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Ventriloquist Michael Harrison to bring 'Ventastic' tour to Luseland school

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

LUSELAND — Students in Luseland will get a live dose of ventriloquism, storytelling and puppetry next month as part of a provincewide school tour.

Michael Harrison's "Ventastic" tour will stop at Luseland District School on May 14, one of 14 Saskatchewan schools hosting the performance between May 11 and 22.

The tour is organized by the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) through its Performing Arts in Schools program, which brings live arts experiences to students in communities across the province.

Harrison's show blends ventriloquism with interactive storytelling and puppetry aimed at engaging students from kindergarten through Grade 12. The performance is designed to both entertain and educate, introducing students to one of the oldest performing arts while encouraging creativity and self-expression.

OSAC says the program helps spark imagination in young audiences and provides exposure to live performance that may not otherwise be accessible in smaller communities.

Harrison brings more than three decades of experience to the stage and draws on a family entertainment tradition spanning over 100 years. His performances feature a range of original characters and are built around audience interaction.

The Luseland performance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at Luseland District School.

OSAC's school touring program reached more than 16,000 students and teachers during the 2024-25 season, with performances delivered in dozens of communities across Saskatchewan.

Michael Harrison and friends will be bringing their "Ventastic" ventriloquism show to Luseland on May 14.



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Community champion recognized or lasting impact in Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

Joanne Kosolofski was awarded a Community Champion Award for Outstanding Volunteer by Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation. Bobbi Hebron, community development coordinator, presented Joanne with the award.

"After receiving several nominations across the district, Joanne was one of three champions chosen to be celebrated for Volunteer Appreciation Week," Bobbi explained.

The nomination was submitted by Chelsea Omness, who described Joanne's years of community contributions that have made a lasting impact in sport, culture and recreation.

As a lifelong resident of Kindersley, Joanne has supported virtually every minor sport in the community, contributed her time to the Kindersley & District Wellness Foundation, and played key roles on host committees for major events such as the Canada Cup, World Junior A Challenge, and provincial and national curling championships. She also served on multiple fundraising and building committees that helped develop and enhance Kindersley's recreation facilities.

"However, her most remarkable contribution over the past decade has been the creation and growth of Pathway to Wellness," Chelsea noted.

Pathway to Wellness was born after Joanne's husband survived a "widow-maker" heart attack, requiring months of travel to Saskatoon for cardiac rehabilitation. Joanne soon realized not every family had the time and resources to travel for care and decided to act.

A simple walking group grew into a partnership with the Town of Kindersley, and fitness opportunities were introduced at the West Central Events Centre walking track. Eventually, the Saskatchewan Health Authority joined, allowing certified professionals to lead structured group fitness and cardiac rehabilitation-based programming.

Today, participants travel from Rosetown and Kerrobert to attend programming, which includes AquaFit at the Aquatic Centre and gentle chair stretch classes. The program also offers yoga, youth fitness, special needs programming, pickleball, skating, snowshoeing, one-on-one client sessions and monthly programming with Elizabeth School special needs students.

In 2024, the program was recognized by the Saskatchewan Health Authority as a cardiac rehabilitation centre, and in 2026, Pathway to Wellness is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

"Joanne's impact extends far beyond volunteered hours," Chelsea wrote. "She identifies needs, builds partnerships, inspires others to get involved, and creates sustainable programs that strengthen the entire community. Her compassion, resilience and leadership have shaped the recreation and wellness land-



Joanne Kosolofski was presented with a Community Champion Award for Outstanding Volunteer by Bobbi Hebron, community development coordinator for Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation. Joanne's nomination was submitted by Chelsea Omness.

PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

scape in Kindersley in ways that will benefit generations to come."

Bobbi Hebron agreed.

"Along with her incredible accomplishments highlighted in her nomination, we thank Joanne for allowing us to share her story. It stands as a true reminder of what can be accomplished when guided by a passion for change, a love of your community, the gift of time, strong partnerships and surrounding yourself with a great team of people," she said.

The accolades continued as Bobbi added, "Every community and new idea needs a champion. Today we thank Joanne for inspiring us to find the gaps in our community and use our passion and time to make a difference in the lives of our family, friends and neighbours. We are excited to see what Joanne and her team will accomplish next."

Joanne's family, friends and business associates all recognize her as a true champion with a big heart for her community, and are pleased to see it made official as she accepts the Community Champion Award. Thanks for all you do, Joanne.

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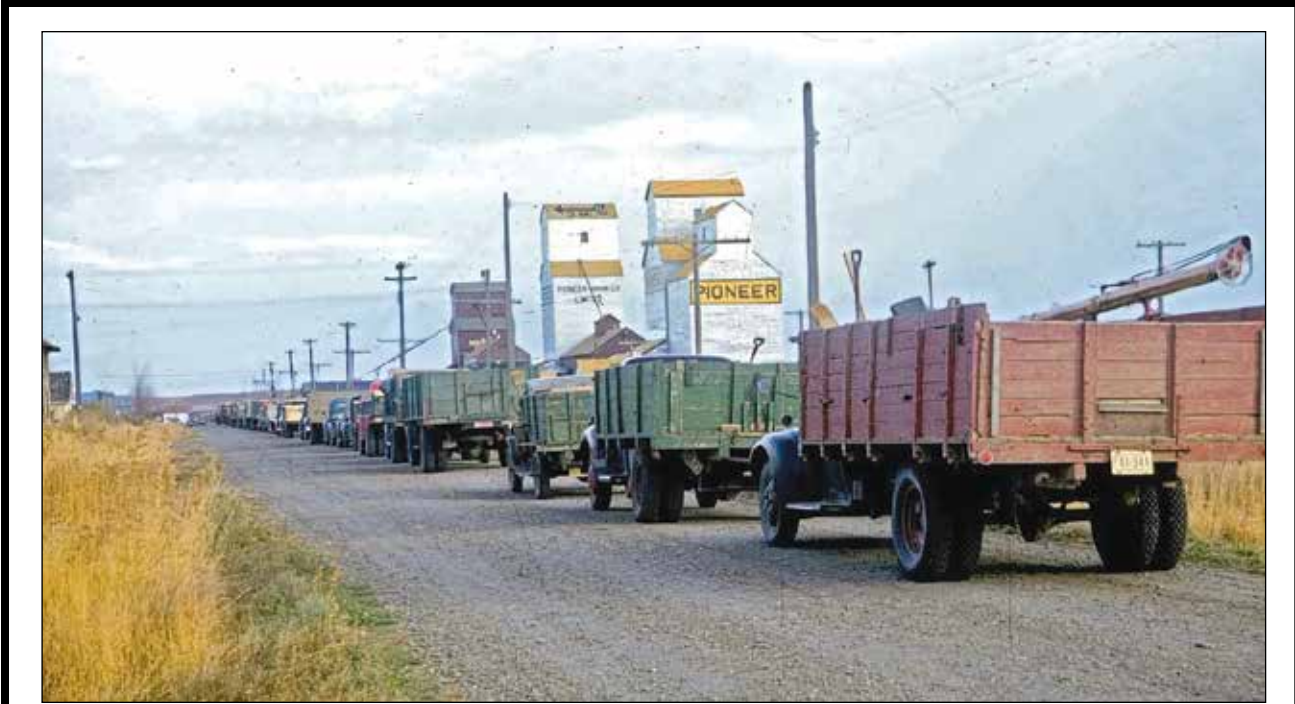
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WAITING THEIR TURN. A long line of 1-ton trucks stretches toward the elevator in Eastend, Saskatchewan, in this 1953 scene, when farmers hauled about 500 bushels each to market the old-fashioned way.

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FROM PERSONAL TRAGEDY TO COMMUNITY IMPACT

Kindersley volunteer Darlene May turns brain injury advocacy into lasting local support

BY JOAN JANZEN

Volunteer Appreciation Week is an opportunity to celebrate dedicated local volunteers. April 19 to 25 highlights the connection, purpose and meaningful change volunteers like Darlene May bring to their communities.

The week is designed to encourage people to “find their thing” and get involved by supporting volunteerism in towns and villages. Darlene May “found her thing” after her son Jason sustained a brain injury.

“Because of Jason’s brain injury, the Royal Purple approached us to see if we would like to start up the Royal Purple because their cause is brain injury awareness and prevention. I decided to give back,” she recalled.

Darlene was one of the original members who started the lodge in Kindersley. Since beginning in 2017, the group has raised funds for projects supported by both the Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association and the Saskatchewan Royal Purple. They have also contributed locally, donating to the food bank, Crisis Centre family shelter, and Westberry and Elizabeth schools.

“Plus we raise money to fill care bags,” Darlene said. “We usually deliver 30 bags to Crisis Centre and 15 to Wilkie, and give Rosetown and Kindersley RCMP five bags each in October.”

Braingo Tango is the organization’s main fundraiser, supporting the Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association, while the Purple Thursday campaign focuses on stopping domestic violence.

“Our golf raffle tickets are coming out this weekend. In the five years we’ve been doing it, three out of the five winners have been from Kindersley,” she said.

Darlene has built connections across the province and country through her involvement. “I’ve met a lot of people throughout the province and across Canada because I’m affiliated with the national organiza-



LEADING WITH PURPOSE. Darlene May, president of the Kindersley Lodge of the Royal Purple, is among the many volunteers being recognized during Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 19–25. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

tion. Once you join the local group, you also become a member of the provincial and national organization,” she explained. “It’s good to see what other provinces are doing.”

Volunteering is a lifestyle for Darlene. She also delivers Meals on Wheels, serves on her church board and is a member of the United Church Women. She volunteers at the Manor and regularly takes her son Jason for exercise and walks at the rink and pool.

“I love stopping to chat with the residents at the Manor. I think the residents think I work there because I’m always there,” she laughed.

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GLIDING GIANTS. While diving at Nysa Panida in Indonesia, Amaris spotted six huge manta rays that circled and glided around them for nearly an hour.

From Rosetown to the world: Teen's first trip sparks lifelong love of travel

BY JOAN JANZEN

"When you've lived in Saskatchewan your entire life and rarely been out of Canada, there isn't a lot that isn't new," 19-year-old Amaris Manning from Rosetown said. She recently returned from a 34-day-long journey to various locations in Indonesia, Singapore and Okinawa in Japan.

"I wasn't the one handling the logistics of flights and ferries, but I now have an understanding of what it's like to actually be a traveller in non-Western countries," she said. Amaris accompanied experienced world travellers Kyla and Jonah Janzen from Kindersley on their latest adventure.

She said the most unique and fun experience she had was learning how to dive. "I've always loved the water, but being able to experience the ocean in that way is a feeling I'm going to be chasing forever. There's nowhere around here where you can swim with turtles, cuttlefish and look for microscopic shrimp among the corals," she said. While diving at Nysa Penida in Indonesia, they spotted six huge manta rays that glided around them for a full hour.

This young traveller saw some breathtaking scenery, which was expected. "But I wasn't expecting the overall demeanour of people in different areas," she admitted. "Sometimes you would be bartering for a decent price on something you could find at the next market stall, or your ride was willing to wait hours while you shopped and ate."

In Bali, she found the locals to be extremely accommodating, while the locals in Singapore were busy living their own lives. "Japanese locals were extremely friendly and did their best to understand our English," she added. "Staying in Hong Kong for a layover was the biggest people shock." The glimpse of their culture made her curious about what life was like outside the airport.

While experiencing different cultures, Amaris loved observing local children. "It was refreshing to see childhood imagination and how the children entertained themselves without a screen or constant ac-



TEA WITH A VIEW. Amaris (front), Jonah and Kyla pause for tea while overlooking a dramatic landscape, with a volcano rising in the distance.



CLIFFSIDE CALM. At Uluwatu in Indonesia, Amaris and Kyla unwind in an open-concept hut, taking in a sweeping ocean view from above the treetops.

like the ones my sister makes. It's also impossible to go to Japan without having ramen and sushi, which made me beyond happy!"

Amaris returned home not only excited about her trip, but ready to experience more adventures in the future. "It is absolutely a dream of mine to travel again, and I learned a lot on this trip that can be transferred," the young traveller said.



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Small actions make a big difference

Have you ever had circumstances, a random podcast, a book you're reading or a sign on a billboard all relay the same message? That's what happened this past week when I repeatedly saw or heard the same three words: "small things matter."



Check It Out
By Joan Janzen

While volunteering, I was reminded that small choices matter. For weeks I had noticed the handle on the commercial cooler was loose, but decided to "look into it later." Then the handle broke off completely and I realized how much a small action matters.

A recent newsletter from the communications director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) emphasized the importance of small actions such as signing a petition or sending an email to politicians or senators.

"Every email is a chance to spend five minutes doing something good. And when you do, that good is magnified with thousands of other Canadians doing the same thing," the director observed.

Organizations like CTF encourage people to do the small things because power comes from the people, not from high-powered bureaucrats. Every day, CTF witnesses the results of those five-minute emails.

I have lost count of how many times my life was deeply impacted by a small word of encouragement or act of kindness. Even though nobody applauds or offers awards for those small acts of ser-

vice, over days, months and years those actions change lives. Doing seemingly insignificant good things leads to doing more good things and doing them better.

Our daily choices and actions also have a significant impact on our health and well-being. The trio of doctors I listen to regularly noted that a small decision to get checked out could be

lifesaving. "You know your own body," Dr. Suneel Dhand said, advising people to pay attention to minor symptoms such as a sudden drop in energy, fatigue or breathlessness.

"Daily habits you do now can help you later in life," Dr. Ben Levin added. "Simple daily habits really pay off."

One of my daily habits is my morning cup of black coffee, so I was pleased to hear the doctors say coffee is beneficial because it contains antioxidants. "Data out there says it helps prevent dementia and Alzheimer's from developing," Dr. Suneel said. Black coffee is the healthiest option.

Dr. Peter Chiotellis, a cardiologist, stressed the importance of staying hydrated. "Ninety-nine per cent of my patients are dehydrated in some way," he observed. Dehydration increases the risk of falls, damages kidneys, causes blood pressure to drop, leads to loss of balance and affects the brain. "Side effects of medications increase if you're dehydrated," he added.

They advised drinking water and adding an electrolyte. "Potassium is an important electrolyte," Dr. Ben said. Lack of potassium can cause muscle cramping, and low potassium and low magnesium are often associated with an irregular heartbeat.

Another small but important choice is consuming enough protein. Dr. Suneel said his general rule is to fill half his plate with protein and half with colourful vegetables.

"Diet does not get enough respect in the medical world," Dr. Peter noted. They advise their patients to avoid refined seed oils, margarine, high-fructose foods and processed foods. Additives cause inflammation and sugar leads to fat deposits around the liver.

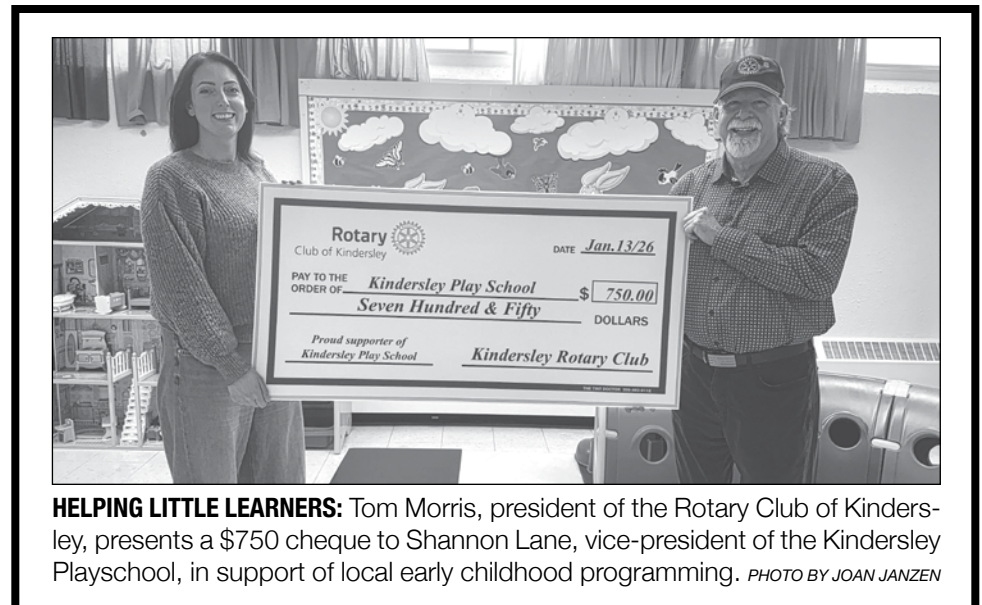
The doctors said that although protein drinks are often given as a healthy option in hospitals, they are full of sugar, calories, refined oils, additives and preservatives. They suggested making a smoothie and adding protein powder as a healthier alternative.

While food can be a natural medicine, sleep is equally important. "Sleep is when your body shuts down and repairs itself from all the inflammation built up throughout the day," Dr. Suneel said. "People who get less than six hours of sleep a night actually have an increased risk of heart disease because their body hasn't repaired itself."

Small periods of daily exercise are also important. "I always tell my patients the key to longevity is not medications or doctors. The key is regular low-impact exercise that keeps lean muscle mass," Dr. Ben said.

Not only is exercise great for mental health, it reduces inflammation, maintains lean muscle mass, helps prevent falls and fractures, and increases bone density.

So much of life's choices feel small, but those small things matter. Our small acts of service and kindness improve the quality of life of others, and our small email messages remind bureaucrats that power comes from the people who pay their wages.



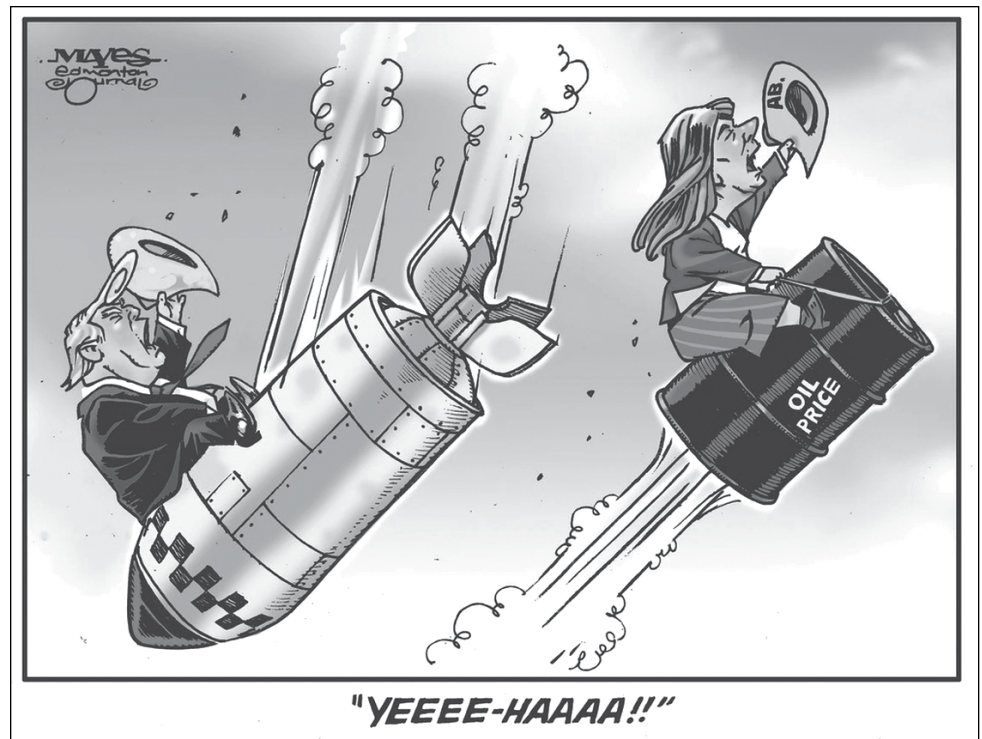
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Fresh looks for top curling rinks

Curling's game of musical chairs has begun.

Now that Brad Jacobs and his rink have won the men's world curling championship and Kerri Einarson came up one game short at the women's worlds, Canada's elite curlers are rearranging lineups to begin the next four-year Olympic Games cycle. The main goal, besides

efforts to win the Brier, Scotties and world championships each year, is to represent Canada at the Olympics in 2030 in the French Alps. While occasional personnel changes happen from year to year, this year's avalanche of changes was sparked by Brad Gushue's announcement that he was retiring from competitive curling.

With Gushue no longer at the helm of the rink that won six Briers and one world championship, the remaining three members of his rink had decisions to make. Third Brendan Bottcher's decision was to become a skip once again and take lead Geoff Walker with him, adding the Horgan brothers from Northern Ontario, Jacob and Tanner, who had been with John Epping of Ontario. The Horgans' departure left Epping scrambling for replacements, and he wound up forming a Manitoba-based team featuring B.J. Neufeld, Ryan Wiebe and Ian McMillan. Gushue's veteran third, Mark Nichols, will throw second stones for reigning Brier champ Matt Dunstone.

Veteran skip Mike McEwen departed from his Saskatchewan-based rink



Sports
By Bruce Penton

— whether he left on his own accord or was pushed is not known — but it didn't take long for him to find a new rink. He will throw fourth stones for the rink led in recent years by Rylan Kleiter, out of Saskatoon. The shell of the former McEwen rink — Colton Flasch, Kevin Marsh, Dan Marsh — remains intact and will now be

skipped by Tyler Tardi, who left the Kevin Koe rink, where he was the third.

With Tardi gone, Koe filled the vacated spot with Johnson Tao, joining the front end of Aaron Sluchinski and Karrick Martin.

On the women's side, the major off-season news was the departure — firing? — of Val Sweeting from the Scotties' champion Einarson foursome. It didn't take long for Sweeting to find a new landing spot; she'll curl third on the Kayla MacMillan team from Victoria. Meanwhile, Sweeting's position with Einarson was quickly filled by veteran Jocelyn Peterman, who teamed with her husband Brett Gallant to represent Canada in the Olympic Games mixed doubles in February. Peterman will throw lead stones but hold the broom for Einarson while Shannon Birchard moves up to third and Kaylee Burgess takes over at second.

Long-time Manitoba skip Kate Cameron announced she is moving to Quebec to take over the rink formerly skipped by Laurie Ste-Georg-

es, who will drop down to third. And Kaitlyn Lawes' Manitoba team, which finished runner-up at this year's Scotties, is breaking up altogether.

Year One of curling's new lineups will be experimental in nature. The evolution of rink personnel will likely continue until 2029, when the Olympic Trials will determine whether the changes were good, bad or indifferent.

- Frankie Fleetwood, 9-year-old son of PGA Tour star Tommy, on all the attention he received during the Masters Par-3 contest: "I'd like to thank everyone right now, but I don't know their names."
- Kyle Porter of Normal Sport, addressing rumours that an entity other than Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund might fund the LIV golf tour: "Some entities flirt with funding LIV but ultimately WD, mostly because LIV's balance sheet is messier than Haotong Li's 13th hole on Sunday (a 10)."
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Sabres in the playoffs and Panthers out. Who would have bet on that parlay back in November?"
- Super 70s Sports: "I don't know the pressure of playing the back nine on Sunday at the Masters, but I do know the pressure of standing on the 18th tee needing a six to break 100 while playing a decaying range ball because I chunked

two Titleists in a pond at 17."

- Headline at theonion.com: "Rory McIlroy Struggling To Fit Big Check Into Mobile Deposit Photo"
- Columnist Norman Chad, mocking NBC football reporter Michele Tafoya's run for the U.S. Senate for Minnesota: "Yes, 'the stakes were the highest' when you walked the sidelines for a game to decide the last AFC wild card spot. Yes, your job taught you how leadership works when you asked Andy Reid about second-half adjustments. Washington needs this experience."
- Another one from theonion.com: "LeBron Clarifies Which Teammates Are, Are Not His Children"
- Headline at fark.com, after the New York Mets lost 10 straight: "The Mets are Metsing earlier than expected."
- Another fark.com offering: "Golfer Sergio Garcia apologizes for acting like tennis player Daniil Medvedev."
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "NHL players have voted William Nylander with having the best social media presence in the league and have voted him hockey's most fashionable player. So the Leafs don't have a GM and need to fire their coach, but they do dress well."

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ADOPTED FOR THE AFTERNOON. A tea party took place at Westberry School on Friday afternoon, where students provided entertainment and shared tea with their grandparents. Suzanne Peladeau was happy to be adopted as a grandma to Rhia Hill for the special event, as the gym filled with grandparents visiting with their grandkids.

SUBMITTED

Report says farmers' share of grocery dollar continues to shrink

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Canadian consumers are paying nearly 30 per cent more for food than they were in 2020, while prices paid to farmers have remained largely stagnant, according to a new report from the National Farmers Union.

The report, Fair Food Prices?, compares price data for 14 farm products and their retail equivalents over the past 20 to 50 years. It found retail prices have continued to rise while farmgate prices have seen little movement.

The NFU says the widening gap is being driven by corporate concentration in Canada's agri-food sector. According to the report, four companies control 80 per cent of grocery sales in Canada, four companies account for 88 per cent of grain-handling capacity, and two companies dominate meat processing.

The report says major grocery companies earned more than \$6 billion in profits last year, up from an average of \$2 billion annually between 2015 and 2019.

"This report highlights a growing disconnect between rising retail prices and stagnant returns at the farmgate," said Adrian Arts, executive director of the British Columbia Fruit Growers Association.

NFU vice-president of policy Phil Mount said the issue is not new, pointing to the 1959 Royal Commission on grocery retailing.

"Our report shows that nearly 60 years later, the handful of grocery giants left in this country are so powerful that they can openly profiteer during a pandemic, taking money directly out of the pockets of both farmers and consumers, with no consequences," Mount said.

NFU president Jenn Pfenning said farmers are being told to expand to remain competitive while having little control over market prices or rising input costs.

The NFU is calling for stronger regulation of grocery profits, public grocery stores as non-profit competitors, and continued support for supply management and collective marketing systems.

Kindersley council adopts 2026 budget, holds mill rate at 11.25

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

KINDERSLEY — Town council has adopted its 2026 operating and capital budget and confirmed the municipal property tax mill rate will remain unchanged at 11.25 mills for the year.

Council passed both measures at its regular meeting April 20 in council chambers. The mill rate decision, moved by Coun. Shaun Henry and seconded by Coun. Rob Anderson, holds the line on municipal property taxes for Kindersley ratepayers.

Council also gave all three readings to Bylaw 04-26, establishing the 2026 mill rate factors, and approved third reading of Bylaw 03-26, an amendment to the town's zoning bylaw. A public hearing on the zoning amendment opened at 5:14 p.m. and closed one minute later, with no members of the public present to speak and no written submissions received.

In other business, council approved \$6,750 in funding through the 2026 Community Grant Program, with nine local organizations each receiving \$750. Recipients were the Kindersley Swim Club, Kindersley Museum, Zest of the West, Kindersley Soccer, Kindersley & District Chamber of Commerce, Kindersley Aquatic Centre, Pathway to Wellness, West Central Events Centre and KAWS.

Council also authorized chief administrative officer



Marty Baroni to proceed under The Tax Enforcement Act with title acquisition on three properties in the town.

Councillors accepted accounts paid totalling \$313,578.51, along with payroll of \$89,284.07.

The meeting, chaired by Mayor Ken Francis, included a closed-door in-camera session from 5:16 p.m. to 7:17 p.m. to discuss long-range and strategic planning, advice from officials, and economic and other interests. All members of council were present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Crowds turn out as spring market season opens in Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

Although spring weather has been unpredictable, the season of markets and garage sales has officially begun in Kindersley. Neither gale-force winds, snow, sleet nor rain keeps patrons from attending their favourite events in Saskatchewan.

A crowd gathered early Saturday morning when the doors opened at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Volunteers served a pancake breakfast at their annual spring fundraiser in the church hall. Baking, garage sale items, clothing, books, mini raffles, and pie and coffee were available until 11:30 a.m.

The momentum continued into the afternoon at Caleb Village's Spring Trade Show, where visitors and residents browsed tables of products from numerous home-based businesses.



Young entrepreneur at market Hector Mazzei, the youngest vendor at Caleb Village's Spring Trade Show on Saturday, April 18, demonstrates his products to interested customers. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Lions look to establish new club in Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

"Where there's a need, there's a Lion" is a motto Lions District Extension Chairperson Rob Hill firmly believes.

"If somebody comes with a need, we'll look at it," he said.

An organizational meeting was held at the Kindersley Inn on Thursday, April 23, to help form a Lions Club in Kindersley.

"The Eston 95 Club is sponsoring this club," Hill explained. "This has been in the works for a year now."

He said Lions is a good fit for individuals who want to make their community a better place to live. Hill was excited to share information at the meeting, as well as speak with people one-on-one about what Lions Club has to offer.

"There are a lot of advantages to the community in having a Lions Club," he said.

It costs \$35 to join, plus \$50 per year to cover liability insurance for each club's projects, training for members, legal fees and the international board of directors. Hill said a staff of just 300 looks after 50,000 clubs throughout the world.

"We need a minimum of 20 members to start a club," he explained.

He pointed out that 20 people out of Kindersley's population is not very many.

"Grants are available, but you need to have a local Lions Club to get them. Grants for emergency situations can be accessed within 24 hours," he said.

Hill said Lions clubs are making a difference around the world because whenever Lions clubs get together, problems get smaller and communities get better.

For more information, visit lionsclubs.org or email rfhill@sasktel.net.



LENDING A HAND. Rob Hill, District Extension Chairperson, attended a Lions Club organization meeting in Kindersley on Thursday, April 23. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



Relentless effort. Braden Close took on a momentous challenge and completed 5,000 "Pull-ups for Pathway" in less than 24 hours at Grindhouse Fitness Lab in Kindersley on the weekend. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Braden Close executes 5,000 "Pull-Ups for Pathway" in less than 24 hours

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kindersley's Braden Close took on a momentous challenge and completed 5,000 pull-ups in less than 24 hours over the weekend. Joanne Kosolofski from Pathway to Wellness was thrilled when Braden decided to call it "Pull-Ups for Pathway."

"He decided to do this challenge and a couple of his buddies said, 'Why not do it for a cause?' and he picked us," Joanne explained. "It's awesome!"

Braden took on this new venture at Grindhouse Fitness Lab, raising funds for Pathway to Wellness. So far, more than \$6,500 has been raised, and the funds continue to accumulate. Anyone wishing to donate can send e-transfers to kdhwfoundation@gmail.com or make cheques payable to KDHWF.

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THE GATHERING PLACE. Len Fahn (left) and Lloyd Beauchesne enjoy a day at work at the barber shop in Kindersley in the early 1960s. Lloyd is dressed for another day of work in his white shirt and bow tie. PHOTO KINDERSLEY MUSEUM

From miles away for a cut: Lloyd's Barber Shop was Kindersley's gathering place

BY JOAN JANZEN

Running a barbershop was more than a business back in the era when Lloyd's Barber Shop was located on Main Street in Kindersley. Men from Wilkie, Outlook, Oyen and Fox Valley were known to frequent Lloyd Beauchesne's shop while their wives were shopping in town. It was the place to go to enjoy a good visit along with a haircut.

Lloyd began working as a barber in Kindersley at Len Fahn's shop after getting married in 1959, and when Len retired in 1972, Lloyd started his own shop. However, he had started his professional career in 1956.

After completing his training in Saskatoon, he began his barbering career at the Bessborough Hotel. While there, his

customers included John Wayne, John Diefenbaker, Phil Everly and Colonel Sanders.

The customers who sat in Lloyd's barber chair in Kindersley thoroughly enjoyed their experience. He kept them entertained, telling jokes, whistling, singing and even yodelling. It was the place to go to find out what was happening in the area and to view samples of Lloyd's collectibles. He had a passion for collecting bottles, glass, arrowheads and rocks, and was an avid photographer.

It was a sad day when he was forced to close his shop in 1997 due to ill health, and even sadder when he passed away on Feb. 22, 1998. His antique barber chair and other equipment are on display at the Kindersley Museum, where Lloyd's legacy lives on.



LIFESAVING SUPPORT. Representatives from the Kerrobert Kinsmen present a newly donated pediatric crash cart to staff at the Kerrobert Integrated Health Facility, strengthening emergency care for young patients. The donation highlights the continued commitment of local organizations to support health services in the community. PHOTO COURTESY TOWN OF KERROBERT

Major Recreation Board reports strong steak shoot

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

The Major Recreation Board reviewed a strong start to 2026 and set key dates for upcoming community events during its April 20 meeting.

Chair Bailey Kemery called the meeting to order, with members approving the agenda and previous minutes without changes.

The board reported a healthy financial position with the biggest highlight being the 2026 steak shoot, which raised \$35,982.50. A total of 146 steak suppers, 15½ additional meals and 21 hot dog suppers were sold. Board members credited volunteers, donors and community support for the event's success.

Maintenance and upgrades to the hall remain

a priority. Plans include assessing a potential roof leak, exploring a Wi-Fi door locking system and thermostat, and investigating the installation of an electric water shut-off valve. A radon mitigation consultation is also planned to address moisture concerns in the building.

Work will continue on a historical plaque project, which may evolve into a timeline display. Residents with historical photos are encouraged to contribute.

Seasonal maintenance is also scheduled, including spring cleaning of the basement and preparation of the ball diamonds during the week of June 15. Volunteers will be sought closer to the date.

Upcoming events are taking shape. The board confirmed June 20 for its

annual barbecue, avoiding a conflict with Denzil Days. Plans include a bounce house, organized ball games and a set meal price, replacing the previous silver collection format. Food will again be sourced from Luseland Family Foods.

A community garage sale is set for May 30, with table registrations underway. The local 4-H club will operate a meal booth, and organizers plan to include items from the hall along with a variety of vendors.

The board also noted a successful Food Safe course scheduled for April 26 and reported that 16 children attended this year's Easter egg hunt.


Other business included the completion of the SaskLotteries grant follow-up and the conclusion of bunnyhug sales.

Looking ahead, the board is considering upgrades to the outdoor community board on Main Street, including recognizing former residents for significant achievements.

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TRAIL TIME RETURNS. Ryan Orton (centre) enjoyed a gorgeous afternoon on the Kindersley walking trail with his friend Kyle Anderson (on bike) and his pal Munroe the dog, making the most of a break in the weather.

PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



Boys doubles



Mixed doubles



Boys singles



Girls doubles

Leader athletes advance at SWAC badminton sectionals

LEADER — Students from Leader Composite School were among the top performers at senior badminton sectionals held April 18, earning multiple podium finishes and advancing to the next level of competition.

In the senior north section, Leader athletes delivered strong results across several categories. Leader student Chris Girardin captured first place in boys singles.

Leader also dominated in doubles play. The team of Kylin Charnetski and Jaxson Biermann finished first in boys doubles, while Kaiden Napper and Hunter Glass added a third-place result.

In girls doubles, Rachel Cocks and Cyler Eresman secured first place. Leader continued its success in mixed doubles, where Paige Elsasser and Grady Dale claimed top spot. Teammates Ava Prokopchuk and Robert Cunningham also advanced with a sec-

ond-place finish.

Top finishers from sectionals move on to senior SWAC districts, were scheduled for April 25 in Leader. Senior regionals will follow on May 2, with provincials set for May 9.

April 25, but were cancelled due to the weather. No results were available at press time.

In track and field, the season began March 30, with upcoming meets including the bantam competition on May 20 and the senior meet on May 27. Provincial championships for Grades 9 to 12 will take place June 5 and 6 in Saskatoon.

Officials note that volunteers are still needed to assist at upcoming track meets, including roles such as timing, measuring and field maintenance. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact their local school athletic director.


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SOUTHEAST SASKATCHEWAN LEGENDS:

Mel Trobert

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Editor's note: The Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Show is coming soon – and each event sees several people honoured for their contributions to the oilpatch. This year six people have been named as "Southeast Saskatchewan Legends," including two posthumously. Pipeline Online will be running biographies on each in the coming weeks. First up is Mel Trobert, who passed away in 2021. The oil show takes place June 3-4, with the Legends being honoured at the noon luncheon on June 3. You can register for the show and purchase tickets for meals at Oilshow.ca.

Mel Trobert was born in 1950 and raised on a farm near Tribune. He soon found himself working on drilling rigs at a young age. That's not surprising since, as the youngest of seven children, the probability of a Trobert working in the oilpatch was pretty high. Nearly the entire family found itself working in the patch.

Mel was one of those irrepresible people who lived 24 hours in every day. That is, except for the one time Doris Frehlick asked why his time card said 25 hours. He replied, "Must not have stopped for lunch."

He worked at Bourassa's in Radville, assembling equipment, and bought his first truck before he had a drivers license. He went to work on drilling rigs at the age of 15.

After a few years on the rigs, Mel went to work for Flint, first as an equipment operator then as a pipeline foreman. He spent about five years with Flint before going to work for his brother Joe's company CEDA in Williston. Mel spent about five years down south in the 90s before coming to work for Ray Frehlick in the rat hole business.

A key but lesser-known component of drilling oilwells is done before the drilling rig even shows up. It's done by the rat hole rig, which drills and installs the cellar and conductor pipe for the main hole, the mouse hole and the rat hole.

Mel entered the rat hole business in the 1980s. "We leased a rig from the States to get going. It was a bucket rig, a water well rig, more or less," he said in 2011.

They got their first screw rig in 1987. Ray Frehlick, the owner of Prairie Mud and Prairie Petro-Chem, used to own the business. Trobert was working for Frehlick at the time.

"Buck Scheely said we should get into setting conductors," Mel said. They initially leased a rig from Scheely.

Mel was partners with Ray for many years. He bought out his two partners in 2004 and 2008, becoming sole owner that year.

He also had two sideline businesses – M&N Rentals, an oilfield rental outfit, and Man Construction.

In 1998, Mel married Donna Paterson. It was a package deal, with Donna's kids Travis and Tasha as part of the package. They very much became his kids, too, and by 2005 Travis was working in the business, and Tasha joined in 2010. Donna retired from SaskTel in 2007 and joined Prairie Rathole that year. Then Tasha's son Bryce came onboard in 2016.



Mel Trobert, standing before a rat hole rig. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Tasha said Mel was "Saskatchewan's original rat man."

Tasha said Mel was "Saskatchewan's original rat man," to which Travis added, "And I'm rat boy."

Prairie Rat Hole is one of only two rat hole operations in Saskatchewan. While based in Estevan, they covered the whole province, and beyond. Mel said, "We've been in Cold Lake, Alberta. They told us, 'You worked for us down there, you work for us up here.'"

The company was an early adopter of the SECOR program.

In 2013 the company expanded its fleet and moved into a new shop on the east side of Estevan.

If working 25 hours a day wasn't enough, Mel decided to take up farming in 2004, pouring his heart into Simmentals and highland cattle and more. He even bought Donna a miniature donkey for a birthday gift. It got to the point where Travis was largely running the rat hole operation and Mel would be tooling about on the farm, putting in fences and everything else you could imagine a few head needed. Prairie Rat Hole staff often spent a good chunk of spring breakup working on the farm.

Eventually Mel and Donna sold the farm in 2018.

When he wasn't working or farming (is there a difference?), Mel loved spending time with his grandkids.

Mel did not retire, but he did pass away in 2021.

Prairie Rat Hole continues to be run by son Travis and wife Donna. Tasha and her husband Jayson King and their son Bryce own and operate JK Containments.



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Leader drama students won numerous awards for their performance of "Hamlette" at the Regional Drama Festival in Swift Current. PHOTO COURTESY LEADER COMPOSITE SCHOOL

Leader drama students bring home awards!

BY PAMELA SIFERT

The drama students from Leader Composite School experienced an exciting weekend at the Regional Drama Festival in Swift Current where they performed "Hamlette". They also brought home numerous awards. Morgan Dietrich won a Spirit of the Festival award, a technical award of merit, and runner-up for

the Mary Ellen Burgess Acting Award for "Horacio". Milly Jodoin won an Acting Certificate for her role as "Queen and King" and Allegra won an Acting award of Merit for her role as "Hamlette". The group won Best Technical Production and runner-up for Best Overall Production. We extend congratulations and wish them the best of luck as they head to Provincials in Moose Jaw.

Zest of the West raises \$35,000 for future community facility

BY JOAN JANZEN

Shaun Henry was thrilled to report the Zest of the West event, held April 18 in Kindersley, was a huge success.

Approximately 450 people enjoyed refreshments and food provided by 21 vendors, listened to talented live entertainment, took fun photos at the photo booth and kicked up their heels at the cabaret that followed.

Thanks to the generosity of a host of sponsors, approximately \$35,000 was raised, which will go toward procuring a new community facility in Kindersley.

Way to go, Kindersley!



Canada to lift EU flaxseed testing requirement

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Canada will no longer be required to test flaxseed shipments destined for the European Union, ending a protocol that has been in place since 2009 and removing a key non-tariff trade barrier for producers and exporters.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced that the Sampling and Testing Protocol for Canadian flaxseed exports to the EU will officially end May 1, 2026. The move reflects renewed confidence in the safety and reliability of Canadian agricultural products and signals stronger trade ties between Canada and the EU.

The protocol was introduced after trace amounts of an unauthorized genetically modified flaxseed variety, known as CDC Triffid, were detected in a shipment bound for Europe in July 2009. The discovery led to a temporary halt in exports and prompted the development of strict testing requirements to allow trade to resume.

Since then, federal officials, working alongside the Canadian Grain Commission and industry partners, have taken steps to eliminate CDC Triffid from Canadian supply chains. Over more than a decade of testing, no positive detections have been reported.

While the protocol allowed exports to continue, it also added costs and administrative burdens for

Canadian exporters, putting them at a disadvantage compared to competitors. Following years of consistent test results, Canada formally requested the protocol's removal in 2024, a request that has now been accepted by the EU.

Federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Heath MacDonald said the decision highlights Canada's reputation for producing safe and reliable food products.

"Thanks to Canada's producers and processors, we are known globally for the quality, safety and reliability of our food exports," MacDonald said. "Increasing trade with our European partners means more opportunities for Canadian farmers and processors to grow their businesses, create good jobs, and build up our economy."

Canada remains one of the world's leading producers and exporters of flaxseed. In 2025, farmers seeded approximately 251,000 hectares, producing more than 454,000 metric tonnes. Flaxseed exports totalled \$229.7 million, with \$73.6 million shipped to EU markets.

Overall, Canada exported \$92.8 billion in agriculture and agri-food products in 2025, with \$6.2 billion going to EU countries, making the bloc Canada's third-largest market.

The removal of the protocol is expected to improve competitiveness for Canadian exporters and open the door to expanded trade opportunities in Europe.

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Knights of Columbus donate \$9,514 to Special Olympics Saskatchewan

REGINA — Special Olympics Saskatchewan received a \$9,514 donation from the Knights of Columbus during the organization's annual general meeting on April 19.

The cheque was presented to executive director Rhae-Ann Holoien by Knights of Columbus representative Terry Shalley, continuing a long-standing partnership supporting athletes with intellectual disabilities across the province.

"The Knights of Columbus have been tremendous champions of Special Olympics Saskatchewan for more than five decades," said Holoien. "Their commitment through fundraising and volunteerism directly benefits our ath-

letes by supporting programs, training and competitions that build confidence, inclusion and community."

The Knights of Columbus raise funds each year in support of Special Olympics, helping ensure athletes have access to safe and meaningful sport opportunities.

Special Olympics Saskatchewan said the contribution will support ongoing programming and help expand access to sport for children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities.

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Requests to Sask Ombudsman rise for second year

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Requests for assistance to Saskatchewan's Ombudsman increased for the second year in a row, according to the office's 2025 annual report.

The annual reports from Saskatchewan's Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner Sharon Pratch-

ler were tabled in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly.

Pratchler's office received 4,612 requests for assistance from the public in 2025. Of those, 3,756 were within the Ombudsman's jurisdiction and 856 were outside it. The total represents a 13 per cent increase from 2024.

Pratchler said her office continues to focus on improving the delivery of government programs and services through outreach, education and coaching.

"The goal of our office is to focus on continuous improvement in the delivery of government programs and services. This ensures the best possible experience for members of the public who need to access the programs," she said.

The office also created a new position focused on proactive engagement and capacity building. The report says demand for that work was strong, with staff travelling 70,715 kilometres in 2025 for municipal and other outreach.

The report also highlights the importance of procedural fairness in decision-making. It outlines six areas decision-makers should consider when making and communicating decisions.

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**Range health tool
updated for
Saskatchewan
native grasslands**

**BY YOUR SOUTHWEST
MEDIA GROUP**

A Saskatchewan grass-land conservation group has released an updated tool to help assess the health of native prairie rangelands.

The Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan has unveiled the second edition of the Saskatchewan Rangeland Health Assessment for Native Grasslands, updating the original 2008 workbook.

The field workbook guides producers, land managers and range-land specialists through a nine-question score sheet. It looks at five indicators of range health: plant community, invasive weeds, vegetation layers, soil and erosion, and plant litter.

The assessment provides a score out of 100, placing the rangeland in one of three categories: healthy, healthy with challenges, or needs improvement.

Officials say the results help provide baseline data, track changes and validate current grazing or management practices.

The updated edition includes clearer links to Saskatchewan rangeland ecosystem reference plant communities, added assessment of woody species encroachment, evaluation of biocrust presence and updated guidance on non-native forage species and noxious weeds.

It also includes Saskatchewan-based research to help interpret whether plant litter is excessive or reduced.

"Rangeland ecosystems are dynamic, ever-changing landscapes, as are the people, plants and wildlife that rely on these habitats," said Carolyn Gaudet, who managed Saskatchewan PCAP.

The workbook is intended for ranchers, producers, federal and provincial rangeland specialists, environmental groups, Crown lease holders, community pastures and private agrologists.

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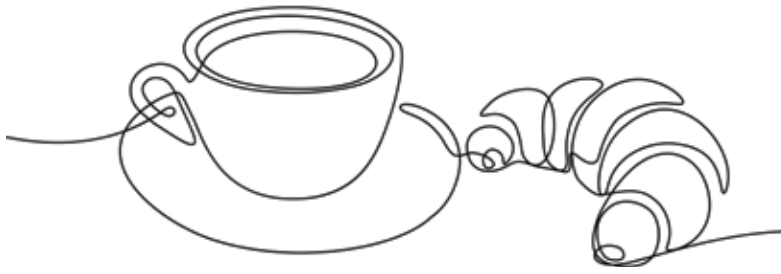


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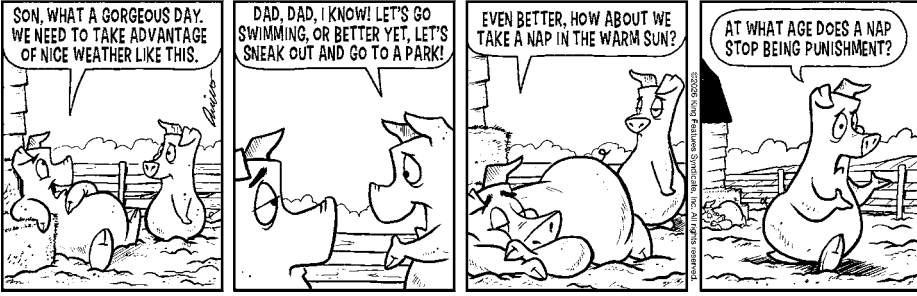




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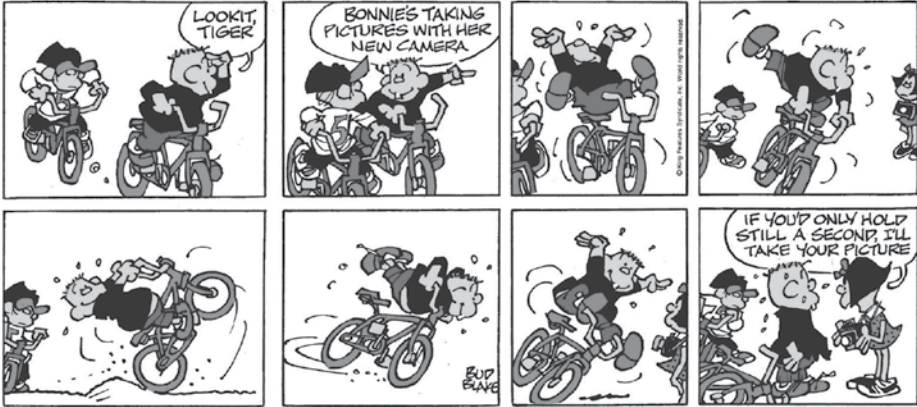
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Purse is moved. 2. Fork is reversed. 3. Napkin is different. 4. Doorway opening is not as wide. 5. Window in door is different. 6. Jacket is longer.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the title of the final episode of "M*A*S*H"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Red Sea is an inlet of which ocean?
- INVENTIONS: Which English scientist invented the color wheel?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do pandas mostly eat?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the fictional college where "Animal House" is set?
- HISTORY: What was the last Chinese imperial dynasty?
- GEOMETRY: What is the distance around a circle called?
- SCIENCE: The world's first vaccine was developed to prevent which disease?
- LITERATURE: Where is Stephen King's novel "It" set?
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All 162 University of Saskatchewan medical residency seats filled

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

All 162 medical residency seats at the University of Saskatchewan have been filled through the 2026 Canadian Resident Matching Service.

The province said the final CaRMS results include 10 newly added residency seats, as part of Saskatchewan's effort to recruit, train and retain more physicians.

Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said creating opportunities for Saskatchewan students and graduates to train and work closer to home is a key part of the province's Health Human Resources Action Plan.

"The success of the 2026 medical residency match for Saskatchewan, including filling 10 newly added residency seats, demonstrates our government's commitment to putting patients first by expanding opportunities for doctors to train and build careers in our province," Cockrill said.

Of the 162 seats offered by the U of S, 130 were filled

in the first round of the two-round match process. The seats include family medicine and specialty programs, including spaces to support the launch of Saskatchewan's plastic surgery residency program on July 1.

The province said residency seats in hard-to-recruit specialties, including anesthesia, emergency medicine and dermatology, were mostly filled in the first round.

Family medicine training opportunities have also expanded, with the College of Medicine offering 69 seats in the 2026 match. That represents an increase of 20 ministry-funded seats over the past five years and includes a recently announced expansion of family medicine training to northeast Saskatchewan.

This year, 58 U of S medical students matched into residency programs at their home institution.

The province said the results support ongoing work under its Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit, train, incentivize and retain more health-care professionals in Saskatchewan.

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GROWING THROUGH GRIEF: Finding more peace, joy and love

BY ANGELA CLEMENT

What if I told you that you can have what you want. Would you know what that is? I know sometimes it is hard after a loss but it is a pivotal question because getting curious about what you really want now, since any significant change, helps you dip your toe into the future. Perhaps you would say more money or more time. Perhaps you want a new car or house or maybe you want to travel. Whatever it is, think about not only what you want but why you want that.

Sometimes the answer to that question “why” helps you to see what you truly desire. If we can take some time to get to the root of what we really want, it clears some of the confusion and creates a focus. I think at the root of what we seek is likely more peace, joy and love. If you could go right now to a state of peace, joy and love, imagine how that would feel. We would be calm and centred. The world looks very different from this place. Troubles don't seem so big. We are able to clear away the chaos and look at the beauty around us. It helps soften and release fear, grasping, control and doubt. Why is that?

Energy is all around us. It is measured in vibrational frequency. Everything in the universe, from physical objects to thoughts and emotions, is energy vibrating at specific frequencies. The vibrations are measured in cycles per second or Hertz (Hz). In physical science, these vibrations can be measured through techniques like infrared spectroscopy. Lower frequencies are associated with feelings of fear and anger. The state of peace, joy and love can be measured as high frequencies. The Joy Frequency is around 528 Hz where anger is around 150 Hz. Guilt is one of the very lowest frequencies at 30 Hz.

Actively appreciating what you have in this moment immediately increases your vibration. Engaging

in acts of love and kindness increases our vibration to that of love. Looking towards the future with excitement and curiosity aligns your brain with a state of success. High-frequency emotions (gratitude, love) release chemicals like serotonin and dopamine, improving your mood and physical health while lowering stress. This better state of being makes you more receptive to opportunities that you might otherwise miss. These opportunities are all around you and it is when you are in that state of contentment and peace that they find you. Higher frequency emotions and thoughts bring abundance in the form of new, positive experiences and doors to professional or personal advancement.

When we are in states of fear and worry, we don't feel good. This is because we are at that lower frequency. It is not a bad thing. Sometimes we just feel sad. This is part of being human. That is okay. What I have found though, is that the best way to move out of that vibration is to not resist it, shove it down or struggle or fight it. It is actually through compassion and love that we move out of it. Compassion and love for ourselves! What if you were to acknowledge that your thoughts and feelings are from that lower vibration and then consciously find ways to love and support yourself through those times? As soon as you are loving and supporting yourself, you find yourself moving into the higher vibration of love. It takes a little practice, but everyone is able to do this. It is all about finding a way that works for you.

There are so many different ways we can support ourselves. The trick is to find a practice that you enjoy doing. Sometimes we have to try a few things to see what works. If you are interested in learning more about what you can do, or exploring new ways of releasing some of the heaviness, I can help. Sending lots of love. Angela www.healingenergy.world



EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS: Sun West trustees and staff gather with representatives from the FACES program following a presentation to the Board of Education on March 24. The division is sending 20 students and five teachers to Alberta this summer to experience the leadership and wilderness-based program as it considers developing a similar initiative locally. *SUBMITTED*

Sun West students to join Alberta FACES program as division explores local rollout

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Twenty students and five teachers from Sun West School Division will take part in the Alberta FACES program this summer as the division evaluates bringing a similar initiative to Saskatchewan.

FACES is an experiential education program that combines personal development with a wilderness expedition. Participants take part in a six-day back-country journey focused on leadership, wellness and self-awareness. Activities include hiking and land-based learning near the PEAKS Campus in the Crownsnest Pass in the Rocky Mountains.

The program is delivered through Alberta's Livingstone Range School Division and typically involves about 600 high school students each year.

Sun West officials approached FACES earlier this

year to explore a partnership. The agreement will see a smaller group of Sun West students and staff attend this summer to gain firsthand experience and help assess how a comparable program could be developed locally.

“This will be a wonderful experience for the teachers and students who attend FACES this year,” said Sun West Director of Education Darryl Seguin. “We think this will be an excellent way for Sun West to learn how to best approach developing a FACES program here.”

Representatives from FACES presented to the Sun West Board of Education on March 24 as part of those early discussions.

If successful, the initiative could lead to a made-in-Sun West version of the program aimed at building leadership skills and resilience among students through outdoor, hands-on learning.

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EATONIA

SATURDAY, MAY 23

• Eatonia Chamber of Commerce Town Wide Garage Sale. Watch for more details soon.

- 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

- 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
- Drop in Bowling Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM. \$5 bowling. No need to book, just drop in.

FLAXCOMBE

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- Decorate your own cake event 1:00 PM at the Flaxcombe Community Hall. \$7/person/youth. Everything included. Call Vera for registration and payment before May 1. Family Bingo to follow (.25¢/game). Participation prize.
- Adult Bingo starting at 6:00 PM. Bring your own dabber. \$2/game or 3/\$5. Ten games. Refreshments available at no charge. SLGA Lottery Lic. #SCR25-0071. All proceeds to Flaxcombe Community Hall.

HOOSIER

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

KERROBERT

APRIL 1 - MAY 20

• Kerrobert Day Care 50/50 Fundraiser. More info available on Rafflebox.ca

FRIDAY, MAY 1

• Siebens School of Dance Recital 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 7

• Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at the Senior's Hall from 1:00-3:30 PM.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

• Minor Ball Day - Kids' activities, live music, food booth. Ball starts at 9:30 AM.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

• Free Dump Day! Open 9 AM-1 PM and 2-7 PM. All materials regularly accepted at the transfer station will be accepted free of charge. All items dropped off must be sorted and put in a bin.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

• Pioneers Haven Community Bingo Night. Watch for more details.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 & 3

• Kerrobert & District Ag Society 80th Annual Regional 4-H Show and Sale at the Kerrobert Fair Grounds - Ag Building.

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

- Walk This Way with Lao Thursdays at the PCC starting at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome and it's FREE.

- Spring Exhibition at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery featuring "Expressions With Joy" Mixed Medium Artwork by Breena Hebron and "Lindy's Mudshack" Handmade Pottery by Lindy Bell-Gatzke. Until June 22, 2026. Opening Reception: May 21st at 7:00 PM. Gallery Hours: Weekdays 8:30 - 4:30 Closed at lunch.

KINDERSLEY

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

• Kindersley and District Arts Council presents Teagan Littlechief 7:30 PM at the Norman Ritchie Community Arts Centre. Tickets available at Devon Coles Garden Gallery, Emerald Lounge or Eventbrite. Also available at the door.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

• Kindersley Soccer Season Kick Off at Westberry Field. U5 - U9 10-10:45 AM. U11 & up starts at 11 AM. Come join us for fun, games and snacks.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

• Cole Patton and the Blackjacks 7:30 PM at the Norman Ritchie Centre.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

• Roar For More Bike Rally. All proceeds to engage the community. Watch for more details. Call Darrell for more info 306-679-7147.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

• Kinley's 11th Toy Drive for the Children's Hospital. Items must be brand new and in their original packaging. Monetary donations can be made to cmhilde20@gmail.com.

• Community Picnic at Kindersley Alliance Church (74 West Road). Church Service: 10:30 followed by bouncy castles and yard games. Food served at 12 Noon. Burgers, hotdogs, chips, pop and cookies. FREE - Everyone welcome!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 12 & 13

• Kindersley & District Chamber of Commerce 37th Annual Chamber Expo at Kindersley WCEC Inter Pipeline Arena. 2-8 PM Friday; 9 AM - 3 PM Saturday. \$2.00 Entrance Fee.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

• Town Wide Garage Sale. Get added to the map for free by June 6th. Email: office@kindersleychamber.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

• Kindersley Wildlife Foundation's 2nd Annual Family Fun Day at the Kindersley Gun Range 10 AM - 3 PM. Trap, Rifle, Pistol Shooting and Archery. Free of charge. All materials provided! \$5 lunch.

- Parkinson's Support Group Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month 1:30 PM at 401 - 4th Ave West (New Life Church). Everyone welcome! For more info call Nancy at 306-463-4514.

- Monday Night Jam Sessions at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 to set-up, then the fun begins at 7-11 PM. Call Keith 306-460-8633.

- Interested in a support group for weight management? TOPS meetings; every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Kindersley Senior Centre OR contact Jill at 306-463-4210.

- Pickleball meets Monday & Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 PM, either at the outdoor rink or in the WCEC or in the curling rink (weather dependent). 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 Parkin-

son 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.

- St. Paul's United Church Casual Coffee Connection first and third Wednesday of the month.

LEADER

- 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

MONDAY, MAY 4

• Legion Park Cleanup 6:30 PM. Collecting garbage and broken branches - no raking needed.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

• Town Wide Garage Sale. If you are unable to have your own sale that day, consider donating to the Pioneers Club.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

• Luseland District School presents Elementary Drama production "The Ever After" written by Nathan Hartswi. LDS Gym. Doors open 6:00 PM. Show: 6:30 PM. Silver collection.

- Luseland & District Chamber of Commerce regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month 7:00 PM at the Luseland Credit Union Community Room, 701 Grand Avenue.

- 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 featuring the vibrant artwork of Bonnah Busch.

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, MAY 30

• Community Garage Sale 10 AM - 2 PM. Major Hall & Centre Street. Contact Janice Morland 306-834-8180 for more info and to book your space or table. Home-based businesses welcome.



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