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Students from Luseland District School enjoyed a successful ski trip to Table Mountain last week. Despite a minor bus issue in the morning, the day featured great weather, excellent snow conditions and plenty of fun on the slopes. The school extends thanks to parent chaperones and bus drivers for their support, and commends students for their positive behaviour and for representing the school with pride. PHOTO LUSELAND DISTRICT SCHOOL FACEBOOK

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Volunteers from PWHS helped the kids identify this vintage hand drill, the predecessor to modern drills.
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A Grade 9 student helps a Grade 1 student experiment with this old dial telephone.

PWHS shares history with Eston students

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Prairie West Historical Society (PWHS) in Eston shared a few displays from the museum with the students at Eston Composite School on Wednesday afternoon, February 11. Shari Collins and Barb Derbawka Stevenson from the PWHS were kept busy answering questions.

“Lots of kids were interested in different aspects of the displays. They asked lots of questions,” Shari said. “It sounds like maybe we can do something again next year.” This was the first year PWHS hosted Heritage Day at the school.

“We normally have Heritage Day on the 28th at Heritage Manor. But kids don’t come to things like that, so we’re trying to get an interest in the museum,” Shari explained.

Heritage Day at the school did generate interest among the students, and many of them took home the historical information booklets PWHS provided. Younger students were paired with older students as the groups took turns viewing the artifacts on display in the library.

“I was surprised at some of the stuff that they didn’t know. I thought everyone would have had a flip phone around, but apparently not,” she observed. The kids were especially interested in how people managed to

text on a flip phone.

The rotary dial phone was a popular item. “My great-grandpa had one of these,” one of the kids said. But most of the students had never seen one before.

A Grade 1 student checked out an old camera with a large flash attachment and guessed it was either a bell or an alarm clock. Shari and Barb provided plenty of interesting information about Eston and residents who had become well known throughout the world.

Students who participated in PWHS’s trivia game learned a lot of interesting historical facts. Did you know Eston-born pilot Captain Murray Bertram flew with the Snowbirds in 1974 and 1975? And Sergeant Doug Marshall, a native of Eston, was a member of the ground crew in 1974 and 1976.

Jack Lenz was born in Eston and became a famous composer. He wrote the song often played at Blue Jay games, as well as music for the movies Pocahontas and The Passion. And Bob Steadward, who was born in Eston, became the first president of the International Paralympic Committee. The kids also learned that Eston’s gopher races became famous all over the world. The last race was run at the Eston Centennial in 2016.

Not only did they learn some of Eston’s history, but they had fun while they were doing it. A big shout-out to the PWHS for taking the time to share history with the students.



Students were intrigued by the telegraph system as they tried sending messages via Morse code using a series of dots and dashes.

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Small town, big heart

Kindersley pledges hopeful win of Kraft Hockeyville prize to restore fire-devastated Dodsland Sports Centre

KINDERSLEY — Community spirit is proving to be stronger than competition in West Central Saskatchewan. The Town of Kindersley announced today a pledge: should the West Central Events Centre (WCEC) be named the winner of Kraft Hockeyville, the Town will donate the equivalent \$250,000 grand prize and proceeds from the hosted NHL pre-season game to help rebuild the fire-devastated Dodsland Sports Centre.

A legacy of support

The decision stems from a deep-rooted understanding of loss. In 2010, Kindersley was rocked by an arena fire. While the WCEC currently requires its own essential upgrades, including the replacement of rink boards, Town Council and administration felt a calling to assist their neighbours.

The grand prize also includes the opportunity to host an NHL pre-season game and Kindersley would provide the West Central Events Centre to host the game but, due to the unique nature of Hockeyville requirements, the Town was unable to support Dodsland's submission directly with that offer. "This additional exposure helps support the tremendous fundraising efforts already undertaken by Dodsland and the surrounding area, and we hope it assists them in achieving their goal of rebuilding the Dodsland Sports Centre," said Marty Baroni, Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Kindersley.

More than just ice

For rural Saskatchewan, an arena is the lifeline of the winter season—a hub for youth development and a gathering place for families. The loss of the Dodsland Sports Centre has left local athletes without a home rink and a community without its central meeting point.

How the public can help

The winner of Kraft Hockeyville is partly deter-

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**Marty Baroni, Chief Administrative Officer,
Town of Kindersley**

mined by community engagement. We are calling on residents of West Central Saskatchewan any beyond to share their experiences at either or both arenas to help one of us be named a finalist by sharing their memories and photos:

Share Your Story: Upload your photos and stories of either or both the Dodsland Sports Centre and the West Central Events Centre. The more community impact we demonstrate, the closer we get to one of us being a finalist to represent Saskatchewan for the grand prize.

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Tourism Saskatchewan is partnering with Kathy and Keith Warrington, who are currently renovating their Quonset, transforming it into a kitchen and workshop space. This is a welcome addition to Merid and Magna bed and breakfast located between Marengo and Alsask. SUBMITTED

Merid and Magna to partner with Tourism Saskatchewan

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kathy Warrington at Merid & Magna was taken by surprise when she received a phone call from Tourism Saskatchewan. “They had never contacted us before,” she said. “They had taken a deep dive into our business and thought we should partner with them.” She (the tourism representative) asked if they had plans for expansion, so they showed her their kitchen-workshop project.

Merid and Magna is located one mile north of Highway 7 between Marengo and Alsask. “Merid used to be a village, but there’s nothing there anymore except our schools,” Kathy explained. This is their fifth year of operating their bed and breakfast in their beautifully restored schools, as well as offering local products at their mercantile.

“Ninety percent of our products that go into our preserves are grown on our farm,” she said, noting all the products are organically grown. So when Kathy saw a friend’s farm kitchen housed in a Quonset, she thought it was a good idea.

“Our little store has been so busy, and we’re selling so many preserves. It’s becoming too much for my house. I’d like a designated area for preserves and spice blends. We’re making more things for the store and planning to make talo products,” she said.

It wasn’t long before they began removing thirty years’ worth of stuff out of their Quonset and began renovations. The Quonset will hold a kitchen and workshop area, with plans for the renovations to be complete by May.

In the meantime, Kathy and Keith will be taking some training offered by Tourism Saskatchewan. In March, the couple will be taking some intensive

training in developing tourism packages, which will include agricultural tourism like bread making, preserves, and linking people to farms.

“We’re looking at partnerships with ranchers and farmers in the area, although the specifics aren’t formulated yet,” she explained. “Sask Tourism is a really good resource.” Only six businesses were invited to the training, which will be followed by one-on-one coaching.

Tourism Saskatchewan is seeing a big increase in tourism in the province, so they’re putting money behind the expansion of tourism within Saskatchewan, especially when it involves agricultural tourism.

“Tourism is changing, and we need to provide more experiences for people. There’s a whole world of opportunity,” Kathy said. “Our local economy benefits when tourism happens.”

The Warringtons are collaborating with people from surrounding communities who are willing to provide workshops. “We can’t do it all. People need to know it’s an immersive experience,” Kathy said. “The majority of people who stay with us are from the city, and they’re very interested.” Ninety percent of their guests stay two or more days, which allows them a chance to participate in some interesting workshops.

“There’s such an opportunity out here. We’re bringing people into the community that would normally just drive by,” Kathy concluded.

Kathy and Keith may be retired, but they definitely haven’t stopped dreaming. “When you stop dreaming, you’re dead. So apparently I’m very much on the right side of heaven,” Kathy chuckled. And now Tourism Saskatchewan is partnering with their peaceful bed and breakfast in the middle of nowhere that continues to offer a little bit of heaven for guests to enjoy.



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Someone posted this after the Super Bowl: “I miss the days when the Super Bowl sold beer and trucks. Pushing big pharma weight-loss injections while impressionable children watch feels wrong.” Many sports enthusiasts agreed, including Dr. Suneel Dhand.

He expressed his thoughts online regarding the tennis star who promoted weight-loss injections. “Her success was built on discipline and relentless personal effort, qualities that are becoming increasingly unfashionable in modern culture,” he noted. “We are watching icons of earned excellence being used to sell the idea that the hard parts of health can be bypassed.” He also mentioned it may be linked to the tennis pro’s husband, who is a major investor in GLP-1.

Advertisements of this nature aren’t new. Back in the 1930s and 1940s, iconic stars like Clark Gable, Lucille Ball, and Bob Hope endorsed various brands of cigarettes.

However, this commercial didn’t make Sports Net’s top five ratings. Instead, they selected commercials that were funny and entertaining, which is what fans seem to prefer. But Dr. Dhand believes the issue runs much deeper than one advertisement or one athlete. He sees it as a cultural decline, sending a message that strength can be replaced with suppression.



Opinion
By Joan Janzen

These drugs were originally designed specifically for people with advanced diabetes. Sadly, the doctor sees the drugs being not only normalized but glamorized as a lifestyle solution for teens and young adults.

A comment posted in response to Dr. Dhand read, “I work in the OR. Not only are many of the patients on these medica-

tions, but half the staff are as well, most because they were five to ten kilos overweight.”

The doctor’s newsletter reported, “When I ask patients, ‘What are you doing for weight loss?’ ... more often than not the response now is, ‘I’m thinking about Ozempic.’” He said not only has the answer become common, but at the same time there is no mention of changing habits. “The conversation skips straight past effort and lands squarely on medication,” he wrote.

The side effects are becoming more well known: muscle is lost, bones weaken, organs such as the pancreas and thyroid have problems, metabolism slows down, and dependency on the medication grows.

And what happens when the drugs are stopped? Weight loss returns, and over time, muscle mass, strength, and bone mass diminish.

He concluded his evaluation by saying, “We are medicating a problem created by a declining culture, unnatural

“We are quietly teaching young people that effort is optional, that discomfort is abnormal.”

Dr. Suneel Dhand

environment, and a mental and spiritual health crisis, and then congratulating ourselves for the solution. We are quietly teaching young people that effort is optional, that discomfort is abnormal, and our bodies cannot be trusted without chemical assistance.”

The cultural shift has become apparent. Responsibility and blame are directed outward, and blame replaces responsibility and effort. “Shortcuts don’t build resilience; they erode it. This is not just an individual issue; it’s a cultural and spiritual issue,” he surmised.

There are also complications associated with these injections, and the UK’s centralized healthcare system makes it easy to keep track of the data. The number of gallbladder surgeries recorded by NHS England in 2024–2025 was at its highest peak in the past decade. Since the drugs were approved in the UK for weight loss, there has been a 13 percent increase in gallbladder operations, the highest number in the past decade.

The president of the Metabolic Spe-

cialist Society said he was doing more of these operations, with more and more people telling him they had taken weight-loss injections. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency updated its guidance on GLP-1 injections regarding the risk of acute pancreatitis, which is often linked to gallstones. Gallstones are hard deposits made of cholesterol and bile that form in the gallbladder.

Comments posted after the doctor’s observations were thought provoking. One read: “I work for general surgeons and surgical oncologists, and the increase in gallbladder surgery is alarming. Not all, but lots of clients affected are using GLP-1 meds. Coincidence?”

As a physician, Dr. Dhand continued to express his concerns. “A lot of people on this medication may not even be that overweight. A lot of people aren’t instituting lifestyle change and are losing muscle mass and are prone to bone issues,” he reported.

Nevertheless, the use of these injections is soaring and being dished out to millions of people. “This would have been unthinkable two or three decades ago,” he said, pointing out that the human mind always wants to take the path of least resistance. And yet your body can’t be tricked and eventually will fight back.

“Civilizations don’t decline because people suffer. They decline when people stop believing effort matters. This is going to backfire. I believe we are only at the tip of the iceberg,” Dr. Dhand concluded.

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Last one out, first one home

There's a joke about the days when folks were leaving the prairies en masse: "Last one out, turn off the light." But more and more, people are returning home. Or retreating from the noise, pace, and cost of the metropolitan world. Maybe it's time to say: "First person home, turn up the heat."

There's something natural about migrating to where your ancestors were born. But, above all, there's something downright sane about this territory. Don't get me wrong—I loved the great jobs and cool neighbourhoods of every city in which I lived. In Quebec, I was on gossiping terms with the owners of the cafes inside the walls of the old city. In Toronto, my downstairs neighbour shovelled our walkway. A great used bookstore was just down the block from my apartment in Vancouver. I never felt swallowed up by those cities—there were rich cultural gems on every block.

But I missed the stars at night. Here, constellations light-years away fill the sky. While in the city, you feel cheated, like you're living a half-life, with only the dipper and Venus visible to the naked eye.

Then there's the noise. You may hear birds and squirrels in the city—but you also get drunks returning home in the wee hours, cursing or hooting or vomiting in the alleyway. One night I stumbled on a young woman who was being administered to by a fellow junkie. When he saw me walking in his direction, he abandoned her, leaving a needle stuck in her arm. Another night I woke to the escalated hollering between the young couple below. The walls shook from all the pushing and shoving. Do I call the cops to report a domestic fight that is anything but "domestic"?

But also I benefited from free concerts, from public skating outside city halls, and walking tours. My CBC Radio producer-boss, Robert Harris, gave me an archi-



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

“There is no getting away, or looking away, from annoying imagery in the city. It assaults you wherever you go.”

tectural tour of King Street. The designs of architects I studied in art school came to life in the shape of Mies van der Rohe's iconic black steel TD Bank and Frank Gehry's Toronto Art Gallery.

But those strolls spent admiring edifices were often ruined by annoying and disturbing billboards. One was for Hooters, a so-called "family" restaurant—the two 'o's separated by a woman's cleavage you could drive a truck through. Another ran the height of The Eaton's Centre and consisted of a young woman tossing a flirtatious look over her shoulder while her miniskirt—a piece of fabric attached to the building—lifted in the wind to show us her bum.

There is no getting away, or looking away, from annoying imagery in the city. It assaults you wherever you go. The only thing worse than being inundated by it is to grow inured to it, to absorb it so thoroughly it gets normalized. I felt a sense of defeat. I couldn't beat the advertisers at their game, but I wasn't about to join them, despite how many of us women seemed fine with doing that.

Happily, there was another choice: leave. Go somewhere where there are no junkies in the alley, no billboards on the street, no sirens at night. It took a while for me to get to Val Marie, but the minute I crossed into Saskatchewan, my shoulders dropped, my heart slowed down, and my gaze extended on into forever.

I spent my first three months in Val Marie living at The Convent Inn, working on the novel I only just now finished editing last week. I'd wake early in the morning, drive out to The Butte, hike to the top, and marvel

at the vast expanse of wild prairie, the buttes and coulees that filled the horizon along with sky. After gawking in awe, I'd head back to The Convent, where I'd share breakfast with the owners—Robert and Mette—then take my coffee to the converted chapel down the hall and write all day. I realize that my ability to work such long stretches, to sit focused for hours, had to do with the fact that I was in the country, where the human energies and unnatural speeds and urges of traffic and businesses were absent. It wasn't just that my room was still and quiet. It was that stillness and quiet extended far beyond the room, into the world outside, for miles and miles.

Evenings, I would make supper in the kitchen and take it to the dining room and watch the sun set. Once it got dark, I ventured under the stars. Office fluorescents, Coke machine glows, and billboard spotlights cannot compete with the dark prairie night.

One night stands out. A huge storm had blown through the southwest, and all the power was down. Without streetlights and porch lights, the village becomes swallowed in darkness; you have to feel your foot around gingerly in front of you before planting a step. The Convent was full that night, and Mette was concerned for the guests. She headed over with flashlights.

One of the guests happened to be an astronomer. As the storm cleared out and the stars emerged, I asked the astronomer if he'd give us a lesson on the upstairs porch. He pulled his laser pointer from his pocket and laughed: "I'm ready! Let's do it!" I ran down to the kitchen and made five huge bowls of popcorn—luckily, the Convent kitchen has a gas stove. By the time Mette arrived, we were already ensconced on the back porch, and I'd lit a path from the porch to the rooms and bathrooms with candles. Relieved to see everyone was fine, she headed back home, reminding me to blow out all the candles before bed.

Just last night, as I was leaving the rink after watching the Ladies Bonspiel, I was reminded of that instruction—to turn off the light and blow out the candles—by a note on the rink door: "Last one out, turn off the lights!"

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From beginner badges to big dreams

BY KATE WINQUIST

Small beginnings have a way of turning into remarkable stories — especially when those beginnings take shape in a tiny farming community like ours.

The Glidden Rink is where I first learned to skate. “Learned” might be a generous description. I was never particularly skilled. In fact, I’m quite certain my skating career peaked at the prestigious rank of Beginner. I can still picture the badge — a proud shade of green, adorned with a pair of white figure skates and the word BEGINNER stitched boldly across the front. I wore it as if it were Olympic gold.

Most of my time at the rink was spent perched on a well-worn wooden bench, wrestling with stiff, frozen laces and casting hopeful glances toward the old Co-ca-Cola cooler humming faithfully in the corner. If I managed to survive a session upright — or at least mostly upright — there was always the promise of a pop afterward. That small reward alone made a few wobbly laps worthwhile.

One memory stands out clearly: a Tele-miracle Skate-A-Thon where we gathered pledges based on the number of laps we could complete. I suspect my contribution to the cause was modest at best. My enthusiasm often outpaced the cooperation of my ankles. Marion Paslawski, meanwhile, could skate like the wind — though stopping was another matter entirely. The boards were her brakes of choice.

There’s a treasured family photo from 1963, taken at Glidden during what must have been the annual skating carnival. My brother Garth stands proudly in a bright red serge Mountie outfit, alongside my sisters Pam and Valarie in their costumes. It’s more than a snapshot; it captures the very heart of small-town life at the local rink.

With the Winter Olympics underway in Italy, I’ve found myself reflecting on favourite Canadian skating moments. One rises unmistakably above the rest: Elizabeth Manley’s performance at the 1988 Calgary Olympics. On home ice, she delivered the skate of her life, earning a silver medal that felt like gold to so many of us. I was home from college at the farm,



Garth, Pam and Valarie Drummond at the Glidden Skating Carnival in 1963.



The prestigious beginner badge.

watching with Mom. We both had tears streaming down our faces. It wasn’t just about a medal — it was a moment that swelled with national pride.

Perhaps it was seeing how much joy skating brought Mom that deepened my own affection for the sport. And it wasn’t only the Olympics. I remember travelling to Moose Jaw with her in the early ‘90s to see Kurt Browning and Stars on Ice.

Small towns have a way of nurturing big dreams. Our neighbours down the road, Lyle and Phyllis Jackson, raised a daughter, Lorreen, who was a good friend of my sister Pam. Lorreen excelled with the Glidden and Kindersley Figure Skating Clubs, winning numerous competitions before joining the Ice Capades in 1973. She toured across Canada, the United States, and even Hawaii. From a little rink in Glidden to skating across North America — that’s quite the journey. Today, Lorreen and her husband, Blaine Ilott, live in that same farmhouse down the road.

And I can’t mention the Glidden Rink without returning to the Paslawski family. Marion may have trusted the boards

to bring her to a stop, but her brother Greg found his stride there. From that same small-town rink, he went on to play in the NHL with the Winnipeg Jets, Montreal Canadiens, and St. Louis Blues.

It’s remarkable how a modest rink — with its wooden benches, stubborn skate laces, and humming Co-ca-Cola cooler — could serve as the starting point for such extraordinary journeys. In a tiny farming community, you may not have the grandest facilities or the finest equipment. What you do have is encouragement, connection, and space to dream.

And sometimes, that’s more than enough.

Small beginnings, it turns out, can glide a very long way.

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Local Government Election

FORM H (Section 66 of the Act)

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During regular business hours on **MONDAY TO FRIDAY** from **8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM, JANUARY 27th, 2026**, to **FEBRUARY 18th, 2026**, at **TOWN OF KINDERSLEY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - 106 - 5th AVENUE EAST**

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Reputations stained, but greatness memories linger

The two most dominating athletes of my lifetime celebrated significant birthdays in the last couple of weeks, which sent me down Sentimental Drive on the way to Nostalgia Avenue.

Wayne Gretzky turned 65 on Jan. 26; Tiger Woods got to the half-century mark, the big 5-0, on Dec. 30. Both accomplished greatness, but suffered reputational stains.

Sports
By Bruce Penton

It was circa 1968-69 when the CBC National News ran a broadcast feature on a skinny little kid with blond hair from Brantford, Ont., who was setting the hockey world aflame. The kid, Wayne Gretzky, was eight or nine years old and he was playing in a league among 13-year-old boys, far bigger, stronger, quicker. But this Gretzky kid was scoring eight, 10, 12 goals a game against the older opponents, and the CBC reporter chuckled through his report as grainy video showed the youngster dipsy-doodling through the opponent's defence and putting a move on the goalie that resulted in another tally.

How did he get so proficient at such a young age? His dad, Walter, said he flooded the back yard every winter and Wayne would spend hours on the ice, almost having to be dragged inside for bed. Would he grow up to be just as good? Would the bigger kids catch up when he was a teen? Would the greatness last forever?

It did. He dominated junior hockey at age 16. He turned pro at 17, with Indianapolis Racers of the outlaw World Hockey Association. He was sold as an 18-year-old to Peter Pocklington, owner of the Edmonton Oilers, and the rest is history. Gretzky went on to set professional scoring records that will never be matched. His 2,857 total points are 936 more than his closest rival, Jaromir Jagr.

Today, Gretzky is 65, living in the U.S., and not as adored in Canada as he once was. He still has legions of fans, but many lament his close association with fellow celebrity Donald Trump. Gretzky was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 2009 but has yet to attend a ceremony to acknowledge the honour, one of the highest a Canadian can receive. His light has dimmed north of the 49th parallel.

Woods, meanwhile, was another child wonder who did, in fact, blossom into an ultra superstar. His 82 victories and 15 major championships in a career dulled by injuries and scandal are unlikely to be threatened. As a 50-year-old, his star is shining brighter than it was when he was enmeshed in tabloid extramarital scandal 15 years ago. These days, he is playing a complementary role in steering the PGA Tour to a brighter future. He's caddying for his talented golfer son Charlie in junior tournaments and standing pitch-side at daughter Sam's soccer games. Reportedly, he is in a committed relationship with his latest girlfriend, the ex-wife of Donald Trump, Jr.

Two superstars. Two humans growing old. We witnessed all the accomplishments and all the flaws. We should perhaps remember the athletic greatness and ignore the rest.

- Columnist Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Question for Gavin McKenna: You're 18 years old. The legal drinking age in the U.S. is 21. Never mind what happened in the bar —shouldn't you

- know better than to even be in the bar?"
- A groaner from RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "QB Teddy Bridgewater once turned down a possible starting gig in Miami to stay with the Saints to back up Drew Brees. It was the same old song: a Brees over troubled Bridgewater."
- John K, on X, on LIV defections: "Brooks (Koepka) and (Patrick) Reed have sent a very clear message: 'You couldn't pay me enough to play exhibition golf around the globe.'"
- Super 70s Sports: "James Harden is a first ballot franchise killer Hall of Famer. Good for the local strip club economy, bad for your franchise."
- Cathal Kelly the Globe and Mail, on Olympic 'moments' vs. medals: "I am guessing when I try to remember which medal Jon Montgomery won in Vancouver, but my recollection of watching him chug a pitcher of beer on the street is in Technicolour."
- Another one from Kelly: "These are the stick-it-to-Trump Games. Each Canadian medal is a thumb in the eye to every dullard who, upon hearing you are Canadian, leads with a 51st state joke."
- Columnist Norman Chad, on comments overheard from the four-legged competitors at the Westminster Dog Show: "My Uncle Scruffy loves to tell the story about the time his dog-obedience class took a field trip to Washington, D.C., and he did his business on the White House lawn."
- Headline at onion.com: "Rifle-Wielding Chair Umpire Asks Crowd If Making Noise During Australian Open Truly Worth Dying For"
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfesen of Vancouver: "The curling venue in Cortina was built in 1957 for the 1956 Olympics."
- Rolfesen again: "Anthony Davis was traded from the Mavs to Washington Wizards in an eight-player NBA deal. He'll fit right in in D.C. with all the people who don't show up for work."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca



Staff and residents at Heritage Manor are excited about the Olympic Winter Games! Staff members Reyna (left) and Carlo got into the spirit of the Olympics and decorated the entrance in honour of the occasion. The residents also participated in a mini Olympic parade before they began watching the televised events. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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Fun and games! Last week the grade 7-12 volunteers from Kerrobert Composite School spent an afternoon of fun and games with the residents at the Kerrobert Hospital. PHOTO KERROBERT COMPOSITE SCHOOL

Man charged with multiple offences after southern Sask break-ins

LEADER — A 42-year-old Tompkins man is facing numerous charges following an investigation into break-ins and fraud incidents in southern Saskatchewan. Leader RCMP received a report Jan. 6 of a break-and-enter at a business in Abbey, Sask. Police determined that just before 3 a.m. that day, a suspect forced entry into the business and stole a box of cigarettes.

On Feb. 5, officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Tompkins. Police say they seized break-in tools, a large quantity of illicit tobacco and a significant amount of cash. An adult man was arrested at the home.

Further investigation determined the same man allegedly broke into a business in Gull Lake in October 2025 and attempted to defraud a business in Swift Current in the fall of 2025.

Cody Kemick, 42, of Tompkins, is charged with two counts of break and enter and commit an offence; two counts of mischief under \$5,000; one count of use of a forged document; one count of fraud; one count of wearing a disguise with intent to commit an offence; one count of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000; one count of possession of counterfeit money; and one count of possession of unstamped tobacco under the Excise Act. He made his first appearance in Swift Current provincial court on Feb. 6.

RCMP continue to investigate and are asking anyone with information about the incidents, or who has had property stolen in southern Saskatchewan, to contact police at 310-RCMP. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.



Grade 11 and 12 students at Leader Composite School learn how to fillet fish during a Feb. 5 presentation by local conservation officers. PHOTO COURTESY OF LEADER COMPOSITE SCHOOL

Conservation officers teach Leader students about fish ecology, filleting

LEADER — Local conservation officers traded their patrol duties for teaching tools earlier this month as they led a hands-on fish ecology and filleting workshop for senior students at Leader Composite School.

Officers Michael Banks and Blake Bennett of Leader, along with Tyler Hanson of Maple Creek, visited the school Feb. 5 to deliver presentations to Grade 11 and 12 students on limnology, the study of inland waters, and the fish species of Saskatchewan.

Throughout the morning, students learned about the ecology of Saskatchewan’s lakes and rivers and the biology of the province’s game fish. The session also included a practical component, where students exam-

ined the internal and external anatomy of donated wall-eye before learning how to fillet the fish themselves.

The lesson culminated in students cooking their fillets and sharing a fish-and-chips lunch with the officers.

Teacher Mr. Sifert described the presentation as an “amazing learning experience,” noting that all students participated and embraced the opportunity to develop a new skill.

The workshop provided students with both scientific knowledge and practical experience, offering a firsthand look at conservation, fish biology and food preparation.

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Cypress Hills Provincial Park has been an all-time favourite destination for many, many years.

PHOTO HISTORIC SASKATCHEWAN

Best summers were spent at Cypress Hills Park

BY JOAN JANZEN

Cypress Hills Provincial Park has been an all-time favourite destination for many people from Saskatchewan and Alberta for many, many years. Members of the Historic Saskatchewan FB group shared fond childhood memories of time spent at the park decades ago.

“As a teenager, I worked summers in the restaurant. Best summers ever!” Shirley Richardson wrote. “Met and worked with so many wonderful people from all over. Quite a few came from Texas to work at Cypress.”

At that time, she and her friends enjoyed dances and were able to swim in the lake. It was a tradition for the employees at the restaurant to be thrown off the dock into the lake on their birthdays while wearing their uniforms.

John Schmitt chimed in, writing, “It takes me back to the days when I would cruise the road around the lake in my 1960 Saratoga with the girl of my dreams. Girls walked the road around the lake, and guys cruised it for the date to the Saturday night dances.”

More memories were shared by Joy Anderson, who recalled attending the Saturday night dances. “Then on Sunday, we would be back again for a picnic,” she recalled. “When I was younger, it was still legal to have a motor boat on the lake. My best friend’s uncle owned a motor boat, and we cruised the lake every Sunday.”



The Grade 2-3 students from Kerrobert visited the residents at Pioneer's Haven last week, where they helped the seniors decorate cookies. They were assisted by Haven Club helpers - Gayle and Gloria.

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Thane Edmunds is off to Mexico to play football

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kindersley's Thane Edmunds is excited about his upcoming trip to Mexico, where he will be playing with the 14U Sask Selects team at the International Score Bowl Series (SBS). The international football tournament will take place in Monterrey, Mexico, from February 19 to 22. Teams from Monterrey had previously participated in an international tournament in Moose Jaw in January.

“I'm mostly looking forward to doing what I practiced,” Thane said. “All the effort we put into practice, and we finally get to do it.” Those practices have been taking place in Moose Jaw every second weekend since November. The team is made up of players from all over Saskatchewan, along with one member from Alberta.



Kindersley student Thane Edmunds is headed to Mexico to play in an international football tournament with his 14U Sask Selects team. The tournament takes place Feb. 19 to 22. SUBMITTED

A number of parents will accompany the team to Mexico, including Thane's parents and his older sister. Not only is this Thane's first visit to Mexico, but it will also be his first time flying. Score is a sports promotion company that holds events and tournaments to promote sports and “make youngsters feel like superstars.”

Professional action photography and interviews with the players will be part of the “superstar” treatment. The Edmonton Elks will also be competing from Canada, along with teams from Mexico. The winning team will be awarded a trophy, and medals will be given to first- and second-place players.

Thane and his team are guaranteed three games, which will be streamed live. Watch the Sask Select social media for the link to the livestream and cheer on Thane and his team!



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Prairie Gold Scouts honoured with award in 1997

Do you recognize these Boy Scouts from the Prairie Gold District who were awarded the Chief Scout Award nearly thirty years ago? In the fall of 1997 sixteen-year-old Joe McMaster from Plenty and fifteen-year-old Rory Brick from Brock

were recognized for their hard work. Both boys contributed a lot of time to community service, team work and personal fitness. McMaster and Brick were members of the Brock-Plenty Venturer company. Pictured (l-r) back row: Ted Burton (Joe McMaster's Scout leader), Eldon Brick (Prairie Gold's District Commissioner), Bonita Brick (Prairie Gold's Saskatchewan Youth Network Representative). Front row: Jackie Keesey (North Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Service), Joe McMaster, Rory Brick, Audrey Zwack (presenter and provincial president), Patrick Brick.

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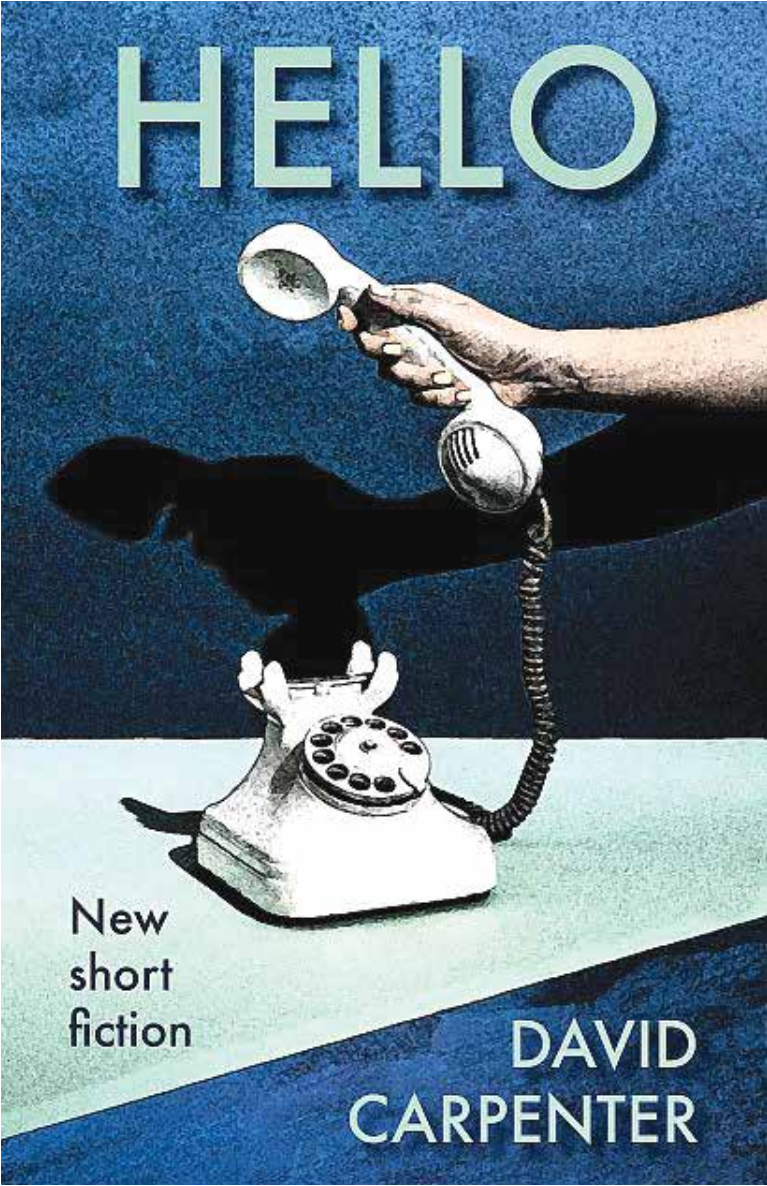
BOOK REVIEW

“Hello”

BY DAVID CARPENTER
Published by Shadowpaw Press
Review by Brandon Fick

Hello is the first book of fiction I have read by Saskatchewan writer, David Carpenter, after having read two of his nonfiction books, *Courting Saskatchewan* and *The Education of Augie Merasty*. His versatility and credentials are well established, but in spite of that, I imagine his work still does not get the level of praise and attention it deserves. Hello is a collection of short fiction, seven short stories and two novellas, and based on what I know about Carpenter, it strikes me as a record of the obsessions, sympathies, locales, and people that have been part of his life. Like the virtuoso banjo player that one of his characters aspires to be, Carpenter knows which strings to pluck in order to evoke empathy, humour, and nostalgia.

Many characters in Hello are outcasts and loners, those navigating young adulthood, experiencing trauma or the loss of a loved one. In some cases, characters are searching for a metaphorical “hello,” an affirmation or a calling, as in “Frailing,” where a university student working at Lake Louise feels that the banjos in the “gloomy basement” of a music store have “the power of a magnetic field.” In some cases, the “hello” is literal, as in “The Ethel Suite,” where the phone call an elderly Jew-



ish man makes to his former employee is the framing device for a long story about the hardships of the twentieth century and a headstrong woman’s struggle to make a living. “The Carl Quartet,” the most unique and experimental story, sees an old drunk phone

his younger self to warn him not to play with an older boy, as “it could change [his] whole life.” Whether tongue-in-cheek or dead serious, Carpenter asks whether people can change, for better or worse. This is most obviously shown in “Reincarnation,” a standout

story about a man burned in a car crash who receives a face transplant, then using his new look, enacts revenge on an old bully and an ex. Confronted with the hollowness of his revenge, he asks himself: “Have I been reincarnated as an asshole? Have I regressed morally? Scary questions.”

Carpenter’s love of fishing, animals, and the outdoors is well represented. Jasper is a common setting, as is Edmonton and Saskatoon. In “The Fuss,” a “tall blue spruce with great downward-sweeping branches and millions of blue needles” is the “hiding place” of a girl whose parents are having marital issues, before becoming the home of an injured cougar. The cougar does not necessarily represent anything more than distraction and companionship for the girl, but Carpenter is squarely on the side of the wild in his writing. He reverently depicts the pleasures of fly-fishing in stories like “Gordon’s Idea,” where the title character becomes involved in a renegade operation to restock lakes in the Rockies with trout, and “Gentle Rain,” a gentle story about a young man hoping to impress his hospitalized father by catching a large rainbow trout. At the beginning of “Gordon’s Idea,” widower Gordon Carter and Richard Simon, battling cancer, whose “friendship had begun in the early 1950s in Social Credit Alberta,” reunite. Gordon explains

the idealism – contrasted with Richard’s conservatism – he tried to impart to former students, foreshadowing his later actions: “I challenged them to pick their battles and to start off small. Something with large implications, but a battle with limits, one that they could win.” Throughout the book, Carpenter writes with the humanism and moral clarity of John Steinbeck. Shades of Ernest Hemingway, Norman Maclean, and W.O. Mitchell are also present. If there are moments where the narratives start to meander, Carpenter is always quick to reel the reader back in.

Hello is a book written by a raconteur for fellow raconteurs. In the company of his fellow trout stockers, Gordon muses about how “he kept running into his students in the stores downtown and in airports all over Western Canada. How old stories kept getting re-told by old acquaintances at every reunion. How people and stories kept coinciding, and how the stories seemed to change with each teller.” I would not be surprised if this is a sentiment that David Carpenter has felt in his own life. The stories in Hello are his kind and thoughtful gift. A “hello” to people he will never meet, a way to spread the magic of storytelling.

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What happens in Ontario will have major impacts on Saskatchewan's nuclear future

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

PORT HOPE, ONT. — Just two weeks ago, Saskatchewan announced it was beginning the process to select a design for large-scale nuclear reactors in the 1,000-megawatt range. That decision will be closely tied to what happens in Ontario.

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and Bruce Power have decades of nuclear experience and are both moving ahead with plans to add several large reactors. There is strong incentive for a fleet-wide approach across Canada: shared supply chains, training, operations, and fuel. And all of those reactors will likely be fuelled by Saskatchewan uranium.

On Feb. 12, OPG and the Municipality of Port Hope signed a Memorandum of Understanding to advance collaboration on potential large-scale nuclear development at OPG's Wesleyville site, eight kilometres west of Port Hope. The site hosted an oil-fired plant built in the 1970s that never fully operated. Not coincidentally, Cameco's uranium conversion facility is in Port Hope — where Saskatchewan uranium is processed.

"Wesleyville is one of three sites, along with Lambton and Nanticoke, that OPG continues to explore opportunities with Rightsholders and local communities for potential new generation to meet Ontario's forecasted increase in energy demand," OPG said.

Potentially the largest nuclear power plant in the world

The scale is enormous.

According to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, the New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project could

provide up to 10,000 megawatts of new nuclear capacity and operate for 78 years.

For comparison, Saskatchewan's entire grid — with every hydro dam full, every coal and gas plant running flat out, and every wind turbine and solar panel at maximum — totals 6,125 megawatts. On many days, Saskatchewan uses around 2,800 megawatts. Even on peak days, demand typically sits near 3,500 megawatts.

In other words, Wesleyville at full build-out could power Saskatchewan three times over.

It would be one of the largest power generation sites on the planet, and the largest nuclear facility in the world — at least until Bruce Power potentially adds up to 4,800 megawatts at its Bruce C expansion.

Unlike wind and solar, nuclear plants routinely achieve their stated nameplate capacity, except during maintenance and refueling outages.

The 1,300-acre site is already zoned for generation, has transmission access, rail, road infrastructure, and sits on Lake Ontario for cooling water. It has been maintained for more than 50 years for future generation.

Geographically, Wesleyville would become the third nuclear station along the north shore of Lake Ontario, east of Toronto: Pickering, then Darlington, then Wesleyville.

OPG submitted its Initial Project Description to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada in January, beginning a multi-phased federal review conducted with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. The

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MOU includes \$4.5 million in growth-readiness funding for Port Hope to prepare for the process.

Timelines measured in centuries

The proposed timeline is staggering. Site preparation would begin in 2030. Construction in 2033. First operation in 2040. Final decommissioning of the last unit? 2160. Each unit would operate for 70 years. Decommissioning would take 42 years per unit after shutdown. If Saskatchewan follows Ontario's path, similar timelines could apply here.

Reactor designs under consideration
OPG has not selected a specific reactor and is using a Plant Parameter Envelope (PPE) approach. Technologies under consideration include:

- Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR): Westinghouse AP1000, EDF EPR
- Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor: AtkinsRéalisis CANDU MONARK
- Boiling Water Reactor: GE-Hitachi BWRX-300

SaskPower is examining many of the same large designs, though it has already selected the GE-Hitachi BWRX-300 for its initial small modular reactors.

Implications for Saskatchewan — and Canada

Whatever OPG chooses will heavily influence SaskPower. Bruce Power is also studying up to 4,800 megawatts at Bruce C. If OPG and Bruce select the same reactor model, SaskPower will almost certainly follow. If they diverge — for example, one choosing CANDU and the other Westinghouse's AP1000 — SaskPower faces a difficult choice. Adding to the complexity, Energy Alberta has signed a collaboration framework with Westinghouse to explore building up to four AP1000 reactors in northern Alberta. If a fleet approach is adopted nationally, Saskatchewan companies could potentially supply not just two reactors at home, but perhaps up to 18 units across Canada over coming decades. It would also mean common training and workforce development, with Saskatchewan and Alberta operators likely training in Ontario first.

The stakes for CANDU

For AtkinsRéalisis, the stakes are existential. The company acquired the CANDU reactor design from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited in 2011 for just

\$15 million after years without new sales. Its updated CANDU MONARK, launched Nov. 28, 2023, is a 1,000-megawatt design — but it has never been built. Choosing MONARK would mean building a first-of-a-kind (FOAK) unit, with all the risks that entails. Westinghouse's AP1000, by contrast, has been built in the United States and China, though early builds were plagued by cost overruns that bankrupted Westinghouse. That bankruptcy led Brookfield Asset Management and Cameco to purchase the company, with Cameco paying US\$2.1 billion for its 49 per cent share — less than the cost of a single AP1000 reactor. If Canada adopts a fleet approach and it is not CANDU, the implications are serious. It would mean the Canadian-designed reactor could not even secure orders at home, severely dimming its global prospects. Westinghouse, meanwhile, has international orders in Poland and Ukraine and would continue building abroad even without Canada.

The financial stakes

Each of these projects will likely be among the most expensive ever undertaken in their respective provinces. For Crown utilities like OPG and SaskPower, taxpayers ultimately stand behind the billions required. Ontario's government calls Wesleyville "the world's largest nuclear generating station," projecting 10,500 jobs and \$235 billion added to provincial GDP over its lifespan. Minister Stephen Lecce said the plant would create "over 10,000 good-paying jobs and reliable power for up to 10 million homes." Ontario currently gets about 50 per cent of its electricity from nuclear and is planning for demand to rise sharply in the coming decades.

What Ontario decides matters

For Saskatchewan, this isn't just an Ontario story. It will shape reactor choice, supply chains, training pipelines, uranium markets, and potentially the future of the only Canadian-designed reactor technology. If Canada moves as a fleet, the benefits could stretch coast to coast. If it fractures into competing designs, the decision matrix for SaskPower becomes far more complicated. And in the case of CANDU, what Ontario decides may determine whether Canada's homegrown reactor has a future at all.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: This article has been edited for length to appear in this paper. You can read Brian's full, unedited piece at www.pipelineonline.ca. Stories from PipelineOnline.ca are used with permission.

Fraud complaints highlight busy week for RCMP

UNITY — Traffic charges, fraud complaints and several wellbeing checks kept RCMP detachments in Unity, Wilkie and Macklin busy over the past week. In Unity, officers responded to a noise complaint, but the disturbance had ended before police arrived and no further action was required. Members also completed a next-of-kin notification at the request of another detachment and referred a report of a dog running loose to the local bylaw officer. Police investigated a complaint of criminal harassment, but said there was insufficient evidence to proceed. A 40-year-old Saskatoon man was charged with operation of a motor vehicle while prohibited following a traffic stop. Officers also responded to a collision involving a vehicle and a deer; no injuries were reported. Two additional traffic complaints were received. In the Wilkie area, RCMP responded to multiple incidents, including two fraud complaints. One investigation could not proceed due to insufficient evidence, while the other was determined to be unfounded. A 35-year-old Mullingar, Sask., man was charged with operation while prohibited and two counts of failing to comply with a probation order following a traffic stop. Police are continuing to investigate reports of a stolen vehicle and uttering threats. A complaint of disturbing the peace also remains under investigation. Officers received a report of a break and enter at a church in Landis, but said there was insufficient evidence to proceed. A complaint of trespassing and a report of theft were also determined to be unfounded or lacking evidence. Members conducted several wellbeing checks at the request of concerned citizens and Emergency Medical Services. Police also assisted in keeping the peace while an individual retrieved personal property from a residence. An unwanted firearm was relinquished to RCMP for destruction. Wilkie RCMP also reported a vehicle-deer collision with no injuries, two traffic complaints and two false 911 calls during the reporting period. In Macklin, officers conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a concerned citizen and investigated a fraud complaint, which did not proceed due to insufficient evidence. Police encouragw anyone with information about crimes in the Unity, Wilkie or Macklin areas to contact their local RCMP detachment. Anonymous tips can also be submitted through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers. Unity RCMP are also reminding residents about Saskatchewan's Online Crime Reporting system, which allows the public to report certain non-emergency offences online. Incidents eligible for online reporting include fraud or scams under \$5,000, vandalism under \$5,000, lost or stolen property under \$5,000, certain traffic complaints and harassing phone calls or electronic communications that do not involve threats of violence or sextortion.

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Sask. author wins coveted Sask. Foundation for the Arts Award

Saskatoon-based artist, Miguel Fenrich has become Saskatchewan’s second recipient of the Tony and Herb Rainbow Award for Literary and Visual Artists through the Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts.

This award, (given through 2024-2026) supports emerging and mid-career LGBTQ2S+ literary and visual artists. Its purpose is to amplify presence and encourage artistic and economic well-being of LGBTQ2S+ artists in Saskatchewan.

“I’m mindful that with this award, I join a long, weaving line of talented artists from across our vibrant province; of those before me, of course, and those who will follow me,” Fenrich says. “It’s a gift to be a part of this artistic tapestry that gives Saskatchewan so much joy, so much truth, so much beauty, and so much life.”

Fenrich will use the award to support the writing of his third novel, (tentatively titled 273 Days.) The novel follows a young queer man from Western Canada after he is diagnosed with terminal illness and decides, in his final nine months (273 Days), to travel across Canada on an end-of-life road trip.

Fenrich is the author of *Blue: a Novel* and *What Lies in the Valley*. He is the 43rd President of the Saskatchewan Writers’ Guild, is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, and a 2025 CBC Future 40 Winner. He is the owner of arts-based consulting company, House of Fenrich.

“I’m also woefully aware that queerness is under attack in Saskatchewan, Canada, and around the world,” Fenrich adds. “As such, with this support for queer voices, it’s a privilege to continue working on a project I hope impact’s Canadians—and calls us to



Miguel Fenrich. PHOTO CREDIT: ALI LAUREN CREATIVE

care deeply about one another.”

“With deep gratitude, I must also acknowledge the generosity of both Anthony Bidulka and Herb McFaull who’ve made this award possible. The Tony and Herb Rainbow Award offers me time to work on this project at a critical moment in my writing career.”

Rosetown, Kyle RCMP respond to multiple Highway 7 incidents

ROSETOWN — RCMP detachments in Rosetown and Kyle responded to a series of traffic complaints, collisions and property-related incidents over the past week, including multiple calls along Highway 7 and several ongoing theft investigations.

On Feb. 6 at approximately 1:39 p.m., Rosetown RCMP received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 7 but were unable to locate the vehicle. Later that evening, at 9:45 p.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious person at a local business; the individual had left prior to police arrival.

Kyle RCMP conducted a wellbeing check in Harris, Sask., early Feb. 7 at 4:03 a.m. That same day, Rosetown officers dealt with a mischief complaint in Rosetown at 12:16 p.m., but said there was insufficient evidence to proceed.

Police also responded to a reported dispute in Elrose at 2:17 p.m. on Feb. 7. Officers spoke with both parties and determined no further action was required.

Rosetown RCMP are investigating a theft reported in Rosetown at 5:04 p.m. on Feb. 7. Later that evening, at 5:35 p.m., officers located a vehicle following a traffic complaint on Highway 7 and issued a ticket.

Additional calls on Feb. 7 included a wellbeing check in Lucky Lake at 6:31 p.m. and a report of a vehicle striking a deer on Highway 7 at 6:40 p.m. Shortly after 11 p.m., police received another traffic complaint on Highway 7 but were unable to find the vehicle in-

involved.

On Feb. 8 at 11:14 p.m., Rosetown RCMP responded to another dispute in Elrose. After speaking with those involved, officers determined no further action was necessary.

Police conducted a wellbeing check in Kyle on Feb. 9 at 8:27 p.m. Later that night, at 10:16 p.m., officers received a report of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 7. No injuries were reported, and the incident was documented for insurance purposes.

Rosetown RCMP are also investigating a report of mischief to a motor vehicle received Feb. 10 at 2:41 p.m.

On Feb. 11, police received two separate theft reports in Rosetown — one at 11:44 a.m. handled by Rosetown RCMP and another at 1:13 p.m. investigated by Kyle RCMP. That evening, at 7:07 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle collision in Rosetown. The matter remains under investigation.

On Feb. 12 at 9:25 a.m., Kyle RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision in the RM of Lacadena.

Over the reporting period, officers issued 22 traffic-related charges and responded to one 911 misdial.

Police are asking anyone with information about these or other crimes to contact Rosetown RCMP at 306-882-5700. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com



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KCS marks International Day of Women and Girls in STEAM with hands-on conference

KINDERSLEY — Kindersley Composite School marked the International Day of Women and Girls in STEAM on Feb. 11 by hosting seven students from Elizabeth Middle School for a day of hands-on learning and mentorship.

The students participated in a STEAM conference organized by the Saskatchewan Science Centre and led by teacher Mrs. Coles through support from a Teacher Innovation and Support Fund grant.

The event introduced students to a range of opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Activities included building augmented reality environments, tackling interactive science challenges, coding through music programming and remixing, and hearing from female leaders working in STEAM fields.

Organizers said the day was designed to inspire curiosity and confidence while encouraging students to explore new skills and career pathways. Throughout the conference, participants demonstrated enthusiasm and a willingness to try unfamiliar experiences.



Seven students from Elizabeth Middle School attend a STEAM conference at Kindersley Composite School on Feb. 11, organized by the Saskatchewan Science Centre. PHOTO COURTESY OF KCS FACEBOOK PAGE

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4. Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Town of Eaton Property Tender" addressed and delivered to:
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117 1st Avenue West
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Kindersley, SK
S0L 1S0
5. **Tenders must be received at the above by 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2026.**
6. A certified cheque to the Town of Eaton for a minimum 10% of the amount of the tender must be included in the sealed envelope.
Tenders submitted without certified funds will not be considered.
7. Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.
8. A successful bidder will have 30 days to provide the balance of cash to complete the purchase. The deposit will be forfeited if the successful bidder does not finalize the agreement for sale within the required time.
9. If the successful bidder defaults on the sale, the Town reserves the right to sell the property directly to any interested party.
10. All legal costs, title transfer fees, and applicable taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser and are in addition to the tender price.

Dated the 16th day of February, 2026.

Victoria Munroe, Administrator
Town of Eaton



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- Lot 3 Blk 02 G263

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3. Tenders must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2026.
4. A certified cheque to the municipality for 5% of the amount of the tender must accompany the tender.
5. Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.
6. Successful bidder will have 30 days to provide the balance of cash to complete the purchase.

Dated the 11th day of February, 2026.

Charlotte Helfrich, Administrator
Village of Netherhill

Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) Reporter

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- Upload LJI stories to the national distribution platform


What We're Looking For

- Strong reporting and writing skills
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines
- Comfort travelling regularly across rural communities
- A valid driver's licence and reliable transportation (required)

Experience: Journalism experience (professional or community-based) is preferred.

How to Apply
Please email the following to kate@yourwestcentral.com
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No phone calls, please.

Application deadline: Until filled



Looking for a fun summer job where you get to meet people and share local history and stories?

The Great Sandhills Museum in Sceptre, Sask

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We welcome applications from the Government of Canada's job equity groups (women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, and Indigenous people).

1st position starts May 15th & 2nd position starts June 28th.

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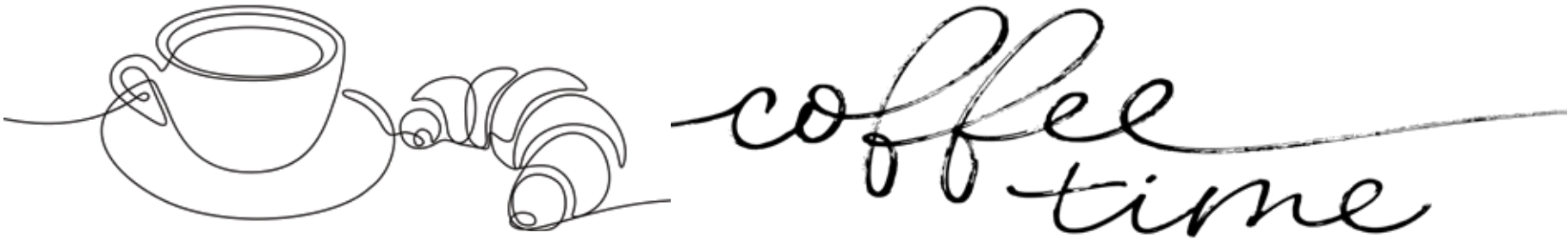
- Assist with educational programs, workshops or special events as needed.
- Lead engaging, energetic tours for all ages and backgrounds.
- Be able to adapt content to different groups.
- Answer visitors questions, becoming a go-to resource.
- Keeping the building and artifacts clean.
- Will be in charge of the gift shop and keeping it stocked.
- Collecting admission fees.

Qualifications:

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- Moderate computer knowledge.
- Willing to work at least 30-35 hours per week.
- CPR & First Aid would be an asset.

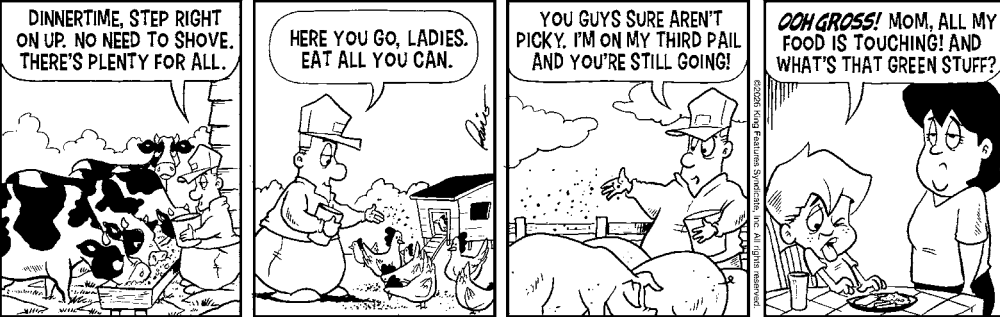
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or email: gshs@sasktel.net

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2026.



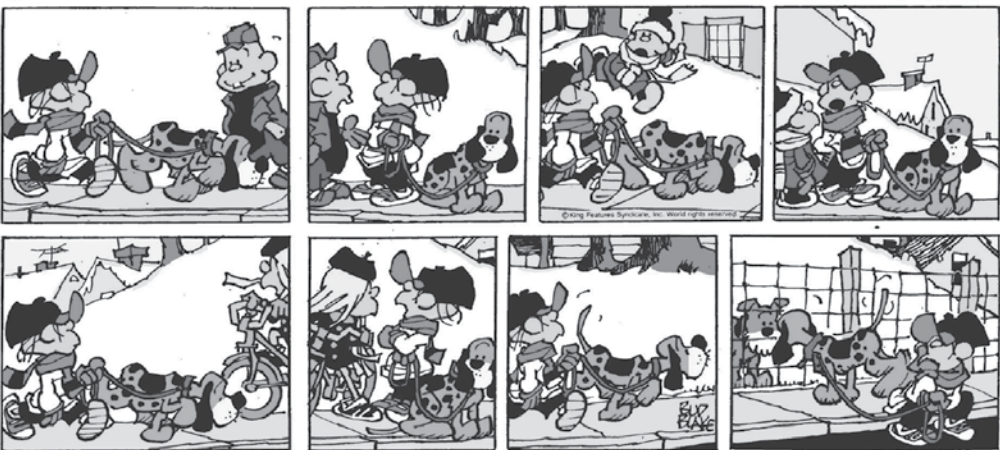
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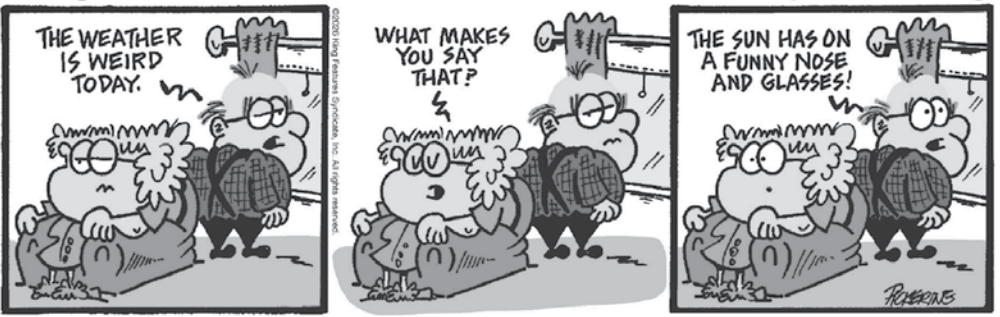
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

King Crossword

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- 1 Table support
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- 13 Terse denial
- 14 Poetic tributes
- 15 Ecol. watchdog
- 16 Faints
- 18 Word list, for short
- 20 Japanese pond carp
- 21 Sty chow
- 24 Rebuffs
- 28 Review in detail
- 32 Pesky insect
- 33 Friendly leader?
- 34 Albacore and yellowfin
- 36 Playwright Levin
- 37 Finn's floater
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- 61 Oklahoma city
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- 9 Pt. of speech
- 10 Author Harper
- 11 Leb. neighbor
- 17 "Mayday!"
- 19 Bat wood
- 22 Egg
- 23 Prison-related
- 25 Rice or Auburn (Abbr.)
- 26 Naked
- 27 Rating unit
- 28 Basil or thyme
- 29 Smoothie berry
- 30 Cushy
- 31 Yard tool
- 35 Locks down
- 38 Block-dropping video game
- 40 Resistance unit
- 42 Scoundrel
- 45 Connection
- 47 Edison's middle name
- 48 Disposition
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- 51 Dead heat
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- 53 Half of XIV
- 54 Shade tree

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. GAMES: What color is Sonic the Hedgehog in the video game?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the former name of the U.S. Virgin Islands?
3. MOVIES: What are the colors of the striped sweater Freddy Krueger wears in "A Nightmare on Elm Street"?
4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for pneumothorax?
5. HISTORY: By which name is Martha Jane Canary more commonly known?
6. TELEVISION: What is Hawkeye Pierce's real first name in the "M*A*S*H" series?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of larks called?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which car company uses the ad slogan "Driven by passion"?
9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the head of the Egyptian god of death, Anubis?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the currency of Japan?

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East Boys B qualifier: Fox Valley – Hudson Glass, Harrison Glass, Joel Ternes, Cash Stelmaschuk, Jaxon Schafer



East Open B qualifier: Fox Valley – Janissa Klaudt, Jax Obritsch, Mia Klaudt, Hailey Ternes



West Boys A qualifier: Leader – Grant Smith, Jace Ausmus, Colden Dale, Brody Ausmus



West Open B qualifier: Leader – Monica Dietrich, Cohen Strutt, Cooper Ausmus, Patrick Dietrich, Austin Janke

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Kindersley council approves new airport bylaw, home-based business permit

KINDERSLEY — A new airport bylaw and a discretionary use permit for a home-based business were among the key decisions made during the Town of Kindersley’s regular council meeting Feb. 9.

Mayor Ken Francis and all members of council were in attendance as the meeting was called to order shortly before 5 p.m. Following a brief in-camera session to discuss confidential matters, council reconvened and moved through its business agenda.

Home-based business approved

Council approved a discretionary use application for a home-based business at 47 Rutley Crescent.

The approval comes with conditions requiring the applicant to comply with the Development Standards of Home-Based Businesses under Section 7.2 of Zoning Bylaw 02-22. The applicant must also obtain a valid Town of Kindersley business licence prior to operating and renew it annually.

Council noted that failure to meet the outlined con-

ditions could result in the permit being denied or revoked.

New airport bylaw passes all readings

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw 02-26, a bylaw regulating the Kindersley Regional Airport.

The bylaw establishes authority, rules, regulations and fee structures related to airport operations. Following first and second readings, council unanimously approved proceeding with third reading at the same meeting, allowing the bylaw to be formally adopted.

Accounts total \$431,687

Council approved the town’s accounts payable in the amount of \$431,687.05.

The consent agenda was also adopted, including draft minutes from the WCMGC meeting held Jan. 22, 2026, December 2025 minutes from the Kindersley Museum, the SaskWater operating report, and RCMP reports for December 2025 and January 2026.

RSV hospitalizations rise in Saskatchewan as flu declines and Covid-19 stabilizes

BY IAN MACKAY

People sick with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are taking up more hospital beds in Saskatchewan while the incidence of the flu and Covid-19 has fallen.

“Over the past four weeks, influenza activity has declined, Covid-19 activity has remained stable and RSV activity has increased in Saskatchewan,” said the provincial Health Department’s Feb. 13 report.

Thirty-three residents with the flu were admitted to hospitals during Feb. 1-7, the most recent week covered in the report, compared to 18 with Covid-19 and six with the flu.

A total of 38 with RSV went to hospital the week before that, along with 17 with covid and seven with the flu.

One person died of covid during Feb. 1-7. The flu didn’t take anyone during either week.

The 86 people considered sick with covid between Feb. 1 and 7 included 47 between 20 and 64 years old, 19

who were at least 65 and 10 each under five and from five to 19, a chart showed.

Three toddlers had the flu that week but 62 had RSV. Another 37 aged 20 to 64 had RSV, as did 21 who were at least 65.

The 43 with the flu included 20 from 20 to 64, 11 from five to 19 and nine at least 65.

Health staff found the coronavirus that causes covid in 88 people during Feb 1-7 after 83 tested positive for it during Jan. 25-31.

The number of people who tested positive for the flu slid to 58 during Feb. 1-7 from 76 the week before. A total of 150 people tested positive for RSV during the latest week, up from 123 the week earlier.

Only two people in the department’s west-central zone tested positive for a virus during Feb. 1-7 - one with the flu and one with RSV.

Sask. RCMP warn of fraudulent ticket email scam

Saskatchewan RCMP are warning residents about an ongoing email scam involving fake provincial violation tickets, with reports coming from communities across the province.

Police said Friday they received multiple complaints from individuals who were sent emails claiming to be from the Saskatchewan Fine Collection Branch. The messages state the recipient has been issued a Provincial Violation Ticket and must pay a fine by a specified due date.

The fraudulent emails include a ticket number, fine amount, payment deadline, instructions for payment, a link to unsubscribe from future emails, contact information and a Provincial Court Services copyright notice.

RCMP say while the contact information listed in the email appears to be accurate for the Saskatchewan Fine Collection Branch, the ticket details and payment link are fraudulent.

Police are urging residents not to click on the link or provide any payment or personal information.

Mounties are reminding the public to protect themselves from email scams by checking the sender’s ad-



dress for misspellings or unusual formatting, avoiding links from unknown senders and watching for red flags such as urgent language or generic greetings.

Anyone who receives a similar email is asked to report it to their local police service and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

Saskatchewan RCMP can be reached by calling 310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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Human trafficking trial in Rosetown moves to June oral arguments

BY IAN MACKAY

Lawyers are scheduled to make oral arguments on June 3 in Saskatoon in a human trafficking and sexual assault trial that has unfolded in Rosetown over the last year and a half.

A Jan. 13 session of the trial involving Mohammad Masum and Sohel Haider was to have occurred at the Elks hall. However Masum’s defender cancelled an appearance by his final witness, Judge Miguel Martinez said last week.

The lawyers are to file documents supporting their positions with Judge Martinez by March 13, lawyers agreed during the Feb. 12 provincial court session here.

Saskatchewan RCMP charged Masum and Haider in June 2023 with human trafficking a Bangladeshi woman. The woman arrived in Gull Lake to work in Haider’s restaurant in October 2022. Police say she later worked for Masum in a Tisdale café before going to Elrose in March 2023.

She’d made arrangements involving MLA Doug Steele and a newcomer support worker in Tisdale to get spirited out of Elrose after about two days there. The woman, whose identity is protected by a publication ban, was taken to a safe house in Swift Current.

Masum also faces three charges of sexually assaulting the woman. He denied those accusations on the witness stand in late November and said he’d never employed her, only housed and fed her at Haider’s request.

Rosetown commits \$500 to support Sun West Career Fair

BY IAN MACKAY

The Town of Rosetown will once again support the Sun West School Division’s upcoming career fair, committing \$500 to help sponsor the event and promote municipal career opportunities.

The Roads to Success career fair is scheduled for May 7 and is expected to draw approximately 650 students, primarily from Grades 10 and 11, from across the division.

The school division invited the town to participate either as a sponsor or by promoting careers in municipal government. At the previous fair in 2024, the town shared a booth with several surrounding rural municipalities, interim Chief Administrative Officer Amanda Bors told council during its Feb. 2 meeting.

Bors said students showed strong interest in learn-

ing about the qualifications required for positions in public works, administration and water treatment. The town also used the opportunity to promote life-guard training.

According to event organizers, the fair encourages students to take a broad view of career development — encompassing employment, education, volunteerism, family roles, leisure interests and wellness.

Exhibits and presentations will cover a wide range of topics, including workplace safety, apprenticeships and trades, agriculture, entrepreneurship, scholarships and financial planning.

Coun. Jan Coffey-Olson suggested the town use funds allocated in the budget for entertaining dignitaries to help sponsor the event. Council agreed to proceed with a \$500 sponsorship.

“It is huge; it brings a lot of people into our town,” Coffey-Olson said.

Celebrating 80 Years of Saskatchewan Air Ambulance

This February, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance (SAA) celebrates 80 years of service, marking eight decades of providing critical care air transport for the people of Saskatchewan.

SAA is the oldest formally organized, non-military air medical transport program in North America, serving Saskatchewan since 1946. Since the first flight, which took off from the base in Regina and flew to Liberty, Saskatchewan, SAA has transported nearly 78,500 people. The service now operates out of its base at the Saskatoon airport, dispatching crews to communities across the province.

“For 80 years, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has been a lifeline, overcoming distance and connecting the people of Saskatchewan to the expert care they need when it matters most,” SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister Sean Wilson said. “SAA continues to be a key component of provincial medical services today, ready to respond to emergent transportation requests across Saskatchewan.”

“Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has been an essential part of our provincial health care system benefiting many families over the years, and we are proud to celebrate this milestone,” Health Minister Jeremy

Cockrill said. “I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the outstanding medical teams who continue deliver safe critical care and timely transport to patients across the province no matter when or where they need it.”

“Saskatchewan Air Ambulance is a critical partner in ensuring patients receive rapid, lifesaving care,” Saskatchewan Health Authority Chief Operating Officer Derek Miller said. “This anniversary recognizes the many lives saved over eight decades and the essential role SAA plays in transporting patients to receive the care they need, no matter where they live in the province.”

The Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement and the Ministry of Health provide emergency medical transport for residents of Saskatchewan, including those in remote and northern communities.

SAA operates four medically equipped airplanes, with services available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, completing about 1,500 patient transfers annually. Flights are staffed by specially trained air medical crews that include critical care flight nurses and critical care paramedics.

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Kindersley & District Health & Wellness Foundation (KDHW) purchased three Lifepak 35 Machines, one for Kindersley Hospital and two for EMS. The Lifepaks are valued at \$110,000.00. Thank you is extended to Barry and Ellen Fahn, Sharon Haubrich, Tom Smith and Wayne Whatley. L-R: Trayzee Dietz, Camille Tanglao, Carri Akre, Leah Mohan, Jill Ann Snider - Manager, Viv Kalmer and Colleen Sawchuck (KDHW Foundation), Micheal Cuaresma. Missing is April from EMS. *SUBMITTED*

REMEMBERING WHEN

The schoolyard snowball fight

When I was growing up, snow was a fun and magical thing; unlike today, when I cringe every time I see the first sign of snow and start looking around for the snow shovel. As kids, we thought of all the fun things we could do out in the country when it started snowing; tobogganing, skiing, going snowmobiling, playing pickup hockey in the driveway or on the pond, making snowmen and snow angels, and all the other winter activities that kids enjoyed. But the one winter thing back then that many kids loved to do in the schoolyard was to have snowball fights.

Because of the threat of injury, snowball fighting was originally banned in the schoolyard by our teachers. But telling kids they can't do something, unless you had the ways and means to successfully back it up, was like pouring gasoline on the ground and then telling the lit match you threw into it not to start the fire. When the snow began in the late fall, the schoolyard would fill up quickly and the school board would have to tender a contract to get someone to come in and clear the snow from the playground. The contractor would come in with large front-end loaders, clean up the playground, and dump all the snow in one section of the playground, creating a huge snow mountain in that area.

We kids would play 'King of the Mountain' on that huge pile of snow. The big kids who got to it first at recess were the ones to scale and occupy the top, and the rest of us who got there later would try to knock them off the mountain and take over the top by any means possible, charging and scaling the mountain with war whoops and flinging as many snowballs as possible at the kids on the top in order to drive them off the mountain.

Snowball fights being banned at recess, all the kids participating were quickly caught by the teachers and marched into the school, lined up in the hallway, and made to wait for the Principal to come to administer discipline. Because our Principal also taught grade eight in the early days, the grade eights were hoping that all the other kids would all get the strap because it would take so long for the Principal to administer punishment that their class would get out of school-work for the rest of the day!

Of course, kids being kids, they invariably started throwing snowballs again the very next recess. Unable to keep the kids in line and unwilling to put in the extra time to police the situation, the teachers finally gave up. They bowed to the inevitable and eventually created a designated snowball fighting area in the schoolyard. The area in the playground where the loaders piled all the snow, creating a large snow mountain, became the designated snowball fighting area. The entire school was warned that if they ven-



Remembering When
By Keith Schell

tured into that area they did so at their own risk. And the snowball fights began in the schoolyard in earnest.

Me being a prime target and a lousy thrower, I rarely ventured into the snowball fighting area after it was created. But when I did go in, I learned to duck pretty quickly! I sure saw a lot of great snowball fights back then! And there were always a couple of kids you didn't like who were throwing snowballs in the designated area that you hoped would get one right in the puss!

No matter how many times you told them not to, there was always one smart-alecy kid in every crowd who loved to 'poke the bear'. One day, our own 'King of the Smart-Alecs' climbed atop the highest peak on the giant snow mountain in the snowball fight area, spread his arms as wide as they would go, and yelled down to the crowd on the ground, "FREE SHOT! FREE SHOT!" And of course, everyone throwing snowballs couldn't pass up an opportunity like that! They stopped throwing snowballs at each other, turned their attention exclusively to him, and started throwing all their snowballs at the Smart-Alec. Incredibly, everybody missed him! Emboldened by the poor aim of the snowball-throwing mob, he continued to loudly taunt the crowd with a smirk on his face, daring them to hit him. This went on during every recess for a few days, but one day, the kid's luck finally ran out. One recess a kid on the ground wound up and finally hit the smart-alecy kid right in the face with a snowball in mid-taunt and bloodied his nose! Holding his face, he shut up and ran down the hill and into the boys' washroom to tend to his bloody nose. Lesson learned, he never taunted the snowball-throwing crowd again!

It was mostly all boys in the snowball fighting area, but sometimes the odd girl would go in to throw a snowball at someone she was mad at. Not many boys threw snowballs back at the girls, unless it was their sister, because you weren't supposed to hit girls, right? And aside from the odd bit of snow going down someone's shirt when they got hit, no one ever really got hurt unless someone played dirty and threw a slushball, which occasionally happened.

Not that it still doesn't happen sometimes, but I highly doubt if schoolyard snowball fighting is sanctioned in this litigious day and age. Kids aren't allowed to be kids anymore. The risk of injury and lawsuit these days is just too great. Compared to the stuff we did, it seems like kids aren't allowed to have any fun at all in the schoolyard these days.

But the memories of our schoolyard snowball fights, where we learned to have fun and sometimes face the consequences, will always bring a smile to my face. They remind me of simpler times when fun could be found in a handful of snow and a schoolyard full of kids.



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• Cornhole Tournament at the Alsask Rec Centre 6 PM start. Call Wonona 306-460-4489 to register or for more info.

COLEVILLE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
• Coleville Licensed Daycare Committee presents Wild West Night in Dodge at the Coleville Hall featuring Cole Patton and the Blackjacks. Supper, Silent Auction, Band. For tickets and more info call the Village Office 306-965-2281.

EATONIA
- Every Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM come to the Eatonia Library for puzzles, visiting and grab your books for the week!
- The Lions Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.
- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Town Council meet the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

ESTON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
• Crafty Creations (ages 10 and up) 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Eston Library. Yarn Weaving: Coasters and Block Printing with Foam. Contact the Library to register 306-962-3513 or eston.library@wheatland.sk.ca
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
• The Eston Museum is holding its annual Heritage Event at the Heritage Manor. Everyone welcome. Desserts and coffee/tea served. Come and visit with old friends and new! Silver collection at the door.
APRIL 16-19
• Quilt Retreat at the Eston United Church. Call Bonnie 306-962-7440 or Kelly 306-481-6820 for more info.

- 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.
- Coffee Time “Grounds for Discussion” every Wednesday at the Library 2:00 - 3:00 PM.
- 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.

FLAXCOMBE
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
• Flaxcombe’s 1st Annual “Make It, Bake It, Grow It” Spring Market is looking for vendors. Please call Montenique at 403-916-5128 for info. Deadline is March 15.

HOOSIER
FRIDAY, MARCH 6
• Gord Bamford 25th Anniversary Celebration Tour at the Hoosier Hall with opening act Dallas Alexander. All ages show. Call Christy 306-460-9190 for more info.

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

KERROBERT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
• Pancake Supper at the United Church from 5-7 PM. Adults \$15 and 10 & under is \$10.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
• Musical Night with Leon Ochs at the Seniors Hall starting at 7:00 PM. \$5/person. Snacks and coffee available during intermission.
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
• Ducks Unlimited Supper - Save the Date - Deatils to come.

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

KINDERSLEY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
• Pokémon Party at the Kindersley Library 2:00 PM. Pokémon-themed activities and crafts.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
• Kindersley Screen Arts presents “Rental Family” 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door. Wine and beer available for purchase. Sponsored by Speedy Auto Glass.
FRIDAY, MARCH 6
• Come hear the soprano voices of Shania Sanville and Arielle McKinnon with pianist Elena deJager at 7:00 PM St. Paul’s United Church. Silver collection at the door. An evening of classical art songs, opera and musical theatre.
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.
FRIDAY, MARCH 13
• CNIB Mobile Hub will be at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Free programs open to individuals who are blind, partially sighted or deafblind, as well as their families friends and caregivers.
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
• Kindersley & District Arts Council presents Rum Ragged at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre 7:30 PM. Tickets available at Devon Coles Garden Gallery, Emerald Lounge or at the door.
THURSDAY, MARCH 19
• Great Plains College Open House 5:30-7:30 PM at 514 Main Street. Stop and learn about the programs and student life offered at the Kindersley Campus. To learn more about the event contact Mackenzie at 306-778-5480 or email: mackenziev@greatplainscollege.ca

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
• Kindersley Screen Arts presents “Hamnet” 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door. Wine and beer available for purchase. Sponsored by Speedy Auto Glass.

- 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.
- Junior Leader Club (ages 10-14 welcome) Two Saturdays each month from 7:00-9:00 PM at the KCF Church 800-12 Avenue East.

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 13
• 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
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