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Luseland police report impaired driving complaints, break-ins in December

BY KATE WINQUIST

LUSELAND — Luseland Police Service handled a range of calls in December 2025, including multiple reports of impaired driving and several break-and-enter complaints that remain under investigation.

Police said they received four impaired driving complaints during the month and issued a roadside suspension along with a vehicle

impoundment related to alcohol consumption.

Officers also responded to five break-and-enter and theft calls. Those files are still under investigation, police said.

The service reported two calls related to suspicious vehicles, activity or people, along with a parking bylaw complaint and a traffic hazard report.

Police also attended an alarm call at a business, a



disturbance involving a male and a mental health-related call for service.

Other incidents included a report of a missing person, who was later located safely, as well as a vehicle fire and a structure fire.

Luseland police also responded to a report of mischief under \$5,000, which remains under investigation.

In one call, officers were dispatched for a report of a possible deceased person near a roadway, but determined the complaint was unfounded after investigating.

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With so many tax preparation software options available, you may think filing your own tax return is the most cost-effective option. However, tax professionals have the expertise to simplify the process and potentially save you more money. Here are a few reasons why trusting them with your tax return is a smart move.

Additional credits

When you file your own taxes, you may miss certain credits or deductions you're eligible for. Tax professionals know how to maximize your refund. They review every possible benefit, especially if you're self-employed, retired, in a relationship or raising dependent children.

Peace of mind, guaranteed

If you have multiple sources of income or qualify for certain credits or deductions, the tax filing process can be quite complex. You must declare the right amounts, make the correct claims and comply with reporting regulations. In short, it's easy to make a mistake! Working with a professional ensures your tax return is accurate, so you don't have to worry about penalties or the hassle of administrative follow-ups.

Up-to-date information

Tax professionals update their training regularly to stay apprised of changing tax laws. When they prepare your return, they can apply the latest updates correctly. This helps you take full advantage of any new benefits that apply to you.

Do you want to save yourself a lot of worry this year? Entrust your tax return to a chartered accountant, tax preparer or tax specialist in your area.

Are there ways to save on my home insurance?

Along with mortgage payments and taxes, home insurance can be a major expense for homeowners. Is this the case for you? Are you looking for ways to reduce your premium and minimize the strain on your finances? Here are a few tips.

Increase your deductible

The deductible, the amount you pay out of pocket in the event of a claim, directly affects your premium. Depending on your insurance policy, you may be able to lower your monthly payments by opting for a higher deductible.

Review the cost of rebuilding

Many homeowners get sufficient home insurance coverage for a rebuilding cost equal to their home's purchase price. Nowadays, it's not uncommon for a home to cost more to purchase than it would to rebuild in the event of a major disaster.

By assessing the realistic cost to rebuild your home and adjusting your policy accordingly, you may be able to get your premium reduced. However, take care not to underinsure your home just to save money. You may regret it if an accident occurs.

Protect yourself from water damage

Water damage is the most common cause of insurance claims and can increase your premium. Protecting your home against water-related problems can help keep your insurance payments as low as possible.

For example, consider replacing old plastic pipes,



which deform and crack over time, with braided steel pipes in your plumbing. This upgrade can significantly lower your home's risk of water damage. It may require an upfront investment, but it's well worth it.

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How can you reduce your grocery bills?

Along with housing and transportation, food is one of the biggest expenses for most households—and rightly so! If your grocery bills seem to be constantly increasing, you can try a few smart ways to save. Here are some proven tips.

Choose unaltered foods

Instead of buying convenience items, such as pre-cut vegetables or grated cheese, opt for them in their original form. Prepared or modified products can easily cost several more dollars than their unaltered counterparts.

Plan around current discounts

Take a few minutes to browse store flyers and search for online promotions to find the week's specials and deals. These resources will help you find the best places to shop, even if it means making an extra stop.

When you know what's on sale, you can build a focused shopping list and stick to it. Many mobile apps also show you the best prices for the items you're looking for.

Always eat before you leave

This one may seem obvious to some: never shop on an empty stomach. Satisfying your appetite before you go grocery shopping will prevent you from making impulse purchases, which can quickly drive up your bill.

Watch out for fake deals

In many supermarkets, it's not uncommon to

see reduced price signs in bright colours and bold text. But don't be fooled! Compare the price per weight or unit with similar products. You'll often find that the so-called bargain isn't really cheaper at all.

Be open to substitutions

Canola oil is often cheaper than olive oil, as is store-brand mayonnaise compared to the name brand version. Small substitutions like these can add up to big savings over time.

Cook and store as much as possible

Ready-to-eat meals save time when you're in a hurry, but they cost a lot more than home cooking. You'll quickly see that buying all the ingredients and cooking your meals from scratch reduces your expenses.

Consider cooking larger portions and freezing individual servings. This will ensure you have quick, homemade meals ready on busy days.

Eat less meat

Plant-based proteins like tofu, tempeh and legumes are often much cheaper than meat. Replacing animal proteins with these options from time to time keeps your meals varied, nutritious and, above all, easy on your budget.

Remember that the goal isn't to deprive yourself, but to make informed choices based on your needs, tastes and means. Happy grocery shopping!

Is it possible to save money on a modest salary?

In the collective imagination, saving money sometimes seems accessible only to those with high salaries. But is it still possible to save even on a modest income? The answer is "yes"! Here are a few tips to help you do so.

Make a budget

The first step to saving is to know where your money goes. Review your bank statements and make a list of the amounts you spend on your various types of expenses.

Financial experts often recommend the 50/30/20 rule:

- 50 per cent of your income should go to essential expenses, like housing, food and electricity
- 30 per cent should go to non-essentials, like entertainment and leisure
- 20 per cent should go to savings

These percentages may vary depending on your situation. If your essential expenses take up more than half your income, look for ways to reduce them. For example, you may be able to switch to a cheaper mobile plan or use public transportation more often.

Create habits

No matter your salary, set up an automatic trans-

fer of a small amount from each paycheque into a savings account. Over time, you'll see your savings grow—money you might have spent without realizing it.

In addition, try to make a habit of waiting a day or two before making a purchase. Use that time to decide whether the item is useful, essential or simply unnecessary. A few hours of reflection may help you make better financial decisions.

Are you looking for savings strategies you can implement despite your limited income? Don't hesitate to contact a financial advisor.

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Kids love skating at Kindersley's outdoor rinks

BY JOAN JANZEN

The winter months are a time when families can enjoy skating outdoors at one of three outdoor rinks located in Kindersley. The rink at McGowan Park, located at the east side of town, is maintained by the Town of Kindersley; however, both the Kinsmen and Rosedale outdoor rinks are taken care of by a group of dedicated volunteers.

"Darcy Klarenbach, Brady Newmeyer, and myself help maintain the Kinsmen outdoor rink," Jamie Dufault explained. Jamie has helped out for the past eight years, Darcy has volunteered for five years, and it's been three years for Brady.

"Darcy has volunteered his Zamboni for the past four years to help make it easier for us to maintain the ice surface," Jamie said. "Weather permitting, we are there nightly to flood the ice when we can."

The town crew helps out by maintaining the building, cleaning the change room area, and removing snow after a snowfall. But the volunteers put in a lot of hours because "the kids love it, and it gets well used," Jamie reasoned.

The Rosedale outdoor rink is taken care of by Quinn Watt and a group of six volunteers who help with flooding of the ice and snow removal. Quinn has been volunteering in this capacity for the past nine years.

"At the start of winter, when we get cold temperatures, we spend three to five hours a night over a week or two layering the ice," she explained. "It's been a challenge during the last three to four years with the mild temperatures to get the ice in for the Christmas break, but we managed to get it in."

About four years ago, they purchased a Zamboni and built a new Zamboni garage. Having the Zamboni has helped reduce the amount of time volunteers work at the rink.

"We always ask people to shovel the snow over the boards," she advised. Snow shovelled to the boards is much harder for volunteers to chip out before flooding the ice.

The outdoor rinks were well used during the past week of warm weather; however, when the weather cools off, the volunteers will spend three to four hours for several nights building the ice back up.



Thanks to the dedicated work of volunteers, kids and adults enjoy skating at Kindersley's outdoor rinks. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Thanks to the hard work done by these dedicated volunteers, families can enjoy skating outdoors and having fun at whatever time is convenient for them.

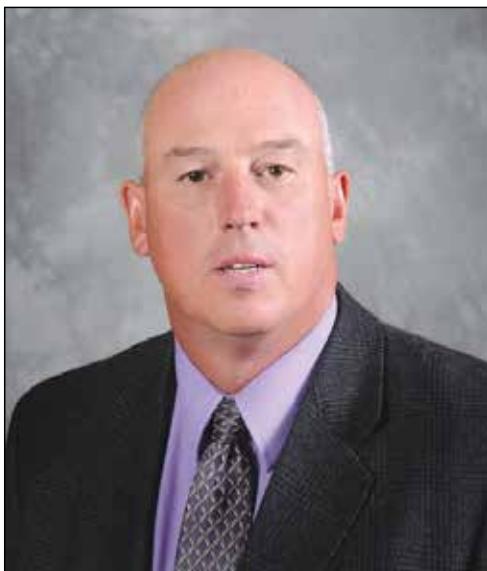
Director of Education announces retirement

Director of Education, Mark Benesh, recently announced that he will be retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Dedicated over 35 years as an educator, he has spent more than 30 of those years serving the students and staff in Chinook.

Mark's journey with Chinook has been extensive; serving as a teacher, principal, Hutterian coordinator, superintendent, and finally as Director of Education. Throughout his time as Director, he worked diligently to fulfill the Board's mandate to cultivate a positive culture across the organization.

"Mark's focus on resiliency and dedication ensured our division stayed true to our student-centered values and remained effective in supporting our school communities, while helping us balance division supports with fiscal realities. We particularly appreciate Mark's current focus on the division's priority of mental health and well-being, ensuring that both students and staff have the supports they need to thrive," said Dianne Hahn, Board Chair. "We want to thank Mark for his exceptional work, his kindness, and his unwavering commitment to our kids and our schools. He has truly made Chinook 'a great place to go to school and go to work'. We wish Mark and his family nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement."

Mark Benesh



His tenure as Director included leading the school division through a number of challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing educational funding shortfalls, and the implementation of numerous provincial initiatives.

"When I think back to when I was a student, I remember the people who made a huge difference in my life. They are the reason I am where I am today. Now, when I visit a school or a classroom, my heart warms as I see the difference our staff are making," stated Benesh. "As Director, it has been both an honour and a privilege to work with and lead such a caring, dedicated group of people. I would like to thank all of our staff for being such positive, caring, amazing people and kind human beings who make a tremendous difference in our kids' lives."

Due to the retirement of Mark Benesh at the end of the 2025-26 school year, the Chinook Board of Education will be undertaking the recruitment process for a new Director of Education. The Board has retained the services of Randy Fox as a consultant to work with the Board on the executive search and hiring process, which includes identifying a candidate profile, as well as the recruitment and hiring of a successful candidate.

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January is a time to be joyful

BY JOAN JANZEN

The month of January announces the end of the festive holiday season, along with shortened daylight hours and colder temperatures. It's also a great month to attend the upcoming More Joy Regina event.

Christalee Froese is the founder of the More Joy Movement, which will be hosting their sixth annual More Joy event at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina on Wednesday evening, January 28. The evening will be filled with opportunities to help people pursue a journey to better mental health.

Christalee has experienced her own struggles, which resulted in her sharing her personal journey of recovering from a mental breakdown in her first book, "Journey to Joy," published in 2018. This book, along with her newly published second book, "Permission Granted to be Joyful Again," will be available at the event.

Hosting this unique annual event was Christalee's answer to the increasing mental health struggles she has seen in Saskatchewan. Everything about the event is designed to change the focus from mental illness to joyful well-being.

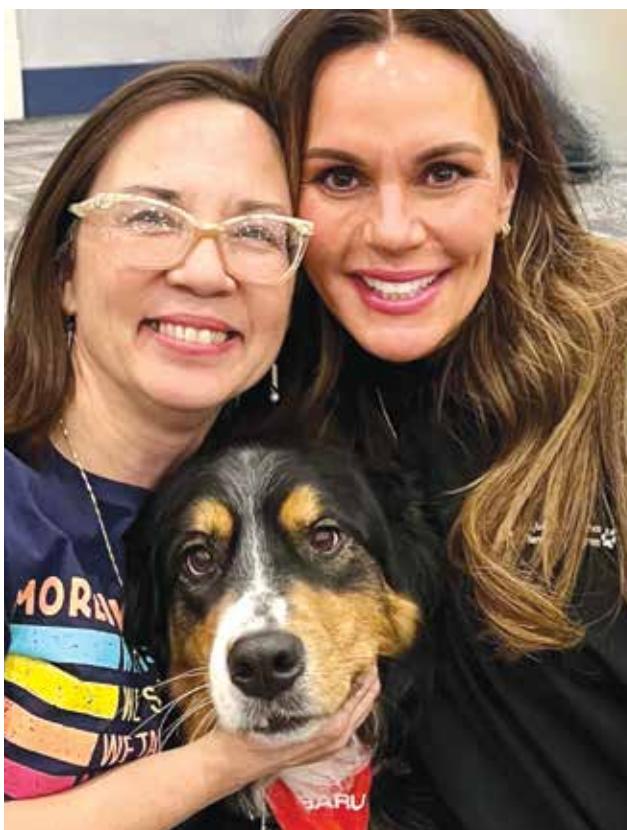
Her first More Joy Regina event, held in 2019, was attended by 400 people. "As mental health issues continue to grow, so does our audience," the award-winning journalist observed. "We see families come as a unit, bringing both younger people, as well as older adults. We also see friends bringing friends and co-workers, which is a great way to open up the mental health conversation."

A great deal of conversation takes place as the attendees check out the various booths throughout the evening. The Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Canadian Mental Health Association provide information on support groups, day programs, information lines, grief counselling, Nar-Anon and Al-Anon, and more.

St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs also has a booth at the event, and Bright Eyes Dog Rescue supplies rescued puppies in their puppy room.

"Our attendees get comfort from the puppies supplied," Christalee said. "Last year, one puppy was adopted by a young couple who later made the dog part of their wedding ceremony." They credit their rescue dog with helping them get through some difficult mental health challenges. Ryan and Karlee Duret will be telling their story at More Joy Regina and are bringing "Maddie the rescue dog" to the puppy room.

Another helpful tool is funded by Do More Ag. Twenty-five people signed up for their mental health



first aid course, which provides skills for people to help those in difficult mental health situations.

Guest speaker Brit Dort is a Canadian sports reporter for TSN, who will be speaking about her own personal road to recovery. Psychiatrist Omasade Ogun-dare is also a speaker for the evening, and country musician JJ Voss portrays some of his struggles in his songs. The closing act is provided by Rider cheerleader Lily Kary, performing a dance to get the crowd involved and energized.

Anyone interested in attending More Joy Regina can register at morejoy.ca from January 27th for \$45 or at the door for \$55.

The More Joy Movement does not receive government funding. Funds raised from More Joy Regina are donated to the Canadian Mental Health Association and to cover counselling fees for those without work programs.

Christalee Froese is the founder of the More Joy Movement, designed to change the focus from mental illness to joyful well-being. The More Joy Regina event is taking place Wednesday evening, January 28th. Christalee is pictured (left) with a therapy dog team at More Joy Regina.

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Leader RCMP asking public to help identify break-and-enter suspect

LEADER — Leader RCMP are asking for the public's help to identify a suspect after a break-and-enter at a business in Abbey, Sask.

Police say they received a report of the incident on Jan. 6, 2026. Investigators determined a suspect broke into the business shortly before 3 a.m. and stole a box of cigarettes.

The suspect is described as a male, approximately 5-foot-9 with a heavy build. He was wearing a dark baseball cap, blue pants, a grey hoodie, tan boots,

gloves and an orange-red face covering.

RCMP say the suspect was driving a dark-coloured, four-door truck.

Anyone who recognizes the suspect or has information is asked to contact Leader RCMP by calling 310-RCMP. Information can also be provided anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Censorship is not a solution

A cartoon depicted a manager giving a comedian a bit of advice before he got on stage. "Don't make jokes about people 'cause they'll get offended. And don't make jokes about environmental topics, religion, politics, health, and everything else. The rest is okay."

Canadians aren't sure what is okay, because there are so many censorship bills being brought before Parliament. Member of Parliament Michelle Rempel Garner addressed this topic on her podcast.

"An amendment to Bill C9 will criminalize religious beliefs. This is happening in Canada, a G7 country—criminalizing religious speech," she reported.

At this point you may think, Well, I'm not religious, therefore it's just one bill and is none of my concern. But it's not that simple.

John Carpay, a lawyer for the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, said in a recent online interview, "It's just one of many bills. It's not one big bill that takes all your rights away; it's a creeping thing."

MP Rempel expressed her concerns. "What they're trying to do with Bill C9 is make you believe that in order to be safe you have to give up your right to free speech, and that's censorship, not safety," she said. "The federal government has a track record of censorship."



Opinion
By Joan Janzen

MP Andrew Lawton also weighed in on this topic as he was interviewed on Faytene TV. He said, "I'm very mindful that the Jewish community has been crying out for action concerning anti-Semitism, but the problem has been a lack of enforcement of existing laws and a lack of political leadership around how we can use existing laws.

Instead, the federal government is saying we need to overhaul the Criminal Code. And Bill C9 is their answer."

Meanwhile, MP Rempel has been reminding Parliament of those existing laws for a long time. She said she's had a law in front of Parliament for two years to update laws that are already in place, and add an amendment to address AI being used to create explicit imagery.

"The Liberals have had my bill in front of them in Parliament for two years," she explained. "We would slightly change existing laws to prevent the non-consensual distribution of sexually explicit imagery and update it to include AI-generated imagery. They could have done this a long time ago. Instead, they keep putting in place censorship bills that will suppress information."

MP Andrew Lawton said, in spite of noble intentions, the bill lowers the standard by which one could be charged with hate speech or a hate crime. "We

cannot allow legislation that targets the very groups that it's supposed to protect," he added. He said Jewish rabbis have spoken out and said this bill does not protect the Jewish community. Instead, it targets them as much as it targets everyone else.

"We can't give the government

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more power that could be weaponized against people expressing good-faith religious beliefs," MP Lawton said.

Political maneuvers were reported when the National Post revealed the Liberal government struck a deal with the Bloc Québécois to remove religious exemptions from Canada's hate-speech laws.

"There were already a number of concerns with Bill C9 before the religious speech defense amendment came in," MP Lawton noted.

And thousands of Canadians were voicing their concerns to their Members of Parliament.

"Public pressure was forcing something they thought they could do very quietly and very easily, and then realized, *If we do this we will be poking a hornet's nest*," MP Lawton observed.

Part of that public pressure included a response initiated by Faytene Grasseschi called "12 Days for Freedom," which began January 15th and extends until January 26. It calls on concerned Canadians to do something simple and easy, but effective: make five phone calls a day to Members of Parliament asking them to vote against Bill C9.

"It only takes about ten minutes a day and we can make tens of thousands of phone calls," Faytene said. "This will have a major impact."

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Contortionists of attention

One of the best pieces of advice I've ever heard came from the poet Billy Collins: "Dare to be clear."

Pope Leo, in his first "state of the world address" warns against the prevailing "contortions of semantic ambiguity". He refers to the way some people choose to employ language not to get clear, connect, have a dialogue, but who choose, instead to turn it into "a weapon with which to deceive, or to strike and offend opponents."

"Offensiveness is the president's communication style, like he's some kind of circus performer," I complain to Robert Harris, my journalism mentor. "And it always has been", he replies. "From the beginning the goal was to 'float the zone' – to use the football term. "You mean, just keep spewing outrageous BS until you get a click or a video clip?" I say "Exactly. It's how the attention economy works."

The other end of the attention economy circus is the media. And they seem to contort themselves to keep the ringmaster's show going. They are just doing their job, you may say. But their job is to report on the state of the world, defend the truth as it pertains to the facts – not set up a tent for the circus.

America has, living in the White House, a clever contortionist troupe which disrespects citizenship, not to mention the English language, by talking trash, engendering fear and encouraging contempt.

Take the recent murder of a woman who was videotaped by the man who shot her at point blank range three times then called her a "f'n bitch." The fact



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

that he didn't edit himself suggests that he felt justified killing her and cursing her.

What movie/TV series does that agent think he's starring in? I'd certainly want to get the hell out of there as fast as possible. That wouldn't make me a domestic terrorist, but a citizen trying to leave a bunch of gun-toting bullies as fast as possible.

Once my boyfriend and I were driving back to Michigan, on our way back from a gig in Philly, when a cop pulled us over. My beau leaned over and said to me: "Watch, it's called 'driving while black. I'm just glad you're here or it could be worse." There's a reason black men run when cops show up out of nowhere. And it's not because they are guilty of something.

He also taught me not to talk back. Bullies cannot tolerate the slightest threat to their bully-hood. Any response to their shoving, hollering and threats is seen as questioning their power and position. So don't call them "dude" or "big boy".

I haven't seen or heard a shred of sorrow over this woman's death from the parties responsible. Bullies have zero empathy for anyone other than themselves. In fact, the very words "tolerance" and "empathy" are vilified these days. "Tolerance" used to mean being able to live with one's neighbour, despite differences. But now a tolerant person is considered a "wimp" or a "pawn".

And "empathy", to be able to find a common humanity in recalling one's own sorrows, that ability to be with oth-

ers in their pain, will get you "labelled a bleeding heart" by one group and "having bad boundaries" by another. "Don't have empathy, have compassion, we are told. That way, we can care for others without sharing their emotional pain."

But empathy isn't an ideological choice or stance, and neither is compassion. It happens in an instant. And while we dicker over how our "caring" should look, the Titanic is sinking, the country is burning, the victim is bleeding to death.

And there are many victims here. Among them: due attention. The "gotcha" attention economy needs to be replaced by a "tending" vocabulary. Can we all just calm down and pay attention to what actually needs tending?

Elon Musk considers empathy "the fundamental weakness of western civilization". Empathy is a buzz-kill for men like him; it can really get in the way of cutting aid to hungry children, exploiting land and labour, arresting people for being hispanic, making oneself a trillionaire.

Contrast his take on empathy with Hannah Arendt's. Arendt is the woman who warned us that when we start rationalizing acts of aggression and harm in the name of a smoothly running bureaucracy we adapt to evil as just another banal part of life.

Arendt was covering the trial of Adolf Eichmann, a perpetrator of the Holocaust, when she coined the term "the banality of evil". The term fits the violent behaviour of agents hiding behind

masks, flak vests and guns, just doing their jobs.

Arendt warned that "the death of human empathy is one of the earliest and most telling signs of a culture about to fall into barbarism." She begged us to pay attention.

Paying attention is one of the oldest spiritual practices in the world. It helps us face our own hurts and fears and connection to Reality so that we can return to the larger world clear-headed and open-hearted. Eastern traditions gave us meditation, while the Western Christian tradition gave us contemplative prayer. Both require turning attention inward instead of playing to or blaming the world.

Thaddeus Kozinski, in his essay on Frankl's "Man Search for Meaning", reminds us of the necessity of the whole picture: "Without scope, without tradition, life becomes meaninglessness. Man either wishes to do what other people do (conformism) or he does what other people tell him to do (totalitarianism)..."

We need to resist a world wherein we each fashion a false reality to suit us. We need to disentangle contorted semantics because, as Pope Leo says, "it's the only way authentic dialogue can occur."

However, before that, we will need to want to have real dialogue. We will need the desire to get clear about the ways we've made cruel language banal. Then maybe the crazy attention-grabbing circus of language contortionists will fold up their tent and leave town.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WINSLOW NO. 319 Public Notice – Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Winslow No. 319 (RM) intends to adopt one (1) bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007; Bylaw No. 02-2025 to amend Bylaw No. 9-2021 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT: Bylaw No. 02-2025 is a proposed amendment in order to allow for more commercial development variety within the RM.

Bylaw No. 02-2025 is to introduce Horizontal and Vertical Integration into the Zoning Bylaw to allow for more than one Principal Use to be on a parcel in cases determined as appropriate by Council. Additionally, adding in Complementary Commercial Uses as land use and a Discretionary Use in the AG District, the CR1 District, the H District, the C1 District and the M1 District. Finally, amendment to definition to reflect above changes via Complementary Commercial Uses, and Horizontal and Vertical Integration.

AFFECTED LAND: All lands within the RM of Winslow will be affected by this amendment.

REASON: Bylaw No. 02-2025 is amended to introduce the ability for the RM to allow more commercial developments should they meet established requirements for horizontal or vertical integration.

Bylaw No. 02-2025 is amended to introduce Horizontal and Vertical Integration into the Zoning Bylaw to allow for more than one Principal Use to be on a parcel in cases determined as appropriate by Council. To allow for a maximum of two (2) Complementary Commercial Uses to be permitted on a site. Additionally, adding in Complementary Commercial Uses as a Discretionary Use in the AG District, the CR1 District, the H District, the C1 District and the M1 District. Finally, amendment to definition to reflect above changes and clarify these items to allow for Council to determine when these uses are appropriate and beneficial to the RM.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM Office during regular business hours, excluding statutory holidays. Hard copies will be available to the public at a cost at the RM Office. Digital copies can be obtained by contacting the Administrator (administrator@rmofwinslow.ca; 306-356-2106).

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing at 10:15pm on February 11th, 2026, in the RM office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Public may attend meetings via teleconference or in person. If you wish to attend the meeting via teleconference, please contact the RM administrator, Regan MacDonald, at administrator@rmofwinslow.ca requesting a meeting link invitation. Council will also consider written comments received on or before February 10th, 2026, by the undersigned at the RM office by hardcopy or email before the hearing. The RM office is located at 135 2 Ave, Dodsland, SK S0L 0V0. The RM Office contact information: administrator@rmofwinslow.ca; 306-356-2106.

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Saskatchewan expands Lieutenant Governor Scholarships

Graduate and post-graduate students now have access to \$80,000 in scholarship funding to support their studies and research, as the Government of Saskatchewan increases the number of Lieutenant Governor Scholarships.

Each year, two Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Scholarships and two Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarships will be awarded, valued at \$20,000 each.

"I am grateful to the Government of Saskatchewan for increasing this valuable support, which enables students to focus on their research," Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre said. "Scholarship recipients are researching diverse subjects and this research has the potential to improve the quality of life for people in Saskatchewan and around the world."

The scholarships are awarded annually based on academic excellence in any field of study. The additional two awards will support more applicants and create dedicated opportunities for students at both of the province's universities.

"Doubling these scholarships enables more Saskatchewan students to pursue research opportunities right here in the province," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "This increase reflects our ongoing commitment



to developing top talent at home while supporting students in their efforts to strengthen our communities."

To date, nearly \$1 million has been awarded through 63 scholarships.

For more information on the Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Scholarship or Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship, visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/scholarships-bursaries-grants/scholarships-and-bursaries/scholarships-and-bursaries-for-postsecondary-education>.

Just a gal from Glidden



What if missing the bus isn't the point?

BY KATE WINQUIST

There's a dream I've had for as long as I can remember—one that still returns now and then, like my mind is flipping through old photo albums when I'm not looking.

In it, I'm back on the farm outside Glidden. I'm standing at the dining room window, watching the school bus turn at the highway and begin the one-kilometre trek toward our place. It turns at Jackson's and heads down our road.

And I know what happens next. I have to go.

I head out the door to walk to the stop, but everything is slow—heavy, sluggish, unreal. I'm walking, then running, but it doesn't matter.

The bus doesn't stop.

It just keeps driving by.

And every time, I'm left standing there, watching it disappear down the road.

Whatever could this mean?

Like anyone looking for an answer with minimal effort, I Googled it. "Meanings of dreams" served up all kinds of interpretations, but my favou-

rite was the spiritual one: the bus represents the flow of daily life, and missing it symbolizes missed opportunities, uncertainty, or being out of step with where you're meant to be. It can even be a nudge toward reflection—an invitation to wake up and pay attention.

It's a beautiful explanation.

But when I think about the school bus, I don't first think of spirituality. I think of real life: winter boots, wet mitts, and vinyl seats that never fully warmed up.

Riding the bus wasn't exactly my favourite thing. When I got my driver's license—and my older siblings had already moved away—I could sometimes convince Mom and Dad to let me take the car or truck into Kindersley, especially when basketball practices were held early in the morning. That felt like freedom: my own pace, my own music, no waiting.

But long before that, there was BIG Bus #42, with driver Joan Kelm at the wheel. Back then, the bus came right into our yard to pick up my siblings, circled around our garage, then headed back out to make its last stop at Kapustiany's before travelling the remaining



25 kilometres into town.

I watched from that same dining room window and waved hard—like waving could reach all the way to Kindersley and keep them safe until they came back again.

When it became my turn to ride, I remember being nervous about the big kids. But my sister Valarie—eleven years older than me—watched over her little sister. She let me sit with her, usually in the front seat right behind Mrs. Kelm. I don't know if it was every day or just the first few until I got used to it, but I remember what it felt like: that quiet protection, that calm sense of you're okay.

I also remember learning to greet Mrs. Kelm properly. Good morning. Good night. It mattered. My sister Carrie got into trouble one day for not acknowledging her, and that lesson stuck fast—respect your elders, mind your manners, and thank the person who gets you safely to and from school.

The other driver I had was Mr. Nick Heck. Nothing against Joan Kelm, but Nick Heck was the jolliest, happiest man you could ever hope to meet. He was always whistling or singing. I don't think I ever saw him angry.

He even took us to Dairy Queen on the last day of school and bought us each an ice cream—one of those small kindnesses that stays with you longer than you'd think.

We were lucky, too, with where we were situated—generally the last stop on the way into town and the first or second drop-off after school. There was a brief period when our route got switched and I had to get up extra early and ride with the kids farther north, but it didn't last long, thankfully.

So why, all these years later, do I still dream about missing the bus?

Maybe it really does mean I'm afraid

The bus wasn't just the thing that could leave without you. It was also the thing that came back the next morning.

of missing opportunities or falling behind. Maybe it's just my childhood self remembering that urgent feeling—that if you don't move fast enough, life will go on without you.

But when I wake up, I don't only feel panic.

I remember something else, too: the bus wasn't just the thing that could leave without you. It was also the thing that came back the next morning.

And maybe that's the lesson I didn't realize I learned back then—life keeps moving, whether you're ready or not... but you're not always as alone as you feel when you're standing on the road in slow motion.

Sometimes there's a sister saving you a seat.

Sometimes there's a steady driver you can trust.

Sometimes there's a whistling man at the wheel who reminds you that kindness counts.

Maybe the dream isn't warning me that I'm falling behind.

Maybe it's reminding me that I learned, early on, how to keep going—and that being carried for a while doesn't make you weak.

It's just what gets you where you're going.

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Jays having championship-style off-season

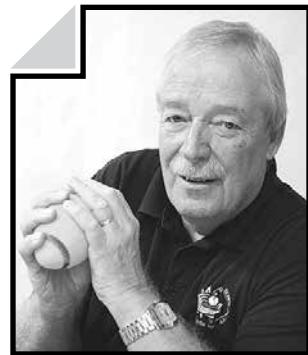
Mid-January is not normally the time of year for baseball-related sports columns, but what the Toronto Blue Jays are doing this off-season can't wait for spring.

The Jays, owned by Rogers, made truckloads of money in 2025 when the team went all the way to the World Series, falling one game short against Los Angeles Dodgers.

Rather than stuffing all that loot in a storage room at company headquarters on Bloor Street, the owners have authorized the use of that excess dough to make manager John Schneider's team even more powerful in 2026.

Expectations will be high when the 162-game regular season begins in late March, and why not? The Jays have bolstered their starting pitching corps, added a major slugger to their lineup and signed a relief pitcher who might just be a real closer. (Memories of Jeff Hoffman, he of the seven blown saves in 2025, second-most in the American League, won't be long forgotten.)

With a solid starting pitching staff already established with Kevin Gausman, breakout star Trey Yesavage, Shane Bieber and Jose Berrios, the Jays have added one of the best free agents available, Dylan Cease, to a seven-year, \$210 million pact. A seven-year veteran, Cease played five seasons with the hapless Chicago White Sox before being trad-



Sports
By Bruce Penton

million.

Strengthening the bullpen is right-hander Tyler Rogers, who compiled a 1.98 earned-run average in 2025 while playing for the Mets and Giants. Rogers, who throws the ball submarine-style, has the lowest release point of any MLB pitcher. He throws low, but comes with high hopes for the Jays to develop a shutdown bullpen for late innings of 2026 games.

And while the Jays led the majors in team batting average (.265) in 2025, their power numbers were middle of the pack. Toronto's 191 home runs trailed leading New York Yankees by 83, and nine teams hit more than 200. So, the Jays went out and signed Japanese slugger Kazuma Okamoto to a four-year contract worth \$60 million. Okamoto, who is likely to play third base, played 11 years in the Japanese major league and belted 248 homers in that span. Will that power translate smoothly to MLB? It worked pretty well for the Dodgers'

ed to San Diego, where he played the last two seasons. His stat numbers aren't overwhelming, but he's a 1A starter, as is Gausman. Added to the starting pitching staff is right-hander Cody Ponce, who was 17-1 last season in the Korean Major League, where he was voted Most Valuable Player. The Jays gave Ponce a three-year deal worth \$30

Shohei Ohtani.

Reports indicate Toronto is still hoping to resign long-time Jay Bo Bichette, currently pondering free-agent opportunities, and pursuing another slugger, outfielder Kyle Tucker, 29, who hit 22 homers last year with the Chicago Cubs.

On the acquisition of Cease, Schneider was effusive in his praise: "We've been in love with his stuff for a while and there's a real opportunity for him to continue to get better with what we have to offer."

It's official, Blue Jays' fans: Canada has a baseball power.

- Headline at fark.com: "Texas Tech's gamble on a high school coach has paid off As did the Brinks trucks of west Texas oil money they amassed for paying players."
- Notre Dame athletic director Pete Bevacqua, on the popularity of football coach Marcus Freeman: "Everybody has eyes on Marcus. College has eyes on Marcus. NFL has eyes on Marcus. I bet Hollywood has eyes on Marcus. I wouldn't be surprised if he's in the next Leo DiCaprio movies with Martin Scorsese."
- Steve Hofstetter on Facebook: "First Venezuela misses qualifying for the World Cup by one game, then gets bombed by the winner of the FIFA peace prize."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "The Orlando Magic used to play defence like the '85 Bears. Now they play defence like the Venezuela

lan Air Force."

- Another one from Bianchi: "Did you see where Atlanta Hawks star Trae Young wants to be traded to the hapless Washington Wizards? In a league where most stars chase championships, Trae Young just asked to be placed in a witness protection program."
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "If the Canucks draft Gavin McKenna, will the arena name go back to being GM Place?"
- Rolfsen again: "Las Vegas Raiders have the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. It will be fascinating to see which young quarterback's career they will destroy."
- Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com site, on the NFL coaching opening in Las Vegas: "Bad roster; bad owner; the specter of Tom Brady hovering around the team; playing in a tough division. Other than those factors, this is a great job."
- Finarelli again, on Tennessee Titans looking for a new head coach: "The Front Office has no clue what it needs or wants and will – at some point – tire of trying to sort among the 13 candidates and draw a name out of a hat."
- Headline at theonion.com: "Steph Curry finally finishes eating mouthguard."

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Innovation Saskatchewan invests \$26,300 in USask program to support student startups

Innovation Saskatchewan is investing \$26,300 in the University of Saskatchewan's Saskatchewan Innovation Growth & Market Acceleration (SIGMA) program to help engineering students develop startup ideas and strengthen the province's innovation ecosystem.

Based in the USask College of Engineering, SIGMA integrates innovation and entrepreneurship into engineering education, giving students opportunities to test products, identify customers and explore career paths beyond traditional engineering roles.

The funding will support SIGMA's venture accelerator and community programming through spring 2026, including hackathons focused on industries such as mining, energy and agriculture. The events are designed to build entrepreneurial skills and help students move from engineer to founder.

"SIGMA strengthens Saskatchewan's innovation pipeline and gives students the tools and connections to succeed," Innovation Saskatchewan Minister Warren Kaeding said. "By investing in training and skill-building for future leaders, we are fuelling innovation, creating jobs and building a stronger tech sector that drives Saskatchewan's economic growth."

SIGMA provides hands-on experience and mentorship for students working on early-stage technology ventures. The program draws on principles and resources from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Global Leadership Entrepreneurship Educators Network,

of which USask is a founding member.

Since 2021, more than 500 students have participated in SIGMA events and 56 have graduated from the program. SIGMA has supported 15 startups through its accelerator, including RUNNR, which operates in logistics and delivery management. Other ventures, including CanXTract, NutraMate, TauLab, PrairieBond and SafeShift, have gone on to participate in additional accelerators such as Opus, Lab2Market and Co.Labs, and in investment competitions including Startup TNT.

"SIGMA is grateful to Innovation Saskatchewan for the resources and support," SIGMA interim lead David Yee said. "The engagement and mentorship from the agency and the access to Collider at the Research and Technology Park in Saskatoon puts our program participants on equal footing with startup founders anywhere in the country and the world."

Innovation Saskatchewan also provides SIGMA startups and hackathons with access to workspace, a podcast studio, collaboration areas and programming at its Collider co-working hub in Saskatoon. Collider locations in Saskatoon and Regina are the province's only tech-focused co-working spaces and include Saskatchewan's only 5G Innovation Labs.

Innovation Saskatchewan said accelerator programs such as SIGMA play a key role in supporting a sustainable startup ecosystem and growing Saskatchewan's technology sector.



Coleville library calls for support as low circulation threatens operations

BY KATE WINQUIST

COLEVILLE — The Coleville public library is asking residents to borrow more books and other materials as it tries to boost circulation numbers that help determine whether the branch can remain open.

Library officials say circulation has dropped to near the bottom compared with similar communities, including Dodsland and Plenty.

Funding for day-to-day operations is tied directly to circulation levels, according to the local library board, which is urging residents to use the service more regularly.

People without a library card can sign up in person by filling out a form

or register online through the Wheatland Regional Library website, the board said.

In addition to physical items, residents can borrow digital materials to read on their devices by scrolling through the library's online collection. Loans are available for three weeks and the library does not charge overdue fines, officials said.

Residents can also borrow from any public library in Saskatchewan.

The library board is also reminding families that children under 12 who wish to borrow materials must be accompanied by a parent.

The board says it is asking for community support to help prevent Coleville from losing another local service.

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Families took advantage of last week's warmer temperatures to take in some sledding. Judging by their smiles, they were having fun! *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*



The travelling exhibit Parkland '74 is shown in a Canadian National Railway rail car in this January 1976 photo ahead of its scheduled stop in Kindersley from Feb. 4 to 10, 1976. *(THE CLARION)*

Travelling museum stopped in Kindersley 50 years ago

BY JOAN JANZEN

Newspaper archives show a travelling museum rolled into Kindersley 50 years ago, bringing exhibits and library programming to the community for a full week in February 1976.

The Clarion reported at the time that the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature — with support from the National Museum of Canada and the Parkland Regional Library Service — was touring a "museum on rails" made up of two Canadian National Railway cars.

One rail car served as an exhibit space featuring maps, photographs and artifacts highlighting changes in

the Parkland region. The second was set up as a library activity centre where visitors could watch films and slide shows and take part in classroom-style activities. Library materials were supplied by the Parkland Regional Library Service.

Museum staff travelled with the train, providing commentary in the exhibit car and leading programs in the activity centre.

The travelling museum was scheduled to be open nine hours a day for seven consecutive days.

The exhibit, known as Parkland '74, was set to be in Kindersley from Feb. 4 to 10, 1976.

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Paul Colborne Oilperson of the Year

Randall Smith, E. Craig Lothian, and Andy J. Mah for Hall of Fame

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

pipelineonline.ca

WEYBURN, CALGARY — Recipients of some of the honours at the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Show have been announced.

Dean Potter said by email on Jan. 15, "As Chairman of the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Hall of Fame Committee, I am pleased to announce our nominations for the 2026 Oil-person of the Year and Saskatchewan Hall of Fame inductees with presentation of the awards scheduled for Wednesday June 3, 2026 at the Weyburn Oil Show (www.oilshow.ca). The semi-annual Oil-person of the year award has been awarded for over 35 years, recognizing many individuals that have contributed significantly to the Saskatchewan oil and gas industry. The Committee also presents Hall of Fame awards semi-annually to individuals born and raised in Saskatchewan and contributed and have made significant contributions to the industry in Saskatchewan or elsewhere in the world."

The 2026 recipient of the Saskatchewan Oilperson of the Year Award is Paul Colborne. Paul is currently the President and CEO of Surge Energy Inc. in Calgary. In the past 30 years, Paul has built many successful oil and gas companies in southeast Saskatchewan including Startech Energy, Starpoint Energy Trust and Tristar Oil and Gas. He was also a founder of Crescent Point Energy and Mission Oil and Gas. The Oilperson award will



Paul Colborne.
SURGE ENERGY PHOTO

be presented to Paul at the evening dinner scheduled for June 3rd at the Weyburn Oil Show.

"The Committee is also pleased to announce three Saskatchewan individuals that have contributed significantly to the oil and gas business in various leadership roles. The 2026 awards for induction into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame

include Randall Smith, E. Craig Lothian and Andy J. Mah. Randall Smith is CEO of Spectrum Resource Group actively developing oil and gas resources across southeastern Saskatchewan.

"Craig Lothian has been actively involved in financing southeastern Saskatchewan oil companies through Lex Capital while also building oil and gas assets within Villanova Energy Inc.

"The third person to receive the award is Andy Mah with a productive career in the Canadian oil and gas business as an engineer, CEO and Director of numerous successful oil and gas companies in Calgary. These three candidates will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Hall of Fame at the noon luncheon on June 3rd at the Weyburn Oil Show.

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APAS welcomes significant easing tariffs in Canada-China trade agreement

REGINA — The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) applauds the newly announced trade agreement between Canada and China, as detailed by Prime Minister Mark Carney, and underscores Premier Moe's pivotal role in championing Saskatchewan's interests. This agreement reduces tariffs on Canadian canola seed to 15% by March 1 and significantly benefits Saskatchewan's pea producers by opening markets and reducing trade barriers, ushering in increased opportunities for trade.

"Through this agreement, the resilience and dedication in our government-led negotiations were on full display," said Bill Prybylski, APAS President. "Producers of canola and peas have faced significant export barriers to China. We are grateful for the persistent efforts that culminated in this important breakthrough for the agricultural community."

Saskatchewan, a leading producer of peas, canola, and pork, plays a crucial role in Canada's exports in these sectors. The new trade agreement not only reopens the Chinese market for canola but also boosts prospects for peas. However, it is important to note that there is no mention of tariff reductions or market access improvements for canola oil, which currently faces a 100% tariff, or for pork products, which are subject to a 25% tariff. These omissions highlight continued challenges for key agricultural export products critical to Saskatchewan's economy.

"Securing access to markets such as China is vital for the sustainability and growth of Saskatchewan's agriculture producers," Prybylski noted. "This agreement, by substantially reducing



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trade barriers for some key products, enhances market access and contributes to greater economic stability within our sector. However, we continue to urge the government to address ongoing barriers for canola oil and pork exports to ensure all agricultural products can benefit from improved market access."

While recognizing the progress made in reopening and expanding the Chinese market, APAS emphasizes the importance of ongoing efforts to diversify export markets to safeguard Saskatchewan's agricultural sector against future trade uncertainties. "We celebrate today's success, but our commitment to broadening market diversification for all agricultural products remains firm," said Prybylski. "Our producers deserve stable, extensive market opportunities."

APAS continues its commitment to collaborating with federal and provincial governments to advocate for policies and agreements that support Saskatchewan's farmers and the broader agricultural industry, ensuring the continued prosperity and growth of this vital sector.



The Luseland Memorial Arena. FILE PHOTO

Saskatchewan doubles community rink grant to \$5,000 as applications open for 2025-26

Applications are now open for Saskatchewan's 2025-26 Community Rink Affordability Grant, with the intake running until Feb. 27, 2026.

The provincial government has doubled funding for the program to \$5,000 per rink, representing an annual investment of more than \$3.2 million, according to the province.

"The doubling of the Community Rink Affordability Grant marks yet another commitment our government has delivered on," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said in a statement. "These rinks are very important to Saskatchewan communities. Whether it is sporting events or recreational activities, our local rinks are a place where people of all ages come together."

The program helps offset operating costs for indoor skating and curling rinks across Saskatchewan and is open to urban and rural municipalities,

First Nations communities, Canadian Forces bases, schools and registered non-profit groups.

The grant is administered by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) on behalf of the provincial government.

"Doubling the Community Rink Affordability Grant funding will make a big difference," SPRA President Darcy McLeod said. "These recreation spaces are critical to the health, well-being and vibrancy of Saskatchewan communities."

The province said 376 facilities, representing 576 ice surfaces, benefited from the program last year.

Program guidelines and the online application form are available through the SPRA website.

SPRA is a provincial non-profit organization focused on supporting parks and recreation providers. Its core operations are funded by Sask Lotteries.



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Rosetown RCMP report several incidents, lay impaired driving charge

BY KATE WINQUIST

Rosetown RCMP responded to multiple calls in the community and surrounding area between Jan. 9 and Jan. 15, including reports of theft, vandalism and mischief, as well as an impaired driving complaint south of Kyle.

Police said they were called to a business in Rosetown on Jan. 9 following a minor vehicle collision. Officers attended and both parties exchanged information, concluding police involvement.

Later that night, RCMP received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Tessier. Police said members were not in a position to intercept the vehicle.

On Jan. 10, officers responded to a report of a missing or stolen cellphone in Rosetown. The matter remains under investigation. RCMP also received a complaint of mischief involving a vehicle in town that evening.

Early on Jan. 11, officers attended a Rosetown residence after a 911 hang-up call. Police determined two individuals had been arguing. Officers provided a courtesy ride and no further action was required. Later that day, Rosetown RCMP assisted Saskatoon Police Service with a next-of-kin notification request.

On Jan. 12, police received a fraud complaint from a financial institution in Rosetown after a counterfeit \$100 bill was found among deposited cash. That investigation remains ongoing.

That evening, RCMP responded to a report of erratic driving on Highway 4, south of Kyle. Police said officers located the vehicle and the driver has been charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

Police also conducted a wellbeing check in Rosetown and are continuing



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to investigate a public mischief complaint reported the same day.

RCMP attended a residence in Wistton on Jan. 12 for a disturbing the peace complaint, but the subject of the complaint had left before officers arrived.

On Jan. 15, police received reports of theft from a business in Rosetown and vandalism to property in town. Both investigations remain ongoing.

RCMP said officers issued 14 traffic-related charges during the reporting period, and also responded to one 911 misdial and one false alarm call.

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

Unity-area RCMP investigate string of break-ins, lay assault charge

BY KATE WINQUIST

UNITY — RCMP in Unity are investigating a series of reported break-ins at businesses and municipal facilities over the past week.

Police say they received multiple reports of break and enters involving local businesses, the Unity Arena and the Town of Unity shop yard between Jan. 6 and Jan. 12. The incidents remain under investigation.

During the same period, a 41-year-old man from Unity was charged with assault and uttering threats after police responded to a complaint of an assault.

Mounties also responded to a Mental Health Act-related complaint and transported the person involved to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment.

RCMP reported receiving a complaint about a suspicious individual near a business, though patrols were unable to locate the person. Officers also received a report of disturbing the peace and are continuing to investigate.

Police say they are investigating a report of fuel stolen from a local gas station. Two traffic complaints and one false alarm were also logged during the reporting period.

In Wilkie, RCMP assisted Emergency Medical Services with a patient and

are investigating a separate complaint of assault.

In Macklin, police received two reports of a suspicious individual at Macklin Lake Regional Park. RCMP say they located the person and executed an outstanding arrest warrant.

CN Police also reported railway crossing malfunctions during the week — one at Scott and another at Senlac — with the incidents noted for information purposes.

RCMP are urging anyone with information about crimes in the Unity, Wilkie or Macklin areas to contact their local detachment. People can also provide tips anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards of up to \$2,000 for information that leads to an arrest in serious cases.

Police are also reminding Saskatchewan residents they can report certain non-emergency crimes online through the province's Online Crime Reporting tool. Eligible reports include fraud and scams under \$5,000, property damage under \$5,000, stolen or lost property under \$5,000, some traffic complaints, and harassing phone calls or electronic communications that do not involve threats of violence.

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Elson arrested by Kindersley RCMP

KINDERSLEY — RCMP in Kindersley have arrested a man who was wanted on a warrant in

connection with a weapons-related assault investigation.

Police say 44-year-old

Randy Elson was arrested Jan. 13 in Kindersley.

Elson was scheduled to appear in Saskatoon provincial court on Jan. 15.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team assisted with the investigation.

Elson was wanted by Saskatchewan RCMP on charges that include assault with a weapon.

The charges were laid following a Nov. 27 investigation in Kindersley.

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Sask. Pulse Growers elect Lawrence as chair

BY IAN MACKAY

Stuart Lawrence cheered last week's announcement of more work to find new methods of dealing with herbicide-resistant weeds.

Lawrence, who farms south of Rosetown, was chosen to chair the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers at their annual general meeting in Saskatoon last Tuesday.

The growers also named Elyce Simpson Fraser of Moose Jaw, who directs Simpson Seeds, the winner of their 2025 Pulse Promoter Award "for her leadership in expanding value-added pulse processing" and "her passionate advocacy for pulse crops at the grassroots level."

Federal and provincial authorities said they'd help pay for a major research project into herbicide-resistance kochia and wild oats.

"That's one of the reasons why I ran to be on the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers board - to fund research toward herbicide resistance in weeds," Lawrence said in an interview. "That's been a really big investment. I've sat on the R&D committee for three years and that's been a lot of our work."

The pulse growers pledged \$175,000, "that got leveraged pretty good," towards the strategic research initiative grant of \$3.2 million to 29 researchers aiming to find answers.

"It's been an ongoing focus for us to try and get some different tools and some different research going on kochia," Lawrence said. Kochia and root rots caused him to plant less land to pulses.

"Prior to 2016, I would have said that our biggest issue was kochia," Lawrence said. After that year, he and many neighbours reduced their lentil acreage "because the tools we had at the time were pretty ineffective at controlling kochia long term," he explained.

"All of our lentils just died" from root rot after 30 to 35 inches of rain fell on the family farm's land that year, Lawrence said. "We didn't know how bad it was." Now, "we can't grow lentils" in fields that were planted to lentils or canola in 2016, he said.

Meanwhile, he wouldn't predict whether Canada would ever reach a resolution on pulse tariffs imposed by India, which can be a major market for Canadian pulses.

He's learned that the Indian government wants the country to "be self-sufficient in producing protein," he said. Farmers make up about 20 per cent of its population and the government is apparently "not concerned about food inflation as long as they're sufficient in protein," he said.

That helps create a "trade policy that's focused on encouraging local production in India and, when they can't produce enough, they import from other countries like Canada," reducing tariffs to do so, he said.

"Unlike in Canada, their farmers are an important voting bloc and that helps steer their policies," he said.

Lentil prices in Canada have fallen by roughly half over the few years, improving demand, he said.

Lawrence also agreed that it was good news that China had agreed to lower its tariff against Canadian peas, later noting that many farmers in this region, including himself, stopped growing them and reduced their lentil acreage after extremely wet conditions in the fall of 2016 produced root rots that cut production.



Stuart Lawrence

"Peas are even more susceptible to the root-rot complex than lentils are," he noted. Many west-central Saskatchewan growers concentrated on lentils because "the chance of having a crop failure because of root rot was greater (for peas) and the returns per acre and cost of production (for lentils) were very similar," he said.

During the 1990s, peas and lentils would have covered about half the Lawrence acres, he said. "Now, under 20 per cent of our acres are lentil. We've dropped peas completely."

"We've started to substitute other crops that have fewer issues with root rots, like chick peas," he said. "We're starting to grow kabuli chick peas again. They have their own challenges because they have indeterminate growth. In a wet fall, they don't want to mature, but, at the same time, they're not as susceptible to fusarium root rot. They're a host of, but not affected by aphanomyces," a root rot.

Organization leaders have begun advising people to switch to minor-use crops less susceptible to root rots, such as chick peas, faba beans, dry beans and fenugreek, he noted.

"We have a focus on trying to provide two viable pulse crop options on every acre in Saskatchewan," he said.

"I guess the stars aligned," he said about directors choosing him to head the organization. "I'm excited to have the support of the board of directors."

He expressed appreciation to Dinsmore's Brad Blackwell, a previous board chair, "for his contributions to the board over the past nine years," he said. Blackwell recently completed his third consecutive term on the board, the limit.

"I'm pleased that Dan Flynn from Lucky Lake has stepped up and joined the board, as well," Lawrence added.

Poverty Simulation Exercise set for Jan. 21 in North Battleford

A free Poverty Simulation Exercise aimed at building understanding and empathy for the challenges faced by low-income families will take place Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, at Living Faith Chapel in North Battleford.

The event will begin with check-in from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by the simulation from 10 a.m. to noon. A lunch and debrief session will run from noon to 1 p.m.

Organizers describe the session as "a simulation, not a game," designed to give participants a realistic look at the day-to-day decisions and barriers that can come with living on a low income.

During the interactive exercise, participants will be assigned roles within family units and asked to



navigate real-life circumstances such as unemployment, housing instability, disability, fixed incomes, or caring for children or grandchildren. Over the course of four 15-minute "weeks," families will work to secure basic necessities while trying to maintain stable housing.

The simulation will be held in a large-room environment with stations representing community services positioned throughout the space. These include banks, grocery stores, employers, utilities, health care, child care and social services — arranged to reflect real-world systems, pressures and obstacles.

Registration is open and the event is free to attend. Connect with Antje Rongve through email at ed@riverswestdistrict.ca or phone: 306-446-6776 for more info.

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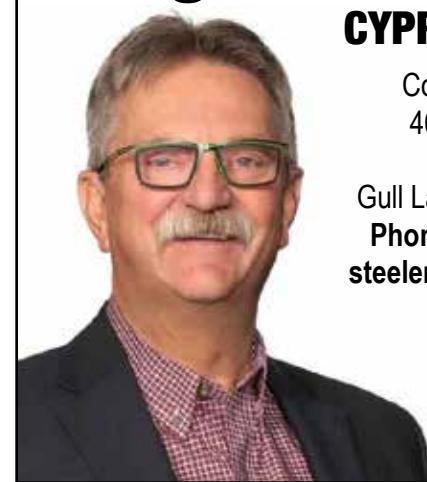
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Kleinsasser named to Sask Agriculture Hall of Fame

BY IAN MACKAY

Joe Kleinsasser of the Rosetown Hutterite Colony is among six people named to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Kleinsasser and the other inductees – Mary McKay Lindsay, Cecil Werner, Terry Baker, Mark Pickard and Norbert Beaujot – “have made significant contributions to the advancement of the agricultural industry” in this province, a hall of fame statement said.

“This award recognizes a lifetime of commitment and innovation to create new companies, new products and new markets for Saskatchewan’s agriculture sector,” said hall of fame president Blair Cummins, who lives near Saskatoon, “They have made a lasting impact on agriculture and the province as a whole.”

Kleinsasser served on the Sask Pork board of directors from 2002 to 2009, was the first chairman of Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan and has served on the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council board since 2019.

“He is a strong advocate for educating consumers about where their food comes from and the importance of the producer’s role,” it added.

Kleinsasser served and supported Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan since its establishment in 2014, noted a statement issued in 2024, when that

organization honoured him with its Champion Award. He’s also directed SPI Marketing Group for 14 years and offered advice on research funding as a member of the agriculture development fund advisory committee.

“He has been a trailblazer, helping to develop progressive policies, demonstrating the importance of working collaboratively across all sectors and has always been a champion of ‘doing the right thing,’ ” said Adele Buettner of AgriBiz Communications, who was among those who nominated Kleinsasser for the Champion Award.

Beaujot, originally from southeast Saskatchewan, started Seed Hawk, Seedmaster and DOT Technology, after developing the first opener allowing farmers to seed directly into the previous year’s stubble.

Baker, who grew up near Cactus Lake, chairs Agrivita, a national non-profit promoting health and safety research in agriculture, and has chaired Vitera and the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Pickard, formerly of Saskatoon passed in April. He founded InfraReady as a subsidiary of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and, years later, bought it with other investors.

Werner started CanMar Grain Products, which became a major exporter of mill-roasted flax, with a flax-processing plant in Regina.

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What is it?

Quiet hiring is also called silent hiring or stealth hiring. It involves assigning current employees new responsibilities or moving them into key roles without going through formal recruitment. It may also involve bringing in short-term contract workers or freelancers rather than hiring traditional, full-time employees.

Why is it becoming so popular?

Here are three key reasons many businesses are turning to quiet hiring:

1. Staffing shortages

Ongoing labour shortages and tighter budgets mean many companies can't afford lengthy hiring processes or costly recruitment efforts. Quiet hiring offers a cost-effective alternative by utilizing the skills of their existing workforce.

2. Need for more agility

Quiet hiring allows companies to remain flexible. Whether they're launching a new product, responding to market changes or filling unexpected gaps, this strategy allows organizations to reassess talent without the bureaucratic red tape.

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Four-day work week: benefits for employees AND employers

Flexible working hours and remote work options are increasingly sought-after by employees who want to balance their personal and professional lives. Fortunately, the four-day work week may become a standard benefit offered by many companies in the coming years. Here's an overview.

In 2025, an American scientific journal published the results of a large-scale study on the impacts of implementing a four-day work week without reducing salaries. The experiment lasted six months and involved 141 companies across six countries, including Canada and the United States.

The results were clear: the four-day work week led to a decrease in burnout and an increase in job satisfaction. Additionally, employees experienced improvements in their physical and mental well-being. As a result, 90 per

cent of participating companies decided to keep the new schedule after the trial ended.

Similar studies around the world have produced equally positive outcomes, leading many experts to believe that the four-day work week could soon become the norm.

However, implementing the four-day work week isn't feasible in every industry. For example, manufacturing sectors may struggle to make it cost-effective in a factory, whereas service-based companies tend to see strong results. Well-rested employees are more productive, creative and engaged. Plus, they make fewer mistakes.

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Gehl v Canada: Challenging Sex Discrimination in the Indian Act

BY LYNN GEHL

Review by Toby A. Welch

Knowing I am a reader, a friend of mine asked me an interesting question recently: "Are there any book publishers that you will read their books without even knowing what the book is about?" I immediately replied, "Yes - Harlequin and University of Regina Press. The first because I'm a sucker for a heartfelt romance and the second because every single book they publish is so thoroughly researched that any topic they cover is fascinating to read about." So when University of Regina Press publication Gehl v Canada landed on my desk, I couldn't wait to dive in!

Detailing in a brief review what Gehl v Canada is about is nearly impossible as the subject matter is gigantic. We hit on so many familial, feminist, and Indigenous issues, among others. It's challenging to encapsulate it. Perhaps Mary Eberts says it best in the forward: "Dr. Lynn Gehl describes the effort she made to document the sex discrimination affecting her and her family, her decision to challenge that discrimination, and how she applied herself to various proceedings... until she achieved victory." To be clear, this is only Gehl's account of her journey as she challenged the Indian Act.

Like most University of Regina Press books, this one isn't a quick read. I struggled at times to keep the chronological events straight, so it was helpful that Gehl included a timeline near the back of the book. It starts with the pre-2001 years

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and ends on October 25, 2019, when Gehl received an upgrade on her status registration category.

As I devoured Gehl versus Canada, I learned so much about the Anishinaabe culture and traditions. For example, they value the color black as it is a reminder to respect the unknown and to recognize that all knowledge cannot be known to humans. And I learned that in the Indigenous culture, the practice of mothering is highly cherished; it is more of a social process not solely for biological reasons, so mothering children who are not one's own is a common practice. Readers also glean vital facts such as Gehl's estimation that since 1985, as many as 25,000 Indigenous children have been affected by genocide.

Gehl v Canada is the follow-up to Claiming Anishinaabe, the story of Lynn Gehl's lifelong journey of survival against the nation state's constant genocidal assault against her existence. You do not have to have read Claiming Anishinaabe to thoroughly enjoy Gehl v Canada.

Gehl v Canada is a compelling book that I highly recommend to everyone. Knowledge is power and readers will turn the last page feeling more educated on so many facets of Canadian history and Indigenous struggles and issues. Two big thumbs up!

"Congratulations ... to Dr. Lynn Gehl for her successful challenge of the Indian Registrar's refusal to allow her to be registered under the Indian Act. ... Good win, Lynn!"

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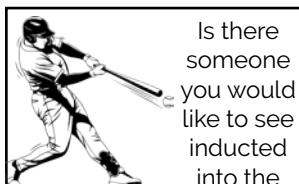
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Sixteen-year-old Abigaelle Blohm from Leader received an invitation from Boxing Canada to attend the Youth Olympic Games identification camp in Montreal at the end of this month. If she is picked at this camp, she will compete in Thailand in March.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Young boxer from Leader to compete in Montreal

BY JOAN JANZEN

"Big announcement for our girl Abi!" Isabelle Blohm announced. Last month, her daughter, Abigaelle Blohm, from the Sandhills Boxing Club in Leader, received an invitation from Boxing Canada to attend the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) identification camp in Montreal. Abi will be accompanied by her mom (who is also her coach) at the January 21 to 26 camp.

"I chose boxing as my sport because I grew up doing it and enjoy it," the young boxer explained. Now both she and her mom are thrilled about this new opportunity!

"If she is picked at this camp, she has a chance to go fight in Thailand in

March for the qualifier!" Isabelle said. YOG identification camps in Montreal happen for specific sports, like boxing.

"I will be finding out if I made the national team to go to Thailand after the training camp, depending on how good I did," Abi explained. The World Boxing Futures Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, will be held in March 2026 for athletes born in 2008–2009, and this sixteen-year-old boxer from Leader meets that criteria.

"I had so much genuine excitement to be able to have this opportunity!" Abi said after receiving the invitation from Boxing Canada. It's a well-deserved opportunity for the young boxer who spends an average of ten hours each week training.

Good luck, Abi! You make Saskatchewan proud!

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Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.

Krystal Bazylnski
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KCS band students make a joyful sound at Winter Band Concert

BY JOAN JANZEN

The KCS band students and their Director, Michael Reece, treated family and friends to an impressive Winter Band Concert on Wednesday evening, January 14th, at the high school. People who were missing last month's festive atmosphere were happy to hear a number of Christmas songs, as well as taking a journey of "Star Trek: Through the Years". "They did a fantastic job!" Mr. Reece exclaimed, and everyone heartily agreed.

The EMS Band consists of forty-four Grade 8 students from Elizabeth Middle School. Their first piece was a solemn selection entitled "Along the Beaches of Normandy", followed by a much lighter "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" and "Believe". They wowed the audience with all they had learned this past semester.

The remainder of the evening was



filled with entertainment provided by the Grade 9 Band, the Small Ensemble, and the Jazz Band. The Jazz Band had met the challenge of learning one of their selections "by ear", and love sharing their talent at various places throughout the community.

A round of applause was extended to the Band Parents Committee. "Events like this are only possible with the help of volunteers," Mr. Reece acknowledged. Not only did everyone enjoy hearing these talented students, but they were also treated to some yummy desserts during intermission.



Family and friends were entertained at the Kindersley High School Winter Band Concert on Wednesday evening, January 14th. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



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NOTICE INTENT TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN & ZONING BYLAW

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Clinworth No. 230 intends to consider the adoption of a new Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 1 – 2025 and Zoning Bylaw, Bylaw No. 2 – 2025 pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act*, 2007.

Intent

The Official Community Plan (OCP) will help direct and manage growth and development in the R.M. of Clinworth No. 230. This document defines, directs and evaluates and guides Council in making development and land-use decisions. The objectives and policies address the future requirements and direction for growth of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational and municipal land-uses. The Zoning Bylaw is the complementary regulatory document that implements the policies contained in the OCP.

Affected Lands

The proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw encompass all properties within the municipality of the R.M. of Clinworth No. 230.

Public Inspection

The document and maps of the OCP and Zoning Bylaw may be viewed at the R.M. of Clinworth No. 230 located at 128 Kingsway Street, Sceptre, SK S0N 2H0. These documents may be examined by any person without payment of fees between 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays, up to and including February 11, 2026.

Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Administrator for a cost of \$25.00. Any questions about these documents can be directed to the R.M. office.

Public Hearing

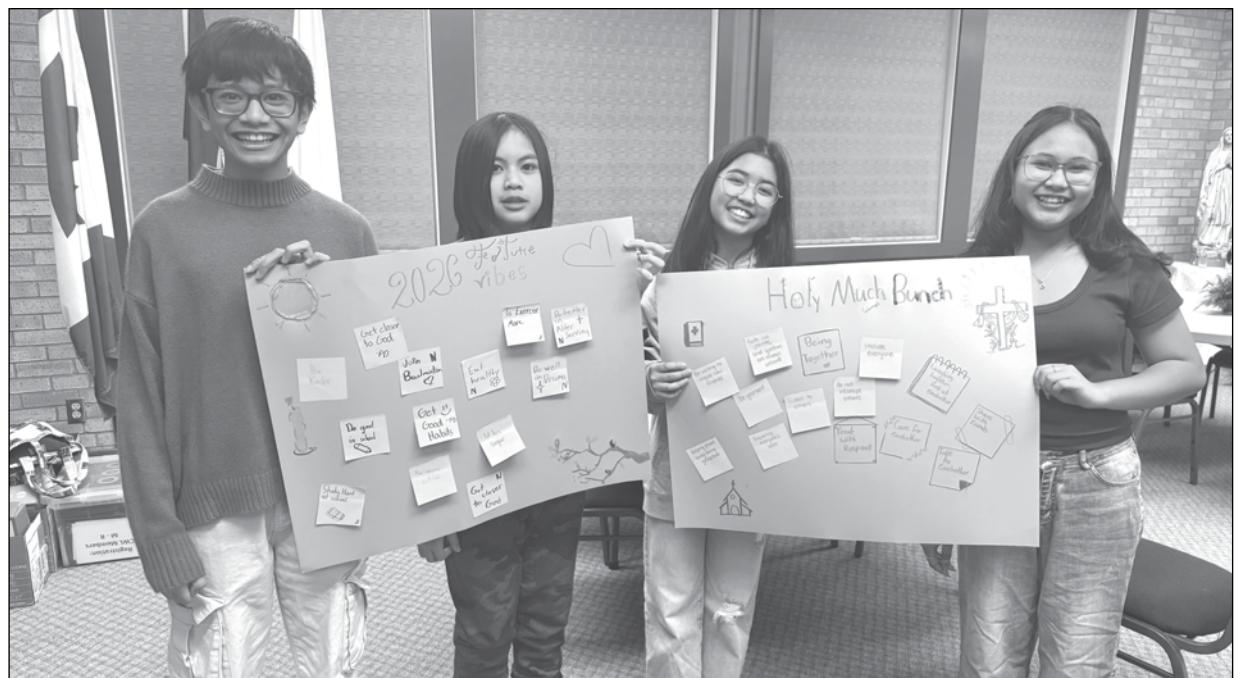
The council will hear all submissions respecting the proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw on:

**February 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
in the R.M. Council Chambers**

Council will hear all persons who are present at the meeting and wish to speak to this matter. They will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned on or before June 18, 2025.

Issued at the R.M. of Clinworth No. 230 this 8th day of January 2026.

Krista Loudon
Administrator, R.M. of Clinworth No. 230



THE HOLY MUNCH BUNCH! Members of the St. Joseph's youth group recently chose the name "Holy Munch Bunch" and set goals for 2026. The group meets every second week under the leadership of Tannis Lehman and includes four to 10 students in Grades 7 and 8. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

The anthem that lost its home

I was reading a social media post a while back from a gentleman who was in his local Tim Hortons one evening, pre-COVID, relaxing and enjoying his usual double-double. He was about to experience a quintessential Canadian moment.

The coffee shop was crowded that evening when someone's cell-phone rang out for everyone to hear. The ringtone that reverberated through the air was the classic *Hockey Night in Canada* theme song.

Almost to a man, every guy in the coffee shop began to reach for their cellphones. Now that's brand penetration! Often referred to as "Canada's second national anthem" in the past, the *Hockey Night in Canada* theme song is one of the most recognized pieces of music in the country.

While talent certainly knows no gender, I was honestly surprised to learn that this most manly of Canadian hockey songs was, in fact, written by a woman.

Dolores Claman (July 6, 1927 – July 17, 2021) was a Canadian-born, classically trained commercial jingle writer for a Toronto advertising firm. She had won numerous music awards throughout her career.

Born in Vancouver, she studied music at the University of Southern California and then continued her studies at the Juilliard School in New York before deciding to pursue a career in musical composition. She moved to London, England, in the 1950s, where she composed music for ITV and wrote scores for West End musical revues.

She and Richard Morris, her lyricist husband whom she met and married in London, eventually moved back to Toronto in 1958. Together, they composed over 3,000 commercial jingles and won more than 40 international awards for their work. Claman was working for MacLaren Advertising in Toronto in 1968 when she was hired to write the *Hockey Night in Canada* theme song for the CBC. Known to her as *The Hockey Theme*, it became one of her most beloved works.

Not acknowledged in the credits by the CBC for her composition at the end of the *Hockey Night in Canada* broadcasts, and unhappy with the way her song eventually came to be used over the years, Claman finally sued the CBC in 2004. She alleged that the CBC was using her *Hockey Theme* in unauthorized ways and not paying licensing fees. These included selling it as a cellphone ringtone, including it in the *NHL Centre Ice* subscription package, and using it in various other ways outside of Canada after agreeing not to.

Claman claimed the CBC offered her a one-time payment of \$850,000 to secure perpetual (forever) rights to the piece. The CBC countered, calling *The Hockey Theme* "just a song", and saying they offered nearly \$1 million for the piece while alleging that Cl-



Remembering When
By Keith Schell

man's representatives were asking for \$2.5 to \$3 million. Despite crying poor during negotiations to secure the rights to *The Hockey Theme*, in 2024 the CBC had 143 taxpayer-funded directors, each earning \$130,906 per year, totalling \$18.7 million annually.

When no deal could be reached and the CBC's rights to *The Hockey Theme* expired in 2008, Claman's representatives sold all rights to the composition to CTV for use on their own sports network, TSN/RDS. A prominent hockey broadcaster at the time of the acquisition, TSN eventually lost the rights to the NHL's national broadcast package to Rogers Media after the 2013-14 season and was soon relegated to its current second-string status in the NHL broadcast world.

In 2009, TSN introduced a remixed version of *The Hockey Theme* for their hockey broadcasts by the late RUSH drummer and composer Neil Peart. While Peart was a legendary musician in his own right, the aggressive percussion remix he created for TSN's soon-to-be second-tier hockey broadcasts lacked the emotional weight and appeal it had when the song kicked off the *Hockey Night in Canada* broadcasts on the CBC. Having it anywhere but on *Hockey Night in Canada* seems like a crime against Canadian culture. It just doesn't feel right.

Though well meant, the TSN remix currently being used has reduced *The Hockey Theme* to a pale reflection of its former glory. Along with the accompanying video montage, when the big orchestra composition of *The Hockey Theme* began at the start of the CBC *Hockey Night in Canada* broadcasts, it stirred passion in the hearts of Canadian hockey fans everywhere, especially during the playoffs. You felt as though a true hockey event was about to unfold. The tepid TSN remix we hear today sadly lacks the emotional appeal that originally endeared the people of our generation to the song.

At its peak, *The Hockey Theme* was so popular and beloved that it prompted kids all across the country to send letters and pictures to Claman over the years. Children in her own neighbourhood would often knock on her door in hopes of meeting the composer of the song. *The Hockey Theme* was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2010, and on June 20, 2016, Dolores Claman was awarded the Cultural Impact Award for *The Hockey Theme* at the SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors, and Music Publishers of Canada) ceremonies in Toronto.

Relegated to second-class status these days by TSN's shrunken position in the NHL broadcast market, the current *Hockey Theme* remix on TSN simply does not generate the same level of pride and excitement as the classic CBC rendition. Personally, I wish TSN would sell it back to the CBC, where it rightfully belongs, but TSN has stated they will never give it up.

Some things are ingrained in the national consciousness, and for me, this is one of them. I sincerely hope that someday *The Hockey Theme* will be restored to its proper place of prominence in Canadian culture and will reclaim its unofficial rightful title as "Canada's Second National Anthem."

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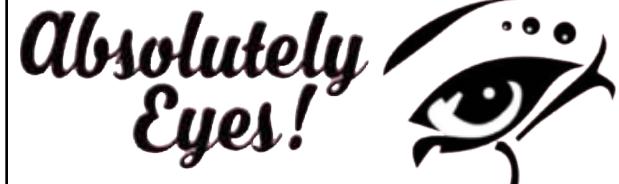
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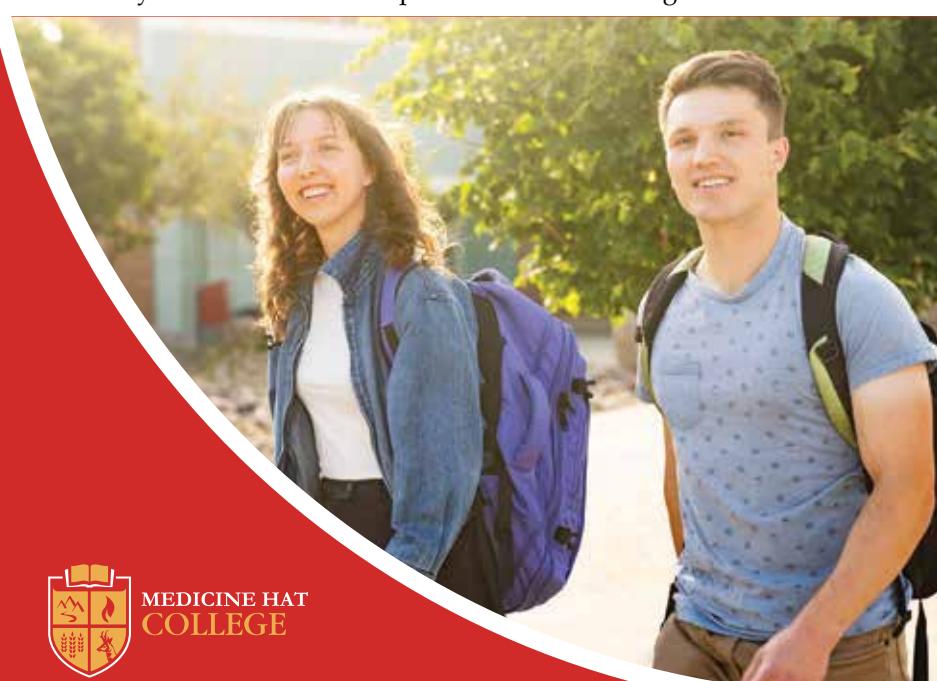
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BY KATE WINQUIST

KINDERSLEY — Great Plains College is hosting an open house at its Kindersley campus on Thursday, March 19, 2026, inviting prospective students and community members to learn more about available programs and student life.

The event runs from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 514 Main Street in Kindersley, Sask. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with program coordinators and student advisors, and to ask questions about scholarships,

financial aid and the application process.

Those who apply to a post-secondary program during the open house will have the \$75 application fee waived.

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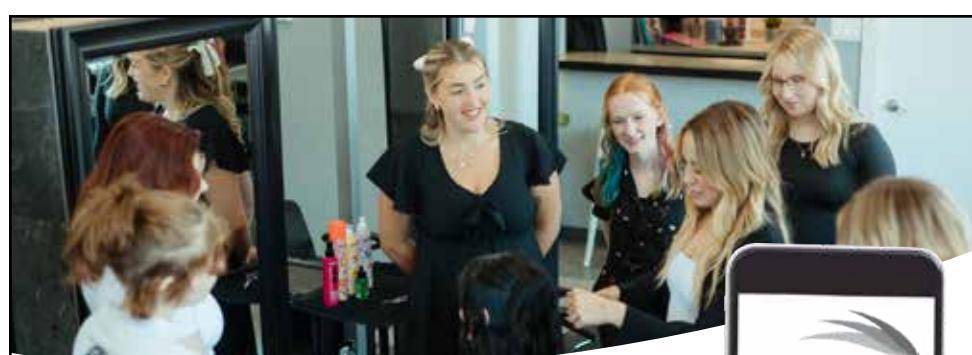


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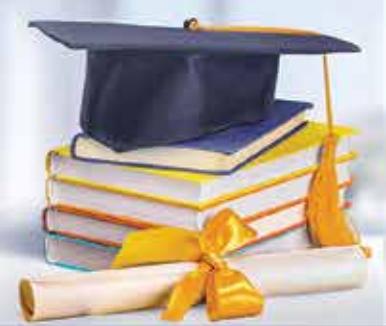
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Supportive instructors, paid co-op placements and practical training are features of Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Electrical Engineering Technology program helping students build skills and confidence in a growing technical field.

"We engage in a variety of community outreach ac-

tivities to attract students, including hands-on workshops and partnerships with local schools and organizations," says Babith Varghese, Electrical Engineering Technology program head. "Workshops provide a basic introduction to the lab and equipment and can help make prospective students more comfortable with the learning environment."

Students say they value Sask Polytech's small classes, hands-on learning, approachable instructors and paid co-operative education work terms.

For Ella Kessler-Holderness, the decision to enrol was rooted in family. "My dad and stepdad are both engineers," she says. "They taught me to love math and I wanted to follow in their footsteps."

After a gap year working in reception at a vet clinic, she's now thriving in her first semester. "The labs are really interesting. It's like a puzzle you put together," she says.

That sense of support is echoed by Runhe Wang. She spent a year upgrading math and science through the Adult Education program at Sask Polytech's Saskatoon campus before applying.

"I wanted something with strong technical skills and good long-term career opportunities," she says. "The lab work is amazing. We build circuits, measure voltage and current and troubleshoot together."

Like her classmates, Tamika Ehrmantraut loves the hands-on approach. "The labs teach me the most

because I'm a hands-on learner. It's rigorous but so worth it."

Both Ehrmantraut and Abby Allen joined the program after a year of university. They were drawn to Sask Polytech for its smaller classes and easier access to instructors. "The big class sizes at university were overwhelming and I could never reach out to my teachers," says Ehrmantraut. "At Sask Polytech, the instructors know our names and are always around to answer questions."

Allen agrees, "I enjoy how hands-on the program is. In the first week, we were in the lab building circuits. I'd absolutely recommend this program to anyone considering it."

Varghese says that co-operative education is a major selling point of the program for all students. "During co-op, students have the opportunity to earn competitive wages, and after graduation, many secure well-paying positions."

Kessler-Holderness says that co-op education sold her on the program: "Getting work experience while still studying is amazing and made me want to apply."

When asked about advice for other students applying to the program, Kessler-Holderness says, "If you are interested in puzzles and putting things together, this program is for you."

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It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved Frank, as a result of complications from Alzheimer's Disease. Loving husband for 57 years of Rosalie Vigneron. Beloved father to Philip (Vivian), Eugene (Cindy), Cathy (Pat), and Grace and many loving grandchildren. Predeceased by sister Dolores Serfas, beloved brother to Margery Ketilson (Keith). Beloved brother-in-law to Betty and Ralph Pentland. Beloved Uncle to many Ketilson, Serfas and Pentland children & grandchildren. Frank was compassionate, humble, generous and an exemplary role model to the entire family.

Frank was born in Eston, Saskatchewan to Julius and Frances Vigneron, where he went to school and worked on the family farm. He went on to complete his Bachelor and Master degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan, and later his PhD at the University of Illinois. In the 1960s he moved to Ottawa and was employed by the Defense Research Board.

Frank met Rosalie Puccio in Ottawa and they married in 1965 and subsequently settled in Kanata where they raised their family.

Throughout his career, Frank worked on several projects of the Canadian Space program including contributing to the Alouette and ISIS Satellite projects, Space Technology program and the Canadian Astronaut program. After retiring from the Federal Government, Frank continued to work in his field

as a Space Technology Consultant and was an Adjunct Professor for the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Carleton University for several years.

Frank was a devoted and involved family man who provided a wealth of time, support and guidance to all of his children. Frank enjoyed spending time with his extended family and friends at the cottage and at the family home. He played the French Horn in the Kanata Symphony along with Rosalie, an activity that they enjoyed as a couple. Frank was a proud hockey player and a member of the Kanata Old-timers Hockey Association for many years.

Upon Rosalie's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, Frank devoted his time to her loving care both at home and then alongside the support staff at the care home where she resided in her final years.

The family would like to thank all of the caring staff at Timberwalk Retirement Community and the Ottawa Hospital for their excellent care and compassion when working with Frank. In place of flowers, donations toward Alzheimer's Research to either the Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County or the Alzheimer's Society of Canada would be appreciated.

Family and friends may pay respects at the Kelly Funeral Home - Kanata Chapel, 580 Eagleson Road, Kanata, ON K2M 1H4, 613 591-6580 on Thursday January 22, 2026 from 6 to 8 pm. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Sharing memories and online condolences on the website of the Kelly Funeral Home - Kanata chapel at <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/kelly-kanata.html>.

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Hockey Saskatchewan releases provincial draws

BY PHIL HEILMAN

There are three main holidays in Saskatchewan: Christmas, the Banjo Bowl and the reveal of Hockey Saskatchewan's minor and senior hockey provincial draws. That happened Monday afternoon and evening.

SENIOR HOCKEY

A Division

The Kindersley Klippers will play the Kyle Elks* (Sask. Valley Hockey League) in the South quarterfinal. The series must be completed by Feb. 16.

B Division

The Biggar Nationals* will face the Eston Ramblers of the Sask. Valley Hockey League, while the Wilkie Outlaws will play the Dinsmore Dynamos (also of the SVHL). Both matchups are quarterfinals and must be completed by Feb. 9.

C Division

The Rosetown Redwings will face the Outlook Ice Hawks (SVHL) in the North final. The series must be completed by March 9.

D Division

The Dodsland Stars will face the Lucky Lake Lakers of the SVHL, the Macklin Mohawks will play the Meota Combines of the Sask. Prairie Hockey League, and the Unity Miners will face the Delisle Bruins of the SVHL. All matchups are first round series and must be completed by Feb. 2.

MINOR HOCKEY RAPID FIRE

An asterisk (*) indicates the home team. All matchups are a modified best-of-three. All series are in the North Conference unless noted.

U18B — Round 1 (must be completed by Feb. 9)

- Biggar National Outlaws vs. Muenster Flyers*
- Kindersley Klippers* vs. Hague Royals

U18C — Round 1 (must be completed by Feb. 16)

- Unity Lazers vs. Shellbrook Elks*
- Rosetown Redwings* vs. Tisdale Ramblers

U18D — Round 1 (must be completed by Feb. 9)



- Kerrobert Rage* vs. Lanigan Pirates
- Macklin Mohawks* vs. Hanley Hawks
- U15B — Round 2 (must be completed by Feb. 16)**
 - Biggar National Outlaws vs. winner of Shellbrook Elks/Dalmeny Valley Bandits*
 - Kindersley Klippers vs. Eastend Southwest Jets* (South)
- U15C — Round 1 (must be completed by Feb. 9)**
 - Rosetown Redwings vs. Wynyard Monarchs*
 - Unity Lazers* vs. Turtleford Tigers
- U15D — Round 1 (must be completed by Feb. 9)**
 - Macklin/Luseland Mohawks vs. Davidson Huskies*
 - Kerrobert/Dodsland Stars vs. Wadena Wildcats*
- U13B — Round 2 (must be completed by Feb. 23)**
 - Kindersley Klippers vs. winner of Lumsden Lions/Indian Head Chiefs* (South)
- U13C — Round 1 (must be completed by Feb. 2)**
 - Rosetown Redwings vs. Dundurn Wolfpack*
 - Kerrobert Mallards vs. Lashburn Flyers*
 - Unity Lazers vs. St. Walburg Eagles*
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- 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

- 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 calendar 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

- 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.

Upcoming EVENTS



- 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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

- Kindersley Screen Arts presents "Deliver Me From Nowhere" (Bruce Springsteen) 4:00 PM at the Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door. Wine & Beer available for purchase.

- 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 1:00 PM 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.

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- 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.
- Community Badminton SUNDAY evenings 6:00-8:00 PM. \$2/Sunday at the LCS Gymnasium (use student parking lot door). Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Racquets and shuttles available.

LUSELAND

- 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: A Collection of Sketches featuring Local Artists.

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- Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon
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MAJOR

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