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Homeschool Co-operative Shines in Empress

BY JOAN JANZEN

EMPRESS — Shine On Homeschool Co-operative opened its doors in Empress, Alberta at the beginning of the 2025/26 school year. Sarah Kroph, an Alberta Certified teacher and mom, was excited to share the journey which birthed this new venture.

Students from grades 1–6 meet together four days a week with an open house policy in effect. The children learn together, focussing on building a strong foundation by ensuring they master the basics utilizing a Christian-based curriculum for core subjects. The kids also learn life skills like growing gardens, cooking and carpentry, and enjoy venturing out on field trips within the surrounding area.

Sarah, her husband and young family moved north of Empress six years ago. Before that time she was a teacher in the public system. “I loved my job!” Sarah said. “However once I started to have kids, I felt it was better for my family to be a stay-at-home mom.” She also continued to sub throughout the years.

The decision to homeschool began when her daughter wasn’t doing well at school. “She was reluctant to go and it seemed to be a fight every morning to get her there,” she explained. “This is when we decided to homeschool last year and it changed our lives.”

Her daughter’s reading level and math went up to Grade 2 levels in a single year. “We got to work in the mornings and were done by noon or 1:00



each day. We got our cheerful, bubbly, creative girl back!” Sarah reported.

She was surprised when another mom asked if Sarah would consider teaching her kids as well, which led to the idea of starting a homeschool co-operative. “The same mom walked into the old United Church building at Empress and said ‘I think I found us a spot’. That’s when it really took off,” she recalled.

The community support was overwhelming. They received donations of shelving, art supplies and an impressive library. When they opened their doors, they welcomed students from a wide area including the communities of Eaton, Leader, Empress, Oyen, Acadia Valley, Buffalo, Bindloss, Sibbald and Brooks.

Because of the distances, some students attend one or two days a week, while completing their work at home during the remainder of the week. “There were a ton of families who just couldn’t drive to be part of the day-to-day activities,” Sarah explained. As a result, they get together for field trips twice a month, which allows more homeschool families to have social inter-



These children participate in the newly formed Shine On Homeschool Co-operative at Empress, Alberta. Since the school year began they’ve enjoyed four field trips, including a tour of a local Hutterite colony. PHOTO BY SARAH KNOPF

action with other kids.

“There are twelve families participating, and when we are all together it’s nearly thirty kids,” she said. Reminiscent of days gone by, each day begins with the singing of ‘O Canada’ and reciting the ‘Lord’s Prayer’. “We work until our work is done, not based on a time frame,” she explained.

Lessons in the morning are more structured, while afternoons include

activities like a cooking class, community activities, crafts, Christmas concert practice and field trips. So far they have been on four field trips including a local Hutterite colony, an airport and a hike in the coulees looking at medicine wheels and buffalo jumps.

“This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life!” Sarah said. “As a society we need to do more for our children. I am just trying to do my part.”

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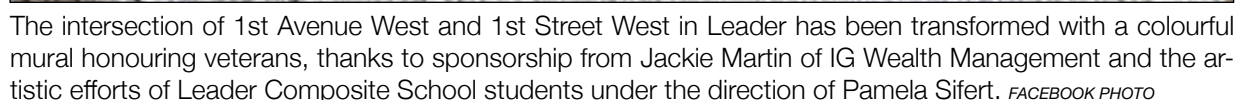
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BY KATE WINQUIST

Eleven Adult Basic Education Persistence Awards will be presented in December to students in Kindersley, Martensville and Maple Creek, including three In-

The college has published a complete list of its 2024-25 donors and sponsors on its website. Applications for the 2025-26 academic year are now open, and students who apply to a full-time, student-loan-eligible program by April 30, 2026, are automatically considered for a \$500-to-\$3,000 entrance scholarship.

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Sask. teachers receive \$1.4M for innovative classroom projects

BY KATE WINQUIST

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing nearly \$1.4 million to support 37 new teacher-led projects for the 2025-26 school year through the Teacher Innovation and Support Fund (TISF).

Established in 2024, the TISF allows certified teachers across the province to apply for funding of up to \$75,000 for innovative classroom and school initiatives.

“These approved projects represent the best kind of creative ideas our teachers bring to their schools and classrooms to enhance the learning environment for their students, and we are very pleased and proud to support them,” Education Minister Everett Hindley said. “This fund enables us to support Saskatche-

wan teachers and students directly in the classroom and provide new, unique ways to contribute to an even stronger and more growth-oriented education system.”

Applications for the second intake of the 2025-26 fiscal year were submitted during the first month of the school year. Projects in the west central area that were recently approved include:

- Elrose Composite School – Sun West Backyards, \$75,000
- North West Central School, Plenty – Drone Technology and Applications for Agriculture, \$54,612
- Rossville School, Coleville – Math Around the Room: Moving Beyond the Outcomes, \$3,500
- Kindersley Composite School – STEAM Project, \$38,000
- Walter Aseltine School, Rosetown – Natural Classrooms: Learning Beyond Walls Through Play & Place

The latest approvals bring the total number of TISF projects funded this year to 66, representing \$2.5 million. Saskatchewan school divisions are receiving a record \$2.4 billion in operating funding for the 2025-26 school year. Since its inception, 136 projects have received TISF funding.



The Lifestyle band from Kindersley provided entertainment for Flaxcombe’s recent culture and music event.
SUBMITTED PHOTO

A small village is providing big opportunities

BY JOAN JANZEN

FLAXCOMBE — The Village of Flaxcombe may be a small rural community, but its residents have been working together to provide big opportunities for people of all ages. For years, the local Community Club has been maintaining the playgrounds, rest stop, cemetery and the community hall, where they host four major events every year.

This past year, a new Recreation Board was formed, and the group feels fortunate to have the local Community Club offer the use of the hall at a discounted rate. Their most recent endeavour was a cultural Filipino event and family dance in which people from many communities joined together, including Flaxcombe, Biggar, Kerrobert, Kindersley, Marengo and Eston, to make the event possible.

The new group has also hosted paint workshops for children and adults, made bath bombs, and has Christmas baking and much more planned for the near future. Their goal is to provide opportunities for families, adults, youth and seniors to engage in a wide range of affordable activities.

There are currently eight members, ranging in age from 26 to 75, who joined Flaxcombe’s Recreation Association in May of 2025. Local resident Linda Walker said it all began when one individual started knocking on doors and handing out cookies.

“She found most people in the community have never been asked to join a group,” she said. The group began in the nostalgic way utilized by our great-grandparents when they wanted something done, she observed.

The modern aspect of the group involved joining the Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation and becoming members of SaskCulture Inc. Rivers West provided a booklet listing all the grants available. Thanks to a talented member possessing a knack for finding and applying for the right grants, the group has received two grants of \$1,500 for events and a yearly grant of \$2,000.

The funds, along with help from the Community Club and much community support, enable the group to continue hosting events for the residents of their village. Flaxcombe has proven that a small village can provide big opportunities.

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Hamper items will follow Canada’s Food Guide expectations plus extra items in December to encourage a happy holiday season by including a holiday meal, treats, and children’s gifts.

SERVICE AREA: Christmas Hampers will be available for distribution only to those recipients within the Kindersley Food Bank’s service area: Kindersley, Smiley, Flaxcombe, Marengo, Alsask, Coleville, Brock, and surrounding rural residents.

Application Forms are available for pick up and completion at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Salvation Army Thrift Store - 108 Railway Ave W, Kindersley
- West Central Crisis & Family Support Centre – 105 Colton Drive E, Kindersley
- Kindersley Food Bank - 110B Railway Ave E, Kindersley
- Kindersley Mall Hamper Distribution Location - 12 Ave E Highway 7, Kindersley

APPLICATIONS must be completed and returned to the above locations no later than 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 13, 2025.

DONATIONS: Without your generous support of this program, we could not achieve such remarkable success. **Please drop off donations as follows:**

- Kindersley Mall Hamper Distribution Location: Dec. 1-13 from 1:00-4:00 PM (except Sundays)
- West Central Crisis & Family Support Cebntre: Nov. 12 - Dec. 12 during week day business hours
- Salvation Army Thrift Store: Dec. 1-12 during week day business hours

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What it's really like to be a senior in Canada

Someone once said, when a man retires, his wife gets twice the husband but only half the income. Unfortunately, in Canada, it might be far less than half the income.

Chris Baker, host of the online podcast Baked on Things, reported on the following topic that's not being covered in Canada: what it's like to be a senior in Canada. Many of his listeners were urging him to address this topic. He was speaking about seniors who worked their entire lives paying taxes, believing the government's advice "to work hard and after 40 years trust the system," Chris noted.

Eligible Canadian seniors receive Old Age Security (OAS), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS); however, not everyone qualifies for OAS and GIS. The maximum amount a senior can receive is equivalent to someone working a full-time job at minimum wage. But most Canadians aren't eligible to receive the maximum amount.

Consequently, they receive about two-thirds or less of what a full-time minimum-wage earner would take home in a month. And, like the wage earner who pays taxes on their income, seniors also pay taxes on CPP.

But the increased number of seniors visiting food banks is showing that the system isn't working.

Thirty years ago, seniors were managing to make ends meet. In 1990, the



Opinion
By Joan Janzen

average rent for a two-bedroom apartment was \$531 a month. In 2024, that same apartment would be \$1,447 a month. In 1990, \$100 had the same purchasing power as \$25 in 2025.

"The system was designed for a world where housing was actually affordable, and that world is long gone," Chris said. And low rental housing,

where rent is 30 percent of a senior's income, is in short supply, especially in Canadian cities.

If a senior is mortgage-free, they're finding the cost of utilities, insurance, transportation, and property taxes takes up most of their retirement income, with little remaining for groceries. After Chris Baker's show aired, there were plenty of seniors who posted comments.

"I am one of those seniors, and if it was not for my son helping me with my mortgage, I would be homeless," read one of the comments. "I definitely don't have much money left for food."

Another senior wrote, "I'm 73 and live alone. CPP, OAS, and GIS equal \$2,076. Rent in my one-bedroom apartment is \$1,600. Insurance, internet, phone, food, and hydro take up the rest. The saving grace is I'm healthy and don't have to pay for any prescription drugs."

The number of similar comments was endless. Some were surviving by visiting the food bank and collecting bottles. "I'm living with my adult daughter and her husband because the land lease on my mobile home became so high that I

couldn't afford to stay there anymore," a senior explained.

This is a topic that is not being discussed, which seniors also find frustrating. "I'm 71 and fear I have become invisible. So I identify as invisible. My pronouns are 'who' and 'what'," a senior wrote. "Yes, I am here; you just didn't see me."

Seniors who reside in smaller rural villages and towns have the advantage of being slightly more visible to the general public. It's an opportunity for schools to have students visit seniors, for charitable organizations to lend them a helping hand, and for food distribution organizations to make seniors a priority.

"What would it look like if Canada actually cared about its seniors?" Chris asked. In the comments, someone suggested there be less government and more community involvement. Our Hutterite neighbours are an excellent example of community involvement.

Their community considers it a privilege to look after the sick and elderly and give their seniors special status. Family come in to do their household chores, bring them food, and provide care on a rotational basis. Their seniors don't need to downsize when their spouse dies or move to a nursing home. From cradle to grave, they provide their members with homes, food, medical, dental, and senior care.

Unlike the Hutterite communities, many seniors have children who aren't able to help them out financially or live in other provinces or countries. There are many seniors who don't have children or have fractured families, which presents even more challenges.

Another person suggested, "We need immigration to return to the way it was when you had to have a sponsor, somewhere to stay, and a skill we needed so you could come to Canada."

Some people's comments revealed their frustration. "It is time for seniors in Canada to identify as a new immigrant so they can receive free healthcare and lodging," one comment read. "Seniors have paid taxes all their lives, yet someone from another country is receiving more financial assistance than seniors."

Chris suggested the government boost the GIS so it pulls seniors from the poverty line after rent is paid. He also mentioned the addition of tax credits that reflect caregiving support for family members who take time from work to care for their parents, and expansion of home care so seniors can stay in their homes longer.

"If you're over 65, you're living this in real time. None of this is news for you. You've done the math," Chris said. "Everyone under the age of 65 understands this is not about them. But it is the pilot episode of your future."

As he closed his show, he ended with this advice: "Next time a politician is speaking to a bunch of seniors, ask them why so many of the people who built this country with their tax dollars are standing in food bank lines, selling their houses, and rationing their pills."

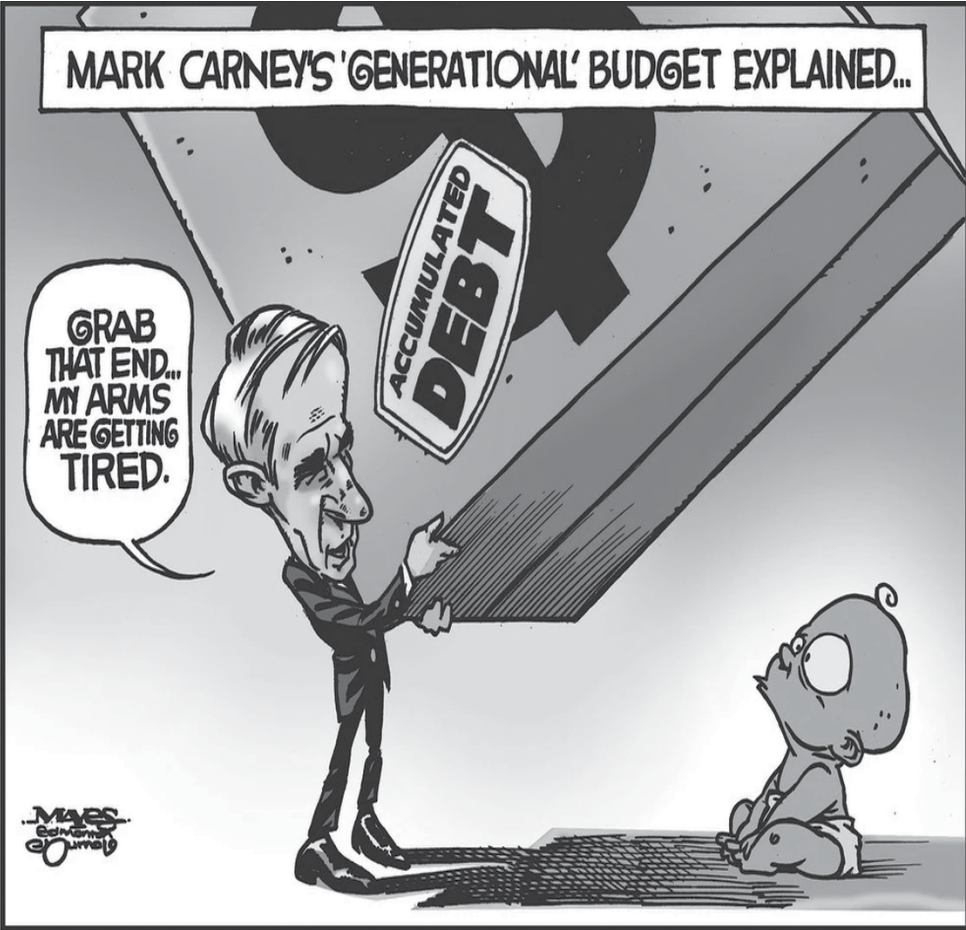
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Is there movement?

It's always irked me in literature and writing classes when a prof would insist that every story must have conflict. We were expected to spot the conflict before we even got into the craft of the writing. Maybe I liked the way a character spoke, or a scene unfolded, or a tone was set, yet I was told that what was holding me for over a hundred pages was tension, conflict, an us vs. them scenario. We had to identify the primary conflict: man vs. man, man vs. nature, or man vs. himself? (It was all "man" in those days.)

No wonder the world is in so much trouble; we are tuned to spot the differ-



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

ences, not the similarities. I get it—nothing happens til something happens. Or, as Einstein once said: Nothing happens til something moves. There's also the AA slogan: Nothing changes til something changes. And my favourite variation: Nothing changes until it becomes real.

And yes—in this world of matter and physical reality, conflict is unavoidable. So, perhaps what irks me is the need, in so many contemporary stories, for conflict to be something HUGE and threatening. For overblown struggles ending up in desecrations of character, person, and place. Sometimes conflict is simply: movement. Every story must have movement. Just by virtue of living on planet Earth, movement is inevitable.

Even the friction of the body against atmosphere as it moves through a room creates conflict. And while that might sound like a boring plotline—consider the tension in the goal of that person crossing the room. What if they are crippled and suddenly, against all odds and belief systems, become suddenly able to walk? What if that person was a woman with whom the main

character was hopelessly smitten—and she was headed in his direction? And what if she hadn't eaten all day and was now at her friend's party and there was a cheese tray at the other end of the room, and she just wanted to get there before the toast ended, before everyone else made a beeline for the cheese?

Conflict, says my friend Helen, who gives workshops in handling conflict, is unavoidable. It's life. So how do we name it and spot it in our everyday experiences? Stay tuned for that because she's going to give me a private tutoring session. But, as conflict pertains to telling stories to others, I want to be sure not to make the focus, trajectory, and goal of my stories on retelling and prolonging tensions between people. Because that's just gossip. And, as Pope Francis once said: gossip is a form of terrorism.

However, I don't call catching up on the news of the neighbourhood gossip. And there's no better place for that than a community lunch over at Palais Royale—the town hall—after a village event, be it wedding, funeral, or, in this case, a Remembrance Day ceremony.

Last Tuesday I barely made it to the post office in time to join the procession to the cenotaph. Every year I join wreath-bearers with a wreath of my own for my uncles who served in the air force. Maurice and Philippe Laprise were my mom's brothers; they lived on a farm north of town. The family home still exists, but it's collapsed into itself.

I had been to emergency the night before to make sure the lightning strikes in my right eye weren't a sign of retinal detachment. I had yet to make sandwiches for the Remembrance Day luncheon. (For some reason, women are asked to make a loaf of sandwiches or a pan of squares, but the men get away with a jar of pickles.)

I got up early to prepare the sandwiches when I realized I didn't have any mayo. I ran across town to borrow some and rushed back, made the sandwiches, and changed into something respectful for the ceremony, always re-

membering to wear the poppy red beret and scarf knit by my Val Marie friend Pat. That's when I realized I'd been gifted many homemade vestments from local friends. I held up Jacquie's shimmering grey scarf, made as a thank-you for the time I sat by Ervin Sr.'s bedside at the hospital til his daughters arrived. And there are Judith's heavy-duty mittens, guaranteed to prevent freezing on the coldest of days—which is often the case on November 11. Not to mention the house slippers knit in my favourite colours by Betty. Each gift has a story, but the only conflict is deciding which to wear.

This year our procession was led by Constable Wayne Swaby. "Rhymes with baby," he said, as I jotted down his name. Hanging around the coffee urn, we talked about his twenty-odd years of service. He told me Val Marie's is by far his favourite ceremony. "First of all, you hold it outside. Nobody does that any more. And it's really important to have the march down the centre of main street. And the flags on flagpoles. And this year, you had the bagpipes." "I cried," I said. "I tried not to," he admitted.

Talking about bagpipes can create conflict, even if it's internal. We have to struggle to hold it together in a crowd. Or, in my case, let the tears fall. "Your full regalia really makes a difference. Adds gravitas," I said. "Yeah, well. We gotta keep up the tradition," he replied. "You know, there are some people who don't want us to do this ceremony any more. Guess you'd call them left wingers?" More internal conflict. Do I want to get into it? I thought. No. We are here to remember those who fought and fell in hellish, bloody conflicts. We don't need to overshadow their sacrifices with our petty, partisan sniping.

Perhaps a good story does need conflict. But sometimes to conflict is just movement, enough movement to be touched, moved by the lives and stories of others. To be moved is movement enough.



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Lisa Ensor, Administrator

Tax Enforcement List

R.M. OF PROGRESS NO. 351

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Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 18th day of January, 2026, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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						Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
Part of Lot	Lot	Blk	Plan					
Part of Sec.	Sec.	Twp.	Range	Meridian	Title No.			
NW	32	35	24	3	154302791	\$1,946.23	\$48.33	\$1,994.56
N 1/2 SW	32	35	24	3	154302836	\$ 572.34	\$48.33	\$ 620.67
PT SE	14	36	23	3	155012489	\$1,120.16	\$48.33	\$1,168.49

Dated this 18th day of November, 2025.

Kim Adams
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Just a gal from Glidden

Striving, serving, and shining

BY KATE WINQUIST

Over the past few weeks, I’ve been thinking a lot about what to write—and I’ve noticed something: the more I write, the easier it seems to get. I suppose that’s true of most things we try to accomplish in life. Practice, perseverance, and dedication—these are the ingredients of progress, whether in sports, music, service, or any pursuit we hold dear.

Take music, for example. Five students from Eatonia and Kindersley were recently chosen to represent their schools in the 2025 Saskatchewan Music Educators Association (SMEA) Honours Band—a well-deserved recognition of countless hours of practice. Or consider Simeon Bakanec from the Kerrobert/Kindersley area. After years of skating and training, he qualified for the Skate Canada Trophy, a national figure skating competition to be held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in February 2026. Simeon is the only Saskatchewan Novice Men’s Freeskater representing Team Saskatchewan.

Then there’s former Rosetown Royals receiver Daniel Wiebe, named 2025 Canada West Football Player of the Year for his standout season with the Saskatchewan Huskies. Wiebe led the conference in receptions, yards, and touchdowns, helping the Huskies reach the 60th Vanier Cup this Saturday at Mosaic Stadium in Regina. And speaking of Mosaic Stadium, the Saskatchewan Roughriders will be playing for the Grey Cup tomorrow. Former Kindersley resident Logan Ferland, a steady anchor on the Riders’ offensive line, was recently honoured with the CFL’s prestigious Jake Gaudaur Veterans’ Award—recognizing a player who embodies strength, perseverance, courage, comradeship, and community impact.

Awards and recognition are wonderful. We all enjoy a pat on the back. Last week, I was humbled by emails, phone calls, and even a few people stopping me on the street to say they appreciated my Remembrance Day coverage. I imagine the students in the Honours

Awards and recognition are wonderful. We all enjoy a pat on the back.

Band felt the same pride seeing their accomplishments in print and online. But more than the accolades, what truly matters is what drives us—what motivates us to do our best, show gratitude, and push ourselves when we could just as easily stop.

And it’s not just about sports and entertainment. Volunteers quietly strengthen our communities in ways that often go unnoticed. Darlene May and the Kindersley Royal Purple continue to raise funds through events like Braingo Tango. Danit Vass received the Canadian Forces Decoration, marking 12 years of dedicated service. The Junior Rotary Club brings joy to seniors at Dawnview Apartments with monthly bingo visits. And then there are the Luthis of Rosetown: father Arnold, 73, a veteran of Canadian peacekeeping in Egypt, and son Rylan, 27, who has served two tours in Latvia with the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry. They remind us that service, commitment, and sacrifice span generations.

And these are just the stories we’ve learned about in the past couple of weeks! Look around you, and you’ll find countless people making a difference in your community. We enjoy sharing these accomplishments, big or small, with our readers because, as I’ve said before, they are the stories that matter—they’re ours.

Whether through music, sport, volunteering, or military service, each of these people demonstrates what it means to strive, serve, and shine. And perhaps the greatest reward isn’t the awards themselves, but the sense of purpose, growth, and community they inspire.

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West Central Abilities clients enjoyed a visit to the Kin densely Regional Library last week. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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Gambling advertising getting out of control

Data about cigarettes causing cancer eventually resulted in tobacco advertisements being banned from print and electronic media, but will the data about lives being ruined by gambling addiction eventually force governments to ban the media distribution of gambling ads?

Probably not, because the amount of money involved is enormous and some of the major media outlets in the United States are not only profiting from those advertisements, but they’re involved with betting outlets as co-partners.

Ever tried to put the toothpaste back into the tube? That’s where the world is at with sports gambling and it’s probably going to get worse before it gets better.

(Full disclosure: Your correspondent gambles on sports, in nickel-and-dime fashion, and while a mini addiction has probably developed, my financial stability is not at stake.)

One can’t turn on a televised sports event without seeing gambling firms urging fans to bet this, parlay that, take the under....will your favourite team cover a 7.5-point spread? Television networks reportedly collected \$434 million in sportsbook commercials in 2024. So, as theorized by columnist Colby Hall of Mediate.com, networks aren’t covering the rise in problem gambling, which statistically is growing more among young men, “because they’re getting paid not to.”

When there is huge money involved in anything — millions and billions — organized crime can’t be far



Sports
By Bruce Penton

behind. The recent criminal charges filed against three National Basketball Association figures also involved four New York-based crime families.

If a point guard for a small college in Utah can be guaranteed a mob-related cash payment of a couple of thousand dollars for intentionally going “under” on his posted point total for a game in mid-January, what would stop a pro hoopster from agreeing to do the same for a couple of hundred thousand dollars?

Don’t think it’s not happening. Toronto Raptors Jontay Porter lost his NBA career after getting a lifetime ban for doing just that; gamblers were informed pre-game that he would bow out of a game, claiming injury, in the first quarter, guaranteeing that his point total would be under a certain number. Those in on the scam laid down big money on Porter’s position, and cashed in even bigger.

Recently, Portland Trail Blazers coach Chauncy Billups and Miami Heat guard Terry Rozier were implicated in gambling-related endeavours, adding to the ever-growing list of athletes caught up in the idea of making big money the easy, illegal way.

Betting on sports events has long been a common way of life in Europe, but it was generally illegal in North America until the U.S. Supreme Court said in 2018 it would allow states to regulate sports betting. In Canada, betting on sports events has been allowed even longer, as provincial lottery bodies have run Sport Select and other similar games.

Guaranteeing the elimination of criminal activity surrounding sports betting is folly. Bettors are more likely to ask themselves, however, ‘am I playing a legitimate game or has the result been predetermined?’

- Super 70s Sports back when O.J. Simpson was a football broadcaster: “Let’s go down to the sideline

for a report from O.J. who appears to be wearing his murder gloves now so everybody be careful down there.”

- Headline at theonion.com: “NBA Reaffirms Commitment To Gamblers Only Ruining Their Lives Legally”
- Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com site, lamenting the overuse of the phrase ‘hostile environment’ when referred to a visiting sports team: “A hostile environment is Gaza City in the summer of 2025.”
- Columnist Norman Chad: “MLS has been thriving for 30 years, making headlines, crowning champions, building rivalries... and somehow I’ve spent the exact same 30 years blissfully unaware it even existed.”
- Headline at fark.com: “Steelers safety fined \$5K for a) Illegal hits; b) Skipping media availability; c) wearing a black towel instead of a white one.” (Answer: C)
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: “I’m not sure about the NHL’s Frozen Frenzy (when all 32 teams played on the same night). It sounds like margarita night at an all-inclusive resort in Cancun.”
- Columnist Norman Chad: “Somehow, the Dodgers’ World Series title has induced Astros fans on X to complain about LA’s team payroll. Let’s review the Astros’ 2017 World Series season: ‘We didn’t cheat.’ ‘Well, we cheated but others did too.’ ‘It didn’t help us that much and we would’ve won anyway.’”
- Headline at the onion.com: “Barry Bonds reveals asterisk has spread throughout body.”
- Another onion.com headline: “Arch Manning Running Out Of Polite Ways To Decline Eli’s Mentorship”
- Comedy guy Brad Dickson of Omaha: “My grandmother Mabel Micek, 106, on why she still enjoys sitting in the stands at Husky home football games: ‘It’s the only place I go where I’m around people my own age.’”
- Headline at fark.com: “All 30 teams to be represented at the first MLB Open golf tournament. In other news, the Dodgers have signed Rory McIlroy, Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Shooter McGavin.”

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Kindersley Regional Park Authority (KRPA) has applied to the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport pursuant to subsection 10 and 11 of the Regional Parks Act, 2013 and section 10 of the Regional Park Regulations, 2015 to alter the current boundaries of the Kindersley Regional Park.

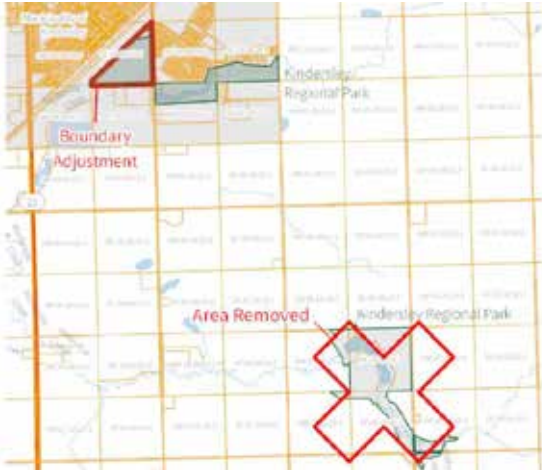
AFFECTED LAND

The new boundaries of the Kindersley Regional Park shall comprise the territory in the Province of Saskatchewan: Municipal Reserve 13 as shown on Plan No. 84S12623 Ext 1 and Ext 2, Parcel A as shown on Plan No. AL4547, Parcel A as shown on Plan No. 101600794, Parcel C as shown on Plan No. 101598318, Parcel C as shown on Plan No. G202, Ext 2, and Street/Lane 1 as shown on Plan No. 88S51686, Ext 0.

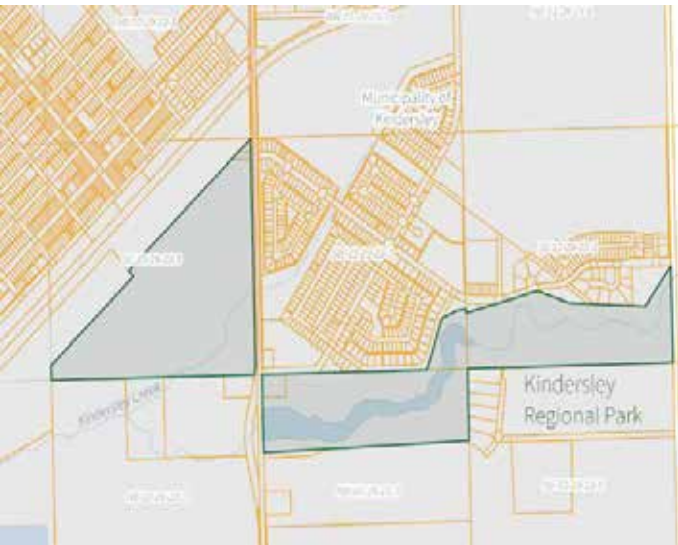
Map 1 – Boundary Adjustment



Map 2 – Area Removed



Map 3 – Proposed Boundaries for the Kindersley Regional Park Authority



REASON

The lands and improvements located thereon are currently maintained and operated by the Town of Kindersley and it is the intent of the KRPA that they should formally revert back to the jurisdictional responsibility of the Town of Kindersley.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Any person who wishes to view the full application and maps can do so from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office at 106 – 5th Avenue East. To comment on the above boundary alterations, you may file a written statement to the Secretary of the Kindersley Regional Park Authority at Box 250, Kindersley, SK, S0L-1S0 or by email to kindersleyrp@sasktel.net. All written/mailed statements must be received by December 7, 2025.

Dated at Kindersley, Saskatchewan this 18th day of November 2025. Per: Dean Galbraith, KRPA Chairman



PHOTO: FACEBOOK

Eston earns four Blooms in Communities in Bloom

ESTON — The results are in, and once again Eston has earned high marks in Communities in Bloom.

Thanks to the efforts of local volunteers and residents, Eston received four Blooms and an overall score of 80 per cent. The community also received a mention for its plant and floral displays.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



Everyone left smiling after ‘Girls Night Out’

BY JOAN JANZEN

The room was filled with women of all ages at the Alliance Church in Kindersley, who had come to Girls Night Out on Friday night, November 14. After a fun and inspirational evening, they all left with full hearts and smiling faces.

Author and guest speaker Tess Scott was on a week-long speaking tour, visiting Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, and Taber before coming to Kindersley and proceeding to Swift Current. She was accompanied by comedian Timmy Boyle, who kicked off the night as game show host of a Family Feud-style show. After picking both willing and unwilling ladies from the crowd to participate, the fun began.

“Remember, the worse you do, the more entertaining it will be for everyone else,” he said. And it proved to be a lot of fun.

Connie Moffatt and her husband, Pastor Lionel, were excited about having the two speakers from Compassion Canada at their church. “It’s a night of encouragement,” Connie explained. “It’s nice to have something local instead of having to drive to an event. It’s a time for rural women to get together.”

Tess Scott didn’t disappoint her audience, delivering a healthy dose of humour along with her encouraging words. “I like to make women laugh and also make them think. I love talking about hope in the freak show of life,” she explained.

In 2022, she published her book Listen, Sister, a collection of personal, sometimes awkward everyday mishaps. “I was the black sheep in my family and made so many bad choices. But God redeems that. And to think God would use me to encourage women just blows my mind!”

Her stories come from experiencing three divorces, four marriages, and raising eight

boys. And when she finally thought she had reached a peaceful time in her life, she found herself depending on God to overcome cancer.

“Do you have lies you’ve been believing all your life?” she asked her female audience. “It’s important to fill your head with truth. Because if you know the truth, you can recognize the lies. The only thing I know to be true is God’s word.”

She encouraged everyone to share their story with someone. “We made it through the freak show, and we need to encourage the ones coming after us that they can too,” she said.

Everyone departed for home with smiles on their faces and happy hearts, which is why Connie Moffatt said she “wouldn’t mind doing this every year.”



Girls Night Out at the Kindersley Alliance Church was a lot of fun. After a game of Family Feud, the women listened to Tess Scott, author and Christian speaker, and comedian Timmy Boyle, both from Ontario. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



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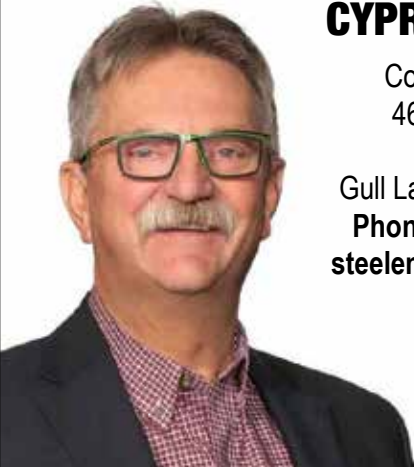
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Ashlyn George

Former Saskatchewaner wins provincial recreation award

Travel writer and former Saskatchewaner, Ashlyn George, has won the 2025 Leadership Excellence Award through the Saskatchewan Recreation Awards. The awards are presented annually by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA).

George was nominated by longtime friend Annika Mang, co-founder of the hiking app TrailCollectiv. “Ashlyn pushes boundaries and inspires others to do the same. Her leadership has elevated parks and recreation in Saskatchewan and beyond,” said Mang.

The award honours individuals who demonstrate exemplary leadership in their organization or community. SPRA president Darcy McLeod said George “leads by example with her genuine appreciation for

Saskatchewan’s parks and recreation. She’s an excellent ambassador, encouraging everyone to get outside and explore the province.”

George received \$1,000 to support local recreation initiatives. A video celebrating her achievement is available on SPRA’s website and YouTube channel.

“In a day and age when we spend much of our time in offices or online, it’s more important than ever to get outdoors, reconnect with nature and build community,” said George.

Other 2025 winners include Farm It Forward of Mossbank, which received the Community Wellbeing Award, and Dean Heuchert of Wynyard, who received the Volunteer Champion Award. Full details are on the SPRA website.

Kindersley Christmas Hamper Program returns for 2025

BY KATE WINQUIST

KINDERSLEY — Three local organizations are once again teaming up to ensure West Central residents have a brighter holiday season.

The Kindersley Food Bank, the Salvation Army and the West Central Crisis and Family Support Centre have launched the 2025 Christmas Hamper Program, which provides food, treats and children’s gifts to families in need. The groups will handle applications, accept donations and coordinate distribution.

Hampers will follow Canada’s Food Guide and in-

clude additional seasonal items, such as a holiday meal and gifts for children. They are available to residents within the Kindersley Food Bank’s service area, including Kindersley, Smiley, Flaxcombe, Marengo, Al-sask, Coleville, Brock and nearby rural communities.

Application forms can be picked up and submitted during regular hours at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, the West Central Crisis and Family Support Centre, the Kindersley Food Bank, and the hamper distribution site at the Kindersley Mall. Completed forms must be returned by 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Organizers say the program relies heavily on community support. Donations can be dropped off at the Kindersley Mall hamper site from Dec. 1 to 13 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., excluding Sundays; at the West Central Crisis and Family Support Centre from Nov. 12 to Dec. 12 during weekday hours; and at the Salvation Army Thrift Store from Dec. 1 to 12 on weekdays.

Suggested food donations include canned vegetables and fruit, soup, pasta and sauce, rice, cereal, peanut butter, beans, canned meat and juice. New, unwrapped toys, books and games for children up to age 12 are also needed. Cash or cheque donations will be used exclusively for the Christmas program, and tax receipts are available for contributions of \$20 or more.

Volunteers — dubbed Santa’s Helpers — are needed from Dec. 1 to 18. Those interested can call 306-463-6655 on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Hamper pickup is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Kindersley Mall on 12th Avenue East.

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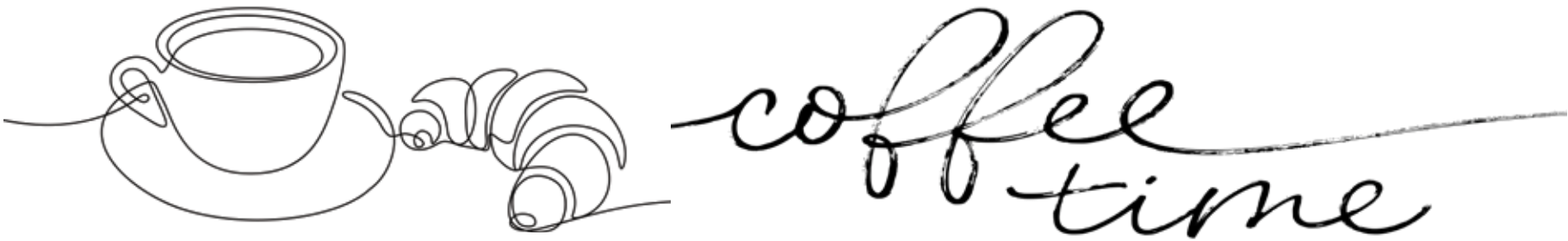


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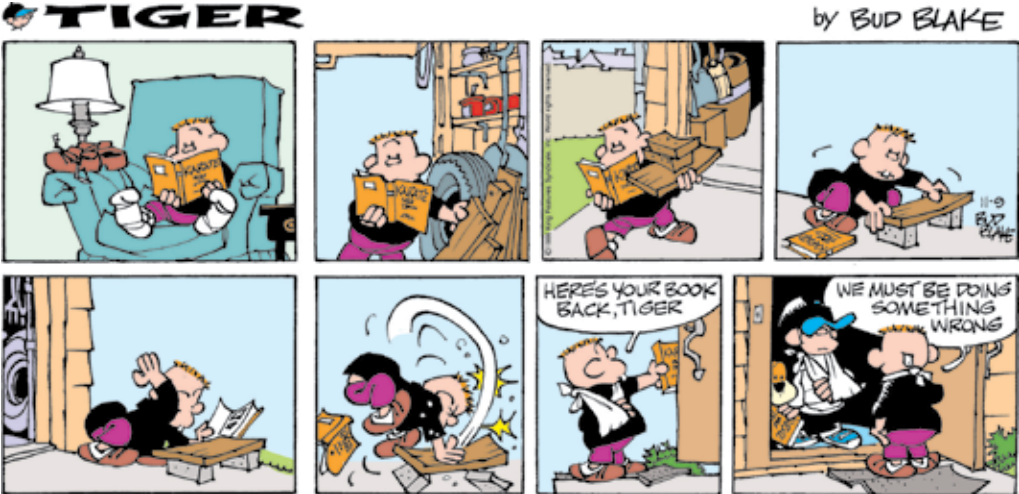
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12 "Hell — no fury ..."
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14 Goose egg
15 Long-snouted mammals
17 "Mazel —!"
18 Actress Ryder
19 Puccini work
21 ICU worker
22 Tablecloth material
24 Broadway production
27 Silent
28 Pesky insect
31 Poetic dusk
32 Khan title
33 "Hail, Caesar!"
34 Evening, in an ad
36 Rep.'s rival
37 Blue shade
38 "It's nobody — business"
40 Yes, to Juan
41 Least desirable
43 Iraqi currency
47 "Entourage" character
48 South Pole region
51 Corp. boss

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1 "Candida" playwright
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8 Incendiary crime
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country's highest mountain is called Ben Nevis?
3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
4. TELEVISION: What beer brand appears in "The Simpsons" animated TV show?
5. HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated?
6. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the condition known as piloerection?
7. MOVIES: Which city was the setting for the movie "The Sting"?
8. MATH: How many yards are in a mile?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby ferret called?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity chef stars on the cooking show "Hell's Kitchen"?

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Meadow Lake Power Station – which will soon be replaced. SASKPOWER PHOTO

SaskPower proposes 55-MW natural gas plant to replace aging Meadow Lake facility

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

MEADOW LAKE — SaskPower is exploring the potential to build a 55-megawatt (MW) natural gas facility in the Meadow Lake area, replacing an existing power plant that has reached end of life, the Crown corporation said in an Nov. 12 release.

According to SaskPower’s website, the Meadow Lake Power station opened in 1984. At 41 years old, that’s quite long in the tooth for a natural gas-fired power station, whose life expectancies are more typically in the 30 year range.

“SaskPower continues to make significant investments into the provincial power system to ensure reliable and affordable power for customers,” said Jeremy Harrison, Minister Responsible for SaskPower and MLA for Meadow Lake. “Feedback from the public and stakeholders will help to inform the path forward for this project, which if approved would fortify the power system and support future economic growth in Northwest Saskatchewan for years to come.”

SaskPower has secured two land options near the existing station and will undertake field assessments and public engagement with landowners, Indigenous rightsholders and other stakeholders in the area to help determine the best site. Since some of the specialized equipment takes time to build, SaskPower will begin the procurement process while field assessments are underway.

“The proposed new station, which will have a greater capacity than the existing Meadow Lake plant, will use Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) technology,” said Rupen Pandya, SaskPower president and CEO. “This approach will allow us to construct the facility in less time, and enable it to provide flexible, dispatchable power whenever it is needed.”

The current plan is for three engines working together.

Notably this is a change from the existing simple cycle turbine being used at the current facility, as well as other smaller scale generating stations built over the last 15 years such as Spy Hill. Gas turbines are the usual way natural gas-fired generation is built. However, high demand for such turbines has led to ever-lengthening lead times for turbine orders, and much higher prices. The 370 megawatt natural gas-fired Aspen Power Station currently under construction near Lanigan is anticipated to cost \$1.7 billion, more than dou-

ble the Great Plains Power Station, which opened in December, 2024, which cost \$825 million. Those two plants are essentially clones of each other, meaning that in three to four years, the price doubled.

That doubling of cost for gas turbine power plants had a sobering impact on government’s and SaskPower’s plans for power generation, and was a major factor in the decision to refurbish and extend the life of SaskPower’s three coal-fired power stations.

While SaskPower had explored the development of a new transmission line in the area, it was determined that the better option to meet current needs is to replace the existing generation facility, the company said. If the decision is made to proceed, the facility is expected to come online as early as the end of 2029. The existing 41-MW Meadow Lake Power Station would remain available until the new facility is operational, meaning it will have operated for 45 years by that point.

Power transmission in that region is under serious consideration for eventual expansion. On Oct. 20, Harrison released the Saskatchewan First Energy Security Strategy and Supply Plan. In that, Harrison spoke of connecting the separate and distinct northern grid to the remainder of the province’s southern grid. Initially that would be along the eastern side of the province. But he noted that there are no major transmission lines in the northwest portion of the province. Eventually the plan would be to have a loop, with lines going up both the eastern and western sides of Saskatchewan into the province’s north.

The expansion in capacity will allow the province to build for growth. The aspiration for building the northern power loop will allow for more economic development, not just of mineral resources, but communities as well, as capacity and grid reliability are improved.

Another key consideration is the fact this new power plant will exceed the federal Clean Electricity Regulations 25 megawatt limit and would be subject to those regulations which seek to do away with fossil fuel-powered generation. By pursuing a plant of this scale, this is another instance of Saskatchewan flaunting the CER as they currently stand.

Open houses for the Meadow Lake project are planned for December 2025.

The project webpage can be found at saskpower.com/MeadowLakeGas.



LAST CHANCE TO PACK A SHOEBOX. The deadline to pack a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 21. Boxes are starting to pile up at New Life Community Church, 401 4th Avenue West, where they are being collected. Millions of children around the world are impacted by these simple shoebox gifts. A single box can touch not only one child, but their entire family. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*

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1 tsp garlic powder, divided
2 cups crushed corn flakes cereal
1 ml canola oil
2 tbsp Sriracha
1 tbsp liquid honey

Preparation in Body Subhead style

Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C). In medium bowl, combine chicken, 1/2 cup (125 ml) mayonnaise, paprika, salt, pepper and 1/2 tsp (2 ml) garlic powder, stirring to coat chicken. Place cereal in shallow bowl. Dip each piece of chicken in cereal, pressing to coat. Place chicken on parchment-lined rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with oil. Discard excess cereal. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until chicken is crisp and no longer pink inside. Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine remaining mayonnaise, Sriracha, honey and remaining garlic powder. Serve chicken with sauce.

Preparation time: 10 minutes; total time: 25 minutes. Makes six servings, 467 calories each.
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Simeon Bakanec qualified for Skate Canada Trophy, a national level figure skating competition to be held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in February, 2026. He is the only Saskatchewan Novice Men's Freeskater to represent Team Saskatchewan. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Simeon Bakanec and skate partner Olivia Jones from Regina are representing Skate Saskatchewan in Pre-Novice Ice Dance Pairs in national competition coming up in February, 2026 at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. They are the only Saskatchewan Pre-Novice Dance Pair to represent Team Saskatchewan.

Local figure skater qualifies for national competition

BY JOAN JANZEN

Simeon Bakanec, from the Kerrobert-Kindersley area, has qualified for the national figure skating competition, Skate Canada Trophy, scheduled for February 2026 in Dartmouth, N.S. Skaters are selected based solely on their technical scores.

Bakanec, 16, lives on his family's farm between Kindersley and Kerrobert. He began skating with the Kindersley Figure Skating Club in 2016. This past summer, he trained in British Columbia and is currently training in Regina. He is the only Saskatchewan Novice Men's Freeskater to qualify and represent Team Saskatchewan in Novice Men's Freeskate.

Bakanec and his dance partner, 15-year-old Olivia Jones from Regina, are also the only Saskatchewan Pre-Novice Dance Pair to qualify and represent the province. The pair has been skating together for only two months, making

the achievement particularly impressive.

Bakanec has faced challenges along the way. He had been playing hockey in addition to figure skating until an injury more than a year ago forced him to take a six-month break. When he returned, he focused on figure skating full time. "It took a long time to get back his jumps," said his mother, Anna.

In May 2025, Bakanec tried ice dance with Olivia and enjoyed the experience. After training in B.C. over the summer, he decided to pursue both disciplines full time. He now spends four to six hours on the ice nearly every day and coaches CanSkate to help cover his training and billeting costs.

"He seems to be handling the intense training, work and online school pretty well," his mother said. "We miss him, but we know he's doing what he loves."

When asked what he does for fun, Bakanec simply responds: "I skate. Skating is my fun."

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THE ORIGINS OF THE UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER
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Unity calls included a complaint of uttering threats, a breach of peace complaint, a failure to comply with an undertaking condition, a child custody dispute, a break-and-enter, and a trespassing complaint; several were unfounded or could not be pursued due to insufficient evidence. Officers also attended the sudden death of an 89-year-old man, which is not considered suspicious.

Wilkie RCMP investigated complaints of fraud and criminal harassment, and responded to reports of individuals egging a residence; the suspects agreed to clean up and apologize. A breach of peace complaint was addressed, while complaints about a vehicle break-in and two stolen ATVs from a rural area could not be pursued due to insufficient evidence. Officers also handled two traffic complaints.

In Macklin, RCMP are investigating an assault complaint, located an abandoned vehicle on Highway 14 that was removed by its owner, and handled one traffic complaint.

Residents with information about crimes in Unity, Wilkie or Macklin are urged to contact the local RCMP detachments at Unity (306-228-6300), Wilkie (306-843-3480) or Macklin (306-753-2171). Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, *8477 on the SaskTel Mobility Network, or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for serious crimes.

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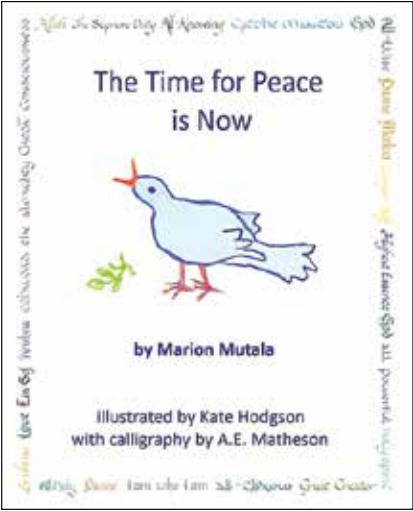
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Saskatoon author re-releases chapbook promoting peace

SASKATOON — Prolific Saskatoon writer Marion Mutala has re-released her 2015 chapbook *The Time for Peace Is Now*, a reflection on love, equality and global harmony.

Mutala, who has written 20 books including the children’s series *Baba’s Babushka*, worked with illustrator Kate Hodgson and calligrapher A. E. Matheson to create a visually striking, 17-page chapbook. A blue dove with an olive branch appears throughout the book.

Each page reads like a prayer, beginning and ending with the line, “The time for peace is now; now is



the time for peace.” Mutala highlights the universal desire for peace,

noting how people, animals, nature, and the arts all participate in its pursuit. She also lists 104 names of God from various world religions, emphasizing the shared values at the heart of different faiths.

The original edition was handmade, with proceeds going to NASHI, a Saskatoon charity addressing human trafficking. “When I first wrote the Peace book, I didn’t know if it was going to be a story or a poem ... Now I reckon it’s my prayer for peace,” Mutala said in a 2015 interview.

The Time for Peace Is Now is available at local bookstores and online at skbooks.com.

Chiropractors launch Toasty Toes Sock Drive across Saskatchewan

With winter approaching, Saskatchewan chiropractors are once again urging residents to help warm the feet of those in need through the annual Toasty Toes sock drive.

The campaign, organized by the Chiropractors’ Association of Saskatchewan, aims to collect 10,000 new pairs of socks to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

“No one in our province should have to face winter without something as basic — and essential — as warm socks,” said Dr. Jennifer Beggs, Regina chiropractor and association president, in a statement.

“Through Toasty Toes, chiropractors, our patients and our communities are coming together to make sure that warmth and compassion reach every corner

of Saskatchewan,” she added.

Donations of new socks or sock packages can be made at participating chiropractic clinics until Nov. 28.

“A clean, dry pair of socks can make a significant difference for those facing homelessness or financial hardship during a Saskatchewan winter,” the statement noted.

“Toasty Toes is a wonderful example of how small acts of kindness — like donating a pair of socks — can have a huge impact when a community works together,” said Maj. Mike Hoeft of the Salvation Army in Saskatoon.

Over the past eight years, the campaign has collected nearly 124,000 pairs of socks and \$12,000 in donations.

Canada Post unveils new holiday and Christmas stamps

Canada Post has released its annual holiday stamps, celebrating the season with both festive and religious themes.

One stamp series tells “a nostalgic winter tale of friendship,” while the other features “a whimsical illustration of the Nativity scene,” the postal service said in a statement. The Crown corporation has issued Christmas and holiday stamps every year since 1964.

The Christmas stamp depicts the Nativity story, “set beneath the bright shining star of Bethlehem with the Magi approaching in the distance,” highlighting Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, along with an angel announcing Jesus’s birth. The design was created by Bex Morley of Vancouver Island. First day covers were cancelled in Hope, B.C., referencing the message of hope central to the Nativity story.

The holiday stamp series illustrates “the holiday spirit through the storybook tale of a sly fox, a playful rabbit and two productive squirrels busily decorating



their forest home for the festive season.” The design was created by Kristine Do of Toronto and illustrated by Alexandra Finkeldey of Kingston, Ont.



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CO-OP Kindersley & District

Kindersley council signs airport lease, meets grant requirements

BY KATE WINQUIST

KINDERSLEY — Town council worked through a series of administrative and community-focused items during its regular meeting on Nov. 10.

Council confirmed that the municipality meets all eligibility requirements for the provincial Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant. That includes submitting the 2024 audited financial statement and the 2024 municipal waterworks report to the Ministry of Government Relations, remaining in good standing on education property tax reporting, and maintaining required governance documents such as a council procedures bylaw and an employee code of conduct.

All members of council have also filed and updated their annual public disclosure statements. Council au-



thorized the chief administrative officer to sign and submit the required declaration to the province.

Council approved a five-year airport lease agreement with Tarrickfic Aerial, running from Nov. 1, 2025, to Oct. 31, 2030. The mayor and CAO were directed to finalize the agreement.

As part of the annual Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie Week, council agreed once again to assist volunteers from local charities with cookie-decorating efforts. This year's proceeds will support Heritage Manor, with funds going toward extra comforts for residents.

Council also accepted the list of accounts paid by the town, totalling \$860,419.98.

The consent agenda was approved, including the filing of the West Central Municipal Government Committee minutes from Oct. 23, 2025.



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RCMP respond to range of Incidents in Rosetown and area

ROSETOWN — Rosetown RCMP dealt with a variety of calls between Nov. 7 and 13, 2025, including traffic incidents, collisions, and ongoing investigations.

On Nov. 7, officers responded to a sudden death in Lucky Lake under the Coroner's Act. The same day, reports included a break and enter at an enclosed trailer in Wheatland Campground, a vehicle hitting a ditch on Highway 7 due to icy conditions, a rollover near Rosetown with no injuries, and multiple deer-vehicle collisions in the RM of Marriott and on Highway 7. RCMP also investigated uttering threats in Rosetown, a vehicle sliding into a ditch near Elrose, and an abandoned vehicle on Highway 44.

On Nov. 9, police investigated a damaged vehicle believed to be stolen in the RM of Monet Community

Pasture, while another deer-vehicle collision occurred near McGee. Nov. 10 saw multiple driving complaints reported on Highway 7.

On Nov. 12, RCMP attended a two-vehicle collision at a Rosetown business, with no injuries reported, and investigated vehicle damage near D'Arcy on Highway 7. On Nov. 13, officers conducted a well-being check in Rosetown.

Over the week, officers issued 52 traffic-related charges. No false alarms or 911 misdials were reported. Police are asking anyone with information about these or other incidents 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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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
• Cantata Music Evening 7:00 PM

EATONIA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
• Winter Market at the Eatonia Community Hall 10 AM - 4 PM.

- 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.
- The Lions Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.
- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Town Council meet the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

ESTON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
• Town Council Meeting 7:00 PM at the Town Office
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
• Boozy Bingo Kids Can Play Fundraiser 7:00 PM Emerge Ag Mezz
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
• Santa Claus / Minor Hockey Day at the AGT Community Centre

- 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.
- Every Monday - Adult Exercise Program 10:00-11:00 AM at the AGT Community Centre
- Make sure to check the AGT Community Centre recreation calender on eston.ca for ice schedule.
- Drop in Bowling Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM. \$5 bowling. No need to book, just drop in.

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

KERROBERT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
• Pie Day! Come and enjoy some great food, coffee and friendships from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Seniors Hall.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
• United Church Supper Fundraiser 5:00-7:00 PM at the United Church. Adult \$15; 10 & under \$10.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
• Singing Circle 2:00 PM in the Courthouse Gallery
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
• Festival of Trees 6:00-9:00 PM at the Kerrobert Courthouse. If you are interested in purchasing a tree, contact Jessica 403-443-3480. Santa will be there from 7:00-9:00 PM. Freehot chocolate and cookies.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
• Kerrobert Courthouse Restoration Society presents: Things 'R' Gonna Get Ugly! Christmas Party. Doors open 7:30 PM. Featuring Hypnotist Jessie Lewis 8:30 PM at Prairieland Community Centre. Munchies and late lunch. Tickets \$50/person available at Town Office - deadline December 1st. Prize for ugliest sweater.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
• Cantata Music Evening at Kerrobert Catholic Church starting at 7:00 PM.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
• Kerrobert Composite School Christmas Concert 6:30 PM. A Christmas Carol Remix.

- 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 Group Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-11:30 AM
- Walk This Way with Lao Thursdays at the PCC from 9:30-10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome and it's FREE.
- Shuffle Club Mondays at the PCC 1:30-3:00 PM
- Winter Wear Drive ongoing until March. Drop off at the Seniors Hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30-11:00 AM. Contact Yvonne at 306-834-8292 if you need an item.
- Make sure to check the Kerrobert Memorial Arena schedule for upcoming games.

KINDERSLEY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
• Kindersley Museum AGM will be held at 7:30 PM at the Museum.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
• Kindersley Screen Arts presents "Materialists" 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door. Beer and wine available for purchase.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30
• The Kindersley Klippers 9th Annual Sledge Hockey Tournament. Game starting 6:30 PM on Friday, 8:45 AM on Saturday and 8:00 AM on Sunday. 8 Junior and Intermediate / Adult Teams Playing! Admission is FREE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
• Kindersley Chamber of Commerce's Kickoff to Christmas
• Kindersley Alliance Church (74 West Road) is having a FREE Christmas Banquet at 6:00 PM to kick-off the Christmas season. Turkey and ham with all the fixings. Activity boxes for the kids. Seating is limited. Please book by calling 306-463-6568 (leave your name and phone number with how many seats you require or email: events@KindersleyAC.onmicrosoft.com)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
• St. Paul's UCW Cookie Lane and Bake Sale from 2:00-3:30 PM at the United Church Hall. "Cookies Make Everything Better"
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
• The annual Christmas Carol Festival sponsored by Kindersley District Music Festival Association will be held at 7:00 PM at St. Paul's United Church. Anyone interetsed in participating, please contact Glenda Giles at 306-460-8031 or glengi@sask-tel.net by December 1, 2025.

- 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.

LEADER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
• Kaleidoscope Book Club 7:00 PM Leader Library
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
• Foodbank Day. To register or for more information please call (639) 932-7446.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
• Soup Day 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at the Leader Friendship Centre (135 - 1st Street West).
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
• Bingo at the Leader Friendship Centre. Doors open 6:15 PM, Bingo starts at 7:00 PM.

- Leader & Surrounding Communities Food Bank Christmas Hampers. To register for a hamper call / text (639) 932-7446. Registration deadline is December 5. Hampers can be picked up or will be delivered on December 18th from 4:00-5:00 PM. Delivery drivers are always welcome.
- Leader and District Healthcare Foundation online charity auction on now until November 30th. If you would like to donate to this event, contact Pam at 306-628-7542.
- Make sure to check out the G3 Iceplex Arena Schedule online at leader.ca
- Community Walking Club Monday - Thursday 7:00-8:00 PM at Leader Composite School (Use student parking lot door). You must pre-register at the Town Office.

LUSELAND
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
• Cantata Music Evening 7:00 PM

- 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

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- Last Monday of the month 2:00-4:00 PM Pie 'n Ice Cream
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- Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon
- Exercises 9:00-9:30 Am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

MAJOR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
• Major Rec Board AGM 8:00 PM at the Hall.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
• Luseland School Christmas Concert 7:00 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.
- November / December Church Times 5:30 PM Saturdays

PLENTY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
• Fall Into Christmas Trade Fair at Plenty Community Hall 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. Soup, sandwich, dessert lunch available. For more info 306-932-7722.