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Mobile mammography unit to bring breast cancer screening to west-central Sask

BY IAN MACKAY

Women in west-central Saskatchewan will be able to get screened for breast cancer this spring and summer.

The province will have two mobile mammography units touring Saskatchewan after officials unveiled the second specially designed trailer last week in Regina.

The newest screening trailer, replacing the retired bus, is currently scheduled to be beside the AGT Centre in Rosetown from June 8 to 12.

Before that, the unit and its staff are to visit Outlook. After Rosetown, it is to go to the West Central Events Centre in Kindersley from June 15 to 26 and the Kerrobert hospital complex from June 27 to July 10 before travelling north.

People may book screening appointments up to six weeks in advance of a visit by calling 1-855-584-8228.

"With two mobile units in operation, screening capacity will grow and bring lifesaving breast health screening services closer to home for more women," a Health Department statement said.

The first new unit appeared in January and went to southeast Saskatchewan in March. Both units carry state-of-the-art digital mammography machines and new furnishings. The province expects to spend more than \$475,000 annually to run them.

The mammography machines detect signs of cancer early with low-dose X-rays of breast tissue, the statement said, adding that earlier detection allows for more treatment options and



Health Ministers Lori Carr and Jeremy Cockrill joined representatives from the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Health Authority to unveil the new unit.

supports better health outcomes for women.

Staff with each unit should screen about 6,000 to 7,500 people, visiting 42 rural and northern communities each year instead of every second year. Women at least 43 years old are eligible for screening. Most healthy women who meet the age threshold and do not have symptoms should undergo a screening mammogram every two years, the statement said.

The unit goes to southwest Saskatchewan in the fall, standing beside the Leader arena from Sept. 8 to 11, the Maple Creek Legion from Sept. 14 to 25, the Wickenheiser Centre at Shaunavon from Sept. 28 to Oct. 9, La Palestre in Gravelbourg from Oct. 13 to 23, and finishing its tour in Assiniboia at the Southland Co-op Centre.

"Expanding access to vital breast health services continues to be a priority for our government," Health Min-

ister Jeremy Cockrill said, expressing appreciation to the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan "and its generous donors for making this second mobile unit a reality."

The foundation dedicated \$5.2 million to its screening improvement campaign, providing \$2 million for the first mammography unit, equipment and furnishings, \$2.2 million for the second unit and its gear, and \$1 million to buy and install a new digital mammography machine for permanent sites in Regina and Saskatoon.

Screening mammograms are for women without lumps, discharge, skin changes or breast implants, who are not "in active followup" for the disease and who have been free of breast cancer for at least five years.

Breast cancer is the cancer most frequently diagnosed in Canadian women and causes the second-highest number of cancer deaths, the statement said.

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Indigenous children's author visits west central schools

BY JOAN JANZEN

"I'll be reading my book, Kiscwatisi: Be Kind, and having a discussion about how the book came to be," explained Indigenous author Elizabeth Merasty.

Elizabeth will be in several schools throughout the area from April 13 to 15, beginning at Dinsmore School on Monday, Luseland and Kerrobert on Tuesday, and Eaton and Rosetown schools on Wednesday.

Elizabeth Zdunich uses the pen name Elizabeth Merasty as the author of her first illustrated children's book. She describes her book as a "true story of kindness and hope."

She is a member of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, a descendant of Rock Cree and Scottish ancestry, and a certi-

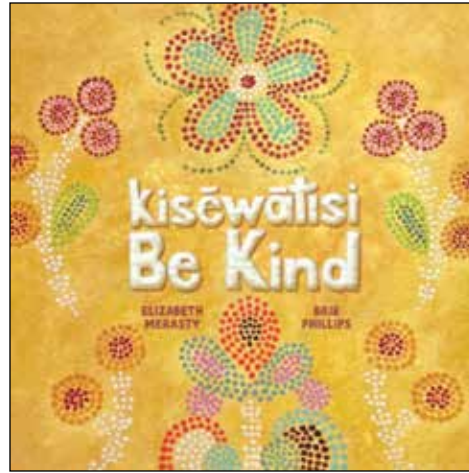
fied teacher. She comes from a long line of storytellers. Her grandmother, uncle and cousin are also published authors.

Luseland librarian Dawna Nienaber said she was contacted by Bobbi Hebron, informing her that Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation was joining the West Central Literacy Committee to provide funding for libraries in the region to host a First Nations and Métis engagement author event.

"We of course said yes instantly!" Dawna said.

The Luseland Library chose to host the author at Luseland School in order to make the most of the opportunity and reach the largest number of attendees.

"Pat Aylward from WCLC will be joining Elizabeth and doing a tobacco



Elizabeth's book features both Cree and English, and helps revitalize Cree language and culture. It includes historical family photos, two colouring pages and classroom resources for teachers.

Her book tells the story of hardships her mother faced while attending residential school, and yet decades later her mother's classmates still remember her kindness.

Elizabeth was only 17 years old when her mother passed away, and later decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and become an educator as well.

Elizabeth lives on a grain and bison farm near Kenaston with her husband and three children. She welcomes everyone to hear the story of how her book came to be.

offering ahead of each reading," Dawna added. When a knowledge keeper is sharing with a group, tobacco is given as an offering and as a sign of respect and gratitude.

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Indigenous author Elizabeth Merasty shares her first illustrated children's book, Kiscwatisi: Be Kind, at schools in Dinsmore, Luseland, Kerrobert, Eaton and Rosetown from April 13 to 15. CURTIS CAMERON PHOTOGRAPHY

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SENIOR PROFILE

Vance Booth reflects on life rooted in family and farming

BY JOAN JANZEN



Vance Booth enjoys his days at Caleb Village and took time to share memories of family, farming and the agricultural industry.

Vance Booth has been enjoying the past two years as a resident at Caleb Village in Kindersley, where he took time to share his memories of growing up near Herschel, Sask.

He was born in Rosetown on Dec. 1, 1939. Vance said he was too young to remember much about the war years, but he does recall one story about his uncle returning from the army. "He came back and always kidded me that I was born in 1939 and caused the war," he chuckled.

Unlike the conflict experienced during the war, Vance recalls a peaceful childhood on a mixed farm located eight miles from Herschel. "We were more or less self-sufficient," he said.

His parents, Pearl and Gordon, raised their own beef, chickens and pigs, and maintained a large garden that supplied food for Vance, his sister and two brothers.

"Every year we'd fill a one-ton truck with potatoes, which was the main food at each meal," he said. "I did the milking and took care of the animals, especially during harvest."

His education began at Kensington School, just two miles from their farm. One teacher taught children from Grades 1 to 9 in the one-room school. "That's the way it was back then," he noted. "I went there until I was in Grade 6."

It was around that time that electricity first came to the village of Herschel in the 1950s. "Shortly after that we got it on the farm," he said. "Rural contractors put in the power lines." It marked the beginning of a new era of rural electrification.

With electricity came the family's black-and-white television; however, most people relied on their local newspaper for news. "Each town had a paper, and the radio was a big deal," he said.

Everyone worked hard, but they also found time to enjoy themselves. "We played hockey and ball at

school. Each school had its own team. We had good times back then," Vance said.

"As a kid we didn't go too far, but my grandfather had a farm up at Spiritwood. We'd visit him, and he'd take us to the lake to go fishing," he recalled.

One of the highlights each year was the annual Christmas concert. "A lot of time and preparation went into it, but we always had a good time," he said.

Vance took Grades 7 and 8 in Herschel before attending LCBI, a Christian boarding school in Outlook, for Grades 10 and 11. "I changed schools because they had more to offer in Outlook," he said. But at age 17, he lost interest in school and found work in Rosetown sharpening discs, later pumping gas at a service station.

Although school did not hold his attention, it was there he met his first love, Faye. "I met Faye at school. She was two grades below me," he said. They were married in Herschel on July 12, 1962, and shared 49 years together before Faye passed away. They raised two sons, Kevin and Ron, and a daughter, Sharon, in Rosetown.

In 1966, Vance received a job offer that shaped the next chapter of his life. "When my uncle asked me to join Western Sales in 1966, I jumped at the opportunity," he said. "I did every job there except accounting." He worked in the parts department and stayed until 1987. "I really liked meeting people. I knew everyone and I knew all their phone numbers."

Family time at the lake became one of his greatest joys. "We went to Kimball Lake for 30 years in a row after we got married. We enjoyed it very much. The family looked forward to that tremendously," he said.

In 1987, he returned to farming, partnering with his father-in-law near Herschel. He farmed for 14 years before selling his equipment and moving to Rosetown, though retirement did not come immediately.

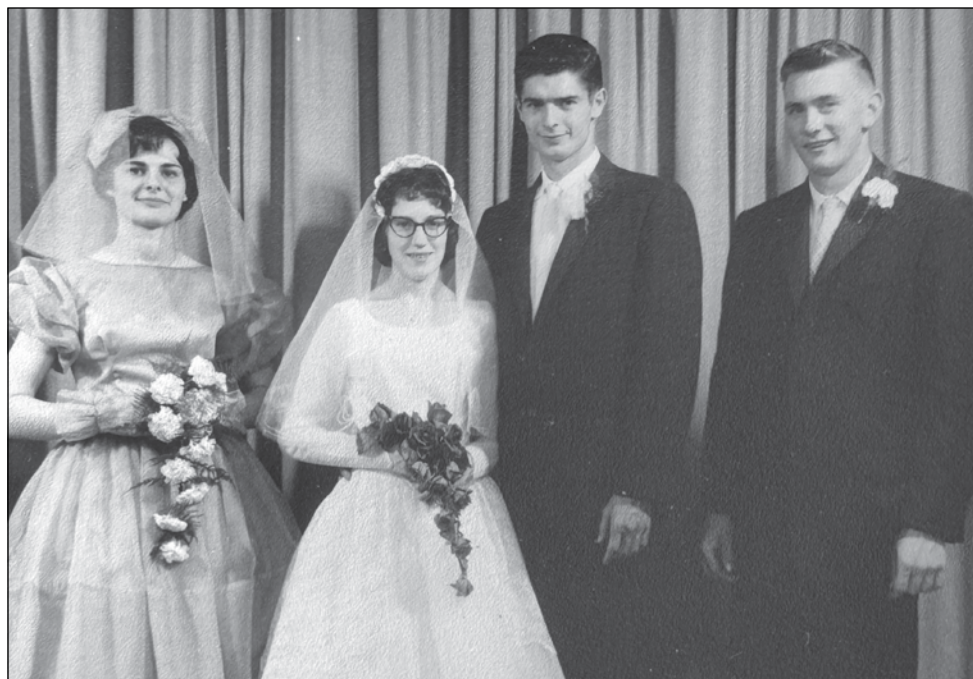
"I worked with my cousin Alvin Moore on his farm until I was 80 years old. I enjoyed it immensely," he said. After 12 years, he decided it was time to slow down.

Vance later remarried and spent six years with his wife, Joan Gunnlaugson, before her passing in December 2019. Today, he has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with his children living in Swift Current, Saskatoon and Herschel.

He now spends his days watching sports, going for walks and enjoying life at Caleb Village. "The girls working here are tremendous. They're good people," he said. He added with a smile that he has not used his stove in the two years he has lived there.

Even at 86, Vance considers himself one of the younger residents. He said he is often surprised by how many of his neighbours are in their late 80s and 90s.

Thanks for sharing your memories, along with your love of family, farming and the agricultural industry.



Vance and Faye Booth on their wedding day, July 12, 1962, in Herschel, Sask.

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L-R: Darryl Oomen, son Brody, wife Vicki and son Chase. Everyone is invited to contribute to a gift card drive in support of Darryl's dialysis and transplant journey.

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Communities rally to support Darryl Oomen's dialysis journey

BY JOAN JANZEN

The communities of Eatonia, Glidden, Kindersley and beyond are joining together to support Darryl Oomen, who is travelling to Saskatoon twice a week for emergency dialysis for the next six weeks. Darryl and his wife, Vicki, reside on a farm southwest of Glidden.

"It's been a long journey," Vicki admitted. "Darryl's been living with only one kidney since 1997, when he had to have one removed. Over the years, it's been gradually getting worse, so we've been travelling to Saskatoon for 11 years, dealing with a nephrologist."

On Aug. 9, 2024, Darryl had all the testing done to ensure he was a good candidate and was put on the transplant list.

"Over the last year, we had to stop working and were waiting for a surgery date to get a cath line for dialysis," she explained. Darryl had worked at Good to Go Trucking for the past 15 years.

On April 13, Darryl finally had a cath line put in his stomach; however, it needs to heal for six weeks before he can begin doing dialysis at home.

"And then we have to do four days of training before we can start doing dialysis at home," Vicki added.

Candis Hildebrandt is helping organize a gift card drive for Darryl and Vicki.

"I know the cost of travel related to a transplant, so I wanted to help," she said, referring to her daughter Kinley's transplant. "We definitely know how life-saving and life-changing a new organ can be, and Darryl is looking for a donor (O+)."

The expenses of fuel, meals and accommodation add up quickly, so gift cards will help ease the burden for Darryl and Vicki. Co-op gift cards are especially beneficial since they can be used for both fuel and food.



Darryl Oomen is travelling to Saskatoon twice a week for emergency dialysis. Everyone is invited to contribute to a gift card drive in support of his dialysis and transplant journey. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

If you would like to help, need cards picked up or have any questions, please call or text Candis at 306-460-7336 or message her on Facebook. E-transfers are also welcome and can be sent personally to vicki.darrel@sasktel.net.

"It takes a village," Candis said. "No one should have to go through this alone."

This is an opportunity for friends, family, acquaintances and community members to show their love and support, and help Darryl and Vicki Oomen along their journey to life-changing health.



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Forgiving those who put trash in our baskets

BY JOAN JANZEN



Check It Out
By Joan Janzen

Kids are often mini versions of their parents. When my kids were growing up, one of them looked at a childhood photo of his friend's dad and said, "Wow! Your dad looked just like you! When you get old you'll probably look just like him." His friend replied, "Yeah, kind of sad, isn't it?"

Not only do children look like their parents; they also imitate them. A friend shared how his two-year-old watched him make his morning Keurig coffee. A few minutes later, he discovered she had climbed up on the counter and was making herself a cup of coffee.

As a kid, I remember listening to morning radio segments of "Kids Say the Darndest Things" by Canadian-born entertainer Art Linkletter. When he asked a four-year-old if she knew how to pray, the youngster began reciting the Lord's Prayer. One line went like this: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

This past week, a number of people confided in me about the trash being put in their baskets. I'm not a therapist, but I do know it's important to forgive. However, this past week I heard a sad story of waiting until it was too late.

A woman who had stopped communicating with her parents discovered both parents had died within a couple

of months of each other. She heard about their deaths from a friend who had read her dad's most recent obituary online and reached out with condolences. It was a huge shock.

I shared the story with my sister, who said when she had patients on their deathbed, she would ask if they would like to contact any estranged family members. Ninety per cent of the time, they would agree, and a touching reconciliation and reunion would follow.

While speaking on the subject of unforgiveness, Franklin Jentezen, an author and pastor, compared it to a tumour. "You act like you don't have it, but everybody sees it," he said. It may be an invisible tumour, but it's big and it's sore. "And sometimes people touch that part of your life and you overreact because it's so sensitive."

He said you could be arguing with your spouse, but your reaction isn't because of what was said; it's because your spouse touched that sensitive tumour. And some people have multiple tumours.

This is just a random thought, but could this be what is causing the hostile political divide we're witnessing? People hold a grudge against a political figure for something, and every time a comment touches that sensitive tumour of unforgiveness, they overreact. It's just a thought.

That's not to say anyone needs to

agree with what was said or done.

But like Vlad Savchuk, pastor and author, observed, "If you spend less time feeding that grudge, you will be able to spend more time nourishing new and healthy ideas. Holding on to a grudge does feel like you're in control, but in reality you're being controlled."

He also said some people hold on to a grudge because their offender has done nothing to deserve forgiveness. Many people hold back their forgiveness because they are waiting for an apology, but that apology may never come.

I listened to a mother share her story of forgiveness after losing her only child. Her 20-year-old son was shot to death during an argument at a party. The 16-year-old killer was tried as an adult, sentenced to 25 years, and served 17 before being released.

A few years prior to his release, the mother, Mary, asked if she could visit the young man, who I'll call Dylan because I can't remember his name. In an interview, Dylan recalled the first words Mary said to him: "You don't know me. I don't know you. Let's just start with right now. I was beyond myself."

Mary continued to visit him regularly. After his release, she invited him to move into the apartment next to hers. Today they don't just live close to one another; they are close to one another.

"Unforgiveness is like a cancer. It will eat you from the inside out. It's not about that other person. Me forgiving him does not diminish what he's done. Yes, he murdered my son, but the forgiveness is for me," Mary explained.

And it hasn't been easy for Dylan

either. "I'm learning how to forgive myself for what I've done," he said. He works at a recycling plant during the day and goes to college at night. He's determined to pay Mary back by contributing to society. He speaks at prisons about the power of forgiveness, and their story is living proof of its power.

"Forgiveness is not forgetting. You won't necessarily be healed immediately, but the process of healing can begin," Vlad Savchuk observed.

Neuroscientist Dr. Caroline Leaf advised, "After someone hurts you, there's a structure in your brain that literally increases in power when you think about the person who hurt you. Forgiving someone disentangles them from your head. Thoughts are real things that occupy space in your head, and they grow. Every time you think of that person, it increases the power they have over your thought life. By forgiving them, you cut off that power."

A psychology professor who taught a group of fifth graders about forgiveness collected her students' comments. "Forgiveness helped me be nicer to my brother," one kid said. "Forgiveness has made me more calm," said another. "I like forgiveness because it taught us not to wait until it's too late to forgive," concluded a fifth-grade student.

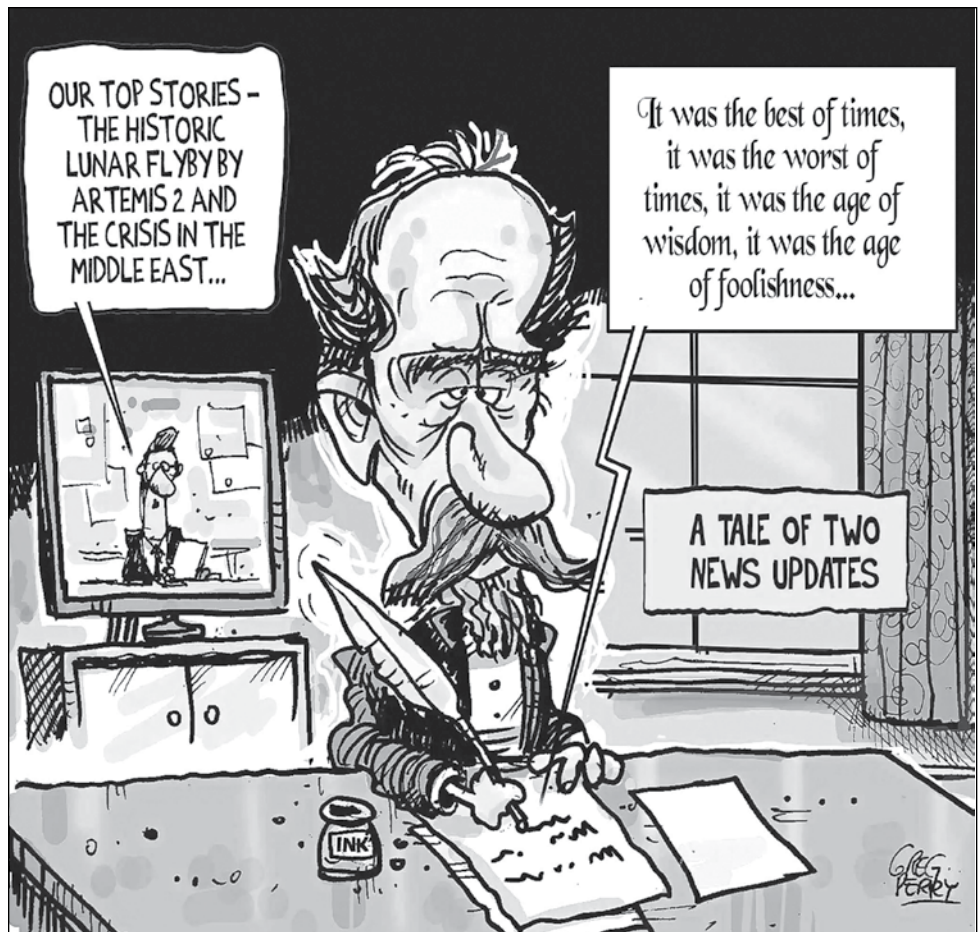
Those are valuable lessons to learn at a young age. When children watch their parents and grandparents forgiving people who put trash in their baskets, they'll be more likely to imitate that behaviour and benefit from the personal freedom it offers.

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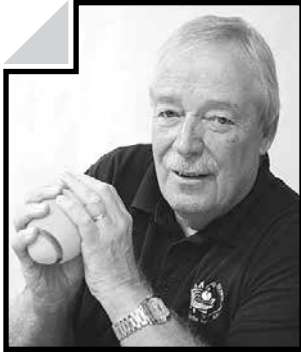
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Welcome to the 21st century. The computer age has become totally involved in our lives, so why not baseball, too?

Starting this season, Major League Baseball — after extensive testing in the minor leagues and spring training games — has officially adopted the Automated Ball-Strike (ABS) Challenge System. Each team gets two challenges per game against perceived bad calls by the umpire and if they're successful, they get another one. Two botched challenges, however, and the team cannot challenge again.

To simplify things, the baseball world is referring to the new system as robot ump. Technology has advanced to such an extent that a number of specialized cameras set up around the ballpark can zero in on the



Sports
By Bruce Penton

precise strike zone and tell whether a pitch was, in fact, a ball or a strike. If the pitcher, catcher or batter does not agree with the human umpire's decision on a pitch, a challenge can be activated with an immediate tap on the head. Technology then takes over and, within a couple of seconds, makes the ultimate ruling.

MLB says fans overwhelmingly approve of the new system but it's hard to believe that the umpiring union would be in favour. Too many overturned calls in the early innings of a game might get an angry fan base even more skeptical of the human ump's skills, and verbally ride him even more as the game goes on. If the technology shows an umpire regularly missing calls, his career might be on the line. Overall, though, the ABS system has shown umpires miss calls less frequently than fans might believe.

In a story from Florida, The Athletic says "catchers proved far better than batters at deciding when to call for the robot to step in" during spring training games. Patrick Bailey of the Giants was successful in 10 of his first 12 challenges, the story said.

The ABS system might have come in handy during the recent World Baseball Classic, when the U.S. defeated the Dominican Republic in a semi-final game that ended on a pitch called a strike that was obviously low and out of the strike zone.

One change to be expected from the introduction of the ABS system is managerial ejections. Famous umpire-baiters such as Billy Martin, Earl Weaver, Bobby Cox and Lou Piniella would be muted in their objection to a pitch determined by a robot, although angry managers could still kick up a lot of dirt on a close play at home that they didn't like. Technology can tell whether a pitched ball was in or out of the strike zone, but a 'safe' at home call still needs the human touch.

Eventually, say those close to professional baseball, MLB may go fully ABS. Fans may be forced to yell "kill the robot" but they'd have trouble finding it.

- Headline at fark.com: "After having a torrent of ball-and-strike calls overturned in the first week of the MLB season, umpire C.B. Buckner undergoes an unscheduled vision corrective procedure."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, after a fan reminded him he said in 2009 that Dwight Howard, not LeBron James, would emerge as the NBA's dominant champion over the next decade: "Doctors bury their mistakes; sports columnists print theirs."
- Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on the terrible New York Rangers' season: "The Rangers don't need a rebuild. They need therapy."
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "The New York Rangers, last in the Eastern Conference, will not raise ticket prices next season. The Leafs, two spots ahead of the Rangers, have already raised ticket prices."

- Cathal Kelly again, on the Canucks' poor season: "Some teams have the sort of year that gets everyone fired. Vancouver is having the kind of season that, in a more sensible world, would get the franchise's charter revoked."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Now bodycam footage shows Tiger Woods on the phone before he would talk to police after his latest crash. He then told officers: 'I was just talking with the President.' Was Tiger asking for a pardon or to be named Secretary of Transportation?"
- Retired boxer George Foreman (snipped from sportscurmudgeon.com): "When I was a kid in Houston, we were so poor we couldn't afford the last two letters, so we called ourselves po'."
- Headline at theonion.com: "Panicked Dodgers Owner Has No Idea How He's Going To Come Up With \$414 Million Payroll"
- Another headline at theonion.com: "Victor Wembanyama Issued Technical For Punching Jumbotron"
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, after Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment CEO Keith Pelley said he wants the Leafs to be more 'data driven': "Will data be the first-pass-out-of-the-zone defenceman the Leafs desperately need? Will data measure heart or character, some of hockey's most important components? If data can play right wing on a line with Matthews, I'm all for it."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca



Lisa Kirtzinger, Anika Becker, Dakota Buttar and Peter Gebraad, pose in front of the new anesthetic machine at the Kindersley and District Health Centre, funded through last fall's Energy Dodge Dakota Buttar Invitational. *SUBMITTED*

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL TOWN OF LUSELAND

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Luseland 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 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following days:

Monday to Friday, April 6, 2026 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 wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at;

Town of Luseland Office
503 Grand Ave
PO Box 130, Luseland, SK S0L 2A0

A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$100.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be filed by the 6th day of May, 2026 to:

Secretary of the Town of Luseland Board of Revision
C/O Tara Neumeier
PO Box 558
433 Manitoba Ave., Kerrobert, SK S0L 1R0

Dated this 6th day of April, 2026

Krystal Bazylinski
Assessor

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll Village of Major

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Major for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days:

Monday to Thursday, April 9 - 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.

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Nicolle Hoskins
The Secretary of the Board of Revision
Western Municipal Consulting by email at
secretary@westernmunicipal.ca

by the 11th day of May, 2026.

For information regarding your assessment notice, please contact the assessor, Village of Major, Box 179, Major, SK S0L 2H0.

Dated this 14th day of April 2026.

Charlotte Helfrich
Assessor

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL R.M. of Heart's Hill No. 352

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Heart's Hill No. 352 for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Assessor at 405 Grand Avenue, Luseland, Saskatchewan, **Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the following days:

April 13, 2026 to May 14, 2026

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Any person who wishes to appeal their assessment is required to file a Notice of Appeal with:

The Board of Revision Secretary,
Nicolle Hoskins
Email: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca
or Mail: Western Municipal Consulting Ltd.,
PO Box 149, Meota, Sask., S0M 1X0)

by the 14th day of May, 2026.

An appeal fee of \$25.00 per property, payable to the R.M. of Heart's Hill No. 352, must accompany the appeal. The fee will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2026.

Janelle Franko
Assessor

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the R.M. of Prairiedale No. 321 for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days:

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by the 11th day of May, 2026.

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Dated this 14th day of April 2026.

Charlotte Helfrich
Assessor



Just a gal from Glidden



Dad's go-cart flew

BY KATE WINQUIST

The surest sign winter was over on our farm wasn't the calendar. It was the day Dad hauled the go-cart out of the barn.

He built it during Easter break in 1970, according to my most resourceful brother. The body was plywood, painted a bright, proud red. The motor came from The National Store — later Peavey Mart — and, as family legend goes, Dad told the clerk it was for a water pump so he could use it as a tax deduction. The tires were also written off as "farm equipment," and the steering wheel came off a scrap car at the nuisance ground.

That go-cart was the centre of our summers. Before long, I was putting miles on it, circling the yard and heading down the dirt road. Whether I learned to drive on that or the ride-on lawn mower is up for debate, but I do know I was driving long before I was supposed to.

There were a few mishaps along the way.

My cousin Gord was about eight when Uncle Neil decided he was old enough to take the wheel. Mom strongly disagreed. Gord proved her right by driving



STILL IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT: Dad takes the wheel of the homemade go-cart that became the centre of countless summer memories on the farm.

the go-cart straight into a water-filled ditch. Mom had her 'I told you so' moment, and she never let Uncle Neil forget it.

Then there were the races.

The Jackson boys from down the road — Maury and Shawn — showed up one day on their mini-bikes and issued a challenge. Our family didn't back down from much, so the races were on. First to the quarter-mile turn and back won. The mini-bikes won a couple, and that didn't sit well. Dad quietly went to work and removed the governor from the motor. I doubt he told Mom.

After that, the go-cart didn't just run. It flew, leaving the Jackson boys in the dust.

That evened things up in a hurry.

Eventually, like most good things, it moved on. When Mom and Dad retired to Medicine Hat, they passed the go-cart along to another family. My kids never got to experience it the way we did, ripping around the yard and down the road on summer evenings.

I'm writing this on April 11, what would have been Dad's 93rd birthday. Of all the things he built over the years, that go-cart might not have been the biggest or the most important.

But it was the one that let us be kids—and let him watch it happen.

We're still telling those stories, 56 years later.

Cures and tonics from 1914

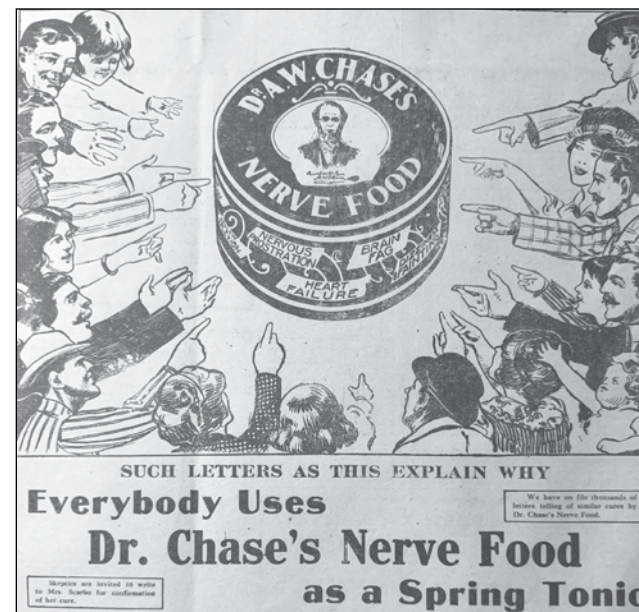
BY JOAN JANZEN

A 1914 issue of The Kindersley Expositor, found in the archives at the Kindersley Museum, displayed an ad for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, described as "the greatest of spring restoratives," which claimed to form new red corpuscles in the blood. An Ontario woman gave a glowing report of the tonic's effectiveness. Here's what she wrote:

"Early last fall I became greatly run down, could scarcely eat anything and could not sleep at night. I was so nervous I could hardly bear to have anyone talk to me and was in this extremely nervous condition for five months. I read in the almanac about Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and bought three boxes. Before completing the first box felt the benefit and now be-

lieve the cure to be thorough and complete. I am feeling fine and eat, and sleep well thanks to the wonderful good accomplished by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

This wonderful cure-all cost 50 cents for one box, or six boxes for \$2.50. Although the ingredients were not listed, alcohol may have been one of the primary ingredients used to help cure brain fog, fainting, dizziness and heart failure.



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Built on the core values of trust, honesty, dedication and an unwavering commitment to exceptional customer service, the agency has fostered strong relationships and lasting connections. Clients are at the heart of the agency, and Michelle is deeply grateful to create unforgettable journeys that let clients discover the world and create lasting memories.

As the business experienced growth, a new partnership began. Alannah Cavanagh became a partner in 2025, bringing a fresh outlook, formal training, travel experience and a penchant for social media.

Clients benefit from the unique advantage of two experienced advisors working together. This partnership provides reliable support and prompt responsiveness, ensuring that assistance is readily available before, during, and after travel.

Operating from a professional home office in Kindersley comple-

mented with meeting space for consultations, personal touch is blended with professional credentials. This includes ongoing supplier training, formal education and firsthand experiences at many destinations. Both Michelle and Alannah frequently travel with the tour operators and visit the locations they recommend.

Most recently, they took part in a multigenerational Caribbean cruise, where they navigated group travel logistics, enjoyed various island adventures, and experienced ship life from multiple perspectives. When suggesting a cruise, you can count on their genuine knowledge of the best options. Next up are familiarization trips to New York City, Bermuda & Alaska.

With 25 countries visited and more to come, Michelle and Alannah are frequent travellers having explored destinations across the globe and bring personal insight into every itinerary they curate. Their experiences span ocean and river cruises, family friendly resorts, theme park vacations, luxury voyages and island retreats, adventure travel, bucket list experiences, exotic city stays and Canada coast to coast. From annual beach getaways to once in a lifetime vacations, they are crafting meaningful experiences from adventure to relaxation and everything in between. Every detail is planned with your vision in mind. They do more than book holidays, they match clients to destinations, shaping travel experiences that fit budget, interest and preference.

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**During regular business hours
from April 15 to May 12, 2026
AND
from 9:00 am through 4:00 pm
on May 13, 2026**

**at the Eatonia Town Office
(202 Main Street, Eatonia, Saskatchewan)**

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Nomination forms may be obtained from the office.

Dated April 15, 2026
Victoria Munroe
Returning Officer

POWER REACHES THE PRAIRIE:
Rural electrification transformed Saskatchewan farms

BY JOAN JANZEN

The 1950s marked a decade of electrification in rural Saskatchewan. Seventy-five years ago, farms were being powered with electricity for the first time, and many seniors still remember when it arrived. In some areas, farmers dug post holes by hand, and many of those original poles remain in use today, a former Saskatchewan resident recalled.

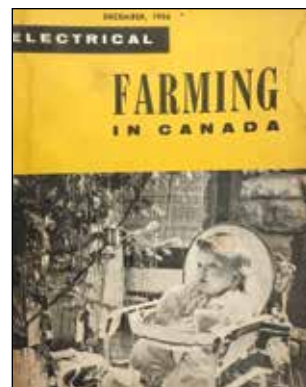


Raising transformer poles for electrification in rural Saskatchewan was a common sight on farms in the 1950s. PHOTO HISTORIC SASKATCHEWAN

Farmers worked together to install poles and anchors before SaskPower crews arrived to string lines and install transformers and meters. Many took short courses in house wiring so they could wire their own homes, barns and workshops.

"I can remember getting the power in the early 1950s in the RM of Snipe Lake," Vern Vogel recalled. "Before that, we relied on a 32-volt wind charger."

An article written several decades ago by Joan Champ outlined the electrification process. In 1951, the Rural Electrification Act was amended, grouping blocks of four or five municipalities into distribution areas. Initially, farmers were encouraged to build their own lines under the supervision of corporation engineers to help keep costs down.



In 1952, Premier Tommy Douglas promised electrical service to 40,000 farms within five years. That target required an average of 7,000 farms per year to be connected, double the pace of the 1951 program. Additional staff were hired, and promotions and demonstrations were launched to highlight the benefits of electrification.

A 1954 SaskPower letter to a farmer stated: "Farmers will be required to pay for service within one month after it is made available, and will be billed the minimum bill of \$5.00 per month after this period has expired."

The Rural Electrification Superintendent also encouraged community support, writing: "We certainly hope the project will materialize. May we ask your assistance in selling the idea to your neighbours? Not only does the project need them, but they too need the power. Sometimes a word or two from you does more than any effort we can make."

By 1956, SaskPower was promoting the advantages of farm electrification through publications, as the scale of expansion grew to 50,000 to 60,000 transmission line poles erected each year.

Through the 1960s, farms continued connecting to power at a rate of about 1,000 to 2,000 per year, reaching approximately 66,000 electrified farms by 1966.

Zest of the West returns to Kindersley with food, music and fundraising focus

BY JOAN JANZEN

Zest of the West is returning to Kindersley on April 18 at the West Central Events Centre, bringing back a popular community event last held in 2018.

The original event, organized by the Big Dippers group, raised funds for the indoor pool. This year, organizers are aiming to build on that success, with proceeds going toward a new community centre.

Organizer Shaun Henry said the idea to revive Zest of the West came from a desire to host a major local event while keeping fundraising dollars in the community.

"I've got a great committee," he said. "They were with the Big Dippers group of the past, and they enjoy bringing it back. They've been a great help, and we'll have volunteers coming and going as well."

The evening begins with a liquor and food tasting trade show running from 6 to 10 p.m., featuring 22 vendors and more than 80 items. Attendees can sample a variety of food, wine, beer and spirits from businesses across Saskatchewan.

Local musicians Sam Motier and Mike Reece will be joined by Sammy Cirex to provide live entertainment during the tasting portion.

"They'll be playing background music to keep the mood exciting and energetic," Henry said. "They will perform some solo acoustic tunes in addition to jam-



Zest of the West committee members include Roxanne Atkinson, Jen Ginther, Tara Hearn, Chelsea Omness and Shaun Henry.

ming together."

Following the tasting, the event shifts into a cabaret-style dance with live music from Sask Steel, performing until 2 a.m. The Saskatchewan-based band blends country with a rock edge and features musicians who first connected while attending the University of Saskatchewan.

"They're a young, energetic group who play a lot of cover songs," Henry said, noting the band's signature "rough twang" sound.

Organizers expect a crowd of 600 or more for the evening, combining food, drink and live entertainment with a community fundraising goal.

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Monday to Thursday, April 9 - May 11, 2026

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Dated this 14th day of April 2026.

Charlotte Helfrich
 Assessor

Province launches rural policing grant with funding for Luseland officer

The Saskatchewan government has introduced a new grant program aimed at supporting small town and rural police services, with the Luseland Police Service set to receive \$10,000 in 2026-27.



The new Small Town and Rural Police Services Grant Program will provide \$10,000 for each sworn officer serving in eligible small town and rural police departments. In total, the province is investing \$190,000 this year.

Luseland's one-officer police service is among five departments receiving funding under the new program.

Community Safety Minister Michael Weger said small town and rural police services play a key role in public safety across Saskatchewan, often supporting RCMP operations over large areas while providing community-based policing tailored to local needs.

Until now, small town and rural police services have operated without direct provincial funding, relying on support from the municipalities and rural municipalities they serve. The province said the new grant program is intended to create a more consistent

approach to policing support across Saskatchewan.

In addition to Luseland, funding will go to Corman Park Police Service, which will receive \$110,000 for 11 officers; Dalmeny Police Service, \$20,000 for two officers; Vanscoy Police Service, \$30,000 for three officers; and Wilton Police Service, \$20,000 for two officers.

The province said the grant will help smaller police services strengthen proactive policing, improve response times and support recruitment and retention by giving departments greater operational flexibility.

The program is also intended to reinforce partnerships between local police services and the RCMP in rural communities. Officials said small town and rural police services regularly assist with calls involving property damage, collisions, provincial statute enforcement, municipal bylaws and other local policing needs.

The STAR Grant Program complements existing provincial funding already provided to the RCMP, as well as municipal and First Nations police services, the province said.



Kindersley RCMP seize fentanyl, meth in traffic stop

Kindersley RCMP say officers seized fentanyl, methamphetamine and heroin during a traffic stop in the west-central Saskatchewan town, leading to the arrest of four people.

Police said officers were conducting proactive traffic enforcement on April 3 when they pulled over a vehicle with four occupants in a business parking lot in Kindersley.

After investigating, officers searched the vehicle and found about 51 grams of fentanyl, 16 grams of methamphetamine, drug-trafficking paraphernalia, unstamped tobacco, a small amount of heroin and cash.

A 43-year-old Kindersley woman, Sheena Mackenzie, is charged with trafficking fentanyl and being at large on an undertaking. Police said she was also arrested on an outstanding warrant from Kindersley RCMP. She was scheduled to appear in Saskatoon provincial court on April 7.

Mark Rogerson, 43, of Kindersley, is charged with trafficking fentanyl. He is scheduled to appear in Kindersley court on May 19.

Curtis Mikituk, 45, of Kindersley, was arrested for allegedly breaching his statutory release and was returned to custody, police said.

A second woman was released without charge. "Drug trafficking has serious consequences for individuals, families, and our communities as a whole," Staff Sgt. Sebastian Andrews, commander of the Kindersley RCMP detachment, said in a statement. "Through proactive enforcement and ongoing investigations, our officers strive to keep our communities safe from the sale of these dangerous substances, such as fentanyl."

Kindersley RCMP continue to investigate.

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Teagan Littlechief to bring country rock show to Kindersley stage

BY KATE WINQUIST

KINDERSLEY — Award-winning country rock artist Teagan Littlechief will take the stage at the Norman Ritchie Community Arts Centre later this month, delivering a high-energy performance as part of her Saskatchewan tour.

The show is set for Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m., presented by the Kindersley and District Arts Council.

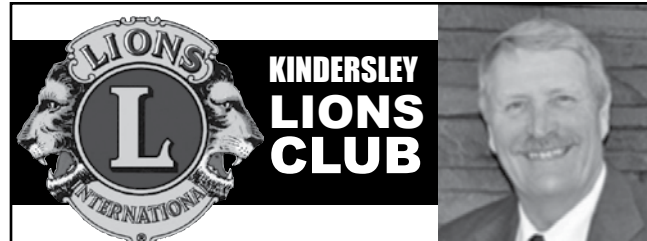
Littlechief, a member of White Bear First Nation, has built a reputation for powerful vocals and dynamic live performances. Backed by a four-piece band, she blends original music with well-known covers, including fan-favourite renditions such as Me and Bobby McGee.

Her set list features material from her full-length album and charting singles, including Hell Bent and Heaven Bound, highlighting a style that mixes country roots with rock-driven energy.

Littlechief has received national recognition for her work. She became the first Indigenous woman to win the Saskatchewan Country Music Association's Female Artist of the Year award and was also named SaskMusic's Contemporary Indigenous Artist of the Year in 2025.

Organizers say the performance is designed to offer audiences an engaging live music experience while continuing to bring touring acts to the region.

Advance tickets are available locally, with admission priced at \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth aged six to 17, and free for children five and under. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Volunteer Lions members from across Southern Saskatchewan laid the groundwork, getting information to businesses and organizations in Kindersley. Some members have already joined.

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Saskatchewan's Energy News




Kindersley area draws strong interest in Saskatchewan's April oil and gas land sale

Oil and gas rights in the Kindersley area generated more than \$2.2 million in bids during Saskatchewan's first Crown public offering of the 2026-27 fiscal year, highlighting continued industry interest in west-central development.

The April 7 sale brought in a total of \$12,835,947 across 87 parcels covering more than 20,700 hectares in the Estevan, Lloydminster, Kindersley and Swift Current regions.

The Kindersley area accounted for \$2,267,478 in revenue, ranking third overall but well ahead of Swift Current, which saw just \$87,609 in bids.

The highest single bid tied to the Kindersley region came from Whispering Hills Resources Ltd., which offered \$1,606,426 for a 6,859-hectare exploration licence located west of Eaton. The parcel represents one of the largest tracts offered in the sale and signals ongoing exploration interest in the area.

Provincially, the Estevan area led the sale with \$5,949,771 in revenue, followed by Lloydminster at \$4,531,088. The highest lease bids overall came from Millennium Land Ltd., which submitted two identical offers of \$1,223,809 for parcels in the Lloydminster area.

The strongest price per hectare was recorded in the Estevan region, where Tundra Oil & Gas Limited bid \$12,150 per hectare for a 32-hectare lease east of Lampman.

Crown leases are issued for five-year terms and allow companies to drill for and produce oil or natural gas, while exploration licences run from two to five years and typically apply to less-developed areas.

The province noted that bidding activity is influenced by a range of factors, including commodity prices, land availability and market conditions.

The next public offering is scheduled for June 2.

Province pushes federal policy changes to grow helium industry

Saskatchewan's energy minister will head to Ottawa this week to press for federal policy changes aimed at accelerating growth in the province's helium sector and strengthening Canada's role in global supply.

Chris Beaudry is leading a delegation to advocate for measures that would encourage private investment, align helium with other critical minerals in federal programs, and improve Canada's competitiveness in the emerging industry.

The trip comes as Saskatchewan positions itself as a key player in global helium production. The province currently supplies about three per cent of the world's



Chris Beaudry

helium and is targeting a 10 per cent share by 2030 through its Helium Action Plan.

Beaudry said Saskatchewan is well placed to expand its role as a stable supplier of the gas, which is essential for health care technology, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, national defence and scientific research.

He said aligning federal tax treatment with other critical minerals would help unlock investment and support long-term growth of Canada's helium sector.

Industry leaders say federal policy clarity is critical.

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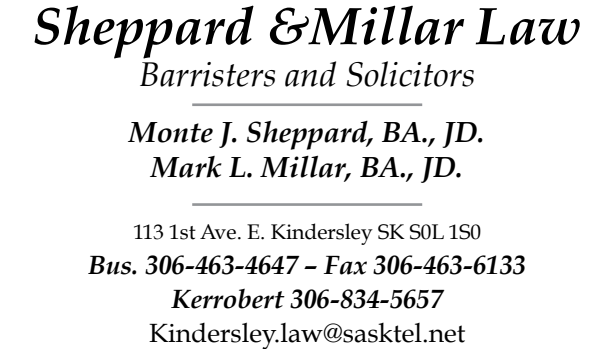


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(L-R) Laroné and Jaynie use their creativity to make "stars in the night sky" pictures as part of VBS at Kindersley Alliance Church during the Easter school break.

Kids learn about God's plan for their lives at VBS

BY JOAN JANZEN

The staff and volunteers at Kindersley Alliance Church invited children from pre-kindergarten to Grade 6 to Vacation Bible School during the Easter school break. Each morning from Monday to Thursday, the children listened to Bible stories, played games, sang songs, enjoyed snacks, made a variety of crafts and had a lot of fun.

Cheryl Glass, a volunteer at VBS, said the theme for the week was "It's All Part of the Plan." During the week, the children learned that God has a plan for each one of them, and their job is to trust Him and do what He says.

On Tuesday, they heard the story of Abraham, who looked at the night sky and was promised that his descendants would be as numerous and uncountable as the stars. At that time, he and his wife were elderly and childless, but the promise was fulfilled.

Many volunteers contributed their time and organizational skills so the children could have fun while



Robert enjoyed VBS at Kindersley Alliance Church during the Easter break. He described his picture of stars in the night sky as "pure imagination." PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

learning about God's plan for their lives during the Easter school break.

...Helium industry

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cal as companies weigh major capital investments. Saskatchewan producers have already invested about \$700 million in the province, with further growth tied to a competitive policy environment.

Nicholas Snyder, chairman and CEO of North American Helium Inc., said recent disruptions in global supply — particularly from the Middle East — highlight the need for a secure domestic industry.

He said Canada must also develop its own processing capacity, pointing to a proposed helium liquefaction facility as a key next step. Such a facility would enable higher-value uses and support exports, while strengthening supply for sectors such as health care, defence,

semiconductor manufacturing and space exploration.

Chris Bakker, CEO of Avanti Helium Corp. and chair of the Helium Developers Association of Canada, said access to federal critical minerals programs and competitive tax treatment are essential to attracting private capital.

He noted Canada is estimated to have the world's fifth-largest helium resource, but unlocking that potential will depend on coordinated policy support.

Provincial officials say treating helium on par with other critical minerals would help secure investment in Canada's first helium liquefaction facility, a project they argue would create jobs, expand export opportunities and improve domestic supply security.

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The annual awards celebrate achievements in conserving historic places and safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including traditions, skills and practices that reflect Saskatchewan's diverse communities.

Nominations are open until May 3, with recipients to be honoured June 24 at Government House in Regina.

The Conservation of Heritage Places category recognizes projects focused on protecting and restoring

physical sites, guided by national standards for historic places. The Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage category highlights initiatives that preserve living traditions, from storytelling and language to cultural practices passed between generations.

Presented under the patronage of Bernadette McIntyre, the awards aim to recognize leadership and commitment in protecting Saskatchewan's heritage for future generations.

Heritage Saskatchewan encourages nominations from across the province, noting that community-driven efforts — large and small — play a vital role in maintaining local identity and history.

More information on nomination criteria and submission details is available through Heritage Saskatchewan.



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Kindersley man dead after single-vehicle rollover in town

A 48-year-old Kindersley man is dead following a single-vehicle rollover Friday morning.

RCMP said officers were called at about 8:45 a.m. on April 10 to the intersection of 15 Street West and Fairmount Road in Kindersley.

Emergency crews, including local fire and EMS, responded to the scene. The lone occupant of the vehicle was declared dead at the scene.

Police said the man's family has been notified.

Kindersley RCMP continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the collision with assistance from a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

Leader arts council warns season at risk without new support

The Leader and District Arts Council is calling for community and business support as it faces rising costs, lower attendance and reduced funding after more than 40 years of bringing live arts to the community.

The organization says support from local sponsors is critical to keeping professional music, theatre and visual arts in Leader and area. Without increased backing, the council warns an upcoming season could be its last.

Arts council sponsorships help fund professional performances, after-school shows, arts programming in long-term care, scholarships for

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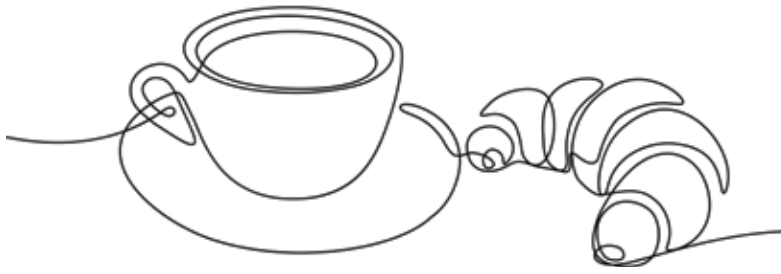
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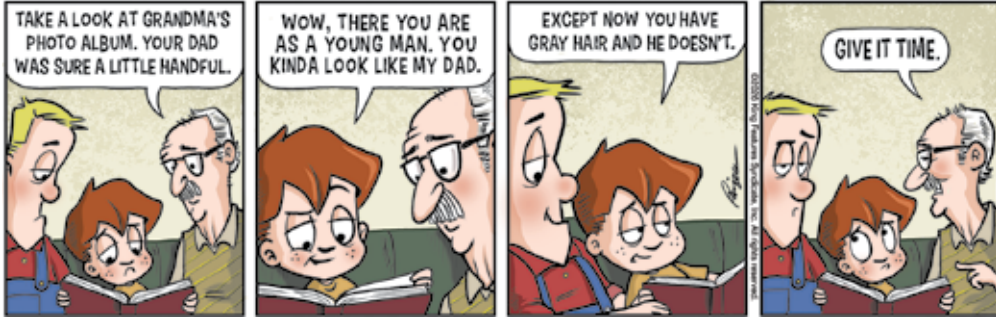




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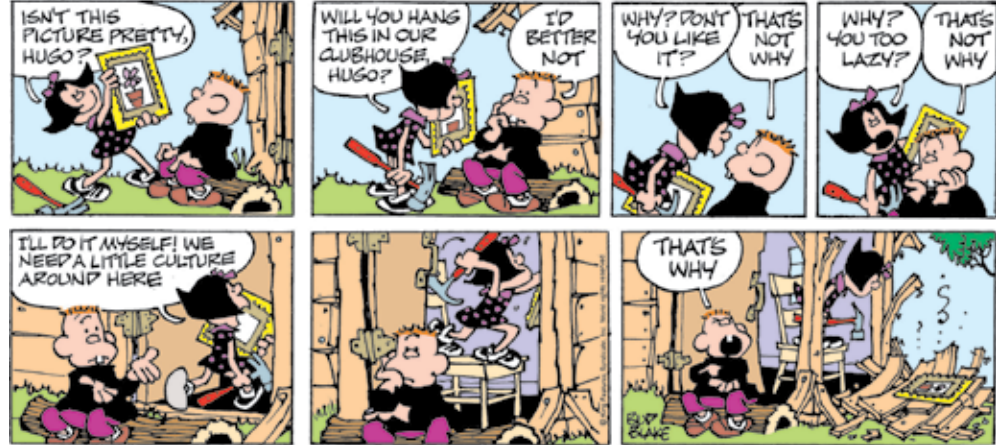
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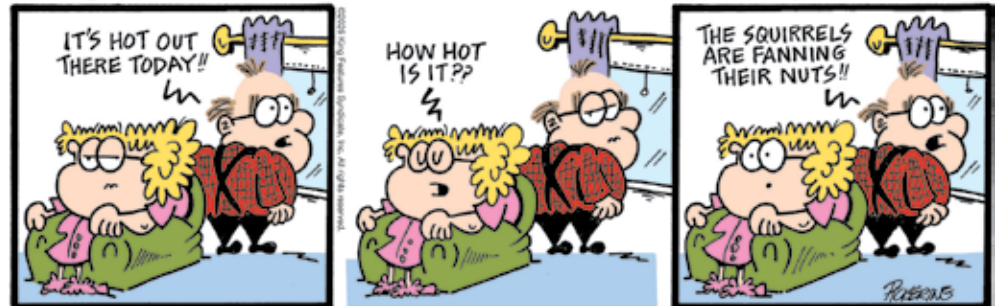
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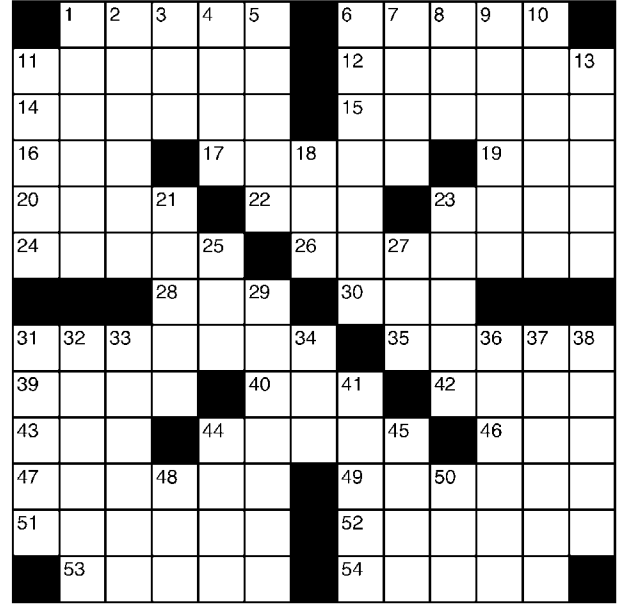
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- 23 Lap dog, for short
- 24 Former First Daughter
- 26 Most sore
- 28 401(k) alternative
- 30 Med. plan
- 31 Popeye's veggie
- 35 Muslim legal expert
- 39 Centers
- 40 Possesses
- 42 Uttered
- 43 Before
- 44 "Graceland" singer Paul
- 46 The Browns, on scoreboards
- 47 Chew out
- 49 Tex-Mex treat



- 8 Invoice fig.
- 9 "Little Women" matriarch
- 10 Pancake toppers
- 11 Defeats
- 13 Start
- 18 Hollywood's Thurman
- 21 Tibia settings
- 23 Reverent
- 25 Altar in the sky
- 27 "Let me think ..."
- 29 Reach
- 31 Biblical realm
- 32 Least spoiled
- 33 Portugal's place
- 34 Sandwich meat
- 36 Glib
- 37 Inclined
- 38 Concepts
- 41 Remote locations?
- 44 Halt
- 45 iPod model
- 48 Asia's — Darya river
- 50 Keypad trio

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- 1 Mal de mer
- 2 "Golden" tunes
- 3 Dye type
- 4 Angelic instrument
- 5 Milan's La —
- 6 Tolerate
- 7 Brilliant stroke

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tie is missing. 2. Word on box is different. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Pencil is moved. 5. Wall is wider. 6. Chair on wall is moved.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** The famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, are believed to have been in what modern-day country?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the name of the six-point blue star on emergency medical vehicles?
- MOVIES:** What is the nickname of the "vicious" dog in "The Sandlot"?
- HISTORY:** What was the name of the United States' first space shuttle?
- LITERATURE:** In what language was "The Odyssey" originally written?
- TELEVISION:** Where is the 1990s sitcom "Northern Exposure" set?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of kangaroos called?
- SCIENCE:** What is the process called when a lizard loses and regenerates a tail?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state borders two oceans?
- MUSIC:** What was Taylor Swift's first song to make Billboard's Hot 100?

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

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VANDALISM DAMAGES COMMUNITY MAILBOX IN ROSEDALE: Glass panels surrounding a set of community mailboxes in the Rosedale subdivision were smashed last week, leaving debris scattered across the site. The damage is believed to have occurred sometime during the evening of April 8 or the early morning hours of April 9. Photos submitted by a local resident show multiple shattered glass panels on the structure housing the Canada Post boxes.

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Rosetown RCMP investigate tool theft in Herschel

Police are investigating a theft of tools in Herschel as part of a series of calls handled by Rosetown RCMP over the past week.

The theft was reported April 8, and remains under investigation.

During the reporting period, officers also responded to a mischief complaint in Rosetown on April 9 and a report of an abandoned vehicle on April 8.

On April 7, RCMP were advised of a family dispute in the RM of Canaan for information purposes. That same day, officers received a complaint of harassing communications in Rosetown, but there was insufficient evidence to proceed.

Earlier in the week, police conducted a wellbeing check in the RM of Harris at the request of Saskatoon Police Service. An erratic driving complaint on Highway 7 near Harris was also reported, but patrols did not locate any vehicles matching the description provided.

On April 3, RCMP received a report of trespassing in Rosetown. Nothing was reported missing and there was insufficient evidence to continue the investigation.



On April 2, members assisted Comox Valley RCMP by speaking with an individual in Kyle.

In addition to these calls, officers issued 63 traffic-related charges during the reporting period. Police also responded to one 911 misdial and one false alarm.

Anyone with information about these or other incidents is asked to contact Rosetown RCMP or Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

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Wilkie man charged after resisting arrest during traffic stop

A 37-year-old man from Scott is facing charges after allegedly resisting a peace officer and failing to comply with a release order during a traffic stop, according to Unity RCMP.

The incident was among several calls for service handled by officers across Unity, Wilkie and Macklin over the reporting period.

In Unity, RCMP responded to a report of a vehicle fire, which had already been extinguished by the owner before police arrived. No further action was required. Officers also assisted Saskatoon Police Service with a next-of-kin notification and mediated a child custody dispute.

Police are continuing to investigate reports of a probation breach and an incident involving obtaining lodging by fraud. Officers also received a report of a deceased dog in a ditch near the cemetery; no offence was identified and the owner could not be located. Five traffic complaints were also reported.

In the Wilkie area, police conducted multiple wellbeing checks, including one that resulted in a person

being transported by EMS to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment under the Mental Health Act.

Along with the charges laid during the traffic stop, officers dealt with reports of suspicious individuals, trespassing, disturbing the peace and an unwanted person at a residence. Several complaints could not proceed due to insufficient evidence or inability to locate those involved. One theft complaint was reported but the complainant declined to pursue the matter.

Police also issued a three-day roadside suspension during a traffic stop. Two additional traffic complaints and one false 911 call were reported.

In Macklin, RCMP investigated a complaint of vehicle damage but found insufficient evidence to proceed. Officers also issued a 90-day roadside suspension during a traffic stop. Two traffic complaints and two false alarms were reported.

Anyone with information about crimes in the Unity, Wilkie or Macklin areas is asked to contact their local RCMP detachment or Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

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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 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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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 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 Monterique 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 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.
 - Spring Exhibition at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery featuring "Expressions With Joy" Mixed Medium Artwork by Breena He-

bron and "Lindy's Mudshack" Handmade Pottery by Lindy Bell-Gatzke. April 1 - June 22, 2026. Opening Reception: May 21st at 7:00 PM. Gallery Hours: Weekdays 8:30 - 4:30 Closed at lunch.

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-raffles, 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.

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.

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

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

- 365 Kindersley Air Cadets meet Thursday evenings at the Kindersley Museum. No charge to be a member, youth ages 12-18, must be a Canadian resident. Contact Ian Kehrer via text at 306-460-0057 or Sheila Kehrer via text 306-604-9044. Come Fly With Us!

- Every Tuesday: Community Badminton 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Westberry School. Everybody welcome.

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

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

LEADER THURSDAY, APRIL 16
 • Leader & District Arts Council presents Tommy Charles 7:30 PM at the Leader Community Centre.

- 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 SATURDAY, MAY 9
 • Town Wide Garage Sale. If you are unable to have your own sale that day, consider donating to the Pioneers Club.

- 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

MARENGO FRIDAY, APRIL 17
 • Burgers and Beers fundraiser at Marengo Community Hall. Doors open at 5 PM with supper starting at 5:30 PM. Sponsored by the Marengo Community Club.



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