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A 74-year-old antique combine, expertly restored by local farmer Greg Rissling, works through a barley field just south of Denzil during his annual harvest demonstration. The event, which draws families and tractor enthusiasts from across the area, raises funds for local food banks in Denzil, Macklin and Luseland while giving kids a hands-on look at farm life and antique machinery in action. See the full story on page 3. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

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PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

Kindersley's new healthcare lab opens, marking milestone in regional education

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kindersley's new healthcare lab at Great Plains College officially opened on September 23, marking a major milestone in healthcare education for the region. The grand opening brought together students, staff, and community partners to celebrate the completion of the project and the launch of hands-on training for future healthcare professionals.

Brad Mahon, president of Great Plains College, welcomed guests and acknowledged the collaborative effort behind the lab. "This is a proud moment for the college and the community," he said. "We appreciate everyone's hard work who played an important role in making this possible."

Thanks to a generous \$25,000 donation from the Kindersley & District Co-op, the lab will serve as a vital training space for students in the new Practical Nursing program, as well as the Continuing Care Assistant program. "We believe in the health and well-being of our community," said Blair Ferner from the Co-op. "We're proud to play a part in making this a reality."

The lab, fully equipped with simulation tools and hands-on learning equipment, allows students to practice real-life healthcare scenarios in a safe, supportive environment. Kylie Bradley, lead instructor for

the Practical Nursing program, said the spacious lab and smaller class sizes ensure students receive more individual instruction, preparing them to enter the workforce with confidence.

The inaugural cohort of 14 Practical Nursing students comes from across the region, including Kerrobert, Kindersley, Dodsland, Leader, Saskatoon, and Swift Current, while 24 Continuing Care Assistant students also use the space to develop essential skills.

Mayor Ken Francis and MLA Kim Gartner offered their congratulations. "This is a proud moment for the entire region," said Gartner. He expressed hope that the students would remain in Kindersley and surrounding areas to contribute to local healthcare.

"The opening of the GPC Healthcare Lab represents the culmination of months of planning, construction, and collaboration with our partners," Mahon added. "We're thrilled to see the space come to life and to welcome nearly 40 students who will go on to serve the healthcare needs of the region."

The new lab stands as a symbol of community investment in education and healthcare, ensuring that the next generation of professionals is well-prepared to care for families, friends, and neighbours throughout the region.

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HARVESTING MEMORIES AND GIVING BACK

Antique combine demo raises funds for local food banks

BY KATE WINQUIST

DENZIL — What began as a hobby has turned into a yearly tradition of giving back for local farmer and tractor enthusiast Greg Rissling. On Sunday, September 21, just three miles south of Denzil, Rissling fired up his restored antique combine for a harvest demonstration that raised funds for food banks in Denzil, Macklin and Luseland.

Rissling has been hosting the event since 2018, when he first began showcasing the antique machinery he’s painstakingly restored. This year’s feature was a 74-year-old combine—still running strong and producing grain that Rissling proudly says is “just as clean, or cleaner, than the newer million-dollar models.”

But for Rissling, it’s not just about the machinery. “When you come from a small little village, everything you do has a big impact,” he said. “Anytime we can do something, it matters.”

The event drew neighbours, families and kids, who enjoyed tractor rides, shovelling grain, and of course, treats and cold drinks. “I had one kid out there until dark—he wouldn’t get the hell off,” Rissling laughed. “Some kids never get out to the farm. It’s always something good.”

This year’s harvest produced one of the biggest crops yet. “We finished at dark and we filled everything right to the nuts, so she’s gotta be in the 60s or 70s,” Rissling said, noting the region’s strong barley yields of 100–110 bushels per acre thanks to well-timed rains.

Donations collected at the event totalled \$1,267. Once the grain is hauled in, Bunge/Viterra will match the value, with final proceeds—typically between \$4,500 and \$6,000—split three ways between the local food banks. “Last year Luseland and Macklin were very low,” Rissling said. “That really helps, especially with food prices the way they are.”

Rissling is quick to credit others for helping make the day a success. He thanked the Kohlman brothers for seeding and spraying the crop, his brothers Murray and Pat for running equipment, and the many people who donated.

The passion for old machinery runs deep in the Rissling family. Greg recalls his late father buying his first antique tractor in 1998. “We thought he was nuts,” Rissling said with a smile. “But he restored it, and within a couple of years he had five. He passed away, my brother carried it on, and then I got hooked too. You start getting into it and you meet a whole bunch of wonderful people.”

Now president of the Antique Tractor Pulls, Rissling spends summers with yard work and tractors. “My wife says, What did we do this summer? Yard work and tractors!” he laughed. His sister, Colleen, says the family is proud of Greg’s community spirit.

Whether it’s tractor pulling, antique restoration, or harvesting with a combine older than most of its spectators, one thing is clear: Rissling’s passion is about more than machines. It’s about keeping community traditions alive, giving kids a taste of farm life, and helping local families in need.

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There are too many to list. Your donations are truly appreciated. Your contributions, big and small, are deeply appreciated and help make Caleb Village a brighter, more welcoming home for our residents.

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KINDERSLEY'S GOOSE FESTIVAL DAYS! All eyes turned to Main Street on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. for the much-anticipated parade. Floats, marching bands, and community groups drew crowds who lined the street, cheering and capturing every moment of the lively procession. After the parade, festival-goers enjoyed attractions like the Better Together group's barrel train ride, the veggie car contest, while a downtown photo booth captured festival memories. The Saskatchewan Roadmen Car Club held its Show & Shine, the Red Lion hosted a Motorcycle Show & Shine with a burger-and-beans fundraiser for Special Olympics Kindersley, and the Kin Club's Duck Derby took place near the Co-op Gazebo. *PHOTOS BY KATE WINQUIST*



OPINION:

Our justice system is broken

BY JOAN JANZEN

An actual report by police read: Intoxicated Canadian man arrested while driving a Barbie Jeep to get a slurpee. It's a bizarre report, but today's reality is equally bizarre.

Violent home invasions, daylight shootings, carjackings, extortions, and theft have become the norm in Canada. MP Arpan Khanna was interviewed on Northern Perspective, where he said, "the justice system is broken".

The Epoch Times reported a recent case which illustrates that fact, when a man in Ontario was charged after allegedly injuring an intruder in his own apartment. And MP Khanna gave the example of a woman who was murdered by her ex-partner, who had been convicted just three hours prior and released on bail. "The catch and release policies have caused chaos in our streets," he reported. MP Khanna announced he will be presenting a private members' bill - the Jail Not Bail Act. "How many more Canadians need to suffer tragedies at the hands of convicted violent offenders released on bail?" MP Khanna asked.

Meanwhile, the government has spent over ten million dollars (funded by taxpayers) prosecuting two individuals who participated in a peaceful protest. They await a verdict which threatens to deliver an 8-year sentence, in addition to facing the confiscation of a truck, which is the livelihood of a man and his son. "We have become a country Canadian's

don't recognize," the MP said.

A historical documentary about prisoner of war (POW) camps in Alberta shows a very different Canada than the one we live in today. In 1942, the cities of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat doubled their population due to the thousands of POWs they housed. Medicine Hat had up to 12,500 POWs housed in the present-day Stampede grounds. Lethbridge had the largest POW encampment in Canada with 14,000 prisoners and 36 two-storey barracks equipped with bunks. It must have been somewhat unnerving for the general population who lived close by.

A woman recalled her father's story of being captured and sent to Lethbridge in the winter of 1942, with no coat and wearing sandals. He hadn't slept in a bed for over two years and was allowed to eat as much as he wanted. That had never happened in the German military.

German-speaking WWI veterans served as translators and guards. Two hundred guards remained alert while patrolling the camp on a rotation basis from twenty-two guard towers.

One-third of the prisoners were hardcore SS officers who had volunteered for service and were trained to kill. These troublemakers were sent to Medicine Hat, where two murders of prisoners by fellow prisoners occurred.

The remaining two-thirds of the prisoners were soldiers who had been conscripted or forced into service. Prisoners who managed to climb over a 12-foot barbed wire fence into no man's land

were separated from the other prisoners, but faced serious consequences from their fellow inmates if they were caught.

The son of a POW said his dad remembered taking the risk and being so thankful to live separately on the Canadian side and be protected from the other part of the camp. POWs who earned the right were employed on farms and factories. An individual remembered stories her father had shared as a former POW at Medicine Hat who had helped with harvest. He said the owner of the farm and many other businesses in the area just happened to be Jewish and treated the POWs very well.

One guard would supervise thirty POWs while they helped harvest sugar beets. Friendly relationships were formed between guards and prisoners who were interested in learning about Canada.

In the documentary, the son of a veteran guard said his dad described it as a city within a city. Prisoners were in charge of the gardens and the distribution of food. There was an infirmary, dentists, barbers, meat cutters, shoe repair, tailors - all supplied by the men themselves. They were in charge of their own recreation, which included soccer, baseball, crafts, gymnastics, hockey, wrestling, and an orchestra. An elderly former POW said being captured and sent to an Alberta camp was the best thing that could have happened to him.

Today, our enormous bureaucracy isn't making our country safer. MP Mi-

chelle Ferreri addressed her concerns on LeDrew Three Minutes. "When I'm touring the prison in Drumheller, the correctional officers say to me - we can't enforce anything because there is legislation put forth by Corrections Canada," she reported. "So now you have mayhem."

Yet 80 years ago, two Alberta cities doubled their population with POWs, while maintaining safety and provision for everyone.

At the same time, our Canadian POWs were starved to death, thinking about food every waking moment and robbed of access to Red Cross supplies. Yet there was no thought of retaliation from the general public in Alberta, and there were no protesters chanting around the camp. Throughout the past 80 years, we've lost the values or ideology those people embraced, and we need to embrace it once again.

MP Ferreri explained why we are experiencing mayhem in Canada. "Policy is created through ideology. If you believe nobody is responsible for their actions, you change legislation to reflect that. You have to have policy that reflects consequences and restored balance."

Part of that balance was reflected in the WWII documentary's closing comment: "This story really does show in the worst of times, ideals can win out, and that human interactions and kindness can even come when we are enemies."



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Pop89: The noble ear

BY MADONNA HAMEL

Recently, my friend Page and I stood in his backyard, swapping stories about popular song lyrics we mangled as children. For instance, I first heard “Home on the range, where the deer and the antelope play,” as “where the deer and the ant elope, play,” Now that’s a marriage that will never work, I thought. I also thought the pop song “This guy’s in love with you” was actually “the sky’s in love with you.” Oh, that’s pretty common said Page. Who didn’t mistake Jimi Hendrix’s “excuse me while I kiss the sky” for “excuse me while I kiss this guy.”?

“This guy” and “the sky” are easy mistakes to make. Especially as we get older and our hearing fades. In eleven years, Page and I have had three big arguments, the last having to do with his hearing and me yelling louder and louder to get my words across. Now the tiff seems petty. Especially because, while maybe he doesn’t always hear so great, Page’s an exceptional listener. Many an evening I’ve knocked on his door to whine, or kvetch or just sort through my thoughts out loud. And he always welcomes me, and like an analyst would, waves me toward the couch where I launch into my latest conundrum, observation or half-baked theory.



My brother often gets frustrated when he tries to describe what it’s like to see through a damaged brain. His frustration is less about finding the words to describe his predicament - his language lobe is intact. (In fact, he seems even more poetic than before - so perhaps, in their search for new neural pathways, his neurons are hitting on some new zones of metaphor and poesy.) His frustration derives from people rushing in with advice, assurances, admonishments and diversions. “You’re not listening!” he yells. At which point everyone feels unheard, unacknowledged and stymied.

Listening requires a willingness to let the language of the other land, not in our heads, but in our hearts. The most agreed-upon quality attributed to Pope Leo is his ability to listen. In fact, when fellow synod participants were asked about what stance he took at the large church gatherings, they would say: “Actually, he was the quietest person at the table. He just listened.”

It’s hard to believe that anyone in the public sphere has that kind of ability or restraint these days. Especially when conflict and aggression seem to be considered a skill rather than a serious detriment. Trash talk, snark, low blows, out-and-out slander get prime time viewing, garner clicks, egg grown men and women (who should know better) on to lower blows and crueller and creepier language, full of false claims and blatant threats.

The solution to violent language is the engagement of a “language of compassion”, extolled by a very different sort of public voice: Martin Luther King Jr. “Don’t ever let anyone pull you so low as to hate

them. We must use the weapon of love. We must have the compassion and understanding for those who hate us. We must realize so many people are taught to hate us that they are not totally responsible for their hate.”

Can you imagine any commentator or politician or rights leader or pundit saying that? Can you find even a popular preacher who dares to repeat his theme - that we have love each other, even if we don’t like each other? Especially in times of strife, as were the 60s and are now, when the normal animal instinct and the normalized human response is one of hyper-vigilance and alertness to possible harms, not to possible friendships.

There was a day when Nonviolent Communication was a thing. Healthcare and social work professionals, and even people in media, studied the techniques employed by Gandhi and MLK and taught by Dr. Marshal Rosenberg, who identified forms of “life-alienating communication which contribute to “behaving violently toward others and ourselves.” Among those forms are labelling, comparing, and “judging others as deserving or not”.

Today, we readily turn each other’s words into ammunition, returning vituperative volley for volley. And so I fear this week’s calls for putting down the sabres after the murder of Charlie Kirk will not endure, because they were never meant to endure. How long before the swords of slander get raised again by everyone, from late-night talk show hosts to the president of the USA? Because, prioritizing compassion means including your enemies in your words of consolation for more than one day of mourning. (And certainly means not searching the internet for footage of the moment of death.)

I would not compare Kirk to King, as some people have. King was a preacher, Kirk was a political figure. The problem and the solution goes deeper than the words they spoke. What the was the goal of those words? What was their intent? How were they delivered?

Rather than acknowledging a common humanity, today’s public conversations are driven by a compulsion for heated arguments. An “oh yeah? Well, prove it” kind of attitude. Rarely do we see an impulse toward engaged dialogue and genuine encounter. The phenomenon of constant debate is driven by a desire to win, and results in “opponents” hearing only what can be used against the other.

Does our culture even understand the difference between debate and dialogue? Do we even care what each other has to say? Does listening as an act of human compassion no longer count?

MLK’ said: “I have decided to stick with love” because “hate is too heavy a burden to bear”. Pope Leo says, quoting Augustine: “Listen with your ears in your heart.”

My friend Page gives of his time and energy, presence and goodwill, every time he sits and listens to my ponderings. And while “hearing” is a physical attribute - one of the senses, like seeing, touching and tasting - listening is a choice, a conscious decision to absorb what is being heard. Listening is a noble endeavour.

Saskatchewan’s population hits record high

BY KATE WINQUIST

Saskatchewan’s population continues to rise, reaching a historic 1,266,959 on July 1, 2025, according to new estimates from Statistics Canada released last week.

Over the past year, the province added 19,091 residents—a 1.5 per cent increase—ranking third highest in Canada and well above the national growth rate of 0.9 per cent. In the second quarter alone, Saskatchewan saw an increase of 2,422 people.

With the strongest economy in the country, the provincial government is focused on addressing both the opportunities and challenges that come with a growing population.



Jays have what it takes to win, but will they?

BY BRUCE PENTON

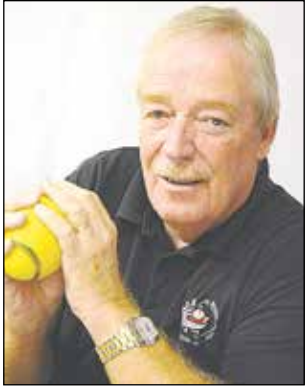
Toronto Blue Jays finished off their 162-game regular season on Sunday, Sept. 28, and ‘Yes!’ is the answer to the biggest question posed by Jays’ fans.

Yes, they can win the World Series. They may not, because the playoff grind is a tough one, but they have certainly shown over 162 games that they’re talented, have strong starting pitching, great hitting, resilience galore and quite the knack of posting comeback victories.

A comeback win in June or July is nice, but a dramatic comeback win in October, with a playoff series on the line, is even better.

The Jays got a good-news-bad-news report on Bo Bichette in mid-September. The Jays’ infielder, who led the majors in base hits until getting hurt and was generally regarded as the team’s MVP or co-MVP (with George Springer), suffered a knee injury in early September. The bad news from the medical folks was that Bichette would miss the rest of the regular season, and the team struggled down the stretch without him. The good news, however, is that he was expected back for the playoffs, which means the infield will be stabilized for post-season play. Bichette would return to his regular position at shortstop, with Andrés Giménez moving back to second base. Ernie Clement, who had been at second during the Bichette absence, would return to his normal spot at third.

Meanwhile, chasing the World Series title will not be easy. American League rivals Detroit, Cleveland



BY BRUCE PENTON
Sports Columnist

New York, Seattle, Boston and Houston were in a dogfight down the playoff stretch. In the National League, Milwaukee Brewers have been the majors’ best team all year and winning four of seven from the Brew Crew won’t be easy. Then there are the Dodgers, the pre-season Series’ favourites, and Philadelphia Phillies, who ran away with the N.L. East and battled Milwaukee for the senior circuit’s best overall record. The Cubs and Padres will also contend.

The playoffs should be great theatre. Canadian fans will be huddled around their television sets from coast to coast as Jays’ manager John Schneider calls on Kevin Gausman, Shane Bieber and Chris Bassitt for strong starting jobs. Seattle will be counting on more home runs from the amazing Cal Raleigh, while the Yankees will ride the arm of Max Fried and the bat of Aaron Judge to try to bring the Series’ title back to the Big Apple. Detroit’s Tarik Skubal is the likely A.L. Cy Young winner while Freddie Peralta is the Brewers’ pitching ace and veteran Christian Yelich is still a threat at the plate. Philadelphia will depend on the power of Kyle Schwarber, who trailed only Raleigh in the home-run department. The Dodgers, with Ohtani, Betts and Freeman, can never be counted out.

But most Canadian eyes will be on the Jays, with Springer, Bichette, Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., and Co. powering the offence and hoping the starters go deep enough to not put too much pressure on the bullpen.

Could they somehow clone the 1992 version of Tom Henke?

- Brad Dickson of Omaha: “My grandmother, Mable Micek, 106 and possibly the oldest person in Nebraska, will be at the Akron game. She’s had season tickets since about 1949 and was once kicked out of a game in the ‘50s for ‘cussin’.”
- Columnist Norman Chad. “I’m not a fan of (Baltimore coach) John Harbaugh. He complains about everything. He would throw a challenge flag at a

- school crossing guard.”
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: “An ESPN pundit suggested the Westminster Dog Show was biased because in 47 out of 115 events, a terrier won. I’m not saying it was fixed, but it sure looks to have been spayed.”
- fark.com headline after John Daly recorded a single-hole 19 in a recent Champions Tour event: “John Daly needs to put down the bottle or pick it back up again.”
- Norman Chad again, on X: “Apple TV takes in-game interviews a step further. They are talking to Dodgers RF Teoscar Hernandez as he is in the field in the sixth inning, asking him questions as pitches are en route, and he is answering questions, as pitches are en route. At least he isn’t a heart surgeon.”
- Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: “The still-winless Miami Dolphins showed improvement and big fight Thursday night in a 31-21 loss at Buffalo. And nobody cares. Only 0-3 matters.”
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver, on the media hysteria over Micah Parsons of the Packers: “I’m surprised CBS didn’t stop the game for an infield ceremony after his first sack.”
- Jack Finarelli at his sports curmudgeon.com website on the latest injury to quarterback Joe Burrow of Cincinnati: “Why can’t the Bengals find five aspiring piano movers to create a functional OL to protect their QBs?”
- Headline at theonion.com: “A’s Fans Unable To Sustain The Wave Over Chasm Of 7,000 Empty Seats”
- Headline at theonion.com: “Giants Players Horrified To Learn Uniforms Have Names On Back”
- Another fark.com headline: “Vikings quarterback JJ McCarthy out 2-4 weeks due to paucity of talent.”

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

RM of Progress Scholer Acreage

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JUST A GAL FROM GLIDDEN

Lessons in lineups, rigs, and road trips

BY KATE WINQUIST

We’ve all heard the old sayings: a little hard work never hurt anyone, tell your loved ones you love them every day, be kind, don’t judge a book by its cover. Clichés, yes—but life has a way of reminding us why they matter. And often those reminders come in the most unexpected places—like a Tim Horton’s drive-thru, an oilfield rig, or a hotel room with only one king-sized bed.

Take last week at the drive-thru. Robert and I were waiting patiently (or at least he was). The truck ahead of us wasn’t moving. The driver was glued to his cell phone, and after a few seconds I muttered, “Come on, buddy, get moving already,” as though ten seconds were going to make a world of difference in my day.

When we finally reached the window to pick up our frozen lemonades, the cashier smiled and said, “You’re good to go—the guy ahead of you paid.” My impatience melted into guilt. That small act of kindness made me think. I’d been quick to judge, and he’d been generous enough to pay it forward. A reminder: you never really know what someone else is carrying, and sometimes a smile—or in this case, a surprise treat—can change the tone of someone’s whole day.

Life has been teaching my son Kalen some lessons, too. He’s been working hard in the oilfield near Rocky Mountain House this past year, putting in long hours and proving himself. Recently, his rig was shut down until November, leaving him worried about bills and payments—like so many young people just

Kalen Winquist

trying to make it. Luckily, a friend offered him some construction work in Gull Lake to help fill the gap.

One night, he turned off his phone early to get some rest before that job. In the morning, he woke to a text from one of the head honchos at his company: would he like to fill in on another rig starting October 1? Kalen texted back immediately—“Where do you need me? I’ll be there.” They could have called someone else, but they called him. I’d like to think it’s because his hard work and good attitude haven’t gone unnoticed.

Still, it hasn’t been an easy week. Three acquaintances of his passed away, two by suicide. At only 21, he’s seen more loss than anyone should—his first close friend died by suicide when he was just 14. This time, he phoned his dad, and the two of them talked for a long while.

That’s when I suggested to Robert that maybe Kalen should take my ticket to the Rider game in Edmonton. Robert and I had been planning the trip together, but a father-son weekend—watching football, talking rigs, sharing a few beers—sounded like exactly what Kalen needed. I’ll admit, Robert didn’t take much convincing.

When Kalen finished up his construction shift and called back, he was excited at the idea of a road trip with his dad. Of course, the excitement may fade a little when he discovers that I couldn’t switch the hotel reservation from a single king bed to two queens. Either they’ll figure out the pullout sofa—or Robert will just have to share the blankets.

Life has a funny way of delivering its lessons—sometimes through patience in a drive-thru, sometimes through the resilience of a young man finding his footing, and sometimes through the gift of simple time together.

The Canada Post situation has been another lesson for me. In last week’s column, I mentioned the good, the bad and the ugly—with Canada Post in the bad column. In the past days it’s gone from bad to ugly. My staff and I will do our best to make sure the papers get delivered, whether it’s Robert’s “Pony Express” to the outlying communities or people picking them up at our office or a few other locations. We’re also available online, and we can send a digital PDF to anyone who prefers to receive it that way.

I’m not going to lie—the Canada Post situation has been living rent free in my head for the past couple of weeks. It’s time they either pay the rent or get evicted.

But mental health is no laughing matter. Some people handle things better than others. The old me—20-something or 30-something me—might have turned to alcohol to make the misery go away. Older me knows I think clearer and feel better without it. It brings me back to the importance of support—family, friends, saying “I love you” even when you’re tempted to say something you’ll regret later. Robert called me a “senile old bat” the other day. “Well, that was rude,” I said. But then we both had a good laugh.

When all is said and done and my time on this earth is through, I’d like to think I’ve lived a good one, been happy, and made a difference. I know not everyone gets to enjoy such an existence. My heart breaks for those who felt that taking their own lives was the only answer left.

Life’s little lessons aren’t always neat or easy. But they do keep showing up—in lineups, on rigs, on the road—and they all point to the same truths: be patient, be kind, love one another, and work hard. The world won’t always make sense, but our choices can. And sometimes, in the middle of all the mess, you discover a little grace waiting at the next window.

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Get involved by donating items to Royal Purple care bags

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kindersley Royal Purple is conducting its fourth Purple Thursday Care Bag campaign in recognition of Purple Thursday on Oct. 16. Darlene May, from the Kindersley lodge, is heading up the campaign, which provides essentials for women, children and men who often leave home with nothing.

Awareness empowers women to break the cycle of violence and seek a new life. However, statistics show one in three women experiences intimate partner violence. Of those, one in eight will have suffered a brain injury from physical force or strangulation. The good news is more women are seeking assistance and benefiting from care bags containing essentials.

“Canadian Royal Purple provides the bags, and we put in the contents,” Darlene explained. Bags are made for women, children and men. Donations of personal hygiene items, face cloths,

towels and makeup are appreciated.

“A lady in town donated handmade toques,” Darlene said. “Most people deal with things by writing them down, so we include journals in the bags.” Colouring books and word search books are also welcome additions, giving recipients “something to do,” Darlene pointed out.

The purple bags are similar to small backpacks, and kids love receiving them and unpacking the small toys inside.

This year, the Kindersley Royal Purple is making 55 bags, which will be shared among the Crisis Centre, Prairie Sky Recovery in Wilkie, and the Rosetown and Kindersley RCMP detachments. More than 5,000 Purple Care Bags will be delivered to Canadian shelters through the Canadian Royal Purple campaign.

Donated items are greatly appreciated. “It costs about \$100 a bag by the time you put in everything needed,” Darlene said. “Any extra items will be donated to the Crisis Centre.”



Darlene May from the Kindersley Royal Purple welcomes donated items for their Purple Thursday Care Bag campaign. Donation boxes are located at the Coop Pharmacy, Pharmasave and at the Dollar Store downtown. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Donation boxes are located at the Co-op Pharmacy, Pharmasave, and the downtown dollar store. Don't miss this opportunity to provide much-needed care in your community. The deadline for contributing items is Oct. 18.

Rossville School students go above and beyond in Terry Fox Run

Rossville School in Coleville, a community of roughly 300 people, showed big hearts during this year's Terry Fox Run. All 31 students participated, canvassing door-to-door and earning praise for their politeness. The students blew past their fundraising goal of \$2,000, ultimately raising over \$3,000. To celebrate, the school treated them to swimming and lunch, generously sponsored by BP's. "We are so proud of our raccoons!" said school staff.



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Creative Kids celebrates 15 years helping Saskatchewan youth explore arts and culture

Creative Kids is marking its 15th anniversary this fall, having supported thousands of Saskatchewan children and youth in connecting with artistic and cultural activities in their communities.

The program aims to ensure that a family’s income is not a barrier to the benefits of creative pursuits.

Families in the Kindersley area and across the province can apply for funding to help cover costs such as music, dance, art, or theatre lessons, as well as related expenses like dance shoes or art supplies.

To be eligible, children must be between 4 and 19 years old, live in Saskatchewan, and come from families demonstrating financial need. Applications can request up to \$750 per year. Kindersley residents can submit their applications to Chelsey Omness at the City of Kindersley, where local volunteers review submissions. Application deadlines occur in December, May, August, and September.

While Creative Kids does not provide lessons directly, it partners with local businesses and instructors, including Premier Dance, Lela’s Music Centre, Devon Coles Gallery, and Elite Dance Company in Eston, to guide children in their artistic journeys.

The program has a broad age range to support creative development from early school years through the teenage years, encompassing music, dance, theatre, visual arts, and other cultural programs. Parents report that participation helps children build confidence, express themselves, and make lasting friendships.



Demand for the program remains strong. In 2024, Creative Kids received 2,499 applications and funded 2,026, or about 81 per cent. In 2023, 1,821 applied and 1,313 were funded, roughly 72 per cent.

Funding comes from donations, fundraising, and support from Sask Lotteries and SaskCulture. Thanks to Sask Lotteries, SaskCulture, which oversees Creative Kids, can cover all administrative costs, ensuring that every donation goes directly to helping children take part in arts and cultural activities across the province.

“Every child deserves the chance to explore their creativity, regardless of their family’s financial situation,” said Busayo Osobade, Communications Manager.

For more information or to apply, visit creativekidssask.ca.

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Assault, fires, and theft in local communities

BY KATE WINQUIST

UNITY — Local RCMP detachments responded to a variety of incidents over the past week, ranging from vehicle fires to investigations of threats and thefts.

In Unity, officers dealt with several notable incidents. A 47-year-old local man faces multiple charges, including assault, uttering threats, and failing to comply with undertaking conditions following complaints of assault and threats. Police also investigated a report

of counterfeit currency at a business, though there was insufficient evidence to proceed. Officers assisted Livestock Services of Saskatchewan with a livestock dispute and responded to reports of vehicle and combine fires in rural areas near Unity and Luseland. Fire departments extinguished all fires, none of which were considered suspicious.

Other Unity-area investigations included complaints of trespassing, forgery, and vehicle collisions, including one involving a deer and another with a gate. Police also conducted a wellbeing check at the request of an employer and responded to reports of gunshots, which were determined to be lawful hunting activity. Members located a missing person with the assistance of family. The detachment also handled three false 911 calls and a traffic complaint.

In Wilkie, RCMP responded to theft, trespassing, and disturbing-the-peace complaints. Officers referred two dogs running loose to the town’s bylaw officer and investigated a report of graffiti at Wilkie Memorial Park. There were also complaints involving an individual taking a motor vehicle without consent and a Mental Health Act complaint.

Macklin officers handled a mix of traffic, theft, trespassing, and fraud complaints, as well as a Mental Health Act matter. A 49-year-old Macklin man was charged with uttering threats following a reported incident. Members also assisted a resident seeking a tow company and investigated a vehicle collision with a streetlight. Several complaints of disturbing the peace and trespassing could not be substantiated due to insufficient evidence or the subjects being gone on arrival.

FORM 2 - SECTION 4

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Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4 (3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY				Title	Total	Total	Total
Assess. #	Lot	Block	Plan	Number	Arrears	Costs	Arrears & Costs
41	1	4	G64	156002262			
	2	4	G64	156002239	\$1,102.95	\$32.50	\$ 1,135.45
293	17	23	G162	140054958			
	18	23	G162	140054969	\$2,063.17	\$32.50	\$ 2,095.67
337	21	27	G162	154768102			
	22	27	G162	154768113			
	23	27	G162	154768124	\$2,400.16	\$32.50	\$ 2,432.66
395	15	31	G162	142849637			
	16	31	G162	142849671			
	17	31	G162	142849705	\$3,387.08	\$32.50	\$ 3,419.58
409	3	32	G162	157487136			
	4	32	G162	157487147			
	5	32	G162	157487158	\$1,726.41	\$32.50	\$ 1,758.91
442	34	33	G162	150942180			
	35	33	G162	150942157			
	36	33	G162	150942146			
	37	33	G162	150942102			
	49	33	10158430	150942090	\$1,136.17	\$32.50	\$ 1,168.57
450	5	34	G162	149652401			
	6	34	G162	149652434			
	7	34	G162	149652456			
	8	34	G162	149652478	\$8,927.58	\$32.50	\$ 8,960.08
489	30	37	G162	151101537			
	31	37	G162	151101582			
	32	37	G162	151101605			
	33	37	G162	151101627			
	34	37	G162	151101649			
	35	37	G162	151101661	\$1,128.69	\$32.50	\$ 1,161.19
Total					\$21,872.21	\$260.00	\$22,132.21

*Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 29th day of September,2025.

Tara Neumeier
Administrator

Truck thefts spark police chase, Unity RCMP make arrest

BY KATE WINQUIST

UNITY — A series of vehicle thefts and a police pursuit in the Unity area ended with the arrest of a 29-year-old man earlier this week.

The incident began on the morning of September 24, when Unity RCMP received a report of suspicious activity in Salvador. Witnesses told police they saw a man enter a black truck, which then headed south on Highway 31. Shortly after, officers confirmed the vehicle had been reported stolen.

Unity RCMP, with assistance from Luseland Police Service, tracked the truck and attempted a traffic stop near Salvador. Instead of stopping, the driver fled. Police later learned that some members of the public had been following the vehicle. Officers reminded residents that while tips and information are always welcome, people should never intervene during an active crime.

The black truck was later found abandoned in a rural area near Denzil, but

the suspect had already fled the scene.

That same afternoon, RCMP received another call—this time about a stolen grey truck in the Denzil area. Officers quickly responded and located the vehicle in Unity, unoccupied. Continued investigation led police to a nearby residence in town, where they arrested 29-year-old Ricky Vidnes.

Vidnes now faces several charges, including:

- two counts of possession of property obtained by crime (over and under \$5,000),
- two counts of motor vehicle theft,
- dangerous operation of a motor vehicle,
- flight from a peace officer, and
- failure to comply with an undertaking condition.

He was scheduled to appear in North Battleford Provincial Court on September 29.

Unity RCMP expressed appreciation to Luseland Police Service for their assistance in the case.



Sheryl Zunti from Luseland loves designing, sketching and burning felt and suede hats and boots. The results are stunning. *PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY SHERYL ZUNTI*



The artwork by Sheryl Zunti has taken painted rocks to a whole new level.

Luseland artist transforms hats into works of art

BY JOAN JANZEN

LUSELAND — The Luseland Library Art Gallery is displaying the work of another talented local artist. Sheryl Zunti, from Luseland, paints on canvas and rock with acrylic and oil paints, and also designs, sketches, and burns felt and suede hats.

Many readers may not be familiar with the art of hand-burned and freehand-sketched hats. It was new to me, so I had lots of questions. Sheryl begins by free-hand sketching on the hat with floral designs, mountain landscapes, or whatever inspires her.

“I use many different pens, from acrylic paint markers and watercolour pencils to fine-point brushes and pens,” she explained. “To burn, I use an electric wood-burning tool that has multiple bits to create different textures on each hat.”

Sheryl said it takes between one and two hours to complete the sketching, and about an hour to burn it. “If I’m adding acrylic paint, it takes another 30 to 45 minutes,” she added. She uses a lot of shading with different colours to replicate what she sees in nature. A hat band provides the finishing touch on each piece.



Her artwork appears on the top of the hat as well as underneath, and the hats she works with have an adjustable ribbon inside to fit different sizes. She has also sketched and burned designs on suede boots.

This busy artist works as an educational assistant at Luseland School and also does casual esthetics work. “I make hats as a hobby in the evenings,” she said. She is a member of several online groups that focus on burning hats and draws inspiration from their creativity.

Her new hobby began two years ago, when she was inspired by a hand-burned hat she saw online. “After receiving several compliments on my hat, I decided to make more as a hobby and sell them at my daughter’s salon in Luseland,” Sheryl said.

She also enjoys sharing the skill with others. “Last year, I had the opportunity to work with a high school class at Luseland School and teach them how to design and burn felt, leather, and suede,” she said. “It was wonderful to see what each of them created.”

Sheryl’s beautiful artwork will be on display at the Luseland Library until November, so be sure to stop in and check it out.

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Pay tribute to Indigenous peoples and support their influence

September 30, 2025, marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the painful history experienced by residential school survivors and those who never returned home, as well as the ongoing trauma that many have faced for decades. The government encourages all Canadians to come together to promote awareness through transparency and openness while seeking to empower Indigenous communities.

Wear orange
Symbolizing cultural dispossession and loss of freedom, orange shirts are worn every September 30 in support of Indigenous communities that have suffered the intergenerational consequences of residential schools.

Recognizing and respecting Indigenous peoples is the first crucial step toward reconciliation and cooperation. Every citizen can do their part by openly showing their support.

Support businesses
Indigenous engagement in regional economic activities is vital for sustainable and respectful integration. Doing business with Indigenous entrepreneurs is a simple and accessible way to contribute to their growth.

The Canadian Council for Indigenous Business has created a comprehensive directory of Indigenous small and medium-sized businesses across Canada. You can use the interactive tool on their website to search by province or industry (ccab.com).

Empowering First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples helps build a more just society. If you want to learn more about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation activities in your area, contact your municipality or check local media outlets.

Indigenous peoples possess rich and diverse cultures. Discover the vibrant offerings from artists, artisans, musicians, painters, authors and more.



Eston Health Centre welcomes two physicians

The Eston Health Centre is pleased to announce two physicians will be offering supportive care in Eston. The Eston Health Centre and the community extend a warm welcome to Dr. Olasimbo and Dr. Jahan, who are members of the healthcare team in Kindersley where they are primarily based. Now both physicians will also be joining the Eston Health Centre twice a week starting in October.

Their arrival brings added expertise, compassion, and dedication to the health and well-being of the Eston community. The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is committed to ensuring the people of Saskatchewan receive safe, quality care as close to home as possible. With the support of these two physicians, the health centre at Eston will be able to honour that commitment. Together they are building stronger care for a healthier Eston.

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Acclaimed circus artist Kate Ryan to perform in Kindersley

BY KATE WINQUIST

KINDERSLEY — Local audiences are in for a treat as world-renowned Canadian circus performer Kate Ryan brings her show to Kindersley on Tuesday, September 30, at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. The performance is part of the 2025/2026 Stars For Saskatchewan Concert Series, presented by the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) and its member arts councils.

Kate Ryan has wowed audiences in 26 countries across six continents with her unique blend of hula hooping, face balancing, physical comedy, juggling, and magic. She has performed for prestigious clients including Cirque du Soleil, Cirque Dreams, Cartoon Network, and Princess Cruises, and is known for creating shows that are both hilarious and inspiring.

In her latest performance, “DomestiKATE,” Ryan invites audiences on a whirlwind journey of laughter and awe. The show emphasizes the importance of creating your own home, no matter where you are, leaving lasting memories for everyone in attendance.

The Kindersley show kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available in person at Devon Coles Garden Gallery, online via Eventbrite, or at the door. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth (6–18), and free for children under 5.

OSAC brings over 300 community and school performances to Saskatchewan each year, reaching roughly 75,000 people. These events are made possible by dedicated volunteers and funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries, administered by SaskCulture and Canadian Heritage, which support thousands of local non-profit sport, culture, and recreation groups across the province.

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WORKSAFE SASKATCHEWAN:

You have the right to be safe on the job

In 2024, Saskatchewan recorded its lowest Total injury rate in history at 3.91 injuries per 100 workers, down from 3.95 per 100 workers in 2023. Since the WorkSafe Saskatchewan partnership between the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board and the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety was established in 2002, the province's Total injury rate has dropped by more than 65 per cent.

The province's recent record-low injury rates show how far we've come, but serious injuries and fatalities remain a challenge across the province. As a result, WorkSafe Saskatchewan wants all workers to be aware of their rights on the job. That includes the right to work in a safe environment.

All workers in Saskatchewan are covered by three important rights that are intended to keep them safe on the job. Those rights are protected under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

The right to know

If you are employed in Saskatchewan, you have the right to know about any safety hazards in your workplace. A hazard is anything that might cause an injury or illness. This knowledge is important in protecting yourself and your co-workers.

As a worker, you have the right to receive the training, information and supervision needed to do your job safely. Your employer should tell you how to stay safe before you start your job and before work begins on a new project.

Safety information can be given online, in writing or in person. The information and training may come from a supervisor, co-worker or someone outside of your workplace, but your employer must pay for all training that is part of your job.

Clear communication is also included in the right to know. Your employer needs to give you the information you require to do your job safely in a way that you can understand. Ask questions

whenever any safety instructions aren't clear.

If you don't know or are unsure how to do a task safely, this right ensures you can ask questions. Always ask for information or training when you are given a new task, tool or material to do your work.

The right to participate

Each worker has the opportunity and freedom to get involved in their workplace's health and safety activities. You have the right to share your concerns and ideas about how to make your workplace safer. If you see an unsafe situation on the job, this right gives you a chance to help rectify the situation, preventing injuries to you and your co-workers.

There are several ways for workers to exercise their right to participate, including:

- Report your concerns to your supervisor or manager about any health and safety issues that could cause harm to you or your co-workers.
- Make suggestions to your supervisor or occupational health committee about how to make your workplace safer.
- Join your occupational health committee if your workplace requires one.
- Act as an occupational health and safety representative for your workplace, if given the opportunity.

The right to refuse

Every workplace has hazards, most of which are not likely to cause serious injuries or fatalities. This right applies to those hazards which are considered unusually dangerous to yourself or others. An unusual danger or hazard could include:

- A danger that would normally stop work, like operating a forklift that has a flat tire.
- Something that is not normal for the job, like repairing a roof in bad weather with dangerous winds.

- A situation you haven't been properly trained for, or where you don't have the right equipment or experience to do the work safely. For example, cleaning windows on a tall building without any training or fall protection equipment.

Using your right to refuse is serious and should not be taken lightly, but as a last resort when the first two rights have failed to protect your health and safety in the workplace.

However, you should also not be afraid to speak up when you believe your work is unusually dangerous. If you or the people around you are at risk, you can say no. You absolutely cannot be disciplined or fired for exercising your right to refuse, as the right to refuse is protected under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

There are several steps to take when opting to refuse unsafe work, in this order:

1. Stop performing the task. Tell your supervisor what you think is unusually dangerous about the task.
2. Talk to your workplace occupational health committee if you and your supervisor can't reach a solution.
3. If the matter is still not resolved, contact the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety's Occupational Health and Safety Branch at 1.800.567.7233. An occupational health officer will provide their decision in writing to you and your employer.
4. If you don't agree with the occupational health officer's decision, you have a right to appeal.

Each year in Saskatchewan, approximately 21,000 workers are injured on the job. Working together, we can make Saskatchewan a safer place to work.

For more information on the three rights, including videos and other resources for workers and employers, visit the WorkSafe Saskatchewan website at worksafesask.ca/know-your-rights-at-work.

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Dr. Dobson was the first resident doctor at the Dodsland Hospital and remained there for 30 years.
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The original Dodsland hospital with the drug store sign on the left.



Miss Ballah (left) and Ruth Gibson (right), both worked at Dodsland Hospital.



Dr. Dobson and staff.

Memories of the original Dodsland Hospital live on

BY JOAN JANZEN

The history of the original Dodsland Hospital was documented in the book *Golden Milestones: Dodsland, Druid and Districts*. The hospital's story began in 1916, when Dr. Scroggy was trying to attend to patients from across the prairie settlement and provide proper care. At that time, he suggested the Gladys Hotel would make an ideal hospital.

It wasn't long before the hotel and its buildings were purchased for \$3,000, with few changes needed to transform it into a hospital. Dr. Dobson was the first resident doctor. During his 30 years in Dodsland, the hospital served patients from Coleville, Smiley, Lov-

erna, Stranraer and Plenty. All the babies in the area were born at Dodsland Hospital during those years, and Mr. Rublee was the pharmacist, operating in the south corner of the hospital.

The following doctors practiced after Dr. Dobson: Dr. Wall, Dr. Kelly, Dr. Judge, Dr. Kenney, Dr. Ramsay, Dr. Shepherd, Dr. Wright and Dr. Silberman.

In 1946, it was recognized as a union hospital, with funding coming from the government and hospital guilds raising money for additional needs. According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Dodsland Hospital had 23 adult beds, one crib and six bassinets in 1947. By 1965, it became evident a more modern facility was needed, and \$108,000 was borrowed to build a new hospital.

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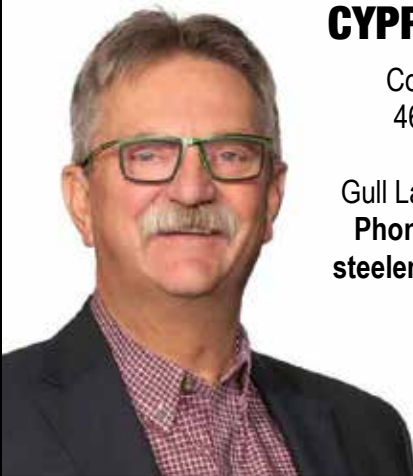


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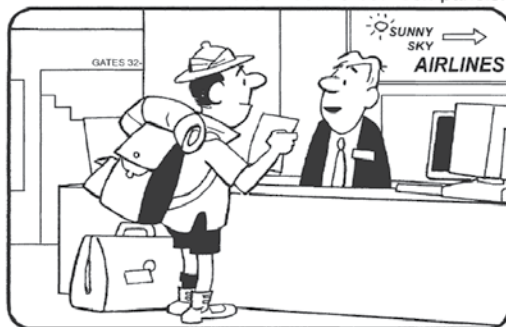
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BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



6. Sock is missing.

Trivia Test Answerst

1. A horse; 2. Richard Dreyfuss; 3. Moscow, Russia; 4. Detroit, Michigan; 5. Panem; 6. Four; 7. 8 minutes, 20 seconds; 8. 10; 9. "Hill Street Blues"; 10. 26

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Trivia

test by Fifi Rodriguez

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The children's novel "Black Beauty" is about what kind of animal?
2. MOVIES: Which actor narrates the 1980s film "Stand by Me"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which world city is home to Saint Basil's Cathedral?
4. U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city sits on top of a working salt mine that has been operating since 1910?
5. LITERATURE: What is the name of the country where "The Hunger Games" takes place?
6. MATH: How many sides does a trapezoid have?
7. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does a lobster have?
9. TELEVISION: Which TV drama always begins with a meeting and the warning, "Let's be careful out there"?
10. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the English alphabet?

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Harvest progress lags behind average after rain delays

Harvest progress in Saskatchewan has slowed in recent days as rain and high humidity delayed combining in the west and stalled work in the east.

The Ministry of Agriculture said Thursday that 68 per cent of the 2025 crop is now in the bin, trailing the five-year average of 83 per cent and the 10-year average of 72 per cent.

The southwest leads the province at 80 per cent complete, followed by the southeast at 70 per cent. The northwest is 69 per cent finished, the northeast 61 per cent, west-central 65 per cent and east-central 59 per cent.

Winter wheat and fall rye are fully harvested, while field peas are at 99 per cent and lentils 96 per cent. Spring wheat is 73 per cent combined, durum 78 per cent, oats 70 per cent and barley 86 per cent. Canola harvest advanced this week to 42 per cent, while flax is 18 per cent, soybeans 23 per cent and mustard 62 per cent.

Rainfall was light across most of the province. The heaviest precipitation was reported east of Yorkton, with 44 millimetres in Rhein and 18 mm in Calder. Carnduff and Blaine Lake each recorded 20 mm.

Topsoil moisture levels declined over the week, with cropland rated two per cent surplus, 59 per cent adequate, 32 per

Wind and dry conditions were the main sources of crop damage this week

cent short and seven per cent very short. Hayland is three per cent surplus, 51 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and 17 per cent very short. Pastures are two per cent surplus, 40 per cent adequate, 36 per cent short and 22 per cent very short.

Pasture conditions have also weakened since August. Only one per cent of pastures are considered excellent, 31 per cent good, 39 per cent fair, 20 per cent poor and nine per cent very poor.

Wind and dry conditions were the main sources of crop damage this week, alongside some water damage in low-lying areas. Migrating waterfowl also caused losses as geese and cranes moved through the province.

Producers are reminded to take precautions during the busy harvest season. The Farm Stress Line is available at 1-800-667-4442, and the ministry urges farmers to be prepared for machinery fires, keep combines clear of debris and use caution around power lines. Motorists are also advised to watch for farm equipment on the roads.

Week of crime and road incidents keeps RCMP busy in Rosetown and Kyle

Rosetown and Kyle RCMP responded to a range of incidents across the region last week, including vehicle collisions, thefts, and impaired driving.

On Sept. 18, Kyle RCMP attended a vehicle-versus-deer collision on Highway 4, north of Rosetown. The vehicle was not drivable and was towed to Biggar.

Several complaints of suspicious activity and erratic driving were reported over the week, though not all led to charges. On Sept. 19, a suspicious vehicle was reported in the RM of Pleasant Valley, but patrols were unable to locate it. On Sept. 20, an erratic driver near Wiseton could not be found, and minor injuries were reported following a vehicle collision with a power pole near Wartime. A dog-related complaint in Beechy resulted in no further action.

Thefts and break-ins were also investigated. Rosetown RCMP received reports of a stolen quad near Herschel and vehicle break-ins in Rosetown, with a stolen bank card used at a local business. Both investigations remain ongoing. On Sept. 22, a SaskTel compound in Rosetown was broken into, and copper wire was stolen.

Impaired driving continued to be a concern. Kyle RCMP, with assistance from Biggar RCMP, charged a driver north of Rosetown on Sept. 22 after de-



termining the individual was impaired. Later the same day, Rosetown RCMP charged another driver with impaired operation of a vehicle near Fiske.

Other notable calls included a well-being check in Elrose, an abandoned boat at Clearwater Lake Regional Park, a stolen truck and trailer near Rosetown, and a combine fire in the RM of Canaan. Police also received several reports of suspicious persons and a reported assault in Kyle, which is under investigation.

Throughout the week, officers issued 53 traffic-related charges and responded to multiple 911 misdials and false alarms.

RCMP continue to ask anyone with information about these or any other crimes to contact the Rosetown RCMP at 306-882-5700 or Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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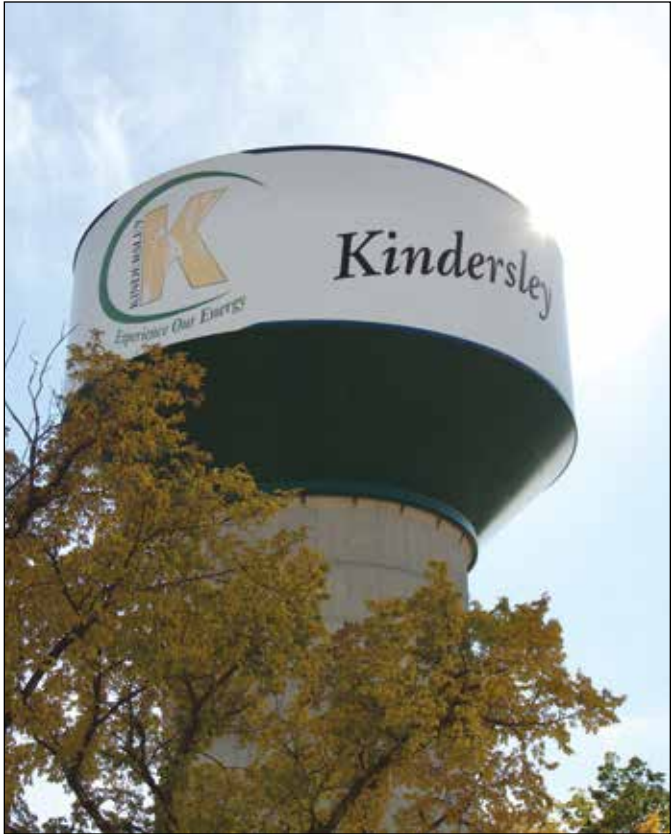
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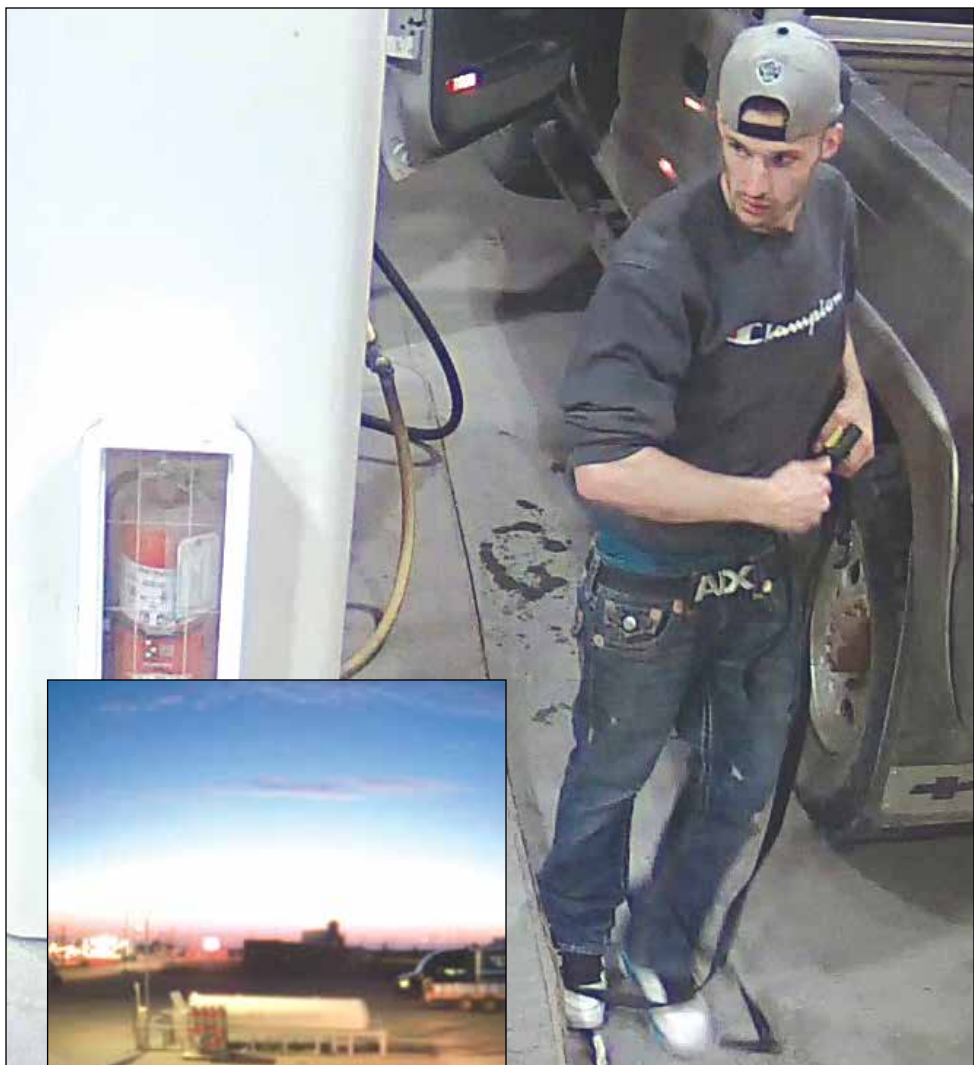
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North West Terminal to sell grain business to Bunge Canada

BY KATE WINQUIST

UNITY — North West Terminal Ltd. (NWT) has announced plans to sell its grain handling business to Bunge Canada Inc. in a \$27-million deal expected to close later this fall.

The proposed sale, subject to shareholder approval at a special meeting the week of Oct. 20, would see Bunge acquire substantially all of NWT’s grain assets. The agreement does not include NWT’s fermentation and distillation business, nor its ownership stake in the Alliance Grain Terminal in Vancouver, B.C., which the company intends to continue operating.

The move follows a strategic review process launched in 2023, after the company’s grain elevator was idled amid challenging industry conditions.

“We’ve been working on behalf of shareholders for the past two years to determine a path forward that would allow the company to continue its operations,” said NWT board chair Brad Sperle. “Given the current state of the grain industry and the recent financial re-



sults of our grain division, the Board believes selling these assets is in the best interests of the company and its stakeholders.”

Sperle said the transaction will allow NWT to significantly reduce debt while giving its fermentation and distillation division the best chance for long-term success.

If approved, the deal is expected to close on or about October 29. Proceeds will primarily go toward debt repayment.

FTI Capital Advisors Canada acted as strategic advisors and MLT Aikins LLP as legal advisors to NWT.

BREAK THE SILENCE:

A community conversation on domestic violence

BY KATE WINQUIST

An important community conversation on domestic violence awareness will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, at the Eston Anglican Church.

The event will feature Joan McDonald, a courageous advocate who has dedicated her life to raising awareness about domestic abuse following the tragic loss of her daughter, Abbie Speir, in April 2017. Speir was the victim of domestic homicide—a tragedy that inspired McDonald to share her story in workplaces, schools, community groups, and public events across the province.

McDonald’s mission is to break the silence around domestic violence, helping communities recognize



warning signs, understand available resources, and provide support to those affected.

The issue remains urgent. Saskatchewan continues to have the highest rate of police-reported domestic violence in Canada—more than double the national average. Across the country, statistics show that every six days, a person is murdered by a current or former intimate partner.

Organizers encourage everyone to attend this meaningful conversation and join the effort to create safer, more supportive communities.

Admission is free, and donations are welcome for the West Central Crisis Centre.

Thieves target rural property in Kindersley

BY KATE WINQUIST

Kindersley RCMP are investigating the theft of a semi truck, trailer, tractor, and power harrow from a rural property in the RM of Kindersley. The incident was reported on September 17, 2025.

According to police, the stolen items include a 2007 Peterbilt semi, copper-brown in colour (Saskatchewan plate 620 NFK), a 2007 royal blue Scona trailer (plate 505 NTV), a 2015 Kubota M135 tractor, and a 2024

Maschio DL3000S-CR power harrow.

RCMP are asking anyone with information about the theft to come forward. Tips can be made directly to Kindersley RCMP at 310-RCMP, or anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.



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- 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.
- DENZIL**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
• Bones and a Meal sponsored by Denzil Rec Board
- FLAXCOMBE**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
• Flaxcombe Recreation Association presents Up..Up..& Away Reaching for Success! PAINT PARTY. Youth 6-14 yrs - No charge. Time: 2:15-4:45 PM. Limited seats, so register ASAP! Ice tea, snack and all materials included. Flaxcombe Community Hall.
• Flaxcombe Recreation Association presents Up..Up..& Away Reaching for Success! PAINT PARTY. Youth 15-18 yrs - No Charge "Grant"; Adults 19+ \$15.00 per person. Limited seats, so register ASAP! Time: 6:45-9:30 PM. Flaxcombe Community Hall. All materials included.
- 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**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
• Free Dump Day 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and 2:00-7:00 PM.
OCTOBER 6-9
• Kerrobert Minor Hockey Power Skating (1 hour sessions) at the Kerrobert Memorial Arena. Focus on safe body contact, angling and confidence building skills. \$150 per person.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
• Kerrobert Sr. Rebels vs Macklin 8:00 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
• Harvest Festival: Parade starts at 11:00 AM. Lunch at 12:00. Activities 1:00-5:00 PM. Football Jamboree 1:00-3:00 PM. Harvest demonstration starts at 1:00 PM (Highway 51 west, 1 mile on the highway).
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 15 & 28
• Leaf pick-up. Please leave your full clear bags on your front boulevards. Pick-up will be on these dates only.
- 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.
- Ladies Golf Tuesday at 5:30 PM. Mens Night Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Call to register 306-834-2497.
- KINDERSLEY**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
• Kindersley Antique Threshing Demo 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Kindersley Plains Museum (903 - 11th Avenue East). Food booth on site. Threshing machine powered by 1903 Case steamer. Free will offering. If inclement weather contact Lionet at 306-463-8352.
• KCS Kobras Bottle Drive. Please put your cans and bottles out and we will come and collect! All funds raised go towards new equipment for the KCS Kobras Football Team.
• Kindersley Ducks Unlimited Banquet
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
• KCS Sr Kobras Football vs Humboldt 4:30 PM at KCS (Rotary Field)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
• Junior Varsity Kobras Football vs Rosetown 4:30 PM at KCS (Rotary Field)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
• KCS Sr Kobras Football vs Meadow Lake (Senior Night) 4:30 PM at KCS (Rotary Field)
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-

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• Every Saturday: Mom N Tots Morning 10:00 - 10:30 AM at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Registration required: Kindersleymusic@outlook.com
• Every Tuesday: Community Badminton 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Westberry School. Everybody welcome.
- LUSELAND**
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
• Luseland Arts Council presents Lee Siegel 7:30 PM Luseland Homecoming Hall. Covers of the greatest soul singers of all time! Advance tickets available at Luseland Credit Union. Adults \$25; Students \$15; Door Price Adult \$30.
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:**
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- Tuesday 7:00-10:00 PM Games
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- Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon.
- MAJOR**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1
• 4H AGM 7:00 PM Church Basement
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
• Hands at Work Fall Supper 5:00-6:30 PM
- 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.
- PLENTY**
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
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