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BDC SMALL BUSINESS WEEK™, a definitive event celebrating national entrepreneurship, has been held every year since 1979. For the 2025 edition, taking place from October 19 to 25, the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) is proudly reaffirming its commitment to businesses across the country.

Inspiring gatherings

Every year, more than 10,000 small-business owners across Canada participate in dedicated activities designed specifically for them during this special week. They come together in their respective regions to share insights, learn from one another and explore modern business practices, all in a spirit of celebration.

This week is a golden opportunity for participants to attend conferences and roundtable discussions led by industry leaders. Networking is also a key focus, allowing everyone to connect with potential business partners.

New perspectives

BDC Small Business Week™ is all about generating ideas and solutions. As businesses navigate increasingly complex challenges, this event serves as an excellent opportunity to receive support from others who are dealing with similar issues. Participating in BDC Small Business Week™ gives businesses the chance to highlight their successes and broaden their horizons.

You, too, can play a vital role in supporting local businesses and celebrating their achievements.

If you want to learn more about the theme of BDC Small Business Week™ or find out about activities in your area, visit bdc.ca/en/small-business-week.



Women at the head of small businesses: what's the current status?

BDC Small Business Week™, taking place from October 19 to 25, 2025, is a worthy opportunity to take a step back and assess the current landscape for female entrepreneurs. While entrepreneurship seems to have picked up steam since the pandemic, here's a closer look at the realities for women running small businesses.

New business owners are predominantly male

The number of small and medium-sized businesses is on the rise in several regions. However, in recent years, the percentage of new businesses owned by females has been reportedly in decline. The reality is that being a business owner is challenging, and women continue to face unique challenges in this area.

Persistent prejudices, such as the

belief that men are inherently better suited to run businesses, continue to have an impact. Such attitudes undermine women's confidence and affect how investors perceive them. Additionally, societal pressure and gender stereotypes surrounding domestic and family roles increase the mental burden on women.

Supporting female entrepreneurship

Many women-led small businesses are thriving, but society has a part to play in encouraging even more women to start their own businesses. This begins with ensuring equitable access to funding from investors and financial institutions. Furthermore, political leaders must focus on creating programs and systems that address the challenges many women face.

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“Summer Solstice” by Marilyn Kennedy.

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This Colourful Dog is the work of Anne Nordstrom.



This clay “Madona” statue is the work of Kevin Quinian and is on display at the Courtroom Gallery. The Quinian family lived in Kerrobert in 1958 and 1959.



Bonnah Busch displays beautiful fall colours.

Kerrobert Art Gallery features talented artists

BY JOAN JANZEN

KERROBERT — The work of three talented artists is currently on display at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery, with an opportunity for the public to meet the artists on Sunday afternoon, October 26. Anne Nordstrom, Bonnah Busch, and Marilyn Kennedy will be on hand to greet guests at the opening reception.

Anne Nordstrom grew up in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and lived there for 27 years. She began painting at the age of three with her father, who painted in oils. She learned to draw in elementary school and is

grateful to her high school teachers who encouraged her to pursue her art.

At teachers college, she learned about composition, and later at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada, she studied colour theory. Her latest mentor, Bruce Marion in Phoenix, taught her to paint freely in abstract styles, which is her current focus.

Anne described abstract art as allowing people to see with their minds what they cannot physically see with their eyes. It also enables the artist to extract the infinite from the finite and see beyond what is tangible. Anne is not only focusing on abstract art but continues to explore new techniques.

The work of Marilyn Kennedy reflects her emotional response to life as an artist. She uses multiple approaches in creating each piece, taking viewers on a journey. Her work allows people to reflect on their own life experiences and interpretations.

Bonnah Busch describes her painting journey as “sporadic,” dictated by the demands of life at the time, including family and the farm. As a child, she enjoyed drawing and experimenting with colour, crediting her interest in art to the inspiration and encouragement she received from her mother, her teacher Mrs. Riddell, and the Perspective Art group.

Her work at the Courtroom Gallery consists of a small collection of her art from throughout the years.

“Thank you to the Courtroom Gallery for keeping art alive in our community and beyond,” Bonnah said.

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For the first time, Monty McGrath showcased his 1971 Dodge Charger at Leader's show and shine in October of this year. PHOTO BY BOB TRUMAN

Many years later, Monty holds the keys to his lost hot rod

BY JOAN JANZEN

EATONIA — It was a special occasion for Monty McGrath when he showcased his 1971 Dodge Charger for the first time at Leader’s show and shine a couple of weeks ago. Monty, who lives south of Laporte, had purchased the car in 1972 but was forced to sell it a couple of years later. Fast forward more than 40 years, and Monty is once again holding the keys to his hot rod. How it came about is a story that will warm the heart of every car enthusiast.

“Originally, I paid \$4,000 for it. At that time I didn’t have a family or own a house; it was my only expense,” Monty explained. “I only owned it for a couple of years. I had to get a truck for my carpenter job to carry my tools, so I had to trade it off. And I never saw any sign of it after that.”

But he did have a picture of it, which he had hanging on his wall for years. After he had a family, his daughter and three sons also kept looking at the photo throughout the years.

“They got interested in cars when they were young, and they started looking for it,” Monty said. “They looked for 20 years and couldn’t find it.”

All Monty had was a serial number and a photo. However, one day one of his sons found the car in Saskatchewan registrations and discovered it had been moved to Ontario. When the brothers began searching, they found the name and phone number of the current owner.

“They got hold of the guy, but he didn’t want to sell it,” he said. Even though they told the man their dad had once owned the car, he wasn’t convinced. Throughout the years, he had taken the car to countless shows and received numerous calls from people claiming they once owned it.

“But they must have caught him at a weak moment, because six months later he called and changed his mind,” Monty said. His sons jumped at the opportunity before the owner could change his mind again. They rounded up enough money for the purchase, flew to Ontario, and had the car trucked to Medicine Hat, where one of the brothers resides.

His sons had kept their purchase a secret and asked their dad to come to Medicine Hat. “I walked into his garage and I almost fell over; I couldn’t believe this car is still around,” he said.

“It’s a survivor car. They tear these cars all apart, but this car is original,” he said. Although it’s been repainted and the seats have been changed, most of the car is original and it looks just like new.

“My oldest son works on cars and he said he can’t believe the shape the car is in,” he added. Its prime condition is thanks to the previous owner, who gave it a lot of tender loving care and housed it in his heated garage for 28 years.

It’s a story with a happy ending for Monty and his sons, who have helped their dad reconnect with his glistening 1971 Dodge Charger.

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The stakes are high for prairie producers

A 7-year-old said to her mom, “I’m so thankful you’re my mommy.” Her mom was getting all teary-eyed until her daughter continued, “Other people’s moms only give them healthy lunches.”

As I began writing this on Thanksgiving Day, it occurred to me it might be appropriate to be thankful for something. I’m definitely thankful for the unconditional love of family, friends, and God. And as I’ve watched harvesting take place across the landscape, it’s fitting to express gratitude to our farmers.

As I write this column, the federal government has been presented with the opportunity to show gratitude to our grain producers, and I truly hope this is successfully resolved by the time you read this article. Chris Baker discussed the matter on his Bakes On Things podcast.

China has put a straightforward deal on the table: they have offered to drop their canola import tariffs if Canada drops its 100 percent tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles (EVs).

Chris Baker said this could be an easy win for Canadians, and it should be an easy decision to make. After all, Saskatchewan’s exports to China dropped 76 percent in August compared to August of 2024. Sixty percent of that trade consists of food: grain, canola, real Canadian products



Opinion
By Joan Janzen

“This isn’t about safeguarding existing jobs. It’s about safeguarding future votes.” **CHRIS BAKER**

that are the lifeblood of the prairie economy. The decision will impact 200,000 Canadian workers, farmers, mill operators, exporters, and truckers.

And yet the federal government is stalling on making a decision. “Every month this government continues to hesitate, farmers lose contracts, processors lose shifts, and rural towns lose their future,” Chris observed.

So why is Ottawa stalling? Chris answered the question by saying, “Our government is defending tariffs on cars we don’t even make while sacrificing crops that we do make. The tariffs are supposed to protect the domestic EV industry.”

But what domestic EV industry are we protecting? Some will say we must keep the tariffs to protect Ontario’s auto sector. But right now, these tariffs aren’t protecting a single assembly line in Windsor or Oakville because China’s EVs aren’t even being sold here in meaningful numbers.

“This isn’t about safeguarding existing jobs. It’s about safeguarding future votes,” Chris pointed out.

The federal government moves swiftly when it comes to new spend-

ing announcements, but when it comes to defending Canadian producers, it feels the need for a review committee and lengthy consultations. The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Investments didn’t hesitate to invest \$200 million in Northvolt, a Canadian producer of EV batteries, back in 2023.

Northvolt’s bankruptcy in November of 2024 made the investment worthless and resulted in significant financial losses for Canadian pension funds.

Mark Warner, an international trade lawyer, noted farmers are being punished for something that doesn’t even exist because there is no EV market from China yet.

“The prairie farmers built this entire country’s export reputation. They’re the ones suffering right now,” Chris observed. Manitoba’s processors, Saskatchewan’s truckers, and Alberta’s grain terminals are all suffering for a trade war that protects no one in Windsor and nothing in Oshawa, he added.

Meanwhile, the stakes are high for Canadian farmers while Ottawa is hesitating. Hundreds of millions of dollars in agricultural trade will evaporate as Canadian producers are locked out of one of their biggest markets.

Chris continued to explain that Chi-

na doesn’t need Canada’s canola; they can buy it from Australia, Brazil, or Russia. We need to act now because once these supply lines are solidified, Canada suffers the permanent loss of a market. “In Canada we’re losing trade leverage, losing farmers, and gaining nothing in return,” he said.

The premiers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta are standing up for prairie farmers because they are well aware of the consequences. When prairie farmers can’t sell their crops, grain elevators go quiet, and small towns start losing their tax base, it’s not just a western problem anymore; it’s a Canadian problem.

Chris pointed out this is a defining leadership test for our Prime Minister. The Chinese ambassador has given a clear signal, the premiers have lined up in agreement, and the stakes are extremely high.

“If there ever was a moment to show that you understand both economics and diplomacy, now is that time. Drop the EV tariffs, save the canola, defend all the farmers, and do what is right for the nation, not what’s going to buy you votes,” Chris said, articulating the situation very well.

This can be done with necessary safeguards put in place, but we have to do it now. “We’ve been given an offer. Why wouldn’t we take it?” Chris asked.

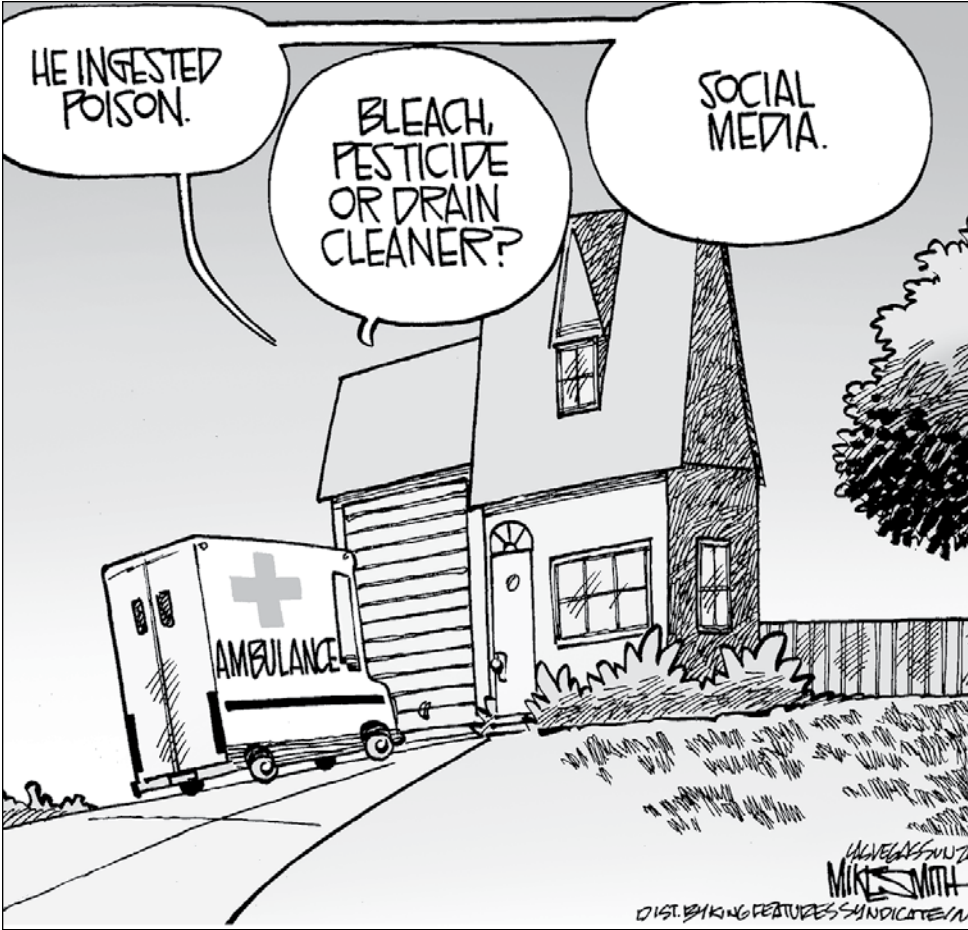
I sincerely hope the offer has been accepted by the time you read this article. It would be one more thing for which Canadian producers would be extremely grateful.

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Apron pocket archives

Last week I performed *Mother’s Apron* twice in Medicine Hat, Alberta. It’s been a while since I’ve inhabited my apron-costumes, aprons, and the lives of a group of the women they represent, among them a mail-order bride, a boarding house owner, a Métis ‘sage femme,’ a member of the Women’s Land Army, and a P-39 pilot.

It takes 90 minutes to tell their stories and sing their songs, and I wasn’t sure if, at 67, I could still memorize all that. So, for a few months, I spent my evenings walking down Cemetery Road, past the Northwest Mounted Police marker pointing across a hayfield toward the crumbling homestead where my mother was born, then back home again, all the while rehearsing out loud, gesticulating like a crazy lady.

There’s a scene in *Mother’s Apron* where I’m telling a Jesuit priest about my experience on the land. He listens



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

with interest as I try to explain the sensation that comes over me when I walk out onto it, alone, at dusk. “When I’m out there,” I say, “I get this intense sense of déjà vu. And it doesn’t go away. But it doesn’t stay.” “That’s the Holy longing,” he says. “Deep calling to deep.” Every time I came to this point in my walking rehearsal, I stopped. And stood still. And listened. Graced by the very place I’m describing in my performance, fields rolling and glowing and waving all around me, I was—and am—astounded, standing in the midst of what my character marvels at. It’s like rehearsing *Two Gentlemen of Verona* in *Verona*, or *Oklahoma* in Tulsa.

Throughout summer, the field was full of crickets chirping their unbroken song. There were snipes winnowing and a tree with a nest of hawks, harassing me if I got too close. The odd fox or coyote gawked at me, cattle raised their heads long enough to see if I had any food with me. Near the end of August, there were storms every day, but always at a distance. The thunder rumbled and the lightning lassoed above me but stayed away so that I could continue walking my circuit from opening to closing scene.

The show came off

without a hitch. I performed a matinee for a group of seniors, many of whom came dressed in aprons of their own. And for those who wanted to get into the mood, I’d brought a whole rack of aprons collected over the years. My sister lovingly ironed them for me, oo-hing and ahing over each one. Each a work of art, resplendent with minute cross-stitching and embroidery, rick-rack and pleats, bibs and pockets to store treasures, secrets, hankies, and bobby pins. It’s heart-warming, but heart-breaking as well, to find the fine, time-consuming handiwork of women stuffed in the backs of thrift shops, on sale for a few dollars. Meanwhile, hundreds of factory-made replicas go for ten times the price in big-box stores.

I came to wearing aprons late in life. I’ve always liked them, but I never felt I “deserved” to wear one, because I didn’t cook a lot, and certainly not for big groups or a family of my own. I made meals for my dad after my mom died, but I still didn’t feel I deserved the uniform, which is what an apron is. “Men respect the uniform,” an old farmer told me when I moved here. I like that thought: just as a soldier salutes the uniform, even if he isn’t sure of the person inhabiting it, they understand the duties and services and sacrifices that come with it.

Once I settled into life in my village of Val Marie, I realized I qualified for the apron. I could join the ranks of women and men who cook and work in an apron, which is, in effect, a tool and toolkit, as well as shield and costume.

Mother’s Apron is ultimately a history play. It looks at the lives of women and their men from the 1890s to the post-Second World War through aprons and the archives stashed in their pockets. But there came a time when the apron was

perceived by young women as a kind of ball and chain, hitching women to the kitchen against their will. And to suggest a child grew up tied to their mother’s apron strings was considered an insult. So, I understand why some women, for a few decades, refused to bind themselves in aprons.

But here’s an interesting fact: before WWII, women wore sturdy aprons with bibs and pockets. The kitchen was their domain—the hearth of the home, the engine that feeds the worker. Then came the war, and women were uncharacteristically “allowed,” even encouraged, to work outside the home—on farms, in the air, on the assembly line. When the men returned after the war, they were expected to forget and forfeit their agency and abilities, to give their jobs back to the men who needed them. While many were more than happy to do so, many others discovered how much they loved farming, building, and flying.

One of the final scenes in *Mother’s Apron* is a conversation between Annie—a Land Army woman, happy to return to her kitchen, her true domain—and Dell, a former P-39 pilot. “Haven’t you heard,” says Dell, “they are telling us the kitchen is no longer our domain. It’s the bedroom now.” “Really,” scoffs Annie. “Who decides these things? I spend a lot more time in me kitchen than I do my bedroom!”

The new domain removed the bib from the sturdy apron and gave us coquettish cocktail and French maid aprons. Sexy, but not our idea. I mean—there’s nowhere to put anything, is there? So, the next time a young woman poo-poops the apron, remind her—it’s our tool and tool-belt, our uniform, our shield and flag. I’ll take the tool belt over the garter belt any day.

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INTENT:
The intent of the proposed amendment is to permit compact homes as a discretionary use within the R1 and R2 Residential Districts. Appropriate regulations and criteria for the use are also added into the ZB.

AFFECTED LAND:
All lands within the R1 and R2 - Residential Districts would be affected by the proposed amendment.

REASON:
Council would like to allow for alternatives for housing in the residential districts with the appropriate evaluation criteria.

PUBLIC INSPECTION:
Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town office during regular office hours, excluding statutory holidays. Draft copies of the proposed bylaws are available from the Town office (hard copy at cost). Copy of the draft bylaw is also available for public viewing here: www.kerrobertsk.com/town_office/public_notices.html. The Town office is located at 433 Manitoba Avenue, PO Box 558, Kerrobert, SK S0L 1R0.

PUBLIC HEARING:
Council will hold a public hearing on **November 12, 2025**, at **7 p.m.** in Council Chambers in the Town office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. If intending to make an in-person representation, please contact the Town office. Council will also consider written comments received by the undersigned by **November 10, 2025**. For additional information, please contact 306-834-2361 or cao@kerrobert.ca

Issued at the Town of Kerrobert this 9th day of October, 2025.

Tara Neumeier - CAO
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Kim Lacelle, Chief Administrative Officer



Just a gal from Glidden

Life, parades, and the perils of squirrely thoughts

BY KATE WINQUIST

Well, my last column didn’t exactly age like a fine wine — more like that leftover pumpkin pie lingering in the back of the fridge a few days too long. My bold prediction that the Blue Jays would beat Seattle in six games started to crumble after they got their butts thoroughly kicked at Rogers Centre, falling behind 2-0 heading back to Seattle.

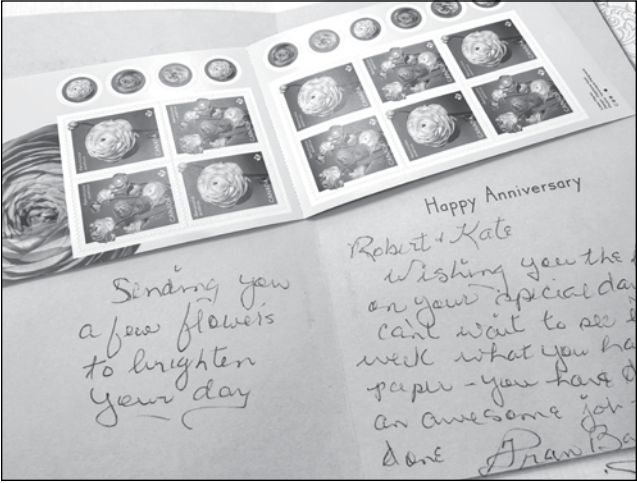
Still, I’m not ready to toss my crystal ball just yet. The Jays pulled off convincing wins in Games 3 and 4, but lost Game 5 thanks to some questionable management decisions. Here’s hoping they’re still swinging for that Game 7 triumph back in Toronto. Optimism, it seems, might just be my superpower.

Speaking of superheroes — huge shout-out to our local postal workers, who went above and beyond to get the papers out last week. Honestly, these folks deserve capes... and maybe their own parade.

With post offices back in action (for now), I was delighted to receive an anniversary card — yes, an actual card — complete with floral stamps and a handwritten note from a 94-year-old subscriber. Not her first, either. Thank you, Fran — you’re an absolute gem.

Thanksgiving weekend brought its usual mix of joy and logistical chaos. I took in the Harvest Festival parade in Rosetown for the first time, while my colleague Joan Janzen covered Kerrobert’s celebration. Both towns know how to put on a show, but Rosetown earns bonus points for its candy-bag system — sponsors donate, volunteers distribute, and kids stay safely on the sidewalks. A win for both sugar levels and safety.

Mother Nature — or maybe fate — added its own



twist. Our Sunday turkey dinner was cancelled when my son and his girlfriend couldn’t make it. No matter — we improvised with salad and a small roast. The whole family is coming this weekend instead, including a girlfriend I’ve yet to meet. I hope she’s ready — or at least warned that “meeting the family” around here tends to come with a side of chaos.

Life’s been unusually busy. Between adding printing services and launching another newspaper, I’m juggling more than ever. At my age, I thought things might slow down. Apparently, my brain missed the memo. Some say it’s a curse to have too many creative ideas. I call it a blessing... most of the time.

Photography and writing keep me grounded — and occasionally wide awake. Inspiration often strikes around 2 a.m., and I debate whether to get up and write it down. By morning, the “brilliant” idea has usually vanished — like socks in a dryer.

A big shift this year came with my official ADHD diagnosis. I’d suspected it for ages, but saying it out loud to my doctor felt oddly freeing. Contrary to the stereotype, ADHD isn’t just kids bouncing off walls — plenty of adults are right here with me. When I shared the news on Facebook, the messages poured in: half were supportive, the other half basically said, “Well, duh.”

After nearly 35 years in newspapers and print, I’ve finally stopped overthinking and started simply being. The moral of the story? Love what you do. Be yourself. Embrace the chaos — because in the end, we all end up in the same place anyway.

If I can string together a bunch of squirrely thoughts each week, keep the lights on, and maybe make you smile — that’s a win. And if I ever manage a full night’s sleep without reaching for a notepad, that’ll be a miracle. But I wouldn’t bet on it. Creativity, after all, doesn’t punch a time clock.

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Saskatchewan to host Oct. 29 business procurement expo

BY IAN MACKAY

Sales people with businesses that would like to provide their products or services to government agencies will attend a gathering in Saskatoon on Oct. 29.

The province’s Business Expo and Procurement Forum happens at Hall B in Prairieland Park from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“The forum gives businesses, vendors and suppliers a chance to connect with the public sector - including executive government, Crown corporations and the municipalities, advanced education, school divisions and health-care sector,” a statement said.

Those attending will also learn about scheduled public sector projects and how to bid, said David Marit, whose responsibilities include SaskBuilds and Procurement.

“The province is focused on building opportunities, growing existing and new sectors and connecting the world to Saskatchewan,” added Warren Kaeding, the trade and export development minister, noting that delegates will learn about government-related construction, engineering and manufacturing plans.

Those attending will also receive “an early look” at a supplier portal, part of a “government enterprise

management system” that the government intends to use, said Karen Cossitt, the department’s chief procurement officer. The day will also include educational sessions, networking, discussion panels and presentations, Cossitt said. Government staff will inform participants about the new portal and outline how suppliers can use it, the statement said.

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McDavid contract a great deal for Oilers

Connor McDavid could have asked for the moon, and Edmonton Oilers’ owner Daryl Katz would have somehow arranged to have it pulled from the sky. But the 28-year-old superstar hockey player stunned the National Hockey League just before the start of the 2025-26 season by signing a two-year contract for, basically, second-line centre money.

While he and his wife Lauren won’t have to visit neighbourhood food banks after agreeing to accept \$12.5 million U.S. per year for two seasons, McDavid sent a stark message to the Oilers, confirming that his No. 1 incentive is not to be the highest-paid player in the NHL, but to win the Stanley Cup. And to win it wearing the Oilers’ blue and orange.

While team-mate Leon Draisaitl is making \$14 million a year for the next six seasons, and Minnesota star Kirill Kiprizov recently became the highest-paid NHLer with a \$17 million per year contract, McDavid’s decision to take less money gives general manager Stan Bowman some extra cash to play with in order to sign some complementary pieces to surround McDavid, Draisaitl, Evan Bouchard and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, the centrepieces of the Oilers’ still-relevant Stanley Cup contender.

Bowman, whose team lost in the



Sports
By Bruce Penton

Stanley Cup final to Florida in back-to-back seasons, might want to start by finding a Hellebuyckian-style goaltender who is able to win games by himself. Stuart Skinner and Calvin Pickard, the Oilers’ two goalies, are decent, but not game-stealers or game-breakers. Sometimes they break games in the wrong fashion, as happened on opening night this year when

Skinner’s peewee-league-style mishap with a loose puck eventually resulted in a shootout loss to visiting Calgary Flames.

The hockey world expressed astonishment at McDavid’s decision to sign such a team-friendly, lowball contract. But after the 2028-29 season, when he will be eligible for free agency, his market value will still be astronomical and he can then seek a Fort Knox-like contract from any one of dozens of suitors. If, in the meantime the Oilers win a championship thanks in part to McDavid’s largesse, his strategy will have been successful — a Stanley Cup victory and the promise of a massive contract to play out his sensational career.

Now, with the contract controversy out of the way, the Oilers can get down to business — making the Stanley Cup final again and taking the final step, spraying champagne all over the place.

“(This) team is in a position to succeed

because we’ve got a good team, a good group of players, but also because we’ve got a situation where Connor is allowing the team a little more flexibility to address needs,” Oilers’ coach Kris Knoblauch told Mark Spector of Sportsnet.

Said McDavid: “If (this contract) lends urgency, that’s a good byproduct, I guess.”

And if nothing special happens around the Oilers in the next three seasons? General manager Kelly McCrimmon in Las Vegas is already starting to put together a vault of cash to woo the man they may start to call Connor McVegas.

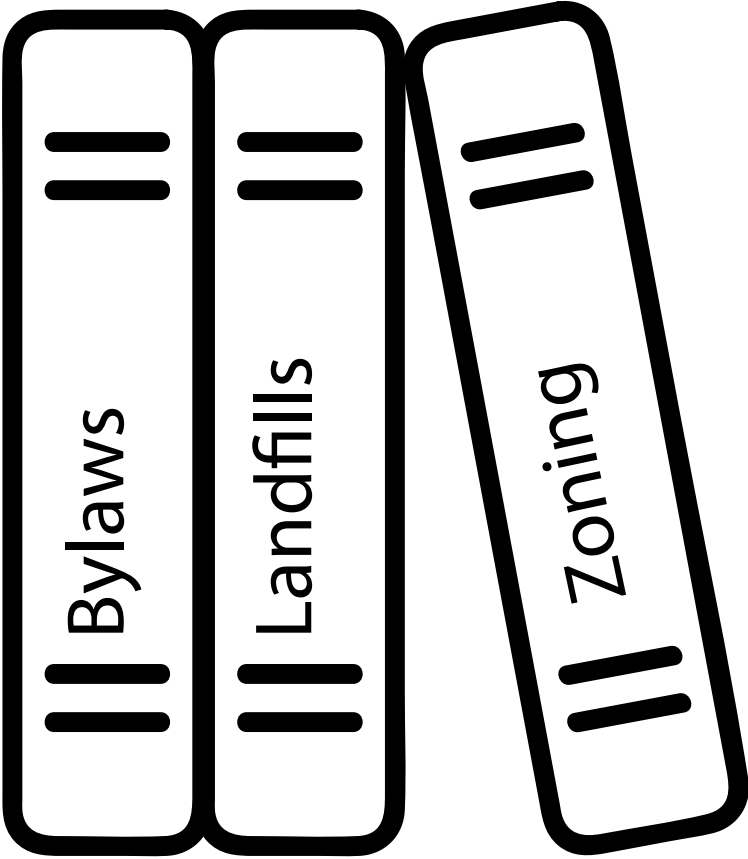
- Comedy writer Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: “Bad Bunny announced as the Super Bowl halftime show. Perfect choice, as the Super Bowl edges closer to Easter this year.”
- Rolfson again: “Kawhi Leonard finally spoke on the NBA investigation into allegations: ‘None of us did no wrongdoing.’ So, all guilty?”
- Illinois governor J.B. Pritzker, on Jimmy Kimmel’s show: “Reporting from “war-torn Chicago ... It’s quite disturbing, the Milwaukee Brewers have come in to attack our Chicago Cubs. People are being forced to eat hot dogs with ketchup on them.”
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: “Phillies lose to the Dodgers and are eliminated on a walk-off error. Eagles lose to a NY Giants team so bad they lost to the New Orleans Saints. Do have some sympathy for

police in Philadelphia tonight.”

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: “Even for fans of the Yankees, there’s some good news in the Blue Jays taking the ALDS in four games. It’ll be a while before reporters or broadcasters have to pronounce Cam Schlittler.”
- Headline at fark.com: “Loyola’s Sister Jean passes at age 106, which is sad, considering she was to go sky-diving Saturday and start from the pole in a motorcycle race Sunday.”
- Another fark.com headline: “If Joe Flacco is the answer, what the hell was the question?”
- Columnist Norman Chad on Twitter: “I hate to pick on Joe Flacco, but he’s 57 years old, has Metamucil for breakfast and has the mobility of a fire hydrant.”
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: “Bad Bunny is playing the Super Bowl halftime show? I’d rather have Bugs Bunny as Leopold conducting the Halftime Show.”
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Star: “Baseball has to look into the size of sliding gloves. Players are sliding into second base safe, but the gloves are touching the base, not the players’ hands. Some of the sliding gloves look like oven mitts.”
- Headline at theonion.com: “Victor Wembanyama Reports To Training Camp Having Added 25 Pounds Of Hair”

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Saskatchewan's Energy News

Electrical intertie soon to be up and running

The electrical intertie between Saskatchewan and Alberta has been down since Nov. 15 of last year, but will now soon be back in operation.

According to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), the McNeill Station began undergoing testing on Wednesday, Oct. 15, ramping up to 15 to 30 megawatts.

Previously, the AESO had posted on its website last week that "ATCO Electric has updated their proposed repair schedule for the McNeill converter station's component failure following the update from April 23, 2025.

"ATCO Electric maintains its recommendation that, except under emergency situations, McNeill not be utilized for energy flow until repairs can be completed. As such, the AB-SK intertie ATC will be posted as zero for both import and export during this period."

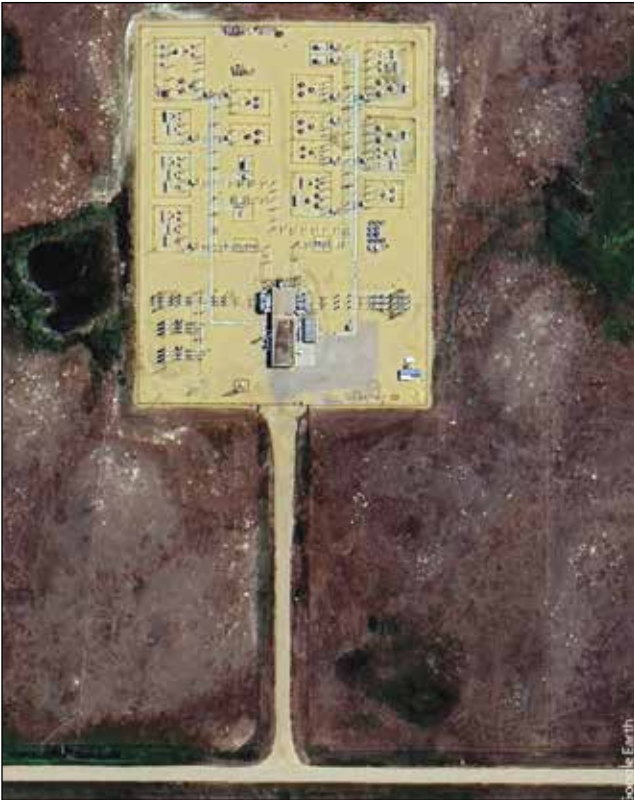
The same posting noted Oct. 30 as the expected date for McNeill to return to normal operations.

The Alberta-Saskatchewan intertie is a lot more complex than Saskatchewan's interties to Manitoba and North Dakota, and similarly for Alberta's interties to Montana and British Columbia. That's because Saskatchewan and Alberta are on different interconnects that each span numerous provinces and states, covering large parts of the continent. Within those interconnects, all power generation is precisely synchronized for frequency to match exactly one's neighbours within the interconnect. There is not a synchronous match between Alberta and Saskatchewan, meaning any power going between the two provinces needs to be converted to DC and then back to AC on the other side.

The extended period of the McNeill Station's outage has meant that SaskPower has been unable to take part in the Alberta grid. If it had been working, there were many times SaskPower could have received power at zero dollars per megawatt – for free – when Alberta had a surplus of power (in Pipeline Online's reporting, it's been found this typically happens when Alberta wind power output is over 50 per cent capacity.)

It also means that on days when Alberta is in a short-fall, usually when wind output flatlines, and the price hits \$999.99 per megawatt-hour, SaskPower has been unable to sell power into that market and basically "make bank."

SaskPower said in an email to Pipeline Online, "Access to the Alberta market increases grid security and improves cost efficiency, and so SaskPower welcomes the intertie's anticipated return to normal operations."



The ATCO McNeill Station is the intertie that allows Saskatchewan and Alberta power utilities to exchange power between them. It's located just on the Alberta side of the border, southwest of Burstall, SK. Google Earth.



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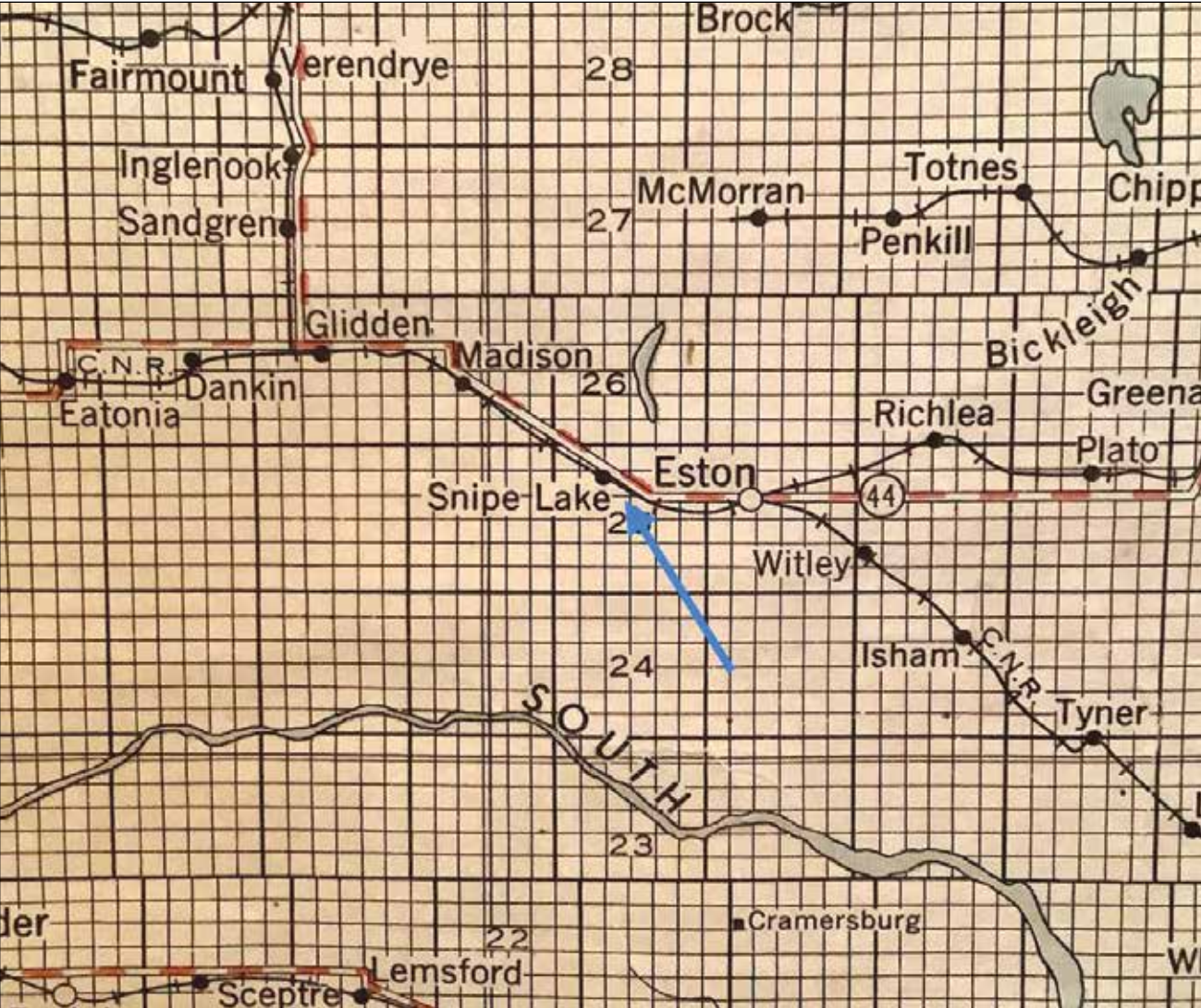
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The Kindersley Alliance Church (Board of Elders) is inviting an expression of interest from community members in regards to the possible subdivision of the lot located at 74 West Road, town of Kindersley. The west end of the lot is to be retained by the Kindersley Alliance Church, the east end could be made available for Zone 1 residential development.

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The Blackbird Sessions brings heartfelt songs and stories to Leader

BY KATE WINQUIST

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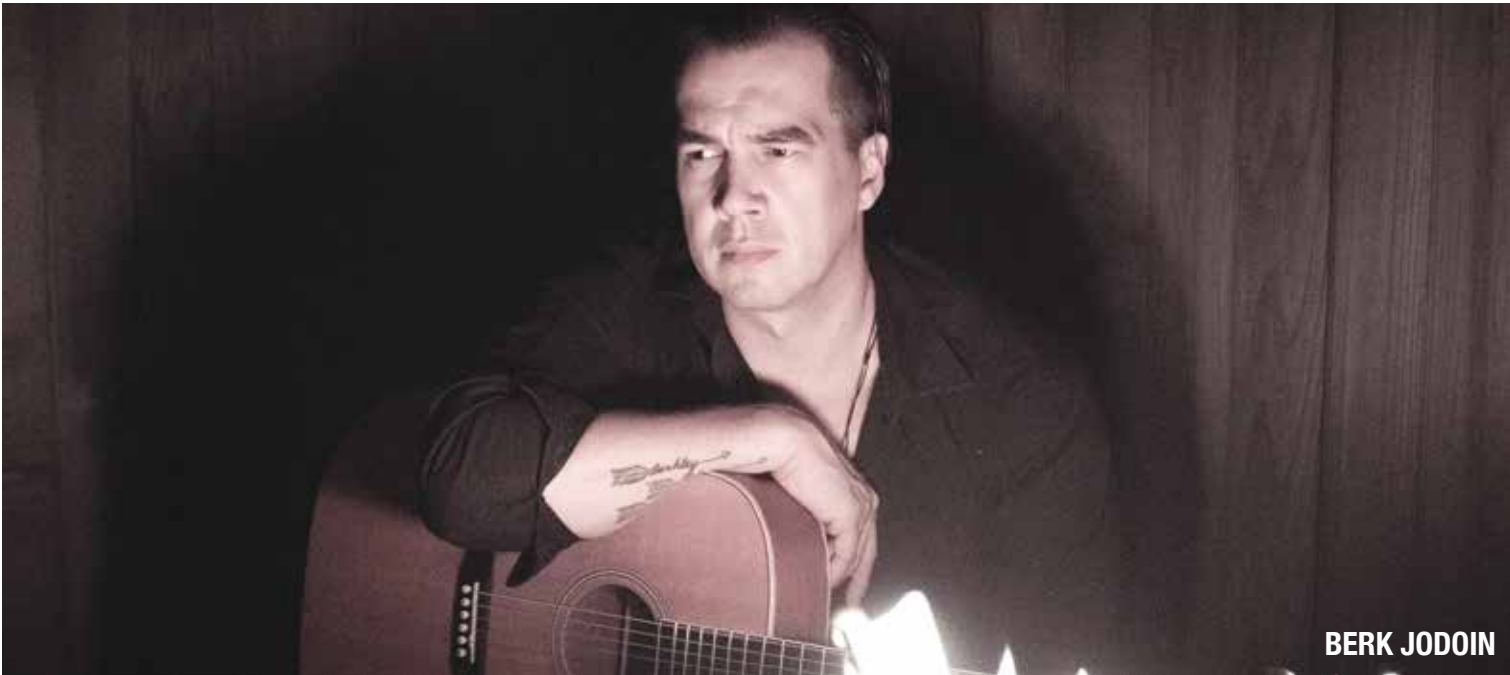
Featuring acclaimed Saskatchewan singer-songwriters Berk Jodoin, Will Ardell and Lachlan Neville, this special event offers a true coffee house experience — where songs are shared, stories unfold and the audience becomes part of the magic.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Centre. Dessert and coffee will be served, making it the perfect night out for friends, families and music fans alike. Tickets are \$35, or \$25 for season ticket holders. Children aged 11 and under can attend for just \$5. Tickets are available at the Town of Leader office.

The Blackbird Sessions is part of the 2025–26 Stars for Saskatchewan Concert Series, which will also feature Ollee Owens, Prairie Debut presents JACA, Rum Ragged and Tommy Charles later in the season.

The Leader & District Arts Council is funded by Saskatchewan Lotteries in partnership with SaskCulture.

The Arts Council is always looking for volunteers to help bring great events like this to the community. To get involved or learn more, contact Cheryl at 306-673-2604 or email leaderartscouncil@gmail.com.



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Resignation, by-election, and financial approvals

KINDERSLEY — The Town of Kindersley held its regular Town Council meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, addressing several key matters including a councillor resignation, upcoming by-election, and financial approvals.

Council officially accepted the written resignation of Councillor Barlow, effective October 5, 2025, and declared the office of councillor vacant under Section 96 of the Municipalities Act. To fill the vacancy, council set Wednesday, March 25, 2026, as the date for a by-election. Chief Administrative Officer Marty Baroni was authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the by-election in accordance with the Local Government Election Act, 2015, and the Municipalities Act.

On financial matters, council approved the list of accounts as paid by the Town of Kindersley, totalling \$1,388,982.85.



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Museum gearing up for seventh annual holiday light display

BY KATE WINQUIST

The Kindersley and District Plains Museum is preparing to once again light up the season with its annual Museum of Lights celebration this December.

Now in its seventh year, the popular holiday tradition features dazzling light displays and both drive-thru and walk-thru evenings each weekend leading up to Christmas. The event draws visitors from across the region to enjoy a festive atmosphere that blends community spirit with twinkling displays and family fun.

Past walk-thru nights have included indoor festivities such as hot chocolate, snacks, live music and trade shows, along with outdoor activities like sleigh rides and a toboggan hill.

The event was launched in 2019 as a fundraiser to help offset the museum's growing operating costs. It has since become a much-anticipated community celebration that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

Organizers hope to keep the event accessible to everyone by accepting donations in lieu of admission fees, and are now seeking sponsors to help make that possible.

"We strive to create an environment that everyone can enjoy, regardless of their economic situation," said museum board secretary Anna Polsfut.

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Jim Baba, Canadian baseball leader and Kindersley recreation director, dies at 69

BY KATE WINQUIST

Jim Baba, a longtime leader in Canadian baseball and former parks and recreation director in Kindersley, has died at the age of 69.

A native of Moose Jaw, Baba spent nine years in Kindersley beginning in 1980, developing local sports programs and fostering a love of baseball that would shape his career. He played a key role in bringing the World Youth Baseball Championships to Kindersley in 1984.

Baba later served as director of operations for Baseball Saskatchewan, coaching provincial teams, delivering National Coaching Certification Program courses, and leading Saskatchewan's baseball squad at the 1989 Canada Games. He joined Baseball Canada, coaching national teams in international competitions including the Pan American Games and Baseball World Cups, before serving as Executive Director from 2000 to 2021. Under his leadership, Canadian baseball grew at both grassroots and high-performance levels, achieving international recognition and supporting Pan Am Games gold-medal wins.

Inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008, Baba's influence extended from local diamonds to international tournaments. Colleagues remember him for his mentorship, dedication, and passion for the sport.

Baba passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 12, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Penny, three children, and five grandchildren. Known for his warmth, humour, and love of family, he also enjoyed sports, board games, and sharing his favourite treat, watermelon.



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William Sample operated the department store

until his death in 1949, after which his son Ted took over. The store stayed in the family until 1969, when Inga and Carl Robinson purchased it and renamed it Robinson’s Department Store. They ran the store until 1984, after which Alvin and Bev Dieno and Allen and Marilyn Henning operated it under the name Clothes Relations until 1991.

For a deeper look into the history of the Sample family and Kerrobert’s early “tent town,” visit the museum! We’re open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free, and donations are always welcome.

SGI urges drivers to prepare for winter roads

As winter approaches, Saskatchewan drivers are being reminded to prepare their vehicles and adjust their driving habits for slippery roads.

JP Cullen, chief operating officer of the Auto Fund, says early preparation can make a big difference. “Whether you’re experienced or new to winter driving, a little planning can go a long way in keeping you safe,” he said.

SGI recommends installing winter tires, keeping a snow brush, ice scraper and shovel in your vehicle,

packing an emergency kit, and ensuring your car is tuned up with a working block heater.

Once snow and ice arrive, drivers should slow down, increase following distance, clear all windows, avoid cruise control, and accelerate and brake gently.

Check the Highway Hotline for current road conditions and stay off the roads if travel isn’t advised.

“Winter can be unpredictable,” Cullen said. “Let’s do what we can to reduce collisions and keep everyone safe.”

Swift Current man charged with second-degree murder

SWIFT CURRENT — Saskatchewan RCMP say a man has been charged with second-degree murder following a suspicious death in Swift Current.

On Aug. 8, 2025, at approximately 1:10 a.m., Swift Current Municipal RCMP responded to a report of an injured man at a residence on 1st Avenue NW. The male, later identified as 29-year-old Matthew Neufeld of Swift Current, was taken to hospital where he was

pronounced dead. His family has been notified.

The case was handed over to Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes due to the suspicious circumstances.

Following the investigation, 54-year-old Christopher Sean Foster of Swift Current was arrested on Oct. 15, 2025, and charged under Section 235(1) of the Criminal Code. Foster appeared in Regina Provincial Court on Oct. 17. The investigation is ongoing.

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The Dr. David S. Mulder Easton Area Health Foundation recently purchased a new vital signs monitor for the Eston Health Center. Board member David Hughes is shown with Nurse Practitioner Karen Serfas demonstrating the features of the new state of the art monitor. Smaller than previous machines in use at the Health Center, it will simultaneously measure blood pressure, temperature, oxygen levels and pulse rate. In addition there are blood pressure cuffs of various sizes to accommodate most patients. SUBMITTED

BOOK REVIEW

“The Genius Hour Project”
by Leanne Shirtliffe



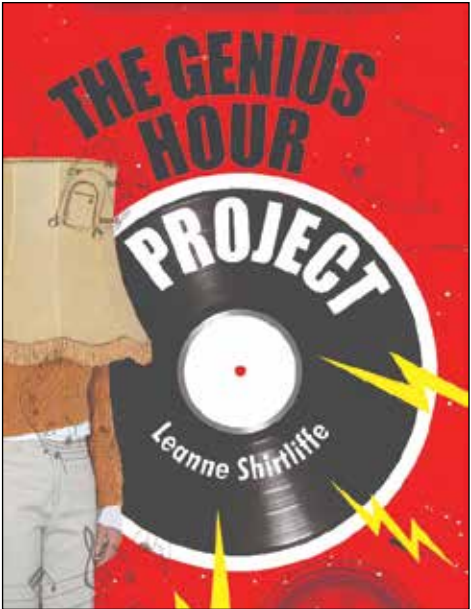
REVIEW BY SHELLEY A. LEEDAHL

Leanne Shirtliffe’s *The Genius Hour Project* is a delightful and realistic middle-grade novel that transcends its young protagonist, Frazzy, an eleven-year-old audiophile navigating school, family, and self-discovery. Tackling mature themes like divorce and depression with empathy, Shirtliffe—an experienced educator and counsellor—creates compelling characters and authentic relationship dynamics.

Frazzy’s Grade Six “Genius Hour Project” prompts her to explore female politicians, but her true passion is music, raising questions about following one’s heart versus staying safe. The book’s contemporary school setting, witty dialogue, and culturally relevant references enrich the story, while secondary characters provide memorable insights and humor.

A thoughtful, engaging, and well-crafted novel with a satisfying

ending, *The Genius Hour Project* earns a gold star.
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Officers say the investigations are ongoing and updates will be provided as information becomes available. In the meantime, they advise residents to never leave keys in an unlocked or unoccupied vehicle, avoid idling an unattended vehicle, and never leave spare keys or garage door openers inside or near a vehicle.

RCMP also recommend installing anti-theft devices, using steering wheel locks, parking vehicles in garages when possible, and choosing well-lit, secure areas for parking.

Police stress the importance of reporting all crimes, no matter how minor. “When all crimes are reported to the police, officers get a clearer picture of the types and numbers of crimes occurring in their area,” the RCMP said. This information helps guide future initiatives, projects, and public education campaigns.

Anyone with information is asked to call 310-RCMP. In an emergency, dial 911. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.



Farmers mostly done before snow squall

West-central farmers had 99 per cent of their fields combined before snow and rain arrived on Oct. 12.

They had “small amounts” of oilseeds, canary seed and chickpeas left in some fields, the latest provincial crop report said.

The region received “limited precipitation” and “many areas remain dry,” said the Agriculture Department report for the week ending on Oct. 13. A total of 16 millimetres fell in the Rural Municipality of Monet, with 13 in the RM of Mildren; eight in Fertile Valley, five each in Snipe Lake and St. Andrews and three each in Lacadena and the RM of Biggar, a chart showed.

“Soil moisture levels in the west-central region remain the lowest in the province” at 23 per cent adequate, 51 per cent short and 26 per cent very short in fields, 18 per cent adequate, 51 per cent short and 31 per cent very short in hay land, and 12 per cent adequate, 55 per cent short and 33 per cent very short in pastures.

However, most livestock producers have enough feed for their herds this winter “due to timely moisture throughout the growing season,” the report said.

Around the province, farmers had combined 98 per cent of their fields, with those here and in the northeast 99 per cent finished; southeast and northwest, 98 per cent; and southwest and east-central, 97 per cent.

They still had two per cent of their canola to combine plus five per cent of the mustard, eight per cent of the canary seed, 12 per cent of the chickpeas, 13 per cent of their flax and 17 per cent of the soybeans.

Many areas “got notable rain and snow” on the Oct. 11-12 weekend, welcomed by farmers who were finished. Wind, frost and snow caused minor damage to some crops still in the field, where “wildlife and migratory birds” helped themselves.

Department staff will distribute the final crop report of the season on Oct. 30.

RCMP respond to fires, assaults and traffic incidents across Unity region

BY KATE WINQUIST

Local RCMP detachments reported a range of incidents in Unity, Wilkie and Macklin between Oct. 7 and Oct. 13, including fires, assaults, thefts and traffic collisions.

In Unity, police investigated a combine fire near Denzil, which was extinguished by the Macklin Fire Department and deemed non-suspicious. Another combine fire near Unity was put out before firefighters arrived, also considered non-suspicious. Members also responded to a deceased cow in a pasture and a property dispute, both of which remain under investigation.

An 18-year-old Unity man was charged with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and careless use of a firearm following a weapons complaint. Other reports in the Unity area included fraud, assault, a mental health concern requiring transport to Unity Health Centre, and a vehicle collision with a moose resulting in no injuries. Officers also assisted Luseland Police Service and Unity Health Centre with ongoing matters.

In Wilkie, RCMP transported a person under the Mental Health Act to Battlefords Union Hospital and investigated a sexual assault complaint. A 39-year-old Unity man was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle during a traffic stop. Police also attended a vehicle-deer collision, a controlled grain bag fire, and investigated fraud, assault, criminal harassment and a stolen truck report.

Macklin RCMP dealt with a dispute that led to the arrest of a 32-year-old Evesham man on multiple charges, including assault, forcible confinement, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, and flight from police. Officers also investigated fraud, a breach of undertaking, and a report of suspicious individuals near a business.

Across all three detachments, police responded to several traffic complaints and false alarms.

RCMP are asking anyone with information about crimes in the Unity, Wilkie, and Macklin areas to contact their local detachment or call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477. Tips leading to the arrest of a suspect in a serious crime can result in a reward of up to \$2,000.

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2. Building materials. Before making any purchases, do your research to ensure you’re sourcing materials like stone from a quarry in your region or wood from

a nearby forest. Also, consider purchasing your building materials from local or Canadian-owned hardware stores.

3. Beauty products. Treat yourself to locally made beauty products, including anti-aging creams, exfoliators, eye shadows and perfumes. You can look and feel your best while championing local businesses. Ask local experts for their top recommendations.
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Products sourced from halfway around the world may be cheaper, but they often come with hidden costs. Many of these items are made in factories with poor working conditions. Transporting them around the globe releases significant greenhouse gases.

Do you have concerns for the environment and want to support your local economy? Buying local is simple! All you have to do is make a few changes to your routine.

Start by exploring what your region or neighbourhood has to offer. Visit the bakery next door, check out a boutique featuring Canadian designers or explore your local farmers’ market. You’ll discover unique, high-quality products and meet passionate individuals providing personalized customer service. Pay attention to where the products come from when you’re shopping at the grocery store. You’ll quickly find out which ones benefit your provincial economy instead of foreign interests.

Don’t feel like going out? No problem! More and more local businesses now have user-friendly online platforms and offer fast delivery options. In other words, supporting local enterprises can be just as convenient and efficient as shopping online from large retailers.

Remember, whenever you choose to buy locally, you’re taking concrete action that benefits both your community’s economic health AND the planet. It’s absolutely worth the effort!

Find out about your local businesses today and ask your friends and family about their favourites. You’re sure to uncover some fantastic finds.



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Sask. reports two more COVID-19 deaths, cases continue to decline

Covid-19 claimed the lives of two more Saskatchewan residents in the most recent four-week span, according to a provincial Health Department report.

Individuals died during the weeks of Sept. 28-Oct. 4, the most recent week covered in the report, and Sept. 7-13, one document in the report showed. Staff will resume issuing reports every two weeks, starting on Oct. 24.

The deaths brought the provincial total to 2,100 people killed by Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, the document said.

Outbreaks of Covid-19 made up 11 of the 22 outbreaks that affected places like long-term care homes, it added.

“RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and influenza activity remain low and stable,” the report said. “Over the last four weeks, the most common respiratory virus detected by sentinel physicians is rhinovirus (the common cold).”

A total of 79 people provincial residents tested positive

for the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 during the latest week, down from 99 in the previous week.

One person in the department’s west-central zone was among them but nobody from this area tested positive for the flu or RSV.

Hospitals admitted 18 people with the coronavirus during Sept. 28-Oct. 4, an increase of two from the week before and down from the 25 admitted during Sept. 7-13. Two covid patients during the four weeks needed intensive care.

One of the four people who tested positive for the flu during the latest week went to hospital, as did two of the five who tested positive for RSV. A total of 21 people with the flu went to hospitals, 11 of them during Sept. 14-20.

The 61 residents considered sick with covid during Sept. 28-Oct. 4 included 26 in both the over 65 and 20 to 64 age groups plus five under five and four between five and 19.

Sask expands publicly funded glaucoma care

Saskatchewan residents will have better access to glaucoma care under a new pilot program that allows licensed optometrists to provide publicly funded services.

The Ministry of Health, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists, launched the two-year Glaucoma Care Pilot Program on Oct. 1. The initiative will offer assessments, monitoring, diagnostic testing and follow-up care closer to home.

“Allowing optometrists to work to the top of their scope of practice enables ophthalmologists to focus on more complex cases and surgical interventions,” Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr said in a news

release. “This will improve patient flow within the health system and expand access for patients across Saskatchewan.”

The program aims to reduce travel for patients in rural and remote communities, who often must see specialists far from home.

The Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists welcomed the funding expansion. “Expanding publicly funded glaucoma services to include care delivered by optometrists increases patient access to 200 licensed optometrists operating in 42 communities,” SAO president Dr. Heather Hunter said. “This will improve access to care, particularly in rural areas of the province.”



Tisdale’s Sales & Service marks 70 years in Kindersley

This year, Tisdale’s Sales & Service celebrates 70 years serving the Kindersley community. The business first opened its doors in 1955, and it continues to provide vehicles and service to local residents in 2025.

Back in October 1975, the company celebrated its 20th anniversary in the Kindersley arena. An issue of The Clarion from that month noted that new 1976 vehicles were on display for the event, which drew 500 visitors. Chuck Newmeyer and Norm Tisdale were each presented with engraved plaques in recognition of their years of service.



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OCTOBER 24 & 25
• Alsask Haunted House from 7:00-11:00 PM nightly at the Alsask Recreation Centre. \$15/person (Cash only bar). Everyone welcome.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
• Alsask Drop-Inn Centre Fall Supper & Games Fundraiser 4:00-8:00 PM. Ham or turkey, potatoes & gravy, veggies and finish with dessert, then stay for games! 206 Main Street. \$25/ person (Age 12 & under - \$10). Call Dave 306-463-0169 for more info.

BROCK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
• Brocktoberfest fundraiser for the Brock Rink at the Brock Community Hall. Call or text Keri for tickets 306-520-4417. Watch for more details.

FLAXCOMBE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
• Flaxcombe Recreation Association presents Homemade Bathbomb Workshop 1:00-3:30 PM (ages 8+) Cost \$15. Limited seats so please register ASAP. Ice Tea / Snack included. Flaxcombe Community Hall. Call/text 780-242-4936 or 403-461-7905 to register no later than October 16.

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

KERROBERT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
• Leaf pick-up. Please leave your full clear bags on your front boulevards. Pick-up will be on these dates only.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
• Kerrobert Courthouse Restoration Society and Canadian Paranormal Expeditions present “An Evening With Spirits and Legends” at the 105 year old Kerrobert Courthouse (433 Manitoba Avenue). Tour Times: 7:00 to 9:00 PM; 9:30 to 11 30 PM; 12:00 AM to 2:00 AM. Cost: \$30/person. Ages 14+ with parental supervision. Tickets at Kerrobert Town Office. Phone 306-834-2361 to reserve! Proceeds to Courthouse Restoration. Dare to step into the shadows with us!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
• Prairieland Players present “This Time Together” Scenes from the Carol Burnett Show. Dinner Theatre at Prairieland Community Centre. Tickets now available at the Kerrobert Town Office.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
• Prairieland Players present “This Time Together” Scenes from the Carol Burnett Show. Pub Night at Prairieland Community Centre. Tickets now available at the Kerrobert Town Office.

- 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.

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

KINDERSLEY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
• Kindersley & District Arts Council AGM 7:00 PM at the Norman Ritchie Community Arts Centre.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
• Kindersley Screen Arts presents “Sacramento” 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door with wine and beer available for purchase.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
• Poppy Campaign Kick-Off Supper at the Kindersley Legion Hall. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Chicken supper provided by Jackie's Delicious Delights served at 6:00 PM. Program to follow. Cost \$30/plate. For tickets call Scott Holloway 306-460-4688.

- 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 Tuesday: Community Badminton 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Westberry School. Everybody welcome.

LEADER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
• Leader & District Arts Council presents The Blackbird Ses-

sions featuring Berk Jodoin, Will Ardell, Lachlan Neville. 7:30 PM at the Leader Community Centre. Tickets \$35 (Age 11 & Under \$5). Special pricing for season ticket holders only \$25. Tickets available at Town of Leader Office. Dessert & Coffee.

LUSELAND
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.

- 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 burnt hats and artwork by Sheryl Zunti”

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, Visiting
- 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.

MAJOR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
• Hands at Work Fall Supper 5:00-6:30 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
• CWL Fall Fair 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Contact Aimee Stang to book a table.
• 4H Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Hall 10:45 AM

- 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.

SMILEY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
• Smiley Ladies Night Out. Call Rella for more info 306-838-4213.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
• Smiley Fowl Supper 5:00-7:00 PM. Adults \$20; 12-18 \$15; 11 & under \$5. Everyone welcome.

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