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Vote for your favourite Kerrobert business

BY JOAN JANZEN

KERROBERT — The Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce is inviting residents to cast their vote in the 1st Annual Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Local Chamber member, Kim Burgardt noted, “The business awards not only recognize outstanding achievements, but also foster community spirit, encourage local economic growth, and provide valuable networking opportunities for businesses to thrive.”

Everyone is invited to vote for their favourite local business in four award categories, which are: Business of the Year, Community Builder, Best Customer Service and Best New Business. The awards allow the community to vote for the businesses that have stood out to them for their outstanding service and achievements throughout the year.

“By supporting the Chamber’s business awards, local businesses are essentially investing in their own community, promoting a thriving local economy, and acknowledging the hard work and dedication of their peers,” Kim concluded.

The Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of acknowledging the businesses, individuals and organizations that make their town such a great place to live and do business. Ballot boxes are located in various businesses around town, or you can vote online.



Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce member, Kimberly Burgardt, encourages residents of Kerrobert to cast their vote in the 1st Annual Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Ballot boxes are located at various businesses in town, or you can vote online.

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Angela’s doll and plate collection on display for everyone to enjoy

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — Angela Deschner recently donated a collection of porcelain dolls and plates to Kindersley & District Plains Museum. On Tuesday afternoon, August 12th, Angela was at the museum to greet visitors and tell them about her collection, which she had accumulated from 1992 to 2024 - the last year she worked as an Avon representative.

Each year, the dolls and plates were awarded to Avon’s top sales representatives in recognition of their achievements. “I worked very hard to reach the goal every year,” Angela said.

Winning representatives were invited to an annual luncheon in Saskatoon, where they received their awards. “There wasn’t very many of us that received dolls and plates; it was hard to do,” Angela admitted.

The President’s Award presented porcelain dolls to representatives who had sales amounting to \$10,000 during the designated cycle. This continued until 2019.

The additional Rose Circle Award began in the 1990s, continuing until 2010. This award granted a porcelain plate

to representatives whose sales reached \$35,000 during a designated cycle. As you can see, Angela worked extremely hard to receive these prestigious awards.

“But I never pressured anybody to buy anything. I just wanted people to use their product,” she explained. “I liked the products. My aunt started me on Avon when I was 15 years old and I’ve been using it ever since.”

After receiving her first doll and plate for the 1993-1994 cycle, Angela began storing her collection in a spare bedroom. “I never set them out because I was going to give them away. I thought everyone in town should enjoy them,” she said. “The museum did a wonderful job of setting them up. It’s a really nice display.”

The collection serves as a beautiful reminder of all the friends she made throughout the years while selling Avon products. “I tried to treat my customers the way I wanted to be treated,” she said. “I enjoyed being with people more than I enjoyed selling. I miss the people; they were more friends to me than customers.”

Angela’s visit with friends at the museum served as a reminder that each of the exhibits tells someone’s personal story, which needs to be remembered.



Angela Deschner from Kindersley donated her collection of porcelain dolls and plates to the Kindersley Museum, where everyone can enjoy them. She was awarded the collection during her years as an Avon representative from 1992 to 2024.

PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

District Governor visits Kindersley Rotary Club

BY JOAN JANZEN



District Governor Manon Mitchell (right) inducted new Kindersley Rotary member, Ashley Hill. Ashley is the manager at the Kindersley Inn. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — The Kindersley Rotary Club welcomed Manon Mitchell, the new District Governor for Southwestern Saskatchewan District 5360, to their dinner meeting on Wednesday, August 13. Members and guests gathered at the Highway Host on Main Street, where District Governor Manon Mitchell inducted new member Ashley Hill into the Kindersley Rotary Club. Expanding the club is one of Rotary’s goals. “With more people, we can do more good,” Manon said.

The new District Governor is an enthusiastic public speaker and community builder who encouraged the Kindersley group to set four goals: impact, reach, engage and adapt.

“Adapting helps you to stay relevant. If you apply one action to each of those goals, you will impact your community. The membership action plan supplies all kinds of strategies to meet your goals,” she advised.

Manon shared Rotary’s theme for this year: “Unite for Good”. Rotary members are aware that behind every act of service, new member, and global challenge, two things matter most: friendship and trust.

While on the topic of friendship, she informed her listeners that Rotary offers 104 different fellowships

for various activities, including everything from sky-diving to skiing. “Fellowships are separate groups of Rotary members that have fun times together,” she said.

Thanks to Rotary’s Polio Plus connection, polio cases have fallen by 99.9 percent since 1988. “It’s because of Rotary, we don’t see Polio now in Canada,” she added.

Internationally, Rotary helps girls in the Dominican Republic access education and provides early childhood education resources in Cambodia. These projects are vitally important because “the majority of people on the planet don’t live like us,” Manon explained.

The heart of Rotary is strong local clubs; clubs that are welcoming, flexible, open to new ideas and responsive to the needs of their communities. Collaborating locally and identifying community needs increases the global impact and helps make things happen.

Before dinner was served, Manon talked about the importance of engagement. “We are going to do that right here, right now,” she said as she handed each guest a card addressed to a Rotary member from another district. “Writing an encouraging note to a stranger will help connect us,” she advised.

The remainder of the evening was spent connecting with one another over a delicious meal.

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Highway 21 campers headed to the Great Sandhills or Cypress Hills stopped at the Fossil Fuels Mini Show & Shine held at the Dusty Compass Museum at Liebenthal, SK, on Saturday afternoon, August 2nd. There were cars, vendors, a silent auction, plus plenty of entertainment inside the museum. *PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN*



Reese is doing her very best to make Dusty Compass Museum another hot spot for tourism along Highway 21 on the way to the Great Sandhills and Cypress Hills.

Hwy 21 motorists stop by to visit the Fossil Fuels Mini Show & Shine

BY JOAN JANZEN

LIEBENTHAL — If you’re heading south on Highway 21 on your way to the Great Sandhills or Cypress Hills, you may have noticed the Dusty Compass Museum at Liebenthal, Sask. Visitors stopped in at the museum on Saturday afternoon, August 2nd, to check out the Fossil Fuels Mini Show & Shine, where 10-year-old Reese McCallum and her parents, Kyla and Kent, were on hand to greet their guests.

“Car show fans love any reason to take their hot rods out for a weekend drive,” Reese explained. She sees plenty of campers and cars driving by during the summer months. “It’s a hot spot for tourism and a very busy road,” she said, which is why she and her parents decided to host a mini show & shine.

Hostesses Reece and her mom wore matching red coveralls and 1950s hairstyles for the occasion, while Kent was in charge of barbecuing hot dogs. Over a dozen antique vehicles from the area were parked on their property, along with vendors from Medicine Hat,

Leader, Mendham and Fox Valley selling their wares under the shelter of gazebos while customers checked out a table of silent auction items.

As usual, there were plenty of fossils, rocks and artifacts to see inside the museum. At the back of the shop, a drum circle brought by Ray of Sun Drum Circles in Medicine Hat invited participants of all ages to experience the rhythmic nature of drumming.

Meanwhile, upstairs, youngsters enjoyed the latest addition to the museum. “It makes me so happy that kids are having so much fun in the upstairs learning zone, which includes a historical projected mining video, a prehistoric imagination area and a mine shaft art installation with Saskatchewan’s top 30 minerals,” Reese said. “The funds to build it were supported by many of my rock customers through a fundraiser I hosted. Mom and Dad built it in their snow suits in temperatures from -20 to -39.”

The ten-year-old business owner said, “Without my amazing customers my business may look very different than it does today. I’m excited to do the car show again next year!”

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Above: Frances Swan, her son Bryan, and great-granddaughter Brodie cut the anniversary cake at the 100th anniversary celebration of Smiley United Church. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY RELLA LAVOIE



Right: Piper Ward handed out bulletins for the afternoon church service at Smiley United Church on August 3rd.

Smiley United Church celebrates its 100th Anniversary

BY JOAN JANZEN

SMILEY — The Smiley United Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, August 3rd. Approximately fifty-five guests attended the afternoon church service conducted by The Rev. Piotr from St. Paul's United Church in Kindersley. The guests included former Smiley residents who travelled from Saskatoon, Eatonia, Kindersley and Surrey, BC for the occasion.

After the service concluded, everyone went to the community hall for a program and potluck supper. Shania Sanville sang a solo, and Frances Swan from Eatonia read a poem she had written. Her father-in-law, Ed Swan, was one of the board members when the church was built in 1925, and her son Bryan and great-granddaughter Brodie had the honour of cutting the anniversary cake. A beautiful 100th anniversary plaque was made and donated by Randy and Connie Schmidt in honour of this special occasion.

Rella Lavoie shared the history of the Smiley United Church. "Many generations have benefitted from the hard work that went into building this church and the hardships endured meeting financial obligations," she said.

The final cost to build the church in 1924 was \$3,288.50. In order to complete the structure, a \$1500

loan was secured from the Presbyterian Church of Canada in May 1925. The mortgage was officially paid off in August of 1944.

In 1926, a manse was purchased with money loaned by Mrs. Emma Sanville, and the interior of the church basement was finished in 1928. During the past century, many people worked together to help build and supply all that was needed, including fencing, a pulpit, trees for the yard, a horse and buggy for the minister, the purchase of coal, gas mantles, and an electric organ after electricity came to Smiley in 1955.

From 1925 to 1994, twenty-four ministers, student ministers, lay ministers, and diaconal ministers served at the church. By 1934, there were thirty-four families registered in the congregation and fifty-five enrolled in Sunday School. A century later, occasional services are held at the church with pulpit supply by area ministers.

"Today, as we celebrate our past, I would like to pay tribute to our forefathers who had a vision one hundred years ago," Rella said. "We are grateful for the many gifts we have received over the years."

Over the past years, those gifts supplied carpeting, paint and shingles, a window, new steps for the church, as well as everything needed for the house of worship. Not only does this year mark the 100th Anniversary of the Smiley United Church, but it is also the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada.



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OPINION:

Sharing your story can save lives

BY JOAN JANZEN

Here's a bit of old-time trivia for you. A popular Western TV series called Bonanza ran from 1959 to 1972. The four main characters —Lorne Greene, Michael Landon, Dan Blocker, and Pernell Roberts — wore the same outfits for 431 episodes.

Although the show ran for 14 years, few people noticed that the characters wore the same clothes in every episode. Meanwhile, the years pass, and not many Canadians notice that changes are being proposed for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID).

Conservative MP Tamara Jansen tabled a bill to ban MAID for mental illness. Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act) seeks to amend the Criminal Code to exclude mental disorders from being considered a "grievous and irremediably medical condition" for MAID eligibility. If the bill passes, individuals would be disqualified for MAID on the basis of mental illness alone.

Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton, provided some background information while being interviewed by Candice Malcolm. He explained that the court's decision in Quebec stated the MAID rules were too restrictive, and the Liberal government responded with this expansion. The unelected Senate unilaterally decided to make this addi-

Look what we all would have missed without you.

tional change, passed it, and submitted it to the House of Commons.

"The Liberal government moved it forward in spite of massive pushback from the mental health and healthcare field, and a number of people from different sectors," Andrew said. "They put in place a date this would go into effect, and would figure out the details later. They still haven't done that. Right now, if nothing happens as of March 2027, it will go into effect."

"This is something that is very near and dear to my heart; I am a suicide survivor myself," Andrew said. "I might have been successful getting my life ended, which means I wouldn't be here today. I wouldn't have a loving wife. I wouldn't have had a successful career. I wouldn't have all those wonderful people I worked with during the last decade and a half."

In an effort to support the Right to Recover Act, Andrew launched the "I Got Better" campaign, where people share their personal stories. Those are stories of hope, survival and recovery.

Before becoming an MP, Andrew

hosted 'The Andrew Lawton Show'. On one of his podcasts, he shared his personal struggle with depression, and people were listening.

"Mr. Lawton saved me during 2020. I watched his shows and emailed, and Andrew took the time to reply in a meaningful way," one of his listeners commented. "If it wasn't for Andrew's story, I wouldn't be here today."

It appears the Right to Recover Act is not only near and dear to Andrew Lawton's heart, but to many people who suffer from depression. They are making their voices heard, as they posted comments after Andrew's interview. Here are samples of what listeners had to say.

"I'm one of those people that wouldn't be here too. Most people truly want help, not a way out."

"I used to watch your show, and when you came out about your struggles, it helped me take an inner look and reassess my thoughts. I am glad to see you in politics and fighting to make a difference for all of us."

"Look what we all would have missed without you. You are one of the most brilliant and caring men I've seen. I am very happy you are here."

"Thank you for fighting for all of us with mental health struggles. If anyone reading this comment suffers the same, please know you are loved and valued."

"Having had depression and anxiety

for over two decades, I know firsthand it can make life feel hopeless to keep battling every day. But I also know that these issues come in waves, and there's many tools to make these conditions manageable. I hope that people who are submerged in suffering don't give up and give in to this, because life can get better, even though it seems impossible at times."

Andrew also noted that some people list loneliness, poverty and isolation as reasons for wanting MAID. Those are not medical issues.

"This should be a non-partisan issue. I'm hopeful we will receive support from across the aisle," he said concerning Bill C-218. "I don't want to get political points off of this; I want to save lives. If you have experienced mental illness, share that with your MP. Make sure they know there's a human face behind this."

The main characters on the old television series wore the same attire for 14 years. But the main characters struggling with mental health issues all have different faces and circumstances. Each one is unique with unlimited potential and value.

"It's possible to survive and even thrive after wanting to end your life," Andrew concluded. Now he's sharing his story, supporting Bill C-218 and saving lives.



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Pop89: Here, let me do that for you

BY MADONNA HAMEL

“Here, let me do that for you”, says the automated voice, assuring me, in carefully programmed language and hushed tone, that it really cares about my needs. Let me assist you even when you don’t need it. Let me make life easier for you. Like the worst kind of helicopter parent, let me keep you safe and immature. But of course, there is nothing parental about that voice. It is more like Big Brother, listening in, watching your every move. It transcribes your private conversations for you, and noses into the conversation when uninvited, posing as a “companion”, not the data “collector” it is. And here I want to say that I deliberately choose the word “collect” and not the word “harvest” when it comes to gathering data. “Harvesting” will always be reserved for these prairie farmers and their machines, gathering real crops in real weather in real time and space. Getting really dirty, in real bodies. Life online makes it too easy rob the embodied reality from words. Words like “friend”, “chat”, and “meet” are now used to describe people we’ve never met nor talked to, calling them friends when we don’t know them. But hey, they “like” us and we “like” them until they disagree with something we say and they “unfriend” us. The problem of sweet-talking surveillance systems isn’t that they are out there, hovering over our zooms, informing us they are transcribing our meetings, whether we asked them to or not. The problem is: we don’t mind. If I were a conspiracy theorist my theory would be this: we have been groomed for this moment. Big Brother, once a fearful prospect, became a “reality” show with people actually auditioning to be spied on. Voyeurism went from creepy to a national pastime. Along with exhibitionism. And once you’ve got people willing to be spied on and given them the tools to spy, what’s one more eyeball and ear in

the room? The young were born with cameras in the room. Even in their bedrooms. Surveillance comes disguised as a “service”. We’ve all been groomed to expect “convenience”. I remember when corner stores were named “convenience” stores. When their hours were extended into the wee hours to serve our every little need. And speaking of hours: I remember moving from analog to digital clocks. Before then we had to learn to tell time, read a face clock. Later, working in radio, I had to “talk to time” - tailoring my words to coincide with the sweep second hand as it arrived at the top of the hour. To me, the creepiest tech intrusion is cell phones. I’ve gone from rotary dials to push button to mobile to cell phones in the span of one life time. And with cell phones screaming at me to stay current and cool with the latest upgrade, it ain’t over yet. The latest upgrade includes things I don’t ever need or use, but, uninvited, keeps constant track of my conversations and opinions, my cravings and complaints. All in the name of “service”. When Dylan sang “You gotta serve somebody”, this is what what he was talking about. We’ve been captured into paying more for “services” that direct the world and create desires. This is what it was like when slick advertising burst in a big and intrusive way onto our tv screens and magazines in the 70s. But now we pay to get advertising on our phones, and then we pay more to have it removed. More and more I feel like my cell phone is a stalker, a hungry ghost, that haunts and haunts and is never satisfied. In the days before cells a long walk did not involve taking the world with me. Now I have to wrestle with the indoctrinated idea that I am somehow irresponsible if I leave it at home, as if I were a bad babysitter. Now I go for walks at night without my phone, so I can focus on communing with creation, which

ultimately comes down to listening to the grace that put me here in the first place. I leave my phone at home despite recent family crises. I cannot afford to let fear and worry fill my consciousness, my bones, my very footsteps. When something has that much control over my mood and my day, I have made it a god. We are serving some strange and empty gods. And I still drive with a map on the passenger seat, having high-lit in pen my route. GPS feels like cheating, like losing one more survival skill. Like not knowing how to tell time. And I can remember not having a computer. I went to libraries and read books. Still do. With books, no one can alter the information between the covers while I sleep. No one can say one thing one day, another the next; no one can edit the facts for me. I’m not so old that I used an abacus. (Actually, I did. Once.) But I remember when calculators were introduced. It also felt like cheating. When I worked in retail and restaurants, I counted back change calculated in my own humble brain. The cash register did not tell me how much was owed. (Also, counting back change is a way to keep your neural pathways active.) In stores, I go to the human being at the check-out counter, who, while helping me fill bags, confesses in a hushed whisper, “I do fear losing my job to automation. I know that the reason for replacing me is to make more money for the company. So what can I say?” What can we say? Until we get our sense of meaning and fulfilment from other places - technology will be there to make a few people very, very rich. The rest of us can be humans. Embody action and presence. We can mean it when we say: “I can do that for you.”



TO THE EDITOR: Waste site disgrace

Residents of the town of Rosetown and the surrounding area have a right to be informed of what’s really happening with their council and staff and their real values.

The Town of Rosetown made a written statement not to develop the land now being dug as a waste site as long as there was anyone living in our home. They have chosen to go ahead and pro-

ceed, knowing full well they are breaking that promise. This promise was recorded in documents at the time the first landfill was established, where it currently sits, but they refuse to take their promises seriously. They also refuse to ensure the safety of our family by refusing to monitor water that may already be contaminated by the current cell due to leaching, as well as garbage littering the countryside, including our dug-outs that we use for fish, which we would like to consume safely. They persistently neglect cleaning up trash on the road, as well as trash that escapes the fences, blowing for miles around. In 6 months, we got 16 flat tires caused by travelling the road from our home to town, and we had to pay for all those repairs ourselves, even though it’s the location of the landfill that causes them. The average lifetime statistic is 5 in total! Trash causes us to stop harvest and seeding due to it being tangled in machinery, with the potential to cause thousands in damages, let alone downtime every year, even after requests weeks in advance for them to come retrieve the trash prior to these activities, and it is their legal responsibility to do as such in a timely manner. They have no respect for our health or lives or the future of any resident at this property, which proves it is unlikely they have any care for any individual in their constituency, as proven by their actions in this matter.

A word of caution to all those that live in as well as surrounding the town of Rosetown. The current council, mayor and past administrator all acted on this dismissal of their predecessors’ promises and took no care for whose lives they risked. Any agreement with these individuals has absolutely no weight, and they will force you into legal action, which they know most can’t afford, so they just do as they please. They refuse to pay for damages and labour that was a direct result of their negligence in removing trash and making sure the road is kept clear of dangerous debris. Every one of these individuals should be ashamed of themselves for their actions and stonewalling tactics in this matter. As citizens it appears that you are also not required to pay for things like the town deciding you aren’t cutting your grass or littering as those types of things are exactly the type they refuse to pay for when it’s them at fault. Recent concerns from their own auditors, as mentioned in the Rosetown Eagle newspaper, should also bring into question the financials of the town of Rosetown. If details and dates are so vague, where is the ratepayers’ money, as well as any other funds given to the Town of Rosetown, really ending up, to whose benefit and for what reason? They claim that it’s always been done that way...so has corruption been a plague for just as long? I’m sure many are wondering the same.

Sherry Fensom
Rosetown, SK

McIntosh, Mboko both steal the show

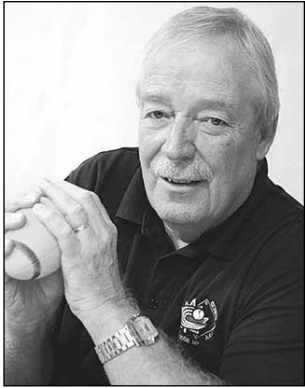
BY BRUCE PENTON

It was Summer’s summer of domination until Vicky came along with victory after victory to steal the show.

Overall, Canadian female athletes shone on centre stage at two important athletic championships as the summer reached its halfway point..

Summer McIntosh, of course, is arguably the best swimmer in the world, even though she finished third in the 800-metre free-style behind Katie Ledecky of the United States at the world aquatic championships in Singapore. Despite that one-off defeat in the 800, Ledecky’s specialty in which she has been virtually unbeatable for the past five years or so, Toronto’s McIntosh was the star of the championships. The 18-year-old wunderkind won four gold medals —the 400-metre freestyle, the 200-metre butterfly, the 200-metre medley and the 400-metre individual medley. Her five medals boosts her total to 13 at the world championships, including eight golds.

But while Canadians were ready to concede the national female athlete of the year award to McIntosh, along came a virtually unknown tennis player from Toronto who stunned Canadian sports fans by winning the National Bank Open in Montreal. Televised matches played by Victoria (Vicky) Mboko, whose family moved to Canada from the Congo via North Carolina in the late 1990s to avoid political unrest, became must-see TV as she slowly moved through the draw and won the title by beating four-time Grand Slam winner Naomi Osaka in three sets.



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

Mboko defied the odds by winning the semi-final against Kazakhstan’s Elena Rybakina, a former singles champ at Wimbledon, after being down 5-3 in the third set. She battled back and eventually won the match in a tie-breaker.

It has been a remarkable run for Mboto, who was ranked 333rd in the world at the start of 2025 and is now in the top 25. Sloane Stephens, the U.S. Open champion in 2017, sees an extremely bright future for Mboko: “I think she can be a grand slam champion. I think she could probably be No. 1 in the world,” said Stephens.

Canada has a great history of producing world-class female players. Eugenie Bouchard, Bianca Andreescu, and Leylah Annie Fernandez have all had their moments. Andreescu reached the highest summit by winning the U.S. Open singles title in 2019, beating Serena Williams. Bouchard’s career highlight was reaching the women’s final at Wimbledon in 2014.

Will Mboko surpass those outstanding feats and become Canada’s best-ever player? It’s difficult to say, but the determination and skill she showed in winning the Montreal event would point in that direction.

McIntosh, meanwhile, will be aiming for a quartet of golds at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles. Mboko will likely be part of the Canadian Olympic tennis contingent and a plethora of medals and headlines await the duo.

As for Canadian athlete of the year voting at the end of 2025, the two female stars and NBA superstar Shai Gilgeous-Alexander of Hamilton will be the top contenders. Male voting bias will likely anoint Gilgeous-Alexander as the winner, but why not three co-winners?

- Former MLB pitcher Tug McGraw: “Ninety per cent of my salary I’ll spend on good times, women, and Irish whiskey. The other 10 per cent I’ll probably waste.”

- Comedian Tommy Cooper, on the hazards of sports gambling: “Gambling has brought our family together. We had to move to a smaller house.”
- Headline at fark.com: “Las Vegas A’s stadium marked up to \$2 billion. Owner seen sweating at craps table.”
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: “Toronto (Blue Jays) acquired Seranthony Dominguez from the Orioles. When was he knighted, and why?”
- Rolfson again: “The President of the United States is pressuring the Washington Commanders to change their name back to the Redskins. Why don’t they just meet in the middle and call them the Washington Orangeskins.”
- Headline at fark.com: “Ranking all 32 NFL home uniforms from worst to best. It’s not just the politics that are ugly in Washington.” (No. 1 was Los Angeles Chargers.)
- One more from Rolfson: “Indiana Fever guard Sophie Cunningham was fined \$500 for criticizing WNBA referees on TikTok. There goes her August salary.”
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: “Now that ESPN has acquired the NFL’s popular RedZone Channel, are we now going to get Stephen A. Smith popping onto our screens every time a touchdown is scored just so he can scream, ‘THIS DEFENCE IS AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE!’”
- Headline at The Beaverton.com: “Nation’s mothers hail 18-year-old tennis champion Vicky Mboko as new unattainable standard for you to live up to.”
- Another one from fark.com: “Anthony Richardson could return to the Colts as early as Saturday, much to the dismay of Colts’ fans.”

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Kids have a blast at Sci-Fi Science Camp

BY JOAN JANZEN

EATONIA — A dozen energetic kids had a blast at Eatonia’s Sci-Fi Science Camp from August 3rd to 8th. The young campers were more than happy to demonstrate the launching of their pop bottle rockets, which they had made earlier in the week.

Their instructors, Logan and David, came from the U of S College of Engineering to conduct the camp every afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. They took the best and most exciting engineering, biology, chemistry, physics, and animal science projects from each of their camps and brought them to Eatonia for an unforgettable hands-on experience!

Kids from Grades 3 to 6 gathered at the Eatonia Memorial Arena for the fun and educational Satellite Sci-Fi Science Camp, sponsored by the Community Initiatives Fund. The campers were having so much fun, they didn’t seem to realize they were learning all kinds of new information at the same time. And David and Logan also appeared to be enjoying their summer employment project.

The bottle rocket project was designed to show how a rocket engine works. All that was required to make the rockets were 2-litre pop bottles, a funnel, paper plates, construction paper, and tape. The kids learned about the purpose of fins and how a pointed tip helps cut through the air, creating lower areas of air pressure.

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon for a rocket launch. The rocket was placed on a launcher attached to a bicycle pump. One of the kids was busy pumping while the countdown began. The pumping caused the water to blast out of the bottle and take off, much like

Above: Logan gives some last-minute instructions before the campers launch their pop bottle rocket.

PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

Below: These three campers had a blast at Eatonia’s Sci-Fi Science Camp last week.

a real rocket takes off into space. While campers were having a blast watching the rocket shoot at least twenty feet into the air, it was also demonstrating how thrust can be generated, showing Newton’s third law at work.

The campers all received a USASK Sci-Fi Science Camp t-shirt as a souvenir of their time at camp. After I left the group, the fun continued as they were about to build a police siren controlled by light.



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The amount required to redeem the land may be ascertained on application to the Clerk, Treasurer or Administrator of the municipality. For any questions about the tax enforcement process please contact Taxservice at 1-877-734-3113.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2025.

Charlotte Helfrich, Administrator
Village of Major



Travellers can drop in and get a glimpse of some ‘old school’ history inside St. John’s one-room school, located nine miles south of Leader on Highway 21. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



‘Old school’ education = one room + one teacher

BY JOAN JANZEN

LEADER — A glimpse into ‘old school’ history is open to the public just nine miles south of Leader on Highway 21. Travellers can drop in at St. John’s one-room school and check out the classroom’s interior, which includes original desks and chalkboards. The building is typical of all wood-frame rectangular one and two-room schools built during that era.

Records show the school was completed in 1925. It is situated beside a miniature replica of St. John’s Lutheran Church, which had previously served as a school with as many as fifty-three students in attendance. These schools were not as common as public

schools, and St. John’s School was the only parochial school of the Missouri Synod in Saskatchewan.

Most of the teachers were pastors who served the congregation, up until 1942 when the school became a Protestant Separate School under the Leader School Division. The students arrived with horses, bicycles or on foot. When the school closed in 1965, it only had five students, who were then bused to school in Mendham. This was the last one-room school in the district.

An old news clipping reported that Sidonia Peters was one of the first students enrolled at the school, and her son, Douglas Wenzel, was one of the last pupils enrolled. Almost thirty years ago, the school was recognized as an official Heritage Site.

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BOOK REVIEW

Loved Beyond Compare: A Journey of Miracles and Resilience During a Wicked War

By Dr. Jane Amana Ekong
Published by Living Water Press
REVIEW BY SALLY MEADOWS

It was with great anticipation that I received Dr. Jane Amana Ekong’s memoir *Loved Beyond Compare* for review. I love reading about other peoples’ faith journeys, and Dr. Ekong’s story promised to be inspirational.

I was not disappointed. From the opening chapter, Dr. Ekong’s compelling writing drew me in through her vivid imagery and frank stream of consciousness. From the miracle of her birth to the “chaos, uncertainty, and fear” of living through the Nigerian Civil War, to the challenges she faced while getting her education, to navigating hurdles as she raced towards her wedding and marriage, this book is bursting with stories of how God kept His promise, as referenced in the opening chapter, to keep her and her family safe—and thrive—under seemingly impossible conditions.

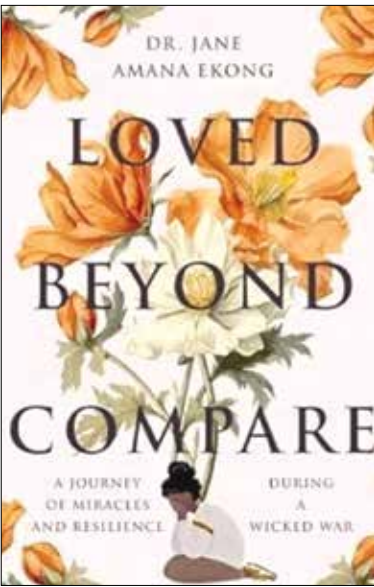
Sprinkled liberally throughout her book are stories of miraculous healings, prophetic warnings, visions, divine encounters, and the kindness of others who crossed her path. There are Scripture references, judicious use of bible stories,

From the opening chapter, Dr. Ekong’s compelling writing drew me in

and wise spiritual tenets that punctuate the life lessons she learned. Dr. Ekong doesn’t shy away from sharing some grim situations including being captured by soldiers, persecution by her peers, and all-out spiritual warfare. She is also upfront that there were times she wrestled with her own faith.

Dr. Ekong provides a fascinating glimpse into the culture of her people as well as her family’s influential spiritual legacy. Time after time, she marvels at how God can turn even the worst situation into something good. This thoughtful book radiates the gospel and will encourage other Christians to persevere through times of trial.

Dr. Ekong’s story ends abruptly in the second to last chapter. I confess I felt disappointed but only because I was really looking forward to finding out what happened next! It is arguably a brilliant marketing move that will have readers wait-



ing with bated breath to read the continuation of her story in her next book.

Dr. Ekong uses the final chapter in the book to summarize her story and reiterate what she learned; to encourage readers to reflect on their own lives; and to provide practical advice as to how readers can grow closer to God. This book is a must read for people at all stages of their faith journey, with spiritual truths that will resonate long after the final chapter.

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



Molly, Kindersley’s Librarian, demonstrated how the kids at the library could race the cardboard turtles they had artistically decorated on Wednesday afternoon. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

On your mark, get set, go!
The turtle races begin.

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — The phrase ‘slow as a turtle’ didn’t apply to the races held at the Kindersley Library on Wednesday afternoon. A couple of dozen children aged seven and older joined the Kindersley Library’s Create Club for an afternoon of crafts on August 6th.

Librarian Molly had the youngsters colour and cut out cardboard turtles. When they were done, the racing turtles were attached to strings to test their speed in some fun races.

Thanks to the staff at the library, children in the community enjoy regular crafting and story times. Molly said this particular craft was one she had enjoyed as a child, and the kids at the library seemed to love turtle racing as much as she did.

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Thick-billed Longspur. PHOTO BY MIKE MELTON



Chestnut-collared Longspur. PHOTO BY RICK MOHNS

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Prairie life in colour: Telling our two Longspurs apart

REGINA — Breeding season is in full swing and our prairies are alive with the sound of birdsong. This includes two very special songs, that of our two resident longspur species; the Chestnut-collared Longspur and the Thick-billed Longspur!

Both of these species are colourful grassland specialists and can be found in Southern Saskatchewan in remaining patches of native prairie. Both of these species are also at risk, the Thick-billed Longspur listed federally as threatened and the Chestnut-collared Longspur listed as Endangered. With both species potentially found on the same patch of land, identifying which longspur you are looking at can be tricky.

“When trying to ID, you want to look for specific markers to help give you a clue,” Emily Putz, Habitat Stewardship Coordinator for Nature Saskatchewan’s Stewards of Saskatchewan program explains. “One such marker is where their chestnut patch is,” she further notes. Both species have streaky brown backs, black facial markings, a thick stocky bill, a long hind toe (a “longspur”) and both black and chestnut patches. Thick-billed Longspur have a black patch on their chest, a gray belly, and a chestnut patch on their wings. Chestnut-collared have a fully black belly and, like their name suggests, a chestnut patch on the collar or nape of their neck. Chestnut-collared are also a bit more colourful overall.

While found in similar habitats,

Chestnut-collared Longspur typically prefer shorter grazed areas and will follow cattle herds around year to year to find their ideal spots, while Thick-billed will use areas of taller vegetation within grazed areas. “Both species are facing several threats, the biggest of which is the loss and degradation of their breeding habitat, the shortgrass native prairie,” Putz explains, “and both rely heavily on the ranching community that provides and safeguards their remaining habitat. We encourage anyone that has these species on their land to report their sightings and get involved in our stewardship programs.”

If you spot a either a Chestnut-collared or Thick-billed Longspur, call Nature Saskatchewan’s toll free HOOT-line at 1-800-667-4668 or email outreach@naturesask.ca. Every sighting helps monitor the population size and distribution. Stewards of Saskatchewan works directly with rural landholders and managers to conserve and monitor this species at risk. Funding is also available to help improve their habitat by supporting grazing on the landscape through fencing and water development. Personal information is never shared without permission.

Kindersley Town Council Briefs

- On Monday, August 11, 2025, Town Council had their Regular Meeting.
- 7.1: Council heard a presentation from Garth Hoffman regarding his complaint of the noise of the aerator fountains at the Motherwell Reservoir.
- 8.1: The Council of the Town of Kindersley resolved to rename the Norman Ritchie Community Centre to the Norman Ritchie Community Arts Centre.
- 9.1: Council resolved to accept as submitted the list of accounts as paid by the Town of Kindersley in the amount of \$2,479,286.92.
- 10.1: Town Council resolved to approve



the Consent Agenda which included the following items for acceptance and filing:

1. WRLI Board Meeting Minutes - June 24, 2025

Female arrested after robbery in Lancer

On July 28, 2025 at approximately 10:45 a.m., Leader RCMP received a report of a robbery at a business in Lancer, SK.

Investigation determined an unknown female attended the business and demanded a sum of cash from an employee inside. She told the employee she had a weapon. The female stole a sum of money and left the business on foot.

Leader RCMP located and arrested the female suspect outside a residence in Lancer. The stolen money was recovered by police. Further investigation determined the female did not have a weapon at the time of the robbery.

53-year-old Shirley Johnson from Lancer, SK is charged with:

- one count, robbery – threats of a firearm, Section 344(1)(a), Criminal Code; and
- one count, theft over \$5000, Section 334(a), Criminal Code.

Shirley Johnson appeared in Swift Current Provincial Court on July 29, 2025.

Maple Creek and Swift Current Rural RCMP, along with Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services and Roving Traffic Unit, assisted in this investigation.

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Whitecap is still very much serious about CO2 injection, but for enhanced oil recovery

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

CALGARY, BELLE PLAINE — Back in 2021, with an ever-escalating carbon tax seemingly assured to remain in place, corporations with notable greenhouse gas emissions were looking for a way to reduce those emissions. One scheme that was developed was a “carbon hub” that would include most of the major industrial emitters in the Regina-Belle Plaine-Moose Jaw corridor, led by Whitecap Resources.

Well, a lot has changed since then, with the consumer carbon tax being eliminated as the first act of the newly-elected Mark Carney-led Liberal government, and Saskatchewan saying it would no longer enforce the industrial carbon tax (most of which was being paid by SaskPower, anyhow). And part of that fallout was Whitecap selling off three carbon hub projects, two of which are in Saskatchewan, to Entropy, a subsidiary of Advantage Energy, which in turn has a \$200 million strategic investment agreement with Brookfield Asset Management. The announcement was made June 23.

This begs the question of whether or not Whitecap, which is the operator and majority owner of the Weyburn Unit since 2017, has lost faith in carbon dioxide injection. A story carried by AllSaskatchewan on July 25 could give the impression that Whitecap had largely lost interest in CO2, citing statements made by Whitecap CEO Grant Fagerheim in a July 23 conference call announcing second quarter results.

But is that really the case? Pipeline Online contacted Fagerheim and spoke to him on July 31 to get greater detail and learned Whitecap Resources is firmly committed to its carbon capture project near Weyburn, Saskatchewan and that the company continues to focus on attracting additional CO2 to and have the Weyburn unit run for decades to come.

Setting the stage:

Here’s what Entropy said in its June 23 press release: Entropy Inc., a subsidiary of Advantage Energy Ltd., has entered into a definitive agreement to purchase an interest in three carbon hubs from a Canadian oil and natural gas producer for \$20 million and contingent payments of approximately \$15 million (subject to adjustment) based on commercial milestones achieved by various projects.

The all-cash transaction encompasses a portfolio of strategic subsurface assets, along with associated commercial contracts, licenses, and other intellectual property. The acquired assets are the Belle Plaine carbon hub and the North Battleford carbon hub, located in Saskatchewan, as well as a 50% interest in the Rolling Hills carbon hub located in southern Alberta. The Acquisition is expected to close in August 2025, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions precedent. TD Securities Inc. acted as the exclusive Financial Advisor to the Vendor.

Funds for the Acquisition will be provided through the issuance of convertible debentures by Entropy under its aggregate \$500 million strategic investment agreements with Brookfield Asset Management and the Canada Growth Fund, with no capital to be contributed by Advantage. All debentures issued to finance the Acquisition will be obligations of Entropy Inc. and are non-recourse to Advantage.

“We are excited to expand Entropy’s footprint into Saskatchewan and strengthen our commitment to the carbon capture and sequestration business in Alberta,” said Entropy CEO Sanjay Bishnoi. “This acquisition marks a significant step in our commercial growth. We are also excited to build relationships with new customers and advance ex-



Ensign Drilling Rig 808 drilling a CO2 sequestration well due at 5:50 a.m. on November 8. The location was on the south side of the tracks along Highway 39, due south of Belle Plaine. It was also the most brightly lit rig Pipeline Online has ever seen. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

isting infrastructure projects that will enable CO2 to reach these newly acquired storage hubs.”

(Notably, Prime Minister Mark Carney is formerly the chair of Brookfield Asset Management.)

Within Saskatchewan, the Regina hub was the most prominent and furthest along. It was first announced Oct. 21, 2021, with a partnership with Federated Co-operatives Ltd. That Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was to incorporate CO2 capture at the Regina Consumers Co-operative Refinery and FCL’s Belle Plaine ethanol plant, with the intention to add other emitters in the general vicinity. Other emitters in the Belle Plaine area that would have the Entropy hub as an option would be Mosaic, K+S (Bethune), Genesis Fertilizers, Yara Canada and Gibson (Moose Jaw).

In late 2024 a CO2 injection well was drilled just south of Highway 39 and the CPKC mainline near Drinkwater, south of Belle Plaine. That well would be similar in concept to SaskPower’s Aquistore project, which went into operation in 2014 to prove out the concept of deep saline aquifer CO2 injection as a permanent storage solution for carbon dioxide captured at the various facilities listed.

Significantly, any CO2 going into deep saline storage, like Aquistore or at the new Drinkwater well may accrue carbon credits, but it does not have any actual revenue stream otherwise from the production of more oil. And according to Ministry of Energy and Resources, the math on using CO2 to produce more oil is roughly three barrels of oil for every tonne of CO2 injected. The math on simple injection into deep saline aquifers is zero barrels produced, but carbon credits accrued.

Having an alternative source of CO2 for the Weyburn Unit was a key consideration for Whitecap, as its initial contract with Dakota Gasification Company for over 1 million tonnes of CO2 per year was due to end mid year 2026.

But there’s a wrinkle with that. In 2008 the US government brought in a program known as 45Q, which would provide a tax credit of US\$30 per tonne for CO2 used in enhanced oil recovery (in the US) and US\$45 per tonne for injection into permanent storage without EOR, a la Aquistore or Drinkwater, but in the US. Under the Joe Biden administration those numbers were increased to US\$60 and US\$85 per tonne for EOR and permanent storage, respectively. That effectively put a floor price under CO2 purchases for North Dakota CO2 of US\$85 per tonne (CAD\$116.78 per tonne as of Aug. 6) For reference, while the number has never been released publicly, it is Pipeline Online’s understanding that the price for CO2 under the previous 24-year contract was in the range of US\$30 per tonne, meaning this would be a dramatic escalation in purchase price for

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CO2. If Whitecap wasn't able or willing to match that 45Q tax credit of US\$85 per tonne, it could potentially lose more than half the CO2 going into the Weyburn Unit.

And if that wasn't enough, the other contributor of CO2 to the Weyburn Unit is SaskPower's Boundary Dam 3 Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage Project. Federal regulations calling for the shutdown of Saskatchewan's conventional coal fleet by 2030 meant it was highly improbable for a mine to be kept open to feed one singular medium-sized generator such as BD3, even if it had carbon capture. But the Government of Saskatchewan announcing on June 18 that it would flaunt federal regulations and rebuild instead of shutting down its coal fleet has at least been a reprieve on that front.

So that's the stage now set – a carbon hub largely inspired by federal regulations and carbon taxation is now questionable due to all these changes.

As reported by AllSaskatchewan, Fagerheim said in that conference call, "The return characteristics are miniscule relative to what we can get in conventional oil and gas production ... Other than the Weyburn asset, developing new carbon capture hubs won't be a part of our strategy going forward."

Fagerheim explains

In conversation with Pipeline Online on July 31, Fagerheim said, "So from our perspective, we believe that it's a low margin business into saline aquifer storage versus safely injecting CO2 into partial depleted reservoirs like Weyburn. Weyburn is an awesome project with exceptional personnel operating it. The CO2 sustains the life of our oil reservoir. But when you're injecting CO2 into saline aquifer storage, there's no off-set financial benefit. There is a cost to inject, but there's limited margin for storing CO2 as a service."

Asked what does this have to with the uncertain future of the industrial carbon tax and the output based pricing system, Fagerheim replied, "Well, the future

is very uncertain. We decided, we can't continue with the way the carbon pricing system is at this particular time, it just doesn't make any sense, and it certainly doesn't compete for capital with the oil and natural gas production business!"

"Entropy and their investment partners have different financial objectives than Whitecap so saline storage and the associated returns make sense for them. Whitecap is very supportive of aggregating CO2 emissions and ultimately being used for EOR."

Asked if they would still want a pipeline down Highway 39 to bring CO2 to the Weyburn Unit, he said, "We'd still like to do that, and we still have the option to do that. We're not abandoning the carbon capture business. We're abandoning this specific project, as we did in Alberta, where we sold our Alberta projects to Wolf Midstream."

Asked about the North Battleford project, which was clearly with Strathcona Resources, he said, "What we were looking for is different carbon capture business. Are there opportunities? Which are reservoirs there for offtake? We didn't end up advancing those projects. The economics were just so thin. We can't keep putting shareholder money at risk with limited returns. We've been doing this, trying to build new projects since 2017."

That was the year Whitecap bought the operator stake in the Weyburn Unit, which until that time had been operated by essentially the same company, but under a succession of names, since its inception in the early 1960s.

Coal rejuvenation possibilities

Since June announcement SaskPower would be rejuvenating its coal fleet, that also brings about the opportunity to reconsider adding more carbon capture units, potentially to other generating units at Boundary Dam, but also possibly Shand and Poplar River Power Stations. A presentation by Ministry of Energy and Resources senior research geologist Gavin Jensen this past spring to the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference spoke of the possibility of adding and in-

cremental 73,000 barrels of oil per day through CO2-EOR if carbon capture was put on all the existing coal plants. That would involve deploying CO2 in multiple units across Southeast Saskatchewan.

Pipeline Online is aware the Government of Saskatchewan is actively considering additional carbon capture. So if they did go ahead, would Whitecap be interested in buying that CO2?

Fagerheim said, "Absolutely we want to be their sequestering agent. The pipeline is already built in. We want to continue to advance that project. We've got plenty of storage capacity, plenty more capacity to put CO2 away, and we can pay for it. In saline aquifer storage, the industrial emitter has to pay the hub to store their CO2."

One of the prospects brought up in Jensen's presentation was the possibility of employing CO2-EOR in the Saskatchewan Bakken play. Crescent Point Energy Corp. had done testing in the Bakken, but did not pursue it as the Bakken was sold, fittingly enough, to Whitecap as the company, then known as Veren, made its final exit from Saskatchewan.

On Bakken CO2-EOR, Fagerheim said, "We're reviewing that at this particular time."

"We have to put science and economic analysis to it. Because we own and operate the largest project in the world, we want to put our scientists to it, not someone else's. Not hearsay as to what anybody else did."

He pointed out there are very limited amount of companies that have the expertise they have as a result of years of operating the Weyburn Unit. "This is all developed for people all over the world, right in Weyburn, Saskatchewan."

He compared the differences between using CO2 for enhanced oil recovery and deep saline storage, saying, "But the challenge that you have with saline aquifer storage, is that it is relatively young or new in its history when in comparison."

"You've got such a long runway at Weyburn where you can safely store the CO2. It's good product for voidage replacement. Ultimately, when you take oil

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Community Steps Up

As many of us in the community and surrounding areas are aware, the parking lots of our local Hospital and Manor have been in desperate need of repair for quite some time. The Hospital committee tried for years to reach out to the proper authorities to have these repairs done, but their requests went unheeded. With the uneven pavement and pot holes it was becoming very dangerous for those having to use the facilities. It was time to make things happen!

The R.M. of Kindersley spearheaded the "pavement project" which brought together the surrounding Rural Municipalities of Antelope Park, Oakdale, Milton, Newcombe and Prairiedale. The Town of Kindersley, the Kindersley District Co-op along with our neighbouring Hutterite Colonies of Springfield, Smiley, Glidden, Eatonia and Eston all showed their support in a very significant way. Our local citizens and ratepayers donated personally and generously!

Every effort big or small has made a huge impact on this project and to all who donated monetarily or time wise, we are extremely proud and grateful.

The project is Complete! Big Thank You to K&S Paving of North Battleford. They did a fantastic job! There certainly were some challenges and they were met head on by this company - they can take pride in a job well done.

Changes were made, spaces and overall pavement area were added. Much needed wheel chair accessible spots are now available. Together we made this happen!

We are definitely a community who cares and by working together we got the job done!

Thank you to all!

You can still make a difference! Donations can be made to the R.M. of Kindersley & a receipt will be issued for Tax purposes.



Ben from the Saskatchewan Science Centre introduced the kids attending the Science Camp at the Kerrobert Library on Wednesday afternoon, August 13, to some fascinating creatures. They learned about the Slender Snipe Eel, Dumbo Octopus, Frilled Shark and more. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Science Centre brings real science and real fun to Kerrobert

BY JOAN JANZEN

KERROBERT — Saskatchewan Science Centre brought real science and real fun to Kerrobert at a science camp on Wednesday afternoon, August 13. Ben, their Science Globetrotter representative, kept the children engaged as he conducted experiments, activities and games with the children at the Kerrobert Library. Children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 learned about unique creatures like the Slender Snipe Eel, the Dumbo Octo-

pus and a pregnant Frilled Shark whose pregnancy lasts for three and a half years—the fun-filled lessons aligned with the TD Summer Reading Clubs ‘Around the World’ theme. They also learned about the journey water takes and how it impacts people, as well as hearing about faraway places and the amazing work scientists and engineers are doing around the world. Their instructor, Ben, took them beyond the earth, and they learned about flight, rockets and stars.

Unity, Wilkie and Macklin RCMP report

Unity RCMP

- RCMP received a complaint of fraud. This matter is still under investigation.
- Members spoke to two individuals regarding a property dispute.
- Police received a complaint of a cat leaving a residence through a window. Members attended and ensured the animal was in the care of the owner.
- Members conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a health care employee.
- RCMP received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members transported the subject of complaint to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment.
- Police received a complaint of disturbing the peace. Members patrolled but could not locate the subjects of complaint.
- RCMP received a complaint of unwanted individuals at a residence. Members attended. The subjects of complaint left the premises.
- There were also two false alarms, one traffic complaint and one false 911 call.

Wilkie RCMP

- RCMP attempted a traffic stop. The subject of complaint fled from Members. This matter is still under investigation.
- A 40-year-old male from Wilkie was charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Operation While Prohibited after Members located stolen property in a vehicle.
- Members received a complaint of a stolen trailer. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a complaint of trespassing. Members issued trespassing tickets to the subjects of complaint.
- RCMP received a complaint of possible graffiti at Wilkie Memorial Park but it was unfounded.
- Members received a complaint of a break and enter at two farm shops. This matter is still under



- investigation.
- Police received a report of suspicious individuals walking down the street late at night in Wilkie but there was insufficient evidence to proceed.
- RCMP received a complaint of a break and enter at an abandoned building. This matter is still under investigation.
- Members acted as mediators in a dispute between two adults.
- Police issued a 72-hour roadside suspension during a traffic stop.
- RCMP are investigating a complaint of fraud.
- There were also three traffic complaints.

Macklin RCMP

- RCMP received a complaint of a drone flying over a residence. This matter is still under investigation.
- Police received a complaint of a vehicle collision with a light pole. This matter is still under investigation.
- Members received a complaint of theft of fuel from a local gas station. The subject of complaint returned to pay for the fuel. No charges were laid.
- There was also one traffic complaint.

Persons with information about crimes being committed in the Unity / Wilkie/ Macklin areas are urged to call the Unity RCMP detachment at (306)228-6300; the Wilkie RCMP at (306) 843-3480; or the Macklin RCMP at (306) 753-2171. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may also call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, or *8477 on the SaskTel Mobility Network. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000.00 for information which leads to the arrest of person(s) responsible for any serious crime. Crime Stoppers is anonymous and does not subscribe to call display, nor are your calls traced or recorded. You can also submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com



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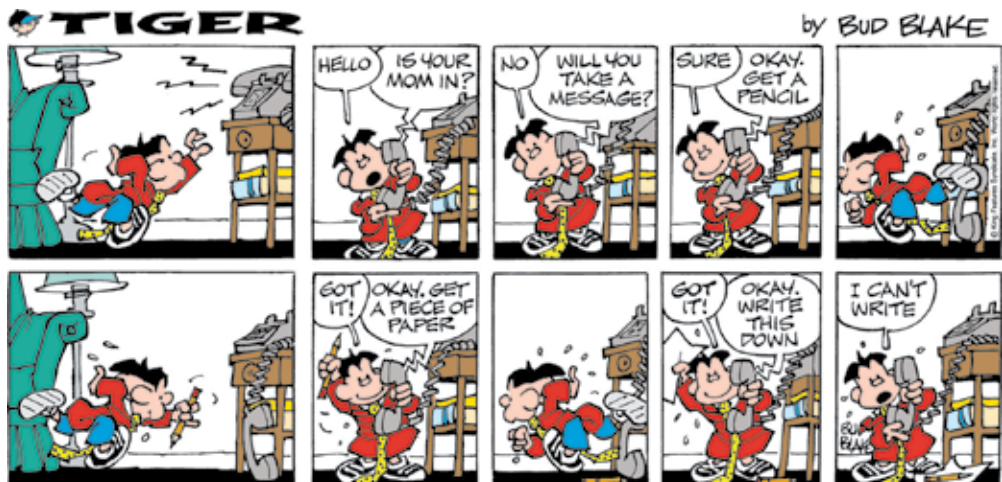
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by Dave T. Phipps



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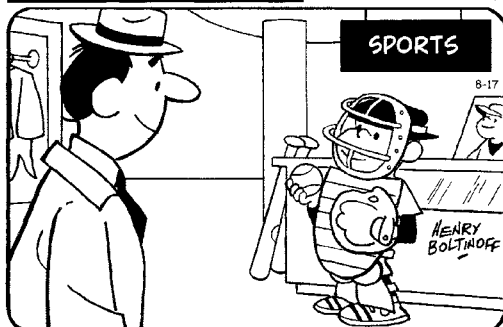
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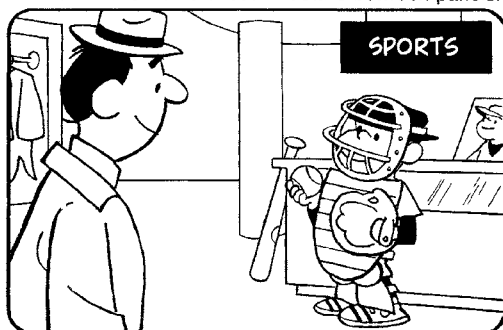
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by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which best original song from “Aladdin” won an Oscar?
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10. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is known for its large red spot, which astronomers believe is an ongoing storm?

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Extreme heat: how to prevent health problems

Is there a heatwave in the forecast? Older adults are particularly vulnerable to extremely hot weather for several reasons. As people age, their thirst sensation diminishes, increasing their risk of dehydration. Additionally, chronic illnesses and certain medications can affect the body’s ability to regulate temperature. Here are some practical tips to prevent health issues related to extreme heat.

- Stay hydrated. Drink water frequently, even if you don’t feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic and sugary drinks, as they can cause dehydration.
- Cool down. Take cool showers or baths to bring down your body temperature. You can also apply damp cloths to your skin or use cooling accessories like headbands and scarves.
- Spend time in cool places. Spend time in air-conditioned spaces like shopping malls or libraries, especially if you don’t have AC in your home. When you’re at

home, close the curtains to block out the sun’s heat and use fans to circulate cool air.

- Dress appropriately. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing made of breathable fabrics. When going out, opt for lighter colours to help reflect the sunlight.
- Limit physical activity. Avoid doing strenuous activities like mowing the lawn or carrying heavy objects during the hottest times of the day, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Watch out for signs of heatstroke. Symptoms of this life-threatening condition include elevated body temperature, red and dry skin, headaches, dizziness, nausea and confusion. If you feel unwell, seek emergency help immediately.

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out, you're filling that voidage up with something, either it's water and water-floods, polymer with polymer floods and CO2 and CO2 floods. This is technically proven in this area."

As for saline aquifer storage, he said, "We believe the science could be there, a high probability, but we were going to have to test that over an extended period of time, which meant more and more capital, and that was the challenge."

Asked why such testing would be necessary, since the Aquistore project has been injecting into the same Deadwood reservoir since 2014, Fagerheim points out that has been at minimal volumes in comparison.

"You have a much greater volume of injected CO2. Aquistore is one thing, but it's minimal volume, and it's used as a backup," he said.

With reference to Jensen's presentation of the potential of 73,000 bpd of incremental oil production across multiple fields in southeast Saskatchewan, several of which would include Whitecap areas, Fagerheim said, "For sure, we're very interested in growing our oil production."

"Our objective here, and we're in lockstep with Premier Moe on this, is that increasing production in the province, and how can we best do that."

"We have the technology on carbon capture, utilization and storage versus just carbon capture and storage. There's a difference here, because we can utilize the CO2 as a resource. Our current Federal Liberal government seems to think CO2 is a bad thing. It's not a bad thing. We were going to use it, as that's where the utilization and storage came in."

He explained, "The Liberals brought in this. We could capture CO2 and put it in aquifer storage, so we tried. We said, 'Okay, we're going to give it a try,'



The Weyburn Unit could take more than four times more CO2 than it is now.

"But now you're relying on government funding, which I think is absolutely wrong. I don't support it. These projects should stand alone. We shouldn't have to rely on incentives from the federal government, taking taxpayers' money and putting it into the ground.

These projects, putting CO2 into partially depleted oil reservoirs for pressure maintenance, it's a win-win, because you get more oil and you're putting CO2 away safely. And it's proven technology. So that's what I'm a big supporter of, and still am."



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Dated the 19th day of August, 2025

Victoria Munroe
Acting Administrator
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Fire ban issued by the province has been lifted

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) has lifted the provincial fire ban as of 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025 due to improved conditions.

The provincial fire ban will be lifted on all Crown lands located north of the provincial forest boundary up to the Churchill River, along with the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District.

The public is reminded that provincial parks, municipalities and R.M.s may still have their own local fire ban, restriction or advisory in place.

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RCMP Saskatchewan Enforcement Response Teams deliver strong mid-year results

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) of 2025, RCMP SERT executed 412 arrest warrants and seized more than 13 kilograms of illicit drugs, 49 firearms, and over \$231,000 in cash from Saskatchewan communities.

“Provincially funded RCMP Enforcement Response Teams continue to deliver tangible results across the province by addressing serious crime,” Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod, K.C. said. “The targeted enforcement executed by these officers is a key part of our government’s plan to reduce crime and build safer communities and neighbourhoods for everyone in Saskatchewan.”

SERT includes the RCMP’s Crime Reduction Teams (CRTs), Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team (WEST), and Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT), each tackling critical areas of enforcement across the province.

“The collaboration between local RCMP detachments and SERT teams is incredibly important to the success of our work,” acting officer in charge of the RCMP Saskatchewan Enforcement

RCMP STRT is a specialized, intelligence-led enforcement team that investigates weapons, drugs and human trafficking cases

Response Teams Inspector Michelle Ireland said. “Local detachments know their communities, and paired with further intelligence and investigation by the RCMP SERT, we continue to target safety concerns all across the province and remove drugs, weapons and dangerous people from the communities we serve.”

RCMP STRT is a specialized, intelligence-led enforcement team that investigates weapons, drugs and human trafficking cases. From January through June 2025, the STRT opened three human trafficking files, executed 43 search warrants and made 25 arrests, seized over 2,300 grams of cocaine and more than 1,600 grams of methamphetamine and laid a total of 22 charges.

In January 2025, Yorkton STRT arrested an individual in the city during an ongoing drug trafficking investigation. Yorkton STRT located and seized

nearly 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine, 936.5 grams of cocaine, 133 grams of fentanyl and approximately \$6,000 in cash. Further investigation led the officers to charge the individual with multiple counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking.

RCMP CRT responds to crime surges in rural areas, targeting prolific offenders and street gangs in Saskatchewan. In the first six months of 2025, the CRT executed 277 arrest warrants, laid 379 charges, made 473 arrests, and seized over 1,800 packs of illicit tobacco, nearly eight kilograms of illegal drugs and more than \$144,000 in cash.

RCMP WEST targets high-profile offenders who pose a significant threat to public safety, such as gang members and violent offenders with outstanding warrants. The RCMP operates one WEST team out of Saskatoon and Meadow Lake and another out of Prince Albert.

From January through June 2025, WEST executed 135 arrest warrants and made 102 arrests.

In February 2025, Prince Albert RCMP CRT and Humboldt Detachment executed a search warrant at a residence near Humboldt in relation to an ongoing investigation. At the residence, officers located and seized:

- 1,000 grams of methamphetamine;
- 801 grams of cocaine;
- 35,000 illegal cigarettes;
- four firearms;
- ammunition;
- bear spray; and
- additional drug trafficking paraphernalia.

During a traffic stop near this residence, Prince Albert RCMP WEST officers also located and arrested two individuals. While searching the vehicle, officers located and seized approximately \$42,245 in cash, a small amount of crack cocaine and additional drug trafficking evidence. As a result, charges were laid for possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of the proceeds of crime over \$5,000.

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Roxana Spicer is working on a sequel to The Traitor’s Daughter

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — It’s been a year since Roxana Spicer launched her book *The Traitor’s Daughter*, which shared her mother’s secrets and life in Netherhill, Saskatchewan.

“The big news is the book became an instant national best seller,” Roxana reported. “The book has been selected as one of the top 100 books of 2024 by the *Globe and Mail*.”




Roxana Spicer

Roxana was also shortlisted as Best Emerging Writer for the prestigious Rakuten Kobo Awards, held in Toronto. “While I did not win, I did attract the attention of two of the country’s largest international liter-

ary agents, who both courted me to join their team, in anticipation of my next book,” Roxana reported.

Her next book will once again bring the tiny community of Netherhill back into the spotlight. “I’m pleased to report I am working on a second book that also takes place in Netherhill, but focusing this time on growing up during the Cold War years.”

Agnes Spicer’s story of life in Netherhill from 1948 to 1998 will continue to unfold, accompanied by a supporting cast of Roxana, her father, siblings and other interesting characters. Although it’s too early for the author to reveal any details, she did say it will remind readers of the hit TV series *Corner Gas* “with a Russian twist.”



FILE PHOTO

Crop Report for week ending August 11

Widespread rainfall in the province last week had varying impacts on crops. The rain was timely for later seeded crops as they continue to fill, but some producers are concerned about the potential impact on quality for early seeded crops.

Additionally, rainfall slowed desiccation operations and other field work in many areas. Most producers welcomed the rainfall but are waiting for warm and dry weather to support crop development.

Most of the province received plenty of rain last week. The Beatty area received the most with 105 millimetres (mm), followed by the Calder area with 103 mm and the Star City area with 102 mm. The Bruno, Prince Albert and Saskatoon areas all received 90 mm of rain or more.

The abundance of rain dramatically increased topsoil moisture levels last week. Provincial cropland topsoil moisture now sits at 11 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 11 per cent short and only three per cent very short. For hayland, topsoil moisture is eight per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Pastures have topsoil moisture levels at six per cent surplus, 67 per cent adequate, 19 per cent short and eight per cent very short.

Some producers made harvest progress this week, with two per cent of crops harvested, which is behind the provincial five- and 10-year averages. The combination of rainfall and slow crop development last week prevented more crops from being harvested, but it is still early in the harvest season. Most of the progress has been made in the southwest, but some producers in the southeast and east-central are starting to take crop off. No producers in the west-central and northern regions have started harvesting yet, but they anticipate crops to be ready within the next couple of

weeks if conditions are favourable.

Winter cereals continue to lead harvest progress, with 16 per cent of winter wheat and 14 per cent of fall rye harvested. Producers also made progress in pulse crops harvesting, with three per cent of lentil and pea crops off. Finally, the first acres of spring cereal and oilseed crops were harvested last week. Two per cent of barley and one per cent of spring wheat and canola have been combined in the province.

Most producers are either done or finishing their last haying and silaging efforts. Provincially, dryland alfalfa yields are 1.10 tonnes per acre and greenfeed yields are 2.09 tonnes per acre. For irrigated hay crops, alfalfa yielded 1.95 tonnes per acre while greenfeed yielded 2.95 tonnes per acre. Silage yields for the province this year are estimated to be 5.25 tonnes per acre.

Environmental conditions were the main sources of crop damage last week. Excess moisture in crops caused the most frequent crop damage, but damage was minor and not widespread. Also, hard rainfall paired with strong winds caused minor crop lodging in parts of the province. There was also grasshopper and bertha armyworm activity in certain areas which required some producers to spray for these pests.

Harvest is a busy time in Saskatchewan, and everyone is reminded to prioritize safety this fall.

The Farm Stress Line is a toll-free number that producers can use to help manage their stress during this busy time, which can be reached at 1-800-667-4442. Producers should be aware of physical hazards, such as fire and powerlines, and take preventative measures to avoid incidents. The public is reminded that there is more heavy equipment traffic on roads during harvest and to be patient by giving machinery extra time and space.

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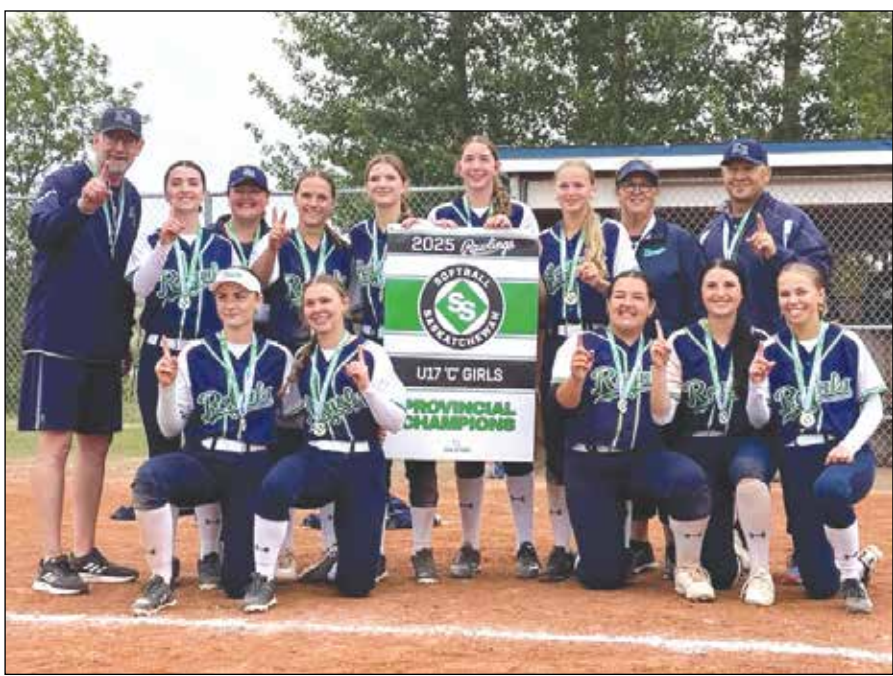


A group photo of the Kindersley Royals 11U boys' softball team and their coaches. They are posed in two rows on a dirt field. The front row is kneeling, and the back row is standing. A sign in front of them reads "Kindersley Royals".

PROVINCIAL SILVER MEDALISTS! A big congratulations to the 11U Kindersley Royals who won the Provincial silver medal on July 20, losing a heartbreaker in extra inning to Prince Albert. The boys played their hearts out and everyone is super proud of your accomplishment!

Back row (L-R): Bo Loerzel, Colby Orth, Curtis Graham (head coach), JB Newmeyer, Weston Sonmor, Todd Loerzel (asst coach) Kelsea Glencross (asst coach)

Front row (L -R): Gabe Houle, Blake Haughn, Dayne Ternes, Riley Leys, Charles Graham, Chase Glencross. *SUBMITTED*



A group photo of the U17 Kindersley Royal Girls Softball team and their coaches. They are posed in two rows on a dirt field. The front row is kneeling, and the back row is standing. A sign in front of them reads "2025 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS".

GOLDEN GIRLS! A big congratulations to the U17 Kindersley Royal Girls Softball team who won the Provincials on the July 18-21 weekend!

Back Row (L-R): Coach Colin Sveinbjornson, Ava Feader, Coach Amanda Bertoia, Kailee Preston, Avery Bertoia, Emma Sveinbjornson, Nevaeh Parfitt, Coach Tammy Torrens, Coach Dwight Brost

Front Row (L-R): Lundyn Young, Braelynn McBride, Tommi Schell-Wack, Kai-ley Akre. Missing from photo is Payton Graham.

Rosetown and Kyle RCMP Report

August 8, 2025

- Kyle RCMP received a report of a suspicious person in Rosetown. Members made patrols but were unable to locate the individual.

August 9, 2025

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of mischief to a motor vehicle in Rosetown. This investigation remains ongoing.
- Kyle RCMP received a breach of peace call in Rosetown. Members spoke with the parties involved, and no further action was required.

August 10, 2025


- Kyle RCMP responded to a well being check in the RM of Marriott.

August 11, 2025

- RCMP responded to a 2 vehicle motor vehicle collision on Highway 7, near Harris. One of the drivers was taken to hospital with minor injuries.
- Rosetown members were dispatched to a driving complaint on Highway 7, near Rosetown. The vehicle was located and the driver was issued a warning.
- A report was made to Kyle RCMP in regards to some mischief that occurred on August 9th in Kyle.
- Kyle RCMP conducted a well being check in Rosetown.
- Kyle RCMP received a driving complaint near Rosetown. The vehicle was located and a verbal warning was issued.

August 12, 2025

- RCMP received a complaint of theft of road base from the Dept. of Highways in the RM of Mildren. This complaint remains under investigation.
- Kyle RCMP were dispatched to a fire in a farmyard



A close-up of the RCMP GRC logo on a white vehicle.

just North of Kyle. Metal salvage accidentally started a fire in a pile of scrap in the middle of the yard. No injuries were reported.

- Kyle/Rosetown RCMP completed a well being check in Rosetown.
- Kyle RCMP were dispatched to a business for a theft under \$5000, this investigation remains ongoing.
- RCMP received a call of uttering threats against a person in Rosetown. Police deemed the threats unfounded.

August 13, 2025

- Rosetown RCMP received a firearms complaint in Rosetown. Members attended, the subject of complaint was shooting at a target with a pellet gun, and was told to move the target and not shoot towards the road.
- Rosetown RCMP assisted the general public with some concerns about paperwork for SGI. 1858 Hours – Kyle RCMP received a driving complaint in Rosetown, vehicle was not located but this complaint is still under investigation.

August 14, 2025

- Rosetown RCMP received a complaint from Dept of Highways who are working on Highway 15 near Sovereign, about vehicles passing in the construction zone.

There were 49 Traffic related charges issued, 1 911 mis-dial call and 1 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 www.saskcrimestoppers.com 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Saskatchewan sees Boost in wholesale trade

Last week, Statistics Canada released figures showing the province’s wholesale trade jumped 5.1 per cent in June 2025 compared to May 2025 (excluding petroleum, petroleum products and other hydrocarbons and excluding Oilseed and grain). This ranks Saskatchewan second among the provinces in month-over-month growth.

“Thanks to this growth in wholesale trade, Saskatchewan people, communities, and companies across our province are reaping the rewards,” Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said.

Wholesale trade is a measure of the value of goods purchased in large quantities with the intention of being sold to resellers, but not to final consumers.

Statistics Canada’s latest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) numbers indicate that Saskatchewan’s real GDP at basic prices reached an all-time high of \$80.5 billion in 2024, increasing by \$2.6 billion, or 3.4 per cent. This places Saskatchewan second in the nation for real GDP growth and above the national average of 1.6 per cent.

Private capital investment in Saskatchewan increased last year by 17.3 per cent to \$14.7 billion, ranking first among provinces. Private capital investment is projected to reach \$16.2 billion in 2025, an increase of 10.1 per cent over 2024. This is the second highest anticipated percentage increase among the provinces.

Last year, the Government of Saskatchewan unveiled its new Securing the Next Decade of Growth – Saskatchewan’s Investment Attraction Strategy. This strategy, combined with Saskatchewan’s trade and investment website, InvestSK.ca, contains helpful information for investors and outlines why Saskatchewan is the best place to do business in Canada.

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REMEMBERING WHEN: The loss of our first pet

BY KEITH SCHELL

The very first pet our family ever had was a young, jet-black stray tomcat who appeared out of nowhere one day at our country house when my little brother and I were very young.

And being very young, we were soft-hearted little kids that loved small animals, especially if the animals were friendly. This cat was very friendly right from the start, letting us pat him right from the moment we first saw him.

We had no idea where he came from or who he belonged to. The only people nearby with a black cat were our immediate neighbors a few hundred yards down the road on the other side of the highway. But their cat was older, fat, happy, and never wandered very far from home.

Falling in love with this newcomer immediately, my little brother and I quickly asked our parents if we could keep him.

After some deliberation, they agreed—on the condition that if someone came to claim the cat, we would have to give him up. We accepted the condition and



Keith Schell

hoped that day would never come. With that settled, the next task was choosing a name. As a little kid, I thought our neighbours’ cat had the coolest name ever for a black cat, and I insisted on giving our new cat the same one. My parents tried to talk me out of “copycatting”, so to speak, but I was adamant. So from that day on, there were two black cats in our rural neighbourhood that had the same name.

Since our new cat showed up in the summer after school let out, we decided to keep him outside temporarily, until we could figure out how clean he was. Once that was determined, we could then decide whether we would allow him inside the house or not.

Not long after getting that cat, we had to drive into town to do our weekly shopping. We left him outside, piled into the car, and headed off. A couple of hours later, with our errands done, we began our drive back home.

As we slowed to turn into our driveway, we saw a heartbreaking sight.

In the gravel on the shoulder of the road, right across from our driveway, lay a small, still mass of jet-black fur.

Our parents saw it immediately and knew what it was. They tried to shield us from seeing it, but from our spot in the back seat, we saw it. And in that instant, my brother and I had a terrible sinking feeling.

After pulling into the driveway, Dad quietly asked Mom to take us kids into the house. Mom did, and Dad walked back to the highway to investigate the situation.

Our worst fears were soon confirmed. When Dad came in through the doorway, the grim look on his face told us everything. The little pile of black fur by the side of the road was, indeed, the body of our cat. He’d been hit by a car and killed.

And then the tears began. My younger brother and I cried and cried over the sudden loss. We hadn’t had

that cat for very long, but it doesn’t take long for little kids to take an animal into their heart.

Through my tears I remember the look of shared pain on my parents’ faces, as if they would have given anything in the world to spare their children the heartbreak of this moment. It was the universal look of sadness that any good and decent parent gets on their face when faced with the unavoidable heartbreak occasionally experienced by their child.

Any loving parent would do anything in the world to shield their child from the pain of loss, but sometimes that pain is unavoidable. It is just a part of life.

And what can you say to the child who has just had their heart broken?

Dad returned to the road, gently gathered up the cat’s body, and quietly buried him in the woods behind our house.

One of the saddest days in a family’s life is when a child experiences the loss of a beloved pet. That day came quickly and suddenly for our young family, and there was nothing we could do to stop it.

But kids are resilient, and eventually, we healed. Not long after that sad day, another stray cat found its way onto our property. And once again, we opened our home to another wayward soul—and, once more, our hearts.

The pain you feel at the end of a pet’s life makes it almost not worth having a pet in the first place.

Almost.

We had three cats and a dog over the span of our family life, one right after the other. Each was an integral part of our family, and their companionship and devotion made our own lives that much richer for having had them.

But as anyone who has ever experienced the loss of a beloved pet intimately knows, the heartbreak of loss is the price of love.

Conexus, Cornerstone, Synergy merger: Name and CEO announced

Members of Conexus, Cornerstone and Synergy Credit Unions voted last month in favour of merging, officially laying the foundation for a stronger, more resilient credit union dedicated to supporting a thriving Saskatchewan.

The Boards of the three credit unions agreed to select both the name and CEO from the existing credit unions.

While each of the credit union names and brands carry strength and pride, only one could be chosen for the new journey together. The Boards of Directors are pleased to announce that the new entity will be called Conexus Credit Union. This name was selected after a thorough market assessment confirmed it resonates most strongly with people across Saskatchewan. With deep roots in communities throughout the province, Conexus is widely recognized, trusted and recommended by many for their banking needs.

The Boards have also appointed Celina Philpot as Chief Executive Officer of the new credit union effective January 1, 2026. Celina currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Conexus Credit Union and brings many years of strong leadership experience and collaborative spirit to the role. Doug Jones, CEO of Cornerstone, and Trevor Beaton, CEO of Synergy, look forward to supporting Celina as she steps into this



Celina Philpot

new role and leads the new credit union forward.

With \$15 billion in assets under management, the new credit union will serve more than 200,000 members, through 57 branches, across 50 communities and will unite 1,400 employees across Saskatchewan. This merger continues the legacy of three successful organizations, rooted in cooperative values and a shared vision of member and community empowerment.

The next phase of the merger will focus on planning for the integration of systems, products, services and operations to deliver an enhanced experience for all members.

Doug and Trevor will continue in their roles as Cornerstone and Synergy CEOs, respectively, until the three credit unions become one on January 1, 2026.

“I’m honoured to lead the new Conexus Credit Union into this exciting next chapter. This merger marks a powerful commitment to our members and communities across Saskatchewan. I’m deeply grateful for the trust placed in me and look forward to working alongside our dedicated employees and Board to build a stronger, more resilient credit union that is deeply rooted in community and focused on the future,” said Philpot.

Luseland Clinic Dates for September 2025

OPEN @ 9AM. - LUNCH HOUR VARIES

Dr. Wentzel	- Tuesday, September 2nd
Janelle, NP	- Friday, September 5th
Dr. Mada	- Monday, September 8th
Dr. Wentzel	- Tuesday, September 9th
Janelle, NP	- Friday, September 12th
Dr. Mada	- Monday, September 15th
Dr. Wentzel	- Tuesday, September 16th
Janelle, NP	- Friday, September 19th
Dr. Mada	- Monday, September 22nd
Dr. Wentzel	- Tuesday, September 23rd
Dr. Mada	- Monday, September 29th
Dr. Wentzel	- Tuesday, September 30th

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OBITUARIES

Judith Ann McBride

March 16, 1947 - July 13, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Judy on July 13 at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, SK.

Judy will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her family: her husband of 58 years, Blaine, and their daughters Erin (Robert) and Janelle. Survived by her mother Mary Wildman, sister-in-law Wendy Wildman, sisters Jane (Gordon) Denney and Wilma (Brian) Ross. She was predeceased by her son, Shawn; father, William (Bill) Wildman; brother, Steve Wildman; in-laws, Bert and Muriel McBride; and brother-in-law, Ken McBride.

Judy was born in Kindersley to Mary and Bill Wildman. She attended school in Whiteside,



Marengo and Kindersley; belonging to the 4-H Grain Club for several years. Married in 1966, Judy farmed with Blaine for over 40 years.

Judy was a wonderful wife and mother who enjoyed life on the farm. She possessed many talents and was known for having a green thumb, with a beautiful yard and garden on the farm. Judy loved to sew, restore antique furniture and work at The Garden Gallery. She had plenty of love and patience training her Border Collie dogs.

Judy and Blaine enjoyed many trips to Texas, as well as visiting Las Vegas, Mexico and going on an Alaskan Cruise. They spent many summers camping with family in northern Saskatchewan.

Donations to the Kindersley and District Health and Wellness Foundation will be appreciated.

A private family internment will take place at a later date. We would like to thank everyone who offered their condolences and support. - Blaine McBride and family

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF:
Feeling stuck

BY ANGELA CLEMENT

Are you feeling like you are doing all the things right and still nothing is improving? Do the same feelings keep coming back? Do you feel like you should be feeling better by now? Are you starting to believe that you will just feel the sadness and longing forever?

If you have had these feelings, you are not alone. Many people who have had the loss of a close loved one can feel frustrated or overwhelmed with the thoughts and emotions that accompany us in the process of grief.

What to do? First check in and see if you are numbing. What I mean by that is you are doing something else that is distracting you from actually taking time to rest. I find myself scrolling through my phone with no real intention. Some watch TV. Sometimes I get busy working or doing things that need to be done. It's not to say that these things are wrong. Sometimes we just need a little reprieve from all that is happening and also life is busy. Yet if we don't take time to just sit in silence and rest, then we are going to miss out on an opportunity to free ourselves from some of these heavy emotions. They will keep resurfacing. I believe our emotions bring messages for us. Have you ever had the experience of coming to some kind of realization in the night? Or in the shower or in the bathtub? It is in these times of silence where we quiet our minds just enough to give way for some intuitive guidance to appear and often it helps us gain a new perspective on our situation.

If you are taking that quiet time for yourself and you are still feeling like you are stuck, no need to despair. Life is full of seasons just like nature. A season

of non action gives you time to rest and also an opportunity to dream again. Sometimes we just have to be okay with things being slower or even sadder than we would like for a while and turn our attention to just being more creative. Now being creative doesn't necessarily mean painting, drawing or making music even though those are great creative outlets. Being creative can mean simply learning a new game, trying a new recipe, decorating a space, gardening, reorganizing or simply spending some time in nature. Being creative is just doing something that helps you reconnect with your soul. We all need to schedule more time for this. We might feel like it is wasting time, but it's not. It is deeply caring for ourselves and turning our troubles over to the Divine for healing. Why not do some simple things that bring you joy each day? Cherish some time to do something just for you. It's okay to slow down and take a break.

When we take time to just be with ourselves we get to know who we are becoming. When life changes, so do we. See this as an opportunity to get curious about your own journey. Take time to figure out what you value and what truly matters to you. In this life, we come with a purpose built into your very being. You are a unique and special being with your own path to walk. If you can step out into the world being unapologetically you, this will be so helpful to others on the planet as well as you! It will bring you joy. Go find your tribe of people that you love to be with. If you haven't found them yet, you may need to step a little out of your comfort zone and try getting out and doing things you love. The people you are meant to meet are there. They are waiting for you!

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We try our best to place as many events as possible, but closer dates will take priority.

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We try our best to keep events up-to-date, but if you see an error or have a cancellation, please let us know!

COLEVILLE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Coleville Fowl Supper at the Community Hall. Doors open at 5:00 PM until supplies last. For information or to donate, please contact Stacey (306) 430-7788 or Teneal (306) 430-1188. All proceeds go to supporting the Coleville Licensed Daycare Committee and Coleville Playschool.

EATONIA

- Every Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM come to the Eatonia Library for puzzles, visiting and grab your books for the week!
- Check out our TOPS Chapter ... it's free to try! Every Wednesday. Weigh in: 5:45 PM. Meeting: 6:00 PM at Corcoran Place. Contact Cora Knuttila 306-460-9047.

ESTON

- 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.

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, AUGUST 27

- Kerrobert Courthouse Restoration Society presents An Elegant Evening in the Courtyard - 105th Birthday Celebration! Cocktails, Snacks, Tours, Music, Fun!

- MS Support Group at Kerrobert Health Centre Meeting Room every 3rd Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM. Contact Gail Wiebe for more information 306-834-7068.

- Pool is OPEN! Check FB or contact the Pool for more info 306-834-2610. Aquasize Wednesday & Thursday 6:00-7:00 PM.

- Walk This Way with Lao Thursdays at the PCC from 9:30-10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome and it's FREE.

- Ladies Golf Tuesday at 5:30 PM. Mens Night Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Call to register 306-834-2497.

KINDERSLEY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

- The Kindersley & District Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2025 Golf Invitational. Registration @ 10 AM - tee off at 11 AM. Team cost = \$425. Contact the Chamber office to register your team and/or donate a prize. 306-463-2320 or office@kindersleychamber.com
- Drive in Movie Night at the Kindersley Aquatic Centre. Movie starts at 9:30 PM. Gates open at 9:00 PM. Bring your popcorn, drinks and snacks, and come join us for a drive-in showing of "The Wild Robot." Free admission. Limited availability. Please call the Tourism Centre at 306-463-6620 if you have any questions. Sponsored by Synergy Credit Union.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

- Energy Dodge Dakota Buttar Invitational Professional Bullriding (PBR) Event at the WCEC.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Kindersley Community Connections presents 2nd Annual Meet A Machine! A free family-friendly event showcasing many different machines and the heroes that operate them! 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Kindersley Museum. For more info contact Ang at 306-430-8869.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Goose Festival Days. Watch for further details!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- KCS Kobras Football vs Delisle 7:30 PM at KCS (under the lights).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Kinsmen and Kinette Club of Kindersley 5th Annual Duck Derby 2:00 PM on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue East. Get your tickets NOW at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kkck> or any Kin member or Darren at Willowgrove Pharmacy for tickets. \$10 each. Only 1200 sold.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Kindersley Screen Arts presents our 10-Year Anniversary Screening - The Life of Chuck 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door. Wine & beer available for purchase. Attend for a chance to WIN a season pass. Sponsored by Speedy Auto Glass.

- Parkinson's Support Group Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month 1:30 PM at 401 - 4th Ave West (New Life Church). Everyone 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 meets Monday & Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 PM at the outdoor courts (in the Curling Rink if inclement weather). Cost is \$50 for the season or \$5 drop in. Our club is a part of Pathway To Wellness. More info call Teresa Knight 306-460-7304.
- Fit Fighter Group Class. Helping individuals with Parkinson Disease, Fibromyalgia, MS, Arthritis and mobility issues. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 AM at Anytime Fitness. Call Karen 463-3607 for more info.
- 365 Kindersley Air Cadets meet Thursday evenings at the Kindersley Museum. No charge to be a member, youth ages 12-18, must be a Canadian resident. Contact Ian Kehrer via text at 306-460-0057 or Sheila Kehrer via text 306-604-9044. Come Fly With Us!
- Every Saturday: Mom N Tots Morning 10:00 - 10:30 AM at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Registration required: Kindersleymusic@outlook.com
- Every Tuesday: Community Badminton 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Westberry School. Everybody welcome.

LEADER
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- Summer Picnic 1:00-4:00 PM at the Leader Town Park. Old fashioned races, facepainting and more.

LUSELAND
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Luseland Harvest Festival 2:00 to 8:00 PM. To book a table or offer support in any way call Jean (306) 372-7367 or Bobbi (306) 430-7515

- The Luseland Homecoming Hall will be available for indoor walking on TUESDAY & THURSDAY mornings. Please pick up the key at the Town Office to unlock the door. Silver collection at the door.

- The Luseland Library Art Gallery has a new exhibit on display featuring local authors.

Recurring events at The Luseland Pioneers Club:

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- Every Monday 2:00-4:00 PM Coffee
- Last Monday of the month 2:00-4:00 PM Pie 'n Ice Cream

MEMBERS

- Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM - Noon, Coffee, Pool, Cards, Visiting
- Tuesday 1:00-4:00 PM Cards
- Tuesday 7:00-10:00 PM Games
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