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Sandra LaRose delivered a train safety presentation to students at Burstall School on February 13. The students were also celebrating the 100th day of school. PHOTO COURTESY BURSTALL SCHOOL STAFF

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Sandra LaRose turned her grief into a passion for saving lives

BY JOAN JANZEN

Sandra LaRose tells her personal story to high school students, organizations and groups throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta. Her story relays the tragic death of her 17-year-old daughter, whose car was hit by a train in Weyburn while she was using her phone's GPS to navigate. After undergoing surgery, her daughter died the day after her 17th birthday.

When I caught up with Sandra, she was doing six presentations in Medicine Hat and had just visited Burstall School. She delivered a talk to Grade 9-12 students at Fox Valley School. Sandra resides in the community of Tyvan, Sask. located southeast of Regina, and has been telling her personal story since 2019. "If I could talk to every Canadian high school student, I would," she declared.

Her message resonates with students, staff, parents and grandparents who listen to her advocate for a change in people's choices regarding distracted driving.

"It's an important message. I focus on teens because it's the easiest one for me," she explained. On her Facebook page, she describes her mission as "facing grief head-on and turning it into a passion for saving lives."

Repeatedly telling the story of her daughter's death is not an easy thing to do, Sandra admitted. "But I could pay to see a psychologist and get no more help than I do by getting the reaction from these kids; it's rewarding," she said.

Sandra has the additional challenge of scheduling

these presentations while working full-time, which sometimes necessitates taking a leave without pay to do the talks. "If this was my only job, I wouldn't be able to live," she chuckled.

She begins with a power point about her daughter so the students get to know her. Then, she focuses on the losses for the family and asks the students to consider what they would do if they lost their friend or their parents. She tells the teens about all the milestones her daughter missed. "I tell them instead of a grad dress, I bought an urn," she said.

She remembered one student's comment, which said, "You hear about don't do this and don't do that, but it totally changes when you have something real in front of you."

Sandra's new role as Canada's Youth Rail-Safe Driving Consultant with Operation Lifesaver (OL) has helped her get into schools across the prairies and beyond. Because OL is a national organization dedicated to preventing collisions at railway crossings, Sandra has adjusted her message to include more train safety. When speaking to elementary students, like her recent visit to Burstall, she speaks only about train safety.

"In the smaller schools, I ask them to invite the community. The more that hear, the better. Distracted driving is a habit, but you can change your driving habits," she said.

"In my personal opinion, if all the students I speak to eventually graduate from high school, then I can say I made an impact because that's something my daughter didn't get to do," she said.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL TOWN OF LUSELAND

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Monday to Friday, February 20 to March 22, 2024

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Karyl Y. Richardson
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No you're not seeing double. Darren and Warren Mushinski were one of many sets of twins born at the Eatonia Hospital from 1950 to 1970. They were born on August 26, 1965. *PHOTO: A PAST TO CHERISH*

When Eatonia Hospital delivered doubles

BY JOAN JANZEN

Up until 1970, many babies were born at the hospital in Eatonia, Sask. Thanks to Eatonia's history book "A Past to Cherish", the birth of sets of twins were listed. The twin births listed from 1950 to 1966 at the Eatonia Hospital are as follows:

Barry and Garry Kelm born November 13, 1950. Joanne and Judith May born February 4, 1951. Anita and

Rita Rossoll born in 1952. Jerry and Larry Jensen born May 4, 1955. Deborah and Catherine Adams born October 27, 1955. Dale and Dawn Olson born January 1, 1956. Claye and Corinne Seefried born March 11, 1957. Donald and Ronald McQueen born March 14, 1957. Keith and Kenneth Bancroft born September 23, 1959.

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Rev. Piotr Strzelecki was dishing out pancakes to all the hungry people who came to St. Paul's Church to enjoy a delicious pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday.

PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

St. Paul's United Church celebrates Pancake Day

BY JOAN JANZEN

St. Paul's United Church in Kindersley celebrated Shrove Tuesday on February 13th, serving traditional pancakes and sausage to a hungry crowd. And for that reason, it's sometimes called Pancake Day. In exchange for a delicious meal and good company with friends.

Because it's celebrated in a church, you may have already gathered that it's a Christian festival. It's celebrated in many countries. In some countries, the day is celebrated with pancake races, when people race each other while tossing a pancake in a pan. However, the folks at St. Paul's didn't participate in any races, but they were racing into the building for their pancakes.

According to information found in National Geographic, those races were sometimes used as a way to raise mon-

ey for a charity. The tradition originates back to 1445 in England when a woman was so busy making pancakes she lost track of time. When she heard the church bells ringing, she ran as fast as she could to make it to church on time and arrived carrying a pan with a pancake inside.

If you're like me, you may be wondering why Shrove Tuesday is celebrated. Although the date of Shrove Tuesday varies from year to year, it always falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent, which marks the six weeks before Easter. During Lent, Christians may choose to give up rich foods, which could include pancakes, and Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to eat them. Lent represents the period when Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days.

So now you know the rest of the story, as the legendary Paul Harvey used to say.

SWHL awards announced

BY PHIL HEILMAN

The Sask West Hockey League (SWHL) announced their award winners on Wednesday, February 7th and some very deserving players and executives took home some hardware.

The Top Defenceman award went to Derek Keller of the Wilkie Outlaws, while his teammate, Brock Harrison, won League MVP and the Top Scorer. Jeremy Boyer of the Hafford Hawks took home the Most Gentlemanly trophy. Macklin Mohawks captain Cody McKinnon won the Best Defensive Forward award, while Wyatt Versluis received the Rookie of the Year honours. Wyatt's coaches, Colter Zarubiak and Kyle Laturus, are sharing the Coach of the Year trophy. Edam 3 stars backstop Taryn Kotchorek was awarded the Top Goaltender.

The All-Star teams were also announced. Brett Boehm and Harrison of the Outlaws, along with Boyer of the Hawks highlight the forwards, while

Derek Keller (Outlaws), and Jordan Fransoo (3 Stars) were voted to the team as defenseman. Biggar Nationals goaltender Brett Matlock is the goaltender of the 1st team. On the 2nd team, Jonathon Redlich (Nationals), Jordan Braid (Hawks) and Ryan Keller (Outlaws) were voted as forwards, while Tyler Baier (Mohawks) and Will Rathje (Outlaws) highlight the defense. Kindersley Sr Klippers goaltender Logan Drackett round things out.

No award was handed out, but an opportunity must be taken to highlight the work of Edam 3 Stars trainer Bob Clarke. He has spent the last 11 years running the door and even the Zamboni at the Edam Arena for the 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 seasons. Bob's time as trainer was split between the North Saskatchewan River Hockey League, the Sask Prairie Hockey League and the Sask West Hockey League. We salute your contributions and wish to continue seeing you driving bus for many years to come.

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OPINION:

Critical thinking changes the way you see the world



BY JOAN JANZEN

It has been said that once you fully understand why pizzas are made round, packed in a square box and eaten as a triangle, you may begin to understand women. It's an observation that seemed appropriate for the question I'm about to ask.

What does it reveal about our culture when millions of people are fascinated by videos and books about logic, critical thinking and how to engage in a non-threatening conversation? Those should be basic everyday life skills instead of something we love to watch on a video or read about.

A high school teacher's discussion with a student became one of those rare recorded experiences, which was viewed 42.8 million times. Piers Morgan interviewed Warren Smith, who is the teacher in the video.

"This came out accidentally," Warren explained. "We have interaction like this on a daily basis; this one happened to be captured on camera."

Warren, who teaches students how to work with cameras and media, was demonstrating to his student how to do a newscast. He asked the student what he wanted to talk about, and the student asked, "Do you still like J.K. Rowling's work despite her bigoted opinions?" J.K. Rowling, the Harry Potter author, has been accused of being bigoted because she believes men and women are biologically different.

Piers observed, "It was really fascinating to listen to, and credit to the student who was prepared to listen to you. I think it was because of the non-hostile environment you were creating."

As it turns out, Warren is a huge Harry Potter fan, so it would have been easy for him to become defensive, but he did not. Warren, in his mid-30s, appears to be a sincere, authentic, and calm individual.

"Sometimes it just takes the right questions, just a little bit of prompting," he advised, and then stressed, "And leading by example is pivotal."

"In the end, he (the student) realized there was nothing as offensive as he was used to hearing from the toxic atmosphere around J.K. Rowling," Piers noted.

Warren responded saying, "I think that's why the video resonated; you see in real time a transformation. This is about more than J.K. Rowling. It's the realization that his prior assumption was based on 'so many people have told me this was true.' When you experience that for yourself, and it crumbles, then you have to question logically what else am I assuming to be true that perhaps may not be. And that changes the way you see the world."

Piers said, "It really captured a mood of people desperate to see teachers behaving this way. You didn't take a position. You simply laid everything out and let the student reach his own conclusion."

Viva Frei also interviewed Warren. Viva said, "What is amazing is It (the video) does flesh out the thought processes of adults and young people who say 'I hear' and 'they say' but have never really gone to the source material themselves. But this is the world in which we live."

The now famous teacher's response was, "The whole point is to learn how to think, not what to think." However, he admitted that there are people who are so entrenched on an issue that they won't change their mind about it.

In both interviews, the conclusion remained the same: if you're going to accuse someone of something, then you should be able to define whatever it is you're accusing them of and back it up with evidence.

This is such a breath of fresh air amidst an environment where we see accusations repeatedly thrown out anonymously on social media, and even more unfortunate - seeing other people share those accusations, which could falsely damage a person's reputation and character.

"All students have the ability to reason their way through these things and to learn new ways to advance through life. Do not be afraid to allow these conversations to occur," the teacher advised.

However, a recent New York Times

bestseller suggests people need help conducting those conversations. The author Karen Ehman covers the subject of "what to say, how to say it, and when to say nothing at all."

The advice relayed in the book is simple; here are some of the author's points. Recognize the impact of your words on others and yourself. Pause and think before responding to criticism. Be OK with silence and allow time for a thoughtful response. Avoid speaking out of anger. Pay close attention to what the other person is saying. Ask clarifying questions so you understand what they're saying. Speak with respect. Offer suggestions for improvement. Don't participate in rumours. Challenge gossip and encourage others to consider the impact of their words. Forgive and move on. Be careful what thoughts you are allowing in your mind. You may not always have the answers, so be open to learning and growing.

It's my sincere hope that people are realizing the value of healthy, respectful, non-threatening conversations. But more importantly, they're not only fascinated by watching a video about critical thinking but are willing to put it into practice. After all, critical thinking is not only fascinating but, according to Warren Smith, it "changes the way you see the world."

TO THE EDITOR:

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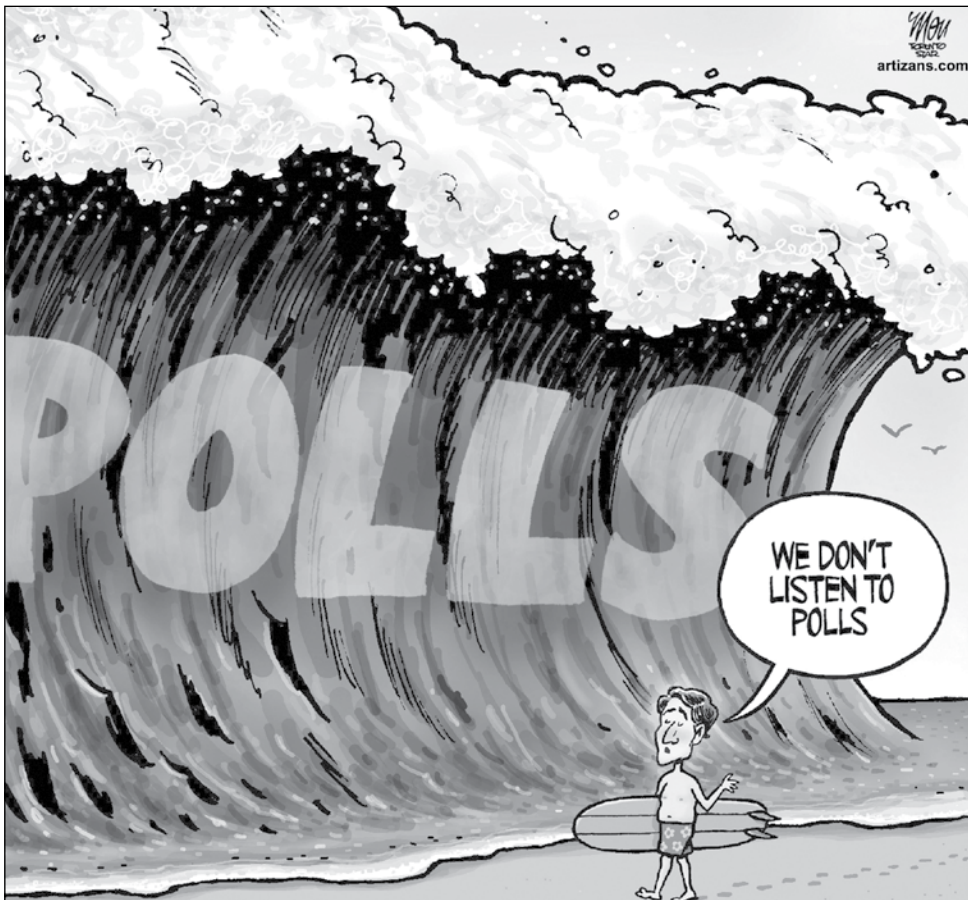
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Canadian Citizen
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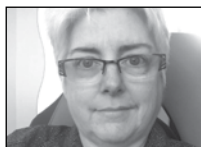
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BY MADONNA HAMEL

I am writing this on St. Valentine's Day. It is also the first day of Lent. Most folks might consider the two days to be polar opposites, but both focus on relinquishing one's ego to the service and love of others.

Granted, the first involves chocolates, flowers and a night on the town, while the other requires us to fast from over-indulging in substances and hopelessness. But, whether renewing vows or refreshing spirits - both are actions intent on making ourselves fully available to others.

I see the two days serving as bookends because, despite how earnestly we may search for the right person to walk alongside us through life, when it comes to the end of life, we do it alone.

As a child, Valentine's Day filled me with giddy anticipation. I would spend Valentine's eve addressing hearts to everyone in my class - aware that mine might be the only card some child ever received - saving the best for boys to whom I normally expressed my deepest regard through punches and shoves.

For some reason, the inscriptions on Valentine's cards of the 60s were always puns: A little Dutch boy begging a little Dutch girl, "Wooden shoe be mine?" or a great horned in a tree pledging, "Owl always love you." I don't recall writing anything besides the name of the recipient on those cards. My romantic fervour remained anonymous, for fear of rejection, or worse, acceptance. How would I be expected to respond to the overtures of an eleven-year-old boy? I was not prepared, as some girls were purported to be, to escape the glare of the nuns and slip into the woods behind St. Mary's school for a snog.

Still, as a child, I sensed the tragedy inherent in not accruing enough valentines, as if the accumulation of cardboard hearts reflected the measure of my worth. And I recall reading into every generic playful Valentine card pun a deep and undying love, setting a precedent for emails and texts down the road.

By the time I reached my fifties, I was exhausted by recurring obsessions with romantic intrigue, which in many ways resembled a mysterious recurring rash. I don't suppose my condition was rare; the pursuit of love is a common trait in humans. Just when you think you've got your life on the right trajectory, a love interest enters your sphere, and you find yourself packing and moving to Michigan or Memphis or Quebec City. But some of us mix "love" with "desire," and "desire" is less likely to hang around for the long haul.

By the time I moved back home to live with my dad after my mom died, the only desire left in me was a desire to be relieved of the whole idea of coupledom. Love had to become something more stable, a constant that would have my back and forever be by my side, ready to catch me when I stumbled and comfort me when I woke terrified in the middle of the night.

At that same time, I was willing to accompany my father to mass every morning. It was something we could do together, I decided, without having to converse. At first, I saw myself as the noble daughter, willing to suffer through - as I recalled from my childhood - an hour of poetic ritual peppered with reminders of my unworthiness and droning admonishments to behave or suffer God's disappointment.

What I found, thanks mostly to the open-heartedness of the priest whose sermons revolved around belonging and being open to mystery, was love. The kind of love I'd been looking for - one that promised none of us would be rejected because we weren't pretty

enough, or pious enough, or pure enough. A perfect love that didn't require perfection of us.

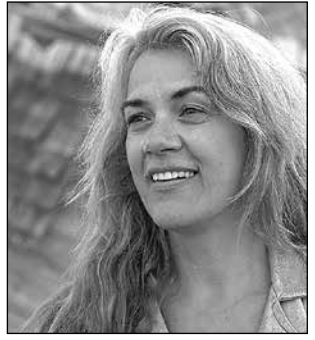
How did I experience this love? Partly, I felt it through the company of congregants, breaking bread at coffee. Partly through allowing myself to focus on the language of the mass in a whole new way. I began contemplating the phrase God is Love. Until God, synonymous with The Maker, Creator, The Great Reality also became a synonym for love. I began rejecting all erroneous versions of the stinging, pouty, elite God presented to us as children through the catechism. I began reading the mystics, including Meister Eckhart, who said: It's a lie, any talk of God that does not bring comfort.

As a Catholic kid, I learned that martyrdom was one of the requirements for sainthood. But as an adult recovering from codependency, I was warned not to slip into the three M's: Martyring, managing and mothering. And yet, I know love requires sacrifice.

St. Valentine sacrificed his life by protecting souls tormented by Emperor Claudius II. For his pains, he is considered the patron saint of greetings. My childhood book of saints hastens to inform me that he was awarded his feast day to replace the ancient pagan day of celebration when boys engage in "the heathen practice of honouring the goddess Juno by drawing the names of girls on love letters."

In her Valentine's Day column entitled "It's all about love," Julie Ferraro looks to St. Francis and St. Benedict for guidance on the subject of love and sacrifice. She writes of parental love: "When a teenager makes mistakes and gets in trouble, love is standing by his side in front of the judge in a courtroom and supporting the offender as he takes responsibility." Love drops "whatever task is at hand and drives miles through heavy snow to help when the wannabe mechanic's car breaks down."

Ideally, every Lenten practice is a return to love. On Ash Wednesday, the priest rubs ashes into our foreheads and recites: "We are made from dust and unto dust we shall return." He could just as well be saying: We are made from love, and into love, we shall return. In the end, my friend, it's all just love and dust.



The Brock Rink was hopping last week during the community's annual bonspiel. Many folks make the trip out for the homemade suppers served each evening, including a delicious roast beef meal last Thursday. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

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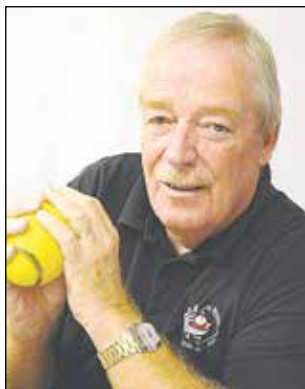
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Leafs' Matthews eyeing 70-goal season

BY BRUCE PENTON



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Sports Columnist

At the helm of Canada's team, the Toronto Maple Leafs, is Captain America, Auston Matthews.

Matthews, who grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, is setting the National Hockey League on fire with his goal-scoring prowess and is threatening to become the first NHLer in more than 30 years to hit the 70-goal mark.

Shortly after the all-star break, the Leafs' superstar had potted 42 goals in 49 games. At that pace, he'd hit 70 goals. And there's no reason to suspect he'll be slowing down any time soon. His prolific offence is needed, too, because his Maple Leafs are in a dogfight for a playoff position — possibly third spot in the Atlantic Division, or at least one of the two wildcard positions available in the Eastern Conference.

After starting the season with back-to-back three-goal games, Matthews, named the Most Valuable Player at this year's all-star game, has since scored hat tricks in two other games, and recorded four two-goal games. His career goal total is approaching 350 and has him on a potential trajectory to threaten Wayne Gretzky's all-time career record of 892 goals. Ten seasons of 50 goals would put him close to the Great One. He's only 26 and should have at least 10 good years left, but as the hockey world has seen with the slow offensive decline of Alex Ovechkin in his mid- to late-30s, there are no guarantees.

The last 70-goal scorers in the NHL were Teemu Selanne and Alexander Mogilny, who tied for the league lead in 1992-93 with 76 goals. No one has hit 70 since. Seventy goals in one season has been eclipsed 12 other times, by six other players. Gretzky did it four times (his 92 goals in 1981-82 remains the gold standard). Brett Hull hit 70 or more three times, and Mario Lemieux did it twice. The others were Phil Esposito, Jari Kurri and Bernie Nicholls.

While the Leafs have a strong core — Matthews, Mitch Marner, John Tavares and William Nylander are elite — the team's lack of depth and spotty goaltending are the reasons why Toronto is not among the top five or six contenders for the Stanley Cup. Still, Matthews is doing what he can to lift his team to greater heights.

General manager Brad Treliving says Matthews sets a great example for the rest of the team. "His commitment is to be the best," Treliving said. "There's people who have God-given ability which he has. What nobody sees is the work that he puts in."

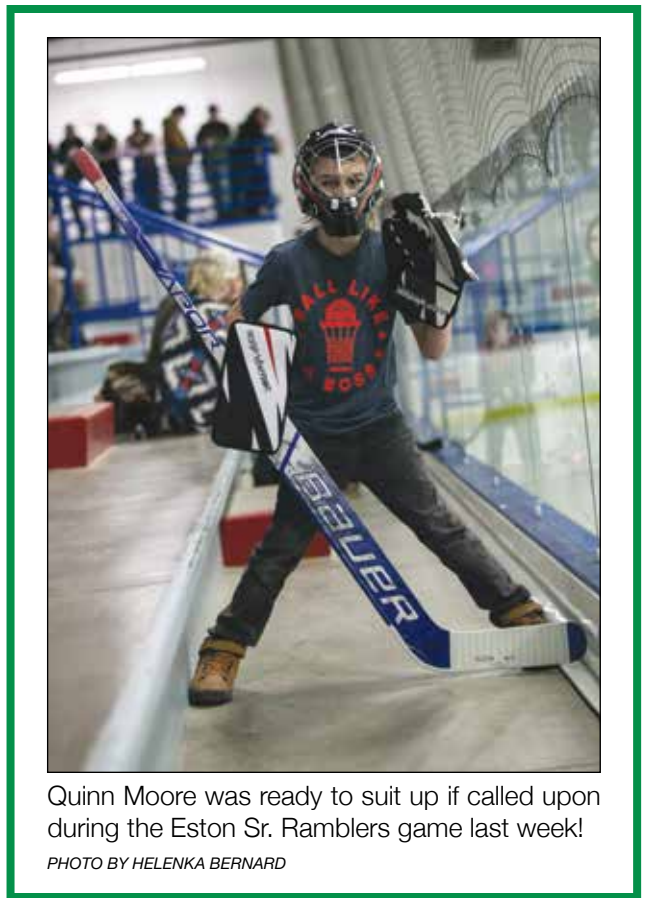
As the NHL season winds its way toward the end of the regular season, Leaf fans will be keeping a close eye on the standings, hopeful that their team qualifies for postseason play. But they'll also be vitally interested in watching as Matthews chases the elusive 70-goal mark.

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "It's kind of funny to hear Doc Rivers preaching patience after taking over as head coach of the Milwaukee Bucks. Um, Doc, you took over a team that fired Adrian Griffin after he went 30-13 just 43 games into his first season as a head coach. If you want patience, then try fishing; not coaching one of the NBA's best teams."
- Bianchi again: "Did you hear about the marathon runner who ended up in jail? He was resisting a rest."
- A groaner from RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The top three Scotties Tournament of Hearts curling songs: 3. Sweep Caroline; 2. Rocks-Anne; 1. Brush, Brush, Sweet Charlotte."
- Headline at fark.com: "The Commanders hire Dan Quinn. Can now expect a late-season collapse instead of an early-season collapse."
- Bob Molinaro of pilotonlihecom (Hampton, Va.): "Dan Quinn is a 'wow' hire for the Washington Commanders. As in wow, that's the best they could do?"
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "The Yankees have added Juan Soto. The Orioles have added Cy Young award winner Corbin Burnes and new ownership. The Blue Jays have added 39-year-old Justin Turner, maybe to DH, maybe to play a little third base. One of these things is not like the others."
- Will Knights of Fried Egg Golf, on the spectacular putting display of Wyndham Clark during his round of 60 at Pebble Beach: "At times it felt like he was putting into a hole the size of Phil Mickelson's ego."
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Leafs can't overcome NHL All-Star championship parade hangover, lose to Isles 3-2."
- Headline at the Canadian parody website The Beaverton: "Republicans claim Taylor Swift part of

vast liberal conspiracy to make Americans watch football."

- Headline at the onion.com: "The Onion Celebrates Andy Reid: One Of The Greatest Minds In The History Of Lunch"
- Interesting note from dark.com: "Since the first Super Bowl in 1967, the cost of a 30-second ad has gone up 185x. If these items kept pace with that type of inflation, chicken wings would cost \$43 a pound today (23 cents a pound in 1967) and a six-pack of beer would be \$340."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca



Quinn Moore was ready to suit up if called upon during the Eston Sr. Ramblers game last week!

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Playschool Kids and Klippers hit the ice! The Kindersley Playschool kids were excited; they were going skating with the Klippers! The playschool groups enjoyed skating at the West Central Events Centre last week. Of course, the Klippers were equally pumped about escorting the little ones on the ice, pushing them around on chairs and coaching them on the skill of hitting a ball with a stick. This has become an annual event for the Klippers, which the playschool kids and their parents appreciate. *PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN*

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Leader Junior Curling teams advance to Districts

BY VALERIE GORDON

Our junior curling teams took part in their sectional playoffs on the February 10th weekend. The top two teams from each section advance to the SWAC District championship in Eastend (boys/open mixed) and Consul (girls) on March 1 and 2.

Cypress Hills Girls
 1st Maple Creek (McKenna Robertson, Shawna Wagner, Sara Bandy, Kenzie Duffee, Coach Kyley Parsonage)

2nd Leader (Rachel Cocks, Renee Butt, Sam Sibernagel, Jaylin Tumbach, Everle Ausmus, Coach John Butt)

Cypress Hills Boys (in addition to Maple Creek Cronkhite and Leader, Hazlet and Maple Creek Christie will also advance)

1st Maple Creek (Dayton Cronkhite, Cecil Baynton, Robert Parsonage, Luke Moorhead, coach Clay Moorhead)

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Rosetown and Kyle RCMP Report

February 9

- Kyle RCMP received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle in Winston, SK. Members patrolled the area, but found no suspicious activity.
- Rosetown RCMP received a request for a wellbeing check in Rosetown. Members spoke to the subject of complaint.
- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 7. Members were unable to locate the vehicle.

February 10

- Kyle RCMP received a dog complaint in Beechy, SK. Members spoke to the complainant and nothing further was required.

February 11

- Kyle RCMP received a complaint of a family dispute in Zealandia, SK. Members attended and a 54 year-old male was transported to Rosetown Hospital for assessment.
- Kyle RCMP received a report of a motor vehicle collision on Highway 7 near Harris, SK. There were no injuries - reported for insurance purposes.

- Rosetown RCMP provided assistance to a stranded driver on Highway 7.
- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of a two vehicle collision on Highway 7 near McGee, SK. Members attended and a 42 year-old male from Saskatoon, SK was airlifted to Saskatoon Hospital for assessment.

February 12

Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications in Elrose, SK. The matter is still under investigation.

Kyle RCMP received a report of a motor vehicle collision on Highway 4 near Sask Landing. There were minor injuries.

February 13

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications in Rosetown, SK. Members determined there was no harassment and nothing further was required.
- Rosetown RCMP received a report of mischief in Rosetown, SK. Members spoke to the subjects of

the complaint.

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 7 near Zealandia, SK. Members spoke to the driver and was given a verbal warning.

February 14

Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

Rosetown RCMP received a report of a cargo trailer on fire in Rosetown, SK. Members attended along with Rosetown Fire Department who extinguished the fire which was not suspicious in nature.

Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 7 near McGee, SK. Members located the vehicle and issued the driver a traffic ticket.

There were 34 traffic related charges issued, one 9-1-1 miss-dial call and one false alarm call.

Police are asking anyone with information about these or any other crime(s) to please contact the Rosetown RCMP at 306-882-5700, Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com



Opening of the Royal Bank (1964). Pictured l-r: 2 Head Office Personnel, Kathleen Draves, Gladys Nault, Dolores (Rolheiser) Schlosser, Mr. Knight, Lila (Neufeld) Muck, Doreen (Veness) Walz, Ron Rissling, Shirley (Hummel) Walz. Head Office Man, John Smith.

PHOTO: ECHOES FROM THE TOWER

Looking back at the 1964 opening of the Royal Bank

BY JOAN JANZEN

Doreen Walz, who was employed at the Royal Bank in 1964, recalled the day they moved the old brick bank on Main Street in Kerrobert to the new Royal Bank. The cash was all put into suitcases and the employees lined up for the walk. The RCMP were in the lead, with Mr. Knight and Gladys Nault following carrying the suitcases. The junior staff, which included Doreen, brought up the rear. She recalled the memory from sixty years ago in Kerrobert's history book "Echoes from the Tower": "I remember we got the giggles as it seemed we were in a scene from a movie."

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The familiar sound of ringing phones will soon be heard across the province. Social Services Minister Gene Makowsky on behalf of Minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Don McMorris, along with the Kinsmen, Kinettes, and Kin Clubs of Saskatchewan, recognize TeleMiracle Week in the province beginning February 18 and culminating on February 24 with the 48th edition of the yearly telethon, broadcast live from Regina.

The live Countdown to TeleMiracle pre-show will precede the telethon, starting at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, on telemiracle.com. The TeleMiracle telethon kicks off later that evening at 9 p.m. and will conclude on Sunday,



February 25, at 5 p.m. The TeleMiracle telethon can be viewed on CTV Saskatchewan channels, as well as telemiracle.com.

«Saskatchewan is known for many things, with TeleMiracle near the top of the list,» Makowsky said. «Over the last

47 years, Saskatchewan residents have embraced the work TeleMiracle does and have opened their hearts, showing the Saskatchewan spirit of giving that has made TeleMiracle such an important piece of our province.»

Since the initial TeleMiracle telethon in 1977, Saskatchewan residents have donated more than \$159 million, which remains in Saskatchewan, with proceeds going to the Kinsmen Foundation. The foundation provides specialized mobility and medical equipment to people and organizations throughout Saskatchewan and travel assistance for residents needing medical treatment outside their community.

«TeleMiracle has been 'Rooted in

Saskatchewan' and has touched people across this province for the past 47 years and counting,» TeleMiracle 48 Chair Tyler Hall said. «Through TeleMiracle, Saskatchewan people come together every year to help their friends, neighbours and communities. We are grateful for the honour of having TeleMiracle Week declared in Saskatchewan, which helps raise awareness in advance of the telethon.»

Under provincial legislation, TeleMiracle Week in Saskatchewan is the week immediately before the annual telethon. The Recognition of TeleMiracle Week Act is overseen by the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission.

Eatonia Oasis Players is looking for executive members

BY JOAN JANZEN

It's been four years since the Eatonia Oasis Players' (EOP) last drama production, but there's good news on the horizon because EOS is putting out a call for executive members. They will be holding a meeting in mid-March and are hoping to get a good turnout.

Maryanne Becker said a few members got together to discuss the future of EOS and decided to put out a call for executive members to join a committee. «We're hoping an executive committee will relieve a lot of the pressures that come with planning a dinner theatre, so the cast/crew can just have fun and perform,» she explained. «Having a separation between planning and performing is really key.»

She stressed that performing is a lot of work, but there's also marketing, ticket sales, budgets, and dinner theatre preparation to deal with. «We're hoping to get a clearer picture of who is willing to help get the executive set up and running at our meeting on March 19,» she said.

Past EOP members and performances were always held in high regard, and she has heard people say they would like to see the performances return. EOP also provided funds to meet needs in the community and supported initiatives like the Eaton School Outdoor Classroom. «Right now, we are still making a yearly contribution to our community hall,» Maryanne said.

«Our community hall was built for drama.»

Members of EOS are confident the town of Eatonia will be 100 percent supportive of any future endeavours, but they also realize their productions will not be the same as in years past. «We're throwing around ideas, and we're excited to see where that takes us,» she said.

They would love to see eleven people join the executive for voting purposes, to brainstorm ideas and to help get the work done. «There are some past performers who have expressed interest in just being a part of the executive. Their knowledge will be crucial,» she said.

As for the performers, Maryanne said, «One great thing about EOP is that it's always been a mixture of ages and backgrounds.» Not only does Eatonia have veteran performers who are ready to get rolling again, but there are new people in town and young people who have the potential to be a great asset to the club.

«We always hear, 'I would love to do drama'. Now is your time, people!» Maryanne encouraged.

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38 rigs in the field on Valentine's Day

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK
 pipelineonline.ca

Don't expect a drilling rig hand to make it to a Valentine's date, because that's the time of year they can make the most money.

With freezing temperatures back, there's only a month or so left in the winter drilling season before spring breakup, which usually is announced within a few days of March 15. So it's time for the big push to get holes drilled before the spring pause.

According to RiggerTalk.com, using data from the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC), there were 38 drilling rigs working in Saskatchewan on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Cenovus Energy Inc. had Precision Drilling Rig 197 at Paradise Hill and PD Rig 198 west of Silver Lake Regional Park. South of Maidstone, Gear Energy Ltd. employed Ensign Drilling Rig 361, while a few kilometres southeast of that, Baytex Energy Ltd. had PD Rig 155 drilling. At Winter, Strathcona Resources Inc. had Bonanza Drilling Rig 3 making hole.

That's it for northwest Saskatchewan; just five rigs.

Moving to west central Saskatchewan, Longshore Resources employed Tempo Drilling Company Inc. Rig 3 north of Macklin, close to the Alberta border. At Cactus Lake, Strathcona had Bonanza Rig 1 drilling.

There was a cluster around Kerrobert. Baytex had Savanna Drilling Rig 425 west of Kerrobert and Savanna Rig 441 southwest of town. Teine Energy had Ensign Rig 350 southeast of Kerrobert.

East of Dodsland, Ensign Rig 356 was drilling for Whitecap Resources Inc.

Teine's next rig was Ensign Rig 351 at Hoosier. They had Ensign Rig 7 north of Netherhill at Kiyiu Lake. One more Teine Rig was Ensign Rig 537 north of Eston.

Ish Energy Ltd. had Lasso Drilling Corp. Rig 6 just southwest of Kindersley.

Whitecap had on rig pushing the edges of the play, halfway between Elrose and Beechy. That was Bonanza Rig 2.

Moving down to southwest Saskatchewan, there was only one rig drilling for oil, but two drilling for helium. North American Helium had Savanna Rig 606 drilling west of Cantuar and Savanna Rig 629 northeast of Neville. Whitecap had Savanna Rig 416 drilling south of Gull Lake.

In the southeast, there were 18 rigs drilling. From west to east, Panther Drilling Rig 3 was drilling for



Stampede Drilling Rig 22 near Lampman on Jan. 27.

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Vermilion Energy south of Radville. Harvard Resources Inc. employed Stampede Drilling Ltd. Rig 8 southwest of Weyburn. Stampede Rig 4 was drilling for Tundra Oil & Gas north of Beaubier.

Just south of Halbrite, Panther Rig 2 was drilling for Whitecap.

Crescent Point Energy Corp had Savanna Drilling Rig 419 drilling near Innes. Their second rig was PD Rig 195 east of Corning.

Alliance Drilling Ltd. Rig 3 was working for Hummingbird Oil east of Viewfield.

Whitecap had Ensign Rig 423 east of Benson. Surge Energy Inc. had Stampede Rig 3 drilling southeast of Stoughton.

Straight north of Lampman, Whitecap had Stampede Rigs 22 and 17 drilling. South of Lampman, Stampede Rig 2 was drilling for Surge Energy Inc.

At Willmar, Woodland Development Corp. had Stampede Rig 7 working.

Saturn Oil & Gas had Ensign Rig 41 drilling west of Manor. South of Manor, Stampede Rig 1 was drilling for Triland Energy Inc.

Anova Resources had Betts Drilling Rig 3 north of Glen Ewen. Alliance Drilling Rig 2 was working for Midale Petroleum Ltd. northwest of Carnduff.

Finally, Stampede Drilling Rig 16 was working south of Lajord for Western Potash Corp.

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Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services respond to 1000+ calls a year

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That's why our police dog handlers keep the dogs in tiptop shape through training and proactive medical care – and learn to provide first aid to them on the field. A training opportunity held in Prince Albert February 6 to 7 helped officers from Saskatchewan RCMP's Police Dog Services (PDS) learn more about what to do in the case of a sudden injury or illness in the line of duty.

The session, developed by a veterinarian with the RCMP's Police Dog Service Training Centre and the first-ever held in Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction, covered everything from mobility exercises to recognizing the signs of heatstroke to administering proper doses of medication in the field.

During the session, police officers ran through a number of mock trauma scenarios and administered first aid to a dog dummy, and also talked about managing the emotional response handlers may have if their dog is injured.

"Our police dogs are just like our police officers. When they respond to calls for service, it requires a high level of physical activity and exposure to high-risk situations," explains Sgt. David McClarty, who heads PDS. "Because of this, our handlers need to have the skills to keep these valuable members of Saskatchewan RCMP's operational team healthy – and to know what to do in the case of an emergency."

PDS: trained, skilled and ready to deploy

Saskatchewan RCMP has police dog teams ready to provide operational support throughout the province. The teams are posted throughout Saskatchewan to al-

low for maximum availability and coverage.

All of the police dogs have general duty training, including for searching/tracking and assistance in apprehending suspects. For example, in late January, police dog Soap and his handler were called to track two men who had stolen a vehicle and discharged a firearm in the Battlefords Detachment area. When the stolen vehicle was located, Soap led investigators straight to a house, where they found the suspects, one of whom had the keys to the stolen vehicle in his pocket.

Some of the dogs also have specialized skills, like explosives or drug detection. Police dog Kilo, who is part of the Saskatchewan RCMP's Roving Traffic Unit, helped his handler seize approximately 1.5 kilograms of cocaine during a traffic stop in Maidstone in August 2023.

PDS assist in 1015 calls in 2023

In 2023, PDS assisted in 1015 investigations, including high risk situations – 229 of the calls involved firearms, 82 involved other weapons and 89 involved a flight from police. The handler-dog teams drove tens of thousands of kilometres during the year, to every corner of the province.

"As Saskatchewan's police service, we are uniquely able to deploy these elite-trained PDS teams anywhere they are needed," Sgt. McClarty explains. "I'm proud of the work they do. I don't think people always realize the immense physical condition our handlers must be in or the intense training – which is always ongoing – PDS does. This medical training we provided is just one example of our ongoing efforts to seek out more and more ways to enhance PDS's already-impressive skills, so we can continue to support public safety in Saskatchewan."



A Saskatchewan RCMP police dog handler provides first aid to a dog dummy during a two-day session in Prince Albert. The session was the first of its kind held by the Saskatchewan RCMP. RCMP/SUBMITTED

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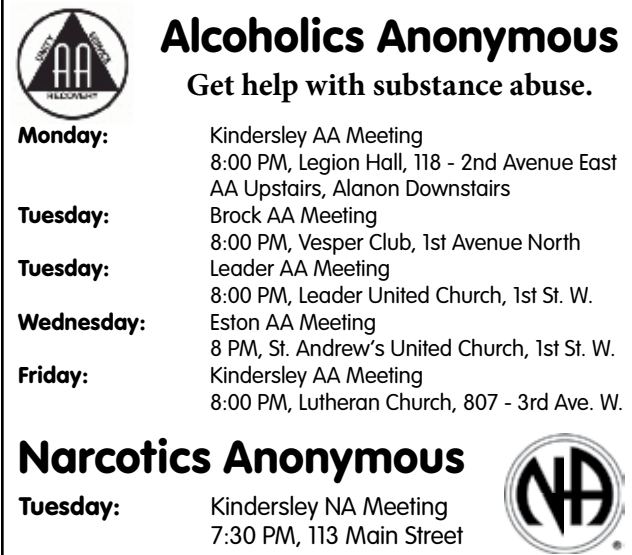
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High expectations negatively impact your emotional landscape

BY NICK KOSOVAN

The relationship between your expectations and your emotions is direct; for this reason, it's wise to cultivate the skill of managing your expectations.

The difference between your expectations and reality, sometimes chasmic, determines how often you experience hurt, disappointment, anger, stress, happiness, or satisfaction. Imagine the rollercoaster of emotions generated by waking up on a sunny morning, expecting to start your day with a cup of coffee, and then finding out your coffee machine isn't working.

We're creative at creating narratives to soothe ourselves, especially regarding how our choices today will influence our tomorrows. When we set out to do something, we always expect everything to turn out exactly how we want. Does this sound familiar?

- "After I graduate, companies will line up to hire me, offering me a great salary so I can live comfortably."
- "Tessa is the love of my life. We'll date for a few months, move in together, get married, buy a house in the suburbs with a big backyard and a two-car garage, and have kids. BOOM! Happy life."
- "My business idea is fail-proof. Venture capitalists will be clamouring to invest in my startup. I'll hire some awesome talent to build my product and business. In five years, I'll sell the company for \$300 million."
- "I'll make videos of me doing something daring and upload them on Instagram. My videos will go viral, and voila, I'll be a social media celebrity, inundated with endorsement offers."

Do these scenarios have a chance of becoming reality? I can't say exactly, but I'd wager it's close to zero. Reality check:

- A degree doesn't guarantee a successful career. Most people underestimate the effort and sacrifices required to achieve the career success they claim to want.
- The odds of finding your soulmate, let alone having a long-term relationship with them, is slim, especially as we live increasingly online, choosing to build relationships through the Internet rather than investing in personal interactions, which require venturing out. Finding your soulmate is less likely if you're not physically "out there."
- According to the website Failory, up to 90% of startups fail.
 - Becoming a social media celebrity... really?

I'm not trying to discourage dreams; however, pragmatism never hurts. It's impractical to have high expectations (aka. unrealistic expectations) because they're more likely not to come true and do more emotional harm than good. This is certainly true when it comes to what we expect from our purchases.

Until recently, my consumerism was driven by the narratives I kept telling myself about expected outcomes. A few years ago, I said to myself that when I buy a new laptop and subscribe to a writing app, I'll write more. So, after I Googled "What's the best laptop

for writers," I bought XYZ laptop and subscribed to a recommended writing app. The result: my writing output remained the same.

Here's what I noticed about my consumerism, which likely applies to you. When buying with an "expected outcome" narrative running in my head, I'm happy. When the expected outcome doesn't materialize, I become unhappy, frustrated, and angry. To get the happy endorphin rush again, I create a new expected outcome narrative. For example, I'll say to myself if I wear an Omega watch, I'll be viewed as a James Bond-type guy. Expected outcomes are how I ended up with an '82 Corvette, several leather jackets, countless self-help books and As Seen On TV products (If it's too good to be true...) and taking expensive vitamin supplements.

Marketers leverage our never-ending quest to find and/or create happiness by weaving into their product promises, either explicitly or implied, that their product is what you need to be happy, desirable, respected, and, most importantly, accepted. Buying stuff with the expectation that it'll make us happy or that people will perceive us differently and, therefore, treat us differently defines Western consumerism. A good deal of our unhappiness is the result of our stuff not meeting our expectations.

Divorcing myself from high expectations has taken me a long time. Actually, my divorce has yet to be finalized. Having high standards, being driven, and aiming high is a good thing; just don't let your imagination, or worse, your sense of entitlement, create expected outcome narratives that determine your purchases, reasons to pursue, timelines and expected outcomes.

I'm not sharing some earth-shattering lifehack. We all know through repeated experience that our expectations influence our emotions. Aside from "our product will change your life!" marketing propaganda and seeking shortcuts to happiness, recognition, and respect, what else influences our expectations?

- People posting their filtered lives on social media.
- Seeing those around you driving a new automobile, living in a beautiful home, vacationing twice a year, and raving about the restaurants they frequent. (Never said: Their debt burden to support their projected lifestyle.)

Thanks to easy access to credit and social media, fake success is everywhere, which subconsciously makes us want more than we already have, which is probably enough. The key to lowering your expectations is to reduce your desire for attention and recognition, to be seen as successful, and to have your beliefs, values, and culture universally accepted. Set your expectations based on what's most important—what you've probably been neglecting—your best interests.

The most manageable lever you can pull that'll help you achieve happiness and ratch down your stress isn't your reality; it's your expectations.

In a world that seems spiralling downward, lowering your expectations is a form of self-kindness you probably need right now.

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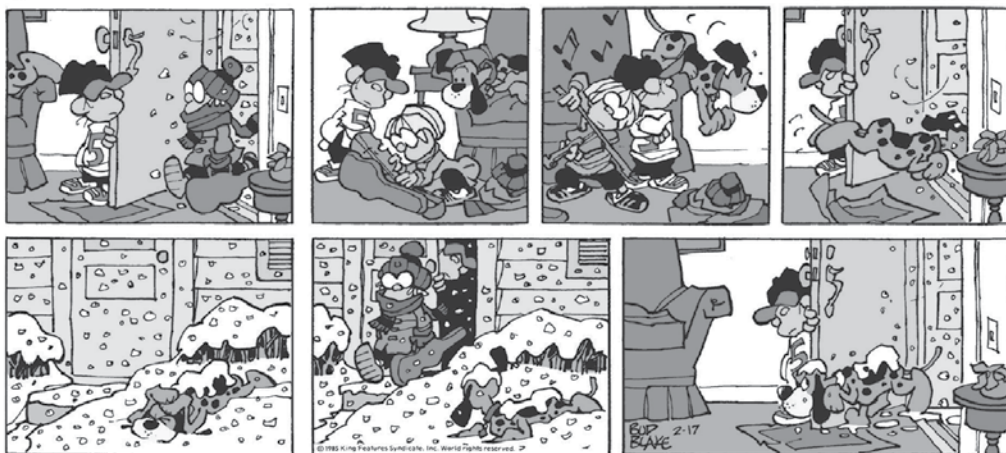
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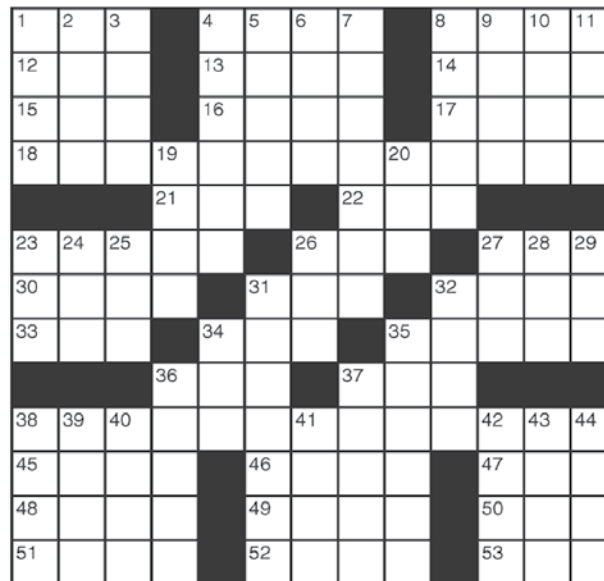
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- 4 React in horror
- 8 Pitcher Nolan
- 12 Flamenco cheer
- 13 Genesis shepherd
- 14 Spanish greeting
- 15 Squealer
- 16 Drive- -- window
- 17 "-- the picture!"
- 18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
- 21 Rowing tool
- 22 Expert
- 23 Japanese verse
- 26 Glutton
- 27 Ultramodernist
- 30 Rhine feeder
- 31 Golf prop
- 32 Basketball tactic
- 33 Tibetan beast
- 34 4, on a phone
- 35 Dollar divisions
- 36 Observe
- 37 Texter's chuckle
- 38 Where something is created
- 45 QB Tony
- 46 Ocho --,



- 6 Lowly worker
- 7 Fruit-filled dessert
- 8 Horned beast
- 9 Meditative practice
- 10 Mr. Guinness
- 11 Post-WWII alliance
- 19 Pepsi rival
- 20 URL ending
- 23 Stable diet?
- 24 Small battery
- 25 Annoy
- 26 JFK Library architect
- 27 Convent resident
- 28 Tolkien creature
- 29 Approves
- 31 Math statement
- 32 Sub shop
- 34 "My word!"
- 35 Waist-cinching garment
- 36 Tea biscuit
- 37 Unfettered
- 38 Baby carriage
- 39 "Damn Yankees" role
- 40 Latin 101 word
- 41 Blaze
- 42 Periodontist's concern
- 43 Rapsallions
- 44 Kvetches

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Purse is different; 2. Arm is moved; 3. Label is different; 4. Hair is different; 5. Saucer is missing; 6. Nametag is higher.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
- HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
- MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?
- LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
- MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "Mischief. Mayhem. Soap."?
- LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

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Trivia Test Answers

- "Outer Banks"; 2. 2004; 3. David Bowie; 4. England; 5. An ostentation or pride; 6. BMW; 7. Id est (that is); 8. The Labyrinth; 9. "Fight Club"; 10. 37.



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and an evening presentation by Sherri Grant of Grant Ranch! Sherri is co-author of "Where Beef Comes from" and a wildlife photographer, and will be presenting on wildlife from a rancher's perspective.

The workshop and dinner take place February 27 in Val Marie at the Val Marie Senior Centre and February 28 in Eastend at the Eastend Activity Centre. For both dates, the workshop runs from 2:00pm to 5:30pm with dinner starting at 6:30pm. Interested but can't attend the entire day? No problem – just let us know what you plan to attend!

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"Crash Harrison: Tales of a Bomber Pilot Who Defied Death"

By Deana J. Driver
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REVIEW BY KEITH FOSTER

There is a reason Reginald Wilfred Harrison earned the nickname "Crash." He was in four bombers that crashed – first as co-pilot on a training mission; the last three as pilot. Amazingly, he survived all four.

In *Crash Harrison: Tales of a Bomber Pilot Who Defied Death*, Deana Driver tells the story of Harrison's experiences as a Canadian bomber pilot during World War II. Or rather, she lets him tell his story in his own words. It's like he's sitting right there beside you, telling his tales.

Harrison developed an interest in flying at an early age, watching Harvard training planes flying overhead at his family farm near Finnie, SK. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and said that one of his proudest moments was when his commanding officer pinned the Pilot Wings badge on him.

On reaching England in 1944, Harrison trained on Wellington and Halifax

bombers. Following that, he was posted to the Canadian 431 Iroquois Squadron, which was called the Jinx Squadron. It suffered the highest loss rate in all of Bomber Command.

Harrison's first crash occurred when landing after a raid. Unknown to the crew, one of the 500-pound bombs had failed to release. Just as the wheels were about to touch down, the bomb dropped and exploded. Harrison was blown out of the plane, landing in a pool of high-octane fuel, with flames creeping towards him.

The phosphorous bomb created a four-inch burn on Harrison's arm which refused to heal. This burn earned him membership in the Guinea Pig Club, so named for Allied aircrew who underwent experimental reconstructive plastic surgery. Doctors grafted sixty little patches of skin from his leg onto his arm. He says his leg still looks like a cribbage board.

After his third crash, Harrison had nightmares, dreaming about crashing or bailing out, waking up perspiring. Despite the nightmares, he said he wasn't afraid to fly again. However, he had to

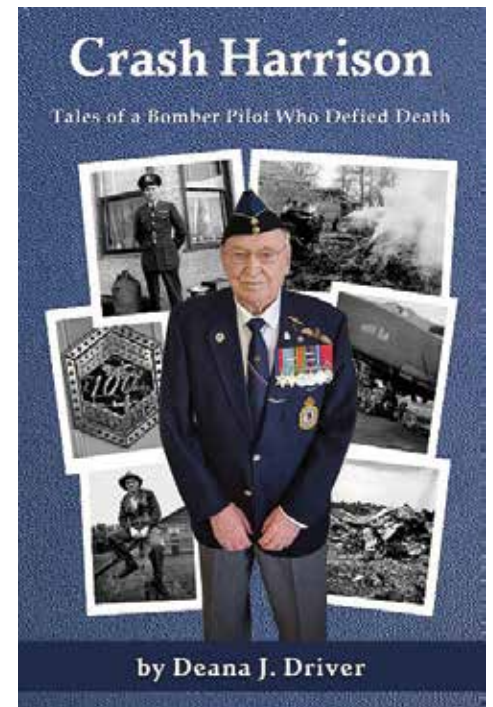
endure lifelong back problems.

Harrison's story is tinged with romance. When his best friend, Donaldson "Buddy" Holloway, wrote to his sweetheart, he asked Harrison to add a few words. When Buddy was shot down and killed, Harrison felt obliged to visit her personally. Kinship blossomed into romance and then marriage.

In addition to a timeline of Harrison's life and a list of helpful resources, *Crash Harrison: Tales of a Bomber Pilot Who Defied Death* contains nearly a hundred black and white photos, illustrations, and maps.

In the Fun Facts section of the book, Harrison reveals that he has a fear of heights, saying he feels uncomfortable looking over the balcony of his Saskatoon seniors' complex. This comes as something of a surprise, considering that he routinely flew bombers at 20,000 feet. His 431 Jinx squadron is now famously known as the Canadian Forces Snowbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, and he is an honorary member.

Still thriving at 101 years, Harrison resides in Saskatoon and speaks at var-



ious events, raising awareness about Canada's war veterans and the importance of Remembrance Day.

This book is available at your bookstore or from www.Skbooks.Com

MLA Francis said it's important for the public to have all the information

BY JOAN JANZEN

This week, Ken Francis, MLA for Kindersley, felt it was important for the public to have all the information so they can make their own decisions regarding the negotiations with the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation (STF).

"There were six items brought to the bargaining table, where the government has shown flexibility," Francis stated. "Unfortunately, those weren't allowed to be presented because the STF wants complexity and size of the classroom written within their contract, so talk stalled after 30 minutes."

Francis has observed that the size and complexity of classrooms are different in every school and each of the province's twenty-seven school divisions. "As a government, we feel those decisions are best made at the school division level and not by one union," he advised. "The power that the union wants within their contract would take away power from the local school division. As a government, we are not prepared to take the power away from the local school divisions."

He continued to explain that although the government is committed to investing more funding into sizing down classrooms and helping with complexity, it is not prepared to give control of the money to the STF. "We feel that the money would be best allocated by the elected school division," he said.

He said the government is addressing complexity issues by implementing eight pilot projects, which were applied to each school and division. If those projects prove to be successful, the government would expand those across the province on a case-by-case basis.

"We're committed to projects that actually help. And if those

work like we hope they're going to work, we will broaden those across the province. But the locally elected school divisions need to be involved," he explained.

According to Francis, the government is willing to look at more investment in the upcoming budget. "We put an additional \$53 million last year, and we're looking at annualizing additional funds directed to classroom size and complexity," he said. "For the STF to say the government doesn't care about kids, teachers or education, in general, is very unfair. Education is a non-partisan issue."

He continued to address a statistic the STF talks about, which states Saskatchewan has the third lowest student funding in the country. However, Francis noted they neglect to mention that - "per capita, we pay the

most. The government's desire is to strike a balance between taxpayers, the school division and teachers."

The Minister of Education met with 22 of the 27 school divisions in the past three months to clarify what the government's position and bargaining. "The government bargaining committee is always willing to talk and is always ready to be at the table. But we don't support the STF's power going beyond what we think is a fair level. Let's hope we can get back to the bargaining table and have a meaningful discussion," Francis said.

"I'm willing to sit down and talk with anyone in the local education system. If they want to have a discussion about it, they can phone the office," he concluded. He can be reached at 306-463-4446.



Ken Francis, MLA for Kindersley, wants the public to have all the information regarding negotiations with the STF, so individuals can make their own decisions.

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Additional information, including qualifications and nomination forms, is available at Dodsland and District Credit Union.

www.dodslandcreditunion.com

From the Luseland Mayor's Desk

BY KATHY WURZ
Mayor of Luseland



Our administrator Karyl Richardson is retiring at the end of February 2024. Our assistant administrator will be stepping into the role of administrator effective March 1st, 2024. The town council would like to thank Karyl for her many years of service and wish her the best.

The Rink Improvement Committee is currently seeking tenders for structural work on the arena. Please contact the town for more information. The town council has also approved a request from the committee to take over the use of the subdivision for the purposes of seeding and harvesting crops as a fundraiser for the rink improvements. The crop profits generated in the past several years were used to go against the remainder of the swimming pool loan. The Rink Improvement Committee has also taken over the Trip of the Month fundraiser and has almost sold out its tickets for 2024. The first trip draw will be March 1st and is a trip to Los Cabos, Mexico at the Riu Sante Fe.

The Luseland/Salvador Hall Board is currently looking for someone who is interested in running the projector for movies at the hall. The current projectionist, Michael Hagel, is unable to continue his volunteer efforts running movies due to his busy schedule and will be stepping away from the hall/theatre committee. Please contact the town office if you have interest in helping run movies. We also are excited to announce that the Luseland Credit Union has graciously donated \$8,500 towards the purchase of a new projector for the hall. The projector went down late last year and we are currently ordering a new one and hope to have movies running again very soon.

The Luseland mall still has one open space available for rent. This would be a great opportunity for someone interested in starting a business as rent is very affordable and utilities included in the rent. If interested in a space, please contact the town office at (306) 372-4218.

The KLD Foundation (Kerrobert, Luseland & District Health Foundation) will be having a hospital lottery in 2024. As the committee serves many health needs and gets many funding requests, they have decided to begin an annual lottery to help continue to support health priorities in our region. This year's prizes include a new truck, a seven-person hot tub, a Traeger smoker and an early bird cash prize of \$10,000. Some details are still being worked out with the lottery license but we hope to soon have tickets printed and open sales if all goes well by April or May. The com-

mittee intends to have 5000 tickets for sale at \$100/piece. Stay tuned for more details.

Luseland town council had a strategic planning meeting on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024. We had put out a public survey some time ago and analyzed the data at the planning meeting. Council hopes to align publicly identified needs and priorities with our long-term plans. Some of the priority items on the council's agenda is upgrades to water infrastructure, new equipment and the demolition of some tax-title properties on our main street. The meeting was very successful and many other needs were identified and will be fit into our budget processes.

The town office is undergoing some improvements right now. Our building is jointly owned by the town and the R.M. of Progress No. 351. We have a joint building committee that is currently working on some much-needed upgrades. The building will be being painted inside and new flooring installed over the upcoming months. We appreciate our partnership with the R.M. of Progress and in the maintenance of the building. We also recently had a generator installed so that in the event of an emergency, the office can act as a command centre and services will not be halted by a power outage.



The River Hills Lions Club presented a donation of \$3,130.00 to the Leader & District Arts Council to top up the funds required for the stage upgrade project. The funds enabled the Arts Council to reach 100 percent of the projected cost for the upgrades to the community hall's stage. Pictured L-R: Sarah Andreas, President of the River Hills Lions Club presents a cheque to Treena Redman, president of the Leader & District Arts Council. *SUBMITTED*

Congratulations to the **LUSELAND TRIP OF THE MONTH WINNER**

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As mentioned, this is the final trip for the tickets sold in support of the New Swimming Pool. Be sure to hop over and follow the Luseland Rink Improvement Project page to stay up to date on the next 12 trip winners and the important work that committee is doing.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser over the past years.

Through the Trip of the Month fundraiser we were able to raise over **\$100,000 for the new pool!**

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll TOWN OF BURSTALL

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Burstall for the year 2024 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** and **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** on the following days:

Monday to Thursday, February 13 - March 18, 2024

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

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Dated this 13th day of February, 2024.

Lucein Stuebing, Assessor

OBITUARIES

Anne Margaret Heiland (Bertsch)

1930 - 2024

HEILAND – Anne Margaret Heiland (Bertsch) of North Battleford, Saskatchewan died a peaceful death on February 10th, 2024 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



Born on October 30, 1930 to Stanley and Magdalena Bertsch in Scott, Saskatchewan, Anne lived her life with boundless energy. She spent many hours sewing, crafting and cooking, but of all her passions, spending time with her family was her greatest. When she wasn't doing things with those she loved, she was dancing. She always had a positive spin on life and found joy in making people laugh.

She married Eugene Weiler on Nov.3rd, 1949 and together they raised 9 children: Jerome (Annette) Weiler of Saskatoon, Sheila (Brian) Rogers of St. Albert, Gary (Karen) Weiler of North Battleford, Lorne (Terry) Weiler of Saskatoon, Sharon (Orlando) Koch of Neilburg, Roger (Val) Weiler of Battleford, Chad (Adeline) Weiler of North Battleford, Lisa Weiler of Saskatoon, and Jill (Aaron) Koch of Saskatoon.

After Eugene passed, she married Wilfred Whetter in 1998 and they spent 7 years together. Later she married John Heiland.

She was pre-deceased by her parents: Stanley and Magdalena; her husband, Eugene; her son, Lorne and granddaughter, Christie; her son-in-law, Brian; her second husband, Wilf and her siblings: Joe, Tilly, Theresa, Tony, Kay, Helen and Stanley.

She will be deeply missed by all her children, her 31 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Prayers were held at St. Joseph's Church, North Battleford on Sunday, February 18, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

Funeral Services were at St. Joseph's Church, North Battleford on Monday, February 19, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

Public interment followed at the Town of Battleford Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Saskatchewan Pro-life or Prairie Springs Care Home.

For those unable to attend the services a recording will be posted at www.eternalmemoriesfuneral.ca. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eternal Memories Funeral Service and Crematorium – Vanessa Macnab Funeral Director.



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Growing Through Grief: HOPE

BY ANGELA CLEMENT



When we lose someone we love, it can really take us to our knees. It seems like our whole world has come to a complete halt. We look around and wonder why everyone else is still carrying on with their lives when ours feels like it is over. I get it. Even though I knew that others had lost a spouse before and I was not the first, it sure felt like no one else could ever truly understand my pain. And in reality that is true. No one knew the intimate relationship Blaine and I had. Those first few days, weeks and months were really hard. You might wonder, how does one ever get through it?

The first thing I want to tell you is you have to do what feels right for you. The next thing I want to tell you is that as much as it doesn't feel like it right now, you can move through this terrible pain. With the right support and very diligent attention to your own self-care you can start to feel better again. I am here to tell you there is hope to live a life you will love again.

I talk about HOPE as an acronym for a Heart Opening to Purpose and Expansion. When we first experience grief, the pain can be so intense that it causes our hearts to close. Physically and emotionally we tend to pull our bodies in as a way to shield ourselves from the hurt. It is a completely normal reaction to keep ourselves safe. It is like we are cowering to protect ourselves from further damage. Yet if you think about it, the hurt from loss is on the inside of us. By pulling ourselves in, we are only holding it inside. In order to free ourselves from the hurt, we must open our hearts so that we can free the pain. When we allow ourselves to let go and open we will then be able to mourn our loss which is exactly how we heal. We may cry, scream, write, draw, run, or pray - and there are so many more

ways we can express and allow that pain to come out.

At some point as we learn to release pain, and this time frame is different for everyone, we will often start to think about our own mortality and why we are still here. We might be asking ourselves why we had to stay on this earth while our loved one moved on. This is when we start to question our purpose. This is when we start to wonder, what will the future look like? Now we may look to-

ward the future with fear. This is understandable after what we just went through, because our loss was absolutely the worst thing imaginable and quite frankly no one wants to experience this pain ever again! The thing is, we can continue to hold the pain close and/or we can outstretch our arms and receive something new. There is no right or wrong and no judgment here and no time frame. We make our choice when we are ready. It takes time, support and patience.

Expansion comes when we allow ourselves to open up to the idea that there could be a bigger plan. We might not know what that is or how we will get there. We just know that we wouldn't be here if there wasn't something we needed to do. Once we can open ourselves up to the space of curiosity and what opportunities that might present for us in the future, we start to experience a gradual expansion in our life. We are in the place to receive something new that will bring us joy and excitement. We keep our loved ones tucked safely in our hearts and at the same time surrender to a future that is ours to experience. If you want to talk more about this process and how I might be able to support you on your journey with grief, contact me at healingenergy.world.



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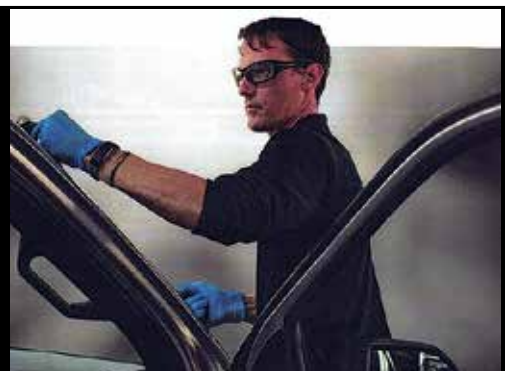


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• Family Bonspiel at the Denzil Curling Club. \$80 entry fee. 4 end games. Must have at least one youth per team. Call/text Kyle 306-753-7553.

- Denzil Rink Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 6:30-7:30 PM Skating; 7:30-9:30 PM Shinny. Saturdays Closed (unless Bonspiel); Sunday 1:00-4:00 PM Skating (no sticks).

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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
• Walk This Way 9:30-11:00 AM at Prairieland Community Centre. Contact Marli 306-834-2344.

• League Curling 7:30 PM at the Kerrobert Curling Rink. Contact Brennan 306-834-7044.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
• Kerrobert Seniors Centre Pie a La Mode & Coffee 2:00-4:00 PM at the Seniors Hall. Come and enjoy some great food and friendship!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
• Walk This Way 9:30-11:00 AM at Prairieland Community Centre. Contact Marli 306-834-2344.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
• U18 vs Macklin 5:00 PM at the Kerrobert Memorial Arena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
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• League Curling 7:30 PM at the Kerrobert Curling Rink. Contact Brennan 306-834-7044.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
• Walk This Way 9:30-11:00 AM at Prairieland Community Centre. Contact Marli 306-834-2344.

- Storytime at the Kerrobert Library the

first and third Thursday of every month at 10:30 AM.

KINDERSLEY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
• Kindersley Screen Arts presents "What Happens Later" 4:00 PM at the Sunset Theatre. \$10 at the door.
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.

- 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 PM. For more info contact Donna at 306-463-4785.

LUSELAND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
• Winter Break Game Day 3:00-6:00

PM. Come on down to the Library to play one of our board games, card games or work on a puzzle. Bring a friend or make one while you're here!

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 built by Shaun and Jared. Join the artists at the Luseland Library from 1:00-4:00 PM for an artist Q&A and a demonstration of model ship building! This show is a must see!

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
• Family Science Party 2:00 PM, Wheatland Library's Program Manager will visit and bring along three fun science experiments for our families, including making your own slime! Ages 5+. Please message the library to pre-register.

- Sip & Stitch ... every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 PM, come over to the Library to work on knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, or whatever kind of project you're working on. Enjoy some tea or coffee from our cafe bar and make some art!

Recurring events at The Luseland Pioneers Club:

- Third Friday of every month; Birthday Lunch noon

- Last Monday of every month; Pie-n-Ice Cream

- Every Monday afternoon; Coffee open to the public. 2:00-4:00 PM

- Members only: coffee, pool, cards; Mon - Sat 8:30-12:00

- Members only: Tuesday evening games night 7:00-9 or 10:00 PM

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

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

MAJOR SATURDAY, APRIL 6

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

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