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"Shipmates" Shaun Gagne (left) and Jared Fischer were on hand at the Luseland Library on a snowy Saturday afternoon to show off their model ship display and answer any questions.
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Luseland's Shipmates display their crafts

BY JOAN JANZEN

The work of two local artists is featured at the Luseland Library Art Gallery's latest exhibition. On Saturday afternoon, March 2nd, Luseland residents Shaun Gagne and Jared Fischer were at the library where their model ships were on display. The duo, referred to as Shipmates, were available to mingle with everyone who came to see their display, as well as answer any questions they may have had.

Not only were guests able to learn about the incredible art of model shipbuilding, but they also were able to see Shaun and Jared work on ships in

progress throughout the afternoon. This is the first time their model ships have been on display for the public to view.

Librarian Kate Hughes was on hand throughout the afternoon. She also supplied a brief account of how Shaun and Jared's shipbuilding exploits first began.

It was a dark and stormy night when Shaun Gagne and Jared Fischer met during a karaoke event at the local watering hole and became fast friends. It wasn't until that one fateful evening when Shaun showed Jared a model ship kit he had been carrying with him for nearly fifteen years that their crafts set sail.

Shaun Gagne, a retired truck driver,

moved to Luseland in 2015 and quickly established himself in the community. After working on the road for many years, he picked up the hobby of model shipbuilding just in time for his retirement.

While in his 20s, Shaun had dabbled in model ship building, completing two ships before turning his attention to other pursuits. Now, after picking up a paintbrush and super glue once more, he has completed five ships, with another in the model shipyard. He not only has a passion for building models but also loves learning the history of the vessels and sharing his passion with others.

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THE GOLD, THE BLACK ... KCS KOBRAS! Kindersley's Senior Boys Basketball teams hosted their home tournament this weekend. The weather made it quite a challenge and some teams couldn't make it and some teams left early to try and make it home before the storm hit. The Kobra "A" team won both of their games making them the winner of the tournament. *PHOTOS BY KATE WINQUIST*



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Pam and Darrell Fitterer and their labour of love. PHOTO BY HARLAND LESYK

BURSTALL FUELS:

It's much more than a gas station!

BY JOAN JANZEN

You never know what you'll find tucked away in a small town, and Burstall Fuels is one of those places. Don't let the name fool you because the store's "Collectibles, Antiques & Eats" tagline provides a more accurate description of what you'll find inside.

Pam and Darrell Fitterer purchased the store in December 2020 and transformed the place in short order, opening in February 2021. It's the only place to fuel up in the area, with the closest available gas station located at Leader. Besides pay at the pumps for gas and diesel, they provide automobile necessities and even keep a battery on hand for the occasional cold spell.

According to Pam, the two antique gas pumps are the heart of the place and make a statement about the couple's love of antiques. She recalled a 94-year-old man who visited the store, who explained how the pumps worked and shared stories and memories. "Tears were running down his face," she said.

There's a wide assortment of antiques for customers to look at and purchase. "They're more like statement pieces," Pam explained. "Pieces are always coming and going. We do really well with tourists because we're so close to the US border. I have a lot of repeat customers; I have people from BC that stop every time they come through. And we have a pretty good reach on social media."

Besides antiques, the store stocks a lot of hand-made, homemade, and all-natural consignment items. "Everything in my store is about supporting the little guy," she said. "It's more about them than it is about us."

Everything from jewellery, art, giftware, crafts, hot sauce, tea and freshly roasted coffee line their shelves. The products come from all over Saskatchewan, and

customers have told Pam and Darrell that taking it all in can be a little overwhelming.

"Coffee is a big seller, and we're the only retailer that has unpasteurized honey in all kinds of flavours. We sold 1700 jars of honey the first year we opened," she said. "You can come in and taste the honey flavours; it's just fun." But Pam makes sure there's much more to taste than just honey and good coffee; that's where the "eats" come into play.

Momma's Kitchen stocks ready-to-go, heat & eat lasagna, Shepard's pie, chili, beef stew and homemade soups. "My soups are all made with bone broth, and I cook everything from scratch. Everything's done old school," she explained. She also bakes bread and buns and has sandwiches when there's increased traffic in town.

"We have hunters who come to the area, and the infrastructure that goes on at the gas plant brings people into town," Pam said. Which means she cooks for the workers at the plant and provides food that goes out to the job sites. She also does catering for small and large groups and cooks for bike rallies and car club events.

You may think the store couldn't possibly have room for anything else, but since the local grocery store closed, they also keep some basic necessities on hand. "I stock some dairy, basic necessities and frozen meats from Kindersley Packers," Pam said.

Pam and Darrell also love being involved in fundraising projects. "We work closely with BCAS in Oyen. Coming from the city, I didn't realize the impact the ag society has on the community as a whole because they cover such a large area," she said.

As you can see, Burstall Fuels is much more than a gas station! I will have to stop in and enjoy a 'good cup of coffee' and browse next time I'm driving by.

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Quirky, indie, jazzy, award winning powerhouse vocalist, Andrea Superstein will be performing at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre on March 22. *SUBMITTED*

A “genuine original” to perform for Kindersley audience

The Kindersley & District Arts Council are pleased to present Andrea Superstein at the Norman Ritchie Centre on Friday, March 22.

You have to know the rules in order to break them. Andrea Superstein knows the rules. And she breaks them. Subtly infusing electro, indie and other unexpected elements, she as Tom Harrison, music critic for the Vancouver Province, said, is “redefining jazz.” Think Amy Winehouse meets Portishead.

Superstein’s debut performance at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival in 2010, earned her a nomination for a Galaxie Rising Star award and launched her into the limelight. She shared a triple bill with Canadian female heavyweights Laila Biali and Brandi Disterheft at the 2014 Vancouver International Jazz Festival.

Superstein’s upcoming offering, “Worlds Apart” shows her true talents as vocalist, composer and arranger. With jazz luminary Elizabeth Shepherd as producer and co-arranger, the new record brings Superstein’s fresh, modern ideas to the forefront, in an impressive 3 languages. It showcases powerful vocals exemplifying both the gentle and the strong, the light and the dark. They lithely navigate the colours of the emotional spectrum from despair to joy, deep blues to pop confection, often in the same song. She breathes the here-and-now into the classics, while brushing authenticity into every note of every new song she writes.

Superstein owns every stage she helms, commands

every room she plays. In big or small venues, large or tiny crowds, she conducts an unforgettable musical experience with a combination of humour, razor-sharp wit, a gift for the gab, and a sincere connection with her audience. When you go to a Superstein show, you feel as if she’s singing just to you—and all of the new friends in the audience you’ve just made. You’ll be smiling and singing long after the lights—or the sun—have come up.

Her sophomore record, What Goes On was produced by Juno winner, Les Cooper (Jill Barber. The Good Lovelies) with funding through FACTOR. It not only debuted at #4 on the Canadian charts, but also at #1 on CKUA’s top 30, and remained in both spots for more than 8 weeks. It debuted in the US at #16 on CMJ and was listed as one of the top 5 vocal jazz records of 2015 on earshot, and was featured in BC Musician Magazine.

Super has been a guest on CBC’s Hot Air, CTV news, CKUA, Quand le jazz est là, Sirius XM radio and her music has been played on a plethora of national and international radio stations. She has completed multiple successful cross Canada tours and has appeared at jazz festivals in Pender Harbour, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. She has studied with Gretchen Parlato and Sara Gazarek.

The performance at the Norman Ritchie Centre starts at 7:30 PM and tickets are sold at the door, through EventBrite, Garden Gallery and Lela’s.



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OPINION: Contradictions in Canada



BY JOAN JANZEN

When it comes to contradictions, there are some funny examples to consider. The following two statements are contradictory: "God made me an atheist. Who are you to question Him?" Or how about this inscription on a monument: "Nothing is written in stone." And finally, cartoon cat Garfield pointed out, "Good Morning is a contradiction in terms."

Meanwhile, there are plenty of contradictions in Canada which aren't humorous. Let's have a look.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation reported the federal government's three affordability cabinet retreats during a one-year time span cost taxpayers more than \$1 million. The goal of the retreats was to come up with plans to make life in Canada more affordable. Obviously, they never considered Zoom calls as an alternative mode of discussion.

The Daily Mail observed the following contradiction. Recently, 90-year-old Fran Itkoff was shocked to receive an email telling her she was fired as a volunteer for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This was a result of a representative asking her to start using pronouns in her email signature. However, the senior citizen didn't understand what that meant.

Her daughter said, "To me, it's ironic because they are saying they are inclusive, but they are excluding a 90-year-old disabled woman who has volun-

teered for 60 years. Literally, her sole purpose was to help MS patients and find a cure."

When supporters threatened to withhold their funds, the organization issued an apology, but it's unknown if Itkoff will rejoin the organization.

On a recent podcast, Tanner Hnidey discussed a news conference our Prime Minister attended in Poland. Hnidey said, "How can he (the PM) talk about defending Canada when in the same breath he is flooding this country with hundreds of thousands of individuals from all across the world every single year?" He noted protecting our borders is the first step towards protecting our nation.

Journalist Lorne Gunter discussed the PM's recent visit to Edmonton in a Toronto Sun interview. In the PM's 30-minute conversation with a blogger, he said, "Oil is becoming unprofitable." Yet Gunter noted the oil industry is still the largest economic engine in the country and is the reason Alberta receives 50,000 new Canadians every year. "Real events are contrary to what Trudeau says," Gunter concluded.

The next contradiction was described by independent journalist David Krayden in an online interview. He asked how the Arrive Can app, which was about keeping Canadians safe, ended up costing taxpayers \$60 million instead of the initial projected cost of \$80,000.

Karen Hogan said in the Auditor

General's report, "The Canadian Border Services Agency's documentation and financial records of the Arrive Can Application were so poor that we were unable to determine the precise cost of the Arrive Can Application. We estimated the cost."

Krayden reported the first company that was hired to make this app consisted of four guys who willingly admitted they didn't know anything about IT. Yet this company of four people collected \$258 million in contracts from the federal government since the Liberals took power. He also noted that the Arrive Can not only didn't work properly to keep people safe, but it also cost taxpayers a lot of money.

On another topic, Faytene Grasseschi on Faytene TV discussed the expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) to include the mentally ill, the drug addicted and depressed. The expansion is set to go ahead on March 17, although the government could change their minds. However, Faytene said let's look back to where we started.

"We were told this would only be made available to those who had terminal illnesses. But we are now in a situation where we're regularly hearing stories of people who are saying they can't get a kidney or liver transplant, or heart surgery, but they can have MAID within 24 hours, and their friends and loved ones won't even know," she said, and proceeded to point out the contradiction.

"I remember a few years ago when we rolled out the National Suicide Prevention Hotline," she recalled. It was a number Canadians could call if they were in a low place in their life and just couldn't take it anymore. Someone on the phone would "walk them off the edge of the cliff", Faytene said. "On the other side, there is this mechanism where people can actually walk to the edge of the cliff without their family and friends even being aware of what's happening. It's a weird dynamic we're seeing right now."

Faytene's guest, Toyin Crandall, is a finance and leadership coach who helps people, businesses, and organizations shift from fiscal vulnerability to strength. In her own journey, Toyin went from being homeless to leading a flourishing life.

"The biggest thing I have to say as someone who didn't have money to feed my family is, there is hope," Toyin said. "The decisions of people that are outside of your control do not have to dictate your end. I decided that despite what was happening in the economy, there has to be a way for myself and my family to thrive."

Now, Toyin helps others navigate through similar difficult circumstances. She realizes that when it comes to contradictions, we need to agree to disagree, think differently and find hope, even when we're told there is none.

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Pop89: Wonder is the map

BY MADONNA HAMEL

You can't force wonder, you can't make it happen. But you can facilitate it, make yourself available to it, get in its path. For most young kids, especially if left alone in a sandbox under a blue sky, wonder is their default position, their posture toward life. For adults, it requires attention, an openness to a visit to wonderland.

Last week, I was invited by Diana Chabros to give a wee workshop on courting wonder through collage and writing. It was part of a larger day-long intuitive painting workshop she was giving. I welcomed the opportunity to get myself excited about the ways wonder can enter our lives and chase worry and even grief away, even just for the day.

I like to work with found objects or, as a fellow artist from my school days, used to call them - located objects. Either way, the thrill of working with whatever you have at hand supports my belief and experience that wonder is available to us, no matter where we are. We don't have to buy special equipment, we don't have to have specific skills, and we certainly don't need a vision. In fact, I warn against preconceived ideas about what wonder should look like. Any recollection of a wonder-filled, magical moment will remind you that you did not dream it up - it happened. Like coming up over a rise, hiking in Grasslands National Park, and coming face to face with a bull bison, wonder grabs us. Just like you can't make someone fall in love with you, you can't force wonder.

When I give workshop attendees and students material to collage from, I hand them one magazine or book, not a box full. And then I say: flip through the pages and let the kid in you, or the universe, creator, God, collective unconscious, Muse - however you choose to call it - direct you. In other words, let go of that age-old human illusion of Control.

By allowing the world to render up to you bits and pieces of itself through everything from ticket stubs to old magazines to used wrapping paper, you are engaging with it. Yes, it's a form of recycling - but you are also seeing the value in the old. It is a gesture toward not only saving and re-using materials but also ideas, memories, dreams and reflections activated by the objects.

This is why collage is exciting - it's charged with the energy, the luminous and numinous stories of all its constituent parts. It's honouring pages and pieces that are already worn, pre-read, pre-loved and struggled over, held and beheld and dismissed with or forgotten. And then you come along and make them yours. You imbue them with a new story.

"It's hard to look at a blank canvas and dream up an image from scratch," I say to the small group in front of me. "But when I hold two images together - this and this - I rip an image of a pile of bones from one magazine and a cartoon drawing of a shack from another and put them side by side," look - a story has already begun. There's a conversation. A new life starts - born of the relationship between the two."

I was lucky to have a mom who read to us at bedtime. My favourite was Robert Louis Stevenson's "A Child Garden of Verses." I was especially thrilled when she read "Escape at Bedtime." The poem begins with:

*"The lights from the parlour and kitchen shone out
 Through the blinds and the windows and bars;
 And high overhead and all moving about,
 There were thousands of millions of stars."
 And, it ends with:*

*"They saw me at last, and they chased me with cries,
 And they soon had me packed into bed;
 But the glory kept shining
 and bright in my eyes,
 And the stars going round in my head."*



"Tell them I came, and no one answered,
 That I kept my word,' he said.
 Never the least stir made the listeners,
 Though every word he spake
 Fell echoing through the shadowiness of
 the still house
 From the one man left awake:
 Ay, they heard his foot upon the stirrup,
 And the sound of iron on stone,
 And how the silence surged softly
 backward,
 When the plunging hoofs were gone."

Another thrilling poem from childhood was by a contemporary of Stevenson, Walter de la Mare, called "The Listeners," about a traveller who knocks in vain at a door in order to deliver a message and keep an old promise made years ago, It opens with:

*'Is there anybody there?' said the Traveller,
 Knocking on the moonlit door;
 And his horse, in the silence, champed the grasses
 Of the forest's ferny floor:
 And a bird flew up out of the turret,
 Above the Traveller's head:
 And he smote upon the door again a second time;
 'Is there anybody there?' he said.*

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Stevenson and de la Mare created their own wonder maps with their work, giving children a chance to escape and gaze in wonder at the world. They remind me that we should not feel at home in the stingy, angry, suspicious world of unhappy adults but rather look toward wonder; in fact, as I wrote once: "Run with Wonder until the fear peters out." One could even say that wonder is the map and the vehicle that brings us to wonder. Ultimately, the map to wonder is the map to home.

Stevenson was a sickly child who spent most of his childhood in bed. But he developed a rich imagination, and later, he wrote "Treasure Island," partially set on the high seas. In fact, he eventually sailed as far as Samoa, where he finally felt at home. He died there. His epitaph reads:

*"Here he lies where he longed to be.
 Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
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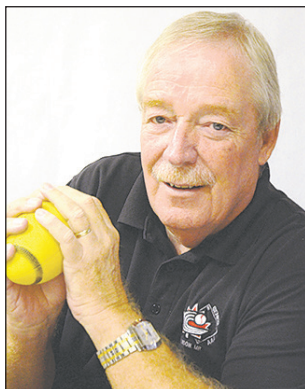
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Dodgers appear to be invincible

BY BRUCE PENTON



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Sports Columnist

With spring training camps under way in Florida and Arizona, it's time to bring out the hyperbole machine to try to foretell what will happen in 2024.

Los Angeles Dodgers are going to be so dominant in the National League, they may go 162-0. OK, 153-9 at worst. They may be baseball's best team ever. They could have the home-run champion, the most valuable player, the rookie of the year and the Cy Young award winner. The commissioner's office may step in "for the betterment of baseball." They may clinch the pennant by the Fourth of July.

How can the Dodgers possibly not win the World Series?

Manager Dave Roberts already had an all-star lineup, led by superstars Freddie Freeman and Mookie Betts. They then signed baseball sensation Shohei Ohtani, who led the American League with 44 home runs for the L.A. Angels last year and who won't pitch again until 2025 due to off-season surgery. The Dodgers also won the free-agent race for another Japanese superstar pitcher, Yoshinobu Yamamoto, who is reportedly a better pitcher than Ohtani. With an apparently limitless supply of money, the Dodgers signed free-agent pitcher Tyler Glasnow, who was 10-7 with Tampa Bay last year. He will join Yamamoto, Bobby Miller (11-4 last year), Tony Gonsolin (8-5), Walker Buehler (6-3 in 2022 before an injury shut him down for the entire 2023 season, Dustin May (4-1) and future Hall of Fame Clayton Kershaw, who signed a one-year contract for his 17th season after undergoing off-season shoulder surgery.

And because a team can never have enough hitting, former Blue Jay and Seattle Mariner Teoscar Hernandez, who hit 26 home runs for the Mariners last year and has 159 homers in his eight-year career, signed as

a free agent with the Dodgers.

Because Ohtani's \$700 million contract calls for \$680 million to be deferred until after he retires, the Dodgers have circumvented some of the luxury-tax penalties they would otherwise have faced.

The Dodgers (100 wins) and Atlanta Braves (104) were the only two N.L. teams to win 100 or more games last year, and both were eliminated in their opening playoff rounds. Baltimore, the only A.L. team to win more than 100 games, also went out in the first round of playoffs. Which means, of course, that regular-season success doesn't always translate to the post-season. The situation may look different come October, but right now, on the eve of the '24 season, it looks like the Dodgers, in a breeze. A story on MLB.com said the obvious: "We're looking at one of the most loaded teams in recent memory."

- Comedy writer **Alex Kaseberg**, after Canadian swimmer **Betty Brussel** sets records in the 100-to 104-year-old age class in Saanich, B.C at the age of 99 (turning 100 in July): "This beats the previous record of drowning."
- Headline at fark.com: "Good news: **Rob Manfred** retiring. Bad news: In 2029."
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- Headline at The Beaverton, Canada's parody website: "**Auston Matthews** vows to work on his 'pass to a guy who passes to a guy who scores' skills so he can finally deserve MVP."
- **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel: "The sports betting industry recorded revenue of nearly \$11 billion last year, according to the American Gaming Association. How can that be? Every serious sports bettor I ever talk to always tells me how much they're winning!"
- **Scott Ostler** of the San Francisco Chronicle, during the **Steph Curry-Sabrina Ionescu** three-point

shooting competition: "Man, if you can't enjoy watching this, give pro cornhole a try."

- **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: "At the Scotties, Team Canada first-rock thrower **Briane Harris** was ruled ineligible to play just hours before the tournament start — with no explanation given. Rather than a lead-off story, we got a lead-out story."
- Headline at theonion.com: "**Victor Wembanyama's** Head Lodged Between Rim And Backboard Again"
- From fark.com: "Mets IR list has arrived at spring training."
- **Steve Simmons** of the Toronto Sun: "The injury to Mark Stone in Vegas gives crafty GM **Kelly McCrimmon** all kinds of LTIR (long-term injury reserve) money to play with as the trade deadline approaches. No doubt, Stone will be back for the playoffs, where dollars don't count and the creative McCrimmon will be front of the trading line with money to spend."
- Another one from Simmons: "If NBA players don't cover anybody during the season why would they be expected to cover anyone in an All-Star game?"
- Another one from fark.com: "**Auston** powers his way to reach 50 goals. Yeah, baby."

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THE GOLDEN GOAL!
Sydney Crosby's overtime winner against the United States sent the entire country into a frenzy. The Vancouver Olympic Games was Canada's best showing ever at an Olympics.
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LOOKING BACK AT THE VANCOUVER OLYMPIC GAMES ... A new sense of Canadian pride

BY KATE WINQUIST

"Canada, our Canada, is truly worthy of our pride and patriotism ... We will ask the world to forgive us this time, this uncharacteristic outburst of patriotism and pride, our pride of being part of a country that is strong, confident, and stands tall among the nations." - Stephen Harper

You couldn't have written a better script. When Sidney Crosby scored to give Canada a 3-2 overtime victory over the United States in the men's gold medal match, he left a country delirious with excitement and started the party that closed out the 2010 games.

The gold medal, which was Canada's 14th of these games set a new Olympic record for the most gold medals by any country - and also a record for most gold medals by a host nation. All-in-all Canada recorded 26 medals putting them in 3rd place behind the United States and Germany.

The 2010 games were marked with the highest of highs and the deepest lows. The death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was the darkest moment of the games. The opening ceremonies were marred by a malfunction in which one of the four cauldrons didn't rise leaving torch bearer and speed skater, Ca-triona LeMay Doan hanging, unable to light the flame with her torch. Less than perfect weather at both the Cypress Mountain and Whistler ski venues delayed events.

Despite the rocky start, the games bounced back with some amazing performances by the athletes. Canada got on track with Alexandre Bilodeau's gold medal run in the Men's Moguls. The gold rush continued with Maelle Ricker winning the ladies snowboard cross, and Christine Nesbitt claiming the ladies 1000m speed skating crown. It will be hard to forget Jon Montgomery's gold medal in the men's skeleton. The red-headed Montgomery hit the streets of Vancouver celebrating with a toque on his head and a pitcher of beer in hand. The Russell, Manitoba native even made an appearance on Oprah. Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue won the ice dancing competition becoming the

first North American skaters to ever accomplish that feat. The pair have been skating together since they were 7 & 9 years old. Shaunavon's sweetheart, Hayley Wickenheiser, claimed her 4th Olympic Games medal (3rd gold) when the Canadian Women's Hockey team defeated their arch rivals from the United States 2-0. Kevin Martin's curling team finally won the elusive gold medal, going undefeated in the Olympic tournament. Unfortunately the women's curling team skipped by Cheryl Bernard couldn't make their last shot and had to settle for the silver medal. Speed skater Charles Hamelin captured two gold medals in one day in the 500 m short track and the 5000 m relay.

There are so many moments that are etched in my memory, perhaps none more so than Joannie Rochette, the figure skater who captured the hearts of the nation with her bronze-medal performance in the grief-stricken days following the death of her mother. Rochette showed so much courage and strength to compete when it would have been easy for her to pack it in. Rochette was chosen to be Canada's flag bearer at the Closing Ceremonies.

And what a Closing Ceremonies it was! The world was shown our sense of humour from the get-go when in a parody of the technical failure during the Opening Ceremony, a clown came out to assist LeMay Doan in lighting the 4th Olympic Cauldron in the center of the arena. There were celebrity performances from William Shatner, Michael J. Fox and Catherine O'Hara as well as musical performances from Nickleback, Avril Lavigne and Alanis Morissette. There were even dancing canoes, red-clad lumberjacks, floating moose and giant inflatable beavers. Can't get more Canadian that that, eh?

It was a magical 17 days that encompassed an entire nation. This was not just Vancouver's games ... it was Canada's games - 17 days that made believers out of a lot of Canadians.

The 2010 Winter Olympics certainly have made a believer out of me.

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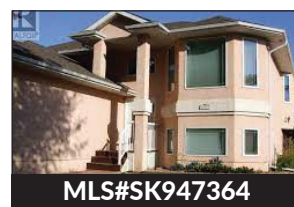


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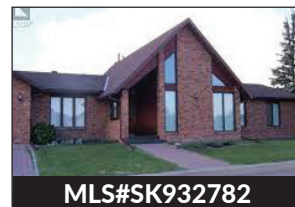
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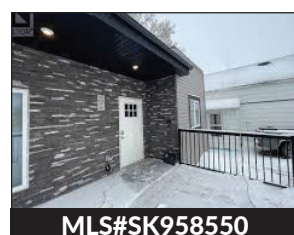
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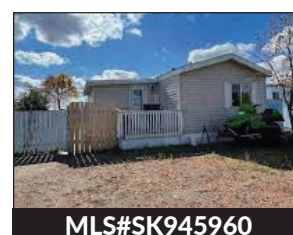
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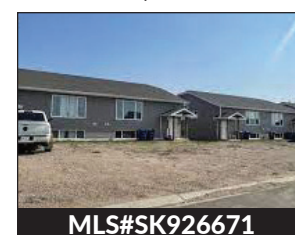
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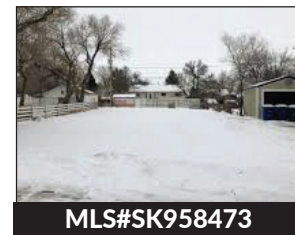
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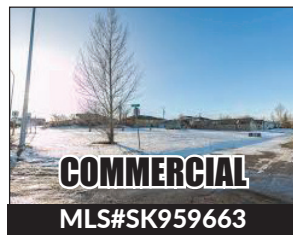
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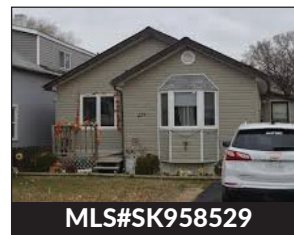
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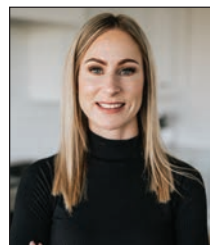
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NHL trade deadline is fast approaching

BY GREG BUCHANAN

The days are ticking down to the NHL trading deadline. This is arguably the most important day on the regular-season calendar for Stanley Cup contenders or teams that would like to become contenders. It's the one time of the year when the floodgates open and players who'd never been available under other circumstances suddenly shake free, often costing nothing but future assets. For a smart general manager, this is the time to shine and to make the big move (or two or three) - the move that will push his team across the finish line and earn him a big shiny ring. It's no secret that Jake Guentzel would be a dream fit in Edmonton with the Oi-

lers on Leon Draisaitl's wing. And if they want an upgrade on Cody Ceci on the back end, Chris Tanev is at the top of their list ahead of the March 8 NHL trade deadline. Both would be unrestricted free-agent rentals. But he's going for a high-end D or a top-end winger. Not both.

One possibility is Washington forward Nic Dowd, who has this season and next at a \$1.3-million cap hit. He's a rightie, a good faceoff guy, but nowhere near as offensive-minded as the 6 foot 6 Bjugstad, back in Arizona after the Oilers acquired him at last year's last year's trade deadline. Everyone's talking trade these days. With that in mind, here are some online trade proposals from fans:

The Penguins need to restock their prospect cupboard badly, and Holloway and a first-rounder would do that. Adding Foegele's \$2.75 million and Holloway's \$925,000, the Avs make it a good deal cap-wise if Guentzel comes in at \$3 million after retention. It would certainly would give Pens GM Kyle Dubas pause. Guentzel has a 12-team no-trade clause, and the Oilers are probably on it. But perhaps he would jump at the opportunity to play with Draisaitl. He's a big-game player at 29, has a Cup ring and is ninth all-time in post-season goals per game. The downside for the Oilers is Guentzel would likely only be here for a few months and then be on his way as a free agent, with Edmonton losing its best young forward prospect in Holloway, and a first-rounder. But if I'm Holland, I'd take a big



swing at this. OK, Holland and Blues GM Doug Armstrong are best buds and part of Canadian Olympic team staff of the past. But this is way too much for Buchnevich, even if he has 43 points (19 goals) in 53 games this year and had 26 and 30 goals before that. He's not a rental, but he's UFA after next season's contract worth \$5.8 million. The Oilers have to spend big-time to keep Draisaitl and Evan Bouchard when their deals run out after 2025-2026. We see where you're coming from trying to move Foegele's cap hit and Kulak's \$2.75 million to offset Buchnevich's money now. Maybe Philip Broberg can take Kulak's spot. But giving up first and second-round picks and Bourgault, a former first-rounder, too? Sorry, this only happens if Holland has been over-served.

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Kindersley Council highlights

5.2: The Council of the Town of Kindersley, agreed to amend the agenda of the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting to remove:

- Item 7.3 – Reserve Transfer

6.1: Council resolved to approve as presented the Minutes from the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.

7.1: Town Council resolved that Earl McLeod be appointed as Municipal Enforcement Officer within the Town of Kindersley pursuant to Section 373 of The Municipalities Act for the purposes of bylaw enforcement and shall be considered a Peace Officer for the purposes of bylaw enforcement under The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990: and that the appointment became effective immediately upon the passing of this resolution.

7.2: Council resolved that Darien Lynch be appointed as Municipal Enforcement Officer within the Town of Kindersley pursuant to Section 373 of The Municipalities Act for the purposes of bylaw enforcement and shall be considered a Peace Officer for the purposes of bylaw enforcement under The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990: and that the appointment became effective immediately upon the passing of this resolution.

7.4: The Council of the Town of Kindersley resolved to direct the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer



(CAO) to enter into an Advertising Agreement and Naming Rights Agreement with Inter Pipeline for the Events Centre Arena Surface.

8.1: Council resolved to accept as submitted the list of accounts as paid by the Town of Kindersley in the amount of \$490,358.10.

9.1: Town Council resolved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following items for acceptance and filing:

- Kindersley Museum Minutes – Feb. 13, 2024
- Kindersley Chamber Minutes – Feb. 15, 2024
- SaskWater Monthly Report – January 2024




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How many kids can you fit in a ball pit? Apparently quite a few, which was the case at IKids Club Friday night at Kindersley. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



Randy Janzen got a Sunday morning workout, shovelling off his driveway along 8th Street West in Kindersley. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

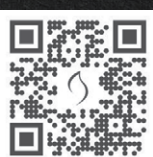
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Nominations for the Board of Directors are being received from **March 5-19, 2024**. Members of Prairie Centre Credit Union (2006) Ltd. are informed that there are **4 vacancies** on the Board of Directors in the following districts:

District 5: Herbert, Morse - 1 Vacancy

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An information meeting for interested nominees will be held on **March 12 at 7pm**. To register for this meeting, call **306.882.5566**.

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Whitecap Resource Inc announced 2023 results, reserves, operations and guidance update

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Continued from last week

Weyburn Unit

Buying the operating interest in the Weyburn Unit appears to have worked out well for Whitecap. The company said, "The profitability of our Weyburn asset is a function of an extremely low decline rate of 3 per cent and a 100 per cent oil and NGLs production base with 35 per cent of rollout areas still to be converted for CO2 injection. We drilled 4 (3.4 net) producing wells and 4 (3.7 net) injection wells in 2023, with our 2024 program increasing to 9 (6.3 net) producing wells and 8 (5.2 net) injection wells. Net operating income from this asset has paid out the purchase price of \$940 million 1.2 times since we acquired it in December 2017. The property continues to produce 14,500 boepd net to Whitecap at this time."

And across the line, Whitecap said, "In Central Alberta, our focus is in the Cardium and Glauconite formations, drilling 16 (10.4 net) wells into the Cardium and 14 (12.8 net) wells into the Glauconite in 2023. Our West Pembina Cardium program achieved strong results with average IP(90) rates exceeding expectations by 10 per cent. Our Glauconite continues to achieve strong results, with average production rates in line with our expectations and liquids rates outperforming by 5 per cent on an IP(90) basis. Our consolidated land position has allowed us to continually test increasing lateral lengths. We plan to drill 5 (4.9 net) Glauconite wells with an average lateral length of 2,700 metres and 8 (5.8 net) Cardium wells in the first quarter.

West Division

"We continue to advance operations in our West Division including a buildout of new facilities and infrastructure to handle our production growth into the future," the company said. "We are looking forward to our next stage of Montney development at Musreau with the completion of our battery in the second quarter of this year. Our 2023 West Division drilling program has achieved excellent results thus far with average well results performing above type curve expectations, while we also continue to expand our technical knowledge of our asset base.

"At Kakwa, we are encouraged by strong initial results on our two most recent Montney pads, where

we have optimized our development strategy for dynamic reservoir and fluid properties in this localized area. Our 3-well (3.0 net) 02-26 (B) pad was brought on production in September and has achieved an average IP(120) rate of 1,889 boe/d (32 per cent liquids) per well which is 26 per cent above our expectations. The 3-well (3.0 net) 03-21 (B) pad that was drilled in the fourth quarter was tied into permanent facilities in early February, with test results showing similar characteristics as the 02-26 (B) pad.

The company said although early, it is encouraged by the initial results of these two pads and application of this well design and spacing strategy may be transferable to other areas of future Montney and Duvernay development. "While we ultimately believe that individual pad design will be tailored to the various geological and reservoir characteristics across our asset base, successful application of this well design and spacing strategy across a broader area has the potential to meaningfully improve the overall economics of our unconventional drilling inventory well into the future."

"We also spud our first two 4-well pads (8.0 net wells) at Musreau in the fourth quarter, which are expected to be completed and ready to be brought on production upon completion of our 20,000 boepd battery. The ramp up of production into this facility will occur during the second quarter, and we target facility capacity being reached as our third and fourth 4-well pads (8.0 net wells) are brought on production at Musreau later this year."

At Lator, the company recently drilled a 2-well (2.0 net) pad as part of its validation and delineation efforts of this future area of Montney growth. The wells have achieved IP(60) rates of 1,655 boe/d (45 per cent liquids) per well which are approximately 15 per cent above our expectations. Strong return characteristics along with a significant land position will make Lator an area of meaningful growth for the West Division in the coming years. Whitecap said, "We plan to drill an additional two (2.0 net) Montney wells at Lator in 2024. Engineering and commercial work is underway to establish the optimal development and infrastructure strategy for this area."

"With respect to our Duvernay asset at Kaybob, our results continue to outperform our expectations as our first seven (7.0 net) wells (4-well and 3-well pads) achieved an average IP(90) rate of approximately 1,600 boepd (36 per cent liquids) per well, which is 24 per cent above our expectations. We plan to bring eight (8.0 net) wells on during 2024 as we continue to increase production towards our target of 90 per cent capacity of our 100 per cent owned 15-07 gas processing facility by the end of 2025. The first 3 wells of our 2024 program are currently being drilled to a 4,200-metre lateral length, approximately 750 metres longer than our initial seven Duvernay wells."

As part of the execution of its 2024 capital spending program and long-range planning scenarios, Whitecap has an active water management strategy to mitigate impacts of potential drought conditions in Alberta. They will have a combination of term and temporary

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licenses along with established water infrastructure to support its 2024 program.

2023 RESERVES

Operational success and a deep set of highly economic inventory has resulted in strong year end reserve values, the company said. "We continue to see the benefits of our consolidation strategy that began in late-2020 as greater scale and asset optimization opportunities have yielded consistent per share growth and increasing net present values.

"One of the benefits of consolidating acreage has been an ability to drill longer laterals in areas that were previously restricted by ownership boundaries. In addition, we are consistently expanding the applicability of increased lateral lengths to greater portions of our asset base, giving potential for improved capital efficiencies and, therefore, increased profitability. At year end, we have identified 6,400 drilling locations in inventory which provides for over 25 years of sustainable and profitable growth."

Whitecap highlighted the following 2023 year end reserve report results:

- **Per Share Focus.** Debt-adjusted reserves per share increased 6 per cent on a PDP basis, 10 per cent on a TP basis and 7 per cent on a total proven plus probable ("TPP") basis despite net dispositions decreasing total reserves. Whitecap's focus on per share metrics along with strong return on capital execution will maximize long-term profits for its shareholders, it said.
- **Production Replacement.** Prior to the impact of net dispositions, we replaced 107 per cent of production on a PDP basis, 141 per cent of production on a TP basis and 107 per cent of production on a TPP basis. Strong operational execution along with a prolific asset base provide for increased sustainability over the long term.
- **Long-Dated Inventory.** White caps says its has significant inventory life across all its assets, with a PDP reserve life index (RLI) of 6 years, a TP RLI of 13 years, and a TPP RLI of 19 years. These are consistent with the three-year average and are reflective of the expansive opportunity Whitecap has to develop these assets over time.
- **Strong Recycle Ratios.** Whitecap's PDP F&D1 cost of \$14.68 per boe, its TP F&D cost of \$17.62 per boe and its TPP F&D cost of \$20.46 per boe resulted in

While the liquids component of our unconventional assets currently drives the economics, our growth in natural gas volumes is anticipated to coincide with the commissioning of LNG Canada in 2025. Completion of this facility is an important step for Canada, as there will be an ability to deliver natural gas to overseas markets which should reduce gas-on-gas competition within Canada.

strong recycle ratios of 2.4 times, 2.0 times and 1.8 times, respectively. The three-year average F&D recycle ratios range from 2.6 times to 3.3 times, which emphasizes its strong asset base and our focus on long-term profitability.

OUTLOOK

"We have increased our 2024 average production guidance range to 165,000 – 170,000 boepd (8 per cent production per share growth) to reflect the Viking tuck-in acquisition along with the reduction in capital spending. Our capital budget is now expected to be \$900 million to \$1.1 billion, which is \$100 million lower than originally budgeted, providing another year of strong operational execution underpinned by the technical enhancements undertaken in 2023," Whitecap said.

"WTI crude oil prices continue to be relatively volatile but have been rangebound between US\$70/bbl and US\$80/bbl and currently at approximately US\$75/bbl for the balance of 2024. This, combined with the weak Canadian dollar, results in a very strong Canadian crude oil price in excess of \$100/bbl. We also anticipate light and heavy oil differentials to tighten further throughout the year with the completion of

the Trans Mountain Expansion project in the coming months, bringing further pricing upside to Canadian crude oil production.

"Natural gas prices are currently challenged with the lack of winter demand resulting in weak AECO prices forecasted through to the end of the summer, and a seasonal increase into next winter is anticipated. While the liquids component of our unconventional assets currently drives the economics, our growth in natural gas volumes is anticipated to coincide with the commissioning of LNG Canada in 2025. Completion of this facility is an important step for Canada, as there will be an ability to deliver natural gas to overseas markets which should reduce gas-on-gas competition within Canada. Further to this, as part of our ongoing efforts to diversify our natural gas volumes, we have joined Rockies LNG Partners to contribute 100,000 mcf/d of natural gas towards the Ksi Lisims LNG project and add exposure to non-North American natural gas prices.

"At current strip prices, we are forecasting 2024 funds flow of approximately \$1.6 billion which results in free funds flow of \$600 million, after capital investments. This is more than sufficient to fund our annual dividend obligation of \$435 million. We have stress tested our dividend down to US\$50/bbl WTI and \$2.00/GJ AECO and have further flexibility to reduce our capital program to ensure dividends and capital investments are fully funded by cash flows. Our balance sheet remains in excellent shape with low leverage and ample liquidity to support the business throughout various commodity price cycles."

Whitecap continued, "Our long term organic corporate growth outlook has been updated and increased to 210,000 boepd by the end of 2028, which represents average organic growth of 5 per cent on an annual basis, driven primarily by our liquids rich Montney and Duvernay assets. At the end of 2028, we will still have over 20 years of drilling inventory remaining, assuming a consistent 5 per cent annual growth rate beyond 2028.

"We would like to emphasize that our objective is to provide sustainable and profitable growth to our shareholders, including a disciplined level of debt, while remaining committed to responsible development of our assets. Our strategy includes advancing our emission reduction strategy and utilizing our expertise in carbon sequestration.



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Thefts involving a semi-tractor unit

Kindersley RCMP is investigating several break-and-entry/thefts that occurred in the industrial area of Kindersley between 5:00 and 6:00 AM on February 29, 2024. Local video surveillance captured a black semi-tractor pulling a white trailer and a luxury-style black SUV, which is believed to be involved. The logo is a white star with the letter "N" inside and a red and blue border. The number 16 is under the star. If anyone sees anything suspicious in the area or has any video footage that could help investigators, please call Kindersley RCMP.

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Pictured in March 1998 (L-R): Len Schlosser, Dolores Schlosser, Dawn Smith, Brad Schlosser and Ron Smith posed in front of a herd of rhesas belonging to Triple 'S' Farms near Luseland.
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Remember when Ostriches arrived in Luseland?

BY JOAN JANZEN

More than a couple of decades ago, Triple 'S' Rhea Farms at Luseland were the talk of the town when they brought twenty South American Ostriches or Rhesas to their farm. Brad Schlosser, along with his parents, Len and Dolores, found out about this opportunity from a farm in Crossfield, Alberta.

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product of the rhea. The red meat was used for therapeutic soup, and the leather or hide was used to manufacture boots, purses, wallets and belts.

The animals had adapted quite well to Saskatchewan's climate and were described as low maintenance. The Schlossers held an open house to satisfy the curiosity of all the folks in the area.

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Kindersley RCMP also continues to investigate a fatal collision that occurred on February 23. In addition to the ongoing investigations, Kindersley RCMP responded to a further 36 calls for service from February 19 to February 26, including, but not limited to,

five suspicious person calls, two Mental Health Act calls and one break-and-enter call for service.

If you need to report any suspicious activity in your community, please get in touch with the Kindersley RCMP detachment by calling 306-463-4642 or their local police service. Information can also be provided anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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Arnold Jasman
March 28, 1935 - February 28, 2024



The world lost one of the kindest men. Arnold was born and raised in Eatonias where he and his brother, Erwin ran the family farm which was his greatest accomplishment. Arnold loved working on the farm and enjoyed his time in Eatonias.

In 1998 Arnold married the love of his life, Lydia and gained the family he always wanted. Retirement was on the horizon and in 2006, Arnold and Lydia sold the family farm and moved to Medicine Hat to be closer to their grandchildren, eventually settling in Coaldale, Ab.

Together, Arnold and Lydia traveled the world including countries like Spain, Morocco, Egypt, Brazil and China but his favourite was when he spent time in Thailand. This farmer from Eatonias managed to walk the Great Wall of China!

Arnold was so proud of his family. He was always happy to help his two step-sons, Alan and Eric with any farming, gardening or building projects. The light of his life were his grandchildren Julia, Simon, Ezra, Jaxon and Denver.

Arnold was predeceased by his father Albert, his mother, Hulda, his brother, Erwin and his sister Freida.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 27 years, Lydia, his stepsons Eric Chant (Heidi) of Maidstone, SK, Alan Chant (Vicki) of Coaldale and his grandchildren Julia, Jaxon, Denver, Simon & Ezra, as well as several nieces and nephews.

As requested by Arnold, there will be no funeral. Burial will take place at a later date in Chilliwack, BC.

Sask leading the nation in capital investment
Province ranks first in Canada in Expected Investment Growth in 2024

Statistics Canada has released data showing that Saskatchewan ranks second among the provinces for growth in capital investment in 2023, and expected capital investment for 2024. Saskatchewan is also second among the provinces for private capital investment in 2023, and expected to rank first for 2024.

"The massive influx of investment into the province we are seeing is further proof of Saskatchewan's strong economic position," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our efforts to attract capital investment demonstrate our commitment to building opportunities, creating jobs and providing a high quality of life for Saskatchewan people. These positive numbers also put us closer to reaching our Growth Plan goal of growing private capital investment in Saskatchewan to \$16 billion

annually. This growth helps us ensure the provincial economy remains strong." Total capital investment in Saskatchewan last year increased by 25.9 per cent, totalling \$17.1 billion. This figure is expected to increase to \$19.6 billion this year, up another 14.4 per cent. These are the second highest growth rates in Canada.

The province also saw \$12.4 billion in private sector capital investment last year, up 24.6 per cent, with an expected increase of 14.4 per cent to \$14.2 billion this year. Saskatchewan is expected to be first among provinces in terms of growth in this category for 2024.



Last week's announcement builds on further encouraging news for the province on the economic front. In 2023, Saskatchewan posted a fourth consecutive year of record breaking agri-food exports valued at \$20.2 billion. Saskatchewan's real GDP grew by a nation leading 6.0 per cent from 2021 to 2022. The total dollar value of the province's 2022 GDP is \$76.7 billion.

Capital investment refers to the expenditures on fixed assets intended to produce goods and services. Fixed assets include dwellings, structures, machinery, and equipment. This is an important economic indicator as it showcases businesses' outlook on the current, and future state of the economy, as well as a firm's ability to earn a return on their investment.

March is Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed March as Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan.

Agriculture Literacy Month activities invite farmers, ranchers and industry experts into participating classrooms, offering students the chance to discover where their food comes from.



JORGENSEN, Marlene (Hilda Maria)
May 19, 1940 - Feb 25, 2024

The family is sad to announce the passing of Marlene Hilda Maria Jorgenson (nee Minogue) who passed away on February 25th, 2024. A celebration of life will be held in Saskatoon in the spring, likely at the end of April. Obituary to follow.

Throughout the month of March, industry volunteers, from all levels of food production, will join classrooms to share presentations and personal experiences to help students learn more about agriculture.

"Saskatchewan is known globally for supplying the world with high-quality food and fertilizer, as we have the best producers and agriculture experts in the world," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "I thank the many industry professionals who visit schools to share with students how important agriculture is within our province and around the world."

Agriculture in the classroom plays an important role in the agriculture industry by creating awareness and understanding and inspiring the next generation to care about the agriculture industry. This year, the Agriculture Literacy Month theme is "Promoting Diversity in Agriculture" and features a new storybook called "All the Farmers You Will Know."

This year's theme is important and timely for the industry," Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan Executive Director Sara Shymko said. "We will need diversity of thought, experience and skills to solve the challenges and capitalize on the opportunities the future holds."

Agriculture Literacy Month is a nation-wide effort with provinces across Canada proclaiming the month. For more information on how you can take part in Agriculture Literacy Month, visit: aitic-canada.

Distracted driving in the 1960s

BY JOAN JANZEN

What do you think distracted driving looked like in the 1960s? Kindersley resident Bill Stephenson recalled setting a 9-inch black and white television on the fender of his tractor while he worked back in 1965.

"People asked - how do you see where you're going when you're watching TV," Bill said. "I said, well, I can't miss Ma Perkins or Another World." 'Another World' was a popular soap opera in those days.

Bill couldn't help but be excited about watching all his favourite television shows because it had only been a couple of years since a CFQC tower had been set up beside the Stranraer ski hill. Bill and his friends were instrumental in getting the tower placed at Stranraer, and he explained how the story began to unfold.

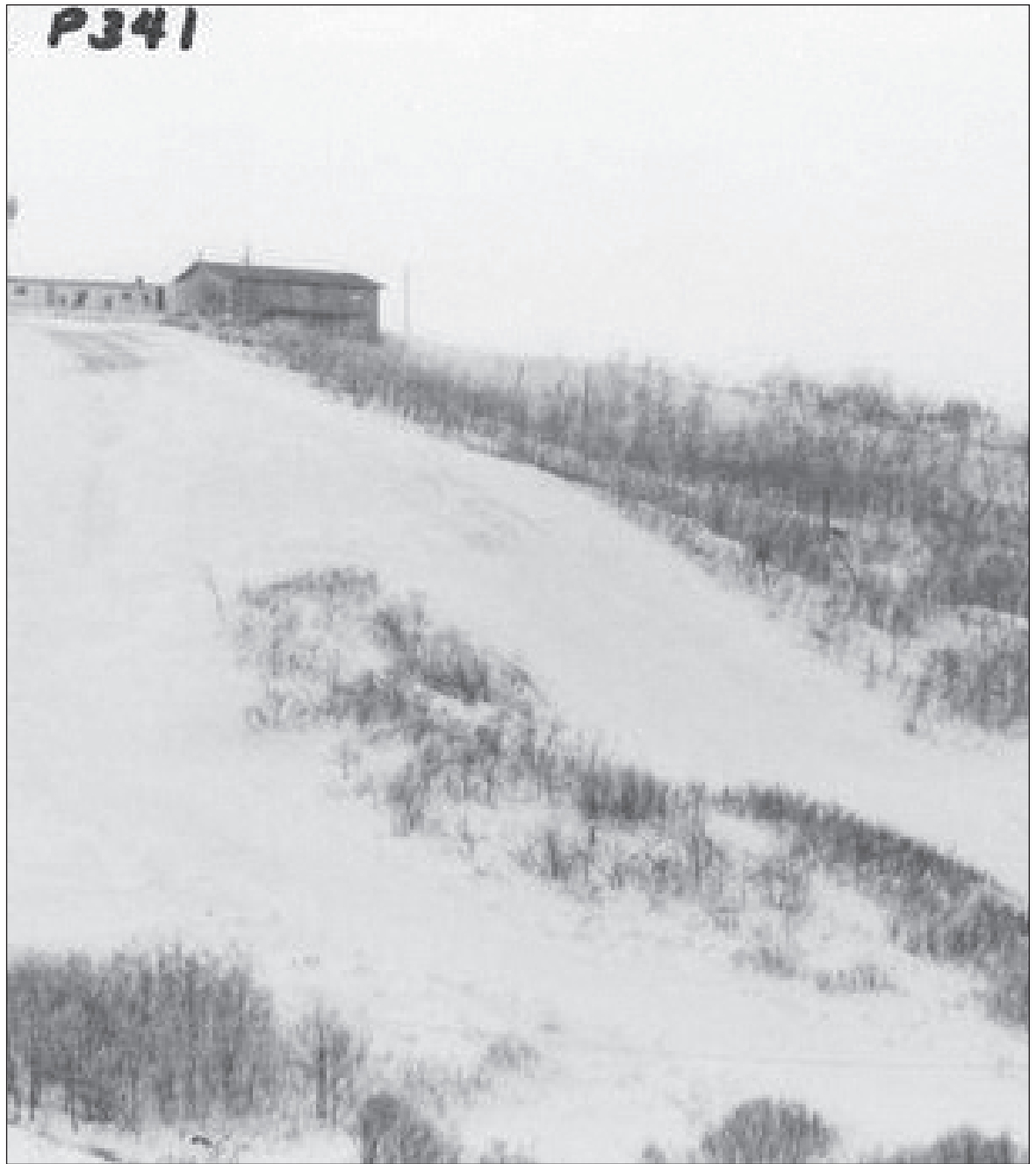
"We had a problem with the Sask. television tower; nobody could receive a signal," he said. But that was about to change. Bill's neighbour won a contest singing and playing guitar at a radio station in Saskatoon. The people at the station suggested the community start a petition to get a TV tower in the area.

Bill and four or five friends got together every morning for a visit. They formed a league, and Bill became president. Soon, a petition was signed by people from 50 miles away in every direction. Even though the signatures were pouring in, Bill had a better idea.

"I said let's go to the top and write a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada," he said. The letter was sent off, and before long, they received a letter from the Prime Minister's office that said there was a television station from Swift Current that was interested in their area.

"I said let's get in the car and talk to a Member of Parliament," Bill said. They showed their MP the letter, and he said he was heading to Ottawa the next week and would see what he could do.

"Within two weeks, we had our television station," Bill stated. That was in 1963. "The letter is what got the thing going."



A photo of the Stranraer Ski Hill. PHOTO COURTESY SASKATCHEWAN ARCHIVAL INFORMATION NETWORK

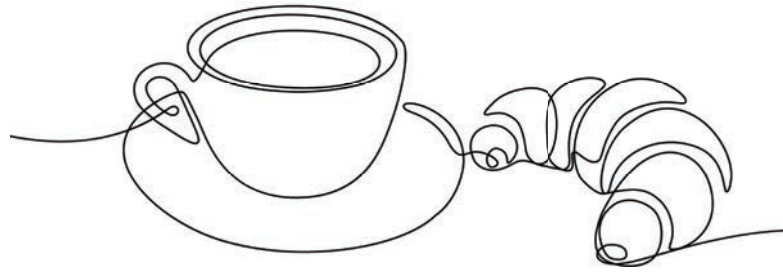


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- 5 Dog tags, e.g.
- 8 Quick look
- 12 Antioxidant berry
- 13 French vineyard
- 14 Impetuous
- 15 Dungeon's quality
- 17 Actress Rae
- 18 Small batteries
- 19 Detroit hoopster
- 21 Like a neglected lawn
- 24 Coop group
- 25 Within (Pref.)
- 26 Foppish behavior
- 30 Caustic cleaner
- 31 Loud
- 32 Dean's list stat
- 33 Writer Steel
- 35 Three- sloth
- 36 Barn birds
- 37 Travesty
- 38 "Jane Eyre" author
- 41 Tofu source
- 42 Chicago's Mayor
- 43 Hanging loosely
- 48 Location

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- 49 Swiss canton
- 50 Roasting spot
- 51 Church song
- 52 Domino spot
- 53 Harvest
- 10 Canadian gas brand
- 11 "Star Trek II" villain
- 16 Aye undoer
- 20 "500" race
- 21 Use a blowtorch
- 22 New Age singer
- 23 Genesis garden
- 24 Salutes
- 26 Prettified
- 27 Composer
- 28 Detail, briefly
- 29 Created
- 31 Salamander
- 34 Sea off Sicily
- 35 "Fearless" singer Swift
- 37 Boating hazard
- 38 Humdrum
- 39 "Gilmore Girls" daughter
- 40 Utah city
- 41 Use scissors
- 44 "Exodus" hero
- 45 "— had it!"
- 46 Museum-funding org.
- 47 Econ. measure

DOWN

- 1 Bankroll
- 2 Obamacare acronym
- 3 Scooted
- 4 Japanese emperor
- 5 Frosts a cake
- 6 Hosp. workers
- 7 Hitchcock forte
- 8 Overly proper
- 9 Bridge position

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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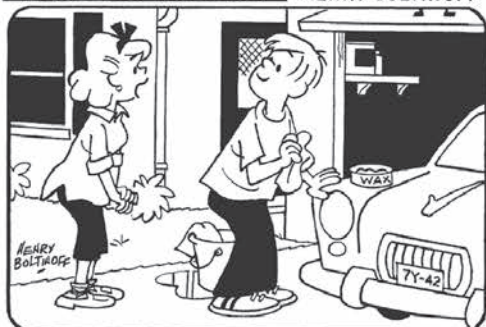
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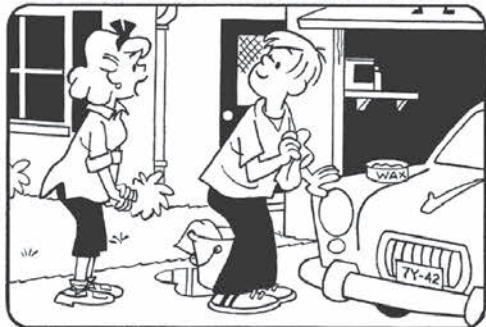
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bumper is different. 2. Shelf is lower. 3. Window is different. 4. Wax is moved. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Doorknob is added.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: In the children's book, what is Doctor Dolittle's special talent?
2. ART: Who painted the work titled "Starry Night"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is commonly used to make pickles?
4. MUSIC: What is pop singer Taylor Swift's favorite number?
5. MEDICAL: What is a common name for lachrymation?
6. BUSINESS: When was the Chia Pet invented?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
8. HISTORY: The Aztec civilization emerged in which modern-day country?
9. TELEVISION: Who played the character Michael Scott on TV's "The Office"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: The volcano Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern-day Italian city?

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Rosetown and Kyle RCMP Report

FEBRUARY 23

- Kyle RCMP received a report of a break and enter to the Lucky Lake rink. The matter is still under investigation.
- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 4. Members were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Kyle RCMP received a report of an erratic driver on Highway 4. Members located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.
- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of a suspicious person on Highway 7 near Fiske, SK. Members located the person who was hitchhiking.

FEBRUARY 24

- Kyle RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications in Harris, SK. The complainant declined to proceed.
- Kyle RCMP received a report of a two vehicle motor vehicle collision on a grid road near Harris, SK. There were minor injuries.

FEBRUARY 25

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Rosetown, SK. Members spoke with the registered owner and nothing further was required.
- Kyle RCMP acted as mediators in a family dispute in Kyle, SK.

- Rosetown RCMP received a request from EMS for assistance in Rosetown, SK. Members attended and an 18 year-old male was transported to Rosetown Hospital for assessment.
- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a single vehicle roll-over on Highway 7 near D'Arcy, SK. There were no injuries - reported for insurance purposes.

FEBRUARY 26

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a semi in the ditch blocking Highway 7. Members provided traffic control until the semi was pulled out of the ditch.
- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a motor vehicle collision on Highway 4. There were no injuries - reported for insurance purposes.
- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a suspicious person near Zealandia. Members located and spoke to a male who had hit the ditch - there was no suspicious activity.

FEBRUARY 27

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a suicidal male in Rosetown, SK. Members attended and transported an 18 year-old male to Rosetown Hospital for

assessment.

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of an erratic driver on Highway 7 near Harris, SK. Members were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Kyle RCMP provided assistance to a stranded driver in Beechy, SK.

FEBRUARY 28

- Rosetown RCMP received a report of a two vehicle collision in Rosetown, SK. There were no injuries - reported for insurance purposes.
- Rosetown RCMP received a request for a wellbeing check in Rosetown, SK. Members spoke with the subject of the complaint.
- Rosetown RCMP received a request for a wellbeing check in Rosetown, SK. Members attended and transported a 44 year-old female to Rosetown Hospital for assessment.

There were 38 traffic related charges issued, 3 miss-dial 9-11 calls and 5 false alarm calls.

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



All of the staff at Your Southwest Media Group was in action on Sunday, March 3, digging out from the first real blizzard of 2024. Joan must be eager to get back to work Monday morning!

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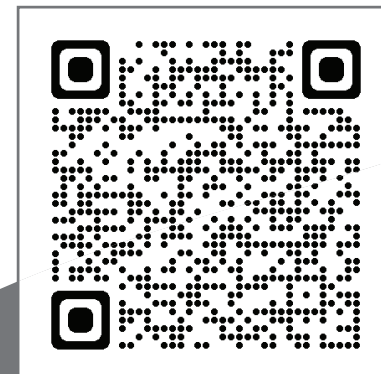
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join with the Library Board in extending a heart-felt Thank You to Cassie Stocks for her dedicated service and contributions during her 6 years as the Head Librarian.
Cassie's hard work, creativity and commitment have been greatly appreciated. We are sad to see you leave and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.
We would like to **introduce and welcome Veronica Ryland** as the newly appointed Head Librarian, replacing Cassie Stocks.
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Newspaper in Education Week

Empowering young minds | March 4-8, 2024



How newspapers teach students important critical thinking skills

Newspapers are a valuable tool for nurturing critical thinking skills in students. They provide a real-world context for intellectual growth and help develop analytical, evaluative and argumentative skills. Here are some ways in which newspapers impact students' critical thinking skills.

NEWSPAPERS OFFER DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS

Firstly, newspapers encourage students to engage with current events and complex issues. They provide in-depth coverage of local, national and international news, which allows students to explore different viewpoints and form their own opinions. This process of analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating information is central to critical thinking.

NEWSPAPERS TEACH MEDIA LITERACY

Secondly, newspapers promote media literacy. In an age of digital information overload and "fake news," students need to develop the ability to discern credible sources from unreliable ones. By regularly reading newspapers, they learn to identify trustworthy news outlets and differentiate between fact-based reporting and opinion pieces.

NEWSPAPERS IMPROVE LANGUAGE SKILLS

Moreover, newspapers enhance vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. The varied content and writing styles found in newspapers challenge students to understand complex ideas and concepts, which in turn improves their language proficiency and comprehension abilities.

Newspapers in Education Week takes place annually during the first week of March. It's a perfect time to encourage students to incorporate newspapers into their classroom routines to help in their intellectual development and prepare them to be informed, critical thinkers in today's complex world.



Using newspapers to foster civic engagement among young readers

Youth today have a reputation for not voting and being uninterested in getting involved in their communities. However, research shows that newspapers can play a vital role in increasing civic engagement among young people.

RESEARCH RESULTS

Research conducted by the Newspaper Association of America Foundation (NAA) found that young people who read newspapers regularly were more likely to volunteer, participate in community activities, get involved in local politics and vote in elections.

THE LINK BETWEEN NEWSPAPERS AND ENGAGEMENT

The study also found that engaged young people remembered having newspapers as part of their high school classes, homework that involved reading newspapers and consuming teen-focused content in their local papers. This also included digital media online.

Moreover, talking about news-related subjects and events with parents, teachers and peers had a significant impact on their knowledge and involvement in public affairs.

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TYPES OF ENGAGEMENT

Young people who volunteered cited youth mentoring, community improvement and environmental work as their top activities. Also, on the list were walking, running and riding a bike to raise money for a charity and taking part in blood donation drives. They were also more likely to donate to causes they felt were impactful and participate in local political rallies and election campaigns.

During newspapers in Education Week, ensure newspapers have an active role in your child's learning routine to help foster a future generation made up of engaged citizens.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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Suffern Lake Regional Park Authority

Is now accepting applications for

Park Caretaker Full time; May 01 - Sept 30, 2024

Suffern Lake Regional Park (SLRP) is located from Macklin, Hwy #17 N 16 Km, Municipal Road #787 E 4.9 Km, Municipal Road N 16.2 Km, Rural Road W (Park Entrance).

SLRP is situated on crown land in the Manitou Sandhills Integrated Resources Management Plan, an environmentally sensitive area. There are 37 serviced campsites and 10 non serviced campsites. Cabins also exist in a designated park area. There is a 9-hole golf course, and a small lake that is swimmer friendly, but with no lifeguard on duty. Lake speed is limited to 5 km/hour, perfect for trout fishing. Other amenities include a concession/small store, and a conveniently located community hall (with kitchen), available for rent with a refundable damage deposit. Provincial Park Passes are required and are available for sale on-site. Online registrations are available at: campreservation.ca

Hours of work vary, so flexibility is required. Applicant must be physically fit and possess a driver's license. First Aid certification would be beneficial, but is not a requirement. Park employees must possess a strong work ethic and be committed to the park, its patrons, the Board, and the surrounding communities. As manager, you will serve as a role model and mentor. The Park is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in our workforce and knowledge of our people.

Duties: fulltime management and maintenance of the park and its amenities, including grass cutting, beach area, golf course, trail maintenance; and individual camper(s) and group use areas. Responsibilities include reservations, hall reservations, and concession stand operations, etc.

Applicant must have essential computer skills and the ability to operate and maintain all park equipment.

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Suffern Lake Regional Park Authority may be hiring campground attendants for SLRP, full time (35 hrs/week), May - Aug and/or Jul - Aug. Successful applicants will be expected to assist caretaker with guest services, cleanliness, maintenance & upkeep of the grounds at the park. Safe equipment operation training will be provided.

Deadline for applications - Apr 15, 2024

For a complete Job Description or to submit resume:

Hal Wright, President 306-823-3611 Email: hal.wright1@gmail.com
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The Rural Municipality of Snipe Lake No. 259

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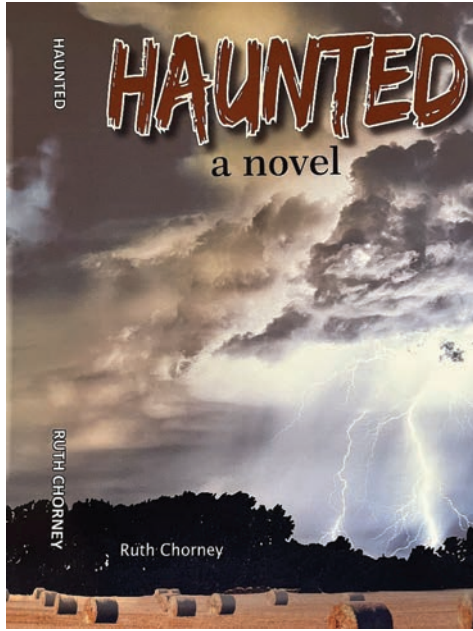
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- Certifications
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- Three references

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume by: mail, email or fax.

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

“Haunted”

by Ruth Chorney
 Published by 7SpringsBooks
 REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL



Ruth Chorney’s Saskatchewan-set novel, *Haunted*, transports readers to interesting places—geographical and otherwise—and it’s just the kind of book that makes me wish more Saskatchewan people would read the good literature that’s being produced within their own province. This engaging story’s set in the rural community of “Deer Creek, population 1242” in the northeastern part of the province, where moose roam, a hoodie is called a “bunnyhug,” and the local

Co-op’s where you’ll meet neighbours, friends and the resident hermit/bootlegger. It’s a book about starting over, and accepting the kindness of neighbours. It’s also about generations of family, guilt, and doing what needs to be done. And it’s Saskatchewan, so the weather also gets its share of ink.

There are elements of the supernatural in this mostly realistic story, and like that other writer (Stephen King) who also combines realism and the supernatural to great effect, Chorney scores the right balance between making her characters and situations appear credible—ie: protagonist Marny’s husband needs work, so it’s off to the potash mine he goes—and also preparing us for the suspension of disbelief that’s required when Marny’s four-year-old sees auras and entities, and her mother, Saige—“a flake most of her life”—hosts séances.

Marny, a young mother of two, is

trying to keep it all together after housing challenges force her and her family to leave their small apartment “in a somewhat sketchy neighbourhood” in Vancouver and move into her deceased grandparents’ rural home on three quarter sections. Five-year-old Griffin’s response to arriving at the “two-storey house with loose railing from the upstairs balcony banging in the wind” is: “It’s like that Hallowe’en movie”. This is also the novel’s first line, and Chorney’s well-wrought descriptions root us in the long-abandoned rural property and flesh out the neighbours who are keen to help the family settle, like John in his “Dodge Ram cap,” and Tera, who runs a trail-riding business, and may know more about her husband’s mysterious disappearance than she’s letting on. Tera and an older neighbour, Gloria—both well-drawn characters—help Marny plant a garden and teach her



This photo was published in a March, 1984 issue of *The Clarion*, courtesy of Hugh McLean from Kindersley. Forty years later the photo is even more intriguing and gives us a glimpse of an era from the past.

how to preserve vegetables.

Chorney’s wisely chosen to structure the story via both Marny and Tera’s distinct points of view, and I noted that especially near the last third of the book, the author does a fabulous job of leaving cliff-hanger chapter endings: we have to wait to learn how a riveting situation unfolds, as the chapter’s narrators take turns. This author has formidable handles on pacing, plot and characterization.

I previously reviewed Chorney’s satisfying novel, *Conspiracy*—another Deer Creek novel, with a completely different plot. In *Haunted* the Kelving-

ton, SK author again spotlights the relationships between multi-generational characters and the beauty of the prairie landscape. Real-world events like COVID, the gentrification of cities, the 1993 “War in the Forest” protests at Clayoquat Sound, and the mass stabbing at the James Smith Cree Nation find their way organically into this page-turning new novel, which I really hope you’ll read.

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Brock Curling Rink entertains youngsters

BY JOAN JANZEN

Did you know you're never too young to begin learning how to curl? Every year, the elementary school students at D'Arcy School have the opportunity to attend a Curling School at the Brock curling rink.


This year, twenty-three kids from Kindergarten to Grade 6 gathered at the Brock rink at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1st. The rock throwing began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded by noon, after which lunch was served to the hungry participants. The students enjoyed ska-

ting next door at the Brock rink during the afternoon.

A group of volunteers pitch in to help. Brock resident Laurie Kelly was on hand to feed the kids soup, cinnamon buns, hamburgers and hotdogs at the booth.

Brenda Meyer, secretary at D'Arcy School, attended along with the other staff members. "It's a family day," Brenda said. "Grandparents, uncles and aunties all come out. It's an annual event, and most of the students know the basics of the curling game."

You're never too young to curl, and the folks at Brock supply junior-size rocks for the little ones.



NOTICE OF
ANNUAL MEETING


**Wednesday, March 27, 2024
7:00PM**

Luseland Credit Union
701 Grand Avenue, Luseland, SK S0L 2A0
Meeting will also be streamed
via Facebook Live
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The Annual Meeting is hosted by the Board of Directors. As every Delta Co-op member is an owner, we believe you should have a say in your business. As such, we are inviting all members to the Annual Meeting to discuss and shape your Co-op.

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- 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).

ESTON
FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - SUNDAY, MARCH 17
• Eston Curling Club Open Bonspiel at the Eston AGT Community Centre Curling Rink. \$120/team. Contact Sandy Sutherland to register 306-962-7572.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
• Celebrity Sports Dinner & Auction at the Eston AGT Community Centre Curling Rink. In support of the Eston & District Recreation Committee Fairgrounds Project and Eston Lions Swimming Pool. Contact the Town Office for tickets 306-962-4444.

- Eston Wheatland Centre Chase the Ace - Draws every Wednesday at the Centre. Ticket sales 4-7 PM. Draw at 7:30 PM. See our Facebook page for details. Lic#LR23-0068.

- Wheatland Centre Potluck Supper fourth Friday of each month 6:00 PM. \$5.00. Bring your own utensils. Coffee & tea provided. Wheatland Centre Bingo - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 7:00 PM. Regular Bingo plus Bonanza, 50/50 Draw. Must be 14 years of age. Call 306-962-7117 (ask for Linda) for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

KERROBERT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 20, 27
• Family Glow Curling 6:00-8:00 PM. \$5.00/curler. Must bring clean indoor shoes. Teams will be decided that night. Register in the Double Take Out Lounge.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
• Adult Only Glow Curling 7:00-10:00 PM. \$5.00/curler. Must bring clean indoor shoes. Teams will be decided that night. Register in the Double Take Out Lounge.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
• The Kerrobert Golf Course presents Duelling Pianos by Saskatoon Duelling Pianos at the Kerrobert PCC. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Show begins at 8:00 PM. Call Dylan 306-834-8550, Dakota 306-834-7721 or any board member for more information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
• Ducks Unlimited 34th Annual Kerrobert Banquet and Fundraiser at the Prairieland Community Centre. Doors Open: 5:00 PM. Supper: 6:30 PM. Auction & Raffles: 7:30 PM. Supported by Kerrobert Kinsmen and Dinette's. Contact Richard Anderson 306-834-7676 for more info / tickets.

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

KINDERSLEY
THURSDAY, MARCH 14
Kindersley Soccer AGM 7:00 PM. Location TBA. Come hear about a new vision for soccer. For ages 4-18 and adult. Receive a \$25 discount on registration fee for anyone in attendance.

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!

• Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper 5:00-7:00 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. \$25/person; 12 & under \$10.00. Dessert included as well as coffee, tea & juice.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
• Kindersley Arts Council presents Andrea Superstein at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre 7:30 PM.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
• Kindersley Screen Arts presents "Priscilla" 4:00 PM at the Sunset Theatre. \$10 at the door.

• Kindersley Wildlife Federation Annual Banquet at the Kindersley Elks Hall. \$60 adult; \$30 children. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Contact Brooke Kachmarski 306-460-5935 to get your tickets.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
• Kindersley Trivia Nights 7:00 PM at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre, To reserve a table email us at kindersleytrivianights@gmail.com

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

- Youth Curling hosted by the Kindersley Curling Club (Grades 4-12 welcome). Wednesdays at 5:30 PM on a weekly basis until March. No fee! More info contact Lexie at 306-831-5330.

- Parkinson's Support Group Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month 2:00 PM at the Kindersley Hospital. Everyone is welcome! For more info call Nancy at 306-463-4514.

- Monday Night Jam Sessions at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 to set-up, then the fun begins at 7-11 PM. Call Keith 306-460-8633.

- Interested in a support group for weight management? TOPS meetings; every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Kindersley Senior Centre OR contact Jill at 306-463-4210.

- PickleBall every Sunday & Wednesday 7:00-9:00 PM at Elizabeth School \$50 per season or \$5 drop in. More info call 306-460-8356.

- Prairie Crocus Quilt Guild meet the second Tuesday of the month (September to May) at the Pensioners Hall (3rd Ave. E., Kindersley) at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Donna at 306-463-4785.

LEADER
THURSDAY, MARCH 21
• Leader & District Chamber of Commerce AGM Doors open: 6:30 PM. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM at the Leader Friendship Center. Speaker: Corwin Boechler - Chamber Insurance. Everyone welcome.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
• Leader & District Arts Council presents Piano Heist 7:30 PM at the Leader Community Centre.

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

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

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

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

- Adult Volleyball every Tuesday 7:30 PM at LCS Gymnasium (student parking lot door). Participants must be Grade 10 or older. Call Shelley 306-628-7643 for more information.

LUSELAND
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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
• Luseland Arts Council presents Jake Vaadeland & the Sturgeon River Boys 7:30 PM at the Luseland Homecoming Hall.

- 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

• Major Rec Board Steak Shoot.
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
• Kinjo & 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
SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Little Legacy Learning & C.R.O.P. present Easter Supper and BINGO at the Plenty Community Hall. Doors open at 2:30 PM, BINGO at 3:00 PM, Supper 5:30-7:00 PM. If interested in helping or donating, please contact Jolene at 306-831-0114.

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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