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Harvest Festival at Luseland on September 13 was a huge success! Kids participated in a bike rodeo, ate cotton candy, created sidewalk art, and played in a grain box. Young and old enjoyed the antique tractor display, browsed among vendors, listened to music, toured the museum, made crafts at the library, and waited for a chicken to determine the winners in the Chicken Poop Bingo. See the story and more photos on page 4. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



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JUST A GAL FROM GLIDDEN

All part of the story

BY KATE WINQUIST

It's been a while since I dusted off my pen and put thoughts on paper, but lately, I've felt the nudge my mom always gave me: get writing again. Losing her last December left a big hole, and I often find myself thinking about the little things she loved—like seeing me chase stories and memories across a page.

Speaking of memories, our old farmstead in Glidden popped up for sale again recently. For a brief, romantic second, I thought, maybe I'll buy it and officially become the gal from Glidden again. But reality (and contentment with my Kindersley life) set in. Still, I can't help smiling at the memories: the barn still stands with its newer tin roof, the old house that I was raised in sits empty, and a trailer now calls the land home. I hope a new family loves it as much as we did growing up.

On a brighter note, my husband Robert and I are celebrating our silver wedding anniversary on September 16. Can you believe it? People always joked it wouldn't last. But here we are—together for 30 years, married for 25—and feeling truly blessed.

We're not big travellers or holiday-makers, but football? That's our thing. It's how we met—he found a gal who loved the Saskatchewan Roughriders as much as he did. We even had season tickets for a while. Now, living in Kindersley, it's a bit far for every game, but being in a triangle with Regina, Calgary, and Edmonton means we can still catch the action if and when we want.

This season, we've already hit a couple of games in Regina and even an Edmonton matchup (Elks vs. Hamilton Tiger-Cats—not the Riders, but still a blast!). And, of course, the Riders have been on fire—clinching a playoff spot with a 10-2 record heading into a game against the Montreal Alouettes. Robert and I,



riding high from the Labour Day Classic and the Banjo Bowl wins, grabbed tickets and made the drive down Saturday morning.

Cue the heartbreak: the Riders laid a goose egg against Montreal, losing 48-31. Injuries had ravaged the defence, and rookie defensive backs just couldn't stop McLeod Bethel-Thompson and Tyson Philpot. It was a rough one—probably the worst defensive showing I've seen in ages. At least the rain gave us an excuse to rock our little Rider ponchos!

After the game, wound up and not feeling the hotel scene, we drove straight back to Kindersley, getting home just before 1 a.m. I managed a few hours of sleep before diving back into work, penning this column with fresh perspective.

Looking forward, we'll catch one last Rider game in Edmonton on September 27. It'll be a chance to connect with my sister, her husband, and hopefully my nephew's family-wrapping up our in-person football season. After that, we'll join the rest of the fans watching on TSN, reliving the highs, mourning the lows, and cherishing every moment of the ride.

Because at the end of the day, whether it's a farm at Glidden or a game in Regina, it's all part of the story mine, Robert's, and the life we've built together.

Klippers set to open SGHL season during Goose Festival

PRAIRIE WEST HISTORICAL SOCIETY (PWHS - Eston Museum) thanks all volunteers who

BY KATE WINQUIST

The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League season is officially set to begin, and the Iron Horse Kindersley Klippers are kicking things off in style. The Klippers' home opener will take place Friday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Inter Pipeline Arena in the West Central Events Centre, right in the heart of Goose Festival

Fans can expect an electric atmosphere both on and off the ice. Immediately following the game, the annual Goose Festival Dance will take place, featuring The Longshot Band. (Note: this is an adults-only event, no minors permitted.)

The Klippers enter the 2025–26 season riding momentum after a strong preseason, finishing with a 4–1 record. New head coach Kyle Schneider says the team is eager to build on that success.

"I've been really impressed with everybody in the organization and just the eagerness of everyone to pitch in where needed," Schneider said. "It makes my job easier, and the buzz around the community is fantastic."

Schneider highlighted the importance of having local players on the roster, noting that it creates pride and a special connection between the team and the

"I think it's the coolest thing in the SGHL when players get to play for their hometown," he added. "Yes, we are built to win now. Clayton and Ryan's model has been about building year after year, and they've done a great job creating a roster with stability. That's a huge advantage in a league that rewards experience."

The coach also emphasized the value of veteran presence while still giving opportunities to younger players.

"It's nice to have some wily veterans to rely on when games get tough in December and January," he said. "I'm just really excited to play in front of our fans and showcase ourselves every night."

With Goose Festival bringing the community together and the Klippers looking sharp under a new bench boss, hockey fans in Kindersley have plenty to be excited about as the puck drops on a new season.







Energy Dodge Dakota Buttar Invitational delivers thrills and community impact

BY KATE WINQUIST

The West Central Events Centre was alive with adrenaline this past weekend as the Energy Dodge Dakota Buttar Invitational brought two nights of world-class bull riding to Kindersley. With \$30,000 in prize money on the line, the event has cemented itself as one of the premier stops on the PBR Canada Touring Pro Division.

The script for Saturday's championship round could not have been written better. Only two riders managed to last the full eight seconds—and fittingly, they were Canada's top two. Hometown favourite Dakota Buttar electrified the crowd with an 87-point ride on God Bless, edging out Jake Gardner, who posted 82.5 points aboard Dark Mark. However, Gardner (Fort St. John, British Columbia) emerged supreme, going a perfect 3-for-3 to win the Energy Dodge Dakota Buttar Invitational and close within a mere 1.5 points in the race for the 2025 Canadian Championship.

"Watching the number one and number two riders in the country duel like that was absolutely spectacular," said Pete Gebraad, PBR Canada Cup Series production manager. "Brett Gardiner and I looked at each other and said, 'I can't believe this is happening.' What a show by both of them."

But the weekend wasn't just about bull riding. The invitational also doubled as a fundraiser for the Kindersley Hospital, and the generosity from fans and local businesses stunned organizers. Donations poured in throughout the event, with Gebraad telling the crowd, "We're gonna create a moment here"—and

Some of the largest contributions included:

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By the end of the night, the fundraiser had reached \$73,500—bringing the community closer to purchasing a much-needed new anesthetic machine for the

Lisa Kirtzinger of the Kindersley Kinsmen & Kinette Club was visibly moved. "When we started this fundraiser, we just hoped to raise some money. My heart couldn't be more full than it is right now. We'll keep it open for another week so more people can contribute. Thank you, Kindersley."

Anika Becker, representing the Saskatchewan Health Authority, echoed the gratitude. "I'm from here. I work here. We care for the people of this community, and I am overwhelmed by the generosity. A heartfelt thank you from myself, the hospital, and the SHA."

With thrilling rides in the arena and overwhelming support outside of it, the Energy Dodge Dakota Buttar Invitational showed why Kindersley continues to punch above its weight—both in sport and in spirit.

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An abundance of fun for everyone at Luseland's Harvest Festival

BY JOAN JANZEN

LUSELAND — Grand Avenue in Luseland was alive with activity Saturday afternoon as the fun began at Luseland's Harvest Festival on September 13. The sun was shining as families filled the street, enjoying snacks and watching their children have fun. Vendors sold their wares while people headed to the Luseland Credit Union to taste homemade jams and cast their votes for their favourites. Meanwhile, attendees gathered to see which chicken would determine the winners in the Chicken Poop Bingo.

Craft enthusiasts of all ages tried their hand at creating fall-themed tea towels at the Luseland Library, with librarian Dawna Nienaber providing all the supplies they needed.

As usual, the Luseland Museum was bustling with activities. A vintage tractor display was set up outside,

while tours took place inside. However, the bike rodeo for children was

the highlight of the afternoon.

"We love the veggie races," said Jean Halliday from the museum, referring to the popular races held at the festival in previous years. "But this year we changed things up with a Bike Rodeo."

Kids rode their decorated bikes in a slow race.

"The last person over the finish line is the winner," she explained. The race required balance to stay in a lane without circling around. "If you put your feet down on the track, you are out!" Youngsters could also test their biking skills by navigating an obstacle course.

The afternoon concluded with a ham supper and pie at the Pioneer Club, but plenty of entertainment was still planned for the evening. Frank Beausoleil provided live music while the Girl Guides served s'mores. A family dance followed, and glow golf was set up at Bell Acres.

Even though harvest operations were underway, plenty of people enjoyed the activities during another successful Harvest Festival.



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A look inside another church fire

BY JOAN JANZEN

Here's a riddle for you. Q: What did the firefighters say when the church caught on fire in a small town? A: Holy

Unfortunately, there was more 'holy smoke' streaming out of a church on September 1st at Thunderchild First Nation, northwest of North Battleford. Alvina Thunderchild co-pastors the church alongside her husband, Fred.

Black smoke was billowing out of the building when Alvina and Fred arrived on the scene and alerted the fire crew from Thunderchild First Nation. The structure is on reserve land, but the buildings belong to the church.

Known as the "blue church" to people in the area, it was more than just a building; it was a place where people were fed and welcomed.

"The back window had been pried open, and they got into the furnace room," Alvina told Faytene Grasseschi in an online interview. The RCMP arrived and discovered a loudspeaker outside the church, as well as a torch and a case of canned soup. Alvina told the RCMP the box of canned goods belonged to the church "because that's what we do".

"Every time we open the church, we'll feed everybody who comes in.

Since 2021, dozens of Christian churches across Canada have gone up in smoke...

Food is a very big deal. We have food lined up, and people take bags and fill them," she explained.

"Of course, we cook almost every Sunday. The kids look forward to it; they know when they come, they'll get fed," Fred added. Some of the people who come to the church are homeless, and others are high on drugs and have

"We have people walk in with no shoes, and we have shoes available for them," Alvina said. "A lot of work went into the building." It took years of work done by volunteers before the building was able to be used.

"It was a Roman Catholic Church, but was unused for a few years and had been vandalized, and was run down," she explained. "We purchased the building, and it took about eight loads to clean out the debris."

A crew of volunteers renovated the structure from top to bottom. "We were

in the process of finishing up the renovations and were talking about having a grand opening," Alvina said.

Since 2021, dozens of Christian churches across Canada have gone up in smoke, including a church in Loon Lake, which was burned less than a year ago. MP Rosemarie Falk commented on the problem in a battlefordsNOW article: "Canada is seeing a disturbing rise in hate crimes against places of worship. We need targeted action to ensure these hateful crimes are met with real consequences."

When Faytene asked Alvina what she thought would motivate someone to commit this crime, Alvina said stealing was the first thing that came to mind. "As for the fire, I don't see what the purpose was to burn down our building, unless they hate God. They're hurt, angry, and they want to get rid of everything that represents God."

"But I also know from talking with drug addicts, a lot of times they'll do things without even thinking. Most times, drug addicts who come to our church don't know what they're doing," she added.

Nevertheless, Alvina and Fred aren't giving up. "When we were standing there crying, watching our building burn, I was hugging one of our members and said we are going to overcome," Alvina recalled.

Fred agreed. "We committed ourselves years ago, that no matter what happened, we will stay because of the people." He brushed away a tear and took a minute to compose himself before adding, "And whoever did this ... you're still family. Whatever you've done, we forgive you."

"We always tell people - this is not Fred and Alvina's church; this is your church," Alvina said.

"We are going to keep overcoming; we have to do that every day," Fred said. "It's a challenging thing to do in the midst of desperation."

Before they can start over, they will need to demolish the burned building, haul away the debris, and consult with insurance adjusters. "We're working with our First Nations," Alvina said. "We want them to be involved in this process because it is part of the community."

As Faytene concluded the interview with her guests, she said, "You are both a picture of love and grace. You are part of a family that will rebuild and forgive."

All that "holy smoke" is not just burnt buildings; it's ministries serving people that need to be rebuilt and start over once again, and that's exactly what Thunderchild Word Church is doing.







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39: Dignity is the point

BY MADONNA HAMEL

Dignity. That's a word that's dropped out of the cultural vocabulary these days. However, ever since my tentative and sporadic return to my childhood religious tradition, I've been reading lots of theology, which is filled with calls



for the protection of human dignity.

I study theology because our cultural tendency to make gods of rich and famous people, faster and "smarter" technologies, influencers and athletes, doesn't take my own religious inclinations far enough. Theology gives me a vocabulary for the miraculous, transcendent, and spiritual experiences of my life. Religious language has the capacity to resist the secular temptation to reduce truth to a movable feast.

"Siblings All, Sign of the Times," written by Canadian Cardinal Michael Czerny and Italian priest Christian Barone, looks at Pope Francis' social teachings. Francis encouraged inter-religious dialogue because religious language offers a description of human persons beyond seeing them as enemies, lost causes, disposable beings, anything but brothers and sisters.

Inter-religious dialogue is "not just for the sake of diplomacy and tolerance," but for the sake of being a witness to "every human's inherent dignity." And that means, for keeping religious and spiritual language alive, in the civil conversation. As Czerny and Barone write: "Sharing spiritual experiences, openly seeking truth and co-operating in works of charity can transmit spiritual and moral values, principles and ideals to a society that would otherwise be lacking in them."

If we don't have or use the language of religion, we can't talk of religious experiences. We can end up reducing or diverting our experiences and their deeper significance to stress, being overworked, having a senior moment or an overactive imagination. Or maybe, we're just plain nuts.

As a long-time journalist, I would watch as a look of incredulity passed over the faces of some of my fellow reporters if I let it slip I was looking into my childhood faith, this time with adult eyes. Their smiles would get a little frozen as they took tiny steps backward, as if seeking the nearest exit. Apparently, a whole new assessment of our friendship would be called for. But, I'm no fanatic, I keep my mystical experiences close to my heart. My re-acquaintance with the Beloved is pretty private. Because, if totally honest, I'd probably behave like my journalist pals if faced with someone

But if anyone were to ask me to relate the conversion experience that brought me back for another look around at my Catholic roots, I would have to say: Which one? There have been so many moments of undeniable sensing of the presence of the Divine, of falling into the arms of the Absolute, of long sighs of deep relief upon feeling upheld in what Francis calls "the transcendent foundation of human experience."

A dominant culture that toes the Enlightenment and secularist line" has always felt limited to me, precisely because it cannot afford me the dignity of my religious experiences. It may be that many witnesses balm of dignity on all and every wound.

The voices that interest me are the voices upholding dignity - their own and everyone else's.

to miracles were burdened with mental instability, or food poisoning, or are generators of hoaxes. But it may also be that, without a language of miracles, we can't spot them when we see them. We live in a world noisy with voices speaking the language of degradation, desecration, snark and gossip. We are tuned to the very worst in each other - primed for the next scandal. So, of course, that is what we spot first.

The voices that interest me are the voices upholding dignity - their own and everyone else's. Sister Joan Chittister's latest column speaks of "a kind of poverty even more difficult to deal with than the need for clothes. It is the dignity—the humanity— that those stripped naked of soul and psyche, body and reputation, most stand to lose in a world that lacks compassion. We sell newspapers on this kind of nakedness daily. The headlines read: 'Socialite family shattered by expensive divorce case', 'Rape details released',' Suspect's background reviewed'....It never ends, this exploitation of emotions, this public disclosure of private information, this exoteric parading of embarrassing data that serves no possible purpose."

While religion is not the sole domain of dignity, the word comes from the Old French for "worth". We tend to speak of "undignified" behaviour more than our inherent "dignity," reducing its inclusivity and urgency, but we are all worthy in God's eyes.

The hip among us may not care whether some of our actions appear undignified. "Screw you," we say to those who find our behaviours' unbefitting a lady.' When celebrities, celebrated for talking trash or sexualizing every word, movement and moment, are criticized for their portrayal of humanity in the most undignified way, their best response is: "You don't like it, don't watch it." But, while "dignified" may be a style, "dignity" is an inherent right. And, I would even go so far to say: a responsibility.

"The Cruelty Is the Point" is a collection of essays by Adam Serwer. Cogently outlined, with valuable insights into the language of the current presidency, Serwer calls out the creepy ways large swaths of Americans actually enjoy cruel language. His point is well-taken. But I am left asking: What next? Where now? Where is the discussion to transcend cruel talk? Where is the impetus to restore our own dignity in the

Critical thinking and interpretation is the first step, but it can't be the goal, in the same way that cruelty should never be the means or ends of a political party's climb and hold on power.

Cruel language and trash talk abound - the worldly world is full of smart asses hurling jabs at each other, hoping to land a punch, inflict or widen a wound, thus turning the world into a battlefield. Pope Francis called on the Church to be "a field hospital." We'd all do well to be nurses in that hospital, applying the



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Jays can thank big bats for success

BY BRUCE PENTON

The top five reasons Toronto Blue Jays are going to give Canadian sports fans an October playoff thrill: George Springer, Bo Bichette, Daulton Varsho, Addison Barger and Alejandro Kirk.

Notice that the five names mentioned above do not include a pitcher, because the Jays have led the American League East for a good chunk of the



BY BRUCE PENTON Sports Columnist

season in spite of poor to average pitching. It has been decent at the front end (starters) and dismal at the back (relief corps). Only four American League teams have given up more runs than the Jays, but only one, the Yankees, has scored more. The Blue Jays are a team that can never be counted out. A great example was Sept. 3 in Cincinnati, where the Reds jumped on starter Shane Bieber for five runs in the second inning and a 5-0 lead. No problem. The Jays put their awesome offence into overdrive, pounded out five home runs and 18 hits en route to a 13-9 victory.

Springer and Bichette have been the catalysts for the Jays. Bichette, in his seven years with the Blue Jays, had a rough season in 2024, batting .225 and playing in only 81 games due to injuries. This year, he leads the major leagues in hits, is batting comfortably over .300 and is en route to eclipsing his career-high RBI total (102 in 2021). Springer's resurgence has been as good, or better. The 12-year vet, who has been the Jays' designated hitter for most of 2025, is having a banner year and while he won't win the A.L. MVP award (Aaron Judge and Cal Raleigh are the front-runners),

he deserves to get a few votes. Springer will push past the 30-home run mark, carried a .307 batting average into the second week of September and has been Mr.

While Bichette and Springer have been the two offensive keys for Toronto, the contributions of Kirk, Barger and Varsho cannot be overlooked. Kirk had been regarded as little more than a journeyman catcher, but his bat has come alive this year. He's been batting close to .300 all season and has already surpassed his career high RBI total, which was 63 back in 2022, and will post the best OPS figure (on-base percentage plus slugging) of his five full years in Toronto. Varsho missed about 80 games, but since his return, he's on a 50-home run pace and has been spectacular defensively in centrefield. Barger, meanwhile, has been the team's rookie surprise. He was a big hit in spring training, but doubts were expressed about whether he'd be able to carry the hot bat into the regular season. Well, he's third on the team in homers, fourth in RBI and seems to always come through with a clutch hit when needed. He may not be the American League rookie of the year, but he's definitely the No. 1 freshman with the Jays.

Now, if only the relief pitching would shape up, the Jays could actually win the World Series.

- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Give Tyson Barrie credit for a sense of humour on his retirement announcement. He said his decision was made 'in tandem with the 32 NHL teams.'"
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "In a surprising move, Maria Sharapova asked Serena Williams to speak for her at her Tennis Hall of Fame induction because Serena was her biggest rival. Really? That's like a fly calling a windshield a rival."
- Columnist Norman Chad, commenting on gamblers seeking 'refunds' from professional athletes

- for poor play which resulted in losing wagers: "Am I supposed to shake down E-Harmony because my first wife left me?"
- Dan Gartland of SI-AM, after TCU's 48-14 win over North Carolina in U.S. college football: "Congratulations to Bill Belichick on shifting the focus away from the age gap between him and his girlfriend, Jordon Hudson, and toward the talent gap between his North Carolina team and
- Ontario columnist Keith Schell, on the Shane Bieber trade to the Blue Jays: "He's looking good so far, but the Jays' bats are growing cold at the worst time. He needs more run support. They can't just 'Leave it to Bieber'!"
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "On Hard Knocks, Buffalo Bills says they intend to bring the Lombrdi Trophy back to western New York. When was it there before? I wonder if the Buffalo Sabres are going to bring the Stanley Cup back to Buffalo?"
- Rolfsen again: Canucks' Elias Pettersson got married over the summer. They tried to keep it as private as possible — exchanged vows between innings of a Sacramento A's game."
- Another one from Rolfsen: "The Blue Jays sold a record 92,221 hot dogs at their recent Loonie Dog night. Thankfully, nobody choked, other than Jeff Hoffman."
- A groaner from RJ Currie: "Just wondering: If you're an L.A. Ram, do you say please and thank
- Headline at theonion.com: "Andy Reid Gently Tells Travis Kelce What's Expected Of Him On Wedding Night ... "she'll probably want you to take your helmet off."

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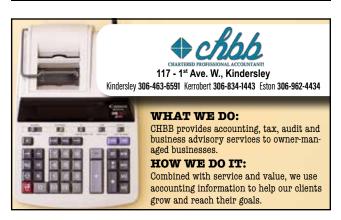
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Excitement builds for Goose Festival weekend

BY KATE WINQUIST

Preparations are in full swing for Kindersley's 53rd annual Goose Festival, set for September 18-21, with organizers promising four days packed with entertainment, food, and community

The entertainment stage will be set up early in the week, and food trucks are rolling in from across the region, including vendors from Rosetown, Biggar, and Regina. According to Kevin Martin, Executive Director of the Kindersley Chamber of Commerce, vendor spaces sold out quickly this year—a sign of the festival's growing popularity.

"It's not just people from Kindersley who come out," Martin said. "We've had visitors from as far away as Hawaii tell us they plan their trips around Goose Festival. The parade especially draws people back year after year."

Early events include the Kindersley Fire Department's Open House on Thursday from 5:00–7:00 p.m., featuring hotdogs by silver collection, and Cruise Night, with classic and custom vehicles lined up along 2nd Avenue between the Co-op locations and Lifetime Dental. A Co-op BBQ will also be held, with proceeds supporting a local cause.

Saturday highlights

The weekend officially kicks off Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast at the Legion, hosted by Redemption Baptist Church. At 11:00 a.m., the much-anticipated parade takes over Main Street, which will remain closed to traffic throughout the day.

After the parade, families can enjoy a full slate of attractions, including the Better Together group's popular barrel train ride, the veggie car contest beside Prairie Rose Florist, and heart-stopping bike stunt demonstrations. TD's fan-favourite Plinko game returns, raising funds for local charities, while a downtown photo booth will help capture festival memories.

Community events and fundraisers

The Saskatchewan Roadmen Car Club will present its Show & Shine from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Main Street, while the Red Lion will host a Motorcycle Show & Shine paired with a burger, beans, and pop fundraiser for Special Olympics Kindersley.

The Kin Club's Duck Derby fundraiser is also set for Saturday afternoon, taking place between the Co-op Pharmacy and the Co-op Gazebo.

Sports action

The Goose Festival also coincides with a busy sports weekend. On Friday night, the Kindersley Kobras will play their traditional "Under the Lights" high school football game against Delisle, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday evening, the Iron Horse Junior Klippers hit the ice for their home opener against the Battleford North Stars. Fans will get their first look at the team under a new coach, with a mix of returning veterans and local talent. The puck drops at 6:30 p.m. at the InterPipeline Arena in the West Central Events Centre.

Looking ahead

While the focus is firmly on Goose Festival, the Chamber of Commerce is already gearing up for the holiday season. A Christmas craft show and farmers' market is planned, with more than 35 vendors expected.

For Martin, the festival represents more than food, rides, and games—it's about community. "It's just a fun, social atmosphere," he said. "We might be considered the big brother or big sister because of our population, but it's important for all of our neighbouring communities to support one another. That's what makes events like this so special."



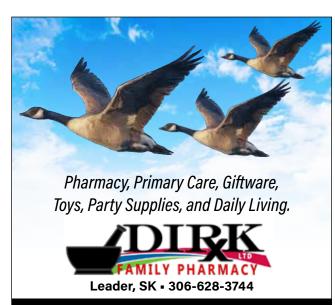




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DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE BEAUTIES FROM 1984? Coleville's Lorraine Smith (centre) was crowned the 1984 Goose Festival Queen during the annual fall pageant in the Elks Hall. Lorene Whitfield (left) and Cheryl Boychuk were crowned princesses during the ceremonies.



An arm wrestling tournament was a popular event at Goose Festival festivities in 1984. PHOTOS KINDERSLEY CLARION, OCT. 1984

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Goose Festival is in its 53rd year!

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — The upcoming Goose Festival 2025 is in its 53rd year! Throughout the years, it has included many different types of events, and Goose Festival 1984 illustrates how much the festival has changed over time.

Crowning of a Goose Festival Queen and princesses was a big deal that year. Judging was based on the girl's poise, with a large percentage of points obtained from ticket sales. In 1984, Lorraine Smith from Coleville was crowned queen and received a \$1000 bursary to go towards her education after high school.

Another unique event which had been held for several years was an arm wrestling tournament. This



event always drew a large crowd as individuals participated in this strength competition.





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The Hindu community from Kindersley and area participated in a dance festival dedicated as a prayer to the Goddess Ambe. The event was held at the Norman Ritchie Centre, Sunday evening, September 7th. subміттер рното

Kindersley group participates in longest dancing festival in the world

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — The Hindu community participated in the longest dancing festival in the world for the first time at the Norman Ritchie Centre in Kindersley. Garba (dance) is part of the annual Hindu festival of Navratilova, dedicated as a prayer towards the Goddess Ambe. The Kindersley group gathered at the Norman Ritchie Centre Sunday evening, September 7th and danced until 2:00 a.m. the next morning. Approximately 75 people attended the event.

This was a one-day event; however traditionally it is celebrated for nine consecutive nights when people wear traditional costumes and perform a special dance form as a prayer towards the Goddess Ambe.

In cities like Regina, the longest dancing festival has thousands of people dancing to live music. Adults, seniors and children danced to recorded music at this local event. This traditional festival is mainly celebrated in the state of Gujarat in India.





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Kindersley Council unveils 2025–2028 Strategic Plan

BY KATE WINQUIST

Council Kindersley has released its Strategic Plan for 2025-2028, setting priorities across government relations, community services, growth, and recreation.

The plan highlights collaboration with the Saskatchewan Health Authority to ensure accessible medical care, ongoing dialogue with neighbouring towns and municipalities, and support for local business recruitment and retention through the Chamber of Commerce.

Council aims to maintain transparency and accountability, provide high-quality and affordable services, and pursue more affordable housing options. Beautification of public and private spaces, efficient water management, and stronger community engagement are also key focuses.

On growth and development, the plan includes Main Street beautification, promoting downtown and in-



dustrial businesses, road maintenance, water main replacements, completing Thompson Drive, and expanding the Public Works Shop.

Recreation and culture initiatives include park improvements at Motherwell Reservoir, the Memorial Tree Program, development of a new community hall, and exploring a recreation master plan. Council also plans to make recreation facilities more self-sustainable and host a Community Registration and Information Night.

plan reflects Council's commitment to a vibrant, growing, and well-managed community.

For more information, contact the Town of Kindersley at 306-463-2675 or visit www. kindersley.ca.

Kindersley Council Briefs

On Monday, September 8, 2025, Town Council had their Regular Meeting.

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- 7.1: The Council of the Town of Kindersley resolved to direct the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to enter into a Land Sale Agreement with Tyler and Korie Reinbold for the sale of 17 & 19 Knox Street in the amount of \$117,838.45 plus applicable taxes. Council resolved to support the application for surface consolidation of Lots 11 & 12, Block 106, Plan 101956271.
- 7.2: Town Council resolved to approve the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.
- 7.3: The Council of the Town of Kindersley resolved to appoint Chad Levitt as Development Officer, which shall expire December 31, 2025.
- 8.1: Council resolved to accept as submitted the list of accounts as paid by the Town of Kindersley in the amount of \$994,612.15.
- 9.1: Town Council resolved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following item for acceptance and filing:
 - 1. WRLI Board Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025

Mikituk arrested

KINDERSLEY - Kindersley RCMP arrested Curtis Mikituk in Kindersley on August 18. He has been returned to custody.

Mikituk was wanted by Correctional Service Canada for breach of parole earlier in August.



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Vehicle enthusiasts to be featured during Goose Festival

BY KATE WINQUIST

Automobile and motorcycle enthusiasts will have plenty to enjoy during Goose Festival weekend in Kindersley, with several events scheduled to highlight vehicles of all kinds.

Festivities begin on Thursday, September 18, with K-Town Cruise Night. The evening opens with a community barbecue from 5 to 7 p.m., where hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase. Proceeds will primarily support the Kindersley Playschool, with the remainder directed toward future cruise events. Following the barbecue, a cruise through town will take place from 7:30 p.m. until dark. All vehicles are welcome to participate.

The event is sponsored by Jerry and Melody King, along with the Kindersley & District Coop. Vehicles will be displayed between the Co-op Marketplace Foods and the Co-op Pharmacy, extending down the block to Lifetime Dental.

On Saturday, September 20, two major vehicle showcases will follow the Goose Festival parade.

The annual Motorcycle Show & Shine will run from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Red Lion Inn parking lot at 614 Main Street. The event will include a barbecue burgers, beans and a pop, with proceeds going to Special Olympics Kindersley.

At the same time, the Roadman Car Club Saskatchewan will host its Show & Shine on Main Street from 12 to 4 p.m. The event is open to all special interest vehicles and offers free entry, thanks to sponsorship from JDK Contracting and Hollands Hot Oiling. Door prizes will also be awarded. Individuals wishing to enter a vehicle can contact organizer Darrell Fitterer at 306-679-7147.

Organizers note that the vehicle events are expected to draw strong community interest, adding to the full weekend of activities planned for the annual Goose Festival.

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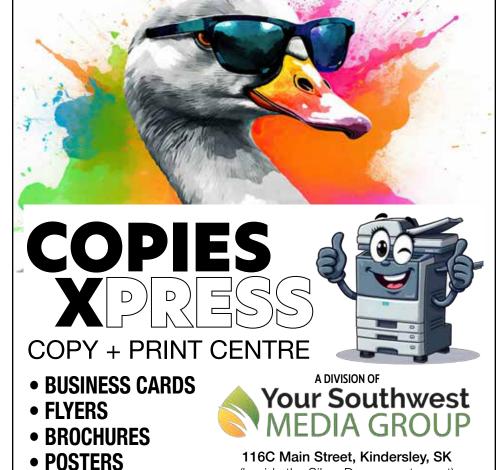
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Special Olympics Kindersley is gearing up for another fun season. This photo was from last year, and they're hoping this year is bigger and better with the addition of their new swimming program. L-R: Jill Dobbin - coach, Kim Schwanbeck - assistant coach, Greta Bobbee, Rachelle Doll, Coralee Cooke, Maureen Dobbin - coach.

PHOTO BY SHAUNA BOBBEE

Special Olympics adds swimming to their Kindersley program

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — A new season is beginning for the Special Olympics team in Kindersley. Registrations were received in person on Wednesday evening, September 10th, at Elizabeth Middle School, as well as online. This year, Shauna Bobbee, program coordinator, announced the addition of a new swimming program.

"I'm really excited about the swimming program," Shauna said, which she described as an agua fit style program. "It's been something that's been tossed around for a while and is such a good all-around exercise and activity. Not everybody is built for bowling, but the pool works for everybody."

Krista Geifer is the swimming coach, and they're hoping many athletes will take advantage of this new opportunity. Swimming is scheduled to begin in mid-October, with the option to come weekly or

Last year, twenty-one athletes registered, ranging in age from nine to forty-eight. They came from Kindersley, Kerrobert, Oyen and Rosetown.

"All of our athletes except one are bowlers, and we have a smaller group of four that do bocce," Shauna explained. Bowling will begin on September 25th, and bocce ball begins on October 7th.

"We're so excited to see all our old friends and hope to meet some new ones," Shauna said. "We're excited about the year!"





FUEL GOOD DAY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 16: Co-op is inviting members and customers to fill up at their local Co-op gas bar on Tuesday, September 16, in support of Fuel Good Day! Participating Co-ops will donate a minimum of five cents per litre sold to a local registered charity or non-profit organization in their community. Co-op encourages everyone across Western Canada to fill up at their local Co-op on September 16.

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Kindersley Fly-In Breakfast at Kindersley Regional Airport

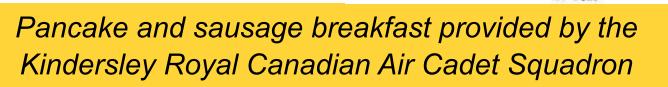
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Loosen your belt: Goose Festival is basically a buffet with a parade

BY KATE WINQUIST

Forget the gym. Cancel your meal prep. Goose Festival is coming September 18-21, and it's about to turn Kindersley into one giant all-you-caneat adventure. Bring your appetite, your stretchy pants, and maybe a fork holster—because you're going to need

Thursday: The Warm-Up Round

The Goose Festival food frenzy kicks off Thursday evening, and it's basically like a food crawl with no Uber required. The Kindersley Fire Department will be slinging hot dogs (5–7 p.m.), while the Co-op is grilling up its own barbecue at the Community Corner. Don't miss the Springfield Colony's table of baked goods and fresh produce—they're the kind of goodies you tell yourself you'll "save for later," but spoiler alert: you

Meanwhile, food trucks will be staking their territory: the Big O's under the digital sign at the post office, plus the always-irresistible Philippine food truck parked at the Co-op. You'll be tempted to sample everything, but remember this is just Thursday. Pace yourself, rookie.

Saturday: The Main Event

Saturday morning starts with pancakes at the Legion Hall, thanks to Redemption Baptist Church (8–10 a.m.). But don't get too comfy—this is only breakfast before the real showdown begins.

After the parade, the town turns

into a full-on smorgasbord: smoked pulled pork at the Co-op gazebo, burgers and beans at the Red Lion Inn Show & Shine, burgers and pie at St. Paul's United Church (bonus: indoor seating if you're already in a food coma). And then—drumroll, please—the legendary free pig roast at Clearview Community Church at 1 p.m. That's right, FREE. Like, the only price is admitting defeat when you try to stand up afterward.

Food trucks will also be circling like delicious vultures: Captain Calamari, 3K's Kitchen, and Mamu's Corner. You'll spot them. You'll tell yourself, "I'm just looking." And then you'll leave with a plate in each hand.

Sunday: The Grand Finale

Still hungry? (Of course you are.) Sunday morning brings the annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast at the Kindersley Airport, hosted by the Air Cadets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weather permitting. Pancakes, sausages, and, or course, airplanes —it's like brunch with an air-

Final Word: Bring the Stretchy Pants

Goose Festival is more than a parade and barrel rides—it's a weekend-long excuse to eat like calories don't exist. So whether you're chasing food trucks, piling pork on your plate, or balancing pancakes while watching planes, one thing's certain: no one leaves Goose Festival hungry.

In fact, the only thing lighter by Sunday afternoon will be your wallet—and maybe your self-control.









Have a fantastic Goose Festival Weekend!

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- Philippine Food Truck Co-op Parking Lot
- Springfield Hutterite Colony Baked goods and produce sales under the Gazebo at the Co-op Parking Lot
- **Kindersley Fire Department Open House** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hotdogs available by silver collection. Come down and take a tour.
- FREE Soup and Coffee 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until supplies last at Best Western Plus Kindersley Hotel
- FREE Skillet Cookie for dine-in customers from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with minimum purchase of \$25 (before taxes) at Montana's BBQ & Bar, Kindersley. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER PROMOTIONS.
- Cruise Night sponsored by Kindersley & District Coop BBQ at Co-op Community Corner, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All funds raised from the BBQ will be donated to a local Community Organization. Vehicles to line 2nd Avenue between Co-op locations down to Lifetime Dental
- LaBelle Boutique Late Night Shopping till 9 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Big O's Food Truck Co-op Parking Lot
- Philippine Food Truck Co-op Parking Lot
- Late Night Shopping Kindersley Centre Mall
- KCS Football Kick-off at 7:30 p.m. (under the lights) with Delisle providing the opposition.
- Bison Meat Sales Under Co-op pergola
- Get Jacqued Under The Lights class at Berard Field at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds going to the Kindersley Food Bank.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Pancake Breakfast Kindersley Legion Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Presented by Redemption Baptist Church.
- Parade on Main Street Starts promptly at 11:00 a.m.
- Philippine Food Truck Between Prairie Rose and Post Office
- Big O's Food Truck Co-op Parking Lot
- Kindersley New Life Church Hosting a Perogies and Sausage Fundraiser, Co-op Parking Lot from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Duck Derby (Kin Club) 2nd Avenue between Co-op Pharmacy and the Co-op Gazebo
- Smoked Pulled Pork on a Bun Co-op Gazebo
- **Better Together** Empty Lot beside Prairie Rose, barrel train rides on Main Street. All activities take place immediately after the parade.
- Motorcycle Show & Shine 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Red Lion at \$5.00. Also, burgers, beans and pop. ALL proceeds to Special Olympics Kindersley.
- Climbing Wall by InterPipeline on 3rd Ave. beside Synergy C.U.
- BBQ Burgers and Pie 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church (indoor seating available).
- **Kindersley Skating Club** will be set up on the corner near Pharmasave for information and registrations.

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Saskatchewan Roadmen Car Club Show & Shine – 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. on Main Street immediately after the parade. Sponsored by:



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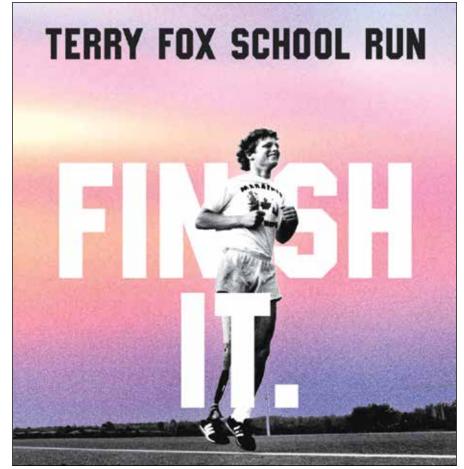


- Iron Horse Kindersley Klippers vs. Battleford North Stars InterPipeline Arena at the WCEC. 6:30 p.m. puck drop.
- Music on the Main Stage Beside Scotia Bank
- Sidewalk Sale East Crossing
- **Garden Gallery** 1st annual Pottery Sidewalk Sale, after parade from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Raffle prizes.
- Goose Festival Dance featuring Longshot after the hockey game in the Curling Rink. \$25 for the dance or \$30 for game and dance. Must be 19+ to attend. Hosted by the Iron Horse Kindersley Klippers.
- FREE Community Pig Roast by BOSS Lechon at Clearview Community Church at 1:00 p.m. after the parade.
- Autumn's Edge Market Kindersley Masonic Lodge, 501 Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Captain Calamari Food Truck Co-op Parking Lot
- 3K's Kitchen Food Truck
- Philippine Food Truck Beside stage
- Mamu's Corner Food Truck Beside Pharmasave
- Kindersley Events is pleased to present their latest service a MIRROR PHOTO BOOTH Beside Co-op Gazebo on Main Street
- Weston Wolverine appearing during the parade.
- FREE Soup and Coffee 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until supplies last at Best Western Plus Kindersley Hotel
- FREE Skillet Cookie for dine-in customers from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with minimum purchase of \$25 (before taxes) at Montana's BBQ & Bar, Kindersley. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER PROMOTIONS.
- Synergy Credit Union is hosting a "Fun Finance Day" after the parade on the front sidewalk plus games/activities, glitter tattoos and coloring for families
- Plinko at the TD Bank from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Proceeds going towards local community charities.
- Grad 1985 1992 Class Reunions School Tour Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
 Supper at the Curling Rink Lounge at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Fly-in Pancake Breakfast Hosted by the Kindersley Air Cadets at the Kindersley Airport (weather permitting) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- FREE Soup and Coffee 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until supplies last at Best Western Plus Kindersley Hotel
- FREE Skillet Cookie for dine-in customers from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with minimum purchase of \$25 (before taxes) at Montana's BBQ & Bar, Kindersley. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER PROMOTIONS.

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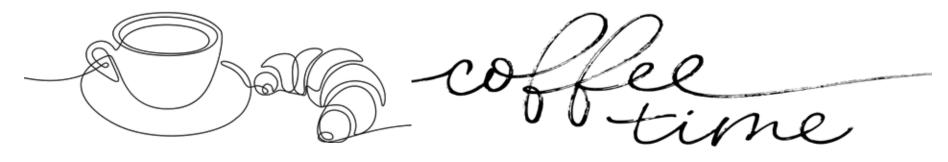
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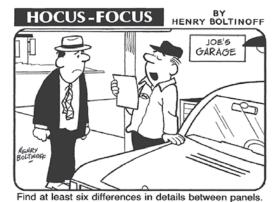
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Significant harvest progress made over the past week

Producers were able to make significant harvest progress over the past week, although some areas experienced rain delays. Currently, 41 per cent of this year's crop is in the bin, up from 23 per cent reported last week. This is behind the five-year average of 58 per cent and the 10-year average of 49 per cent. Although the mostly dry weather has allowed harvest to progress, combine and equipment fires are a significant risk. Producers are also monitoring stored grain closely as there are concerns for bin heating given the high temperatures that occurred at the time of combining.

The southwest region remains the furthest advanced in harvest progress with 55 per cent complete. The southeast region is at the half-way point, with 50 per cent of harvest complete. The northwest region currently has 41 per cent harvested, the east-central region has 31 per cent harvested and the west-central and northeast regions are both at 27 per cent harvested.

Harvest is nearly complete across the province for winter cereals and field peas while lentils are 84 per cent complete. Triticale is 64 per cent harvested, barley is 54 per cent, durum is 49 per cent, spring wheat is 35 per cent, oats are 35 per cent and canary seed is 11 per cent harvested. Chickpeas are estimated to be 24 per cent harvested. For oilseed crops, mustard is the furthest advanced at 27 per cent, followed by canola at 12 per cent and flax at three per cent harvested.

The range in growing conditions across the province has caused varying yield estimates for all crop types. Re-



gionally, producers also indicate large variations in yield from field to field due to the scattered rainfall amounts received throughout the growing season. The current estimated averages of crop yields are 50 bushels per acre for hard red spring wheat, 38 bushels for durum, 93 bushels for oats, 71 bushels for barley, 39 bushels for canola, 42 bushels for field peas and 1,784 pounds per acre for lentils. Throughout many regions of the province, crop yields have been negatively impacted by the dry conditions experienced in many regions.

Much of the province received limited or no rainfall this past week. However, the Foam Lake area reported 30 mm of precipitation followed by the Lipton and Langenburg areas that reported 26 mm and 20 mm respectively. The Raymore and Porcupine Plain areas each

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to decline due to the dry weather conditions. Currently, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 58 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and seven per cent very short. Hayland is rated as two per cent surplus, 48 per cent adequate, 36 per cent short and 14 per cent very short. Pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 45 per cent adequate, 34 per cent short and 18 per cent very short. There is a significant need for large amounts of precipitation in many areas to help with replenishing topsoil and subsoil moisture levels along with improving pasture conditions.

Crop damage over the past week was mainly due to frost, wind and dry

conditions. Grasshoppers are being reported at higher numbers in some areas with overall minor to moderate crop damage estimated.

Producers are busy combining, swathing and desiccating later seeded crops, along with baling straw, hauling bales and hauling grain. Some producers are beginning their fall field work which includes harrowing and post-harvest spraying for weed control.

As harvest is a very busy time for producers, they are reminded to take safety measures in all the work they do. This includes having fire mitigation resources on hand and taking precautions when working around powerlines. The public is reminded to take extra caution, time and space when encountering machinery on the roads.

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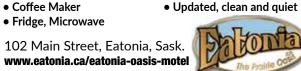


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Energy minister tours CO2-enhanced oil recovery facility

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

On Sept. 4, Minister of Energy and Resources Colleen Young spent the day touring the Whitecap Resources-operated Weyburn Unit and Steel Reef's Viewfield Plant 4 gas plant, which has a new power generating turbine that will soon be contributing to the SaskPower grid.

In a way, both have direct ties to the electrical side of the energy sector, especially as Saskatchewan begins its work rejuvenating its coal-fired power generation fleet.

That's especially important for the Weyburn Unit, as it is the recipient and end-user of the carbon dioxide captured at the Boundary Dam Unit 3 Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage Project. If SaskPower were to shut down its conventional coal-fired power generation, as per federal regulations, by Jan. 1, 2030, the probability of keeping the Estevan mine open for just one medium-sized generating unit was vanishingly small. So if coal was to be lost, it would almost certainly be completely lost, and the CO2 along with it.

But since the June 18 announcement by Crown Investments Corporation and SaskPower Minister Jeremy Harrison that the coal fleet would be rejuvenated, that brings forward all sorts of possibilities, including the prospect of additional coal-fired power generation.

The Steel Reef plant is located at the heart of the former Crescent Point/Veren Bakken play. That area, now owned and operated by Whitecap Resources, has been identified by the Saskatchewan Geological Survey as prospective for possible CO2-enhanced oil recovery.

Young told Pipeline Online at the conclusion of the tours, "It was very interested in seeing the amount of work that's being doing been done by Whitecap with regards to CCUS and EOR and how it is reducing emissions, and reusing CO2 to be able to get more oil out of the ground, and then reducing emissions at the

She noted it's a "closed system that's recycling everything and reusing everything in order to produce more oil, which is what we need to get to market."

Coal leading to more CCUS?

Asked if coal's refurbishment and life extension means there's an opportunity to take a look at doing more carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), resulting in more enhanced oil recovery, and if that was part of the reason for the tour, Young replied, "Absolutely, I think back in early summer, when I was at FPT meetings, in meeting with our federal minister, Hodgson, that was one of the things we discussed with him, was using more CCUS and enhanced oil recovery methods in order to support the industry, the oil and gas industry, and that industry in our province. We have the technology and we have the carbon capture ability to reuse and recycle things in a way that is environmentally friendly and more efficient."

Capturing carbon dioxide, just to put it in the ground does not make economic sense, according to





Minister of Energy and Resources Colleen Young, left, was shown the control room of the Whitecap Resources-operated Weyburn Unit, part of a tour on Sept. 4. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Whitecap president and CEO Grant Fagerheim in an August interview with Pipeline Online. But using it for enhanced oil recovery does, he explained.

Similarly, for a power utility to capture CO2, with around a 30 per cent parasitic loss in generation as a result, it makes it hard to justify as well. But for the province, the broader view of more economic benefits, from jobs, taxes and royalties from increased oil production are an important part of the equation for CO2-EOR.

"We're also generating power out of it, right" Young said. "Additional power, which is what we need, in this province, and as we saw, even in the winter months, Alberta needed our extra energy and power. So, I mean, if we can produce more and do it in an environmentally friendly way, as well as an economical way within the province, and produce more power that can be used in communities, that can be used in industry within our province more efficiently. That's the way to go."

Hitting 600,000 bpd on the way to a million

Senior research geologist Gavin Jensen did a presentation to the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in May where he said if carbon capture was implemented across the entire coal-fired generation fleet, it could result in an additional 73,000 barrels of oil production per day in southeast Saskatchewan. The province has a stated goal of hitting 600,000 barrels of oil per day by 2030, a number Young reiterated on that day, but Premier Scott Moe has frequently discussed the possibility of eventually hitting one million barrels per day.

Asked about that, Young said, "It would be awesome, if we could.

"We are still set, under our growth plan, to reach 600,000 barrels per day by 2030 and that is our target, and we do need to get there. And you know, any method that we can that I said, that works within the industries, we want to support it and push it forward.

"Our federal counterparts need to get on board, because that is something that is holding us back, is **CONTINUED ON PAGE 21**



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the fact that EOR and CCUS is not recognized by the federal government under their ICT (input tax credit)

Asked if it was an ideological issue for the federal government, since it otherwise would make sense, Young replied, "It makes sense. I don't know how much they understand about it, and that's one of the reasons I want to get out and see how it actually works, and then try to understand it myself. So when I am in these meetings, I can be the advocate for the industry, right?"

The most obvious candidate for a new CO2 flood in the southeast is the Canadian Natural Resources Limited-operated Steelman Unit, which has similar geology to the Weyburn Unit. Back in 2011, then-CEO of CNRL Steve Laut expressed an interest in acquiring the CO2 that would be captured at the Boundary Dam Project, CO2 that was eventually acquired by Cenovus, which then operated the Weyburn Unit. Notably on the wall of the Weyburn Unit offices is a plaque listing all the partners in that unit, one of which is CNRL. As a part owner, they have access to the intellectual property and learnings of the Weyburn Unit on how to incorporate a CO2 flood, should they ever choose

The idea of expanding CO2 to other areas of southeast Saskatchewan is being looked at, Young said, noting her ministry is working with Crown Investments Corporation Minister Jeremy Harrison.

With regards to the premier's hopes of hitting one million barrels, Young said with a smile, "That'll be after 2030. I need to get to 600,000 first."

Setback on other side of the province

Saskatchewan has faced a major setback in that

goal on the other side of the province, with the Cenovus Rush Lake blowout in May taking two significant SAGD facilities offline - Rush Lake 1 and 2. Combined, that's 32,000 barrels per day production that's come off the provincial total.

Asked about the blowout's impact, Young said, "Rush Lake 1 and 2 are temporarily shut down right now, closed in until the we are just starting the investigation on it. It took some time for them to shut off the Well, the one well out of the 16 that was causing some issues. I have had a very heavy technical briefing with them recently, in the last week and a bit. And they're pretty sure at what the cause was and how to mitigate that. But we have an ongoing investigation through ER with Cenovus."

She acknowledged that those two plants equate to a 32,000 barrel per day hit. Asked if there's a possibility those plants could be redeemed or possibly relocated, she said, "I think they may. We have talked about reassembling them and moving them shutting off the wells. In order to get control of it, they had to cement in most of them. So whether or not they are reactivate, be able to reactivate in that play, and it is a deep play, and a heavy play as well in their largest play. So it would be nice to bring it back on, but that will be up to Cenovus as to how they move forward."

Back to Whitecap's CO2-EOR, she said, "It's just very interesting the work that they're doing and the technology that they have available now, and it's such a great system. It's a closed system, so pipes are all under the ground. Stuff is going in the direction it's supposed to go. And, you know, getting barrels of oil out of the ground by using enhanced oil recovery is the most efficient way to do this."



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inar. Those who are selected will participate in monthly meetings in Rosetown starting in November and going until May. At these meetings, the leadership teams will be responsible for organizing the annual Sun West Student Leadership Conference and developing a plan to bring student concerns and ideas to the Sun West Board of Education. The Leadership Conference is usually held in April every year and the meeting with the Board of Education is usually at the end of May. In the 2025-26 school

will also assist with the bi-annual ROADS to SUCCESS Career Fair, which is also held in May. In the video above, past members of the Sun West Student Leadership describe the Student Leadership Teams experience and encourage you to take a chance on Student Leadership!

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Kindersley Junior Golf Tournament a resounding success

BY HEATHER HENRY

KINDERSLEY — The junior golf tournament at the Kindersley Regional Park on Sunday, September 7was a huge success, bringing together 48 young golfers aged 10-18 from Kindersley, Leader, and Kerrobert. The 9-hole tournament kicked off with a shotgun start at 10 AM, blessed by beautiful weather that made for a perfect day on the greens.

Tournament organizer Shaun Henry emphasized the nportance of learning not just the game, but also the

ship that make golf such a respected game," Henry noted. The event was designed to be both competitive and educational, providing a platform for young athletes to hone their skills while learning valuable life lessons.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of numerous sponsors who donated cash and prizes, no participant left empty-handed. The top winners in each age category were: Jacoby Calkins (10 and under), Nixon Hearn (11-12 years), Carter Holland (13-14 years), Hudson Moreau (15-16 years), Nathan Holland (16+) and top girl going to Zaya Bothner. The tournament rules and etiquette of golf. "It's crucial for these young not only celebrated their achievements but also highplayers to understand the traditions and sportsman-lighted the bright future of junior golf in the region.

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These are just a few of the volunteers who regularly help at FoodMesh Kindersley. Pictured from R-L: Joy, Arian, Doug, Connie and Ashlynn, who had her first shift at FoodMesh when she was 3 weeks old. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

FoodMesh Kindersley's mission: Waste less, feed more and save money

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — Every week, approximately 100 people come through the doors at FoodMesh Kindersley, located at 800 - 12th Avenue East, to select free food for their families. The food picked up at Save-On Foods, Kindersley Co-op, and Family Foods helps feed all those families rather than being sent to a landfill. The program in Kindersley is just one of thousands of Food-Mesh distribution centres operating across Canada.

This summer, FoodMesh in Kindersley celebrated its fourth anniversary, providing food to people in this region, which extends west to Oyen, north to Kerrobert, east to Rosetown and as far south as Leader and Sceptre.

Everyone enjoys coming to FoodMesh, including the children. One youngster wrote a note which said: "I love coming to FoodMesh. They are kind and friendly. They are the best, and I meet people, and I like that you have things to play with."

The program is only possible because of the donations of food received from Save-On Foods, Kindersley Co-op, Family Foods, Springfield Colony, Glidden Colony and Smiley Colony. Family pets benefit from donations of pet food received from Pet Valu in Kindersley, and as winter approaches, Murlin Electronics includes FoodMesh in its Cozy Up & Share program.

Numerous people donate food, meat, and garden oduce throughout the year. There are way too many to list, but they know who they are and how much they are appreciated.

While all the generous donations are vitally important, FoodMesh Kindersley would not be possible without the many dedicated volunteers who pick up, sort, deliver, package and distribute the food three times a week. Once again, there are too many names

to list, but each one is an integral part of the events that unfold throughout the year.

Food is distributed on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with no pre-registration required. Every Friday, a pickup from Save-On Foods is also delivered to Dawnview Apartments for their residents, along with those at Evergreen Apartments.

Throughout Canada, FoodMesh connects more than 2,500 food chain organizations with non-profit groups that can put the food to use in their regions. It is a food recovery service that helps divert food from landfills to families and individuals who can utilize it. Their mission is: Waste less. Feed more. Save Money. Sounds good, doesn't it?

According to FoodMesh statistics, the problem is that 47% of all food produced in Canada is never consumed, and 86% of that waste occurs along the supply chain. However, the solution is: 45% of that waste is avoidable, and the food can be diverted to one in four Canadians who are in need of food.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

• No Book - Book Club at the Luseland Library 5:00 PM. Join us for stories, ideas and coffee!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- Town Hall Meeting for Luseland Council to provide updates on the municipality and answer questions residents may have. Doors open at 6:30 PM Luseland Salvador Homecoming Hall.
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- The Luseland Library Art Gallery has a new exhibit on display featuring local authors.

Recurring events at The Luseland Pioneers Club: **PUBLIC**

- 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, Vis-
- Tuesday 1:00-4:00 PM Cards
- Tuesday 7:00-10:00 PM Games
- Wednesday 1:00-4:00 PM Cards
- Thursday 1:00-4:00 PM Cards
- Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 4H AGM 7:00 PM Church Basement
- 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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

• Plenty Wildcats Football vs Kerrobert Rebels 4:30 PM

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