year-old colleague at art school informed me over thirty years ago. "Nothing lasts forever - you may be "special" you may think you are unique, but you ain't that unique." What surprises me is how, along with my knees and my stamina, I find my prejudices and pet peeves breaking down, too.

My mom used to say to me: "You can do anything." And though it reflected her unconditional faith in me as a promising youth with several abilities, I rode on that faith far too long, using it as insurance for the future. I could dabble and dream on that faith for a long while, but the day would come when I'd comprehend there are only so many left me to finish that book, that CD, that performance. Now, I think back, and I wonder why I didn't hear the proviso to my mother's promise: "As long as you apply yourself - consistently, daily, and when you least want to."

As we pull into the driveway at sunset, I am refreshed by the long conversation and not at all saddened by the fact that time is limited. I promise myself to engage myself fully in what I do. Now.



Telemiracle is the annual telethon in support of the Kinsmen Foundation. Money raised helps Saskatchewan residents with grants for specialized equipment and/or travel to access medical treatment outside their community. Bev, Pam and April represented the Kindersley Kin Club and presented a cheque in the amount of \$34,772.29 on Sunday morning.

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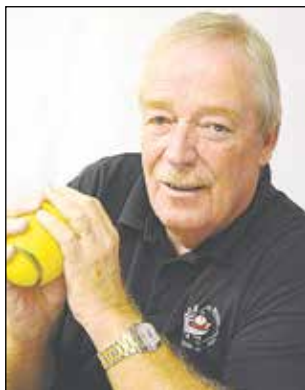
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# Will wearing green be lucky for McEwen?

BY BRUCE PENTON



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Sports Columnist

It's the month for St. Patrick's Day, so perhaps wearing Saskatchewan green and the luck of the Irish will mean a Brier championship for Mike O'McEwen.

He's changed provinces regularly, so why can't he change his name, too? — from McEwen to O'McEwen, just to heighten his chances of expanding his luck quotient to win the biggest prize in Canadian men's curling.

No skip has ever represented three different provinces in the Brier, until McEwen this year, so maybe third time will be lucky. He won the Manitoba title four times, and represented Manitoba, his home province, on three other occasions as a wildcard entry. Last year, he joined forces with an Ontario rink featuring Ryan Fry, Joey Hart and Brent Laing, and they won that province, losing in a 3 vs. 4 Page playoff game at the Brier. But when Laing, Fry and Hart went their separate ways at the end of the season, McEwen was a loose free agent, looking for a strong team that needed an experienced and proven skip.

It didn't take long for that curling marriage to happen. Colton Flasch of Saskatchewan has long been a contender on the men's curling circuit, but he lost his third, Catlin Schneider, following the 2022-23 season. The dichotomy was perfect — McEwen available; Flasch with one missing piece. Flasch moved down to play third and the team clicked almost immediately.

Wearing green for the first time in his life, McEwen led his team of Flasch and the Marsh twins, Dan and Kevin, to the Saskatchewan championship, running off seven straight wins to earn a spot in the 2024 Brier which, as fate would have it, is being played in Regina starting March 1. The pressure will be ramped up three-fold: Playing in front of a home crowd; being a first-year skip with the Flasch squad; and trying to break a long Brier drought for teams from Saskatchewan. The most recent Brier title for the Wheat Province came in 1980, 44 years ago, when Rick Folk was the winner.

While McEwen representing Saskatchewan may be the feel-good story of the week, Canada's best curlers won't be coming to Regina to play secondary roles. Five-time (and defending) champ Brad Gushue of Newfoundland will be among the favourites, as will last year's runner-up, Brendan Bottcher of Alberta. Perennial contenders Matt Dunstone, Kevin Koe, and Reid Carruthers (whose rink is skipped by Northern Ontario veteran Brad Jacobs), will also have strong opportunities to win.

In the round-robin, Regina fans' eyes will be focusing on the B.C.-Saskatchewan matchup because the former Flasch third, Schneider, moved to B.C. and won his new province's championship.

Ideally, B.C. vs. Saskatchewan would be a terrific Brier final, too, with McEwen trying to write a fairytale finish to his vagabond curling tale.

- Comedy writer **Torben Rolfsen** of Vancouver: "The Blue Jays are trying to cash in on mascots popularity. They signed *Justin Turner*, the baseball player that mostly closely resembles Gritty and Youppi!"
- Headline on Page 1 of the San Francisco Chronicle the day after the 49ers fell 25-22 to Kansas City in the Super Bowl: "LOSS VEGAS"
- **Greg Cote** of the Miami Herald, on the shooting in Kansas City during the Chiefs' Super Bowl victory parade: "What if **Patrick Mahomes** had been hit in the spray of bullets? Would that have gotten America's attention? Because nothing else has as our national plague of gun violence and mass shootings goes on and on."
- Cote again, after Patrick Mahomes' outstanding play in the Super Bowl led the Chiefs to victory: "The G.O.A.T. corral has a new member."
- **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel: "A 16-ounce can of beer at the big game in Vegas cost \$18.90. The only people who can afford those kinds of prices are **Taylor Swift**, LIV golfers and Georgia football recruits."
- From Bianchi's column in the Sentinel: "Best pre-Super Bowl Sunday meme: 'I hear Taylor Swift's boyfriend will be attending the Usher concert this weekend.'"
- Headline at Canadian parody website The Beaver-ton: "Saskatchewan residents furious over local sports network's decision to air Super Bowl instead of 2013 Grey Cup replay."
- Comedy writer **Alex Kaseberg**: "At one point 200 million people watched the Super Bowl. Imagine how many it would have been if they weren't airing a curling game at the same time?"
- **Jim Trotter** of The Athletic, after the Waste Management Open in Phoenix turned into a drunken debacle: "The Waste Management now resembles the Wasted Management."
- Another one from Kaseberg: "**Sarah Thomas** was the first ever female ref in a Super Bowl. That explains why that one player was called for Unsatisfactory Feelings Sharing."

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# Local entertainers from the past



Dave Sutherland and his group were one of twenty performances at a 1989 Radio-Thon held in Kindersley.

BY JOAN JANZEN

In February of 1989, a radio-thon took place in Kindersley at the Elks Hall, which featured twenty talented groups of performers. Corryn Clemence, Tekla Johnson and Kristina Clemence were featured in The Clarion, performing their rendition of a song from The Muppet Movie.

Also on stage was the Dave Sutherland band, who brought cheers from the audience. Later on in their performance, they were joined by vocalists Kim Richardson and Rita Elmhurst.



L - R: Corryn Clemence, Tekla Johnson and Kristina Clemence entertained at a 1989 Radio-Thon in Kindersley. PHOTOS: THE CLARION, FEB. 22, 1989

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Marge Bailey from the Better Together group, served cake to John Hebert and his wife at Heritage Manor's February birthday celebration. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

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# Free agency signings should help Riders

BY GREG BUCHANAN

After back-to-back disappointing seasons, Saskatchewan Roughriders general manager Jeremy O'Day, knew changes had to be made when the CFL free agency period opened on Tuesday.

The Roughriders finished 6-12 in 2022 and 2023, having missed the playoffs both years and closing those campaigns on seven-game losing streaks. As a result, head coach Craig Dickenson was out of a job, as his contract was not renewed after the 2023 season. On the other hand Jeremy O'Day signed a three-year contract extension as GM and vice-president of football operations in October of last year. O'Day came out of the starting gate quickly on Day 1 of free agency, signing five players: American offensive lineman Jermarcus Hardrick, American running back A.J. Ouellette, American linebacker Jameer Thurman, American de-



fensive lineman Malik Carney, and American cornerback Jalon Edwards-Cooper.

Dickenson, who had a 34-34 record in four seasons as head coach, was replaced by Corey Mace. He will serve as both head coach and defensive coordinator, with special teams coordinator Kent Maugeri being the lone returnee to the staff. Mace joined the Riders after two seasons as defensive coordinator for the Toronto Argonauts

(2022-23) and five seasons as defensive line coach for the Calgary Stampeders (2016-21). O'Day recognized that the 38-year-old Mace, who signed a three-year deal in November, would be of great assistance in recruiting players when interviewing him for the job. Mace, who won Grey Cup titles as a coach in Calgary (2018) and Toronto (2022), and as a player with the Stampeders (2014), isn't the only newcomer to the Riders with Grey Cup pedigree. Hardrick won two Grey Cups with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 2019 and 2021, while Ouellette captured a Grey Cup with the Argos in 2022.

Adding players and coaches with championship experience was important to O'Day. It certainly helps when you have guys that have won championships and won Grey Cups and know what it takes to win Grey Cups.

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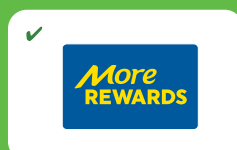
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# Mervin Norris' art is displayed at Pioneers Haven

BY JOAN JANZEN

Mervin Norris has been a lifelong resident in Kerrobert and continues to enjoy a good life at Pioneers Haven. He was born on July 15, 1931, and he and his three sisters all completed their education at Kerrobert school.

At the age of 12, he started helping his dad with painting and carpentry. "At the time, I didn't think too much about it, but afterwards, I realized I could do the work," he recalled. "After completing high school, I had a year of tech school in Saskatoon, [which consisted] of drafting and a bit of mechanics and welding."

When he returned, he continued painting and carpentry at Norris Decorating. He opened a retail decorating store called Norris Colour Centre. "We put in a Sears order office, and my mother managed the store, and I worked out at jobs," he said. "That was a long time ago."

"We had a good close family. I owe my life to my parents. If I've done anything in my life, it's all based on my mom and dad. They were the most wonderful people I've ever known," he said. And the picture of his parents by his bedside is a testament to those words.

"One of the bigger things in my life was the Kinsmen Club; I was very involved," Mervin said. "We had a very active club for years and years, and I enjoyed the work we did for the community."

Mervin also travelled a great deal throughout those years, and many of his trips were centred on Kinsmen conventions. He held the title of district secretary for a year and deputy governor of the zone for a year. He enjoyed going on many cruises, bus tours and train trips for many years. "No one trip was a favourite; every trip at the time was my favourite," he said.

After the Kinsmen Club, he became a member of the K-40s, which was a social club, and every year, they held a free supper and entertainment for the seniors.

After experiencing some medical problems, Mervin retired from work, but he soon began working at a



This piece of Mervin Norris' fretwork of The Lord's Prayer is displayed in the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery.

PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

hobby. He bought a scroll saw, set up a bench, ordered some wood and got some patterns. Soon, he was crafting fretwork projects with his scroll saw. He ordered a variety of hardwood from a dealership in the States and began working on different patterns.

"I never went to craft shows or anything. I didn't sell anything; it was all given away to family and friends," he explained. One of his beautiful pieces of art is hanging on the wall at Pioneers Haven, and another is displayed at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery.

His artwork is a labour of love which he can be proud of. When asked how long a project would take to complete, he said he never kept track of time. But as time continues to go on, Mervin's art also continues to grace the walls of Pioneers Haven and the Kerrobert Museum.



Mervin Norris lives at Pioneers Haven where his intricate fretwork is displayed.



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## Memorable visitors to Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

It was exactly thirty years ago when hockey legends Bobby and Dennis Hull were in the stands at a Kindersley Jr. Klippers game. The Hall of Famers were on hand to raise money for minor hockey. Known as the Golden Jet, Bobby Hull became the first hockey player to sign a million-dollar contract when he joined the Winnipeg Jets of the World Hockey Association. Despite his fame, the humble hockey star said during his visit to Kindersley - he wanted to take the opportunity to put something back into the community.



Hall of Famers and hockey legends Bobby and Dennis Hull were in Kindersley in February, 1994 to give a boost to minor hockey in the area. They attended the Kindersley Jr. Klippers' game between the Kindersley Klippers and Minot Americans.

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President Joe Cey presenting the Harvey Somerville award to Ken Kernohan.



Gerry Cey presenting his son, Rick, the Bill Cey Memorial award. PHOTOS BY PHIL HEILMAN

# Kernohan, Cey win prestigious awards

BY PHIL HEILMAN

It is with great honour that the Sask West Hockey League announced on Wednesday, February 9th that the Harvey Somerville Memorial Award has been won by Biggar Nationals manager Ken Kernohan and the Bill Cey Memorial Award was handed to Wilkie Outlaws forward Rick Cey.

Since 2006, the Somerville award has been given out in recognition of years of service to Senior Hockey and the SWHL. This award is dedicated in Memory of the late Mr. Harvey Somerville, who was a longtime supporter of the Estonia Huskies and the SWHL.

"Senior hockey in towns is very important," said the nomination form for Ken.

"Fans having a team to watch, players having a place to play and for local minor hockey kids to have something to look forward to. Keeping a team together and finding players to compete in a very competitive league takes time and dedication. Ken has been involved with the team for many years and will give the time and effort to keep Senior hockey going in Biggar"

"It is an honour. It's just a great feeling to work alongside and be a part of a good group of people who support their communities and make things happen" said Kernohan in a text message conversation.

"I have a tremendous group of volunteers in Biggar and get to meet and work with many more from other communities"

The other nominations were Kindersley Sr Klippers executive member Reid McBride, Edam 3 Stars forward Mitch Wall, Wilkie Outlaws executive member

Bill Sittler, current SWHL president Joe Cey and Biggar Nationals trainer Kaleb Carter.

Created in 2023 and continuing for the next 10 years, the Cey award is given to an individual deemed the hardest working local player in the SWHL. This award is dedicated to Bill Cey, a longtime supporter of local hockey in Wilkie.

"(The) Wilkie Outlaws would like to nominate Ricky Cey as our hardest working local." read the nomination form for Rick.

"He is an absolute integral part of our team, and by far the hardest working player we have ever seen. So much so that he annoys the opposition!! He also coaches minor hockey and is the president of the minor hockey association. We couldn't think of a more deserving player, especially as his senior hockey career starts to wind down."

"Well, it's an honour to win it, being a league award and in my grandpa's memory," said Cey in a text message conversation.

"There were lots of good nominations this year from all the teams so just to be in the nominations with those guys was nice. Hard work has always been the biggest part of my game so it's nice to be recognized for it."

His dad, Gerry, had the honour of presenting the award, with many of his uncles and aunts looking on.

The other nominations were Macklin Mohawks captain Cody McKinnon, Hafford Hawks' Kobe Kindrachuk, Alex David of the Unity Miners, Joel Blaquiere of the Edam 3 Stars, Biggar Nationals' captain and assistant coach Derek Argue, and Kindersley Sr Klippers' Jarrett Reichert.



## Leader teams competing in curling districts this weekend

The SWAC District curling championship will be held in Eastend (boys/open mixed) and Consul (girls) on March 1 and 2. Teams competing in the GIRLS competition are: Consul, Herbert, Ecole Centennial, Maple Creek

and Leader. The OPEN category has teams from Eastend, Consul, Ponteix (2) and Maple Creek (2). BOYS teams from Herbert, Ecole Centennial, Leader, Maple Creek, Cabri and Hazlet will compete for the district title.

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**Nomination Notice for Election of Directors**

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## Whitecap is now injecting CO2 into the Frobisher, opening up all sorts of possibilities

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

CALGARY – Ever since 2000, the Weyburn Unit has injected CO2 into the Marly and Vuggy formations. But starting late last year, Whitecap Resources has begun experimenting injecting carbon dioxide into the underlying Frobisher formation.

The results could be profound for southeast Saskatchewan, as most drilling activity in southeast Saskatchewan these days is focused on the Frobisher. If additional carbon dioxide was available, the possibilities are enormous. And so far, results have been positive.

The CO2 injection into the Frobisher was one nugget in Whitecap Resources Inc. report of its operating and audited financial results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023.

The company said in its Feb. 21 release, "We have also recently started CO2 injection at a pilot CO2 flood into the Frobisher formation underlying the Weyburn Midale unit. We drilled two (2.0 net) producer wells and three (3.0 net) injection wells in 2023 and initiated CO2 injection in late 2023. Early results are encouraging with a notable production response coming through approximately one month after injection, increasing oil rates on the two producer wells from approximately 40 bpd to over 200 bpd, per well. Further technical analysis to determine commerciality and large-scale development is ongoing, and we will provide updates as next steps are determined."

While the Bakken formation got all the headlines starting around 2007, the reality is today in southeast Saskatchewan, very few Bakken wells are drilled. Most of the activity, especially in the hotbed Lampman area, has been Frobisher wells. And that area has had Frobisher development for decades. So if the Frobisher responds well to tertiary recovery through carbon dioxide floods, it opens up a lot of possibilities for extending the life of some of Saskatchewan's most prolific oilfields.

### Strong year

2023 was a strong year for Whitecap both operationally and financially, the company said in a Feb. 21 release, highlighted by 11 per cent production per share growth and the achievement of its second of two net debt milestones, prompting a 26 per cent increase to its base dividend. The ongoing development of its

high-quality drilling inventory has yielded exceptional results, the company said, with its team "constantly evaluating options to further improve capital efficiencies and netbacks for increased profitability."

Average 2023 production of 156,501 boepd, including 103,014 bpd of light oil and liquids and 320,922 mcf/d of natural gas, generated funds flow of \$1.8 billion (\$2.94 per share) and after capital expenditures of \$954 million, resulted in free funds flow of \$838 million (\$1.38 per share). Dividends declared of \$373 million (\$0.62 per share) along with \$123 million of share repurchases on Whitecap's normal course issuer bid (NCIB) resulted in shareholder returns of approximately \$500 million (\$0.81 per share).

"We are committed to strong return of capital to shareholders with a current base monthly dividend of \$0.0608 per share (\$0.73 per share annually) which will be supplemented with share repurchases on our NCIB," the company said.

"We are also pleased to report exceptional 2023 reserve values highlighted by per share organic growth across all three reserve categories. These organic growth additions resulted in proved developed producing (PDP) and total proven (TP) production replacement of 107 per cent and 141 per cent, respectively, and reflect our strong 2023 drilling program. Three-year average finding and development (F&D) recycle ratios between 2.6 times and 3.3 times highlight the robust profitability of our asset base through commodity price cycles.

"Our balance sheet remains a priority for us and is in excellent condition with less than \$1.4 billion of net debt (0.7 times debt to EBITDA ratio) at year end and approximately \$1.7 billion of available capacity on \$3.1 billion of total debt capacity. As we continue to allocate a portion of our free funds flow towards debt reduction, this will further strengthen our balance sheet for both downside protection and value enhancing opportunities in the future."

In west central Saskatchewan, the company added additional Viking properties. Whitecap said, "Near the end of the fourth quarter, we completed a tuck-in acquisition of light oil Viking assets in one of our core areas in western Saskatchewan for cash proceeds of \$154 million, prior to closing adjustments. The acquisition consolidates an active area of our Viking drilling program, was completed at attractive acquisition metrics, and was highly accretive to funds flow per share and free funds flow per share. Our team is now actively executing on production optimization opportunities on this 100 per cent light oil asset base."

The company provided the following fourth quarter and full year 2023 financial and operating highlights:

- Funds Flow. Full year and fourth quarter funds flow netbacks of \$31.36 per boe and \$30.16 per boe, respectively, were strong despite average 2023 WTI crude oil prices being 18 per cent lower and natural gas prices being 50 per cent lower than in

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Ensign Drilling Rg 423 east of Benson drilling for Whitecap Resources on Jan. 27. Frobisher wells like this have been a major focus of drilling in southeast Saskatchewan. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

2022. Operating costs of \$14.10 per boe were down 3 per cent from 2022, despite inflationary pressures persisting through the year. Full year funds flow of \$1.8 billion equates to \$2.94 per share, while fourth quarter funds flow of \$462 million equates to \$0.76 per share.

- **Drilling Program.** Whitecap was the fourth most active driller in Western Canada in 2023, drilling 215 (189.0 net) wells, including 181 (158.2 net) wells in its East Division and 34 (30.8 net) wells in its West Division. Of the \$954 million of capital expenditures incurred in 2023, 80 per cent was allocated to drilling and completions, while 17 per cent was directed to facilities spending, including initial work on its Musreau battery to support Montney production additions in 2024 as well as an expansion to our 3-27 facility supporting regional Montney and Charlie Lake development in the Peace River Arch.
- **Increasing Return of Capital.** Whitecap increased its dividend for the seventh time in three years to \$0.73 per share annually in October 2023. We have been focused on delivering a strong return of capital to shareholders since paying our first dividend at the start of 2013, returning a total of \$1.8 billion in dividends over the past eleven years. These returns have been further enhanced by repurchasing over 76 million shares for \$612 million since 2017. Total return to shareholders of approximately \$500 million in 2023 demonstrates a continuation of this strategy, the company said.
- **Balance Sheet Strength.** Year end net debt of \$1.4 billion equated to a debt to EBITDA ratio of 0.7 times and an EBITDA to interest expense ratio of 27.0 times, both well within its debt covenants of not greater than 4.0 times and not less than 3.5 times, respectively. "We have significant financial flexibility with over \$1.7 billion of available capacity on \$3.1 billion of total credit capacity," the company said.

and high netbacks. With over 50,000 boepd of production under secondary and tertiary recovery, we also spent a total of \$110 million on these assets in 2023. Approximately 60 per cent of this capital was directed towards drilling producing wells in areas under secondary and tertiary recovery while the remaining 40 per cent was directed towards injector drills and conversions along with base volume maintenance activities, to preserve our low decline rate of 20 per cent for the Division.

"In Eastern Saskatchewan, we drilled 46 (41.0 net) wells, primarily focused on the Frobisher formation. We have been utilizing open hole multi-lateral technology, drilling dual and triple leg laterals consistently since early 2021, and have incorporated longer laterals and additional lateral legs where viable. As a result, our average total lateral length increased by 45 per cent (700 metres per well) as compared to 2022. After providing for the impact of longer laterals, our 2023 program has been very successful, generating average IP(90) results that are 13 per cent above expectations. We have an active 2024 program underway with three rigs currently running in Eastern Saskatchewan with plans to drill 23 (21.1 net) wells in the first quarter."

As for the other side of Saskatchewan, Whitecap said, "Our Western Saskatchewan region includes both low decline waterflood assets along with quick payout, high netback Viking light oil assets. On average, our 2023 Western Saskatchewan well results exceeded our expectations by 9 per cent on an IP(180) basis, which includes our Viking drilling program that averaged a capital payout of six months in 2023. The integration of the acquisition completed in late December is ongoing with combined production in the Elrose area now at 6,500 bpd which represents over 40 per cent of our total high netback, Viking light oil production. Our secondary/tertiary recovery enhancements and greater use of extended reach horizontal wells are some of the many inventory enhancement initiatives that our technical team has undertaken in Western Saskatchewan over the past several years."

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

**OPERATIONS UPDATE**  
**East Division**

Whitecap said, "2023 was a very strong operational year for our East Division with outperformance across all four regions. We drilled 181 (158.2 net) wells during the year, which included 151 (134.9 net) light oil wells into the Cardium, Frobisher, Glauconite, and Viking formations that are characterized by quick payouts

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# Kindersley cartoonist creates his own comic strip

BY JOAN JANZEN

You never know what can happen when you grow up reading comic books. Kindersley resident Andrew Kennedy devoured comic books when he was a kid, and now he's making his own brand of comic strips.

Andrew and his wife moved to Kindersley, where he was employed last summer. Creating comic strips has been his lifelong hobby, the 29-year-old said, but when the calendar flipped to January 2024, he decided to pursue his passion consistently.

"This is kind of a New Year's resolution of keeping the passion alive and actually doing something with it rather than doing it sporadically," he said. "My dad is a cartoonist; he does it for the joy of it. He taught me everything I know. My dad would always be drawing, and I loved that."

Andrew grew up on a farm near Yorkton with four siblings, but he's the only kid who pursued his dad's love of creating comics. "My dad and I used to always read comic books together. He introduced me to comics like Charlie Brown and Calvin & Hobbs," he recalled. "I used to read comic books for my school book reports cause they didn't say 'what kind' of book I needed to read."

Father and son would do art together. Starting at the tender age of nine years, Andrew was the student, and his dad was the teacher, critiquing his work. The duo would encourage each other to pursue their passion.

The young artist continued to learn more skills by reading different art books. Today, Andrew sends his newly

created comics off to his parents for his dad to critique.

His main comic strip character is named Tracy Fay, who lives with her family in a small town along with her mom and dad. "I wanted the parents engaged in the comics," he explained. "That's one thing I didn't like about the Charlie Brown comics; they didn't show the aspect of the family."

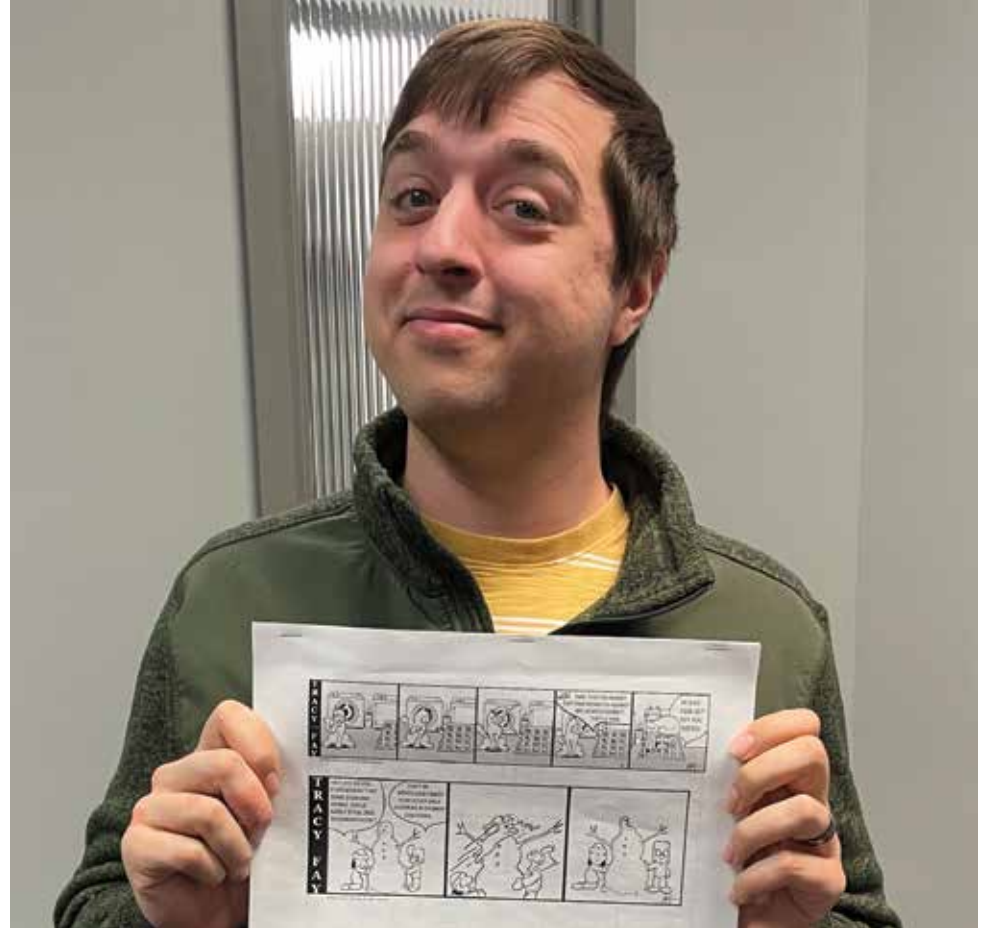
His main comic character is based on people who he knew while growing up. "I chose the parts that I really like about those personalities and grafted them into my own main character," he explained.

The personal goal for his comics is to show how family works together and deals with life in a humorous fashion, overcoming obstacles rather than constantly being annoyed with each other. He wants people of all ages to feel connected to his cartoons.

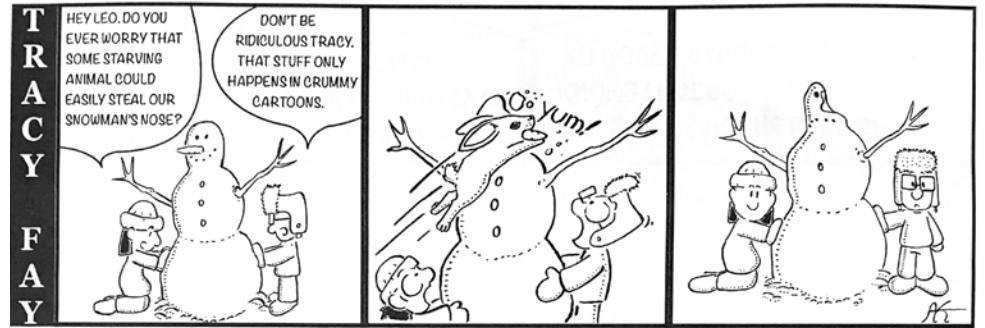
"I'm going to introduce a gramma figure and a little brother; that's in the works," he said. "There will be someone for everyone to relate to. I try to stay clear from getting my inspiration from other people's comics. I don't want to do what someone else is doing; I want to put my own flavour into it."

The captions for his cartoons are inspired by everyday observations. "Something funny will pop in my head while I'm looking outside," he said. Like seeing a rabbit jumping across the lawn near a snowman, which inspired him to create a comic about an animal stealing the snowman's carrot nose.

"I enjoy telling stories through the medium of comics because comics can show you something that words can't," he concluded.



Kindersley resident Andrew Kennedy is pursuing his passion of creating his own unique comic strip.



This is a sample of Kindersley resident, Andrew Kennedy's "Tracy Fay" comic strip. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

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### February 17

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a sudden death of a 32 year-old male in Kyle, SK. Members attended along with EMS – the death was not suspicious in nature.

### February 18

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a deep fryer on fire in Rosetown, SK. There was minor damage to the house – no injuries.

### February 19

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a hit and run in Elrose. The matter is still under investigation.

### February 20

- Rosetown RCMP received a theft complaint in Harris, SK. The matter is still under investigation.
- Rosetown RCMP received a com-

plaint of an erratic driver on Highway 7. Members were unable to locate the vehicle.

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications in Rosetown, SK. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

### February 21

- Rosetown RCMP received a request for a wellbeing check in Rosetown, SK. Members spoke to the subject of complaint.

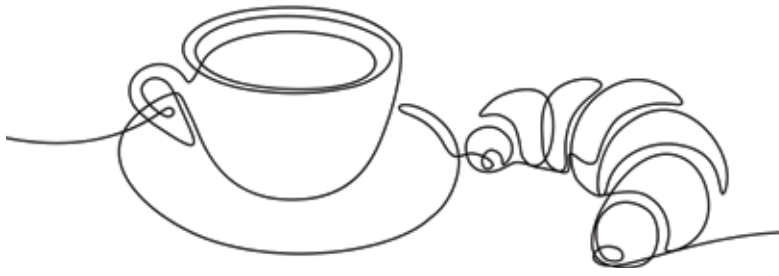
### February 22

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of beat Bitcoin in Fiske, SK. The matter is still under investigation.

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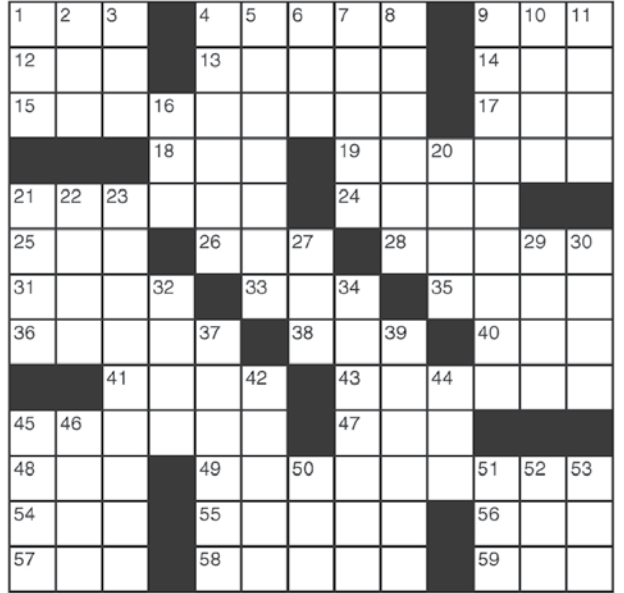
by Jeff Pickering



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Pep
- 4 "Get Here" singer Adams
- 9 Opposite of "post-"
- 12 Equal (Pref.)
- 13 Jeremy of "Entourage"
- 14 Corn serving
- 15 Prepaid convenience for cell users
- 17 Texter's "Enough!"
- 18 Common verb
- 19 Spiritualist
- 21 Oliver Twist, for one
- 24 Cabinet dept. head
- 25 "Norma —"
- 26 Snake's warning
- 28 Mexican snacks
- 31 Actor Richard
- 33 UFO crew
- 35 Commanded
- 36 Enticed
- 38 Rep.'s rival
- 40 "Diamonds" singer
- 41 Goatee's spot
- 43 "O Pioneers!" author
- 45 Long recliner
- 47 Magic, on scoreboards
- 48 "A spider!"



- 49 Cell user's practical joke
- 54 Conk out
- 55 Dodge
- 56 Classic car
- 57 Hosp. areas
- 58 Opposite of most
- 59 Watch chain
- 7 Semesters
- 8 "Still ..."
- 9 Fund for minor expenses
- 10 Male of "Bohemian Rhapsody"
- 11 Guitarist Clapton
- 16 "Unh-unh"
- 20 Wound cover
- 21 Pitcher Hershiser
- 22 Pasta sauce brand
- 23 Fruity baked goods
- 27 Norm (Abbr.)
- 29 Garfield's pal
- 30 Blacken
- 32 Classic soda brand
- 34 Extra helpings
- 37 Put to rest
- 39 Grocery store
- 42 Audacity
- 44 Patient's need, briefly
- 45 Give up
- 46 Estate recipient
- 50 Bond rating
- 51 Canine cry
- 52 Zodiac feline
- 53 Arced tennis shot

### DOWN

- 1 Red-carpet type
- 2 "Kinda" suffix
- 3 Cow's greeting
- 4 Verdi works
- 5 Permit
- 6 Hollywood's

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers  
King Crossword

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What was the first animal to be cloned?
- LITERATURE: In the children's book series "The Bobbsey Twins," what are the names of the two sets of twins?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the chemical element platinum?
- MUSIC: What is the title of Elvis Presley's first commercial single?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first U.S. national park?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for xerosis?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a sommelier?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to visit all 50 states?
- HISTORY: What were the principal powers of the Axis in WWII?

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Trivia Test Answers  
1. Ottawa; 2. A sheep; 3. Nan, Bert, Flossie and Freddie; 4. Pt.; 5. "That's All Right"; 6. Yellowstone National Park; 7. Dry skin; 8. Wine expert; 9. Richard Nixon; 10. Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan.



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WRITE OUT LOUD

# Life in the Road Allowance

A strange and disconcerting aspect of Saskatchewan history is the subject of Write Out Loud on March 6. Arnolda Dufour Bowes is a Cree-Metis Saskatchewan writer whose first book is "20.12m: A Short Story Collection of a Life Lived as a Road Allowance Metis". "20.12m" refers to the narrow width of many of the road allowances throughout the prairies. This unoccupied crown land became one of the meagre options for many impoverished Métis families as so few owned land. Ms. Bowes celebrates their tenacity

to survive and even thrive in the face of so many hardships. She's received the Danuta Glead Literary Award and the High Plains Award for Best Indigenous Author and is a playwright and emerging screenwriter. Arnolda has written a novel for young readers and a non-fiction book for schools. She facilitates workshops for children and educators.

Arnolda will be joined by her sister, artist Andrea Haughian, who illustrated "20.21m." Andrea especially enjoys landscape and portrait art

and though acrylics are usually her choice, she experiments with a variety of media. She works in an impressionistic style and likes trying to abstract her subjects. She lives in Herbert and has participated in the Southwest Saskatchewan Highway 1 Studio art tour.

Arnolda and Andrea are currently collaborating on a sensory art display, "Apples & Traintracks," which is being featured at Wanuskewin and Allan Sapp Galleries in 2024.

Because of ongoing renovations at

the Lyric Theatre, Write Out Loud is scheduled to be held at the Swift Current Museum on March 6, 2024. There's a slim chance the Lyric will be available for March's WOL, so it would be advisable to check the Lyric's website or Facebook page prior to the evening. Doors open at 6:30, with the featured presentation beginning at 7:00. Admission is \$8.00.

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# Bill Stephenson has had a life well lived



Bill Stephenson is pictured in his apartment at Caleb Village. The photo on the wall displays the 1940 Chevrolet car which his dad had purchased after crops improved following the Dirty 30s.

BY JOAN JANZEN

Bill Stephenson is looking forward to his upcoming 96th birthday on March 18th. He and his wife Joan enjoy living at Caleb Village in Kindersley. However, his wife is presently recuperating after breaking her hip.

He recalled growing up on a farm near Stranraer, Sask, and attending Noble View Country School, which was one mile from their farm. His dad homesteaded the farm in 1905, and the family spent summers on the farm and winters in Stranraer. They moved a barn into town, and every winter, they took their two cows to town. For four years, it was Bill's job to milk the cows.

Bill vividly recalled life during the Dirty 30s era. "I remember my dad coming home and saying the bank account is done," he said. His dad had accumulated quite a bit of land and had managed to keep farming throughout this challenging time. However, things turned around for the family in 1938 when they had a good crop.

"That's when he bought a house in town for \$800," Bill recalled. "It had been taken back by the town for taxes." His dad also bought a new car in 1939, and Bill had a story to tell about the 1940 Chevrolet which his dad had purchased so many years ago.

About a month ago, he received a phone call from a fellow who had spotted the old 1940 Chevrolet car, took a photo of it and asked how much Bill wanted for it.

"I told him all I want is a friend," Bill chuckled. His daughter framed the photo, which is now hanging on his living room wall.

In the background of the photo sits the remains of an old school bus, and Bill has a story to tell about that as well. He had bought an old school bus for \$900 and converted it into what he called "a good water truck."

After the Dirty 30s, Bill recalled the war years. "When I was about 17, the governments of Saskatchewan and Ontario made a deal to help farmers," he explained. "A lot of people were away at the war, so they needed farm help. I spent the summer haying in

Ontario and got paid \$40 a month."

After the farm work was done, Bill had time to visit his uncle in Ontario and see some of the province's sites. "I was in Ontario when the war was over, and the streets were filled with people hugging each other," he recalled.

"After graduating from Stranraer School, my dad rented me a half section of land, and I went into farming," he said. Bill and Joan were married in 1950 at a church manse with only a few family members attending. They bought a small two-storey house on the farm, where they lived during the summer and stayed in town during the winter.

Now, the couple has two daughters, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Throughout the years, Bill said he and his wife did a whole pile of curling. "I liked hockey, but when I got hit four or five times in the mouth with a stick, I changed to curling," he explained.

A highlight for Bill was attending the 1957 Brier in Moncton, New Brunswick. "They were short a player, so they pointed at me and asked me to sweep. We won the game," he said. "However, after that, they changed the rules and had five players in case someone couldn't make it. So I think I was part of the reason the rules were changed."

Bill spent 45 years of his life farming, but when he decided to rent out the land, the couple began traveling and enjoying recreation. They bought a cabin at the lake and towed their trailer all the way to Alaska for a five-week holiday. They also had a vacation in Hawaii and enjoyed bus trips to the Maritimes and Branson, Missouri.

"Another big one was when a friend phoned and asked us to come visit them in Arizona. We stayed with them for two weeks, and that was the start of 45 winters spent in Arizona," he said.

Now, Bill and Joan are enjoying their life in Caleb, where they have lived since 2020. Thanks, Bill, for sharing your memories with us.



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**OBITUARIES**

**Kevin German**  
 1968 - 2024



**GERMAN** – May 17, 1968 – Feb 20, 2024

Kevin was born to Steve and Genny German in Unity, Saskatchewan on May 17th 1968. He was the third of four children. Kevin's younger years were spent moving around Saskatchewan and Alberta while his parents were growing their family business. The family moved to Kindersley, Saskatchewan in 1974 where Kevin grew up around construction sites and working on the family farm.

Kevin attended Elizabeth School and Kindersley Composite High School where he forged many lasting friendships. After school, Kevin worked a few jobs around town and eventually ended up working in the oilfield for the majority of his life.

Kevin married and had three children, Cole, Fontana and Hayley who were the focus of his life. They fondly remember their Dad taking them golfing, fishing and to the rodeo. Kevin was a movie buff and the family would frequently sit down to movie night where they watched everything from 'An American Tail' to John Wayne classics.

Kevin was relaxed and easy going. He had a great laugh that was familiar to many of those he encountered. His friends closest to him remember him for always being up for fun and perhaps a little mischief. He was always there for his friends and family when needed.

Kevin always loved the smell of a new vehicle and considered himself a car fanatic; so much so,

he went through many vehicles in his younger years.

Kevin was thoughtful, whether it was always buying his God-son Justin a new model car every year at Christmas or attending his grandson Sam's hockey games.

He lived in the present, that and his easy going nature made the last few months of his life a source of comfort to his family. Kevin quietly and courageously battled cancer for nine months before his passing. He never complained and when asked how he was doing, he always said he was doing fine.

Kevin passed away on February 20th at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon surrounded by his family and he is predeceased by his parents and Daisy.

Kevin leaves to mourn his passing his children Cole (Whitney), Fontana (Zach), Hayley (Patrick) and his grandson Samuel, as well as his siblings Miles (Michelle), Dale and Melinda. He also leaves behind his nephews Derrick, Justin and Tyler and niece Alannah and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Because Kevin never missed a rodeo in Kindersley, in lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made to the Kindersley Indoor Rodeo in his name to: Box 1375, Kindersley, SK S0L 1S0

There will be a Memorial Service held for Kevin from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 600 - 4th Ave West, Kindersley, SK on March 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. Fr. John Abban-Bonsu as celebrant.

Kevin will be interred in Merrington Cemetery at a later date.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Evelyn Kowitch**  
1928 - 2024

**KOWITCH** - It is with much love and extreme sadness that we have said goodbye to Evelyn Kowitch, who passed away at Rose Villa in Rosetown Saskatchewan on 6 February, 2024 at the age of 95.

Evelyn was the beloved wife of the late Willie, loving mother of Shelley (Harvey) Grieve of New Zealand, Blake Kowitch of Rosetown, Saskatchewan, and the late Laurie. She was the very proud and much loved grandmother of Ted (Delwyn), Bob (Martha) and Mike Grieve of New Zealand. She was a great-grandmother to Will, Josh, Lucy and Oliver. She was also an aunt, great aunt, and great great aunt to many.

Mom was born on April 10, 1928 in the little three room house at Brock, that would be her home for all of her growing up years. Her parents were Laura and Joseph Salkeld, and she had two brothers, Bob and Hudson. Even though she grew up in the "dirty thirties" she had a very happy childhood with many memories of living on the farm and loving the farm life. She also loved school and was very good at it, even if her Dad did have to bribe her with a silver dollar to finish a course in Latin. She always said she would rather be outside with the dogs and horses, than inside doing any kind of housework or needlework.

Sadness came when Mom lost her Dad when she was only 16, and she and her brother Hudson had to carry on and do the farm work, until her older brother Bob was able to come home from the navy where he was serving during World War 2.

Mom had planned to train to be a teacher, but didn't want to leave her mother on her own, so instead she took some university classes by correspondence, and later she went on to be a very popular teacher at the Rouse school. Some of her students still claim that she was the best teacher they ever had and one in particular worked very hard to emulate Mom's lovely handwriting.

Mom met my Dad, Willie Kowitch, at a dance on the 1st of July at Eston, and they were married at Brock United Church on the 20th July, 1950. They purchased some land just a mile north of Brock and farmed there for many years. Laurie, Blake and myself arrived in due course and the family was complete. Once again, Mom worked happily alongside Dad on the farm and loved nothing better than being part of that life.

Because my brother and sister had special needs, both my Mom and my Dad worked tirelessly to establish a school and later the Wheatland Regional Centre to ensure that they would live their best life. This was quite a challenge in the 1950's and 1960's and I don't think anyone will ever appreciate the dedication and love and determination that they put into this endeavour - and they succeeded!

Mom loved the Brock district and lived there



most of her life. She took an active interest in the community and was especially interested in the Cemetery Association and served on that committee for a long time, as well as the UCW. She was so proud of anything to do with Brock and the achievements of the people who lived there. With that in mind, she was the perfect person to be the Brock correspondent for the Kindersley Clarion, the Rosetown Eagle and the Eston Press. She wrote up the news weekly for many years and took a lot of pride in doing

a professional job.

Although in the last few years of her life Mom had to leave the farm to live in various apartments and finally Rose Villa at Rosetown, she never considered them to be her home and her heart always remained at the farm at Brock.

She also was a member of the TOPS club in Kindersley for many years and it was a place where she made many friends and enjoyed all the social times that they had together.

Mom was so proud of her family and nothing was too much of an effort if it meant helping out in any way and making us happy. Because I had moved to New Zealand, that meant many trips over for Mom and Dad to visit us and to be with their grandchildren. Mom was famous for believing that if you were allowed two suitcases each, than you took two suitcases - always filled to the brim with treats and surprises. Customs must have had her on a watch list eventually, as it was amazing the variety of things that arrived in the country with Mom.

Mom and Dad also spent some happy times being "Snow Birds" in Yuma, where they would meet up with her brother Bob and his wife Jessie, and many other Brock people. There were also many fun camping trips to Turtle Lake.

In later years when they couldn't travel as easily, they were so happy to welcome their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren into their home at Brock. All the favourite foods would be prepared and the visits well documented with photos and enjoyed by all.

Mom lived in a time of great change - from no electricity or running water and horses being used for farm work and transport - to air travel and the internet allowing video calls from 10,000 miles away. It is hard to imagine another generation ever seeing that much change in their lifetime, and through it all Mom was able to adapt and embrace the changes, and to be able to relate to people of all ages. She had a great network of friends and put her all into her community and family

There will be a celebration of life for Mom later in the summer, and at this time our family would like to thank all her friends and the staff at Rose Villa for their help and support for her, and for us, during the final years of her remarkable life.

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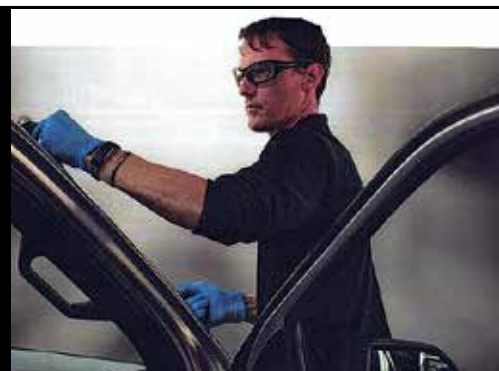


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**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**  
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**KINDERSLEY FRIDAY, MARCH 1 & SATURDAY, MARCH 2**  
• Kindersley Curling Club "Chicken and Wine Bonspiel." Entry Fee: \$200/team. To register, contact Richard at 306-460-6258 or sign up at the curling rink. Entry deadline February 23. Lunch and supper included on Saturday. Additional supper tickets available for \$20.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
• Kindersley Curling Club Men's Bonspiel" Entry Fee: \$280/team. To register contact Richard at 306-460-6258. Saturday Night Steak Supper. Cash Prizes.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
• Kindersley Air Cadets Fundraiser 1:00-4:00 PM at Clearview Community Church. You're invited to enjoy a bowl of Homemade Soup and Buns with Refreshments and Desserts. Allergy friendly, gluten free and vegan options available. Adults: \$7.50, Children (12 & under): \$5.00; Refreshment and Dessert Only: \$2.50. Cash Only. Bouncy Castle on site!

**LUSELAND SATURDAY, MARCH 2**  
• Luseland Library Art Gallery presents Shaun Gagne & Jared Fischer: Shipmates. The latest exhibition of the Luseland Art Gallery features a selection of model ships

**MAJOR SATURDAY, APRIL 6**  
• Major Rec Board Steak Shoot.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
• King & Young concert at the Major Hall. Fundraiser for Kindersley Crisis Centre. Tickets \$40 available at Bicks Drugstore, Kerrobert, Major Credit Union or at the door. Cash Bar, Door Prizes, Silent Auction. Contact Fierra to book a designated driver 306-602-0472.

**PLENTY SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
• Comedian Sean Lecomber at the Plenty Community Hall. Doors open 8:00 PM. Show starts at 9:00 PM. Contact Helena Olson 306-831-0007 for tickets or more information.



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