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Lindy Bell-Gatzke's handmade pottery is on display at Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery, along with "Expressions of Joy" artwork by local artist Breena Hebron. See page 3 for the complete story. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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Leader Pharmacy will close its doors on May 1. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Leader Pharmacy to close after 11 years of serving the community

BY JOAN JANZEN

"After 11 incredible years at Leader Pharmacy, I will be stepping away from pharmacy ownership to pursue other career opportunities and focus on my family," pharmacist and owner Leah Butte recently announced.

Leader Pharmacy will close on May 1 after serving Leader and the surrounding area for more than a decade. It was a difficult decision for Butte, who started the business in 2015.

As the sole pharmacist, she cited unsuccessful attempts to recruit additional pharmacists, as well as ongoing staffing challenges over the years, as contributing factors in the decision to close the business. The dispensary will close on May 1. However, the storefront will remain open while options for the building's future are considered. In addition, all prescriptions will be securely transferred to Dirk Family Pharmacy.

In the future, Leah will be found on the family farm enjoying time with family while looking ahead to other career opportunities.



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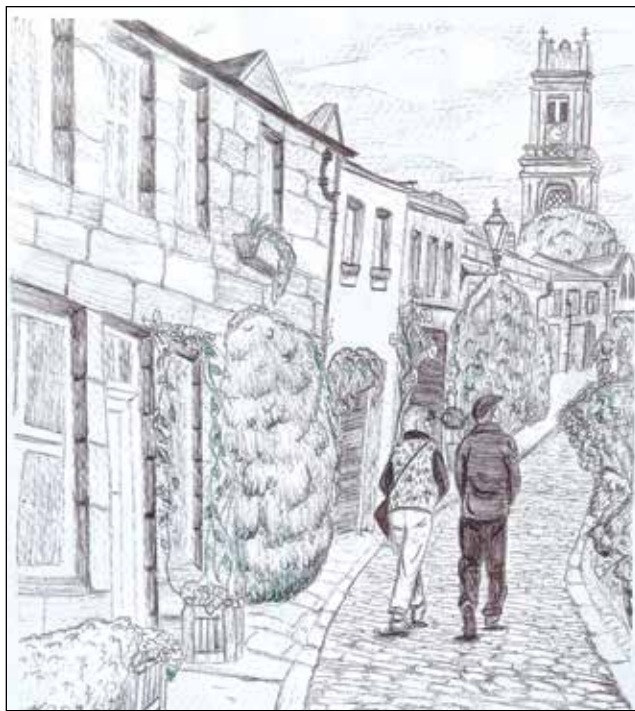
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Expressions of Joy" artwork by local artist Breena Hebron and Lindy Bell-Gatzke's pottery are on display at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN



Spring exhibition on display at Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery

BY JOAN JANZEN

The work of two talented artists is on display as part of the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery's spring exhibition for 2026. Local artist Breena Hebron's mixed-media artwork, entitled "Expressions With Joy," adorns the walls of the gallery, while handmade pottery crafted by Lindy Bell-Gatzke of North Battleford completes the exhibition. I had the opportunity to chat with Lindy while she was setting up her display on April 1.

Three years ago, Lindy moved a skid shack next to her husband's shop and called her new studio "Lindy's Mudshack." "I had been working out of my basement," she said, so having windows and natural light was a welcome change.

Since retiring from teaching, she has spent more time working with clay and hosting special events for small groups. "My studio is not really big, so space is limited," she explained.

"Clay has been part of my life since the early 1990s when I took my first wheel classes through the City of North Battleford. Those early classes were frustrating. I often wore more clay than I threw, but my love of pottery kept me coming back," she said.

Her local ceramic community played an important role in the development of her skills, as she spent time in studios, attended workshops with visiting artists and connected with other artists. As an art teacher, she continued working with clay alongside her students through an extracurricular pottery club called the Mud Wrestlers.

Lindy's pottery is meant to be enjoyed in everyday life and is both functional and uniquely crafted. Visitors to the gallery will enjoy seeing what she has to offer.

They will also enjoy Breena Hebron's collection of art, which explores new materials, places, colours and subjects. Each piece is a record of the places she has travelled or the people she has met. She shares her work in the hope that it will inspire others to go out and create their own joy.

Breena grew up in Kerrobert and, after obtaining a degree in studio art at the University of Saskatchewan, moved to the United Kingdom. While living in Edinburgh, she attended many art classes and drawing events. The materials she uses include pen on recycled paper, charcoal and graphite, watercolour paint, and acrylic paint. Her work clearly illustrates her love of travelling.

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QUINTUPLET LAMBS MARK BUSY SPRING AT CIRCLE R RANCH: Spring may be slow to arrive, but lambing season is in full swing at Circle R Ranch, where the Rast family welcomed an extraordinary set of quintuplets. While one lamb did not survive at birth, five are thriving. Three remain with their mother, while the two smallest were brought inside overnight to stay warm in a hot box. Adding to the scene, a rescued feral cat has taken on an unexpected role, often curling up with the lambs — and even napping atop a ewe — for a shared bit of warmth in the barnyard. *PHOTOS BY MICHELE RAST*

West Central Curling Academy launches to support rural athletes

BY KATE WINQUIST

A new regional training initiative aims to strengthen curling development across west-central Saskatchewan with the launch of the West Central Curling Academy.

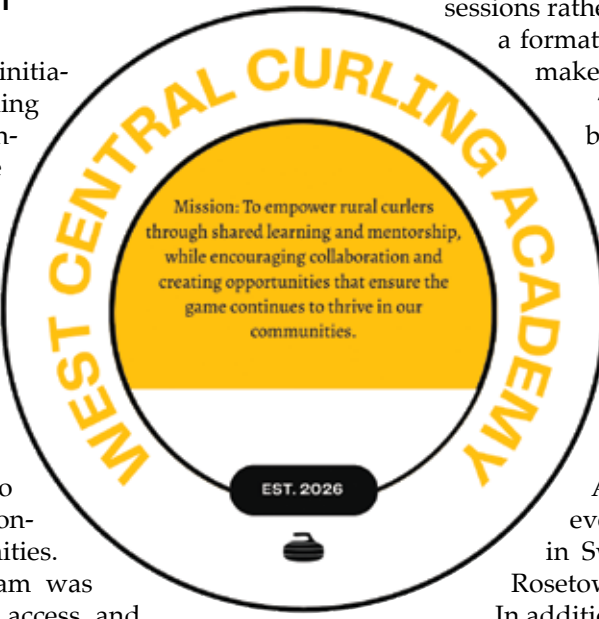
Organized by Lexie Adamson, the academy will offer a series of sessions beginning in August 2026, bringing together junior curlers, coaches and mentors in a collaborative learning environment designed to improve skills and build connections across rural communities.

Adamson said the program was created to address gaps in access and communication that can limit opportunities for young athletes in smaller centres.

"I see a huge need for collaborative approach to development and more encouragement towards our next generation of curlers," she said. "We have a lot of rural junior curlers that do not end up finding teams due to logistics difficulties, lack of communication within the province, and not being able to connect with other like-minded curlers. Yes, we have some amazing programs within clubs, or school teams – but we can do more on a broader scale."

The academy's mission is to empower rural curlers through shared learning and mentorship, while encouraging collaboration and creating opportunities that ensure the game continues to thrive in local communities.

The program is structured as a series of camp-style



sessions rather than a weekly commitment, a format Adamson said is intended to make participation more accessible.

"We want this academy to be more of a camp type environment that is not a weekly commitment. Make it as attainable as possible. Meet new curlers while working on your individual skills," she said.

Six sessions are scheduled between August 2026 and January 2027, beginning with a virtual evening session Aug. 9, followed by in-person events hosted at curling clubs in Swift Current, Kindersley and Rosetown.

In addition to athlete development, the academy will include a focus on coach and mentor education, recognizing the role volunteers play in sustaining local programs.

"We want to help mentors, coaches, and parents at this academy as well," Adamson said. "We have a lot of volunteers that help coach our junior curlers at clubs, but they are not always up to date with today's practices, so this academy will be a place that both curlers and coaches can learn from those that are and gain not only knowledge but confidence."

The academy features a roster of experienced coaches and mentors from across the region and is supported by sponsors including Western Sales and Olson Insurance Group Ltd. Co-operators.

For more information or to request a registration package, interested participants can contact Adamson at westcentralcurls@gmail.com.

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Love cannot be censored

I've heard that growing old is like software updates: every time something improves, another thing crashes. A dear friend of mine recently celebrated her 100th birthday. One of her most prominent traits is the ability to laugh at herself and maintain a keen sense of humour.



Check It Out
By Joan Janzen

Longevity is something most people desire, and there's a lot of helpful advice available as you navigate through more and more birthdays. However, my friend claimed the secret to reaching her milestone birthday was forgiving people and moving on.

In most cases, forgiving people who hurt you is easier said than done, and the centenarian was quick to admit it. She also said, "Without the Lord with me, I can't do anything."

Now, I know there are skeptics who will brush aside those words, but after living for a century, she has earned the right to speak. Not only has she survived, but everyone she knows says she is a pleasure to be around. Her positive attitude is a result of living and following the principles revealed in the Bible, which produce the qualities of joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, self-control and love.

That list doesn't sound harmful. In fact, people possessing those characteristics will contribute to a safe environment and will be less likely to have a

negative impact on those around them.

So it feels a bit confusing when Bill C-246, which would require separate prison sentences for repeat sexual offenders, was defeated. Bill C-243, a bill to protect families of murder victims from automatic parole, was defeated. Bill C-220, a bill to prevent lighter sentences for criminals, was defeated. But Bill C-9, which removes long-standing protections for Canadians to express their faith, was passed. Some of the MPs cast their vote on Bill C-9 while holding their Bibles.

Of those four bills, which one would ensure the most safety for Canadians? I'll let you provide your own answer.

The quest to defend religious freedom in Canada now moves to the Senate. In Project Confederation's recent newsletter, they noted that under the current system, the federal government is responsible for appointing judges.

The newsletter made the following observation: "When a disagreement arises over authority, or constitutional limits, one of the sides involved in the disagreement effectively gets to choose the referees! Simply put, that's not fair."

As a result, four provincial leaders, premiers of Saskatchewan, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, wrote the Prime Minister asking for meaningful provincial input on who serves on their courts.

The time is critical since Justice Shei-

lah Martin announced her retirement, and the Prime Minister will get to pick her replacement. Justice Malcolm Rowe is also required to retire before the next scheduled federal election.

"The selection of a Supreme Court judge can have a profound impact on our country," the newsletter continued to explain.

In the letter, the following question was posed: "Could more of the five other Trudeau-appointed justices currently on the court choose to step down early as well, to ensure the Prime Minister selects their replacement, rather than whoever wins the next election? I guess we'll have to wait and see."

But it isn't just at the Supreme Court where the federal government holds great influence. The letter explained that Ottawa also gets to appoint every provincial superior court and provincial appeal court judge.

Is it fair that judges in the provincial courts of our province are selected by the federal government in Ottawa, and not by the provincial government? The exception is in Quebec, where the federal government usually appoints whoever the provincial government wants.

Canadians need a fair and balanced judiciary. This becomes obvious as Bill C-9 moves to the Senate.

Rod Taylor spoke about Bill C-9 online. He said the government claims that freedom of speech and freedom of religion will still be protected, even though they have inserted an amendment that specifically eliminates the expression of opinion based on the word of God.

"The same word of God that is engraved on the stones of our Parliament Buildings. The same God who is referenced in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms," Taylor added. "The controversy around C-9 has been widespread. Hundreds of thousands of phone calls have been made to MPs coming from both the right and left." MP offices were flooded with emails.

However, he said the loss of freedom of speech, religion, movement or association will have deep and long-lasting impacts on our social structures, institutions, families, churches, communities and on the entire fabric of our nation.

In the days to come, every senator will have the responsibility and opportunity to earn the admiration of Canadians by taking his or her role seriously as one of the people of sober second thought by rejecting this attack on freedom. The voices of Canadians have been heard loud and clear through calls, letters and signed petitions.

If passed, it's very likely the amendment that eliminates the expression of opinion based on the Word of God will result in censorship, because people can't possibly know how every human being will interpret their words.

However, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control and love cannot be censored. Those qualities endure because they are the fruit resulting from lives lived according to the values and principles found in the Word of God. My 100-year-old friend is living proof.

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It's officially spring: Masters week is here

For many casual sports fans, this is the week they start paying attention to golf. It's Masters Week at Augusta, Ga., and this year's edition offers up a number of intriguing questions. Such as:

Considering the last two Players' championships went on to win the Masters in the same year (Scottie Scheffler in 2024; Rory McIlroy in 2025), should the Green Jacket tailors seek Cameron Young's measurements and get an early start?

Did the recent traffic accident suffered by Tiger Woods officially eliminate any chance that he would one day make a comeback at the Masters, where he has won five times?

Will a golfer playing in the Masters for the first time win in his debut, joining the late Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979 as the first player to do so since 1935?

Is it true that CBS pipes in recorded bird-chirping sounds during their broadcasts?

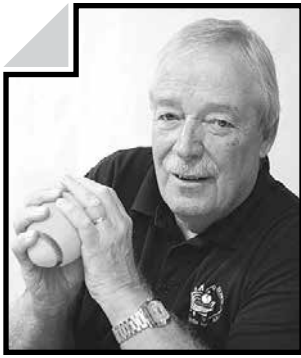
Do patrons (as fans are called in the hoity-toity world of Augusta National) really get kicked off the course if they're caught running?

If not Scheffler or McIlroy, the two favourites to win almost every Masters, who will be crowned champion on Sunday?

Perhaps one of the young guns who have been who have been showing their talent during the first few months of the 2026 season, like Jacob Bridgeman, Akshay Bhatia, Chris Gotterup or Ludvig Aberg?

How about another Canadian winner, joining 2003 champ Mike Weir?

Who would be the most logical Canuck to win this year? — Corey Connors, Nick Taylor or Weir —



Sports
By Bruce Penton

the only Canadians in the field?

Is four top 10s in the last six years evidence enough to suggest Connors would be Canada's best bet?

Will the PGA Tour's youth movement — eight of the first 11 tournaments in 2026 were won by golfers in their 20s — continue at Augusta National?

Would 20-something Akshay Bhatia, a left-hander on a course made for lefties, look good in a Green Jacket?

How long can the Masters committee continue to sell its famous pimento cheese sandwich for \$1.50, the same price it has been since 2002?

Is the best hole on the course, the par-5 13th that has Rae's Creek running in front of it, becoming outdated now that the game's big hitters are going into the green with a lofty iron for their second shot?

While Augusta National Golf Club is flush with millions of dollars today, and the tournament generates around \$150 million annually, did you know that the club's financial situation was so dire in the 1930s that 17 members had to chip in to cover the purse to pay its first winner, Horton Smith?

Did you know that off the four major golf championships, the Masters is the only one to use the same course every year?

Will attending the Masters, for even one day, be one of this writer's bucket list items that will never be realized?

- Super 70s Sports: "I wish John Daly had won the Masters just once so we could've seen his Champions Dinner menu ... Appetizers: Cigarettes and gas station nachos; First course: Bucket of casino shrimp; Main course: White Castles; Dessert: Peanut M&M's."
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver, suggesting the replacement for NHL commissioner Gary Bettman be a Canadian: "Radical, I know. That's like putting a German in charge of Oktoberfest."

- Tampa Bay Lightning coach Jon Cooper, on the secret to success of an NHL coach: "My wife (Jessie) sums it up in three things: Having an understanding wife, a loyal dog and one hell of a goalie."
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "The NHL announced the draft lottery would be held May 5, Cinco de Mayo. Or in the Canucks' case, Sinkhole de Mayo."
- Headline at fark.com: "Tiger Woods driving skills: World class on the fairway, terrible on the roadway."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Have to ask. Has Trump presumptively pardoned Tiger yet?"
- Humorist Brad Dickson of Omaha: "According to the National Transportation Safety Board 20 per cent of all vehicle accidents in the United States in the past five years involved Tiger Woods."
- Jack Finarelli of sportscurmudgeon.com, after reporting that Phillies' Alec Bohm is suing his parents for defrauding him and mismanaging his money (career earnings \$27 million): "Don't worry about passing the cranberry sauce in late November here ..."
- Headline at the onion.com: "Office NCAA Bracket Marks Yearly Interaction With Coworkers"
- Another fark.com headline: "The Pope's favourite baseball team opens the season with a 14-2 beatdown by the Brewers. The White Sox don't have a prayer, do they?"
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "How much has Mitch Marner made the Vegas Golden Knights better? This will be the first season in Knights history where the franchise loses more games than it wins."

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Valerie Rustad nominated for national entrepreneur award

BY JOAN JANZEN

Valerie Rustad has been nominated for the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards.

She and her husband, Grant, have operated Mid Plains Diesel for the past 35 years, expanding services over the years.

"I was shocked and surprised," Valerie said.

Her husband Grant said he was also caught off guard by the news.

"I was very impressed and quite proud," he said.

The awards program recognizes Canada's most accomplished and impactful women entrepreneurs and non-profit leaders, whose businesses and organizations contribute meaningfully to the local, national and global economy. Valerie Rustad certainly fits that description.

She was equally surprised to discover the news had been posted on Facebook.

"I had my night of fame after it was posted on Facebook, and we went out to steak night later that evening

and everyone knew about it," she said with a chuckle.

The program received nominations from across the country, spotlighting women entrepreneurs whose work is shaping industries and driving measurable economic impact. Nominated by peers, colleagues and communities, these leaders have demonstrated exceptional business achievement while strengthening Canada's triple bottom line. This year, the program continues its legacy of recognizing women entrepreneurs whose leadership delivers results, both commercially and socially.

The RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards are a national business awards program recognizing the country's leading women entrepreneurs. The awards are an initiative of Women of Influence, a global organization dedicated to advancing women.

Congratulations, Valerie. This is a well-deserved honour, but not a surprise to your staff, customers and friends. Everyone is proud of you.

Valerie is now looking ahead to the 2026 Awards Gala, which will take place Friday, Nov. 13, at the Ritz-Carlton in Toronto.

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Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll
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Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Clinworth No. 230 for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the following days:

Monday through Friday, April 2 to May 4, 2026

A Bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the Assessment Notices have been sent as required. All fees must be submitted to the local Assessor at the RM of Clinworth No. 230. All appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, which can be sent electronically to: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca or via post/mail to RM of Clinworth No. 230, Box 120, Sceptre SK S0N 2H0, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revision.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at the RM of Clinworth No. 230, Box 120, Sceptre, SK S0N 2H0. A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be submitted by the 4th day of May 2026.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2026

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If that cat could talk, the stories he'd tell ...

BY KATE WINQUIST

Before I ever wrote a column, we had a cat who thought he could.

Marmaduke was my favourite. A big orange-and-white tabby with more personality than most people. He would sit at the typewriter, batting the keys like he was working on his own column.

For a while, Mom thought he was the most polite cat alive because he always went to the door to be let out.

Turns out, he was just using the houseplants.

That discovery did not go over well.

But that was Marmaduke. Half gentleman, half menace, and entirely convinced he belonged in the house, telling his own stories.

He wasn't the only unusual pet we had. Now, "pets" might be a generous term in some cases.

Our dad, it turns out, had a bit of an animal whisperer streak. Not in the calm, mystical sense. More in the "if it's abandoned, bring it home and we'll figure it out" sense.

There was a baby owl named Réjean Owl, courtesy of Mom's sense of humour



The original columnist.

and a fondness for hockey players. My brother Garth says a pigeon rescued from the barn loft that became Walter, after Canadian actor Walter Pidgeon.

Dogs came and went over the years. Daisy, a collie-shepherd cross, was reportedly the nicest but least trainable dog imaginable. A neighbour, Jack Houden, took a crack at it and returned her with the kind of review no dog owner wants

to hear.

She still managed to contribute to the family legacy by producing a litter of part-lab puppies on one very cold winter night.

And then there was the runt, Muffin, rescued from a rather unfortunate fate by Mom during a coffee visit. She brought this tiny puppy home, and with his shaggy white fur and floppy caramel-brown

ears, Garth figured he looked like a muffin. The name stuck.

We always had cats. Farm cats are less "pets" and more "co-workers," but a few stood out.

There was Reuben, who would lie among the dill in the garden. I think it was like catnip for him. Tammy, also known as Ma Perkins depending on Mom's mood, once got relocated to the Bohachik farm to deal with a mouse problem.

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Tammy disagreed with the transfer and simply walked home.

And then there was Taboo, the skunk.

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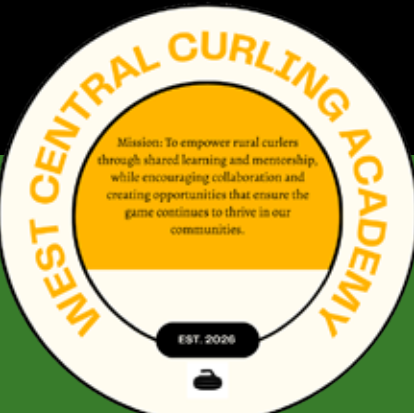
Marmaduke might have been the first one in the family who thought we had something worth writing down.

Looking back, I'm not entirely sure when I started writing, but I have a feeling Marmaduke got there first.

Maybe I didn't start writing. Maybe I just took over where Marmaduke left off.

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Impaired driving charge laid after Highway 7 traffic stop: Rosetown RCMP

ROSETOWN — A driver has been charged with impaired operation following a traffic stop on Highway 7 in the RM of St. Andrews, according to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Police said the stop occurred March 28 at about 5:52 p.m. The charge was among several incidents reported by Rosetown RCMP between March 28 and April 2.

Earlier that day, officers responded to two reports of suspicious vehicles — one in Zealandia and another in the RM of St. Andrews. The first was deemed non-suspicious, while patrols were unable to locate the second vehicle.

That evening, members also assisted with a dispute in Rosetown. No further action was required.

On March 30, RCMP received a complaint of mischief to a motor vehicle in Rosetown.

On April 1, officers began investigating a break and

enter at a property in Rosetown. The investigation remains ongoing. Police also responded to a report of a semi travelling on Highway 7 with its back gate open; the driver was located and secured the vehicle, and no further action was taken.

Later that day, RCMP received a report of an alleged assault in Elrose. That investigation is continuing.

On April 2, police began investigating a fraud complaint involving a bitcoin scam in Rosetown. A separate report was also received from a resident who lost a wallet at a local business.

During the reporting period, RCMP issued 21 traffic-related charges. Officers also responded to three 911 misdials and five false alarm calls.

Police are asking anyone with information about these or any other crimes to contact Rosetown RCMP or Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll Rural Municipality of Oakdale No. 320

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Oakdale No. 320 for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm on the following days:

Monday through Friday, April 10 to May 11, 2026

A Bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the Assessment Notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied with a \$200 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with:

Mike Ligtermoet, Secretary of the Board of Revision
 c/o R.M. of Oakdale No. 320
 Box 249, Coleville, SK S0L 0K0
 by the 11th day of May, 2026.

For more information regarding your assessment notice, please contact the assessor, R.M. of Oakdale No. 320, Box 249, Coleville, SK S0L 0K0.

Dated this 7th day of April 2026.

Gillain Lund
 Assessor

Pair charged after Wilkie drug investigation

Two people are facing drug trafficking charges following an investigation by Wilkie RCMP, while officers across the Unity detachment area also responded to incidents ranging from a reported sexual assault to a vehicle fire.

In Wilkie, 70-year-old Melvin Abramson of Wilkie and 26-year-old Micayla Jimmy of North Battleford have been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine.

Police also reported a stolen vehicle and a separate theft, both of which remain under investigation. Other calls included a complaint of disturbing the peace, which resulted in a verbal warning, a report of a lost wallet, and an incident involving damage to a railway crossing arm near Reford. Officers also handled two traffic complaints and a false 911 call, and spoke with an individual regarding a custody agreement.

In Unity, RCMP are investigating a complaint of sexual assault and a single-vehicle collision near the community. Officers also conducted a wellbeing check at the request of concerned citizens and responded to a Mental Health Act complaint, with the individual left in the care of a family member.

Police received a theft complaint in Unity, but said there was insufficient evidence to proceed. Members also responded to a report of two dogs lunging at an individual at a business; no charges were laid. Four traffic complaints were also reported.

In Macklin, RCMP responded to a report of a truck fire near Primate. Police said the fire was not considered suspicious.

The Wilkie Citizens on Patrol Program reported significant volunteer activity, logging 443 patrol hours in 2025, covering 3,463 kilometres over 69 patrols. In early 2026, members conducted nine patrols in January, six in February and 10 in March, continuing community patrol efforts in the area.

Police continue to encourage the public to report suspicious activity to their local RCMP detachment or through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll Town of Kerrobert

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Kerrobert for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Assessor, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following days:

Monday to Friday, April 7 to May 6, 2026

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the Assessment Notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment or classification to the Board of Revision is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

The Secretary Board of Revision,
 Krystal Bazylnski
 503 Grand Ave
 P.O. Box 130 Luseland, SK S0L 2A0
 by 4:30 pm the 6th day of May, 2026

Dated this 31st day of March 2026.

Tara Neumeier
 Assessor

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll Rural Municipality of Newcombe No. 260

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Newcombe No. 260 for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on the following days:

Monday through Thursday, March 31 to May 4

A Bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the Assessment Notices have been sent as required.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at the R.M. of Newcombe No. 260, Box 40, Glidden, SK S0L 1H0.

A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$200.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be filed with:

Secretary of the Board of Revision,
 Nicolle Hoskins
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 by the 4th day of May 2026.

Dated this 31st day of March 2026.

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Fred Fox shares brother Terry's legacy with west-central students

BY IAN MACKAY

People around the world still honour a man who ran halfway across Canada more than 45 years ago.

Fred Fox told students in west-central Saskatchewan last week about the boy and man who was his brother, Terry Fox.

Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope to raise money to find a cure for cancer in April 1980, starting by dipping the foot of his artificial leg into Atlantic Ocean waters off St. John's, N.L.

He made it to Thunder Bay, Ont., before being forced to quit after the cancer that claimed his right leg had spread to his lungs, Fred Fox said.

"Who gets to talk about their brother all the time? I'm proud of what Terry did in 1980 and how he's inspired so many people today," Fred said after his presentation, which included family photos of Terry growing up.

"It's an opportunity," he said. "To share that with students who obviously weren't around back then, it just makes your heart warm."

Fred, who was about a year older than Terry, speaks around the country for six to eight weeks each spring and fall, "a little bit more the last couple of years internationally as well, sharing Terry's story at schools and community events," he said.

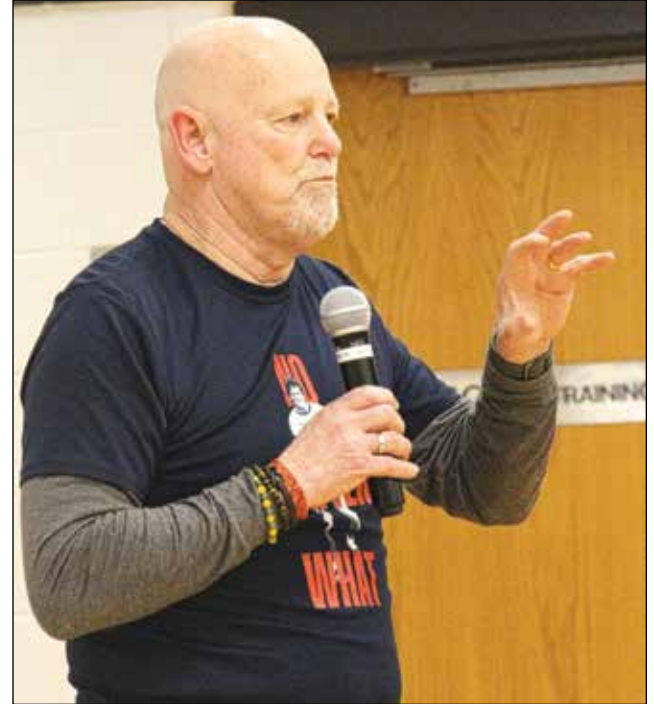
"So many schools that I have visited this last four days in the Sun West division have done so much over the years to keep Terry's dream alive," Fox told students at Rosetown Central High School on Thursday morning.

The Fox family, born in Manitoba and later moving to the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, learned Terry had to stop his cross-Canada run after turning on the car radio following "a big fundraiser" at CFB Chilliwack, he said.

Terry started his journey of running the marathon distance, about 42 kilometres each day, with little public recognition, aiming to raise \$1 million, Fox said. Then he raised \$10,000, a dollar per resident, at Port aux Basques, where his team took their camper by ferry to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Fox said.

By the time he reached Ontario, "all of Canada" knew about the journey, Fox said. He did a ceremonial kickoff at a football game in Ottawa between the hometown Rough Riders and the Saskatchewan Roughriders and, in Toronto, ran with Toronto Maple Leafs captain Daryl Sittler, as well as Fred himself, to city hall, with "thousands of people lining the streets, cheering Terry on," Fox recalled.

"It was amazing to run with Terry, seeing the commitment, the dedication, the focus on every step that he took," he said.



Terry Fox's older brother Fred Fox begins his talk about Terry's Marathon of Hope at Rosetown Central High School on Thursday morning, his last stop on a tour of Sun West School Division schools before returning home to Maple Ridge, B.C., for Easter, then visits to Regina and western Manitoba to continue the quest to find cures for cancer. PHOTO ROSETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

As a boy, Terry remained determined to finish what he started, he said, telling students that his mother recalled him stacking blocks over and over until they didn't fall down.

He was short but athletic and wanted to play basketball when he started junior high school in Port Coquitlam. His coach told him he was improving with every practice but wouldn't see much action that first year.

He worked on shooting baskets every day at noon hour and elsewhere in the city on weekends and was one of the starters and the team captain in his senior year, Fox said.

"That came out of hard work and determination," he said.

Terry made the junior varsity team as a freshman at Simon Fraser University. Coaches later told their parents they couldn't cut him, Fox said. With players on scholarships from across the country, "Terry made them better," he said.

He played other sports and eventually sought medical attention for a sore knee, probably from a rugby hit, Terry thought.

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Kindersley RCMP seek public's help locating man wanted on warrant



Jeffrey Proteau

Kindersley RCMP are asking the public for help locating Jeffrey Proteau, 30, who is wanted on a warrant for charges that include failing to comply and breach of a conditional sentence order.

Police said Proteau is five-foot-seven and about 220 pounds, with green eyes and short brown hair. He has a full beard, multiple tattoos on both arms, a teardrop tattoo on the right side of his face and a tattoo on the right side of his neck.

RCMP said he is known to travel to Kindersley, Eston and Coleville.

Police are advising the public not to approach him if he is seen. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact their local police service at 310-RCMP. Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

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Craig Marzoff's residence displays beautiful blue lights, representing people with Parkinson's and their care partners during Parkinson's Awareness Month in April. *SUBMITTED*

Residents encouraged to "Spark the Night" for Parkinson's Awareness

BY JOAN JANZEN

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month, and April 11 has been designated as World Parkinson's Day. This special day is recognized in cities, towns and villages by lighting up local landmarks with blue lights. The colour blue represents millions of people with Parkinson's and their care partners who are standing up with purpose.

"There are lots of ideas going on for the month, and 'Spark the Night' is a challenge for all," Kindersley resident Nancy Kelley said. She encourages people to put up blue lights on April 11 because it is not just about lighting up buildings. It is about understanding, hope and action in our communities.

"When you see blue on April 11, we want it to spark

conversations with your neighbours. We want people to be thinking about what they can do about Parkinson's. We need to come together as a village," Nancy said.

The purpose of Parkinson's Awareness Month is to challenge misconceptions, promote better care and raise funds to find a cure, and there are various ways people can become involved. One of the activities is a 50-kilometre walk challenge.

During April, anyone is welcome to participate in the 50-kilometre walk. Participants can complete the kilometres on their own or with friends and family, anywhere, since it is a virtual challenge.

As Parkinson's Awareness Month is recognized in April, the support group in Kindersley continues to meet throughout the year every second Wednesday at 401 4th Ave. W.

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TOWN OF KINDERSLEY, SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT 03-26

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Kindersley intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 02-22 known as The Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw amendment will add "Cannabis Retail Stores" as a discretionary as a Discretionary Use within the C2 and C4 Zones.

AFFECTED LANDS

The affected lands are described as any locations currently zoned as C2 and C4.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to allow "Cannabis Retail Stores" as a Discretionary Use in zones C2 and C4, whereby such development shall be subject to the prior review and approval of Council.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any bylaw may be inspected by any person at the Town Office in Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies of the bylaw are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on April 20th, 2026, at 5:15pm in the Council Chambers at the Town Office in Kindersley, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments delivered to the undersigned at the Town office Before 12:00 noon on April 16th, 2026.

Issued in Kindersley, Saskatchewan on
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Marty Baroni,
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With two new mines advancing toward construction after receiving federal approval, Saskatchewan's growing uranium sector is creating new jobs and economic opportunities for northern Saskatchewan.

On February 19, 2026, Denison Mines Corp.'s (Denison) was approved to construct its Wheeler River Project by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). On March 5, 2026, NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) received CNSC approval to build its Rook I Project. These are the first Canadian uranium mines to be approved for construction since 2004.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to see Denison and NexGen reach this significant stage with their projects," Energy and Resources Minister Chris Beaudry said. "At each step of the approval process, these companies have advanced their projects responsibly by building relationships with local communities and through their commitment to environmental stewardship. Wheeler River and Rook I will provide generational economic opportunities for Saskatchewan people, particularly the Indigenous and Métis communities in the north, and strengthen our position in becoming the world leader in uranium production."

"Well over a decade ago, we made a strategic decision to exit our international operations and to make significant long-term investments in the uranium mining sector in northern Saskatchewan," Denison President and CEO David Cates said. "Today, we have a diverse portfolio of projects including our flagship Wheeler River project – which consists of the Phoenix In-Situ Recovery (ISR) uranium mine, and a potential future underground mine at the nearby Gryphon deposit. Phoenix will be the first ISR uranium mine to be built in Canada and reflects the best of Canadian mining ingenuity and determination."

"Further to this, I am pleased to announce that site preparation and initial construction activities have already commenced at Phoenix, and that we are preparing to transition into full-scale construction. The support and encouragement of the Saskatchewan government have meaningfully contributed to the successful advancement of the project – providing us with a rigorous and stable regulatory environment that results in the predictability and confidence needed for a large-scale investment like a new mine."

"Our final approval of the Rook I Project on March 5, 2026, represents the beginning of construction of this generational project, which the NexGen team have been preparing for since the Arrow discovery 12 years ago," NexGen Founder and CEO Leigh Curyer said. "As a world-class project in a leading mining jurisdiction, Rook I will create opportunities in employment, local procurement, and community infrastructure, while generating an initial estimated \$32.5 billion



NexGen Energy Ltd. on March 5 received an approval to build its Rook I Project. COURTESY OF GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

in total economic impact for Saskatchewan over its construction and initial operations phases. This will mean generational careers and investments available for infrastructure in the North and across the province.

In collaboration with our Indigenous Nation partners and with the support of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan, together we are transitioning mining into a new era. Backed by our team's proven capability and focus, NexGen is ready to successfully deliver this project for the benefit of all Saskatchewan residents. We thank Premier Moe and this Saskatchewan Government for its steadfast support of the project and commend its vision for a strong, prosperous future for Saskatchewan."

Both Wheeler River and Rook I are located in northern Saskatchewan's Athabasca Basin, which holds the world's largest high grade uranium reserves. Combined, the projects will create over 1,600 jobs during construction, employ over 700 people during operation, and represent a total estimated investment of \$2.8 billion.

Demand for Saskatchewan's responsibly produced uranium continues to increase as Canada and its allies around the world look for stable and reliable sources of low-emissions energy. With a strong regulatory framework, the world's richest uranium reserves, and strong exploration incentive programs, Saskatchewan can meet this demand now and into the future.

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Public invited to weigh in on SaskPower rate increase plan

BY IAN MACKAY

People may comment on SaskPower's plan to increase its power rates during a session in Saskatoon on Thursday.

The province's rate review panel is staging a public meeting to "provide an opportunity for SaskPower, its stakeholders and the public to make presentations and provide additional feedback" on the company's application, a panel statement said.

People will be able to take part in person or online through the panel's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/saskratereview.

The panel provides the minister responsible for the Crown Investments Corporation "with an opinion regarding the fairness and reasonableness of the proposed rate request, while balancing the interest of the

customer, the Crown corporation and the public," the statement said. Premier Scott Moe's cabinet makes the final decision.

"It is important that people have access to the information, ask questions and can express their opinions regarding the rate application," said Al Johnston, who chairs the panel.

The meeting in the Starlight Room at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel begins at 4 p.m.

The application and related documents appear on the panel's website, www.saskratereview.ca, where people may also make comments and where the panel's final report will appear.

People may also mail their thoughts to 400-2400 College Ave., Regina, S4P 1C8, e-mail the panel at feedback@saskratereview.ca or leave a message at 1-877-368-7075 (toll-free).

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Monday through Friday, April 10, 2026 to May 11, 2026
(Excluding statutory holidays)

A Bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the Assessment Notices have been sent as required.

All fees must be submitted to the local Assessor at the R.M. of Progress No. 351. All appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, which can be sent electronically to: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca or via post/mail to R.M. of Progress, Box 460, Luseland, SK S0L 2A0, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revision.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at the R.M. of Progress No. 351. A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$200.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be submitted by the 11th day of May, 2026.

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Dated in Luseland, SK this 7th day of April 2026.

Kim Adams
Assessor



CN Tower featured on new \$2 coin marking 50th anniversary

BY IAN MACKAY

The CN Tower in Toronto appears on a \$2 coin that went into circulation last week.

"Canada's engineering excellence reached new heights with the building of the CN Tower, establishing it as a defining symbol of national ingenuity and technical achievement," a Royal Canadian Mint statement said. The coin commemorates the tower's 50th anniversary.

Two million of the three million coins being struck will have colour and glow in the dark, the statement said.

"For half a century, the CN Tower has stood as a world-renowned landmark, instantly recognizable across the globe as a symbol of Canada's ambition and innovation," François-Philippe Champagne, Canada's minister of finance and national revenue, said in the statement. "More than an engineering marvel, it has become part of who we are, welcoming millions of vis-

itors over the years."

"In the 1960s, downtown Toronto's rapidly rising skyline created major challenges for radio and TV transmission," the statement said. "To solve them, a dedicated group of Canadian engineers and visionaries developed the CN Tower. In just two years, more than 1,500 workers, rotating through 24-hour shifts, completed the concrete structure and topped it with a massive steel mast, bringing its height to 553.33 metres."

Designed by illustrator Carl Wiens of Belleville, Ont., the back of the coin has an inner core with the tower rising above Lake Ontario and the current Toronto skyline, contrasted with a 1976 outline below.

"When activated, the coin's glow-in-the-dark technology reveals the CN Tower and skyline illuminated at night," the statement said. "Additional silhouettes on the outer ring highlight five decades of architectural growth, from the 1976 skyline on the left to Toronto's 2026 cityscape on the right."

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Prince Albert poet to headline Write Out Loud series in Swift Current

SWIFT CURRENT — Prince Albert author Lynda Monahan will present her latest poetry collection at the Lyric Theatre on April 15 as part of the 2025-26 Write Out Loud series.

Monahan's book, *The Door at the End of Everything* (Shadow Press, 2024), draws inspiration from her work as writer-in-residence on adult and youth mental health wards at Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert. The collection aims to give voice to individuals experiencing mental health challenges who are often marginalized and unheard.

A seasoned writer and educator, Monahan has published four previous poetry collections and contributed to numerous anthologies and Canadian literary magazines. She has taught creative writing at SIAST Woodland Campus for more than 20 years and has

also worked with inmates at Pine Grove Correctional Centre. Her workshops span memoir, poetry, journaling for the deaf and photo-journaling, and she has compiled stories by and about adults with acquired brain injuries.

While some of her poetry explores darker themes, Monahan's work focuses on hope, courage and humour.

The event is the sixth program in this season's Write Out Loud series. Organizers acknowledged sponsorship support from the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, as well as the City of Swift Current.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre, with the program beginning at 7 p.m. Local cellist Olivia Brotzell will provide opening entertainment. Admission is \$10.

...Fred Fox

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"He probably should have gone to see a doctor a lot sooner than he did," Fox said. One day, he couldn't stand due to the pain. X-rays showed a type of sarcoma in the knee and Terry learned he would have to "lose part of his right leg, three inches above his knee," Fox said.

"He was devastated," and the rest of the family was "in shock," but it meant "another challenge I'd have to overcome," Fox recalled him saying. "Ten days later, he was fitted with an artificial leg, needing to learn how to walk all over again at 18."

Later, receiving chemotherapy and seeing other people young and old fighting their cancers "changed Terry's life," he said.

Eventually, he started running at night so people wouldn't see him fall down, Fox said.

"Learning how to walk on an artificial leg is hard; trying to figure out how to run on an artificial leg made for walking is way harder," he said.

By Terry's 21st birthday, he "was running 15, 20 kilometres every

day," he said. Telling his family he was training for the Vancouver marathon, he went to Prince George for a 27-kilometre race. "The only amputee" finished last but met his goal of finishing.

"Two days later," Terry told his mother that he actually wanted to run across Canada "to raise money for cancer research so no one else in the future will ever have to suffer from a cancer diagnosis," Fox said.

After being forced to stop near Thunder Bay, he returned home to Port Coquitlam, where the family received "40,000 pieces of mail" and former governor general Ed Schreyer presented him with the Companion of the Order of Canada.

"Terry truly believed that he'd get back out there and finish his run, that his health would get better . . . but he got weaker, he got sicker" and died nine months after he had to stop.

The Terry Fox Run has taken place at Walter Aseltine School for the past 20 years, Fox had learned. The annual run occurs at 10,000 schools in Canada and in "34 countries that are keeping Terry's dream alive," he said.

"Terry was just an ordinary, average Canadian kid" who "had to work harder than everyone else," he said.

"Terry showed us in 1980, when he was running across Canada, one person can make a difference," Fox said, telling students, "You can make a difference. Terry truly believed that anything is possible if you try."

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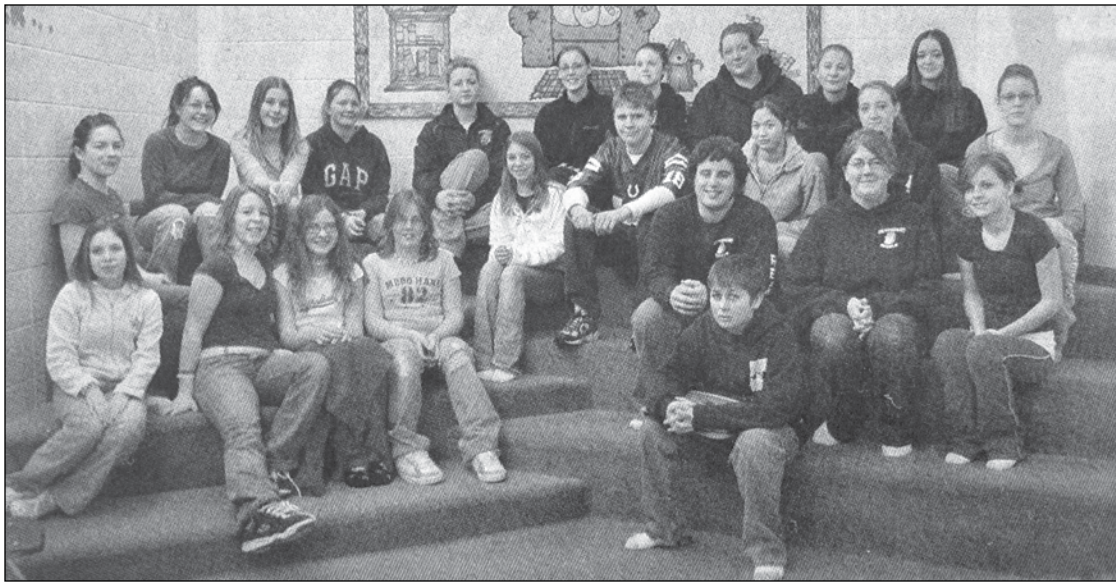
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The newspaper archives revealed this photo of 23 Kerrobert Composite School students from 2006 who were among 25 students to participate in a 30 Hour Famine and raise \$1,500 for the cause.

PHOTO CROSSROADS, MARCH 27, 2006

30 Hour Famine brought Kerrobert students together for global cause

BY JOAN JANZEN

You might recognize some of these Kerrobert Composite School students from 2006 who participated in a 30 Hour Famine.

It was part of a program in which thousands of Canadian teens raised money to help people around the world who did not have access to clean water, medicine and adequate food.

Before beginning the 30-hour

challenge, the group was fed a light breakfast. To keep distracted from lingering pangs of hunger, they played games, watched movies and a 30 Hour Famine video, read books and consumed an unlimited amount of juice and water.

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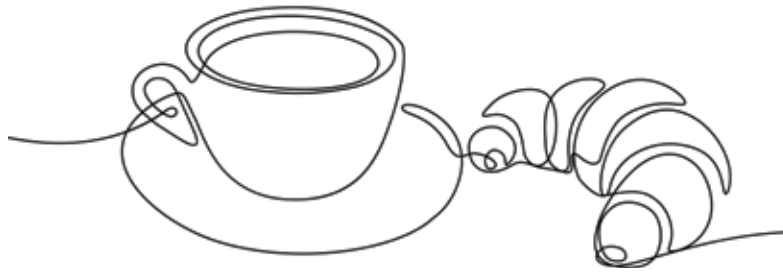
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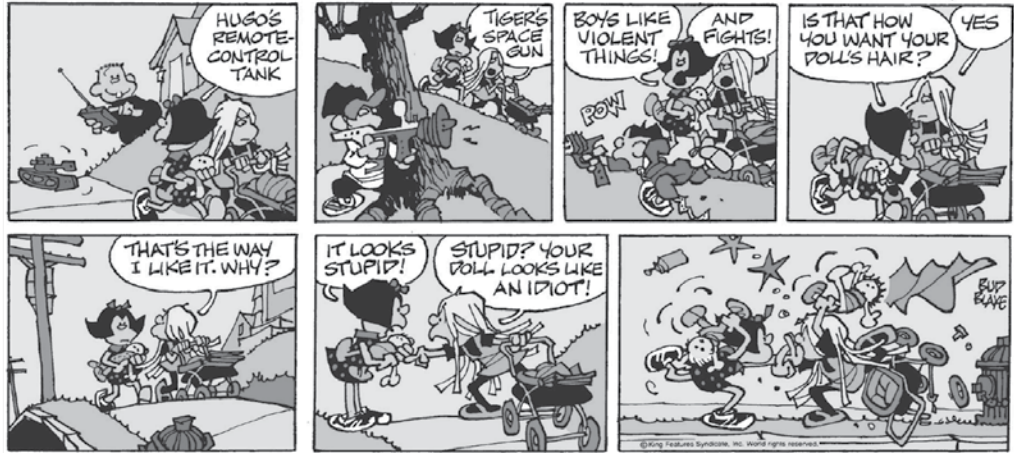
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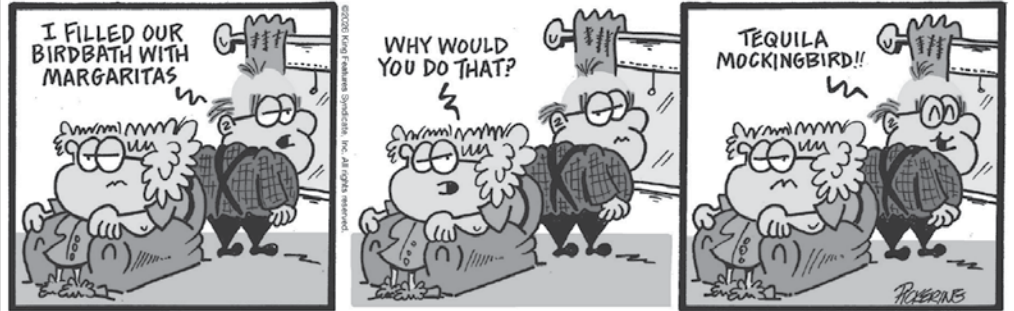
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

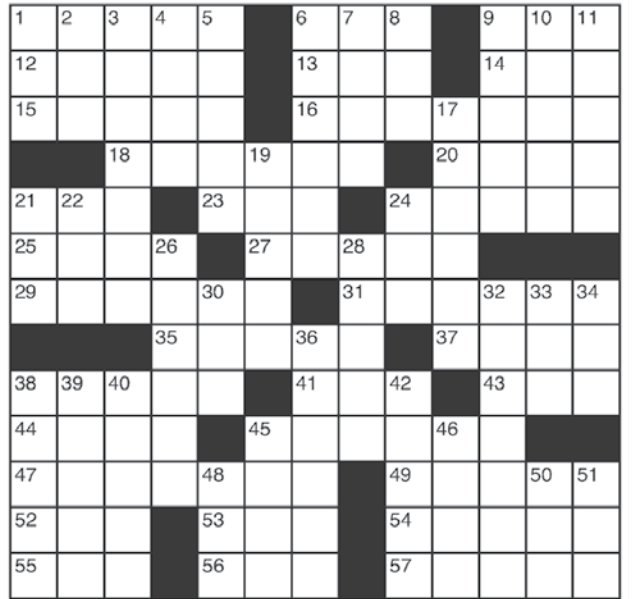
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King Crossword

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- 1 Purse part
- 6 Tatter
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- 12 Borders on
- 13 In the past
- 14 Allow
- 15 Trattoria offering
- 16 Wild hurry, as on Black Friday
- 18 Divides in two
- 20 Greek mountain
- 21 Rule in India
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- 24 City on the Yangtze River
- 25 Broadway failure
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- 29 Argue
- 31 Portugal's place
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- 37 Bath bubbles
- 38 Long-legged shorebird
- 41 Hwys.
- 43 Scale note
- 44 Spanish "but"
- 45 Rob Roy spirit
- 47 Pressed for time
- 49 Garlicky mayo
- 52 Dijon denial



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- 7 Turkish officials
- 8 Deity
- 9 Melting snow
- 10 "Selma" actress
- 11 Patriot Allen
- 17 Awakens
- 19 Wind indicators
- 21 "Mayberry —"
- 22 Hearty brew
- 24 Spider's home
- 26 Sitting room
- 28 Youngster
- 30 Hanoi holiday
- 32 Exit in haste
- 33 Altar promise
- 34 Visual communication syst.
- 36 Corsage flower
- 38 Whirls
- 39 Choir member
- 40 Resident of Tabriz
- 42 Composed
- 45 Taxpayer IDs
- 46 Refer to
- 48 "Friendly skies" co.
- 50 Brit's restroom
- 51 Fury

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Solution time: 26 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Ron Swanson's favorite food group in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?
- GAMES: In Scrabble, how many tiles does each player get to start?
- GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is in which Middle Eastern country?
- MOVIES: What is Neo's real name in "The Matrix"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was born with the name Leslie Lynch King Jr.?
- LITERATURE: Which 19th-century English novel introduces the character Mr. Rochester?
- FOOD & DRINK: Cornelius Rooster is the mascot of which cereal brand?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when water evaporates from plants?
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Back-to-back Highway 14 champions! The U13 Riverkings defeated Macklin 8-1 in Game 1 in Leader, then edged them 6-5 in the league final on March 29 in Macklin to secure the title. The team, made up of players from Eatonia, Leader and Fox Valley, is coached by Sean Checkley, Travis Feiffer, Mitch Larock, Josh Schmaltz and Kiley Swan, with Sandy Erhman as manager. The Riverkings also advanced to the provincial final on March 28, where they were defeated by Cudworth. SUBMITTED

Strychnine approval limited to select RMs in Saskatchewan

BY JOAN JANZEN

The governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta have issued a news release approving the emergency use of two per cent liquid strychnine to support pest management of Richardson's ground squirrels. Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency collaborated closely with both provinces and the federal government.

"We are pleased to see the emergency use request granted as a practical opportunity for producers to demonstrate how strychnine can help protect crops and pastures from continued damage. We hope to see strychnine reinstated permanently in the future as a tool producers can use to manage gophers," Agriculture Minister David Marit stated.

Currently, the federal authorization allows strychnine to be registered for use in Saskatchewan and Alberta until November 2027.

MP Jeremy Patzer posted, "While I am happy to see the temporary approval, I'm disappointed to see it is restricted to certain RMs, leaving those with gopher problems outside the approved area out of luck." Patzer represents the riding of Cypress Hills-Grasslands.

Under the emergency use registration, areas in approximately seven crop districts in southwest, southeast, south-central and northwest Saskatchewan will be eligible to access strychnine. Those areas were identified using Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Cor-



poration claims data and information related to species-at-risk presence.

"I've toured farms where entire quarter sections have been wiped out, alfalfa feed for cattle, crop land destroyed. Some fields have lost half to three-quarters of their yield," Patzer said. He also pointed out safety issues caused by gopher holes, which can injure cattle and horses.

Elaine Epp, pest control officer for the RM of Kindersley, explained that strychnine is more effective if it is used before there is greenery for the gophers to eat, making this a time-sensitive issue. Burrowing holes begin appearing as male gophers can start emerging as early as February and March. Litter sizes average between five and seven babies.

"At the moment our area will not have access to strychnine, but we're working on getting it. The farmers have been asking for it for the last couple of years. There are a few farmers in the area that have lost quite a bit of crop due to the gopher population in the area," Epp reported.



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8:00 PM, Leader United Church, 1st St. W.
- Wednesday:** Eston AA Meeting
8 PM, St. Andrew's United Church, 1st St. W.
- Friday:** Kindersley AA Meeting
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REMEMBERING WHEN

Enjoy your laurels in the now

With the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) major junior playoffs upon us, I feel this issue should be addressed. Before the Ontario Hockey League Brampton Battalion moved to North Bay in 2015, I was a fan and avid follower of the team in Brampton, going to as many games as I could through the winter while working the shifts I was on.



Remembering When
By Keith Schell

As with most CHL teams, there were usually more lean years than good years in the history of a team because teams always had to be rebuilt every three years due to the age limitations of major junior hockey. Entering the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) as an expansion team in 1998, there were many lean years in the beginning as the Brampton Battalion began building their franchise.

Due to the many lean years between the good years, owing to the constant rebuilds every three years in junior hockey as older players on the team began to age out, when the good years occasionally came along, you had to live in the now and seize the accomplishments whenever they happened.

In 2008-09, one of the good years was finally upon the Brampton Battalion. Adding to a solid core, they loaded up on mature and experienced players at the trade deadline to take a run at the 2008-09 OHL championship. It was going to be a last-chance opportunity to win for many of the players the Battalion had acquired that year at the deadline. Since many of the players on that Battalion team did not go on to major professional hockey careers, that year was probably going to be their last shot in their hockey lives to win something significant before they got out of the sport and had to seek careers in the real world. And no doubt, most of the players acquired by the Battalion were aware of this.

But when the Brampton Battalion actually won the 2008-09 OHL Eastern Conference championship, the entire team wouldn't even touch the trophy when it was brought to centre ice after their final game victory. Owing to prevailing hockey superstition, they thought that if they touched the Bobby Orr Trophy, emblematic of the OHL Eastern Conference championship, it would jinx them for the OHL finals. They refused to celebrate their accomplishment in the moment, even though winning the Eastern Conference and earning the Bobby Orr Trophy was a significant accomplishment at the highest levels of Ontario major junior hockey.

Because the window for success is so limited in junior, I was flabbergasted at the sight of the Eastern Conference championship trophy being abandoned at centre ice as the Battalion started to exit the ice to their dressing room. While I understood their superstitious attitude, as a frustrated former athlete more used to constant losing than occasionally winning, I could not believe that a team would not seize the opportunity to enjoy this rarest of moments—a championship win at the highest level of their sport. They should have

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picked up the trophy they had just earned and done a victory lap around the ice for themselves and the fans, who were overjoyed by the victory and still cheering in the stands.

Because of silly hockey superstition, the team robbed themselves of the opportunity to properly celebrate their win, which was probably one of the most significant hockey accomplishments in the young sporting lives of many of the players on that team.

However, as the team filed off the ice, I noticed that one of the overage players who had been picked up at the trade deadline, realizing that his time in the OHL was drawing to a close and recognizing the significance of what his team had just accomplished, quietly broke ranks from the rest of the Battalion filing into the dressing room. He went back to centre ice to stand and pose for a picture with the abandoned Eastern Conference trophy still sitting on the table. Although he never actually touched the trophy himself, I think he understood that the future was uncertain, and he had chosen, in that moment, to quietly appreciate his and his team's achievement in the present.

The Battalion went on to play the Western Conference representative, the Windsor Spitfires, in the OHL finals. The powerhouse Spitfires, ranked number one in the CHL that year and a favourite to win the Memorial Cup right from the beginning of the season, rolled over the Battalion in five games to win the OHL championship and, as expected, went on to win the Memorial Cup.

After being soundly defeated by the Windsor Spitfires in the OHL finals in five games, and with hindsight always being 20-20, I wonder nowadays if any of the other players on that Eastern Conference championship team back then wished they had not taken their accomplishment so lightly in that moment of victory, looking past their conference championship achievement to focus on the bigger prize, the OHL championship that ultimately never materialized. I also wonder if any of the other players on that team wished they had seized the opportunity to do what that one overage player had done in that particular moment—posing with the Eastern Conference championship trophy when it was available at centre ice after the final game.

Living for the future gives people focus and hope for a better tomorrow, but that should not necessarily come at the expense of living in the here and now.

So, the moral of the story is this: Don't forget to enjoy and appreciate your personal or athletic successes in the present when and if you achieve them, especially at the highest levels. For if you look past your achievement in the now to look to a bigger possible moment down the road, the moment you may be looking to is not guaranteed and may never come.

Success can be fleeting, and sometimes may never come, so if you should ever achieve it, enjoy your laurels in the now whenever you can.

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- **Personal amount:** The amount of money you're allowed to earn before having to pay income tax.
- **Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP):** A tax deferral strategy that allows you to save for retirement.
- **Dependent:** Children under 18 years of age and or family members with disabilities.
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 • 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
SATURDAY, APRIL 11
 • Eston 95 Lions present Vegas Vendetta - A Murder Mystery Dinner 5:30 PM Happy Hour. 6:30 PM Dinner and Entertainment. Call Shannon 306-962-7611 for tickets and more information.

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

FLAXCOMBE
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
 • Make a day of it in Flaxcombe! Flaxcombe's 1st Annual "Make It, Bake It, Grow It" Spring Market 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Flaxcombe Community Hall. K-Town Cruisers in town from 11 AM - 4 PM. Lunch & Dinner available. Miss Althea Cuanan-Iligan performing from Noon - 2:00 PM. Family Bingo 3:15 PM. 19+ Adult Bingo 6:00 - 9 PM Flaxcombe Community Hall. All are welcome.

- Pre/Post natal FUN exercises with mom and baby. Senior low impact exercises are also being offered. Led by Stephanie Vandewiele. Call Montonique to register 403-916-5128.

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, APRIL 10
 • Kinsmen Comedy Night Fundraiser. \$25/person. Doors open 7:00 PM. Contact Darin for more info. Proceeds will go towards a new playground for the poolside park.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
 • Pioneer Haven hosting a Soup and Sandwich lunch from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. \$15/person.
 • Fire Department Hockey Draft starts at 6:00 PM. \$300/team. Contact Jace 834-9006, Luke 460-4172, or Jaden 834-7199.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
 • Kerrobert & District Wildlife Supper-Doors open 5:30 PM. \$30/Adult and \$10/12 & under. Tickets available at Prairie Sky Treasures or contact Jessica 403-443-3480.

FRIDAY, MAY 1
 • Siebens School of Dance Recital 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 23
 • Minor Ball Day - more details to come.

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.

KINDERSLEY
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
 • Kindersley St. Joseph's Parish Spring Fundraiser in the hall from 8:30 - 11:30 AM at 600 - 4th Ave. West. Giant garage sale, mini-raftles, pancake breakfast, bake sale, clothing, books and much more.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
 • Kindersley Screen Arts presents "Song Sung Blue" 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door. Wine and beer available for purchase. Sponsored by Speedy Auto Glass.

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.

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

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

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

- Pickleball meets Sunday & Wednesday evenings 7:00 PM at Elizabeth School for the indoor season. Cost is \$50 for the season or \$5 drop in. Our club is a part of Pathway To Wellness. More info call Teresa Knight 306-460-7304.

- Fit Fighter Group Class. Helping individuals with Parkinson Disease, Fibromyalgia, MS, Arthritis and mobility issues. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 PM at Anytime Fitness. Call Karen 463-3607 for more info.

- 365 Kindersley Air Cadets meet Thursday evenings at the Kindersley Museum. No charge to be a member, youth ages 12-18, must be a Canadian resident. Contact Ian Kehrer via text at 306-460-0057 or Sheila Kehrer via text 306-604-9044. Come Fly With Us!
 - Every Tuesday: Community Badminton 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Westberry School. Everybody welcome.
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LEADER
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LUSELAND
THURSDAY, APRIL 9
 • Luseland Chamber of Commerce online workshop with Viktoria Schuler: "Hiring Foreign Workers in Rural Saskatchewan. For more info email info@ldchamber.com

- 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.
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 - Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon
 - Exercises 9:00-9:30 Am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17
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