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Kindersley hosts 2025 District KINvention

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — About 130 members from across Saskatchewan gathered in Kindersley on Oct. 24 and 25 for the 2025 District KINvention, held at the Catholic Church Hall.

“This is a time to bring education and information to people to build them from within,” said Chantelle McAlpine, education chair. “It’s also a time for developing strategies for fundraising, communication and problem-solving.”

Before the conference officially began, members attended a Leadership Training Workshop at the Best Western meeting room on Friday morning. Participants gained confidence to step into leadership roles and apply new skills. McAlpine said the workshop aimed to foster personal growth in all aspects of members’ lives.

The KINvention opened Friday evening with registration, musical entertainment, and a liquor-and-taco bar. On Saturday, the Fall Leadership Conference meeting featured reports and a speech by Kinders-

ley Mayor Ken Francis. Education sessions included Fundraising Boldly and a presentation on artificial intelligence, followed by breakout sessions.

“A ton of education is being offered, but it’s interactive,” said Michelle Duckworth, district governor. “We learn from each other because we don’t know everything.”

“The wealth of knowledge is in the community, and we want to be sure we are sharing that information,” McAlpine added.

The host club in Kindersley also organized social events. On Friday, attendees enjoyed an evening gathering, and Saturday featured a mock wedding with a “We’re going to the chapel and we’re gonna get married” theme. Guests were encouraged to dress as fancy or as tacky as they liked. The bride and groom were revealed before the ceremony, which was followed by dinner and a dance.

Attendees brought gifts in the form of unwrapped donations for the local food bank or new pajamas and toys for the Crisis Centre, showcasing another creative way members serve their community.

Meet the new EDO of Luseland’s Chamber of Commerce

BY JOAN JANZEN

LUSELAND — On October 1st, Iryna Shabala officially began her duties as Economic Development Officer (EDO) for the Luseland & District Chamber of Commerce. She and her family moved to Luseland from Ukraine a little over a year ago. Before joining the Chamber, she managed several businesses and worked with city government, supporting local entrepreneurs and community projects.

“I’m really excited to build strong partnerships between local businesses, the town and the community,” the new EDO said. Her goal is to strengthen local entrepreneurship, attract new opportunities and support projects that bring people together.

“We’re deeply grateful to this incredible community for the support and kindness shown to Ukrainian families like ours,” she said. Iryna described Luseland as the perfect place for their family to build a new life, and her husband, who is an agronomist, feels right at home in Saskatchewan.

However rural life is a new experience for Iryna who grew up in a

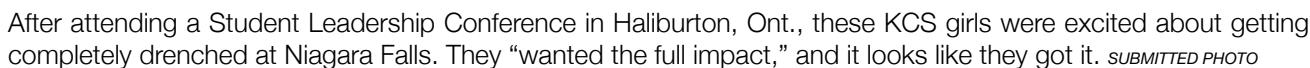


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city with a population of half a million. “I’ve quickly learned there’s something incredibly special about small-town life, especially for families,” she noted. She truly appreciates the community spirit and safety afforded to her 15-year-old son. “Our family is absolutely loving our life here! Iryna said.

She’s excited to continue building Luseland’s future, a place where traditions stay strong, families thrive and new ideas find their home.





BY JOAN JANZEN

Piper Pincemin (Grade 10) said, "You talk to someone from Quebec and realize the things they go through are so different. It opened my eyes to what other people are thinking and gave me a different perspective."

They were excited to share all they had learned at the conference. But at the end of the day, their most enthusiastic response of all came when they answered one question: "Did you meet any boys at the conference?"

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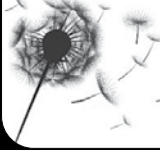
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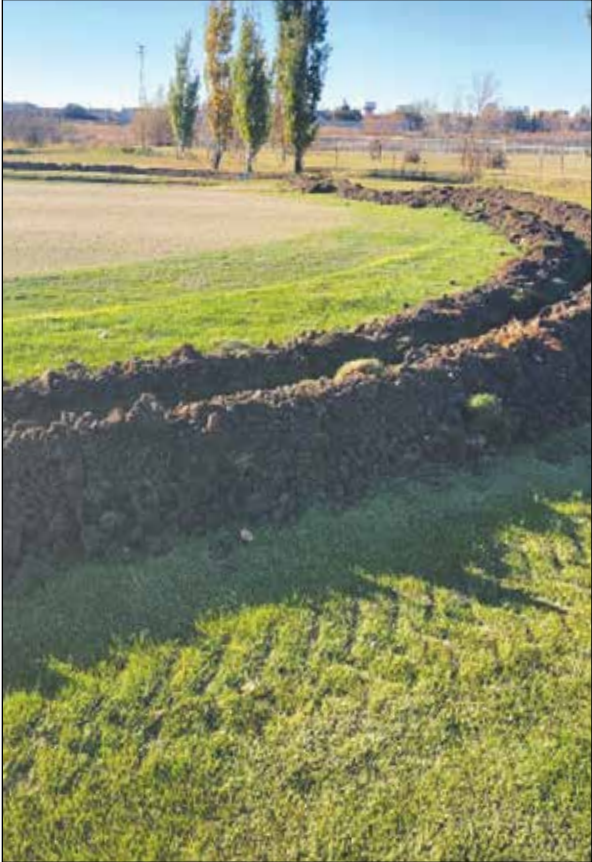
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Kindersley Regional Golf Course is replacing a 35-year-old system with a state-of-the-art computerized irrigation system designed to last for decades.

PHOTO BY RANDY ERVINE

State-of-the-art irrigation project underway at KRGC

BY JOAN JANZEN

A state-of-the-art irrigation project is underway at the Kindersley Regional Golf Course (KRGC). If you’ve driven by recently, you may have noticed extensive trenching as a crew from Saskatoon works on the project.

“They’re replacing a 35-year-old system that was falling apart,” board member Randy Ervine explained. “It’s being replaced with a state-of-the-art computerized system that will last for decades.”

Work began Oct. 12, and the crew is expected to complete all the work they can this fall by the end of the month. They will return in the spring, before the golf season begins, to fine-tune the project.

The irrigation project, which is a major improvement for the golf course, comes with a price tag of half a million dollars. “We’ve had some very generous and smaller donations; everything is greatly appreciated,” Ervine said.

Contributors have two options, he added: a five-year debenture, which pays interest on the money lent, or a cash donation. “So far, 85 per cent of the funds received have been cash donations,” he said. Receipts are issued for all cash contributions.

Kindersley’s golf course is a playground for many members, but every playground needs maintenance. Ervine is inviting people who enjoy recreation on the course to participate in the project.

Anyone wishing to make a cash donation can contact Randy Ervine at 306-463-4041, any board member, the Town of Kindersley at 306-463-2675, or the Kindersley Regional Park Authority for more information.

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TO THE EDITOR:

26 Years Later: Health Board Memories

I’ve always been a bit of a pack rat, and while going through some of my treasures recently, I came across a photo and memo from my time on the Prairie West District Health Board.

I represented the Dodsland area when the new regional health system was first being formed — I believe we were among the very first district boards created. Looking back 26 years later, at age 94, I don’t remember all the names, but I’ll do my best:

Back Row: Marcie Delday, ?, Bill Frey (Luseland), Fran Swan, ?, Morley ?

Front Row: Kelly Kimble, ?, Erhart Poggmiller, and myself, Fran Babiuk

It was a very stressful time. The government was closing many small rural hospitals, and the public meetings we attended were often tense. We were not always warmly received, to say the least. Emotions ran high in every community we visited, as people were afraid of losing vital health care close to home.

I thought some readers might be interested in this little piece of local history — a reminder of how difficult those decisions were and of the many people who stepped forward to serve their communities through it.

— Fran Babiuk

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How to fix a problem that doesn't exist

I'm not sure if it's true, but I've heard semi drivers who transport beer constantly get asked if they give away free samples. This week I'm giving you just one sample of many products the government is trying to sell us.

The recent push for automated tax filing for low-income Canadians is being presented to the public as a winning proposition. The media pointed out it will fulfill one of the Prime Minister's campaign promises to make life more affordable for Canadians and make a difference in their bank accounts.

You may have heard news reports saying automatically filing taxes of up to 5.5 million low-income Canadians beginning next year will ensure they are getting access to federal benefits they're entitled to. However, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) is claiming this is not such a good deal for Canadians.

Franco Terrazzano from the CTF was interviewed on Northern Perspective and pointed out the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) can barely do the job that it has now. Even the finance minister acknowledged that the challenges plaguing the CRA are unacceptable.

"Good luck getting government bureaucrats on the phone when the CRA inevitably messes up your tax bill and overbills you," Franco quipped.



Opinion
By Joan Janzen

According to the Auditor General, the CRA answers approximately 36 percent of the 53.5 million calls it receives per year, and about 30 percent of the time those who did get someone on the phone were given the wrong information.

So, if they are only able to answer 36 percent of calls, it's fair to conclude the automatic tax filing will require the hiring of

more bureaucrats to get the job done — meaning this will only add to the already bloated government that already exists, and which the government is promising will be reduced.

Add to that the fact that the CRA is already one of the largest arms of the government, with well over 52,000 employees and growing. That means there is one employee for every 800 Canadians. In contrast, the U.S. has one IRS employee for every 3,800 Americans.

When asked what problem the government was trying to solve, Franco replied, "They say it will make it easier for people to file taxes who aren't filing their taxes already, but the solution already exists and it's outside of government."

There are free voluntary tax clinics people can go to if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation. There are also many different businesses that offer free tax filing services.

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Isn't it more advantageous for the private sector to help low-income Canadians file their taxes, rather than spend tax dollars to pay bureaucrats to do it?

He also pointed out that people who are going through really hard times may be homeless, don't have a bank account, phone or computer, and the government doesn't know who they are or have their information. "This isn't a solution for them," he concluded.

"When the government gets their foot in the door, they keep cranking up the power over taxpayers," he said. "If anyone wants to say this is a conspiracy theory, in the last budget it says right in there that the government wants to start exploring expanding the automatic tax filing to middle-class Canadians."

Franco also asked his listeners, what happens if the CRA has the power over people through automatic tax filing and it comes time for union

negotiations for a pay raise? He answered his own question: "The same thing that happened in 2023 when the CRA union went on strike right during tax season."

Automatic tax filing has been tried in other countries. "In the British experience I've heard they've thrown it out," Franco said. "In 2010, six million taxpayers received incorrect returns from Britain's tax agency when they overbilled taxpayers."

He continued to inform his listeners how the government gave Canadians until October 9 to send in an email or survey submission about automatic tax filing. Just hours later, on October 10, they made the announcement. "Asking Canadians for their opinion and then ignoring their input makes it look like government consultations are just a sham," he said. "Canadians have every reason to believe this is going to be a disaster."

He calls it a conflict of interest for the government to do your tax return. They can't be both the tax filer and the tax collector.

Not only will the government fix a problem that doesn't exist, but they will also make an existing problem worse by adding more bureaucrats to the CRA at a time when federal employees have grown by 77 percent in the past ten years.

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In love with my research

Have you ever reached the end of a momentous chore and been surprised to find you're not as ecstatic as you imagined you'd be? I recently finished a project seven years in the writing. But now that I'm here, I feel oddly sad. I've developed a relationship of sorts with my project—life is, after all, where we put our time and energy. And I've invested a great deal of both. But I also suspect perfectionism is telling me I can't possibly be finished.

I'm no perfectionist when it comes to housekeeping and coiffing. But I can become irrationally idealistic and exacting when it comes to creating art and stories. And that can be a huge hindrance to completing projects and releasing them into the world, which is the goal of every artist and work of art—connecting with others through your work and your vision.

I've been told perfectionism leads to procrastination, which, if not nudged into action, leads to paralysis. What is worth doing is worth doing badly, with the option of improving on that by doing the best we can with what we have at the time. To live in the perfectionist's world is to judge the work of others according to unrealistic standards. How many times have you left a concert or show and said, "I could do better than that"? In your dreams, yes. Or maybe you'd just do it differently. Either way, I say, "By all means, go for it!"

At the moment, I am dealing less with perfectionism than a kind of mourning for things left out. You never include everything you research, as juicy and interesting as it may be. I've been writing about the lives of a disparate group of misfits who find themselves living in the middle of nowhere—i.e., southern Saskatchewan—in the late 1800s. In doing research, I've learned a great deal about the lives of Métis living in the territory, of cowboys coming up from the States where they could still roam free, of mail-order brides, life in boarding houses, misinformed settlers arriving entirely unprepared, religious orders filled with good intentions, not all of them abusive or imperial in intent. I discovered the story of an apparition of Mary in the far North, diaries of former surveyors establishing the border, the first war correspondent and his stories of the Crimean War—to name just a few.

With every new character, scene, or event in the history of my unraveling story, there was a book to read. I fell in love with my research. It's a pitfall for most novelists. It certainly was my case back in the days of working in radio, making documentaries on subjects that intrigued me and drew me deeper into them with every new fact. It's the best way to become an expert on something—decide to write a book or make a doc



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

about it!

I was lucky to have deadlines and the fear of dead air looming over me. If the clock was getting perilously close to showtime and I was still tinkering with my script—fretting over having to cut a precious factoid—my producer would shout: "Murder your babies, Madonna. We got a show to put on!"

However, left to our own devices, writers would spend their lives "reading up" on a subject. Beside my desk is a bookcase stuffed with hundreds of books on Victorian England, the rise of newspapers, the life of cowboys, the spirituality of Indigenous peoples, the beginning of consumer culture, the decline of the buffalo, the invention of the gospel of wealth, the building of barns, the wildest weather events of the last two centuries, the expansion of empires, the effect of train travel on land and people...the list goes on and on. And on.

I also have notebooks full of facts and figures, quips and quotes, and delicious, vibrant descriptions of a place and time. What do I do with all those notes I meant to plough into the story? The book would be thousands of pages long if I used them all. I can't think of throwing away my notes. Please, let me share some of them here.

Did you know that the Gilded Age (1870 to late 1890s) saw the rise of sensationalist and investigative journalism at the same time that mindless materialism was wedded with the prosperity gospel and its notion that if you were rich, you were a good—i.e., hard-working—individual, and if you were poor, you were a bad—i.e., lazy—person? The man behind the Gospel of Wealth was Andrew Carnegie, the Pittsburgh steel magnate who we may think of as the benevolent originator of libraries, but whose ruthless business practices earned him the title: robber baron.

The Chicago World's Fair (1893) introduced the art of "mechanical reproduction" and "staged authenticity" to the degree that fake everything was preferable to the original. Fake buildings went up faster. Fake pyramids meant no need to leave home. Fake battles meant no one dies, and fake happy villages of natives meant no more guilty consciences.

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My book begins in 1890—the year the stop sign, the semi-automatic rifle, and shredded wheat were invented. And it ends in 1893, the year Gandhi arrived in South Africa, Conan Doyle gave us Sherlock Holmes, and the song "Happy Birthday" was published. But in between, there's so much more!



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Hot flashes, home runs and Halloween hijinks

BY KATE WINQUIST

Well, as it turns out, my optimism really did pay off — the Blue Jays are still going strong. Suddenly, even people who normally think baseball is boring are joining the bandwagon, including my sister Carrie. Boring? Really? George Springer’s three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh against Seattle on Monday night had the whole country buzzing. It felt like one of those classic Canadian moments you’ll be talking about for years — Joe Carter’s 1993 World Series homer, anyone?

Springer had been hit in the knee the night before, so there was some doubt he’d even play. My sister shared a post on the Blue Jays Facebook page: “Congrats guys! Now take it the rest of the way! My mom was a huge fan and she passed last December at 88. She’s smiling down on you, and the fact that George hit the winning home run was an extra bonus for her ...George was my dad’s name.” And then Vladimir Guerrero Jr. LIKED HER COMMENT. I repeat: Vlad Jr. liked HER comment, not mine — the one actually writing about baseball. Where is the justice?

I refuse to predict anything about the World Series. The Jays are up against the billionaire Dodgers, so let’s just say: stay tuned to see if the fat lady starts warming up her vocal chords. Because she has not sung quite yet — and this fat lady isn’t even humming.

October has been gentle on us so far — Old Man Winter has mostly stayed away. One brief snowfall was the extent of it, giving us time to put away the patio furniture, rake leaves, and start thinking about Halloween goodies for the little ghosts and goblins. My husband especially enjoys handing out the treats, and I must admit, I don’t mind the excuse to make sure the candy is “good.” We had a full case of Coffee Crisps left over last year, and yes, I did wonder why I can’t seem to lose weight. Some mysteries may never be solved.

I do hope the weather holds, though. It’s such a shame when cute costumes are hidden under parkas and snowsuits.

Evenings are cooling, but I’ve become a one-woman climate crisis. Menopause has been showing its

ugly face, and the nights are full of hot flashes and night sweats with me apologizing to my husband for creating a sauna in the bedroom. He has been curling up under layers, only his head peeking out from the blanket — I think he’s convinced he’s sleeping in a morgue. I used to think night sweats were overblown. I was a fool.

The past few weeks have been busy. We’ve finally found a small office space in the Mini-Mall for our Rosetown Eagle staff, giving David and Ian a place to write and me a spot to handle ad sales. It’s also perfect for storing our archives, which will one day belong in the museum, I’m sure. I’m looking forward to digging through back issues, especially with Remembrance Day coming up.

And with all this busyness, we’ve been laughing at the old sayings we’ve dusted off: busier than a one-legged man in a butt-kicking contest, busier than a three-legged cat burying a turd on cement, busier than a one-armed wallpaper hanger... and a few others best left unprinted.

Despite it all, I will find the time to relax and watch some ballgames and perhaps help pick out the Halloween candy, all while trying to stay cool through it all.

That’s it for another week of musings from the gal from Glidden. Week’s not over yet — and just a reminder, don’t cue the fat lady. She hasn’t even cleared her throat.



Carrie and Katie Drummond getting ready to trick or treat in Glidden, SK (circa 1974).

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Vlad Jr. liked Carrie’s Facebook post! Kate is beyond jealous.

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New stats flood world of baseball

Baseball statistics are getting ridiculous. Every day, it seems, some analytical expert delivers a new statistical category that, ultimately, will probably result in fans learning that a batter produces more hits when his heart is in mid-beat.

Way back when, all a baseball fan knew of his favourite players were batting average, runs-batted-in, base hits, runs scored, and walks. If a statistician wanted to get cute, he or she might even break down the regular walks from those issued intentionally.

Today? It's out of control. A few new baseball-stat categories started showing up 10 or 15 years ago, such as WAR (wins above replacement, a category that determines a player's value to a team were he playing instead of a replacement player). Offensively, the stat used most often to determine a player's value is OPS, which is adding up the player's on-base percentage plus his slugging average. Anyone over 1.000 is an all-star.

Here's a quiz: What is BABIP? It calculates a hitter's batting average only on balls in play. In other words, a strikeout or a home run aren't counted. Only those balls that stay in the field of play. There's a fairly new stat showing up as ISO, which is described as 'isolated power' — measuring a hitter's rate of



Sports
By Bruce Penton

extra-base hits per at-bat. Also measured these days are categories for exit velocity, launch angle, hard hit, and barrels.

Barrels? This is where stats start to get really haywire. If a batter hits a ball with an exit velocity of a minimum 98 miles per hour and a launch angle between 26 and 30 degrees, it is deemed that the ball must have hit the 'barrel' of the bat. Google

says an elite hitter manages to 'barrel' a thrown pitch at least 15 per cent of the time.

Advanced computer software and radar equipment figures all of this out. When the Blue Jays beat Seattle 13-4 in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series, post-game reports said the Jays socked 11 hits at 100 mph or more. Significant? Must have been, because it reportedly broke the record of 10 by the 2018 Red Sox and 2020 Dodgers. Every possible detail of a baseball game is stored in some computer and easily retrievable. Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., reported Sports Illustrated, was responsible for four of those 11 smashes. Only one other player has ever crushed four hits so hard in a post-season game and that happened this year (Detroit Tigers' Kerry Carpenter in Game 5 of the ALDS).

Wrote SI's Tom Verducci: "The tally of Guerrero's night of whistling base-

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balls throughout T-Mobile Park read like someone fiddling with the FM radio dial looking for a decent tune: 102.8 (single), 104.9 (double), 106.4 (home run), 108.0 (double)."

How did it happen? Guerrero apparently has the flattest swing in baseball (1 degree). He adjusted his elevation by a couple of degrees and ... boom!, a four-hit night and a 13-4 win.

Are all these stats important? Not really. Just the one that says 13-4.

- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "How dumb are the Raptors and new president Bobby Webster? They charge good money for a pre-season home game against the Boston Celtics and don't dress any of their starters. You do that kind of thing on the road in exhibition games. You don't treat or cheat your paying customers like that."
- Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfsen: "J.T. Miller was named captain of the New York Rangers and congratulations poured in from around the league. Elias Pettersson sent him some dead flowers."
- Headline at fark.com: "Danica Patrick thinks Bad Bunny shouldn't perform at the Super Bowl if he's not

gonna sing in English, a rule which would ban every note of country music ever performed at NASCAR events since its creation."

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Great camera shot of Bengals' QB Joe Flacco staring with mouth agape disbelief after Ja'Marr Chase dropped a perfect pass. I haven't seen that look since my wife caught me vacuuming our living room."
- Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on the difference between the Blue Jays recent opponents, the Yankees and Mariners: "Playing the Yankees gets you ready to go to war. The Mariners make you feel like lying down and just getting a few quick winks."
- Headline at theonion.com: "Aaron Rodgers Suffers Torn Cerebellum After Attempting Telepathic Audible"
- Another one from Kelly, on Mariners' fans booing Blue Jays' George Springer: "They hate him because he was a mezzo-soprano in the Houston Astros' garbage-can choir."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "I know Phillies fans boo Santa Claus, but Mariners fans cheering when Blue Jays' George Springer is injured by Bryan Woo hitting him on the knee with a pitch is a new level of trashy."
- Another one from Torben Rolfsen: "There's talk of a third 'Goon' movie. The producers said they'd need a budget of about \$20 million. Connor McDavid said he could do it for \$12.5 million."
- A groaner from RJ Currie: "I hear police in Canada doubled radar patrols from Thanksgiving Monday to Thursday. No surprise — many folks exceeded the feed limit."

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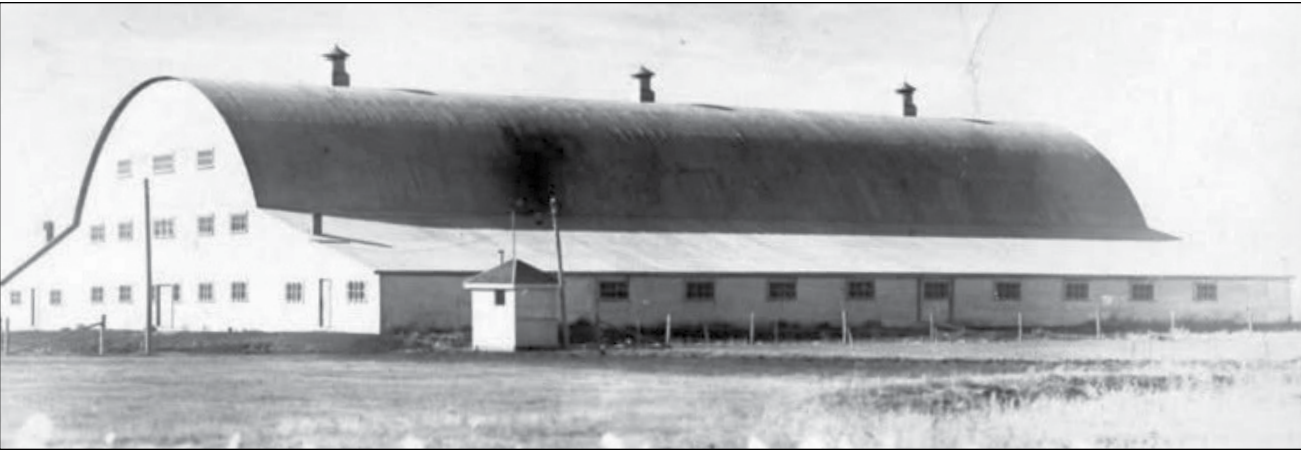
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One of Eston's first curling rinks.

A look back at the birth of curling clubs in Eston

(Excerpts from "Echoes of Eston," printed in 1966 for the "Golden Jubilee for Fifty Golden Years")

In 1923, the first curling rink was built in Eston, featuring two sheets of curling ice. It was adjacent to an open-air skating rink situated on 3rd Avenue East. Shares were sold for \$10 each to finance the project. The first president was Dr. McInnes, and the secretary-treasurer was Dave Burns. There were 12 to 15 rinks that curled regularly, each curler having his own rocks. Bonspiels were held annually. This building was later sold to Arthur Britten, who demolished it and used the lumber to build a farm home.

In 1930, a new rink of sheet metal was constructed on the west side of town, with an adjoining covered skating rink area. At this time, the ladies became interested in the sport, and records show they formed their own club in 1948. Doris Clarke was elected president, Elnora Blayne was first vice-president, and Mona Sandbeck, secretary-treasurer. They held bonspiels, highlighted by a banquet. They became affiliated with the Saskatchewan Curling Association in the 1954-1955 season and then held Ladies' Briar playdowns. Mrs. Cora Painton was made the first Life Member at the age of 76.

The rink burned down in 1951, and a new structure was built the following year. Artificial ice was installed in 1960 at a cost of \$12,800, and the club was incorporated for \$15,000. Shares were sold for \$50 each. The chairman that year was Glen Blood, the secretary-treasurer was R.J. Caskey, and there was a board of nine



In February 1963, the National Film Board filmed Gone Curling. Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Painton, long-time curlers, were part of this film, along with many citizens as extras. The film was later turned over to the local Film Council to include in their library at the municipal office. In 1966, a Jubilee Money Spiel was held, with top-name curlers invited for the first time. Prize money offered was \$1,100.

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directors. In 1958, honour was brought to Eston when Gordon Grimes, Skip; Jack Sutherland, Third; Syd Gardiner, Second; and Stewart St. John, Lead, represented Saskatchewan in Victoria in the Dominion Briar Playdowns. They captured the Northern Finals.

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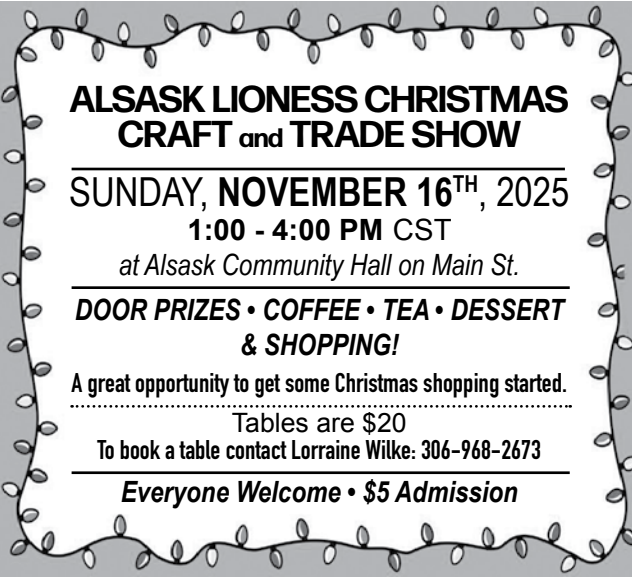
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Federal \$2B contribution to Ontario nuclear project has major implications for Sask

BY BRIAN ZINCHUL

BOWMANVILLE, ON — A major development in the deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs) in Ontario is crucially important for Saskatchewan, whose government just this week made clear it is for sure planning on building nuclear power generation.

A key component of that plan is securing federal backing to pay for at least part of the first Saskatchewan reactor. The Saskatchewan First Energy Security Strategy and Supply Plan was released by Crown Investments Corp. Minister Jeremy Harrison just three days before the federal announcement. It said:

- The Government of Saskatchewan:
- calls upon the federal government to invest in 75 per cent of the costs for the first nuclear reactor in the province;
 - calls upon the federal government to work with provinces on fiscal mechanisms for investments in nuclear power, nuclear supply chains and workforce development, and for a national nuclear industry that delivers domestic energy security and global exports;

This was reiterated by Harrison during his press conference in Cameco's head office on Oct. 20. That press conference kicked off the inaugural Canadian Nuclear Association West conference, the first time such an event has been held in Western Canada. As Saskatchewan and SaskPower are moving towards building its first reactors, things have been moving on multiple fronts to get us there.

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced on Oct. 23 that the federal government, via the Canada Growth Fund, "will invest \$2 billion to support the construction and operation of the four small modular reactors (SMRs) at the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP). This project will make Canada the first G7 country to bring SMR technology online and drive \$500 million annually into Ontario's nuclear supply chain. Once complete, Darlington's first of four SMRs will provide reliable, affordable, clean power to 300,000 homes, while sustaining 3,700 jobs annually, including 18,000 during construction, over the next 65 years," according to a federal government press release.

The release continued, "Prime Minister Carney was joined by the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, who announced that the Government of Ontario will invest \$1 billion in this project through the Building Ontario Fund. Ontario Power Generation remains the majority owner and operator of the DNNP, with the Canada Growth Fund and the Building Ontario Fund acquiring meaningful minority stakes in the project, representing 15% and 7.5% ownership, respectively."

However, those ownership ratios don't jive with the total cost of the project, which this past May was announced at \$20.9 billion. If the combined \$3 billion of the federal and Ontario contributions make up 22.5 per cent, then the total equity of the project would only be \$13.3 billion, nowhere close to the \$20.9 billion cost announced in May.

The release continued, "This investment will strengthen Ontario's power grid and represents the kind of nation-building projects that defines Canada's new economic approach. Together, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario are demonstrating Canada's ability to meet the highest standards in developing world-class assets efficiently, cost-effectively, and competitively."

Carney said, "The Darlington New Nuclear Project will create thousands of high-paying careers and power hundreds of thousands of Ontario homes with clean energy. This is a generational investment that will build lasting security, prosperity, and oppor-

tunities. We're building big things to build Canada Strong."

Ford said, "Today's investment to support the first SMRs in the G7 is a downpayment on Ontario's nuclear energy future. We're protecting Ontario by supporting good-paying, long-term jobs for Ontario workers and building the energy infrastructure – including both SMRs and new, large-scale nuclear – needed to make Ontario an energy superpower."

What this means for Saskatchewan

The project is highly applicable to Saskatchewan, as it is the very first construction of the GE Vernova Hitachi BWRX-300 small modular reactor anywhere in the world. That's the same model SaskPower has chosen to build near Estevan, either on Boundary Dam Reservoir or Rafferty Reservoir, south of Macoun. SaskPower specifically chose that model so that it could partner with Ontario Power Generation, and gain the benefit of specifically not being the first of a kind (and all the typical high costs being first entails.) And the plan announced on Oct. 20 was the first instance where a solid number has been published – two units near Estevan.

In the May 7 announcement, the Province of Ontario press release said, "The first SMR will cost \$6.1 billion, along with costs for systems and services common to all four SMRs of \$1.6 billion. Costs are expected to decline with each subsequent unit as efficiencies are gained, similar to the Darlington Refurbishment Project."

Analysis:

As Pipeline Online reported back in May: Cost of being first mover
Being the "first mover" with this new design of reactor places substantial risk upon Ontario and Ontario Power Generation, as nuclear projects are notorious for going grossly over-schedule and over-budget. It's expressly because of those risks the Tennessee Valley Authority and SaskPower and several European power utilities are letting Ontario take the lead in "First-of-a-kind" (FOAK). But the promise of SMRs, according to proponents, is that they should be much easier to build than conventional large-scale reactors. And it has been widely asserted that "Nth-of-a-kind" (NOAK) will be considerably cheaper than the FOAK.

In this case, the numbers released by OPG and Ontario thus far would be:

\$20.9 billion – (\$6.1 billion FOAK + \$1.6 billion common infrastructure) / 3 NOAK reactors = \$4.4 billion per additional (NOAK) reactor.

To put that \$20.9 billion into perspective, that's equal to almost exactly the entire 2025-2026 provincial budget, whose total expense is pegged at \$21.0 billion. The gross debt for 2026 is budgeted at \$38.3 billion.

When then-Sask Power Minister Don Morgan made the initial SMR announcement three years ago, he warned the price could be higher than initially expected. Back in 2022, Morgan said, "A small reactor would cost in the range of \$5 billion, so they're certainly not inexpensive."

Then-Ontario Energy Minister Todd Smith said, "I'm going to suggest that the \$5 billion number is quite high."

Morgan added, "I would rather use a high figure and have it come in substantially lower than then one where we have to say it's this much higher or have an overrun in construction. We'll be watching carefully, as Ontario goes ahead, to make sure that the processes that they follow work well here, and we're able to they have a significant benefit already. They

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are already licensed for nuclear facility, we have to go through both provincial and federal licensing requirements. And we want to watch that, as we as we go forward as we watch cost containment.”

So far, Morgan’s prediction has proven to be on the mark, as the average price for those four Darlington SMRs is indeed over \$5 billion a piece. If, starting four years from now, SaskPower is able to build its first reactor for \$4.4 billion, Saskatchewan’s request for 75 per cent would call for a \$3.3 billion federal contribution. But if building the first one at Estevan does not incur the expected cost savings from being nth of a kind, and that price comes in at OPG’s \$6.1 billion for its first reactor, then a 75 per cent contribution would be \$4.6 billion. That’s well over double what Ontario got for its project, which is twice the size of Saskatchewan’s.

Moe’s response

Two days before the Ontario announcement, Moe was asked in a scrum about Saskatchewan’s 75 per cent request. He pointed out that Newfoundland had a considerable contribution for its own Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project. However, it should be noted that massive cost overruns on Muskrat Falls were expected to devastate the Newfoundland economy, and the federal bailout occurred days before Christmas in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 lockdown, when most media attention was focused almost exclusively on the pandemic. Without the bailout, Newfoundland power rates would have just about doubled overnight.

Moe said on Oct. 21, “I think there’s a general ask of the industry, as we achieve a nuclear outbuild across Canada to achieve our energy security.

“I think with respect to the response on federal involvement in, you know, whether it be a hydro fa-

cility, of which we’ve seen some federal involvement, most particularly at Muskrat Falls, you know, We’ve offered and open the opportunity for the federal government to be involved in some of the very early stages of SMR outbuilds, whether that be here or in Ontario.

“And so, you know, I won’t say what the response has been. I think you can look to the budget that will be coming out in the very near future, with respect to what kind of a commitment we will see from the federal government when it comes to the role that they’ll play in us achieving that nuclear energy security, that electrical energy security in Canada in the months and years ahead. And I would say that would be the first step in what the answer might be in that conversation. You’re seeing the commitment from provincial levels of government, and there’s going to have to be a commitment from the federal level as well. I would say there’s a lot of discussion in that space, but we’ll see you know, as budgets come out, what that ultimately is,” Moe said.

In a post on LinkedIn, NDP critic for SaskPower Aleana Young said, “If Prime Minister Carney is interested in building economic and energy security, reducing emissions, and creating generational job security, the best bang for his buck – full stop – is investing in Saskatchewan’s electricity future.”

Thus, Ontario has set the precedent that a federal contribution has been made at the beginning of a new nuclear build-out. Saskatchewan can and should now expect its own handout from the feds. But the dollar amount Ontario got, with a much larger population, is substantially less than what Saskatchewan is now asking for. And as politicians on both sides of the aisle in the Regina Legislature are well aware, under a Liberal federal government Saskatchewan has definitely been the red-haired stepchild of confederation.

Four charged after string of vehicle thefts in Leader area

LEADER — Four people from Medicine Hat, Alta., are facing a series of charges after RCMP linked several stolen vehicle reports in the Leader and Kindersley areas earlier this month.

Leader RCMP said the investigation began Oct. 5 after a vehicle was reported stolen overnight from a business in Leader. Officers later found the vehicle in the Kindersley RCMP detachment area.

Over the following week, between Oct. 9 and 12, police recovered several more vehicles that had been reported stolen from Kindersley, all located in the Leader area.

Investigators arrested four suspects — two in Liebenthal on Oct. 10 and two in Leader on Oct. 12.

Amber McNab, 31, Daniel Vierling, 32, Jeffrey Lawless, 40, and Andrea Christianson, 47, are each charged with possession of break-in instruments.

Lawless faces several additional charges, including theft under \$5,000, two counts of motor vehicle theft, break and enter and commit, and possession of ammunition while prohibited.

Christianson and Lawless are also charged with break and enter with intent, while Christianson and Vierling face an additional charge of possessing property obtained by crime. Lawless and McNab are each charged with theft of a motor vehicle, and McNab faces another count of motor vehicle theft.

McNab appeared in Swift Current provincial court on Oct. 14. Lawless was scheduled to appear there Oct. 22, while Christianson and Vierling are expected to appear in Leader provincial court Nov. 20.

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Councillor: Town of Eatonia

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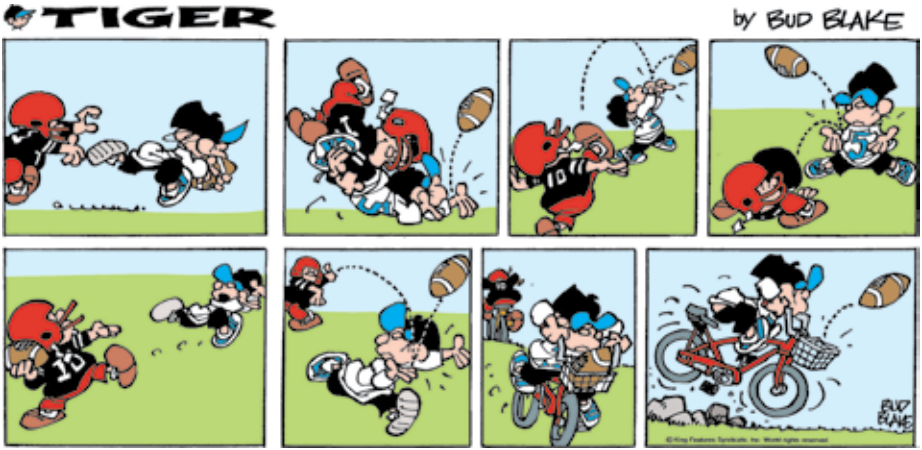
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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

1. Asgard; 2. "Great Expectations"; 3. Gluteus maximus; 4. Twinkies; 5. Ganymede; 6. Poisoned by licking cheap wedding envelopes; 7. Type of clam; 8. Nine (Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana); 9. Memphis, Tennessee; 10. Nephology

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Animation frame
4 Literary rep
7 Viewed
11 Daring Knievel
13 Singer Lipa
14 Noggin
15 Flintstones' pet
16 Doo follower
17 Gumbo veggie
18 Serengeti grazer
20 Coconut fiber
22 Leg, in slang
24 Tempt
28 Frosty, for one
32 — Martin
33 Had on
34 Thumbs-up
36 Theater award
37 Rainbow-shaped
39 Country star Judd
41 Sealing ring
43 German article
44 Online auction site
46 River of Rome
50 Pottery oven
53 Ref
55 Gospel singer Franklin
56 On the rocks

DOWN

1 Yield
2 Satan's forte
3 Sultry Horne
4 Annex
5 Avocado dip, for short
6 Sierra Nevada lake
7 Writings by Kate Chopin
8 Comics cry
9 Listening device
10 Secret-protecting doc.
12 Three- or four-day vacations
19 River blocker
21 — pickle
23 Mother's Day month
25 Lay — the line
26 Didi of "Grease" singer
27 New Age
28 Booty
29 Asta's care-taker
30 Tolkien villains
31 Up-to-date
35 Pink Floyd's Barrett
38 Society new-bie
40 Court divider
42 Hosiery shade
45 Gym site, for short
47 Ship's jail
48 Austen novel
49 Knocks
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54 Calif. clock setting

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. COMICS: What is Thor's home planet?
2. LITERATURE: Which of Charles Dickens' novels has a character named Miss Havisham?
3. ANATOMY: What is the largest muscle in the human body?
4. MOVIES: In the movie "Zombieland," what sweet treat is Woody Harrelson's character searching for?
5. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Jupiter?
6. TELEVISION: How does George Costanza's fiancée die on "Seinfeld"?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a quahog?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries does the Amazon River and its tributaries flow through?
9. ENTERTAINERS: Where is Elvis Presley's home, Graceland?
10. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?

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and program costs, helping children know they are loved and remembered. "Every shoebox shows a child that they matter," said Kendra Shields, director of Operation Christmas Child. "This simple gift can bring hope, joy,

and a sense of being valued." National Shoebox Collection Week runs Nov. 17-23. Boxes can be dropped off at hundreds of locations across Canada or packed online at PackABox.ca. Online packers can also track where their gift ends up. About Samaritan's Purse - Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief organization inspired by the biblical story of the Good Samaritan. It aids people affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution, and provides programs including safe water projects, vocational training, and Operation Christmas Child. More information is at SamaritansPurse.ca.

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Old Ida and the Halloween nobody came

Before we moved to our newly built country house further up the road, we grew up in a little home nestled in a small gully beside the highway, about eight miles outside the nearest town. On the opposite side of the highway was a little hill, and atop that hill stood a small, weather-worn house that had been there forever. It was occupied by a woman our family simply knew as “Old Ida.”

Old Ida was quite the character. She was a feisty, single older woman who occasionally entertained men in her home—probably for simple companionship as much as anything else.

Because she was so feisty, she wouldn’t put up with any guff from the men she entertained. And because the air was so still and the countryside so quiet, we could usually hear the loud arguments she had with her gentleman callers from across the highway at our house.

Old Ida’s fights became legendary among our nearest neighbours. Even though the houses were spread fairly far apart in our part of the country, sound carries under certain conditions. Apparently, we weren’t the only ones who could hear her noisy fights on a



Remembering When
By Keith Schell

still summer night. One man in particular caught Ida’s fancy, and it was decided they would move in together. That relationship didn’t last long before the fights started again, and Old Ida eventually threw the guy out on his ear. Around that time, Halloween rolled around. Not wanting me to miss out on the fun because I was so young, Mom and Dad

decided to drive me around the countryside for trick-or-treating. I was far too young then to go up to a house on my own, so Dad waited in the car while Mom walked me up to each door.

We visited all the neighbours we knew, calling on them for trick-or-treat. Because the countryside was so vast and the houses so far apart, it took a long time to make our rounds.

The only house we didn’t visit was Old Ida’s. Because of her feisty reputation, we weren’t sure what kind of reception we’d get if we came to her door. Apparently, a lot of the neighbours with young kids felt the same way that night.

Nine o’clock was my bedtime back then. We had visited quite a few neighbours by that time, and my parents decided it was time to head home.

When we got back to our house, we

pulled into the driveway and got out of the car. We’d left the outside light on to make it easier to see as we walked up to the front door.

We had an outdoor tomcat that we fed, so we always kept a clean plastic cat food dish on the front step.

And then we saw it—illuminated by the glow of the porch light.

The plastic cat food dish on the front step was filled with Halloween candy.

As we walked up to the step, we tried to figure out where the candy had come from. Then, in a sudden moment of realization, my mother looked at my father and said, “It must have been Ida!”

We looked up the hill at the little house. All the lights were off and Ida had retired for the night.

Because of her crusty reputation, no one had bothered with her on Halloween. For a lonely old woman who had thrown her man out and didn’t seem to have a friend in the world, that exclusion must have hurt considerably. Realizing she wasn’t going to get any kids that night, she must have come across the road while we were gone and filled our cat food dish with the candy she had bought in preparation for us coming to her door.

Not long after that, Old Ida sold the house and moved away to God knows where. She is long gone now, and we never even knew if she had any friends or family to mourn her passing.

Looking back on it now through understanding adult eyes, I kind of wish we had gone up the hill that night to see Old Ida for trick-or-treat. Like most women, she probably would have gotten a big kick out of seeing a smiling little kid on her doorstep, all dressed up in his costume and engaged in the age-old quest for Halloween candy.

If you still make the Halloween rounds with your kids and know of an older person who would like to be included in the festivities, try to drop in on them if you can. It would make their night. They’d love to see the happy, excited faces of little kids in costume, searching for candy. It would make them feel part of the celebration again—especially if their own grown kids and grandkids live far away and can’t be with them for the occasion.

Loneliness for an older person can be a terrible thing, especially during the child and family-oriented times of the year. There’s nothing sadder for an old person who wants to be included in the festivities than no one coming to see them.

Like Christmas and birthdays, Halloween is a happy and exciting time for little kids. And the more people who want to be included in the festivities, the happier it is for everyone involved.

To all the witches, ghosts, and goblins out there (and their parents), have a safe and happy Halloween!

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The family of Weldon Ernest Bacon sadly announce his passing on October 19, 2025, at the age of 89 at the Kerrobert Long Term Care Facility. Weldon is survived by Doreen, his wife of almost 68 years; sons Ken (Michelle) Bacon and Steve (Cheryl) Bacon; grandchildren Melissa (Curtis) Sieben, Kristina (James) Riley, Trevor (Abra) Bacon, Kendall (Caitlyn) Bacon, Darren (Shelby) Bacon, and Allan Bacon; step-grandchildren Kyla (Darrell) Deibert-Mullis, Kelan (Ashley)



Deibert, and many great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Elizabeth Bacon; mother- and father-in-law, Lloyd and Margaret Larson; sister Jean Anderson; as well as numerous in-laws. Our dad, Weldon, was always ready to help a friend or family member in need. He was a strong supporter of the community and served on many boards. He was a jack of all trades. His wit and humorous sayings will be remembered by all who knew him. In his retirement years, he loved restoring his old car and tractors. Dad's greatest joy was having his grandkids on his lap, reading them a story, or just enjoying time with them. Dad was our teacher, supporter, and loving father and will be deeply missed.

Mavis Ann (Hicke) Gillen

November 7, 1952 – October 20, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mavis Gillen. She is predeceased by her husband, Francis Gillen, and she will be missed by her children: daughter Tennille (Eldon Summach) and their children Alexandra, Zayda, William, and Emerson; son Noel; and daughter Courtney. She is survived by her brothers, Brian Hicke (Helen) and Marvin Hicke (Wanda), and sisters, Maxine Bevan (Dave) and Candace Forrester (Stewart); her sisters-in-law, Lucille Cummer, Lyn Murk, Rosemary Filax, and numerous nieces and nephews. Mavis is predeceased by her parents, Ewald and Ida (Ducek) Hicke; her parents-in-law, Paul and Wilma (Park); and brothers-in-law Allan Murk, Art Filax, and Dale Filax.



Mavis spent many summers with family and friends at their cabin on Turtle Lake and enjoyed wintering in Indio, California. Mavis was warm, sweet-natured, and effortlessly stylish. She found joy in the simple pleasures of life: soaking in sunshine at the lake, playing cards and sharing a laugh with good company, reading mystery novels, or sitting in her favourite chair to watch British crime dramas. She cherished every moment spent with her family, treating her children and grandchildren like her true treasures. Her greatest pleasure was cheering her grandchildren on at sports games and piano recitals. Mavis loved to travel the world, and her children are especially grateful for the recent memories they made with their mom on the trips they each took with her. Her love for friends and family was deep and unwavering, and her kind, generous spirit leaves a lasting impact. Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Dodsland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dodsland Sports Centre.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
• Alsask Lioness Christmas Craft and Trade Show 1:00-4:00 PM at the Alsask Community Hall. Admission: \$5.00. Door prizes, coffee, tea, dessert and shopping!

BROCK
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
• Brock Cemetery Association Soup & Sandwich Luncheon and Bake Sale 11:00 AM at the Brock Community Centre. Adults: \$15; 12 & under: \$5.00. Donations of baking are greatly appreciated.
EATONIA
- Every Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM come to the Eatonia Library for puzzles, visiting and grab your books for the week!
- Check out our TOPS Chapter ... it's free to try! Every Wednesday. Weigh in: 5:45 PM. Meeting: 6:00 PM at Corcoran Place. Contact Cora Knuttila 306-460-9047.

ESTON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
• SAVE THE DATE for Prairie West Historical Society's Christmas In November. More details to follow.

- Wheatland Centre Potluck Supper fourth Friday of each month 6:00 PM. \$5.00. Bring your own utensils. Coffee & tea provided.
- Wheatland Centre Bingo - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 7:00 PM. Regular Bingo plus Bonanza, 50/50 Draw. Must be 14 years of age. Call 306-962-7117 (ask for Linda) for more info.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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• Fall Frolic Family Dance 7:00-9:30 PM at the Flaxcombe Community Hall. "Lifestyle" Cover Band (80s - Current Hits & surprise Phillipine artists) Spot dances with prizes all night!

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 & 15
• Kindersley Curling Club "Tropicurl". 3 guaranteed games, 2 supper & 1 lunch. Prize for best dressed team. Limbo contest. \$240/team. To register contact Jacquie 306-251-0237.

- 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 Sunday & Wednesday evenings 7:00 PM at Elizabeth School for the indoor season. 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.

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
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
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
• Major Rec Board AGM 8:00 PM at the Hall.

- 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
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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