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PROVINCIAL C SENIOR MEN'S FASTBALL PROVINCIALS 1989 IN MELVILLE: Standing (L-R): Frank Beausoleil P, Mike Riendieu RF, Darren Shynkaruk, Arley Shynkaruk P, David Volk FB, Fred Volk C, Phil McCague P, Doug Flahr SS, Garth Spence 2B, Garth Spence 2B. Kneeling: Clem Knorr (Coach), Joe Zerr 3B, Angus Phillips CF, Bill Flahr CF, Randy Neumeier 2B, Keith Miller 3B, Andy Kissick LF, Derrick Knorr BB in front. Missing: Ryan Volk BB. *FROM THE PERSONAL PHOTO COLLECTION OF FRED AND BEVERLEY VOLK.*

Kerrobert Red Dogs bring Senior Ball back to the diamond

BY KATE WINQUIST



representatives say this inaugural season is a chance to shape the culture from the ground up, start new traditions, and create memories that will stick around for seasons to come.

"It's all about good baseball, good people, and good laughs — with just enough competition to make it interesting," the team shared online.

Along with building their player base, the Red Dogs are also rallying community support for an important upgrade at the fairgrounds: a new pitcher's mound. While the team has the field and the players to get started, they're now hoping to raise funds to purchase a mound expected to cost approximately \$7,900. Organizers say the improvement will benefit minor and se-

nior players for years to come, helping strengthen baseball development across the community.

Residents interested in donating or helping bring senior ball back to Kerrobert are encouraged to reach out to one of the team's organizers:

- Matthew Roblin — 306-494-7379
- Lucas Richmond — 306-834-4451
- Tyler Simpson — 306-460-9687

With a new team on the field and the community backing behind them, the Red Dogs say they're ready to bring the spirit of baseball roaring back — fur, dirt, and glory included.

Go Red Dogs!

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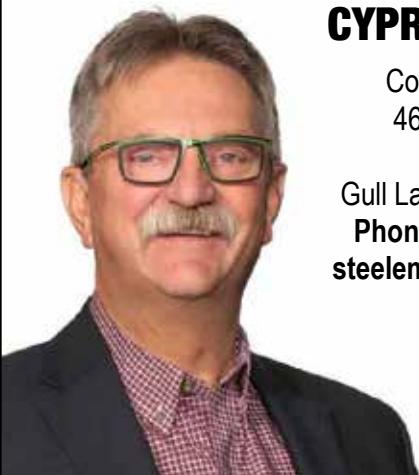
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Great Plains College honoured the 2026 graduates who earned their Early Childhood Education – Level 1 certificate at a ceremony on January 21 held at the Norman Ritchie Centre. Thirty students completed the course; however, only half of the grads were able to attend the ceremony. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*

Great Plains College celebration ceremony honours 30 grads

BY JOAN JANZEN

Great Plains College held a celebration ceremony honouring the graduates of the Early Childhood Education – Level 1 program. Family and friends gathered on Wednesday evening, January 21, at the Norman Ritchie Centre to acknowledge the achievements of the 30 graduates.

The part-time program was introduced at the Kindersley campus and ran from September 2025 to December 2025. All the students successfully completed three Level 1 courses to earn their Level 1 certification. The program was offered tuition-free thanks to the availability of grants.

Brad Mahon, President and CEO, extended a welcome to the grads and guests.

"We're so proud of you!" Brad said to the graduates.

Instructors Shannon Dimitroff and Pam Sawatzky gave a tribute to the students. "Thank you for choosing Great Plains College."

All of these students were juggling other responsibilities while completing the course, and for many of them, it had been years since they had been back in a classroom.

Academic Awards were presented to Melinda Ells and Jenascia Baldelobar. Achievement Awards were presented to students who worked to overcome challenges, showed leadership, and maximized their achievement through determined effort. The recipients were Ronnie Magabo and Brylle Mateo.

Congratulations to the 2026 GPC grads! They are: Jodi Apps, Merylle Kate Bajo, Jenascia Baldelobar, Isabelle Baroni, Samjhana Bhandari, Yira Villanueva Castano, Abid Chowdhury, Anarose Coloma, Karissa Mae Cura, Jenalyn Del Rosario, Kendall Dixon, Melinda Ells, Ashella Gagne, Brittany Gartner, Jocelyn Gee, Abigail Gilponeo, Jayden Heinrichs, Monique Hiebert, Raquel Illana, Gursharan Kaur, Ronnie Magabo, Brylle Mateo, Camryn Nutley, Marianne Oliveros, Grace Omokanye, Michelle Ramos, Mackenzie Reiss, Gagandeep Uppal, Nichole Vergara, and Sherry Vergara.



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Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday:

Kindersley NA Meeting
7:30 PM, 113 Main Street



McKearney headlines Arts Council concert series

KINDERSLEY — The Kindersley and District Arts Council is bringing award-winning Americana and alternative-country artist Kyle McKearney to town next month for an evening of roots-driven music and storytelling.

McKearney will perform Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026, at the Norman Ritchie Community Arts Centre in Kindersley. Doors open ahead of the 7:30 p.m. showtime. The venue is located at 1023 1st St. West.

McKearney has been gaining national and international attention as one of Canada's standout voices in the Americana and alternative-country scene. His sophomore album, *A Traveler's Lament*, won Alternative Country Album of the Year at the 2023 Canadian Country Music Awards and has helped propel him from local stages to larger audiences abroad, including a tour in the United Kingdom.

His sound blends influences from roots, folk, blues, soul, country, rock and pop, creating performances that appeal to a wide range of listeners.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth aged 6 to 18, and free for children five and under. Tickets can be purchased in person at Devon Cole's Garden Gallery, the Emerald Lounge, or online through Eventbrite using the QR code. Tickets will also be available at the door.



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Ed Lackner has been a volunteer member of Citizens On Patrol in Kindersley for 25 years. The 88-year-old Kindersley resident was on the very first patrol that took place in 2001. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*

Ed Lackner has been a COP volunteer for 25 years

BY JOAN JANZEN

Ed Lackner has been on patrol as a member of Citizens On Patrol (COP) for the past 25 years. The 88-year-old Kindersley resident remembers the very first patrol that took place in 2001.

"We started up in February 2001," he recalled. "We always went out in pairs of two, more or less watching for suspicious things or strange vehicles, especially at night."

Volunteers who witness any suspicious activity then phone the RCMP. "When we first started, we had a radio to contact the police," he recalled. "There were times when we would do surveillance; that doesn't happen now."

Ed explained that each patrol is four hours long. "Sometimes we had two patrols a night when we first started," he said. But generally, Ed would go out on patrols three or four times a month, and once a month during more recent years.

"I did over 500 patrols in 25 years," he reported. Although he stopped patrolling last year, he is still in charge of keeping track of statistics for COP and has a binder containing records from the very beginning.

"One time, somebody spotted a vehicle behind a business and notified the police. They didn't break in,

but they had break-in tools in their possession," he recalled.

He shared another story that occurred years ago. "The RCMP called me in to babysit at the jail one time when I was on patrol," he said, as he recalled there were only two people in the jail at the time.

As he leafed through a large binder, Ed shared some interesting statistics. Since 2001 to the end of 2024, there were 2,408 shifts, 338 call-ins to the police, 19,054 volunteer hours, and 148,086 kms driven. In 2008, they started checking businesses for open doors and found 731 open doors from 2008 to 2024.

He was happy to report they acquired a few new volunteers last year, but they're always looking for more. New volunteers receive a manual and begin patrols by going out with an experienced patroller. Meetings are held monthly when patrol schedules are made up, and a liaison officer gives a report.

"I enjoyed it because you're with different people all the time. You help the community by being extra eyes for the police, and hopefully reduce crime in town," Ed said.

After putting in 25 years of volunteer service, Ed has certainly done his part in helping to make our town a safer place for everyone. Thank you for your dedicated years of service to our community.

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The Flaxcombe Recreation Association would like to say Thank you to River West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation for giving the Flaxcombe Recreation Association a \$500.00 grant for our community. Thank you to everyone who came to the event, and to the following people and local businesses for making our Nostalgic Crafted Christmas Festival which was held on Dec. 13/25 a wonderful event.

If we accidentally forgot someone's name please know we couldn't have made this event possible without you too!

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"Rod was a mentor to so many over the years. The consummate community minded guy. Never in it for notoriety or praise, he simply just wanted the best for his community. He leaves a great legacy of community service." – Mayor Ken Francis

"Rod was a family-oriented person, who spoke fondly about spending time at the rink with his grandchildren. When he was not watching hockey, he was often seen at the walking track in the Coop Arena enjoying a daily stroll. In Council Chambers, Rod was instrumental in planning and executing the replacement of the ice plant and installation of the new seats in the Inter Pipeline arena. His commitment to recreational activities for youth in Kindersley and the surrounding areas did not go unnoticed. His presence at the West Central Events Centre will be missed."

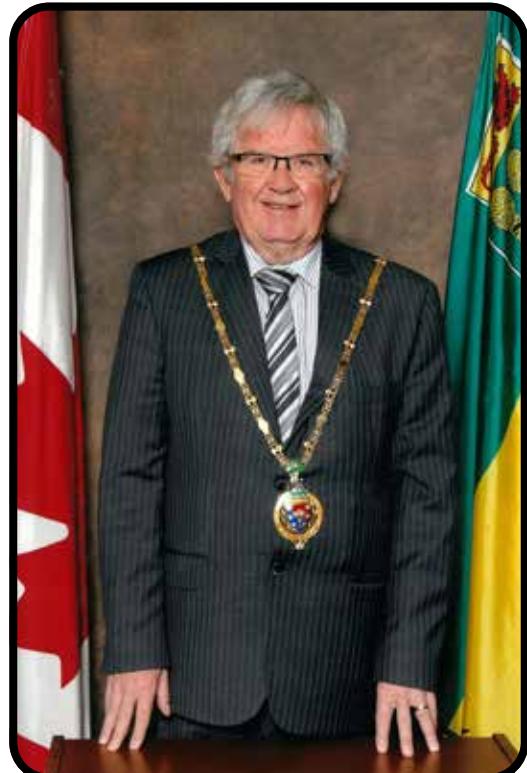
- Deputy Mayor Warren Schafer

Rod Perkins was a good friend and mentor. He was a steadfast accountant/advisor to myself and my businesses for many years. His devout dedication to the community and the people in it cannot be understated. Whether it was spearheading getting a second ice surface (West Central Events Center) built in the early 1990's, bringing a junior A hockey franchise to town (Junior Klipper's), or as of late, getting a new indoor aquatic center built. Rod was central to all these endeavours and countless others. As mayor, his financial astuteness, and appreciation for value, resulted in many projects being tackled, while at the same time bringing overall town debt down significantly. His leadership has allowed residents of Kindersley access to premium services, while at the same time keeping taxes at bay. He will be deeply missed by myself, and his passing leaves a big void in the community.

- Former Councillor Gary Becker

"Rod was a guy I've always known but never really knew until we were on council together. His experience with all different community committees through the years was what I believe steered the rag tag council he had to work with. His professionalism, humour, and down right sincerity was a major reason I enjoyed the 8 years we worked together. I will miss our after meeting meetings at the local tavern. The town lost a true citizen."

- Former Councillor Dean Galbraith



Rod Perkins

Kindersley Mayor 2016-2024

"Rod's common sense and community values were a part of his everyday life. It made it easy to work with him in any capacity especially in council chambers where he was able to move the community forward with many projects completed to make Kindersley a desirable place to live, work and play. He will be deeply missed."

- Councillor Shaun Henry

Rod Perkins was a truly special person whose warmth and integrity left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was extremely personable, a respected businessman, and a natural leader who cared deeply about people. His strong sense of community guided everything he did, and as Mayor, he served our town with fairness, dedication, and genuine pride.

Above all, Rod was a devoted family man and a trusted mentor and friend to me over the years. His guidance, generosity, and belief in others made a meaningful difference in my life and in the lives of so many. Rod's legacy lives on through his family, his community, and the countless other people he inspired. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

- Councillor Rob Anderson

"Rod loved his community and it showed right from the beginning in 1973 when he moved to Kindersley. From the early years as a Kinsmen Club member, swim club coach or his approximate 20 years with the Junior Klippers Hockey Club in various positions.

But for me, Rod's greatest contribution was his 8 years as the mayor of Kindersley. In 2016 Rod along with Gary Becker felt the Town was in dire need of a change in leadership at a council level and recruited several candidates that felt the same. Once elected, Rod and his council made many economical changes within the town, while also moving ahead with many projects that were not moving forward. Many projects that were started and finished on Rod's watch were the new Aquatic Center, Fire Hall, Lagoon Project, Industrial Area Revamp, and the new RCMP Facility. His professional accounting (CPA) background proved invaluable as he along with current administration, reduced overspending in numerous areas in an effort to help local tax payers. Rod was a great person and wonderful to work with as a fellow member of council. He will be missed in our community."

- Councillor Randy Ervine.

While I didn't know Rod as well as others, what I did know from our encounters is that he was a man of integrity and loved our fair town. I got to know him a little better 2 years ago at the Saskatchewan Oil & Gas Show in Weyburn and we had many little conversations while manning our shared booth; for the Town of Kindersley and for the Chamber of Commerce.

He is someone who had many friends and acquaintances. We will miss his smile, his dedication to Kindersley and passion for life.

- Councillor Kevin Martin

If any former Councillors wish to reach out with a statement as a tribute to Rod Perkins, please contact Anna Polksut at the Town of Kindersley at 306-463-2675. Your statement may be used in our future media postings.



Stories of Canadian super heroes who saved lives

Did you know the Superman character made his official comic book debut in 1938, and was created by Canadian cartoonist Joe Shuster? While Superman became a famous fictional hero, there are plenty of real-life Canadian heroes who displayed both courage and compassion. In this first story, a WWII soldier chose to disobey orders so he could save the lives of eighteen children.

The organization Canadians at War reported the heroism of Canadian Sergeant James McKnight, who broke protocol in order to rescue 18 German children. It was February 1945, and McKnight and his four-man crew had been in position in northern Germany during bitterly cold weather, with orders to watch a road packed with German refugees.

Although they had been warned not to engage with civilians, they couldn't ignore the sound of crying in the distance. They were ordered not to leave their position, yet they followed the cries, which led them to a bombed-out schoolhouse. There, they discovered eighteen children huddled together in a corner of the basement, trying to stay warm. Their parents had hidden them there before the bombing began, and the children had remained there for three days without heat, water, or food.

Quickly, the soldiers squeezed all the children into their truck box and



Opinion
By Joan Janzen

grabbed the radio to report what they were doing. They were told they were not authorized to transport civilians, but McKnight said they were doing it anyway. It was a four-hour drive to the closest medical station, where the children were treated. The story of human kindness in the middle of war spread quickly, but the soldiers didn't receive any recognition.

When the war ended, McKnight returned to Manitoba. Fifteen years later, he received a letter along with a photo of five adults. "We were the children you saved. We would like to meet you," the letter said. Six months later, the crew was reunited with five of the people they had rescued years earlier. The Canadian soldiers had disobeyed orders, but had saved eighteen future generations.

Another act of Canadian heroism was portrayed in a Canadian-made documentary several years ago. It was the summer of 1944 when Lloyd Oliver was serving in the 5th Canadian Armoured Division in Italy, and came across a five-year-old Italian orphan boy hiding in some ruins. He had been lost and alone for months. His father had died, and his mother couldn't be found.

According to Wartime Friends, the Canadian soldiers inquired at a nearby town and were told the boy didn't have any family. So, the little boy named Gino moved into the mechanic platoon tent,

was given a uniform, promoted to corporal, and became the company mascot. While experiencing intense fighting, the Canadians managed to care for the boy for nine months.

Oliver became his tutor, teaching him the English alphabet and the Bible, and how to read and write. The boy learned how to speak English and was soon riding his bicycle around camp as a dispatch rider.

In February 1945, the Canadians were leaving Italy, and Oliver was ordered to leave Gino at a displaced persons camp. By this time, Gino had become like a son to Oliver, so he took Gino to a nearby town and found someone to care for him. Soon afterwards, he was adopted.

After the war ended, Oliver tracked Gino down in Italy, and they kept in touch until Oliver's death in 2012. Gino grew up to be a successful engineer in Italy, and years later was able to lay a wreath at the grave of one of the soldiers who cared for him.

A few years ago, CTV reported another heroic WWII story which occurred in Holland in 1944. A Canadian soldier saw movement in the ditch while driving his Jeep. When he stopped to have a look, he discovered it was a three-year-old girl, who he pulled out of the mud and delivered to a nearby open kitchen. Although he was forced to move on, he always wondered what happened to her.

When the veteran was 98 years old, he told his story to the Dutch media, hoping to find her. A Dutch woman read the story and knew the article was talking about her rescue, as she recalled

the vivid childhood memory of sitting on the shoulders of a soldier. After talking to each other on the phone, they later arranged to have a joyful reunion in Ottawa.

One final heroic account was reported by the CBC about a miracle baby saved by Canadian soldiers. The Royal Canadian Artillery was stationed in England in September 1941 when three soldiers heard an unusual sound. The sound led them into a field, where they found a naked newborn baby. They promptly cut the cord and wrapped her in a clean shirt. The rescue of this unidentified baby made headlines in both Britain and Canada, and five months later, the baby was adopted into her new family and given the name Mary. Her birth mother eventually pleaded guilty of abandonment.

Seventy-seven years later, Mary's nephew discovered a photo of three soldiers and a baby in the newspaper archives. Mary was able to get in touch with the son of one of her rescuers. He also had a copy of the photo and his father's diary, in which he had written, "found a newborn baby."

"I can tell you that Dad looked for you for numerous years," the veteran's son told Mary when they spoke to each other on FaceTime.

"I owe my life to them," Mary replied.

These stories occurred more than eighty years ago, but they are relevant today, when children are victims throughout the world and acts of humanity are needed more than ever.

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Plenty of mystery for everyone

I'm reading the works of the Franciscan Richard Rohr. I like how he talks about Mystery. He says we know we are at the heart of Mystery when dualities disappear. And "while the human mind naturally splits reality into opposing categories (right/wrong, us/them, good/bad), true spirituality requires holding the paradox to see the underlying unity."

Our world and some of its so-called leaders seem hooked on keeping us at odds with each other with their language. Highly polarized rhetoric makes aggression look inevitable. It's particularly adept at convincing some of us that "resources" are scarce, that there's not enough to go around, so get while the gettin's good.

The people who use such language are cowards because they are inaccessible. While they turn what should be compassion into contempt, buffered by flaks, security, and sycophants, they sling spite-filled language at people they have never met—and will never meet—in the lobbies of hotels and casinos, at cocktail parties, in limos, on private jets.

The trough between caring and blaming deepens with every hateful word they speak. This type of violent language online is termed "blamespeak" or "flaming." It aims at dehumanizing target groups and inflaming an "us vs. them" violent language that is increasingly leading to physical violence.

It's time to "call out the gaps between rhetoric and reality" in a sane and dignified manner, our prime minister said recently in a long-overdue speech, echoing words Pope Leo has been repeating since his call for "a disarming language" on his first day on the Vatican balcony.



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

The oft-brilliant and always acerbic social commentator-comic Bill Maher, like our prime minister and the pope, harangues us to be more careful with our words, though he claims language can't be violent, only encourage violence. My etymological dictionary would beg to differ: under the word "violence" I find the synonyms "vehement" and "forceful."

One thing Maher and I do agree on: every hotel room should have a dictionary. While on the road recently, I reached for the Gideon Bible in the hotel bedside table, and there wasn't one. I'm not sure who is threatened by the presence of a free Bible in a drawer, but many hotels no longer have them. Fine, I thought: if a Bible is too threatening, how about a dictionary?

Whether addressing diplomats, members of the media, or his fellow cardinals, Pope Leo insists we take care with our words. In his "state of the world" address, he said: "Rediscovering the meaning of words is perhaps the greatest challenge."

He urged us to resist and be alert to "the contortions of linguistic ambiguity." He exhorted members of the media "to be sowers of good words, amplifiers of voices that courageously seek reconciliation by disarming hearts of hatred and fanaticism. In a fragmented and polarized world, be the antennas that capture and relay the experiences of the vulnerable, the marginalized, those who are alone and who long to know the joy of feeling loved."

He reminded us that, in order "to confront this era marked—including in the field of communication—by the rise of artificial intelligence, it is urgent to return to matters of the heart, to the centrality of good relationships, and to the ability to connect with others, without excluding anyone. This urgent need finds its answer in the service of truth."

To know one another, we must meet without being intimidated by differences, ready to be challenged for who we are and what we believe." He encouraged us "to be seekers of truth," "artisans of a word that embraces," "a balm for the wounds of humanity."

But how do we re-unite through communication? We could start by not suffering under the assumption

and delusion that only inflammatory language gets heard. We can remind ourselves, like Pope Francis reminded Leo, to keep our sense of humour.

Just last night my brother and I were talking about humour. He figures, as long as he keeps his sense of humour, he'll get through this tough post-stroke time of "beehive brain" and "pinball eyeballs." It occurred to me, as we were talking, that true hearty laughter is another way to dissolve dualities. The great mystery of genuine humour is when we can all laugh together with each other, not at each other.

We also spoke about our souls. How we mustn't drop the words that speak on behalf of the wounded soul. And how we keep seeking the places where spirit and soul still matter, still thrive—in nature, poetry, song and theology, as well as humour.

Pope Leo has warned us that a "new Orwellian-style language" is developing in the West, referring to the ways language is being used to confuse people and to justify, as well as obfuscate, ugly behaviour.

I remember studying Orwell's "1984" alongside Huxley's "Brave New World" in my British Lit class in the late 1970s. (Just around the time "citizens" were being referred to, more often, as "consumers.") Not long afterward, the cultural critic Neil Postman compared the two novels in his book "Amusing Ourselves to Death."

Postman wrote: "Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance. Orwell feared we would become a captive culture. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture, with an infinite appetite for distraction," and that people ultimately would "come to love their oppression, to adore the technologies that undo their capacities to think."

Postman believed that Huxley, not Orwell was right. But I believe, sadly, they both were. Fortunately, we don't need to choose between either. We can disarm, walk away from the "us vs them" fray. We can tune our antennae to humour and soul, united in the bountiful, infinite language of a shared Mystery.

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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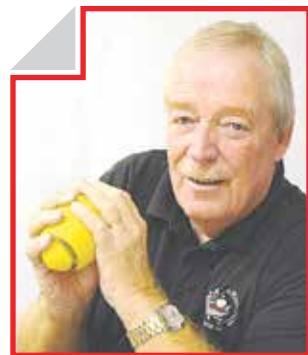
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Jets' downward slide shocks 'Peg fans

Winnipeg Jets fans got quite a shock in January when an 11-game winless streak during the middle of what had been a mediocre National Hockey League season dumped the Jets into 32nd place overall in the 32-team NHL.



Sports
By Bruce Penton

It was an unbelievable downturn for the Jets, who were coming off a season in 2024-25 when they won the prestigious President's Trophy as overall points leader in the NHL. Most teams which suffer declines do it gradually — a pennant one year might lead to a middle-of-the-pack finish the following season, with missing the playoffs next in line before a rebuild begins.

For the Jets this season, it was like they plummeted from the top of Mount Everest.

Thankfully for those who live and die with the Jets' prospects, however, there was hope on the horizon. The Jets ran off a four-game mini winning streak which included three home-ice victories and then a solid 4-1 triumph in Minneapolis that may have signalled the worst was over.

But the 11-game winless streak was worrisome. The Jets lost only 22 games last season; they hit 22 defeats in the first 42 games this year. Their secondary scoring was dismal; the team was being carried by the top line of Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor and Gabriel Vilardi, which accounted for nearly 50 per cent of the Jets' goals through the first half of the season. (Vilardi has lately been moved to the second line, replaced by Alex Iafallo.)

Some of that scoring from secondary sources has recently shown signs of life. Off-season signee Jonathan Toews scored in four consecutive games to reach seven for the season but offence from expected sources like Cole Perfetti (three this year) and Nino Niederreiter (seven, after 17 last season) was quiet.

Analysts are puzzled about the Jets' troubles. About the only key departure in the off-season was winger Nikolaj Ehlers, who signed as a free agent with Carolina. Ehlers was third in points and fourth in goals on the team last year, and played a key role on the powerplay. For the most part, however, the team is essentially the same.

Offensive output from almost everyone except the big three is way down, and the miraculous play of goalie Connor Hellebuyck, last year's Vezina Trophy winner and MVP, can only carry a team so far. One big gainer has been defenceman Logan Stanley, who scored one goal in each of the last four seasons, but was sitting at eight through 45 games this year. Fellow blueliner Josh Morrissey was his usual brilliant self, quarterbacking the powerplay and putting up his normal point-per-game offensive numbers as he geared up to skate for Canada's Olympic team.

After that recent winless streak reached 11 games, Jets' coach Scott Arniel said, "I think we are all getting mental right now in the sense that it's in everybody's head."

Arniel and Jets' fans hope the team's rebound continues after the Olympic break. They've been to the top and they've experienced life at the bottom and there's no doubt the view is much better from the higher elevation.

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- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Colorado Rockies hired Paul DePodesta as their president of baseball operations. DePodesta previously worked for the A's, Padres, Indians and Mets, so he brings a strong background in losing to the Mile High City."
- From fark.com: "Dak Prescott dusts off the script, changes all the '2025' to '2026', and vows that, yea, verily, next season will be different."
- Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "New England Patriots DT Christian Barmore is facing a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery on a household/family member. And Patriots WR Stefon Diggs is facing a felony charge of strangulation and a misdemeanor charge of assault. Is Urban Meyer coaching the Pats now?"
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "I grew up with four sisters who would watch horror movies with hands over eyes, scarcely daring to peek between trembling fingers. These days, that's how I watch the Winnipeg Jets."
- Another one from Cathal Kelly on the powerful Dodgers getting even stronger by signing Kyle Tucker: "Whoever they play will be afraid. Some teams will be beaten on the drive into Chavez Ravine."
- Columnist Norman Chad, on X: "I believe Sean McVay would've fired himself if he lost to the Panthers (in the NFL wildcard game), so Colby Parkinson's remarkable touchdown catch just saved his coach's job."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "How long until Tom Brady gives Trump one of his many trophies and Donald declares himself a Super Bowl champion?"
- Another one from RJ Currie: "At the Grand Slam Of Curling event in Steinbach, Man., team John Shuster cut the sleeves off their outfits and played with exposed biceps. Or in typical U.S. fashion, they exercised their right to bare arms."
- Headline at fark.com: "The Dodgers have the biggest dump truck of money and it just made a stop at Kyle Tucker's house."
- Another fark.com headline: "John Harbaugh agrees to become the next coach fired by the New York Giants."

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A new team, an old photo, and a little winter hope

BY KATE WINQUIST

On Friday morning, Saskatchewan wasn't just cold — we were winning cold. Eight of the top ten coldest places in Canada were right here, including Saskatoon and North Battleford.

Thankfully, I have an indoor job. I could work from home — write this column, edit articles, and scroll aimlessly through Facebook — all while wrapped up in flannel jammies. But honestly? I prefer the office. I get more done with fewer distractions, and I keep telling myself this cold snap can't last forever.

Maybe that's why my mind keeps drifting to baseball.

Not the kind you're watching on TV, but the kind that lives closer to home — summer evenings, lawn chairs, sun still hanging in the sky, and the sound of a ball popping into a glove.

And that's exactly what's coming back to Kerrobert. Kerrobert is getting a brand new senior team this season: the Kerrobert Red Dogs.

By the sounds of it, the community is already rallying behind them in a big way — sponsorship from Red Dog Solutions, upgrades at the fairgrounds, and even a new pitcher's mound. It's a brand-new team, but it feels like something familiar too... the kind of news that makes winter feel a little shorter.

It also brought back a flood of memories.

I played for the Glidden Gamblers ladies fastball team back in the day. I was only 15 — the youngest on the roster — playing alongside the likes of Diane Fizell and Nadine Paslawski. Norm Arthur and Richard Dillman coached us, and I can still picture the practices, the laughs, and the

tournaments.

One memory still makes me laugh. We were at a tournament in Richmound, and the team decided to "pit-in" at the Richmound Hotel afterward. Now, if you've ever been 15 years old standing outside a hotel while everyone else is inside having the time of their lives... you'll understand my situation. I didn't exactly pass for bar age. I was stuck outside until my sister and her boyfriend at the time drove down and rescued me.

I always figured my love of ball — and whatever talent I had — came from my Dad. He played for Glidden back in the '50s, and his nickname was Spring. I can still picture a photo of him in uniform alongside his buddy Mel Follensbee.

I never really thought of my Mom as an athlete. I knew she played sports growing up, but she didn't talk about it much.

So imagine my surprise earlier this month when I was scrolling through the Historic Saskatchewan page looking for an old photo of Kindersley... and I stumbled across a girls' ball team photo from 1949 — the McCord Midgets and the Mankota Meteors.

And there, smack dab in the middle of the front row, was my mom.

I recognized her instantly — mostly because my sister Carrie could be her twin. I just stared at the screen thinking, How have we never seen this before? The photo was part of the Everett Baker collection, taken in Ferland, Saskatchewan, on June 17, 1949. Mom would have been just two months shy of her 13th birthday.

The craziest part? None of us — not me, not my siblings — had ever seen that photo. It felt like it had been tucked away for decades, waiting quietly until the right moment to appear.

And it showed up now — right in the middle of a Saskatchewan winter, when everything feels frozen and endless.

There was my Mom, frozen in time in a ball photo from 1949. A reminder of who she was. A reminder that our stories never really disappear — they surface again when we need them most.

So yes, it's bitterly cold.

But the Red Dogs are coming, summer's still on the calendar, and a surprise photo of my Mom — 13 years old in 1949 — reminded me that spring always returns.

Sometimes it shows up exactly when you need it.

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Extreme cold gripped prairies as survey showed rising winter-weather concern

Wind chills near -40°C hit Manitoba and Saskatchewan over the weekend

An Arctic air mass drove extreme cold across Manitoba and Saskatchewan over the weekend, with wind chills approaching -40°C , raising the risk of frozen pipes, ice dams, roof stress and power outages.

Property experts said prolonged cold also increased the likelihood of falling branches and trees, and in some cases, house fires linked to improper use of space heaters.

Public-opinion polling from First Onsite Property Restoration suggested anxiety about winter weather was rising across the Prairies. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 79 per cent of respondents said they worried about winter storms, while 74 per cent said they were concerned about extreme cold, burst pipes and power outages — both up seven points from 2024, according to the company's annual Property and Weather Survey.

The survey also found 64 per cent of Prairie respondents believed climate change was driving higher home and business insurance costs.

The growing concern followed another costly year for weather-related damage in Canada. Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ) reported insured losses reached \$2.4 billion in 2025, with \$3.4 billion in total societal losses.

Among the major events cited was an Ontario–Quebec ice storm that caused \$490 million in insured damage, making it the second-costliest ice storm in Canadian history, CatIQ said.

First Onsite, a national property



A cold day on the prairies at Loverna, Saskatchewan. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

restoration company, said freeze-thaw cycles and heavy snow accumulation strained roofs and increased the risk of water intrusion when temperatures fluctuated.

"Colder temperatures, melting snow and freeze-thaw cycles increase risks to homes and commercial properties," Jim Mandeville, senior vice-president at First Onsite Property Restoration, said in a statement.

The company said property owners could reduce winter damage risk by insulating exposed plumbing, keeping indoor temperatures consistent, clearing snow safely from roofs where possible,

and ensuring emergency supplies were available in case of outages.

First Onsite's director of operations for the Prairies, Curtis Azevedo, was available to discuss common cold-weather damage patterns, prevention measures, and what homeowners and businesses could do immediately after a winter-related loss.

Winter-weather damage prevention tips

For homeowners and businesses, the company recommended:

- responding quickly to water damage to help prevent mould growth
- insulating vulnerable pipes and let-

ting faucets drip during prolonged extreme cold

- reducing ice dam risks through safe snow removal and proper attic insulation and ventilation
- preparing for outages with flashlights, batteries, generators and emergency supplies
- keeping a list of emergency contacts, including plumbers, electricians and insurers

First Onsite released its annual winter preparedness guidance earlier this season, citing forecasts of a colder, stormier winter across parts of the country.

BRANDED CONTENT

WORKSAFE SASKATCHEWAN: Building psychologically safer workplaces in Saskatchewan

When we think of workplace safety, hard hats, steel-toed boots and harnesses often come to mind. But safety isn't only about preventing physical harm—it's also about protecting our psychological health.

Across Saskatchewan, more workers and employers are recognizing the importance of psychological health and safety. Yet many still ask: where do we start? How do we create workplaces where people feel safe, respected and supported, both physically and psychologically?

The's where the Psychological Health and Safety Resource Centre comes in.

A trusted hub for workers, employers and leaders

WorkSafe Saskatchewan, the injury prevention partnership between the WCB and the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, developed a free, easy-to-use online hub with practical tools to help workplaces strengthen psychological health and safety.

The Resource Centre provides straightforward guidance for organizations at every stage, whether they're beginning to explore workplace psychological health or enhancing existing programs. Resources include:

- Guides and templates to help employers build psychological health and safety into their policies and practices.
- Webinars and workshops tailored to Saskatchewan workplaces.
- Worker resources to understand rights, build resources and find support.
- A directory of community supports to connect individuals to services close to home.

"Our goal is to make sure workers and employers in Saskatchewan have access to credible, practical tools that support psychological health and safety," says Kevin Mooney, vice president of prevention and employer services at the WCB.

A growing challenge

Psychological injury claims have been steadily rising in Saskatchewan. From 2020 to 2024, the WCB accepted 1,209 psychological injury claims—numbers that continue to grow. While these claims still account for a small portion of all workplace injuries, their impact is significant with psychological injury claims durations higher than overall claim durations.

Behind every statistic is a worker, a family and a workplace affected by stress, trauma or burnout. Psychological health issues can impact focus and productivity but more importantly, they can affect people's quality of life.

"Over the past several years, we've seen Saskatchewan workplaces dealing with unique psychological health and safety challenges," said Mooney. "That reinforces the importance of providing Saskatchewan workers and employers with the tools they need to support psychological health and safety in their workplaces."

A trusted partner

WorkSafe Saskatchewan developed the Resource Centre with guidance of Dr. Joti Samra, a national leader in workplace psychological health and safety. Dr. Samra played a key role in developing the National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace, the first of its kind in the world.

"Research statistics don't lie," said Dr. Samra. "Conservatively, one out of five of us will experience a psychological or mental health issue or illness every single year. Now, more than ever, we have a critical imperative to take action."

Practical tools, real impact

The Resource Centre isn't just about awareness. The site provides resources that are simple, credible and easy to use, including:

- Step-by-step resources for leaders to begin developing a psychologically safe workplace.
- Self-assessment tools to help organizations identify strengths and gaps.
- Educational videos and toolkits designed to fit the realities of Saskatchewan workplaces.
- Links to provincial psychological health services, making it easy to find additional help when needed.

For example, an employer might use the templates to integrate psychological safety into their safety program, while a worker might download resources to manage stress or seek community support.

Why psychological health matters

Research shows that workplaces that prioritize psychological health and safety see fewer injuries, reduced absenteeism and higher productivity. In a province where nearly 90 per cent of workplaces report zero injuries and zero fatalities each year, addressing psychological health is the next frontier in prevention.

"Ultimately, healthy, resilient and thriving organizations and teams are comprised of healthy, resilient and thriving workers—both physically and psychologically," Dr. Samra noted.

Take the first step

Building psychologically healthy workplaces takes all of us—workers, employers, unions, industry associations and safety leaders. By starting conversations, reducing stigma and using the free tools available, we can create workplaces where people feel safe bringing their whole selves to work.

Visit worksafesask.ca/phsrc today to explore free tools, connect with community supports and begin building a stronger foundation for psychological health and safety in your workplace.

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Largest-ever legacy gift at USask establishes Pringle Scholarship Program at Edwards School of Business

SASKATOON — A new scholarship program at the University of Saskatchewan's (USask) Edwards School of Business will ensure that a commerce degree remains a realistic dream for students across Saskatchewan thanks to an extraordinary bequest from William (Bill) and May Ellen Pringle.

Through the largest legacy gift ever received by USask, awards will be distributed in perpetuity to continuing undergraduate students who demon-

strate financial need and who graduated at a high school outside Regina or Saskatoon. The \$10 million endowment received to date will fund scholarships named after Bill and two of his brothers — the William G. Pringle Award, the Bertram H. Pringle Award and the John A. Pringle Award. Together, these three awards will make up the Pringle Scholarship Program — the largest scholarship program at the business school to date. Each recipient will have their full tuition covered for the remainder of their degree.

"The generosity of Bill and May Ellen Pringle is an extraordinary gesture that will have a lasting impact on the lives of students at the Edwards School of Business," said USask President and Vice-Chancellor Vince Bruni-Bossio. "Their belief in our university's ability to shape the future aligns with our mission to be what the world needs and this enduring gift will continue to inspire generations of students to make meaningful contributions to their communities and beyond. We are honoured to carry on Bill and May Ellen's legacy through these awards."

After earning his Bachelor of Commerce in 1955, Bill Pringle maintained a strong connection to USask until his passing in 2015. He graduated at the top of his class and then went on to enjoy a successful career as a chartered accountant and real estate developer in Calgary, Alta., yet he never forgot his roots.

"If I hadn't got an education at a reasonable price, I wouldn't have had the chance to do as well as I have," Bill told the Green & White magazine in 2005. "I wanted to do something for USask because it had certainly done a lot for me. The scholarship will put something back into education."

Bill and May Ellen paid tribute to Bill's brothers by naming two



May Ellen and William (Bill) Pringle

of the scholarships in their honour. Both John (Jack) and Bertram (Bert) attended the College of Commerce, now known as the Edwards School of Business. Jack graduated in 1938 and went on to have a long and successful career at USask. With just one class left before completing his degree, Bert left the college to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was sadly killed in action in 1943.

The Pringles' estate gift had been part of Bill and May Ellen's legacy planning for more than 20 years. After the passing of May Ellen in 2024, plans were set in motion to honour the couple. On July 31, 2025, members of the Pringle family, along with Edwards faculty and staff, gathered for a special plaque unveiling to recognize Bill and May Ellen's extraordinary generosity.

"I was thrilled by the effort that the Edwards School of Business put into highlighting my uncle and aunt," said Don Pringle, nephew of Bill and May Ellen. "My family and I were especially appreciative of Dean Willoughby's comments about the gift and our family."

When reminiscing about his aunt

and uncle, Pringle emphasized that the couple was always very generous with their time.

"They were a thoughtful couple in their support of what mattered to them. I was always struck by that," said Pringle. "They both came from small towns — May from small-town Alberta and Bill from Harris, Sask., — and education was extremely important to both of them, so they decided to provide a hand up for students who graduate from those smaller communities."

It is estimated that 35 continuing Edwards students will receive a Pringle award each year, something that Dr. Keith Willoughby (PhD), dean of the Edwards School of Business, believes will enhance the philanthropic culture taking shape within the school.

"Our students are inspired by the generosity of Bill and May Ellen Pringle. They recognize that this support not only helps to relieve financial burdens today, but that it is an investment in their future as business leaders," said Willoughby. "We are deeply appreciative of the Pringles and their enduring legacy."

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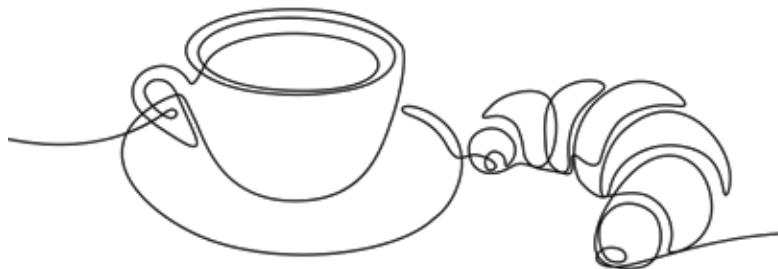
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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- 18 Night light?
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- 31 Ohio's "Rubber Capital"
- 32 Crone
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- LITERATURE: Who was the first Canadian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Greek gods?
- LANGUAGE: Which language is the second most spoken in Canada?
- HISTORY: Which explorer sailed around Africa to discover a trade route between Europe and India?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- GAMES: In what year was the original Pac-Man video game released?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town where "Hart of Dixie" is set?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which popular fruit has seeds on the outside?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is the common name for alopecia?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country are the Cliffs of Moher located?

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1. Short story author Alice Munro; 2. Mount Olympus; 3. French; 4. Vasco da Gama; 5. Bruiser; 6. 1980; 7. Bluebell, Alabama; 8. Strawberries; 9. Hair loss; 10. Ireland

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From left, unknown SGI rep, SaskBuilds Minister Sean Wilson, unknown SGI rep, Mike "Butch" Gering, Aaron Cugnet, SGI Minister Jeremy Harrison, CAOEC CEO Mark Scholz, Dennis Day, Mike Fowler, Estevan Mayor Tony Sernick. The photo was taken at an Aaron Well Servicing rig in the Viewfield area on Jan. 20. *PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK*

SGI to harmonize service rig driver requirements with Alberta and eventually Manitoba

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

WEYBURN — For a very long time, the Saskatchewan government has been working on reducing interprovincial trade barriers. Some of these are relatively inconsequential regulatory affairs that don't sync between provinces, having been developed independently.

Way back in 2010, then-Premier Brad Wall brought together western premiers into the New West Partnership Agreement, which had a stated goal to "avoid measures that operate to restrict or impair trade between or through their territories, or investment or labour mobility between them."

Sixteen years later, there's still work to be done. And with the US-initiated trade war that's been going on, Canadian provinces are again looking at reducing internal trade barriers which apparently still exist.

In this case, it's SGI rules for service rig drivers.

That was brought forward on Jan. 20, when Minister of Crown Investments Corp. and Minister Responsible for SGI Jeremy Harrison met with president and CEO of the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC) Mark Scholz in Weyburn. There, in the offices of Aaron Well Servicing, they signed a Memorandum of Agreement.

Behind them were Mike "Butch" Gering of Diamond Energy Services, Swift Current; Aaron Cugnet of Aaron Well Servicing, Weyburn; Dennis Day of General Well Servicing, Ex-cel Well Servicing and Eagle Sky Ventures of Carnduff and Oxbow; and Mike Fowler of Eagle Sky Ventures, Carnduff.

Previously, Saskatchewan service rig drivers were required to get specific endorsements on their licence, and to submit periodic medical fitness reports, similar to drivers licensed to operate other heavy vehicles.

As of Jan. 20, amendments to The Driver Licensing and Suspension (Mobile Mounted Service Rigs) Amendment Regulations will:

- Eliminate the G-Endorsement requirements for CAOEC member drivers.
- Remove the requirement for CAOEC service rig drivers to submit periodic medical reports to SGI.

Service rigs spend approximately 95 per cent of their time performing well-servicing operations, with very little time spent in transit. When they are on roads,

they are driven in convoys, at speeds not exceeding 80 km/h, and largely on secondary or rural roads.

Service rig operators receive highly specialized training through a training program and certification process delivered by CAOEC, which is recognized by the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The regulatory changes also harmonize Saskatchewan's standards with those in Alberta. In 2019, the premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta signed a memorandum of understanding to help remove provincial barriers to the movement of service rigs. This builds on harmonization work already underway, the government release said.

Scholz said the agreement is "a great day for service rigs in the province of Saskatchewan," reducing red tape and promoting harmonization across Western Canada.

Harrison thanked the industry and said the change is about "creating the conditions where we have that harmonization, where we have that red tape reduced," so service rig operators can do their job more effectively.

Asked what exactly this was all about, Scholz said it allows service rig contractors "to focus on what they're good at, which is staying in the field," while reducing administrative burden. He said the goal is harmonization with Alberta and eventually Manitoba, so contractors can operate under one set of transportation rules across Western Canada.

Scholz said the agreement is also meant to make movement between Saskatchewan and Alberta more seamless, particularly around Lloydminster, "where there truly is no border that exists between Alberta and Saskatchewan from a commerce perspective in oil and gas."

Asked why it took so long to get to this point, Harrison said Saskatchewan is always looking for opportunities to harmonize regulation and remove trade barriers, including through bilateral agreements and the Canada Free Trade Agreement.

"I think in this circumstance now, we are going to have a situation where service rigs can operate under the same rules between Alberta and Saskatchewan," Harrison said. "We're working with Manitoba to get there as well."

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Small town of Cabri is experiencing population growth

BY JOAN JANZEN

"Raise them Rural" is a popular slogan used to attract families to rural living and a small-town lifestyle. Cabri, located in southwestern Saskatchewan, is an example of one of those rural towns experiencing population growth.

The community recently opened Zambogies Mini Golf as a welcoming activity for people of all ages. Cabri's Community Development Director, Cheyenne Bradford, said the project was funded by a memorial fund.

"When our curling rink closed, we needed something to fill the gap that could be used year-round," she explained. The mini golf opened during their memorial hockey tournament at the end of December. It has been well used and is affordably priced at \$5 per round, per person, based on an honour system.

The town also has a mini mall, which houses a fitness centre, massage therapist, hairdresser, daycare centre, and more. "We have a lot of young families and definitely have a good volunteer base," Cheyenne said. The K-12 school is at capacity for students, and the community also has a long-term care facility and health clinic.

"We began regional municipal conversations and action planning in 2014," Cheyenne explained. Their Three Point Economic Partnership is a regional collaboration between Cabri, Abbey, and Hazlet, as well as the RMs of Miry Creek, Riverside, and Pittville. The group continues to pursue sustainable growth for the region.

"Together, we have hosted two successful Impact Awards showcasing our businesses, volunteers, youth, and community groups in the region," she said. In March, they will be hosting their second annual career fair.

"We work on engaging youth to consider returning home following education or work experiences to grow our local population and employment," she added.

Statistics show that their plans are working. The most recent census showed their population rose from 390 in 2016 to 413 in 2021.

"Cabri is experiencing population growth driven



Historical photos of Cabri, Saskatchewan.

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by several key factors, including the rising demand for more affordable living, a desire to step away from the hustle and bustle of city life, and the appeal of greater freedom and space for children," Cheyenne observed. Many individuals are choosing to return to their hometown to be closer to family or to work in family-run businesses and farms. "The growth of remote work has made it possible for people to enjoy rural living while maintaining stable, well-paying employment."

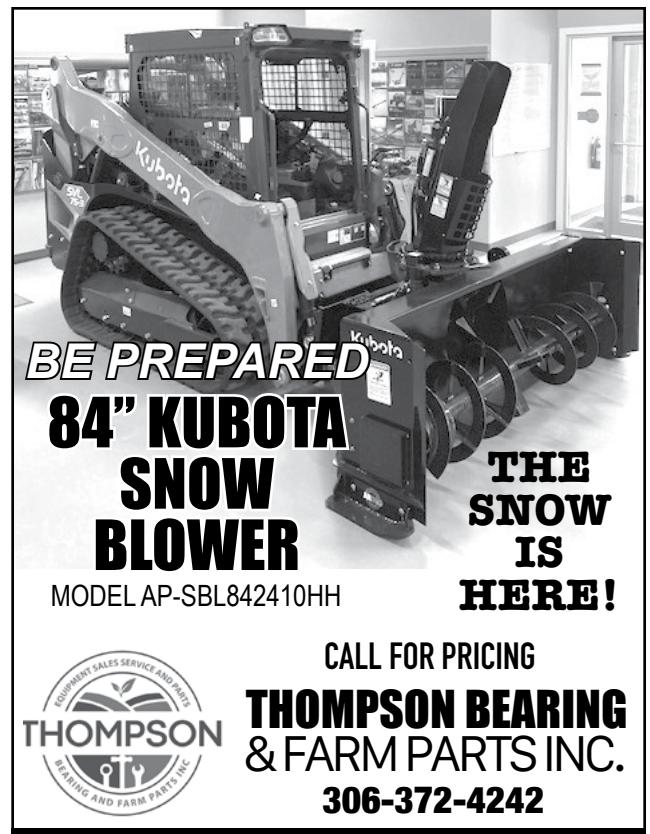
People who move to rural towns and villages appreciate the community connection and meeting their neighbours. Small-town living has been the heartbeat of prairie life since the early 1900s, and now many people are choosing to return to a more affordable and friendly rural lifestyle.



The community of Cabri, Saskatchewan recently opened Zambogies Mini Golf, which is housed in their former curling rink building.

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Saskatchewan RCMP say more than 500 vehicles checked in traffic safety initiative

Saskatchewan RCMP say their Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan teams checked more than 500 vehicles during proactive traffic safety initiatives in central and northern parts of the province earlier this month.

Police say the enforcement efforts took place between Jan. 14 and Jan. 18, focusing on unsafe driving behaviours, including drug- and alcohol-impaired driving.

RCMP say Melfort and Prince Albert CTSS teams conducted patrols from Melfort to La Ronge and surrounding areas between Jan. 16 and Jan. 18. Officers checked about 80 vehicles and carried out roughly 80 mandatory alcohol screening tests.

Police say the patrols led to 10 roadside licence suspensions after drivers were found to have recently consumed alcohol or drugs, and four drivers were charged with alcohol- or drug-related impaired driving under the Criminal Code. Sixteen vehicles and one all-terrain vehicle were impounded. Officers also issued 71 tickets and 111 warnings.

At the same time, Saskatoon and Maidstone CTSS

teams conducted a traffic initiative in the Lloydminster, Maidstone, Onion Lake, Turtleford, Cut Knife and Battlefords detachment areas. RCMP say officers checked about 430 vehicles between Jan. 14 and Jan. 18, issuing 302 tickets and 311 warnings.

Police say one driver was charged with alcohol-related impaired driving under the Criminal Code and 31 roadside licence suspensions were issued after drivers were found to have recently consumed alcohol or drugs.

Saskatchewan Highway Patrol officers with the Provincial Protective Services Branch assisted with a check stop held Jan. 15 and 16 in the Maidstone detachment area, RCMP say.

"These numbers represent only a snapshot of the work our CTSS teams — alongside detachments across Saskatchewan — do every day to keep our roads safe," Insp. Lee Knelsen, operations officer with Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Services, said in a news release. "Every vehicle we stop gives officers an opportunity to prevent a serious incident, such as identifying a potential impaired driver."

TOWN OF KINDERSLEY

Local Government Election

FORM H (Section 66 of the Act)

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Why are young people over-represented in workplace accidents?

In North America, an increasing number of young people between the ages of 14 and 17 are joining the workforce. However, statistics show that young workers face a higher risk of job-related injuries than their older colleagues. What explains this trend, and what can be done to improve their safety on the job?

Several factors contribute to this over-representation. First, young workers often lack experience and a thorough understanding of occupational hazards, making them more vulnerable to workplace mishaps. They may also hesitate to ask questions or be unaware of their limits.

Additionally, many young people work in high-risk environments, such as factories, grocery stores (butcher departments, for example) and restaurants. In these settings, they often encounter hazards like sharp tools, heavy loads, hazardous chemicals and hot appliances like deep fryers.

Preventive measures

Prevention is the key to reducing the risks of workplace accidents. Employers must provide young workers with comprehensive training right from the start. This training should cover safety

procedures and instructions on how to properly use equipment and recognize safety risks.

Additionally, young workers must receive appropriate supervision and guidance to ensure they're adhering to safety protocols. It's also crucial for employers to listen to young employ-

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Preventive measures

Rigorous safety practices are imperative on construction sites, and implementing appropriate safeguards can prevent a tragedy. These measures could include:

- Ensuring every worker receives proper training in safety procedures and equipment use
- Installing clear signage to indicate hazardous areas and applicable safety instructions
- Mandating the correct and consistent use of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as helmets, goggles, gloves, boots and harnesses

Effective preventive measures can help make construction sites safer for everyone. The next time you drive past a construction site, remember the well-being of those working there and remain extra vigilant.



- Regularly maintaining equipment by testing, cleaning, lubricating and repairing tools and machines to prevent defects
- Assessing the risks before starting each project and adapting work methods accordingly

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Pool Lifeguard | Landscape Labourer | Administrative Assistant

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We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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How talking together at the dinner table builds literacy and confidence

The focus of this year's Family Literacy Day is *Make mealtime family learning time*. Family meals are more than a chance to eat together — they provide opportunities for children to build communication skills, confidence and connection.

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A simple question like "What was the best part of your day?" can help a child develop important literacy skills, including sequencing, descriptive language and empathy.

Oral literacy is a key part of language development. Conversation plays a major role in expanding vocabulary and teaching children how to organize their thoughts, explain opinions and respond to questions.

Family mealtimes can also provide a safe environment to try out language without fear of getting the "wrong" answer. Adults, meanwhile, model good communication by asking questions, sharing stories and showing curiosity about what others have to say.

Family conversations can strengthen relationships and help children feel heard and supported. In a world of busy schedules and screens competing for attention, setting aside time for conversation can be a simple way to reconnect.

Family Literacy Day is held every Jan. 27. This year's theme is Make mealtime family learning time — whether that's following a recipe, writing a grocery list or talking about their day.

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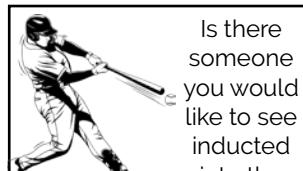
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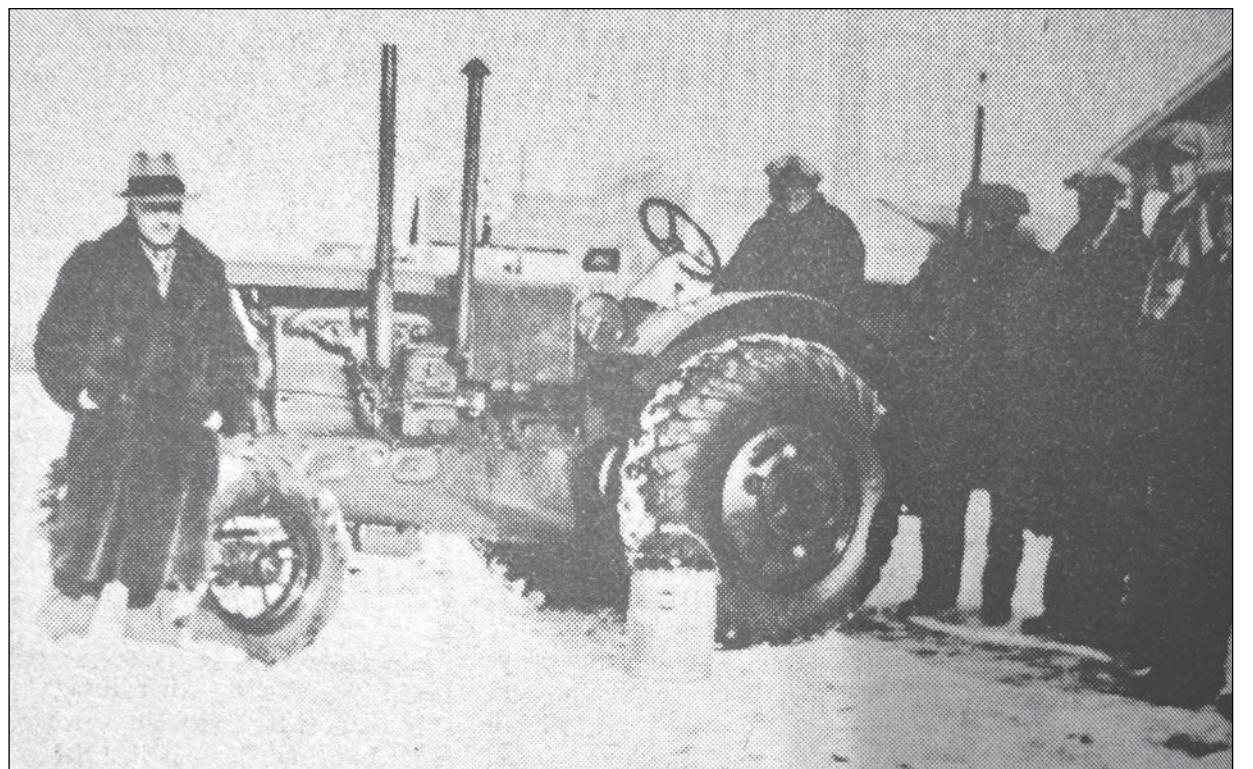
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An appreciation dinner was held on January 20 for volunteers who regularly help at Kindersley FoodMesh. Several volunteers were unable to attend, but those present enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Kelly Skappak.

PHOTO BY MARGE BAILEY

These volunteers love serving their community

BY JOAN JANZEN

An appreciation dinner was held on Tuesday, January 20, in honour of the more than two dozen volunteers who help make the Kindersley FoodMesh program possible. They are the hands and feet who collect, sort, and distribute food throughout the week.

Everyone gathered in the gym at Kindersley Christian Fellowship to enjoy a delicious meal catered by Kelly Skappak. Pastors Dana and Marge Bailey expressed their appreciation for all the work the volunteers do.

Several volunteers briefly spoke about the program. Not only do they enjoy giving back to the community, but they also love having fun while they do it. One volunteer said they appreciated that everyone can come in and choose the food they need for themselves and their families.

I have been volunteering at FoodMesh for several years, and it has been a very rewarding experience. It's also an opportunity to connect with the people who come through the doors—many of whom I may otherwise never have met.

In 2025, a total of 126,500 pounds of food was rescued and distributed through Kindersley FoodMesh.

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Anri's book encourages readers to rise above every obstacle

BY JOAN JANZEN

Anri Steyn loves incorporating creativity into everything she does. She is now happy to announce that her book, *A Story Worth Telling ... Don't Quit. Rise Above It.*, is available on Amazon.com.

The stories worth telling are drawn from her life, which began in South Africa, and her journey to Canada in May 2023, alongside her husband, Pieter, and their two sons, ages eight and 11. Her creative writing began in 2018, when a friend invited her to a conference where people were encouraged to connect with the Creator and their creative side.

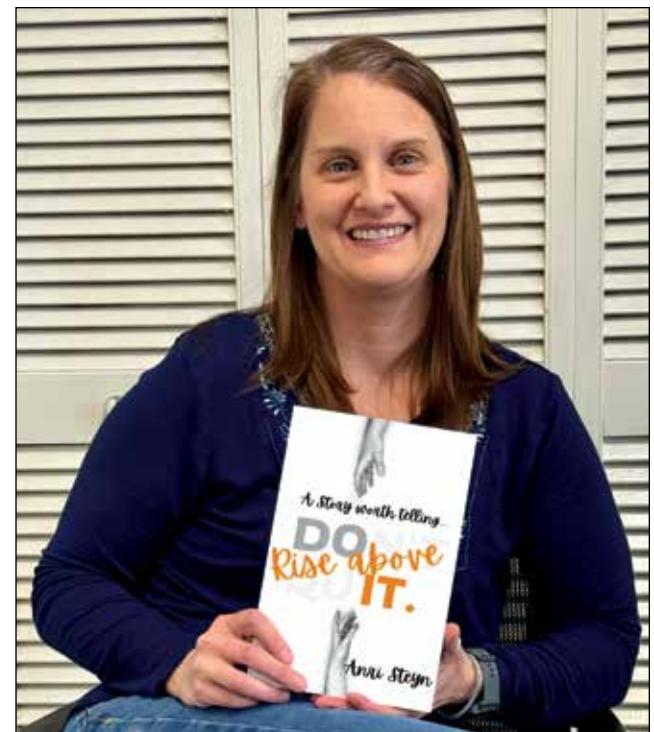
"I started creating quotes," Anri said. "Eventually I started writing, but the idea was never to have a book." However, seven years later, those quotes became the chapters of her book—each one accompanied by her own life experiences and lessons learned.

"We learn every day; there are things happening every single day. It's nice to share our story in this way," she explained. Her book shares the life lessons she has learned from childhood to the present.

The message she hopes to share with her readers is the same one she wants to instill in her children. "The lesson I want them to get out of this is that we need to rely on God to give us strength," she said. "Our support is going to come from Christ. Our identity is found in Christ, and we need to find our strength in Christ."

While writing her book, Anri explored more of her creative side and started putting her quotes on T-shirts and tote bags. "I started playing around with that, and I call it Rise Above It Creation," she said. "I wanted it to become a movement, not just a book. Everything will flow out of the book." Both Anri's book and the merchandise she offers are designed to inspire and encourage others.

Anri, Pieter, and their boys continue to live out their



Kindersley resident and new author Anri Steyn holds a copy of her book, *A Story Worth Telling ... Don't Quit. Rise Above It.* PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

story each day. They are writing the pages of many more books to come as they continue to rise above every obstacle and never quit. Their everyday lives will keep Anri supplied with a multitude of stories, life lessons, and encouragement to share with others.

She ends one of her chapters with these words: "Live in such a way that your life becomes proof to others that He is the One who did it all." Those are just a few words among the 40 inspirational pieces in Anri's book—messages that will help you "rise above it" as you search for hope.



Shari Collinge (left), chair of the Dr. David S. Mulder Eston District Health Foundation, presents Eston Health Centre manager Jocelyn Nash with a cheque for a new bathtub and lift recently purchased for the facility.

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Darren Ollphant (seated), representing the Ollphant family and other donors, tests the new bathtub lift at the Eston Health Centre as (from left) Wayne Sinclair, Trent Ilott, and Eston mayor Darcy Morrice look on, with Jocelyn Nash at right.

New therapeutic tub and lift now in use at Eston Health Centre

ESTON — A new state-of-the-art bathtub and lift is now installed and in use at the Eston Health Centre, thanks to funding from the Dr. David S. Mulder Eston District Health Foundation and local donors.

The Foundation announced the purchase last July, and the specialized unit recently arrived from Germany. It replaces one of two older tubs at the facility and is already being used several times a day.

Eston Health Centre facility manager Jocelyn Nash said the tub is used four or five times daily by long-term care residents, as well as by some members of the

public. She thanked the Foundation and community donors for supporting the project and helping bring upgraded equipment to the centre.

The new tub and lift cost \$32,707.69. Features include digitally controlled water temperature, a built-in scale used to weigh users once a week, separate shower and cleaning nozzles, and adjustable height capability for improved safety and ease of use.

Foundation board members and major donors recently toured the facility to view the new equipment and learn more about how it benefits patients and staff.

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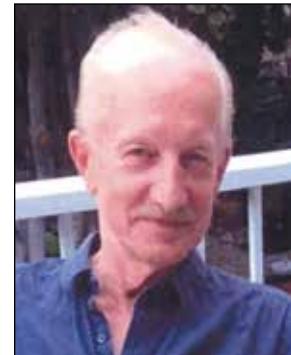
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OBITUARIES

Richard Matthew Hertz (Rick)

October 11, 1949 – December 14, 2025

Rick Hertz, 76, of Okanagan Falls, BC, passed away on December 14, 2025, after a short battle with cancer. Rick was born in Kindersley on October 11, 1949, to Mike and Madge Hertz.



He grew up in Alsask and later on a farm near Kindersley. After graduating from high school, Rick attended the University of Saskatchewan and then Marvel Beauty College in Saskatoon. After receiving his diploma, he worked as a stylist and did some travelling.

Rick's next venture was opening The Hair Hut in Kindersley. He had a very successful business for many years, with his assistant, Doreen, helping to keep things going.

In 1996, Rick married Valerie, the love of his life.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF: Balance and Harmony

BY ANGELA CLEMENT



In a time where it can feel like everything in the world is out of control, we need more than ever to decide how we will respond. We are certainly made aware of all the things that are wrong in the world. We are shown deception, we are shown greed, heartbreak and loss. To add to all of that, we have our own challenges that we have to deal with in our everyday lives. Perhaps you or someone you know is sick. Perhaps you are finding financial difficulties. Perhaps you have lost a close loved one. These things add up to a lot and can knock us out of balance. It can be so overwhelming. The emotions can be strong! There is great pressure to find the answers and to fix what feels awful.

You must give yourself permission to feel all the emotions that are coming up for you fully and completely. That is where we start. But how can we do that without creating more chaos? Often the strong emotions bring us to feel like acting out in rage. This can easily perpetuate the issues we are having. I'm not saying a good scream into a pillow isn't helpful. I think that it is. Throwing soft things around your room and punching a teddy bear are all safe ways to let anger out when things become overwhelming. Yet when it comes right down to it, we are just wanting to be heard and seen. Under all that rage, we are afraid, scared and worried about the future. How can we stop the rage and the hate? We balance it with something so much stronger. What we really need to do is find compassion, for ourselves and for everyone around us. Not the kind where we bring ourselves to sit together in our rage and anger but where we see ourselves and the struggles. We need to become our own best friend.

What would I do for a friend who is in my situation? Can I do that for myself? We need to become the one who supports and empowers ourselves and others when we are at our worst.

We don't have to do this alone. Being part of a community or group that helps others is an amazing way to make a difference. Reaching out to local community groups or individuals that can support yourself is also encouraged. Maybe you create your own small group. Ask the question, what can you do for others that they cannot do for themselves? What can they do for you? There is no better feeling than being able to help someone else. Not only that, when you help others, you heal and grow faster. I have interviewed over 200 people on my summits and podcast who have transformed their lives after great trauma and loss, many of them by providing service to others. It becomes part of your own healing process when you start thinking about others because when we do this, it changes our whole perspective to one of love. What did you need in your darkest hour? What creative talents do you have that you can share with others in your situation in even a small way? Surround yourself with like minded people who are helpful, loyal and supportive.

When we start to look closer at our own needs along with those of others, we learn what we need to stay in balance. Harmony is created through balance. Balance is the tool to reach a state of harmony and harmony is where we want to live. Balance distributes weight so that no area of our life is overwhelmed. Where are you feeling overwhelmed in your work, family or self? How can you set some priorities and find peace so that you can show up for yourself and others in a way that is helpful? What values are important to you? Are you spending your time in ways that reflect those values? Answering some of these questions may find you the harmony and peace you are looking for. May you find the first months in 2026 the opportunity to find your balance. Lots of love, Angela

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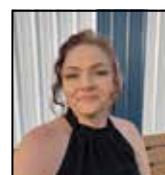
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- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
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- Every Monday - Adult Exercise Program 10:00-11:00 AM at the AGT Community Centre
- Make sure to check the AGT Community Centre recreation calendar on eston.ca for ice schedule.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

• Kerrobert, Luseland & District (KLD) Wellness Foundation

Upcoming EVENTS



Annual General Meeting 7 PM Town of Kerrobert Council Chambers (433 Manitoba Ave.)

- 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.
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- Make sure to check the Kerrobert Memorial Arena schedule for upcoming games.

KINDERSLEY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

• Kindersley and District Arts Council presents: Americana/Alternative Country Artist Kyle McKeamey 7:30 PM Norman Ritchie Community Arts Centre.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

• Kindersley Wildlife Federation Awards Banquet at the Elks Hall. Door Prizes, Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction. For tickets / info call Ray 306-831-9920 or Lori 306-460-7638.

- 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.

LEADER

- 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

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

• Luseland Arts Council presents Rum Ragged at the Luseland Community Hall. Doors open at 6:45. Show begins at 7:30 PM. Tickets available at the Luseland Credit Union or at the door.

- 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. Recurring events at The Luseland Pioneers Club Members

- Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM - Noon, Coffee, Pool, Visiting, Cards

- Cards are played several days of the week

- Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon

- Exercises 9:00-9:30 Am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

MAJOR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

• 3rd Annual Fundraiser for the West Central Crisis Centre at Major Centennial Hall. Entertainment: Keely, Superb Sound & Friends. Silent Auction (Crafts & Artwork). Non-alcoholic / alcoholic beverages, chili cook-off, snacks. \$20 at the door. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

- MS Support Group at Kerrobert Health Centre Meeting Room every 3rd Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM. Contact Gail Wiebe for more information 306-834-7068.

- November / December Church Times 5:30 PM Saturdays



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