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## Mother's Day Tea draws ladies to Kerrobert Senior's Hall

BY JOAN JANZEN

Ladies enjoyed an afternoon at the Senior's Hall in Kerrobert where a Mother's Day Tea was held on Thursday afternoon, May 7. The Senior's group provided refreshments along with angel food cake and strawberries for everyone attending. Of course ladies always enjoy shopping, so there was also fresh baking available to purchase along with a wide variety of plants provided by a local Hutterite colony.

The afternoon was spent visiting with friends, laughing, hugging, shopping and feasting as the ladies celebrated Mother's Day together.



A warm welcome. Hugs were in plentiful supply as friends greeted one another at the Kerrobert Seniors' Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, May 7. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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# Cole Patton brings country roots to Kindersley stage

BY JOAN JANZEN

Cole Patton is a musician who wears many hats. "I perform on a pretty consistent basis with multiple shows every month," he explained. He performs on his own, as well as with his band The Blackjacks, with band members Ava Watchel, Preston Carter and Kyle San Andres.

This fall he will be going into his fourth and final year of schooling at the U of S in Saskatoon for a degree in Agribusiness. "At the same time, I am constantly songwriting and singing around Saskatoon as well as back home," he said. "For the summer I am working at home on my father's farm located about 10 miles south of Major."

Cole grew up on the family farm where all of his siblings played an instrument. "When I was 13, I was shown the basics of how to play the drums by my sister Jaclyn, and then started teaching myself the rest," he said. That was his first instrument, and before long he was playing in the Luseland School Jam Club. "It was a great way to start off getting experience with other musicians," he said.

Cole always loved singing, a passion which was passed on to him by his mother. "My mother was a fantastic singer and would sing in things like the church choir. I've been singing almost my entire life, but I never really started focusing on it and performing professionally as a singer until just a few years ago," he said.

After mastering the drums, Cole began teaching himself how to play the piano and guitar, which is now his primary instrument. "I would often go to my grandma and grandpa's house to sing for them. I still play for them, as I love seeing the joy on their faces when I sing a classic country song they recognize from when they heard it on the radio."

Those visits inspired his open mic nights in Saskatoon, and his visits to retirement homes in the area. "I love performing at these places, as everybody always enjoys every song I sing, and I get to tell stories behind every one," he said. Cole is continually striving to reach a wider audience.

He grew up listening to country classics like George Strait, Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash. "I remember a Johnny Cash Giant Hits CD that was stuck in the old farm work truck's CD player that would play over and over again. All of the songs were almost always stuck playing through my head," he recalled. "That would probably be why Johnny Cash is my favourite country artist." Cole's love for country music just keeps on growing.

Not only does Cole sing, but he also began writing lyrics in high school, inspired by the sentimentality of many country and folk songs. "I also take a lot of inspiration from my own personal experiences growing up on the prairies," he said.

His band The Blackjacks performs classic country and rock, as well as a few of Cole's originals. "Years



Cole Patton says he would love to perform every single day, but completing a university degree and working on the family farm make it difficult to find the time. Cole and his band The Blackjacks are taking the time to perform at the Kindersley District Arts Council concert on May 23. PHOTO SUBMITTED

before we started performing together professionally, we were all friends and would often jam together in Kindersley," he explained.

"As I continue to write songs, I hope to invoke heartfelt meaning, humour and storytelling that resonates, especially with older generations. My hope is to bring people joy through music that they find relatable and meaningful," he concluded. "I would love to perform just about every single day, but with school and the farm it can be difficult to find the time."

Cole and his band will be bringing their music and storytelling to Kindersley for the Kindersley District Arts Council concert on May 23. You won't want to miss it!



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The Eaton Senior Band 2026 was awarded gold standing at the Con Brio Sun Peaks Festival in BC last month.

PHOTO: EATON SCHOOL FB

## Eaton School Senior Band earns gold at Sun Peaks Festival

EATONIA — Staff, students, family and friends are extremely proud of Eaton School's Senior Band. The band represented Eaton School and the community of Eatonia at the Con Brio Sun Peaks Festival in BC last month, where they impressed the festival organizers. The entire adjudication panel noted the superior level of talent, maturity and integrity the band displayed alongside the large city bands.

The band was awarded gold standing, and one of the adjudicators extended a personal invitation to

workshop at UBC. One of the band students was excited when an instructor offered encouragement, noting some of the world's finest musicians come from rural areas and small towns.

Chaperones and staff accompanying the students saw the students display professionalism on stage and off throughout the entire trip. Mrs. Diedra Whitell directed the Eaton Senior Band 2026, and Melissa Hynd performed as a percussionist and also chaperoned. Additional chaperones included Trish Lee, Amanda Longmuir and Dave Becker.

## Census underway across Canada

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Canada is counting its residents again.

The 2026 census of population and census of agriculture began May 4. Homes and farm businesses are receiving invitation letters by mail that contain instructions about completing their questionnaires, a Statistics Canada statement said.

"Each letter includes a unique, 16-digit, secure-access code that allows respondents to complete their census questionnaires online at census.gc.ca," the statement noted. "The process is easy and secure."

The census collects demographic, social and economic information from every household in the country, while the agriculture census does the same on every agri-

cultural operation.

"This data will provide invaluable insights to all levels of government, as well as Canadian businesses and non-government organizations," chief statistician André Loranger said in the statement. "It will ensure that they have access to the up-to-date information they need to plan critical services and programs such as employment, education, child care, health care and so much more."

Statistics Canada employees will contact people who don't complete a questionnaire and help them do it, the statement said.

According to the Statistics Act, a census must be conducted every five years, and every household and farm operator in Canada must participate.

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# South Sask. in dry conditions, province says it won't ban fires yet

**BY STU SALKELD**  
Local Journalism Initiative  
Reporter  
Your West Central Voice

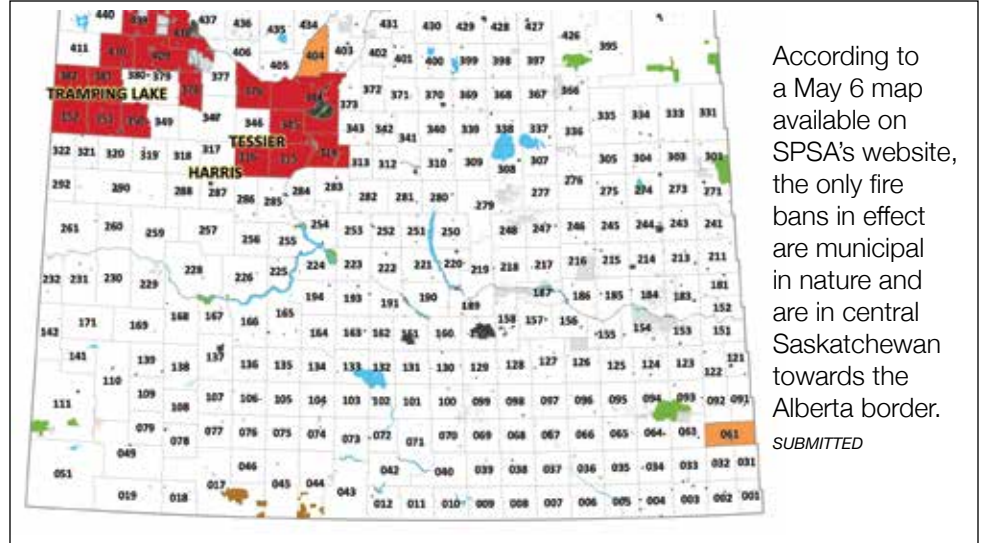
The Government of Saskatchewan acknowledges the southern half of the province is experiencing dry conditions, but as of a major emergency update May 4 no fire bans are proposed.

During the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) May 4 "spring" update, the vast majority of updates provided involved flooding in the top half of the province.

However, at about the two-thirds point of the 30-minute event, officials did comment on dryness and fire hazard in the southern half of Saskatchewan.

Vice President of SPSA Steve Roberts answered a question about the possibility of provincial fire bans in areas such as Kindersley, Luseland, Kerrobert and Leader.

"Local municipalities can impose their own fire bans and we typically see that in southern Sas-



katchewan if their grass conditions are like that," said Roberts to the teleconference group.

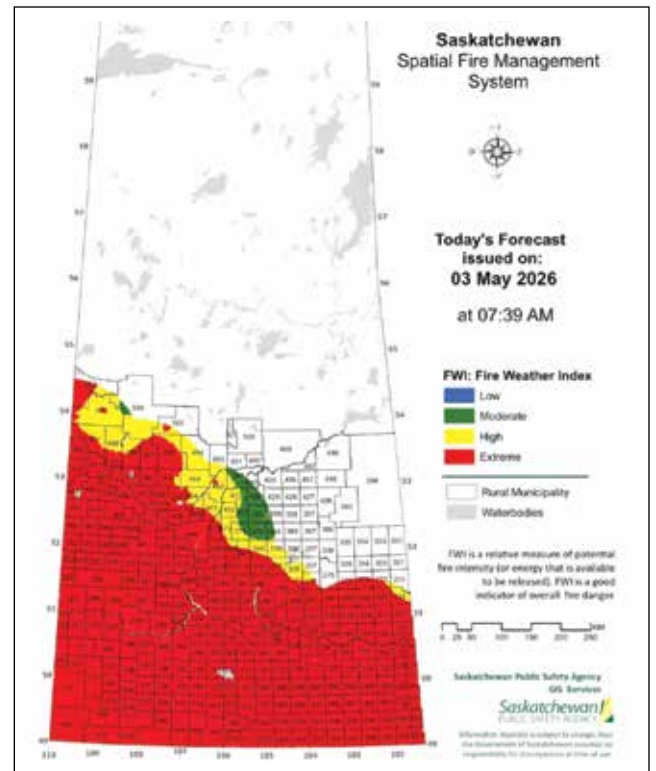
"With the high winds we've been experiencing, they will have some dryer fuels in local areas."

Roberts also expounded on the forest fire situation in Saskatchewan this spring. He observed that the forest fire situation was farther north and doesn't seem critical at this time.

"The other issue is to date we have only seen four fires in the province and they are all in the southern half of the forest and currently none are actually burning," said Roberts.

According to a May 6 map available on SPSA's website, the only fire bans in effect are in central Saskatchewan towards the Alberta border.

However, a May 3 Saskatchewan Spatial Fire Management System (SPSA) map illustrating the "fire weather index" showed "extreme" results in all of southern Saskatchewan. The map noted, "FWI is a relative measure of potential fire intensity (or energy that is available to be released). FWI is a good indicator of



A May 3 Saskatchewan Spatial Fire Management System (SPSA) map illustrating the "fire weather index" showed "extreme" results in all of southern Saskatchewan. SUBMITTED

overall fire danger."

With agricultural seeding season either in full swing or soon to begin, the dry conditions could pose a fire hazard as equipment gets ready to roll into fields. The Government of Saskatchewan has provided producers with advice to minimize or prevent grass fires during this critical farm season.

The best advice is to minimize or eliminate sparks. This means avoid hot exhaust pipes in tall grass or never discarding any hot item near any fuel source.

Also important is to keep a water truck or other water source handy, or have quick, easy access to such a source in the event a fire is ignited.



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# Lessons learned from the generation who invented recycling

A frugal fellow thought he'd re-wire his house rather than hire an electrician. He might be in for a shock!

I began writing this column before Mother's Day and vividly recall the resourcefulness of my mother. As the cost of food on grocery shelves increases, I'm reminded of living a frugal lifestyle as a child.

I'm sure women of my mother's generation formulated a definition of the word "recycle" before it ever existed in the dictionary. Worn out clothes and sheets became patchwork quilts and rags for the rag bag. Flour sacks were transformed into embroidered dishcloths that lasted forever. Feathers became stuffing for pillows, old drapes became new dresses.

Jars were used for storing nails, screws or buttons salvaged from worn out clothing. Bread bags, twist ties, rubber bands, zippers, wrapping paper and paper bags were all saved for later use.

If you didn't use something, it would soon be re-purposed. Shortly after I stopped spending time in my childhood playhouse, it was converted into a chicken coop.

Old tires became swings, salvaged brown paper was crafted into kites, dirt plus water and grass made mud pies, and the expired Sears catalogue was a source for paper doll cut-outs.



**Check It Out**  
By Joan Janzen

We spent hours dreaming about toys we wanted to have as we leafed through the Sears catalogue.

Birthday parties were simple affairs. My mom happily provided the hotdogs and a cake stuffed with nickels, which no one ever thought was dangerous. After all, if you swallowed a nickel, everyone

knew it would come out in the end (literally). But I don't remember anyone ever swallowing a coin. Even kids couldn't bear to waste a nickel, so they ate their cake slowly and carefully.

Back then everything was made to last. Those old Formica tables and chrome chairs that came in yellow, blue, green, red, pink and every other colour you can think of were virtually indestructible. Sturdy antique furniture got refinished or painted in whatever the trending colour of the day happened to be. And if something happened to break, you fixed it. I still remember the refrigerator that had a metal ice cream scoop as a handle.

Farmers repaired their own machinery. As a pre-schooler I listened to my mom read a manual while my dad fixed the combine and used choice German words while doing so.

The new family car was always polished and clean. I remember sitting on our Chevy car's back seat which was covered in clear plastic. It

was really uncomfortable, but it kept the seat in brand new condition and that's all that mattered.

Text books came home at the beginning of the school year and were immediately wrapped in brown paper. I never did remember what the cover of a text book looked like.

Everything was homemade including bridesmaid gowns, grad dresses and haircuts. Every kid had identical straight cut bangs. The money saved on haircuts was spent on hairspray, which kept the ladies' puffy hairstyles intact even in a prairie wind storm.

My dad was an animal lover and was called upon to help during calving season, and when it was time to slaughter cows or pigs, all the neighbours got together to help. Every part of the animal was used, including the tongue, heart, liver, pigs feet, chicken feet, and don't forget about head cheese, a local delicacy. My dad insisted on eating the occasional pigeon, and the local meat shop handed out raw wieners to kids as a treat.

My mom made butter, cheese, noodles, fresh bread and baked goods. I honestly only remember eating at a restaurant once during my childhood, and the freezer was our source of fast food. It's where we grabbed frozen cookies and left the empty container behind. And if you couldn't find anything to snack on, you could always fix yourself a ketchup sandwich. Believe it or not, it used to be one of my favourite snacks.

Lard was stored in a crock downstairs, and wheat was taken to the mill and ground into bags of flour. Everything was canned, pickled, frozen or stored in the root cellar. And there were always jugs of homemade wine in the basement that kids weren't supposed to sample.

Stale bread was transformed into bread crumbs, dressing, fried with butter and sprinkled on noodles and perogies, or made into bread pudding. Coming from German heritage, our meals consisted of at least ten different noodle dishes. Noodles and potatoes were our two main food groups. All you had to do was add sauerkraut or cream and the meal was complete. The cats and dogs survived on leftover scraps, fresh cow's milk and oatmeal.

Books were borrowed and seldom bought. You could order them from the regional library, and they would mail them to you. Even hobbies were practical: knitting, crocheting, rug making, carpentry, and my dad broke horses.

Borrowing money wasn't ever considered. Our parents never thought of themselves as frugal, but they never wanted to be helpless and never asked for handouts. Neighbours cared about one another and helped each other. I learned a few valuable lessons along the way while eating ketchup sandwiches, sucking on cake-coated nickels and playing with the baby chicks that moved into my playhouse.

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# Just a gal from Glidden



## The next time isn't promised

BY KATE WINQUIST

I am having a hard time writing this column. Usually the words come. This time they don't want to. We lost one of my husband Robert's closest cousins today. Completely unexpected. And I keep coming back to one simple thing.

Go to the family get-togethers. Make the drive. Stay the extra hour. Answer the invitation. Don't keep putting things off because you think you'll catch them next time.

Sometimes there isn't a next time.

I moved to Shaunavon in late September of 1992 to start my career in the community newspaper industry at The Shaunavon Standard. Part of my job was typing obituaries.

I had only been there a few weeks when one stopped me cold.

A young man had died in a motor vehicle accident south of Tompkins, leaving behind his wife and six-year-old twin boys.

His last name was Winquist.

That young man was Mark, Robert's older brother.

When Robert and I started dating in 1995, I hadn't yet met his family. Once I did, I couldn't understand what he'd been worried about. They are a fantastic bunch. Not just the immediate family. Aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews. They genuinely enjoy each other.



One more game. Janine and Wes Schulze with Robert Winquist and Wes' brother-in-law Perry before a Saskatchewan Roughriders game in 2024.

PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

Unfortunately, like so many families, the gatherings started happening less for celebrations and more for funerals.

The Winquist family has endured more than its share.

Mark's accident in 1992. Robert's brother Ron in 1998 after a courageous battle with leukemia. I can still hear his laugh. When Robert wasn't working, Ronnie would faithfully stop by for morning coffee and a good old-fashioned BS session.

Robert's dad in 2001, a year before our first son was born. Then a string of aunt and uncle funerals. Herbie. Richie. Lenora. Robert's mom in 2008. Brother Craig in 2023. Brother-in-law Harold in 2024.

And now this.

Every family has those people you can always count on to be there. Through the good times and the hard.

For the Winquists, one of those people was Robert's cousin and close friend, Wesley Schulze.

You could not ask to meet a better guy.

Wes and his wife Janine were one of the first couples Robert and I really spent time with when we were younger. We'd head out to their trailer near Shaunavon with their kids, Ceanna and Dryden, or they'd come into town to watch Rider games with us. Cards, laughs, stories, snacks, a few beverages. Evenings that always seemed too short.

Wes's dad Herb and Robert's mom Norma were brother and sister. Herb passed away far too young, and Wes and Janine moved back to help Wes's mom Lenora on the farm. A few years later, Lenora lost her battle with cancer at just 64.

The last time we saw Wes and Janine was in Regina at a Rider game. We met up in their hotel room afterward and it felt exactly like old times.

Wes turned 60 on May 7. I wished him a happy birthday on Facebook and, true to form, he replied with his usual simple "THNX."

Saturday afternoon, I left the office to grab ice cream for Jaidyn and me from Dairy Queen. Robert had gone to Saskatoon for the day. My phone rang while I was driving but I couldn't answer.

When I got home, I saw it was cousin Holly.

I called her back. She asked if I could get Robbie to call Mike because there was terrible family news.

Then the message came.

Wes had been in a quad accident. He didn't survive. Two days after his 60th birthday.

This one is going to hurt for a long time.

The family member you could always count on is suddenly gone.

And now we gather again. Not for a wedding. Not for a barbecue. Not for a Rider game. But to say goodbye.

Life changes in a phone call.

So go to the supper. Stop by for coffee. Take the photo. Make the visit. Tell the story one more time.

Because someday, without warning, the people you thought would always be there become memories you would give anything to sit beside for just one more evening.

And tonight, we would give anything for one more laugh from cousin Wes.



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## Wilkie Museum ready for another year of activity

BY PHIL HEILMAN

Wilkie Museum

**WILKIE** — The Wilkie & District Museum is in full swing for the 2026 tourism season.

"The snow slowed us down, but it meant we could get some much-needed indoor chores done," said Secretary Phil Heilman. This included adding to and moving around some exhibits, and some indoor maintenance. Of note, there is a new display with items and photos from the former Wilkie Kinsmen group, and some interesting reads connecting the current generation of music and movies to the 'Silent' era of movies. See if you can spot them all!

The Hometown Raffle is also back, with a twist. The first prize is an Echo combo starter kit with trimmer attachment and blower attachment, great for clearing out around the fence posts in the barn yard or cleaning out the garage after the cows made you go for a run in the mud. Fab-All Welding was gracious enough to provide the museum with the Echo Pro Attachment

set and donate it with help from members of the board.

The second prize is a set of medium and large "Saskatchewan 1905" T-shirts, two 10oz thermal mugs with "Blame the Friggin Cows" on each mug (for the drink of your choosing after putting them in for the 87th time!), and a rain gauge with a vintage John Deere tractor as a silhouette in the background. All these items were picked up from Pinetree Innovations (based out of Saskatoon) and donated by members of the board.

Tickets are \$10 each, and are available in Wilkie, Scott, Kelfield, Landis and Ruthilda. The raffle runs until July 1st, with the draw taking place during the Canada Day celebrations.

The Museum also has things in motion for the 3rd Annual Show 'N' Shine on June 13th, with a slight venue change. Instead of being held on the Museum grounds, it's been moved to the Homestead Bar/Touch & Taste Restaurant parking lot, with Main Street being blocked off as well.

Keep up to date with the Museum on Facebook (Wilkie & District Museum) and Instagram (Wilkie Museum).



# NHL draft often a crapshoot

To say the National Hockey League draft of 18-year-old players is an inexact science is stating the obvious. It's more like a crapshoot. Roll the dice and hope, baby. But NHL jobs (scouting directors and general managers specifically) can oftentimes ride on the success or failure of picking junior players.

Now that the order of this year's draft, to be held June 26-27 in Buffalo, has been determined by last week's draft lottery, GMs and scouts can start to fret. Will this skinny 18-year-old with great puck handling skills turn into a superstar four years down the road? Or will he be relegated to a career in the minors? The toughest job for a professional hockey scout is to project a player's skill level three, four, five years into the future.

Over the years, there have been some exceptional picks; and there have been some duds.

In the 2015 draft, for example, Los Angeles Kings ignored the availability of Kirill Kaprizov when it was their turn to pick in the fourth round. At No. 134, the Kings selected Matt Schmaltz. Minnesota, picking at No. 135, went with Kaprizov. NHL point totals to date: Schmaltz zero; Kaprizov, likely en route to the Hall of Fame: 475 in 397 games.

How would Philadelphia Flyers' fortunes be changed for the better had they picked Cale Makar second overall in the 2017 draft? The superstar defenceman for Colorado Avalanche went No. 4 overall, while the Flyers opted for Nolan Patrick with the second pick. Patrick, besieged by injuries in his short career, scored 30 goals in three seasons with the Flyers before they sent him to Las Vegas (via Nashville) where he played part of one year (two goals) with the Golden Knights. Makar, meanwhile, is generally regarded as the NHL's best defenceman and is one of the key members of the perennial Stanley Cup favourites.

Edmonton Oilers goaltending woes are well known to NHL fans. So when the Oilers' fans look back on the 2017 draft, they saw that Jake Oettinger of the Dallas Stars was available when it was Edmonton's turn to pick in the first round. Instead of picking Oettinger and solidifying that position for perhaps a decade or more, they went instead with diminutive forward Kailer Yamamoto at No. 22. He played a couple of non-productive years with the Oilers and now plays a secondary role with Utah Mammoth.

While we're at it, let's pick on the Vancouver Canucks. Last-place finishers this season, the hapless Canucks took Ollie Juolevi fifth overall in 2016. He racked up a total of three points in his less than illustrious career in the NHL. Meanwhile, the team picking one spot later that year was Calgary Flames and they picked up Matthew Tkachuk, for nearly a decade a premier forward in the NHL and a two-time Stanley Cup champ with Florida.

Hindsight is 20/20. Scouts' jobs depend on 20/20 foresight.

- Phillies' manager Rob Thomson, asked by The Athletic about his job security after a 9-19 start to the season: "I've never worried about that in my entire career. I worked for a guy for 28 years that, as the 'Seinfeld' episode will tell you, fires people like it's a bodily function. And it never bothered me." (Thomson was fired three days later, April 28.)
- Sean McIndoe of The Athletic on the Seattle Krak-



**Sports**  
By Bruce Penton

en: "They held down a playoff spot in the Pacific pillow fight for most of the year, then said 'just kidding' and finished 26th."

- Kyle Porter of Normal Sport, reviewing a multitude of newsworthy happenings recently in the world of golf, one of which was a tour player switching to irons made by the McLaren car company: "And, of course, Justin Rose linking up with (checks notes) a car company whose equipment he will hit golf balls with.
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "The Blue Jays' plane had a mechanical failure and they had to bus it from Phoenix to Anaheim. The Associated Press story literally said 'on a dark desert highway.' I don't know if they're using AI to write stories or Eagles' lyrics."
- Another one from Rolfsen: "Several teams have inquired about (Blue Jays' pitcher) Jeff Hoffman's availability for July's home run derby."
- Janice Hough of leftmostsportsbabe.com: "The Orlando Magic were up 62-38 at half time with a 97.9 per cent chance of winning in a close-out Game 6. And they lost to the Detroit Pistons 93-79. Magic scored 19 points in the second half."
- Another one from Janice Hough: "Went to check on the Knicks-Hawks game and it's 83 to 36 at HALFTIME! Do Atlanta players have nonrefundable reservations in the Caribbean somewhere starting this weekend?"
- From Yahoo.com, on the mid-season Oilers-Penguins trade: "Trading Stuart Skinner to the Pittsburgh Penguins for Tristan Jarry was, more or less, the hockey equivalent of trading a chef who constantly burned food for an arsonist."
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "My favourite Cavaliers player on name alone: Keon Ellis. Shouldn't he be playing for Maple Leaf Sports?"

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

**STRIKE ZONE IN SIGHT.** Kindersley Royals U11 pitcher No. 54 winds up on the mound and prepares to deliver against the visiting Leader Expos. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST.

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Source of trouble. The Alberta government said a CPKC locomotive leaked fuel as it left a train yard in Medicine Hat, AB May 1. GOOGLE MAPS

# Alberta fuel spill creates caution downstream in Saskatchewan

## Gov't says leaky locomotive caused the spill

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
Your West Central Voice

**LEADER** — A fuel spill that occurred near Medicine Hat, AB created some caution downstream in Saskatchewan over the May 2 weekend.

Your West Central Voice was notified May 4 of a social media post from the Town of Leader noting the municipality was informed of a fuel spill that had the potential to affect the town.

"The Town of Leader has been notified of a fuel spill into the South Saskatchewan River near Medicine Hat," stated the social media post. "Based on current information, the affected water is expected to reach our water intake on Sunday.

"At this time the Town reservoir is full and we will not need to draw water from the river until the contamination has safely passed our intake.

"We are continuing to work closely with the Water Security Agency to monitor the situation and will provide updates as more information becomes available."

Town of Leader Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Erin Romanuik said in a phone call May 5 that the contamination wasn't expected to reach that community until May 7. The CAO stated that the town is playing it safe anyway. "Just out of precaution, we're not pumping," she said.

Alberta's Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas noted that the diesel leak was related to railway operations. "Alberta's government received notification that a locomotive was leaking diesel as it left the train yard in Medicine Hat, prompting a response from a local environment officer," stated the Alberta government email May 4. "Most of the spilled diesel spilled on the ground and a small amount went into the river.

"The health and safety of Albertans, communities and the environment are always our first priority in these situations. Environmental contractors for both

land and water remediation were brought in, and a vac truck was used to clean up the area shortly after the incident.

"A thorough inspection of the South Saskatchewan River was completed by boat and drone imagery near the release site and more than 30 kilometres downstream. The contractors reported no sheen or minimal sheen where the diesel entered the river, and no diesel was reported further downstream.

"Water samples were taken both upstream and downstream and have been submitted for testing.

"Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railroad (CPKC) is required to pay for all associated clean-up costs."

The Government of Saskatchewan stated it's also keeping an eye on the situation. "At about 11 p.m. on Apr. 30, the Water Security Agency (WSA) was made aware of a spill of about 800 litres of fuel from a CPKC engine at Medicine Hat by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas to the (Saskatchewan) provincial spill line," stated Sean Osmar, manager, communications, Communications & Client Services Corporate Services.

"CPKC and the province of Alberta have environmental response teams on site to assess and mitigate the situation. Currently, the risk to Saskatchewan water supplies is extremely low.

"Communities that rely on the South Saskatchewan River as a drinking water source have been contacted, and can use water currently stored, or are already using wells that are removed from surface flows. WSA is monitoring the situation and there is no indication of concern at this time.

"The forecasted travel time from the spill site to the Saskatchewan border is about five days (May 4). WSA continues to work with officials in the Ministry of Environment, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), and in Alberta Environment to stay up to date on conditions.

"WSA will provide updates as new information becomes available."

# Spring cleanup reminders issued for Kindersley property owners

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

**KINDERSLEY** — The Town of Kindersley is reminding residents of their responsibilities for maintaining their properties this spring.

Issues that property owners must address include overgrown weeds and grass, junk vehicles, inappropriate storage of materials, dilapidated buildings and fences requiring repair, pet waste, overgrown and hazardous trees, inappropriate water drainage and keeping back alleys tidy.

The land each owner is responsible for includes the front and side yard, backyard, alley adjoining the

property and adjoining boulevard.

The town outlined three reasons spring cleaning matters: to provide a safe and clean environment within the community, to prevent rodent infestation in neighbourhoods and to allow enjoyment for all community members.

Residents who know of a property, public or private, in need of immediate attention, or who have questions or concerns, can contact the Town of Kindersley Administration Office at 306-463-2675. Concerns can also be submitted online, where residents can also access Nuisance Bylaw 19-08.

For more information on spring cleaning or where to take waste, visit [www.kindersley.ca](http://www.kindersley.ca).



## Unity woman faces stolen property charges after investigation

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

UNITY — RCMP in Unity, Wilkie and Macklin responded to a variety of calls over the past week, including stolen property investigations, assaults, traffic incidents and mental health concerns.

In Unity, RCMP investigated a single-vehicle traffic collision and responded to a complaint of individuals banging on a residence window, although the subjects had left before police arrived. Members also acted as mediators in a family dispute and conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a family member.

Police also received a found wallet, which was returned to its owner, while another individual relinquished a firearm to RCMP for destruction. Officers additionally handled two traffic complaints and two false alarms.

In Wilkie, a 25-year-old woman from Wilkie was charged with trafficking in property obtained by crime and possession of property obtained by crime after police received a report of an individual in possession of stolen property.

RCMP also charged a 22-year-old woman and a 25-year-old woman, both from Wilkie, with assault following a complaint.

Members received three complaints of dogs running loose in the Town of Wilkie and referred the matters to the bylaw officer. Police also responded to a Mental Health Act complaint and transported the individual to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment.

Other calls in Wilkie included a suspicious person complaint, an unwanted person complaint that remains under investigation, a report of a break and enter that was determined to be unfounded, and a report of a business door blown off its hinges during high winds.

A 30-day roadside suspension was also issued during a traffic stop, while officers assisted an individual walking on the highway north of Wilkie by transporting them to a nearby community.

In Macklin, RCMP received a report of an abandoned vehicle north of town. The vehicle was not stolen and the property representative was advised it could be towed.

Police also responded to a complaint of an intoxicated individual in public. Members spoke with the person and issued a verbal warning.



Volunteers at the Luseland & District Museum helped local children craft simple wooden games on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. PHOTO BY JEAN HALLIDAY

## Luseland museum helps kids build wooden toys from yesteryear

BY JOAN JANZEN

LUSELAND — Volunteers at the Luseland & District Museum helped local children recreate childhood games from past generations. On Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, kids were busy drilling holes and sanding rough edges of their wooden projects. Jean Halliday from the museum said the younger children made a simple rolling duck while the older kids made a pegs and holes game, using patterns and prepared pieces of wood. There was no cost to the kids as the parts used were obtained from scrap lumber.

“The theme at the Luseland Museum is Toys, Dolls and Games — Childhood pastimes from long ago,” explained Jean. “Twenty kids made wooden toys and enjoyed playing the various games throughout the museum.”

The children all went home with a game they had

built themselves.

Throughout the summer months, the museum will continue to host children’s activities including a doll’s tea party and game competitions.

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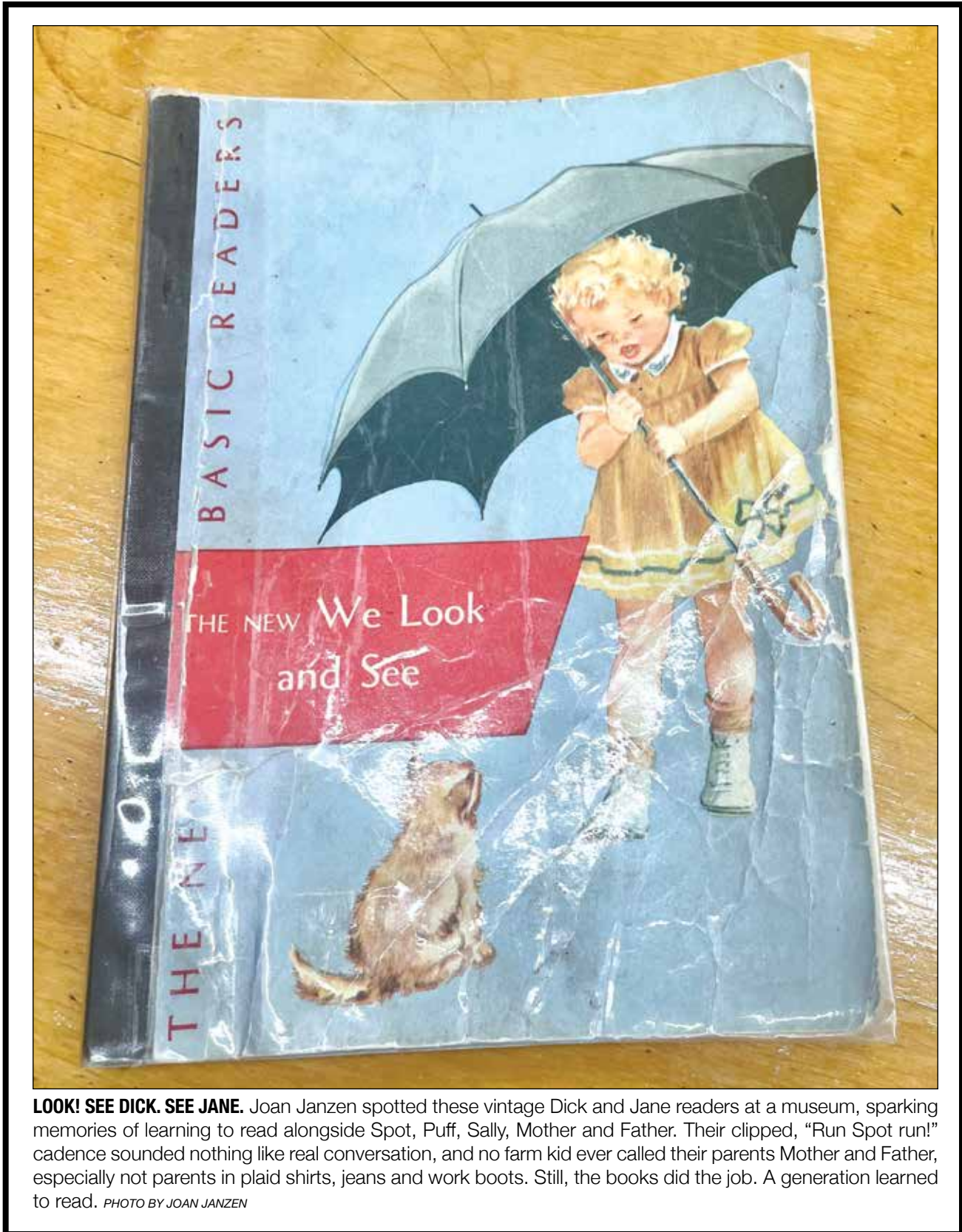
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**LOOK! SEE DICK. SEE JANE.** Joan Janzen spotted these vintage Dick and Jane readers at a museum, sparking memories of learning to read alongside Spot, Puff, Sally, Mother and Father. Their clipped, “Run Spot run!” cadence sounded nothing like real conversation, and no farm kid ever called their parents Mother and Father, especially not parents in plaid shirts, jeans and work boots. Still, the books did the job. A generation learned to read. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

## Town of Kindersley council approves cannabis zoning

BY STU SALKELD  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
 Your West Central Voice

**KINDERSLEY** —Kindersley town council has approved zoning changes that allow cannabis retail stores in two commercial districts. The bylaw passed all three readings at the Apr. 20 regular meeting of council.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Marty Baroni presented councillors with Bylaw 03-26, described as a bylaw to amend Kindersley’s zoning bylaw.

The proposed bylaw stated, “Section 8.13 C2 – Core Area Commercial District Subsection (2) Land Uses Allowed in Zone is amended by adding the following under Discretionary Uses: ‘Cannabis Retail Store.’

“Section 8.15 C4 – Shopping Centre Commercial District Subsection (2) Land Uses Allowed in Zone is amended by adding the following under Discretionary Uses: ‘Cannabis Retail Store.’”

Baroni provided a verbal update on the bylaw, noting councillors passed first reading on Mar. 23. The bylaw was subsequently advertised publicly for two weeks.

The CAO stated no written submissions either for or against the bylaw were received. In addition, he observed that council held a public hearing for the proposed bylaw earlier in the current council meeting and there were no members of the public in attendance. Therefore, councillors could consider second and third readings.

Readers should note non-medical or recreational cannabis is legal in Saskatchewan with regulations. According to the provincial government website,



Kindersley town council approved zoning changes Apr. 20 that allow cannabis retail stores in two commercial districts. Screenshot

“The decision to legalize cannabis was made by the federal government, but provinces and territories have the responsibility of regulating certain areas.” It was further noted users must be 19 years of age or older, there is zero tolerance for driving a motor vehicle while under the effects of cannabis, using cannabis in a vehicle, either by the driver or passenger, is prohibited, cannabis must be sold through proper regulated channels or retailers that require certain municipal bylaws in place, cannabis can be grown legally at home under certain rules, it’s not permitted to use cannabis in public places, and users are reminded that travelling with cannabis can be tricky because some jurisdictions such as the United States haven’t legalized it everywhere.

Councillors approved all further readings of the bylaw to bring it into force.



**Above:** Chelsea Omness, right, who manages the swimming pool in Kindersley, and Bobbi Hebron of the Rivers West sport, culture and recreation district listen to a question from a student during the Sun West School Division's Roads to Success career fair at the AGT Centre on Thursday afternoon.

**Right:** Jordan Kammer of Impact Energy Services shows a high school student how electrical connections work during the Sun West School Division career fair at the AGT Centre on Thursday afternoon.

PHOTOS BY IAN MACKAY



## Roads to Success career fair draws Sun West students to AGT Centre

BY IAN MACKAY

**ROSETOWN** — High school students from across the Sun West School Division got a chance to learn about potential careers here last week.

The school division held its Roads to Success career fair at the AGT Centre on Thursday. Representatives of local and provincial businesses, and of institutions of higher learning such as Saskatchewan Polytechnic, answered questions, had displays and in some cases offered hands-on experiences.

"We've had quite a few students" showing interest at the Impact Energy Services display, Jordan Kammer said.

"This is a really good career fair," Kammer said. "It's nice to see all the students from across the Sun West School Division."

He had a "backboard" that held several different electrical connections. One part was "a typical residential connection with remote control lighting or lighting controlled by a cell phone," he explained.

Another was an oil and gas setup where connections were for "tanks filling up, pumps engaging at certain rates, changing of valves and diverting the fluid to a different area," he said.

A third reflected the controls for an industrial operation, with audible and visual alarms, that would turn on a certain piece of machinery, Kammer said.

"A fair number" of those who stopped by seemed interested in an electrical career, he said.

"I think a lot of students are just trying to figure out what they want to do," Kammer said.

Besides careers, "we talked about volunteerism, we talked about the Summer and the Winter Games,"

said Bobbi Hebron, the Rivers West community development co-ordinator from Kerrobert. "We had lots of different things to connect on."

Chelsea Omness, the aquatics manager in Kindersley, who had part of the recreation, culture and sport agency's space, "talked to a lot of kids about lifeguarding," Hebron said. "There's a lifeguarding shortage. There was a lot of interest."

She blamed the COVID-19 pandemic for the lack of lifeguards.

"It was hard to run courses then," Hebron explained.

"A lot of it comes down to, everyone's really busy," Omness said. "The courses take a lot of commitment, time and effort that people just don't have a lot of anymore, which can make it a little challenging, for sure."

"The people who put on the career fair did an incredible job" and students were "engaged," Hebron said.

"We said that throughout the day: (students) were very plugged in," she said. "They had good questions and all of them were a pleasure to visit with, too."

Students could use Saskatchewan Polytechnic's carpentry tools and were told that those completing that course can move directly into the second year of an apprenticeship.

The SaskPower display allowed students to try to lower balloons from a height using an extendable tool topped by a hook.

Regal Motors, St. John Ambulance, the RCMP and paramedics were among others with displays and representatives inside the arena, while the Highways Department and conservation officers had a plow truck and a trailer, respectively, outside.



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## Saturn adding a fifth rig once drilling resumes after breakup

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK  
PipelineOnline.ca

CALGARY – Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. reported Q1 2026 operating and financial results on May 6, marking the seventh consecutive quarter of production exceeding analyst consensus.

"The first quarter of 2026 represents the seventh consecutive quarter that Saturn has posted production volumes ahead of analyst consensus estimates as we built on the strong volume momentum achieved in Q4/25. In addition, with the onset of the Iranian conflict in March, Saturn's realized oil price increased materially to nearly \$115/bbl in March, up from an average of \$75/bbl during January and February," said John Jeffrey, chief executive officer.

Jeffrey said the stronger pricing contributed to adjusted funds flow of \$107 million and free funds flow over \$62 million. Net debt exited the quarter at \$725 million, a 5 per cent reduction from year-end 2025. The company plans to accelerate roughly \$20 million of capital from the second half of 2026 into Q2/26 to capitalize on stronger pricing.

### Q1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Production of 43,116 boe/d exceeded the high end of guidance by 3 per cent. Oil and liquids made up 81 per cent of production, with crude oil at 72 per cent. The realized oil price in March hit \$114.92/bbl, 53 per cent higher than the \$75.23/bbl average for January and February.

Adjusted funds flow totaled \$107.2 million (\$0.59/share diluted). Adjusted EBITDA was \$126.5 million. Free funds flow was \$62.5 million (\$0.34/share diluted), up 13 per cent per share over the previous quarter.

Capital expenditures totaled \$44.8 million, drilling 23 gross (18.7 net) wells. Of these, 21 were in southeast Saskatchewan, including 10 open hole multi-lateral (OHML) wells, plus two non-operated wells in central Alberta.

Saturn returned \$12.1 million to shareholders through the repurchase and cancellation of 3.7 million common shares at a weighted average price of \$3.29 under its normal course issuer bid (NCIB).

### EXECUTION

Saturn ran four rigs in southeast Saskatchewan during the quarter. Three drilled OHML wells; the fourth drilled conventional wells. The 10 OHML wells comprised five



Ensign Rig 808 was drilling for Saturn Oil & Gas in the Warmley area, near Corning, on Feb 28, 2028. Across the road, Panther Drilling Rig 3 was drilling for Whitecap.

PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK.

Bakken, three Midale and two Spearfish wells.

The new 13-06 Spearfish well achieved an IP30 rate of approximately 365 bbl/d and is on track to rank among Saskatchewan's top producing wells for April, based on independent third-party reports.

Net debt of \$725 million equates to a net debt to annualized adjusted EBITDA ratio of 1.4x. Saturn locked in several smaller-volume contracts in March, including collars with ceilings above \$100/bbl Canadian, while maintaining its strategy of hedging 50 to 60 per cent of oil production net of royalties on a rolling 12-month basis.

Saturn has nearly filled the 12.1 million share maximum under its current NCIB, which expires in August 2026. Since program inception, Saturn has returned \$59.1 million to shareholders through the repurchase of 23.2 million shares, or 11 per cent of shares outstanding at commencement.

### OUTLOOK

If oil prices remain elevated and surface conditions stabilize after spring break-up, Saturn plans to restart southeast Saskatchewan development in late May or early June, earlier than originally planned. The company also intends to add a fifth rig in west-central Saskatchewan, targeting Viking and Success locations.

Q2/26 capital expenditures are expected between \$35 and \$40 million, subject to weather. Production is expected to average between 40,000 and 41,000 boe/d.

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## Gibson Energy buys Teine's Chauvin oil gathering system, pipeline for \$400M

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK  
pipelineonline.ca

CALGARY— On May 1 Gibson Energy Inc. announced the closing of its previously announced acquisition of Teine Energy Ltd.'s Chauvin infrastructure assets. Through the transaction, Gibson has acquired a crude oil gathering pipeline system and associated infrastructure connecting Chauvin to the Hardisty oil hub, extending the company's strategic footprint at Hardisty and reinforcing the stable, contracted nature of its cash flows.

Chauvin is three miles west of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border on Highway 610. Teine Energy is one of the leading oil producers in west central Saskatchewan.

"Today marks a significant milestone for Gibson as we complete this strategic acquisition, strengthening our position and ability to deliver services to custom-

ers in and around our core Hardisty terminal," said Riley Hicks, senior vice president and chief financial officer. "Our focus now turns to integration and maintaining the safe, reliable service our customers expect. We are advancing key growth initiatives that support delivery on our investor day targets and create long-term value for shareholders while maintaining a disciplined approach to capital allocation."

The acquisition of the Chauvin infrastructure assets is underpinned by long-term take-or-pay and area-of-dedication agreements with Teine Energy, Gibson said in a release. Concurrent with closing, Gibson has sanctioned the Hardisty Connection growth project which will directly connect the Chauvin Infrastructure Assets to the company's core terminal and enhance connectivity for customers. By the end of 2026, Gibson expects to sanction the Chauvin pipeline expansion project to increase effective capacity from

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Rope and ride. Two young cowgirls swung their lariats down the runway, bringing a taste of the rodeo to D'Arcy Elementary's Mother's Day fashion show.



Royal runway. Princesses of every kingdom took the spotlight as D'Arcy Elementary students modelled their finest gowns.



Alrighty then. A pint-sized Ace Ventura brought big laughs to the runway as students hammed it up for moms and gramma. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

# D'Arcy Elementary students strut their stuff for Mother's Day Tea

BY JOAN JANZEN

D'ARCY — The students at D'Arcy Elementary School dazzled the crowd as they hit the fashion runway Friday afternoon. They celebrated Mother's Day by having some fun on the stage.

Everyone from rodeo queens, super heroes, a bridal party, Ace Ventura, princesses, Don Cherry, cowgirls to a pilot hit the runway. There were also door prizes for the moms and yummy treats for everyone.

After the show, the students had their booths set up so their guests could go shopping for homemade treasures. The moms and gramma loved every minute of the Mother's Day Tea at D'Arcy.



Here comes the bride. A wedding party stole the show as D'Arcy Elementary students walked the runway in everything from formalwear to flamingo-print suits.

# Town of Leader swears in newly elected councillor May 5

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
Your West Central Voice

LEADER — The Town of Leader council welcomed their newly elected peer at the regular council meeting May 5.

In an interview with the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Erin Romanuik May 7 Your West Central Voice was informed newly elected councillor Kyle Prosser swore his oath of office and took his seat at the council table.

Prosser was elected in a by-election Apr. 29 by a vote count of 68 to 55 over opponent Dave Cunningham.

### Council pay

Councillors approved several changes to their remuneration confirmed Romanuik. She stated that council base pay will increase by 3 per cent in years 2026, 2027 and 2028; as well, their per diem, or meeting rate, will be increased by \$33.35. The CAO stated the Town of Leader usually uses provincial and federal "cost of living" data as a factor in such increases.

### Closed session

Councillors elected to move into a private session to discuss human resources.

### Staff pay increases

After returning to the public meeting councillors approved several increases to staff pay, noted Romanuik. They approved a 6 per cent pay increase for the CAO, a 3 per cent pay increase for the assistant administrator in addition to also increasing that staff member's annual vacation period up to five weeks



from four; Romanuik observed that staff member has worked for the Town of Leader for about 15 years.

As well, the town clerk received a pay increase of \$1.21 per hour while the recreation director also received a 6 per cent pay increase. The CAO stated councillors approved these increases to better reflect industry standards.

### New committee

The CAO stated that councillors approved first reading of Bylaw #03-26, which seeks to establish the Iceplex Fundraising Advisory committee. Romanuik stated that there are many important non-profit groups that use the Iceplex that have a deep understanding of how the facility works and have a lot of great ideas for fundraising events.

The CAO stated that this committee would allow those groups to discuss ideas and forward them to town council for approval.

## ...Gibson Energy

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30,000 bpd to an expected 45,000 bpd.

The \$400 million purchase price for the transaction was funded through a combination of net proceeds from Gibson's previously completed \$215 million bought deal equity offering and drawings under its existing credit facility.

Gibson received a no-action letter from the Canadian Competition Bureau on April 30, 2026 confirming that the Commissioner of Competition does not intend to make an application under section 92 of the Competition Act (Canada) in respect of the transaction.

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# NATIONAL NURSE'S WEEK May 11-17, 2026

## Esther Peever: 40 years of nursing, from polio survivor to public health pioneer

BY JOAN JANZEN

This week is designated as Nurse's Week from May 11 to 17, celebrated annually during the week of Florence Nightingale's birthday on the 12th. It is a time to honour the contributions, leadership and expertise of nurses in Canada.

The theme "The Power of Nurses to Transform Health" is played out in the lives of nurses throughout the provinces. One of those individuals is Esther Peever, a retired Public Health Nurse, who now makes her home in Caleb Village in Kindersley.

Esther was raised on a farm near Luseland and always knew she wanted to be a nurse. "I was probably six or seven when I knew I wanted to be a nurse," she

Esther worked almost 40 years as a nurse and knew a lot of the people who lived in all the surrounding RMs.

recalled. At the age of 18 months she had been diagnosed with polio and always walked with a limp.

"At my last visit at the rehabilitation centre in Saskatoon at age 15, the doctor told me I shouldn't go into nursing because it would be too hard on me," she said. Nevertheless, Esther pursued her dream and went to nursing school at Edmonton General Hospital from 1962 to 1965. Edmonton was a convenient location because she could catch a bus to Macklin or take a train to Unity whenever she came home to visit at Luseland.

"It was a strenuous schedule. You would either study or be on the ward," she recalled. The girls stayed in residence at the hospital, sharing a bedroom with one or two people and accessing a common room and kitchen. "It was a real community," she said.

The class started out with 90 students; however, only 60 graduated.

"Some dropped out because they couldn't handle it. There were rigid rules back then and if you got married or became pregnant you were expelled," she explained.

Esther wore a uniform during much of her nursing career, beginning with a white uniform, white stockings, white shoes, and everyone received a hat after six months of training. A black band was added to the

nurse's hat in their third year and each graduate received a gold pin at a graduation ceremony held at the Jubilee Auditorium.

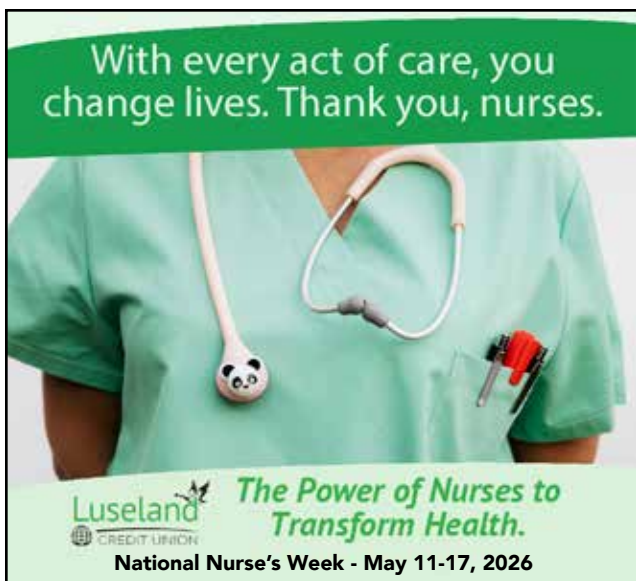
The day professional grad photos were taken, Esther was so exhausted after working her shift that she couldn't keep her eyes open. "I didn't purchase any photos because of that," she explained. Fortunately, she had a small photo of herself which had been taken earlier.

Her first job began in 1965 at the old Kindersley Union Hospital. In 1968 the new hospital was built and Esther lived in the residence for \$40 a month, which included all her meals.

In 1971 there was a shortage of Public Health Nurses, who were required to have a nursing degree. So the government hired 32 nurses in Saskatchewan who had their diplomas, and Esther was one of them. Her on-the-job training included studying community health as opposed to hospital health. "The main thing in community health is immunization, controlling communicable diseases and pre-natal and post-natal care," she explained. She also enjoyed the benefit of working 8 to 5 rather than shift work, and her uniform changed.

In public health the uniform included a navy polyester dress, black shoes and a white collar that was pinned in and removed when washed separately from the uniform, which had to be dry cleaned. And they always wore pantyhose. "In the summer we wore a white polyester uniform. It was very hot," she added. In the 1990s the rules changed and uniforms were no longer required.

"We were required to visit every baby that was born, whether it was the first or the fifth," she said. "I



# NATIONAL NURSE'S WEEK May 11-17, 2026



**FOUR DECADES OF CARE.** Esther Peever is a retired Public Health Nurse who resides in Caleb Village in Kindersley. She graduated from nursing in 1965 and retired in 2004.  
PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN.

covered all the RMs around Kindersley."

Esther said she enjoyed visiting all the babies, but sometimes wondered if a mother who had her fifth baby really needed advice from a young, single nurse.

After a few years Esther married and had two children, taking no more than six months for maternity leave. She continued to hold flu clinics and monthly baby clinics, and always kept a shovel in her car just in case she got stuck in a snowstorm, which she did.

"In November 1973 I went to Marengo School in a blizzard. It snowed all the time that winter," she explained. "I left early because the blizzard was bad and got stuck outside of Kerrobert. Someone came along and rescued me." They also rescued the vaccines,

which she had in her car that had to be protected from the freezing temperatures.

"We went out in -35 degree weather, but as the years went by we didn't do that as much," she added.

Esther worked almost 40 years as a nurse and knew a lot of the people who lived in all the surrounding RMs. She knew people from when they were babies to becoming adults, at which time she visited their babies.

"In public health I met all kinds of people," she concluded.

Esther is definitely a familiar face to many people in Kindersley and surrounding communities. Thank you for your years of leadership, expertise and contributions to the community.



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## Arbour appointed Canada's 31st governor-general

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP



Louise Arbour.

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Canada's new governor-general has served as a judge in positions "that no Canadian had held before," a federal statement said.

Louise Arbour worked as a judge on the Ontario and Canadian supreme courts, served

as chief prosecutor for international criminal tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda and, more recently, in two United Nations positions.

King Charles has approved Arbour's appointment as this country's 31st governor-general, Prime Minister Mark Carney said on Tuesday.

"Across more than five decades, the Honourable Louise Arbour gave voice to those whose dignity was denied, held institutions to account and changed lives through her service," Carney said in the statement.

"Ms. Arbour is a world-renowned legal scholar, judge and leader in

human rights and justice," the statement said. "With a career of service spanning more than five decades, she has held nearly every office a Canadian jurist can hold, and several that no Canadian had held before."

She is a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest civilian honour and one of al-

most 100 honours and awards she has received. Those include 42 honorary doctorates from universities around the world.

"Ms. Arbour's experience, judgement, moral clarity and conviction will serve Canada exceedingly well," Carney added, expressing "his deepest thanks" to outgoing Gov.-Gen. Mary Simon "for her exemplary tenure ... and for her lifetime of advocacy for Inuit rights, Indigenous self-determination and the preservation of Indigenous language, culture and identity."



## Sask. expands medical school seats and residency positions

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

The province is increasing the number of people who can take medicine in our universities.

Eight more first-year medicine students can be accepted at the University of Saskatchewan this fall, with 10 more joining the medical student body in Regina. Also, an extra 10 graduates will be accepted as medical residents.

Working as a resident in Swift Current "has allowed me to be part of

incredible learning experiences and to see the wide breadth of knowledge and skill that rural training provides," medical student Haley Scheck said in a Health Department statement.

"The data tells us that physicians are much more likely to build a career and practise where they train, so it's a great opportunity to improve recruitment and retention in rural Saskatchewan," Scheck said.

The government expects to spend over \$6 million for the two measures, the statement said.

One of the added residencies is a new plastic surgery residency program and the other nine will fill "new and existing program expansions in both family medicine and specialty programs," the statement said.

Residencies provide medical-school graduates with hands-on clinical training, it explained. As of this July, U of S grads will take up 162 first-year residency positions around the province.

The expansion will bring the total number of first-year, undergraduate seats in the province to 128. Government officials "will work with the college to target 95 per cent of medical school admissions for Saskatchewan students," the statement said.

The province boosted the Health and Advanced Education budgets by over \$30 million for these and other expansions, it said.

Medical graduates can get financial incentives for beginning to work in the province, including as much as \$200,000 for practising in rural and remote areas and a recent expansion of another \$100,000 "to physicians who choose to establish practice in regional communities," the statement noted.

"New practice specialists" in "high-demand, specialty fields" can also receive up to \$200,000 over five years and the graduate retention program offers "up to \$24,000 in tax credits for post-secondary students who choose to live and work in the province after graduation.



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# Kerrobart Mother's Day Tea



**A GOOD VISIT.** Laughter and conversation filled the Senior's Hall in Kerrobart on Thursday, May 7, as ladies gathered to celebrate Mother's Day over tea and treats.



**THE DESSERT CREW.** Volunteers plated angel food cake and strawberries for guests at the Mother's Day Tea hosted by the Kerrobart Seniors at the Senior's Hall on Thursday, May 7.



**PICKING THE PERFECT BLOOM.** Shoppers browsed a colourful selection of bedding plants supplied by a local Hutterite colony at the Kerrobart Seniors' Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, May 7. *PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN*

## Thirty grads honoured at Great Plains ceremony

BY JOAN JANZEN

**KINDERSLEY** — Thirty grads were honoured at the Great Plains College Kindersley Campus graduation ceremony on Thursday evening, May 7, held at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Four grads from Biggar's Continuing Care Assistant program were included in the celebration.

Kelly Lindbergh, Manager of Healthcare Programs, extended a welcome followed by Mayor Ken Francis presenting congratulations from the Town of Kindersley.

Kelly Lindbergh read a message on behalf of Jeremy Patzer, MP for Swift Current–Grasslands–Kindersley, which exhorted the grads that they can do whatever they set out to accomplish. She also read a message from Eric Schmalz, Minister of Immigration and Career Training. He encouraged the grads to build a career right here in Saskatchewan.

Up next at the podium was Colleen Young, MLA for Lloydminster. She shared the opportunities available to the grads in Saskatchewan and extended sincere congratulations. Jeremy Roberts, Acting Chair for Great Plains College, also offered his congratulations.

He noted the grads have developed character and resilience during their course, thanks to the help of family, friends and staff.

In his presentation to the grads, President and CEO Brad Mahon admitted we live in an uncertain world, but added, "The certainty I can give you is the education you received at Great Plains College."

Mavis Moulder, instructor at Great Plains College, gave a tribute to the grads, using a mason's mortarboard to illustrate the significance of the grad cap. The cap signifies the completion of studies and building of knowledge. Seungmin Chung responded with a reply from the graduates.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of diplomas for completing studies in the Adult Basic Education (CAEC and Grade 12) and Continuing Care Assistant programs. Academic and achievement awards were also handed out for each graduating class.



**SPEAKING FOR THE GRADS.** Seungmin Chung delivered the reply from the graduates at the Great Plains grad Thursday evening. *PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN*



**CLASS OF 2026.** Thirty grads were honoured at the Great Plains grad in Kindersley on Thursday evening, May 7.



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## Sweet memories of Dad's Cookies factory

BY JOAN JANZEN

Do you remember dunking Dad's Cookies in a glass of milk? Those cookies were first produced in a factory in Regina, Saskatchewan. Production began in 1938 on Dewdney Avenue and later moved to Albert Street. Members of the Historic Saskatchewan group shared fond memories of driving through Regina on holidays, stopping at Dad's Cookies and buying two large paper bags of broken cookies for 25 cents each. Others recalled taking a tour of the Albert Street location when in grade school.

Due to high demand, in 1964 the factory moved to a larger plant in White City, located twenty km from Regina. Production increased from 23,000 cookies per hour to 100,000. A former employee described it as a "very tough job." She remembered 27 miles of cookies on a conveyor belt that needed to be packed.

Another former resident of White City remembered the aroma of baking cookies throughout the entire village, and bags of broken cookies were always available for sale at a reduced cost. By 1981, the plant was producing 1.69 million cookies per day, so it's not sur-



**SWEET BEGINNINGS:** Dad's Cookies originated in a factory in Regina, Saskatchewan back in 1938.

*PHOTO COURTESY HISTORIC SASKATCHEWAN FB*

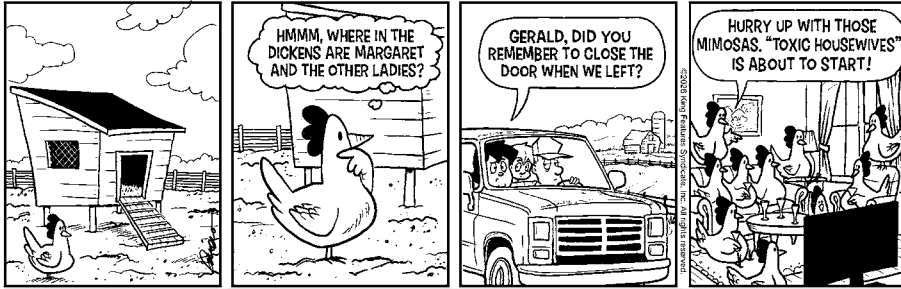
prising there were a lot of broken cookies for sale.

The factory closed its doors on December 31, 1984 due to declining sales, and the company was sold to Christie's. At that time production was moved to Toronto.



**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



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by BUD BLAKE



**The Spats**

by Jeff Pickering



**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**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. Teacher's desk is not as wide. 2. Student desk is holding two books. 3. Bookend is larger. 4. Backboard is wider. 5. Girl is moved. 6. Floor opening is wider.

**King Crossword**

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5 Platter  
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12 Lay — the line  
13 Cold War initials  
14 Days of yore  
15 Citrus producer  
17 Avril follower  
18 At hand  
19 Unmanned plane  
21 Apt. cooler  
22 Rid of wool  
24 Coconut juice  
27 "Nova" subj.  
28 Feed the piggy bank  
31 Hearty quaff  
32 Klutz  
33 Actor Patel  
34 Mater lead-in  
36 Roman 1051  
37 Big party  
38 Chose  
40 Undergrad deg.  
41 Ford or Hudson  
43 Parlor piece  
47 PC key  
48 Tangy, custard-like spread  
51 Employ

**DOWN**

1 Pottery oven  
2 Suit to —  
3 Capital of Italia  
4 Parka  
5 Obligation  
6 Medit. nation  
7 Away from NNW

8 Words to live by  
9 Picnic drink  
10 Panache  
11 Garfield's pal  
16 "The Wall" network  
20 B&O and others (Abbr.)  
22 Burn with steam  
23 LP player  
24 Goat's cry  
25 Under the weather  
26 Throat-soothing drink  
27 Not all

29 Bird doc  
30 Cain's mom  
35 Earth Day mo.  
37 Nabob  
39 10th U.S. president  
40 "Gandhi" star  
41 Kingsley  
41 Move, as freight  
42 Otherwise  
43 Pop  
44 Melody  
45 Sea eagle  
46 Paradise  
49 Id counterpart  
50 Pas' mates

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Trivia Test Answerst  
1. "Heart of the Ocean"; 2. Theodore Roosevelt; 3. The kiwi; 4. 13; 5. Genesis; 6. 90-93 minutes; 7. Helios; 8. The hand; 9. Three Gorges Dam, China; 10. Margaret Atwood

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Answer  
Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 25 mins.  
Answers  
King Crossword

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of the blue diamond necklace in "Titanic"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is New Zealand's national bird?
- MATH: How many sides does a tridecagon have?
- BIBLE: What is the first book in the Bible called?
- SPACE: How long does it take the International Space Station to orbit the Earth?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek god of the sun?
- ANATOMY: Where are the carpus and metacarpus located in the human body?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the largest hydroelectric power plant in the world?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the dystopian novel titled "The Testaments"?

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## Strychnine course for gopher eradication now available online

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Farmers and ranchers who want to poison gophers using strychnine must complete an online course that's now available.

"The training is a required step for producers in eligible rural municipalities seeking access to two per cent liquid strychnine for targeted control of Richardson's ground squirrel infestations," an Agriculture Department statement said. It's available through [sarm.ca/strychnine-stewardship-training](http://sarm.ca/strychnine-stewardship-training).

"Those planning to use strychnine are encouraged to complete training as early as possible to access supplies once they are available," David Marit, the agriculture minister, said in the statement.

Training is one aspect of the strychnine stewardship program available in 208 Saskatchewan RMs through an emergency-use registration from Health Canada's Pesticides Regulatory Directorate. The registration is in effect until November 2027.

The 90-minute online course is available through the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and covers responsible strychnine use, environmental protection, integrated pest management and pesticide safety.

People must fill out a mandatory treatment plan and declaration form to become a certified strychnine user able to get strychnine from RM offices, starting with a small amount expected in early June, followed by more each month.

"Strychnine will be distributed evenly among participating RMs with a per-producer cap to manage supply," the statement said. "As the spring application window closes on June 15, producers are encouraged to use alternative registered rodenticides, as well as biological and cultural controls," to control gophers in the next month.

Strychnine supplies should increase between July 15 and Sept. 1, the statement said.



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## Two semi-trucks collide west of Flaxcombe

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

**FLAXCOMBE** — Kindersley RCMP are investigating a two-vehicle collision on Highway 7 that sent one semi-truck driver to hospital with serious injuries.

Police received the report at approximately 10:45 p.m. on May 6, 2026. The collision occurred just west of Flaxcombe and involved two semi-trucks.

Officers, along with local fire and EMS, responded to the scene. EMS assessed the sole occupant of the first semi-truck at the scene. The sole occupant of the second semi-truck was taken to hospital with injuries described as serious.

Kindersley RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

## Writers' group celebrates 25 years at Write Out Loud May 20

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

**SWIFT CURRENT** — The Prairie Quills Writers' Group will mark 25 years of celebrating words, ideas and community at the launch of its anniversary anthology May 20 at the Swift Current Lyric Theatre.

The group was conceived in November 2001 by the facilitator and five members of an adult writing class offered by Cypress Hills Regional College, now Grasslands College. Writers often work in isolation, and belonging to a like-minded group provides positive reinforcement and constructive criticism toward growth.

Dozens of writers from southwest Saskatchewan have taken membership since the group's inception. Prairie Quills provides education through regular meetings, retreats and workshops facilitated by award-winning authors, often supported by the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild.

The Swift Current Library is a close partner. Prairie Quills has hosted Listening Circles and biannual

member readings at the library. Members have mentored children and sponsored poetry and prose competitions for youth. They also take part in readings as outreach for Swift Current Seniors and Canadian Mental Health Association clients.

Club meetings now use an online presence to include members for whom distance or weather is an issue. From one published author in 2001, several Prairie Quills writers now have books published in a variety of genres.

Eleven members will read brief excerpts from the group's new anthology, 25 – Anniversary Edition, during the Write Out Loud event. Copies will be available for \$20.

Write Out Loud organizers thanked the City of Swift Current for its support.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10.

For more information, contact Terry Toews at [t.toews@sasktel.net](mailto:t.toews@sasktel.net) or Dianne Miller at [dorm@sasktel.net](mailto:dorm@sasktel.net).

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## OBITUARIES

### Dennis Francis Murphy

1936 ~ 2026 (age 90)



Dennis Francis Murphy was born on January 29, 1936, in Doddsland, Saskatchewan. He grew up on the family farm and began his schooling at Algona and Beaufield Country Schools. Dennis later attended Saint Thomas College in Battleford, but not long afterward made the decision to return home to help with the demanding work of the family farm. He farmed alongside his father, Fred, and his brothers Wilfred, Pat, and Bud, where teamwork and hard work were a way of life.

A hardworking and versatile man, Dennis was involved in muskrat trapping, goose hunting, and running a mixed farm. He eventually carried on the family farm after his father's retirement, continuing to farm with his brothers. Dennis enjoyed fastball in the summer and hockey in the winter with Milledale and Doddsland. He even tried senior hockey in Kerrobert before returning to community league play with the Doddsland Terriers.

When it came time to settle down, Dennis met Helen Borschneck of Broadacres, and they were married on October 14, 1967. The couple made their home on the family farm, building a new house on the northeast quarter, while the original home continued to shelter multiple generations. Dennis and Helen were blessed with six children, and their home was always bustling with life, activity, and laughter.

Dennis will be remembered as a dedicated farmer and devoted family man, whose life was defined by hard work, perseverance, and a deep connection to the land and the people around him. He was actively involved in coaching hockey and baseball in the community and contributed quietly but meaningfully to the area he loved. Dennis and Helen

retired from farming and moved into Kerrobert in 2000 to continue their life together.

Dennis enjoyed attending old-time dances and travelling, with trips to Switzerland, Houston, Orlando, Russia and North Dakota for hockey, and Ireland on a family tour, which he especially enjoyed. He could often be found in the shop, garage, or arena, standing behind his skate sharpener, proudly maintaining his reputation as the area's preferred "sharpener." Dennis was also a familiar face at the local coffee shop, where he could always be found discussing all the important matters of the day.

Dennis will always be remembered for his quick wit and gentle demeanour and will be lovingly remembered by his family.

Beloved husband of Helen Murphy, he will be deeply missed by Duane (Lisa) and their children Danielle (Luke), Taryn (Reid), Ariel (Todd) and Colin; Brad (Tara) and their children Quenton (Kim), Taylor (Hayden), Keili (Wyatt), and Chayse (Hannah); Keith (Bonnie), and their children Landon (Brooke), Lauren (Andrew) and Mikaela; Todd (Damara) and their children Presley, Porsha, Tanner and Camryn (Connor); Tara (Brad) and their children Tyler (Nicolle), Kaelyn (Connor), Brett (Payton), Matthew (Courtney) and Michael (Liz); Curtis (Kelli) and their children Reese (Gabriel), Carter (Annie), Chandler (Jill) and Hayden; and six great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his parents Fred and Frances and all his nine siblings. He leaves behind three sisters-in-law, Irene Murphy, Bev Murphy and Josy Borschneck, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, 430 Yukon Ave., Kerrobert, Sask. It was live-streamed at the link below from the Church of the Assumption Catholic Church Facebook page.

For those who wish, donations in memory of Dennis can be made to KDL Foundation Inc.

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## A different kind of pain

There is a different kind of pain that comes after losing someone who was ill. When you are the caregiver, there are long days of trying to hold everything together while, at the same time, finding a way to look after them in the way only we know how. I remember those days quite vividly. There were so many moments where I found myself breaking down when no one was watching. It happened a lot when I was washing the dishes in the kitchen while he was in the bedroom, or at night, quietly, before I fell asleep. Those days were gut-wrenching, and yet somehow I just kept going. There was no choice. I was doing what I vowed to do. I made a commitment to Blaine in sickness and in health, and I didn't let him down.



**Angela Clement**  
Growing Through Grief

Still, there were a lot of questions that arose following his passing. Did I do enough? Maybe if I had done more research, I would have found a better way. Maybe we should have travelled to another country and found better treatments. Should I have pushed harder? Done more? Should I have spent more time looking into his eyes, enjoying his presence, holding his hand?

My experience was 10 months of being a caregiver. I know people who spent 10 years caring for their loved one. It becomes what you do. It becomes part of your identity. When they are gone, you feel relief that their suffering is over and, at the same time, overwhelming guilt and sadness. We often have no idea what to do. So we search for a way to rewrite the ending, thinking somehow that knowing what we did wrong will make things better. Yet there is no escaping the fact that they are gone, and we can't change how it all played out.

I am willing to bet you were like me. You sat in the waiting room. You learned all about the medications. You drove to appointments. You advocated, worried, and searched for answers that would save their life. You held onto hope. You stayed positive as much as humanly possible, and maybe even more. You were tired, but you kept going. Yet all you did, and all your love, was not enough to save them. That is very hard to accept. It was hard for me to accept that my love, as deep and profound as it was, could not save my husband.

There are illnesses we can't stop. We can't force our bodies to heal. And we cannot fight battles for someone else, no matter how much we would like to. Loving someone through illness is one of the heaviest things a human being can carry. Yet you did it and I did it, even though we were terrified, sleep-deprived, heartbroken, and doing the very best we could. We did it amazingly well, and we would do it again if we had to.

We have to give ourselves some grace for how we showed up and for doing what we could in a way others will never quite understand. You cannot do better than your best. You did the best you could with the information and resources you had. Believe it.

I know that Blaine is looking down in love and appreciation for what I did. I know without a doubt your loved one is too. They are proud of who you are, who you are becoming, and everything you will do in your days here. They are cheering you on from their vantage point. They walk with you and cherish you each and every moment of each and every day. Love never dies. Carry it with you moving forward and be proud of what you were able to do. You showed up. You cared. You loved them in the best way.

I see you, I acknowledge you, and I applaud you. It wasn't easy, and still somehow here we are. Still taking those steps forward.

Lots of love, Angela  
@AwakenYSJ



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**EATONIA**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
 • Eatonia Chamber of Commerce Town Wide Garage Sale.

- 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, JUNE 6**  
 • Eston Caring Hands Community Garage Sale and Summer Barbecue 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Contact Lynn 306-962-7375 to get on the map and register your garage sale sign before May 29. Cost is \$10. Maps can be picked up under the gazebo at the Eston Jubilee Lodge. BBQ Burgers and Drinks available for \$8.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**  
 • Town Hall Meeting 5:30 PM Emerge Ag Solutions Mezzanine.

- 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. Last bingo for the season will be June 18, 2026.  
 - 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.

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

**KERROBERT**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
 • Minor Ball Day - Kids' activities, live music, food booth. Ball starts at 9:30 AM.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
 • Free Dump Day! Open 9 AM-1 PM and 2-7 PM. All materials regularly accepted at the transfer station will be accepted free of charge. All items dropped off must be sorted and put in a bin.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 28**  
 • Pioneers Haven Community Bingo Night. Watch for more details.  
**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 & 3**  
 • Kerrobert & District Ag Society 80th Annual Regional 4-H Show and Sale at the Kerrobert Fair Grounds - Ag Building.  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**  
 • Kerrobert Composite School Elementary Track & Field Meet. Start time 9:15 AM.

- MS Support Group at Kerrobert Health Centre Meeting Room every 3rd Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM. Contact Gail Wiebe for more information 306-834-7068.  
 - Walk This Way with Lao Thursdays at the PCC starting at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome and it's FREE.  
 - Spring Exhibition at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery featuring "Expressions With Joy" Mixed Medium Artwork by Breena Hebron and "Lindy's Mudshack" Handmade Pottery by Lindy Bell-Gatzke. Until June 22, 2026. Opening Reception: May 21st at 7:00 PM. Gallery Hours: Weekdays 8:30 - 4:30 Closed at lunch.

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

**KINDERSLEY**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
 • Cole Patton and the Blackjacks 7:30 PM at the Norman Ritchie Centre.  
 • Kindersley Screen Arts presents "Marty Supreme" 4:00 PM at Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at door, wine & 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.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 31**  
 • Kinley's 11th Toy Drive for the Children's Hospital. Items must be brand new and in their original packaging. Monetary donations can be made to cmhilde20@gmail.com.  
 • Community Picnic at Kindersley Alliance Church (74 West Road). Church Service: 10:30 followed by bouncy castles and yard games. Food served at 12 Noon. Burgers, hotdogs, chips, pop and cookies. FREE - Everyone welcome!  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 12 & 13**  
 • Kindersley & District Chamber of Commerce 37th Annual Chamber Expo at Kindersley WCEC Inter Pipeline Arena. 2-8 PM Friday; 9 AM - 3 PM Saturday. \$2.00 Entrance Fee.  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**  
 • Town Wide Garage Sale. Get added to the map for free by June 6th. Email: office@kindersleychamber.com  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**  
 • Kindersley Wildlife Foundation's 2nd Annual Family Fun Day at the Kindersley Gun Range 10 AM - 3 PM. Trap, Rifle, Pistol Shooting and Archery. Free of charge. All materials provided! \$5 lunch.

- Parkinson's Support Group Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month 1:30 PM at 401 - 4th Ave West (New Life Church). Everyone welcome! For more info call Nancy at 306-463-4514.  
 - Monday Night Jam Sessions at the Norman Ritchie Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 to set-up, then the fun begins at 7-11 PM. Call Keith 306-460-8633.  
 - Interested in a support group for weight management? TOPS meetings; every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Kindersley Senior Centre OR contact Jill at 306-463-4210.  
 - Pickleball meets Monday & Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 PM, either at the outdoor rink or in the WCEC or in the curling rink (weather dependent). Cost is \$50 for the season or \$5 drop in. Our club is a part of Pathway To Wellness. More info call Teresa Knight 306-460-7304.  
 - Fit Fighter Group Class. Helping individuals with 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**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 19**  
 • Afternoon Book Club at the Leader Library 1:30 PM.  
 • Kaleidoscope Book Club at the Leader Library 7:00 PM.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21**  
 • Foodbank Day. To register or for more information please call (639) 932-7446.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
 • Bingo at the Leader Friendship Centre (135-1 St. W.) Doors Open 6:15 PM. Bingo starts 7:00 PM.  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**  
 • Wild West Days! Watch for details.

- 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**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**  
 • Luseland District School presents Elementary Drama production "The Ever After" written by Nathan Hartswi. LDS Gym. Doors open 6:00 PM. Show: 6:30 PM. Silver collection.

- Luseland & District Chamber of Commerce regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month 7:00 PM at the Luseland Credit Union Community Room, 701 Grand Avenue.  
 - The Luseland Homecoming Hall will be available for indoor walking on TUESDAY & THURSDAY mornings. Please pick up the key at the Town Office to unlock the door. Silver collection at the door.  
 - The Luseland Library Art Gallery has a new exhibit featuring the vibrant artwork of Bonnah Busch.  
**Recurring events at The Luseland Pioneers Club Members**  
 - Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM-Noon, Coffee, Pool, Visiting, Cards  
 - Cards are played several days of the week  
 - Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon  
 - Exercises 9:00-9:30 Am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**MAJOR**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 30**  
 • Community Garage Sale 10 AM - 2 PM. Major Hall & Centre Street. Contact Janice Morland 306-834-8180 for more info and to book your space or table. Home-based businesses welcome.

**NETHERHILL**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**  
 • Country Dance at the Netherhill Hall 8 PM - 1 AM. \$20/ticket at the door. Cash only. Kids FREE. Cash bar. Lunch served. Everyone welcome! Entertainment by The Fox & The Hounds. Contact Lionel at 306-463-8352 for info.

**PLENTY**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14**  
 • Family Fun Fair 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at the NWCS gymnasium. Geared towards families with children 6 years old & under. Parent/caregiver participation required. Presented by the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

**SCEPTRE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 16**  
 • High Tea at the Great Sandhills Museum from 2:00-5:00 PM.



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**TEA TIME TREASURES.** Two friends share a laugh over tea-cups, sweets and good company at the Mother's Day Tea hosted at the Plenty Coffee Shop on Thursday, May 7. The afternoon featured a tiered tray of squares, cookies and cashews, plus contributions from Dawn with her Mary Kay and Sunset Gourmet products.

PHOTO PLENTY COFFEE SHOP FB

# AROUND THE REGION

Contributed photos from all over our distribution are of interest to our readers and your friends and neighbours alike! Why not drop us a line now and then to share your event photos. Whether it's a milestone birthday party or a trophy-winning goal in a game... we want to see it!



**GEARING UP FOR THE LESSON:** A North West Central School Grade 10 student tries on full firefighter turnout gear during the PARTY program in Biggar on Thursday, May 7. The Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth program brings students face-to-face with the real-world consequences of high-risk choices.

NORTH WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL FB



**STRIKING A POSE.** Five members of the Prairie Branches Enterprises Inc. Kerrobert crew lined up at the Kindersley bowling alley last week for an afternoon on the lanes.

PRAIRIE BRANCHES ENT. INC. FB



**CHEQUE PRESENTATION.** Tammy Neumeier, MSR, and Nancy Charteris, board member, present a donation to Mark Knorr on behalf of the Kerrobert Credit Union in support of the Kinsmen Club of Kerrobert's Playground Project. KERROBERT CREDIT UNION FB



**BATTING UP.** Dodsland's new outdoor batting cage is open for business, thanks to a generous donation from Richardson Pioneer and installation by OSY Rentals. Local athletes are already putting it to work, getting in the reps that take a program to the next level.

VILLAGE OF DODSLAND FB

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