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**TINY HANDS, BIG IMPACT.** Students from Kerrobert Composite School pulled on their gloves this week and joined forces with Communities in Bloom to clean up public spaces around town. Crews tackled the school yard and fence line, Yukon Treeline, Kerrobert and District Hospital, Pioneer Haven, Poolside Park, the rink and pool, and Hillside Park. Empowering our students, ensuring our future. KERROBERT COMPOSITE SCHOOL FB

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**FRANCES TODAY.** Frances McManus has operated LaBelle Boutique in Kindersley for 42 years, and says she loves what she does and enjoys coming to work each day. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN.



**WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.** Frances greeted customers at 5 a.m. on a winter morning at LaBelle Boutique, where ladies arrived in pj's and housecoats to shop over coffee and doughnuts.

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FOUR DECADES OF FASHION:

**LaBelle Boutique marks 42 years in Kindersley**

BY JOAN JANZEN

Forty-two years in business is quite an accomplishment, and Frances McManus has been serving customers at LaBelle Boutique in Kindersley for more than four decades.

When asked the secret to her longevity, she quickly replied, "Loving what you do!" She enjoys coming to work every day and especially enjoys meeting people.

"I've met so many great people and made new friends over the years from everywhere," she said. Customers who patronize her store come from all the surrounding areas. She also has online customers from Regina, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Vancouver, as well as from the Northwest Territories and England.

Born and raised in Kindersley, Frances has had the pleasure of dressing three generations throughout the past four decades. "I'm working on the fourth generation now," she added. "It's an honour that people rely on you for their outfits for special occasions. I've dressed lots of people for weddings and graduations."

She's also seen many changes since she opened her doors in the newly constructed Kindersley Mall in 1984.

"If someone wanted a special order you wrote a letter, and waited for a response," Frances recalled. Receipts were all handwritten and price tags were writ-

ten by hand. Payment was made by cash and cheques. "There were no credit cards at the beginning."

Clothing styles are constantly changing, too. "Fancy dresses aren't quite as fancy anymore," she observed. Some of the clothing on display is very similar to fashions from the 1980s era. "What goes around comes around," Frances noted.

A wide variety of events also came around each year for Frances and her staff. "We still do fashion shows at Eston, Smiley and Acadia Valley. We've been to every town around here," she acknowledged. "We hosted a Mother's Day Brunch for 18 years with a fashion show at the Kindersley Inn ballroom. And held fashion shows in the mall where people would line up to watch."

Frances remembers hosting an event called "Wake up and smell the coffee," when they opened their doors at 5 a.m. on a winter morning. "You could see the vehicle lights coming over the hill," she said. "Everyone came dressed in pj's and housecoats. One customer put curlers in her hair for fun and we served coffee and doughnuts. It was very fun!"

As Frances navigates her 42nd year of business, she is thankful for the support of family and her husband, who sadly passed away earlier this year. "And I've had wonderful staff with many wonderful girls!" Frances said.



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# Students explore skilled trades at Jill of All Trades conference

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

KINDERSLEY — A group of Kindersley Composite School students joined more than 150 young women from across the province at Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Jill of All Trades event in Saskatoon on Thursday, May 21.

The students gained hands-on experience in welding, carpentry and electrical work during the one-day conference. They took part in interactive workshops covering 12 trades, along with six technology programs that included design and manufacturing and veterinary technology.

More than 80 volunteers served as mentors and role models throughout the day.

The KCS students toured the facility, visited information booths, listened to guest speakers and shared a lunch. They also came away with a clearer picture of the career opportunities available in skilled trades.



**FORCE BEHIND THE WORKFORCE.** KCS students attended Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Jill of All Trades conference in Saskatoon on Thursday, May 21. From left: Grace Sylvester, Zoe Longmire, Payton Welker and Teagan Chester. PHOTO SUBMITTED



**FIRE DESTROYS LONGTIME COMMUNITY LANDMARK.** Three youth and one adult are facing charges in relation to the fire. They are set to appear at Leader Provincial Court on July 16.

PHOTO BY SHEILA JOHNSON (VIA FACEBOOK)

# Burstall train station destroyed by fire on May long weekend

BY JOAN JANZEN

Burstall's train station was destroyed in a fire which occurred on the May long weekend. The building, situated near the ball diamonds, burned down early Saturday evening, May 16th.

According to Burstall's history book, the station with living quarters was built in 1929. A box car type station facility was erected, and it was around the

nucleus of this station and the railway track that the town of Burstall began to form. During the fall season of 1928 and 1929, labourers were brought out west to help with the harvest, which was a great help during that year's abundant harvest.

The train station was in service until it closed in 1968. Later that year it was sold to the Lions Club at Burstall for \$1.00. Prior to the station closing, the passenger coach and freight and express services were discontinued.

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# Luseland's economic development hire delivers early wins

BY STU SALKELD  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
 Your West Central Voice

The Town of Luseland council heard an update on their economic development position, which appears to be working out quite well. The report was made at the May 19 regular meeting of council.

In a phone call with Mayor Kathy Wurz May 20, Your West Central Voice was told that Luseland Credit Union and the chamber of commerce had approached the town with an idea for an economic development position, with the credit union offering to cover 75 per cent of that position. Wurz noted the town would be responsible for 25 per cent.

The deal appears to be working out well, with the staff member

working on projects like discounts at the community-owned hotel and swimming pool, as well as a museum tour and visitor packages with other partners. Wurz noted council approved discounts for visitors at the hotel and swimming pool.

Councillors passed a new e-bike and e-scooter bylaw, with the mayor noting the Town of Luseland has received complaints about these vehicles, mostly related to speeding and lack of helmets. Wurz stated town staff have already prepared information for parents and youth about the bylaw, which is scheduled to be posted on social media, and Wurz hoped the police chief might visit schools to talk about the bylaw.

Councillors heard an update on an effort regarding the condition of Hwy. #31. Wurz stated this is a

very busy haul route that also has substantial agriculture and commercial traffic on it, and Luseland's efforts to lobby for reconstruction. The mayor stated Luseland has been encouraging communities that benefit from the highway to contribute seed money for a study of Hwy. #31's condition, but there's been some hesitation. She noted council's opinion is that with the town's MLA as Minister of Highways, there probably won't be a better time to get this highway fixed.

Councillors got an update on Pioneer Haven and scheduled kitchen renovations at the senior home. Construction hasn't started yet, but planning is underway on things like new cabinets and a new cooler, among other things. Wurz observed the seniors home has been saving money for this project for some time. Councillors also heard the seniors organization is currently looking for a new secretary-treasurer.

A cemetery clean-up was recently organized in Luseland, with the mayor noting 14 volunteers showed up. Some cleaning and trimming was completed. She noted the public library is also looking to have a busy summer, as an update suggested lots of programming is going to be held there.

Public Works staff submitted a regular report which noted swimming pool work is underway. The mayor noted staff are preparing the pool for inspection, and if everything goes according to plan, the pool should be open by the end of May.

Councillors passed a resolution to give administration authority to take title of properties linked to unpaid property taxes.

The town now has a fairgrounds rental policy, with Wurz noting the grounds are becoming more and more popular, especially for baseball. A rental form has also been developed.

Councillors heard that one building permit was recently approved, for a garage. Another development permit was approved for a business wishing to build a covered patio.

The mayor noted a daycare requested a road closure to accommodate a fund-raising carnival scheduled this month. Wurz stated the daycare is raising funds to replace equipment.



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**BUILT FOR STEAM, STILL STANDING.** After seeing last week's photo of the roundhouse from the steam era in Kindersley, Laura Wyman submitted a photo of this drill press, which is in storage at the Wyman farm. After the roundhouse closed, the large and heavy piece of equipment was converted to electric and used on the Wyman farm. Former Kindersley resident Ron Lamont said the roundhouse employed welders, boiler makers, machinists and other tradesmen who used the drill press to fabricate parts for the steam engines. The drill press will be donated to the museum once arrangements can be made to move it.



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# Woman wins big with the most relatable song Carrie Underwood ever heard

I have a confession to make. I don't watch any of the talent shows. But a friend posted a clip of the recent American Idol winner, so I took a minute to listen. Hannah Harper was singing about a typical day with two toddlers and a baby while she struggled with postpartum depression.



**Check It Out**  
By Joan Janzen

By the end of her performance, the judges were crying, the audience was crying and I was crying. Carrie Underwood, a judge and the last female country artist to win the show before Hannah, back in 2004, wiped away her tears and said, "Well, that was the most relatable song I've ever heard."

"My dream was to be a stay-at-home mom," Hannah told the judges. "I was sitting on my couch wallowing. I was having a pity party. My son kept asking me to open his cheese. I opened his cheese and I realized where I was in my house was the biggest ministry I could have, being a mom. I got up off the couch, and I kind of kicked postpartum in the butt and said I ain't doing it, and I wrote 'String Cheese.'"

The comments from people listening to Hannah singing spoke volumes. Every mother feels seen and validated. From one mama to another, thank you for singing for all of us. I'm sick and pregnant with a toddler who has an injury, and this is what I needed this morning.

A man wrote: "This song makes me think about my mom and the struggles of a single mother. What an amazing song."

Before her audition, Hannah balanced music with



FACEBOOK/HANNAH HARPER

family life. She grew up travelling and singing with her family's band but never expected anything more. That changed after she began posting videos and fans encouraged her. Her audition video was viewed more than 120 million times.

"How did a humble mother of three with a banjo guitar, bluegrass vocals and open faith in Jesus become crowned the new idol?" Kirk Cameron asked on his show. "She didn't try to become what the culture told her to be. She stayed true to who God made her to be."

He speculated that what set Hannah apart was her genuine faith, which produced humility, kindness, moral beauty and a desire to use her gift to touch the hearts of others.

Kirk said that in a world obsessed with image, branding and performance, people are starving for something real. He pointed out that we live in an age of perfect performance, where everybody is curating an image, studying the algorithm and trying to be popular, have influence and get attention. Yet a young mom with a simple style won with a song expressing her love for her kids and her struggles.

"It wasn't the flashiest performance," he observed.

"She didn't reinvent herself into something that would sell. She did almost the opposite. She stayed rooted in who she really is, and people connected with it. Even people who don't share her openly Christian faith were drawn to her authenticity, her humility and her emotional honesty."

She captured her audience with her storytelling. The lyrics by themselves are simple, yet combined with her delivery they are very relatable.

It was a bold move to audition with her original song, because people like to hear something they've heard before. But Hannah said, "I took a risk. But it was more about connecting with the audience rather than performing. Being a storyteller is my passion, so I'm glad I had the opportunity to do that."

She described the moment before she wrote the song. "I think it took that moment to open my eyes to motherhood and all the joys behind it. It was hard, but it was definitely one of those things that I needed to happen in order to appreciate the role that I was given," she said during an interview on Live with Kelly and Mark.

Kirk Cameron, who has navigated Hollywood himself, weighed in. "She is staying true to her conviction, and I think that is the key to Hannah's victory. You have to have the right definition of success. If your goal is popularity, if success equals applause, if your target is becoming everybody's favourite, trust me, you're headed for disappointment. The applause of people is always going to be a moving target. If your identity depends on people's approval, your soul will never rest. But if your definition of success is discovering who God made you to be and then faithfully honouring him with your life, that changes everything."

If you're like me and don't watch the talent shows or American Idol, be sure to grab a tissue and listen to Hannah Harper.

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## Local publisher roasts petunias

BY KATE WINQUIST

As I look up from my office desk, I see the beautiful greenery of a succulent plant. No, it wasn't purchased from one of our area greenhouses. I am embarrassed to say that it isn't even real. It seems the only plants that survive in my presence are plastic.

I've tried to have plants over the years.

When Robert and I first moved in together in 1997, I received a housewarming plant from my Mom. It was a lovely dieffenbachia plant named Olive after the wife of former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. Mom thought she was pretty clever with that one.

Oddly enough, Olive survived us for several years.

The plant grew to quite a height and every so often you'd wake up in the morning to find Olive lying flat on the living room floor because she had become top heavy during the night. Apparently even houseplants can throw themselves dramatically to the ground for attention.

Dieffenbachias are poisonous, so after Devin was born in 2002, we gave Olive to our friends Jim and Rose in Medicine Hat. I figured it was best not to have a toxic plant around a toddler who put everything in his mouth.

In the years since, I have not managed to keep many plants alive.

Thankfully I had better luck raising children.

A year after Devin was born, we ventured off on a summer holiday. That spring, we had spent a small fortune on hanging baskets and flowers. We watered them faithfully and admired them daily like proud first-time gardeners.

Before we left, we moved all the flowers into the garage where it stayed nice and cool. We wouldn't be gone long. They should be fine.

There was just one problem.

Our garage was a converted lean-to and the air conditioner sat underneath the step. Before leaving, we forgot to turn the air conditioner off.

When we came home, the garage felt like a convection oven. The plants had literally cooked.

Not wilted.

Cooked.

I'm honestly surprised we didn't return to a visit



**YOUNG LOVE, OLD PLANT.** Kate and Robert at their house in Shaunavon in 1999, with Olive the dieffenbachia stretching toward the ceiling behind them.

from the local fire department and a headline in the paper reading: "Local Publisher Roasts Petunias."

Last year, I decided to try again and purchased a lovely philodendron. Apparently they are easy to look after.

According to Better Homes and Gardens, philodendrons are "possibly the easiest houseplants you can grow."

Well.

Challenge accepted.

You guessed it. It didn't make it through the season.

To be fair, this time it wasn't entirely my fault. Robert killed it with kindness. He decided to give it a healthy shot of Miracle-Gro.

Miracle-Gro.

At this point, it would take an actual miracle for Robert and I to grow anything besides weeds and debt.

We haven't purchased flowers yet this year. At the moment, we have two self-watering planters sitting on our deck filled with topsoil.

The little plastic succulent on my desk has now outlived every real plant we've owned.

Meanwhile, the planter on the deck is doing just fine as Robert's ashtray. I won't let him smoke in the house.

That might kill a plant.



## TOWN OF KINDERSLEY, SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT 05-26

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

### INTENT

The proposed amendment introduces supplementary text establishing specific setback regulations for attached garages situated on alleys adjacent to public parkland.

### AFFECTED LANDS

The affected lands are described as any locations currently zoned as R1.

### REASON

The amendment relaxes setback requirements for attached garages abutting park-adjacent alleys.

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

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

### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on June 15th, 2026, at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Town Office in Kindersley, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before 12:00 noon on June 11th, 2026.

Issued in Kindersley, Saskatchewan on May 12th, 2026.

**Marty Baroni**  
Chief Administrative Officer



**AIR TIME.** A young Biggar athlete hangs suspended above the long jump pit, arms outstretched and legs tucked, as competitors and spectators watch from the sidelines during the west central sectional track meet held in Kindersley last week.

PHOTO BY  
KATE WINQUIST.

# Leafs' signings not universally popular

It was not a great start for the new management regime for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) president and CEO Keith Pelley fired general manager Brad Treliving in March and fans were eagerly awaiting the announcement of a new boss for the Leafs, who had one of their poorest seasons in years and have gone 59 years without winning the Stanley Cup.

What Leaf fans got when Pelley's announcement was made in early May was a disappointment to many: A twosome featuring former Arizona Coyotes GM John Chayka, who does not have a good reputation around the NHL, as general manager, and former Leaf star Mats Sundin, who hasn't been involved in the NHL since he retired 20 years ago, as senior executive advisor.

Chayka was 26 when he was hired in Arizona in 2016. Strong on analytics, the young GM lasted only four years before being booted after costing his team two draft choices for violating draft rules (holding conditioning camps for prospective draftees is against the rules) and for seeking employment with another NHL team while he was still under contract to the Coyotes. Toronto Sun columnist Steve Simmons asked at the press conference what due diligence had been done on Chayka's skill set, since 19 of 20 NHL personnel contacted by Simmons prior to the announcement had nothing but negative comments about his credentials for the position, using words like 'con artist', 'liar', 'salesman' to describe his characteristics.

It was an awkward question, considering Chayka was sitting right there, as was the new GM's wife and children. Replied Pelley: "I've already said I did deep due diligence. ... We've done extensive due diligence, and I'm very comfortable and very confident in where we landed."

Said a story on Yahoosports.com: "Pelley responded that he and Simmons 'must have talked to different people,' to which Simmons responded, 'That's it? Because the hockey world today is astounded by this announcement.'"

To be fair, Chayka's missteps happened five to 10 years ago and now that he's 36, he says he has learned from his mistakes and will turn that experience into a positive. One day after the announcement of his hiring, the Leafs got an unexpected positive when they won the draft lottery, moving up from No. 5 to the top spot. Look for flashy winger Gavin McKenna, the Canadian Hockey League player of the year in 2024-25 and an offensive star with Penn State this past season, to be part



**Sports**  
By Bruce Penton

of the Leafs' lineup this fall.

Pelley, in announcing the hiring of Chayka and Sundin, said the Leafs are in for a "retool" as opposed to a rebuild. Unfortunately, retool offers a connotation of rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. A rebuild might be more appropriate, given the good fortune Toronto received by winning the draft lottery. Potential superstars McKenna or Swedish star Ivar Stenberg could be strong building blocks for foundation of that rebuild.

- Humorist Steve Burgess of Vancouver, on the Whitecaps to Las Vegas relocation rumours: "We may soon be adding the Las Vegas Whitecaps. Surf that sagebrush, dude."
- Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on tanking in sports for a better draft pick: "It'd be like the boss giving me a tap on the shoulder and saying, 'Corporate says there's too much cash on hand. Time to start libelling the hell out of everyone.'"
- Shane Ryan of GolfDigest.com, on English golfer Tyrell Hatton: "With age, he looks increasingly like an English soldier from a movie about medieval times who gets killed when the enemy dumps a pot of burning oil on his head."
- Pro golfer Matt Fitzpatrick, describing his younger brother Alex, also a tour pro: "He's always kind of bouncing around, always so pleasant to be around. So nice to everyone. Not to say that I'm not but he really is so polite."
- aComedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Mike Vrabel and Dianna Russini have been photographed together more often than David and Victoria Beckham. They make the Obamas look camera shy."
- Another one from Rolfsen: "FIFA reportedly wanted a Level 4 motorcade for its president while in Vancouver, which is the ability to go through traffic lights. That's one level below the Pope, or what regular Vancouver drivers do."
- Headline at theonion.com: "Sports Illustrated removes distracting models from swimsuit edition."
- Headline at fark.com: "Steve Kerr explains why he's returning to coach Golden State: Because those millions of dollars weren't going to make themselves."
- Another fark.com headline: "'Planning for Manning' or 'The March for Arch', the Arizona Cardinals are underdogs in every game this season."

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## Mother bears, sister badgers, brother dogs

I started writing this just before Mother's Day, as both an acknowledgement of all the ways I have been nurtured and nourished over the years by the women in my life.

Let's face it, there is no official Mother's Day. Every day someone's yelling: Mom! Where's my...? The miracle is how mom knows exactly where the damn thing is.

I'd also like to recall how I've tried to nurture others in my life, and maybe even help them find something to get them through the occasional dark day.

One of my greatest regrets is that I never had children. But some of my greatest sources of pride have been the times I've been able to be a Mother Bear to others, the most memorable incident involving planting myself between a trio of blustering pre-pubescent bullies doing their best to frighten kids half their age.

I was with my little brother and sister at the time, and we were exploring the bottom of Dead Man's Cliff, a part of our neighbourhood in Prince George we rarely ventured into. It was my first memory of adrenaline-fuelled outrage. When I imagine the moment, I see the hairs on the grubby little bully bastards' heads flying backwards at the sheer force of my voice, my hollering stopping them in their tracks.

Barely twelve at the time, I was not yet F-bombing, but I made it very clear who they were dealing with, and that their ludicrous posturing and gesticulating - one opening and closing a pen knife, another pounding his right fist into his left palm - made them look stupid, not tough at all. "Who do you think you are? They're just kids," I berated and bellowed. "You are in so much trouble!"

The bullies quickly slunk away, and we made it home, wobbly-kneed but safe. But I can still recall that wave of helplessness that comes from watching people I love be threatened by forces beyond my control.

It occurs to me that I would have been preparing for my Confirmation at the time. The Catholic sacrament of Confirmation is meant to celebrate an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost, that day when the dove descended on their heads and gave them the gift of tongues, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, and, above all, courage and holy fear. Fear of the Lord was what I intended to place in the hearts of those bullies.

In those days of preparation for Confirmation, I imagined myself Joan of Arc, wielding my sword, marching in full chainmail through the park behind our house, forging forward fierce and full of the Spirit, hearing the voice of Sister Mercy reminding me of the words of St. Teresa of Avila: "God plus one is an army."

I've written about my mother-sisters, and how they "bear up" under insane and troubling circumstances. But we sisters can "badger," as well. Rarely do badgers harass or threaten humans. They don't need to; they merely need to raise their claws to remind us who's boss. They know what they are capable of.

I want to write about aunties, too.



**Pop89**

By **Madonna Hamel**

When my friend Jenelle visited me in the hospital, standing sturdy and long-limbed and capable in her plaid car coat and sporty treads, she reminded me of two of my own aunts - Aunt Peg and Aunt Dell (Adelle). It was something about Jenelle's stance - sturdy, un-topple-able, not exactly a caryatid holding up the weight of the room, but solid. The weight of her own body and her world evenly distributed like a female point guard playing for the WNBA.

Jenelle is a formidable aunt. The kind of aunt I'd like to think myself to be. The kind she's had to be. She's done more than her

fair share of raising her own siblings from an early age.

While my Aunt Peg encouraged me into English Lit studies, Aunt Dell helped keep my pilot light burning - that dove-lit flame - burning inside me by singing her favourite hymns, encouraging me to let my little light shine.

As an aunt myself, I have tried to encourage creativity, risk-taking and even eccentricity. I've tried to remain playful, to move to the music, to ride the rhythm of the day. But above all, I've tried to be someone my nephews and niece can turn to when the conventional cringe-worthy expectations of the material world impinge on their spirits.

Which brings us to brothers. Two days ago I found myself grabbing my brother Doug by his stubbly cheeks and telling him, in no uncertain terms, that he is my favourite person in the whole wide world. At that moment I felt his sense of loyalty toward me. He understood that even in the midst of my confusion and perplexity around my galloping cancerous GBM, he was staying in the game. He was - is - keeping the language of myth and story and poetry alive.

He is loyal like a dog not just because he is loyal to me as his big sister, to whom he once referred as his big brother (a high compliment in my mind) because I introduced him to Joseph Campbell and Robert Bly, but because he is loyal to the craft of finding, catching, keeping and scribbling the right word at the right time.

I am dogged by his words, the most recent coming from a poem he sent me last summer, about a broken heart. I am quoting it here, with his permission.

"Yesterday, when the ocean asked my name, I turned my head away, ashamed, I replied... 'I don't know it yet, but I know of a woman, who can name things when she sees them.'"

I turned my face back to the ocean, and whispered into the wind and waves. 'I am trying to stand still, so she can see me.'"

It is the last line especially that dogs me. It pierces my heart, and will stick with me forever.

I think of my brother's struggle with vision after his stroke having taken out most of his occipital lobe, so that it's as if he's "looking at the world through a diving mask filled with water."

We all need to be seen. To be borne up. And yes, even when we resist the prodding - to be badgered in the best possible way.



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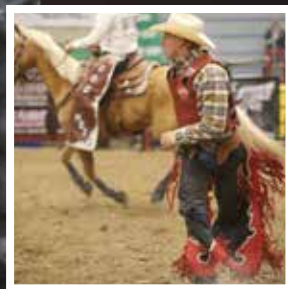
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# KINDERSLEY INDOOR

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# KINDERSLEY INDOOR RODEO • May 28, 29 & 30 2026

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The 33rd annual Kindersley Indoor Rodeo

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

The 33rd annual Kindersley Indoor Rodeo runs May 28, 29 and 30 at the West Central Events Centre. The Canadian Cowboys Association-sanctioned event draws competitors from across Canada and the United States, and has previously won CCA Top Rodeo of the Year.

Performances run nightly at 7 p.m. Slack starts Friday at 9 a.m. Ranch broncs are on the card Friday night only.

Northcott Rodeo Co. is the stock contractor. Doug Young is the announcer. Austin Stewart works the barrel as rodeo clown.

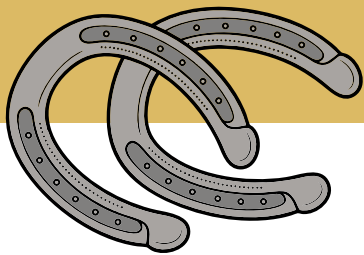
Thursday is Non-Perishable Food Item Night. Bring one item per family member and save \$5 off each admission.

Friday is Family Night, brought to you by TKC Trucking and Picker Services. Kids 12 and under get in free with an adult, and there's swag for the young ones.

Saturday night the action moves to the Co-op Arena for the rodeo dance with Neon Smoke. The bar is run by the Kindersley Kinsmen and Kinettes. No minors. ID required. Dance tickets are \$25 each.

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Rodeo tickets are cash at the door only. Adults 15 and up are \$20. Youth 6 to 14 are \$10. Kids 5 and under are free.



## RODEO BY THE NUMBERS

What makes the Kindersley Indoor Rodeo tick

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

The Kindersley Indoor Rodeo is sanctioned by the Canadian Cowboys Association, the largest semi-pro rodeo association in Canada. Here's what's behind the dirt and the noise.

**1963** The CCA was founded in 1963 with 60 members and 15 sanctioned rodeos. The very first one ran in Lancer, Saskatchewan, with a \$5 entry fee and a \$200 total purse. The association is now headquartered in Regina and sanctions more than 60 rodeos a year across Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

**250,000** More than 250,000 fans show up to CCA-sanctioned rodeos and the CCA Finals each season. The CCA Finals are held every October.

**8** Eight seconds is the bar in rough stock. Bareback riding, saddle bronc and bull riding all require the rider to last eight seconds with one hand on the rigging. The free hand can't touch the animal or the equipment. Grab the rope with both hands before the buzzer and the ride doesn't count.

**100** Scores are out of 100 points. Half goes to the rider and half goes to the animal. A flat-bucking bull or a lazy bronc caps the score no matter how clean the ride. Only one bull ride in rodeo history has ever scored a perfect 100. Wade Leslie pulled it off in 1991 on a bull called Wolfman Skoal.

**.000** Timed events run on a different clock. Barrel racing, steer wrestling, tie-down roping and team roping are measured to the hundredth of a second. The calf or steer gets a head start defined by a rope barrier. Break the barrier early and the rider gets a ten-second penalty added to the run. Knock over a barrel in barrel racing and it's five seconds.

**\$\$\$** A modern bucking bronc is not a wild horse. They're bred for the job, and a proven one can sell for \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The word "rodeo" comes from the Spanish rodear, meaning "to surround." Cowboy competitions in North America were called frontier days, stampedes and cowboy contests until the 1920s. The term "rodeo" didn't go fully professional until 1945.

The CCA has been a stepping stone for many Canadian Finals Rodeo and National Finals Rodeo champions. The next generation of pros often gets their start at events like the one in Kindersley.



**KINDERSLEY INDOOR RODEO**  
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## CCA Finals Rodeo heads to North Battleford this October

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The Canadian Cowboys Association has confirmed its 2026 Finals Rodeo will run October 22 to 25 in North Battleford.

The four-day championship will feature 120 of the CCA's top-ranked athletes competing across the association's major events, including bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, breakaway roping, team roping and barrel racing. Junior steer riding, junior girls barrel racing and novice rough stock events are also on the card.

CCA Championship Buckles will be awarded at the close of the event.

The 2026 Finals Rodeo Committee represents both the CCA and the North Battleford Kinsmen Rodeo Committee. New community-focused events have been added to this year's program to expand opportunities for families, youth and local engagement.

The CCA also extended its best wishes to competitors at the 33rd annual Kindersley Indoor Rodeo, running May 28, 29 and 30 at the West Central Events Centre. The Kindersley event is one of more than 60 rodeos sanctioned by the CCA across Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario this season.

The CCA is headquartered in Regina and is the largest semi-pro rodeo association in Canada.

For ticket information and the full schedule, visit [canadiancowboys.ca](http://canadiancowboys.ca) or follow the CCA on social media.



## RODEO HUMOUR

### The Highway 21 Cowboy

A fella from Calgary pulls into the Co-op in Kindersley driving a brand new three-quarter ton, chrome everywhere, not a speck of dust on it. He walks into the coffee shop and announces to the room he's looking to buy a quarter section to "experience the real prairie."

An old rancher at the corner table looks up from his coffee. "Whereabouts you thinking?"

City fella says, "Somewhere with a view. Big sky. Wide open. The works."

Rancher nods. "Son, you're in Kindersley. Step outside and pick a direction. They all got a view, and they're all the same one."

City fella laughs. "Well what would you recommend?"

Rancher says, "I'd recommend you wash that truck again before you drive home. First gravel road's gonna undo about forty grand of your decisions."

### The Glidden Bull Sale

Two ranchers from out near Glidden are standing at a bull sale, watching the auction. A big Black Angus comes through the ring and goes for serious money. One rancher whistles low.

"That's a lot of bull for the money," he says.

Other one nods. "Or a lot of money for the bull. Depends which end of the cheque you're on."

First rancher says, "You ever buy one that good?"

"Once. Back in '88. Paid more than I told my wife, brought him home, turned him out with the cows, and that bull just stood there. Wouldn't look at a one of 'em. Three weeks, nothing."

"What'd you do?"

"Called the vet. Vet comes out, checks him over, gives him a shot of something. Next morning that bull was through the fence, bred forty cows, two of the neighbour's, and a lawn ornament."

First rancher says, "What was in the shot?"

"I don't know. But I keep the bottle on my night table. Just in case."

### The Kindersley Rodeo Announcer

A new announcer shows up at the Kindersley rodeo, fresh from somewhere down east. Real polished voice, big vocabulary, the whole package. He's calling the bareback and he's laying it on thick.

"And here comes Tyler out of chute number three on a magnificent equine specimen, a true testament to the indomitable spirit of the Canadian prairie."

Tyler gets bucked off in 2.1 seconds. Lands hard. Limp to the fence.

Announcer keeps going. "A valiant effort by our young competitor. The bronc emerges victorious in this contest of wills between man and beast."

Old timer in the stands leans over to his buddy. "What'd he say?"

Buddy says, "Tyler got piled."

Old timer nods. "Why didn't he just say that?"

Buddy says, "He's from Toronto. They charge by the syllable."



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**SADDLE BRONC**

**Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM**

1. Ryatt Thomson, Lundbreck, AB — NS66 Short Crop
  2. Jordan Cust, Sturgeon County, AB — NS5 Bear Tracks
  3. Walker Thomson, Maple Creek, SK — NS888 Twinkle Twinkle
  4. William Hale, Bassano, AB — NS808 Who Da Thunk
  5. Chance Sjogren, Big Beaver, SK — NS2 Foothills
  6. Trey Tuplin, Swift Current, SK — NS63 Birth Mark
  7. Blake Rasmuson, Moosomin, SK — NS222 Scrambled Eggs
  8. Clay Greenslade, Rocky View County, AB — NS77 Ghost River
- RR NS159 Flabber Gasted  
RR NS817 Stage Coach

**Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM**

1. Peter Mast, Kamsack, SK — NS19 Diesel Smoke
  2. Gunnar Grove, Duchess, AB — NS361 Devil's Wine
  3. Teran Broderson, Fort Macleod, AB — NS18 Holy Grail
  4. Hamish Palmer, Australia — NS161 Blondie
  5. Denten Skjonsberg, Bluffton, AB — NS701 Bay Watch
  6. Clay Nyhus, Minton, SK — NS66 Short Crop
  7. Cade Else, Montana — NS11 West Country
  8. Quinn Tallmadge, Meadow Lake, SK — NS700 Bay Tree
  9. Rhyker Vangen, Chaplin, SK — NS817 Stage Coach
  10. Zack Knight, Australia — NS145 Red Head
- RR NS222 Scrambled Eggs  
RR NS122 Unsolved Mystery's  
RR NS205 Round About

**Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM**

1. Cooper Mcniven, Mundare, AB — NS63 Birth Mark

2. Kacen Nowicki, Lac La Biche, AB — NS159 Flabber Gasted

3. Monte Faulkner, Lac Labiche, AB — NS1 Battle Field
  4. Trigg Pittman, Kyle, SK — NS77 Ghost River
  5. Kady Blackman, Cold Lake, AB — NS888 Twinkle Twinkle
  6. Charles Cartwright, Calgary, AB — NS808 Who Da Thunk
  7. Theoron Sanders, Shell Lake, SK — NS361 Devil's Wine
  8. Leland Robertson, Canwood, SK — NS700 Bay Tree
  9. Wyatt Friesen, Carrot River, SK — NS5 Bear Tracks
- RR NS145 Red Head  
RR NS19 Diesel Smoke

**BAREBACK**

**Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM**

1. Jack Korpusik, Norquay, SK — N833 Cookin the Books
  2. Jake Foster, Norquay, SK — N65 Happy Face
  3. Clay Greenslade, Rocky View County, AB — N804 Voo Doo
  4. Jace Lomheim, Hughenden, AB — N15 Desperado
  5. Spencer Parker, Winnipeg, MB — N250 Rock Star
- RR N4 Fuel Money  
RR N110 Hot Chocolate

**Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM**

1. Colton Stark, LRA — N110 Hot Chocolate
  2. Quaide Skjonsberg, Bluffton, AB — N4 Fuel Money
  3. Brady Schlesiger, Sturgeon County, AB — N100 Present
  4. Kegan Kmita, Weyburn, SK — N22 Snow Ball
  5. Brennen Willis, LRA — N804 Voo Doo
- RR N15 Desperado  
RR N65 Happy Face

**Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM**

1. Carson Nyhus, Minton, SK — N833 Cookin the Books
  2. Rhett Tattrie, Youngstown, AB — N166 Coupe Daville
  3. Slade Macdonald, CRA Member — N53 Ghosted
- RR N250 Rock Star  
RR N22 Snow Ball

**BULL RIDING**

**Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM**

1. Austin Kroeker, Foothills, AB — NR988 Nose Candy
  2. Jayce Rieger, Fiske — NR705 Orange Crush
  3. Zac Sander, Beechy, SK — NR217 Color Coded
  4. Joel Fisk, Moosomin, SK — NR100 Apache Tricks
  5. Jett Lockie, Waskada, MB — NR2236 Screamin Demon
- RR NR099 Crime Wave

**Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM**

1. Keaton Martz, LRA Member — NRW3 Sandman
  2. Levi Robbins, LRA Member — NRW5 Spazmatic
  3. Hayden Mulvey, Brooks, AB — NRW6 Lunatic
  4. Brodi Beasley, Patricia, AB — Nr16tt Loaded Gun
  5. Davis Young, Leader, SK — NR098 Black Fly
  6. Jagger Moore, Rabbit Lake, SK — NR099 Crime Wave
  7. Austin Arnal, Eastend, SK — NRW2 Two Tone
- RR NR055 Reindeer  
RR NR988 Nose Candy

**Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM**

1. Foster Arneson, Tisdale, SK — NR705 Orange Crush
  2. Reid Musgrove, LRA Member — NRE5 Erkle
  3. Danica Evanisky, Local-Kin26 — NR055 Reindeer
  4. Jayden Talbot, Success, SK — NR100 Apache Tricks
- RR NR098 Black Fly

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**Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM**

1. Steele Depaoli, Local-Kin26
2. Scott Meeks, Local-Kin26
3. Tuftin Mcleod, Morse, SK
4. Jace Mcpeak-Young, Loughheed, AB
5. Braden Brost, Consul, SK
6. Nathan Bishell, LRA Member
7. Clancy Squair, LRA Member
8. Weston Packet, Lafleche

**Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM**

1. Denim Ross, Botha, AB
2. Tanner Lockie, Balgonie, SK
3. Bj Zieffle, Consort, AB
4. Tyce Mcleod, Waldeck, SK
5. Brandtsen Moore, Rabbit Lake, SK
6. Ty Herman, Hilda, AB
7. Jayce Mckean, Cremona, AB
8. Tim Highmoor, Regina, SK
9. Garrett Zieffle, Consort, AB
10. Jake Highmoor, Regina, SK

**Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM**

1. Rylan Brost, Consul, SK
2. Jesse Popescul, Glentworth, SK
3. Colt Kornfeld, Val Marie, SK
4. Kobe Kmita, Weyburn, SK
5. Chase Butterfield, Donalda, AB
6. Shawn Williamson, Mankota, SK
7. Diezel Liptak, Taber, AB
8. Coy Skocodpole, Big Valley, AB
9. Derek Ivanics, Medicine Hat, AB
10. Kobe Urasaki, Lethbridge County, AB
11. Ryder Brinkman, Donalda, AB
12. Kade Christianson, Nanton, AB

**Performance #4 — Fri May 29 @ 9 AM (Slack)**

1. Brody Groves, Local-Kin26
2. Scott Sigfusson, Tugaske, SK
3. Carter Armstrong, Eastend, SK
4. Cody Brett, LRA
5. Wyatt Branden, LRA Member
6. Dusty Mckean, LRA Member
7. Austin Young, LRA Member
8. Colt Van Straten, LRA Member
9. Matt Pick, Rosetown, SK
10. Keith Folk, Swift Current, SK
11. Darren Zieffle, LRA Member
12. Stran Edge, LRA Member
13. Bryce Kulbacki, Stettler, AB
14. Rod Warren, LRA Member
15. Blake Zieffle, Consort, AB
16. Shane Allen, LRA Member
17. Aaron Mosicki, LRA Member
18. Stacy Cornet, Brant, AB
19. Rhett Poitras, LRA Member

**STEER WRESTLING**

**Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM**

1. Dayton Roworth, LRA
2. Casey Lawes, LRA Member
3. Austin Whelpton, Virden, MB
4. Nathan Bishell, LRA Member
5. Adam Dinniss, LRA Member

**Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM**

1. Owen Harder, LRA Member
2. Tanner Froshaug, Big Beaver, SK
3. Garrett Zieffle, Consort, AB
4. Jackson Clark, LRA Member
5. Brynn Scoville, Coronation, AB
6. Dawson Loewen, Battleford, SK

**Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM**

1. Chase Tkach, Local-Kin26
2. Joe Guze, Local-Kin26
3. Lorne Knittig, Local-Kin26
4. Pcean Deleeuw, Local-Kin26
5. Clay Ellis, Sonningdale, SK
6. Ty Ellis, Maymont, SK
7. Kurt Beers, Australia
8. Tate Beierbach, Maple Creek, SK
9. Tj Loeppky, Central Butte, SK

**Performance #4 — Fri May 29 @ 9 AM (Slack)**

1. Tyrel Warkentin, Local-Kin26
2. Bryce Kulbacki, Stettler, AB
3. Adam Gilchrist, Maple Creek, SK
4. Scott Sigfusson, Tugaske, SK
5. Dayton Martell, Regina, SK
6. Colter Taylor, Weldon, SK
7. Austin Young, LRA Member

**LADIES BARREL RACING**

**Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM**

1. Katie Anderson, Rockglen, SK
2. Amanda Crowe, LRA Member
3. Lisa Groves, Cadogan, AB (Barrel Rep)
4. Janet-Lynn Moen, Stewart Valley, SK
5. Mackenzie L'Heureux, LRA Member
6. Olivia Wagstaff, Sedalia, AB
7. Traci Denbrok, Esterhazy, SK
8. Kalli Beebe, LRA Member
9. Bailey Hampson, Cutknife, SK
10. Allee Kapeller, Beechy, SK
11. Kaybree Zunti, Unity, SK
12. Julie Glaicar, Waldron, SK
13. Hannah Wagstaff, Sedalia, AB
14. Kaybri Rieger, Fiske, SK
15. Twila Zunti, Unity, SK

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## Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM

1. Breann Heatherington, Duck Lake, SK
2. Lauren Moore, Paradise Hill, SK
3. Georgia Hale, Bassano, AB
4. Crystal Mason, Killarney, MB
5. Alyssa Stankewich, Regina, SK
6. Sandra Carter, LRA Member
7. Jane Corey, Swift Current, SK
8. Jade Hoiland, Porcupine Plain, SK
9. Kate Beierbach, Maple Creek, SK
10. Chloe Woods, Moosomin, SK
11. Barbara Switzer, Hazenmore, SK
12. Laryssa Latimer, LRA Member
13. Lexa Vanbeek, Barrhead, AB
14. Avery Wyatt, Lumsden, SK
15. Tyra Kmita, Weyburn, SK

## Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM

1. Kiera Williamson, Mankota, SK
2. Lorelei Stokke, Maple Creek, SK
3. Lila Mastad, Pleasantdale, SK
4. April Williamson, Mankota, SK
5. Jorja Parker, Spiritwood, SK
6. Lexi Cote, Yellow Grass, SK
7. Angela Mastad, Pleasantdale, SK
8. Teytan Thomson, Lundbreck, AB
9. Kollins Drake, Moose Jaw, SK
10. Shasta Macnaught, Glen Ewen, SK
11. Waci Thomson, Lundbreck, AB
12. Bailey Van Metre, LRA Member
13. Harley Buchberger, Indian Head, SK
14. Jacqui Arneson, Tisdale, SK
15. Cassandra Peters, Elrose, SK

## Performance #4 — Fri May 29 @ 9 AM (Slack)

1. Kelli Acreman, LRA
2. Josie Boisjoli, Kindersley, SK
3. Calonna Taylor, Weldon, SK
4. Tegan Poitras, LRA Member
5. Juna Smith, Minburn, AB
6. Payton Cutul, LRA Member
7. Jenna Emmel, Estevan, SK
8. Gracie Hillrud, Ceylon, SK
9. Charli Walker, Youngstown, AB
10. Payton Deck, Kindersley, SK
11. Jayda Songhurst, LRA Member
12. Maci Martens, Swift Current, SK
13. Danielle Matonovich, Grandora, SK
14. Melissa Freeman, Wildwood, AB
15. Sayge Turcato, Maple Creek, SK
16. Lora-Lee Wick, Strongfield, SK
17. Sara Stadnyk, Wilkie, SK
18. Dannielle Knudsen, Stewart Valley, SK
19. Angela Tapp, Regina, SK
20. Olivia Parsonage, Maple Creek, SK
21. Ferrah Hawreluik, Sheho, SK
22. Brittany Mosicki, LRA Member
23. Katelyn Dahmer, LRA Member
24. Rebecca Miller, Rocky View County, AB
25. Sheena Dunham, Souris, MB
26. Wendy Playfair, LRA Member
27. Barb Maynes, LRA Member
28. Ashley Weber, Carlyle, SK
29. Presley Mcknight, Sceptre, SK
30. Rayna Yasieniuk, D'Arcy, SK
31. Trinity Mehlhaff, CRA Member
32. Hannah Mccannell, Delisle, SK

33. Lexy Armstrong, Eastend, SK
34. Kayli Peters, Nipawin, SK
35. Josslyn Smith, Minburn, AB
36. Savannah Cheney, Kyle, SK
37. Kristina Allison, CRA Member
38. Ally Kielstra, Redcliff, AB
39. Marcie Butterfield, LRA
40. Tiara Armstrong, Eastend, SK
41. Casey Bezjack, LRA Member
42. Dakota Johnson, LRA Member
43. Mallory Mcleod, Morse, SK
44. Jolie Desmet, Wheatland County, AB
45. Jordan Branden, LRA Member
46. Stacey Trach, LRA Member
47. Shelby Larson, Rosetown, SK
48. Danica Evanisky, Local-Kin26
49. Alex Hanson, Local-Kin26
50. Melissa Groves, Local-Kin26

## JUNIOR STEER RIDING

### Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM

1. Quade Tye, LRA Member
2. Jinks Cooper, Senlac, SK
3. Nixon Kappel, Unity, SK
4. Nate Korpusik, Norquay, SK
5. Coy Cronkhite, Maple Creek, SK
6. Zack Moorhead, Maple Creek, SK
7. Jhett Tuplin, Swift Current, SK

### Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM

1. Gunner Armstrong, Shellbrook, SK
2. Lennix Girletz, Oyen, AB
3. Kole Scott, LRA Member
4. Kane Mcknight, LRA Member
5. Ruah Beaugrand, Wilkie, SK
6. Austin Gourdeau, Dundurn, SK

### Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM

1. Rodney Laughlin, Youngstown, AB
2. Shay Drever, Maple Creek, SK
3. Paden Robertson, Maple Creek, SK

## JUNIOR GIRLS BARREL RACING

### Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM

1. Belle Armstrong, Shellbrook, SK
2. Kenlee Crowe, Didsbury, AB
3. Brylee Harper, Provost, AB
4. Paislee Harper, Provost, AB
5. Bree Kapeller, Beechy, SK

### Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM

1. Tess Switzer, Hazenmore, SK
2. Lainey Mcmillan, Bonnyville, AB
3. Ellie Havens, Madden, AB
4. Jude Martin, Regina, SK
5. Grace Havens, Madden, AB

### Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM

1. Kyla Kernaleguen, Melfort, SK
2. Macklyn Arneson, Tisdale, SK
3. Kollins Drake, Moose Jaw, SK
4. Chloe Stokke, Maple Creek, SK
5. Livi Cote, Yellow Grass, SK

### Performance #4 — Fri May 29 @ 9 AM (Slack)

1. Taydee-May Bezjack, Bowden, AB
2. Kenzie Mcgillivray, Provost, AB

3. Shay Brett, LRA Member
4. Gabriella Lorenz, Wilkie, SK
5. Colby Tiring, Leader, SK
6. Lawsyn Hutchison, Balgonie, SK
7. Jet Daines, Wildwood, AB
8. Taylor Chandler, LRA Member
9. Grace Becker, Eatonia, SK
10. Austynn Knudsen, Stewart Valley, SK
11. Mcauy Hutchison, Balgonie, SK
12. Dylan Walker, Youngstown, AB
13. Josie Young, Leader, SK
14. Sawyer Houston, LRA Member
15. Gabby Vansandt, Eastend, SK
16. Peyton Boisjoli, Local-Kin26
17. Dillon Boisjoli, Local-Kin26

## LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

### Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM

1. Josie Osborn, Big Beaver, SK
2. Allee Kapeller, Beechy, SK
3. Olivia Wagstaff, Sedalia, AB
4. Madison Kovar, Swift Current, SK
5. Jody Traynor, Delisle, SK
6. Charlee Kapeller, Beechy, SK
7. Kaybree Zunti, Unity, SK
8. Haylee Wagstaff, Sedalia, AB
9. Katie Anderson, Rockglen, SK
10. Mariah Moen, Saskatoon, SK
11. Bailey Hampson, Cutknife, SK

### Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM

1. Pepper Jackson, Prince Albert, SK
2. Sarah Beierbach, Maple Creek, SK
3. Ashlee Keith, LRA Member
4. Grace Havens, Madden, AB
5. Payton Lockie, Balgonie, SK
6. Tyra Kmita, Weyburn, SK
7. Georgia Hale, Bassano, AB
8. Dakota Stark, LRA Member
9. Barbara Switzer, Hazenmore, SK
10. Rhys Desmet, Wheatland County, AB
11. Ellie Havens, Madden, AB
12. Tess Switzer, Hazenmore, SK

### Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM

1. Carla Popescul, Glentworth, SK
2. Kyla Kernaleguen, Melfort, SK
3. Kiera Williamson, Mankota, SK
4. Andi Powell, LRA Member
5. Kailee Dame, Duchess, AB
6. Syphonna Leipert, Kindersley, SK
7. Harley Buchberger, Indian Head, SK
8. Bailey Schellenberg, Gronlid, SK
9. Kendal Fletcher, Luseland, SK
10. Shasta Macnaught, Glen Ewen, SK
11. Cougen Phipps, Marshall SK
12. Waci Thomson, Lundbreck, AB
13. Teytan Thomson, Lundbreck, AB

### Performance #4 — Fri May 29 @ 9 AM (Slack)

1. Peyton Boisjoli, Local-Kin26
2. Melissa Groves, Local-Kin26
3. Danica Evanisky, Local-Kin26
4. Olivia Parsonage, Maple Creek, SK
5. Lexy Armstrong, Eastend, SK
6. Anna Butterfield, LRA
7. Jacky Lockhart, LRA Member



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8. Lacey Jordison, Moose Jaw, SK
9. Megan Zweifel, LRA Member
10. Danita Harrish, LRA Member
11. Angie Thomson, LRA Member
12. Madison Levangie, LRA Member
13. Racquelle Butler, Strathmore, AB
14. Chrissy Stuber, Redcliff, AB
15. Presley Mcknight, Sceptre, SK
16. Kaci Storle, Lake Alma, SK
17. Hannah Mccannell, Delisle, SK
18. Mackenzie Steinbach, Moose Jaw, SK
19. Tiara Armstrong, Eastend, SK
20. Becca Mcleod, LRA Member
21. Alyssa Zieffle, Maple Creek, SK
22. Clara Houff, Wawota, SK
23. Ashley Weber, Carlyle, SK
24. Nicole Burkmarr, LRA Member
25. Josie Boisjoli, Kindersley, SK
26. Madelyn Taylor, Virden, MB
27. Tegan Poitras, LRA Member
28. Daylee Storle, Lake Alma, SK
29. Danae Zieffle, Maple Creek, SK
30. Jolayne Collings, CRA Member
31. Tess Rawlings, LRA Member
32. Mazey Hillrud, Ceylon, SK
33. Jill Marcenko, Rockglen, SK
34. Briell Jamieson, Cabri, SK
35. Shelby Larson, Rosetown, SK
36. Shadow Hantelman, Kyle, SK
37. Brana Thomson, Maple Creek, SK
38. Darcy Mcknight, Sceptre, SK
39. Jill Switzer, Paynton, SK
40. Taylor Fitchett, LRA Member
41. Brenna Chappel, Moose Jaw, SK
42. Lily Wilson, Maple Creek, SK

**TEAM ROPING**

**Performance #1 — Thurs May 28 @ 7 PM**

1. Ty Cahoon (F), Local-Kin26  
Steele Depaoli (H), Local-Kin26
2. Courtney Adams (F), Red Pheasant, SK  
Ethan Baptiste (H), Red Pheasant, SK
3. Kage Sandilands (H), Esterhazy, SK  
Lane Nykolation (F), Hamiota, MB
4. Walker Balan (H), LRA Member  
Weston Packet (F), Lafleche
5. Clancy Squair (H), LRA Member  
Carter Balan (F), LRA Member
6. Chad Rewerts (F), Cutknife, SK  
Ian Griffith (H), Lloydminster, SK
7. Brady Chappel (F), Moose Jaw, SK  
Garrett Brownlee (H), Moose Jaw, SK
8. Tuftin Mcleod (H), Morse, SK  
Braden Brost (F), Consul, SK
9. Vincent Traynor (H), Delisle, SK  
Isaiah Anslow (F), Delisle, SK

**Performance #2 — Fri May 29 @ 7 PM**

1. Payson Peterson (H), Mccord  
Tanner Froshaug (F), Big Beaver, SK
2. Scott Mcleod (F), Waldeck SK  
Tyce Mcleod (H), Waldeck, SK
3. Connor Lange (H), LRA Member  
Tyler Kampjes (F), LRA Member
4. Brandtsen Moore (F), Rabbit Lake, SK  
Brayden Moore (H), Rabbit Lake, SK

5. Jared Sparrow (H), North Battleford, SK  
Mark Ellis (F), Maymont, SK
6. Denim Ross (F), Botha, AB  
Kavis Drake (H), Moose Jaw, SK
7. Trayden Hofmann (F), Scandia, AB  
Owen Harder (H), LRA Member
8. Brett Mccarroll (F), LRA Member  
Coy Mccarroll (H), LRA Member
9. Aj Jackson (H), Delisle, SK  
Dawson Jackson (F), Delisle, SK
10. Ben Switzer (H), Hazenmore, SK  
Tanner Lockie (F), Balgonie, SK

**Performance #3 — Sat May 30 @ 7 PM**

1. Jesse Popescul (H), Glentworth, SK  
Rylan Brost (F), Consul, SK
2. Diezel Liptak (H), Taber, AB  
Rylan Williams (F), Raymond, AB
3. Marty Lillico (H), LRA Member  
Rocky Ross (F), LRA Member
4. Ben Cornet (H), LRA Member  
Sam Cornet (F), LRA Member
5. Colt Kornfeld (F), Val Marie, SK  
Kade Christianson (H), Nanton, AB
6. Jace Schellenberg (H), Gronlid, SK  
Rudy Schellenberg (F), Gronlid, SK
7. Bailey Van Metre (H), LRA Member  
Hallie Erion (F), LRA Member
8. Rylin Traynor (F), Delisle, SK  
Shane MacLennan (H), Claresholm, AB
9. Shawn Williamson (F), Mankota, SK  
Bill Phipps (H), Marshall, SK
10. Clay Ellis (H), Sonningdale, SK  
Ty Ellis (F), Maymont, SK

**Performance #4 — Fri May 29 @ 9 AM (Slack)**

1. Logan Groves (F), Local-Kin26  
Brody Groves (H), Local-Kin26
2. Kody Potts (H), LRA Member  
Austin Young (F), LRA Member
3. Colter Taylor (H), Weldon, SK  
Trent Swenson (F), Hagen, SK
4. Cole Brain (F), LRA Member  
Colby Stark (H), LRA Member
5. Tygh Armstrong (H), Eastend, SK  
William Ross (F), Castor, AB
6. Taylor Wudrich (H), Bow Island, AB  
Kevin Schreiner (F), Medicine Hat, AB
7. Carter Armstrong (F), Eastend, SK  
Tyson Ziegler (H), Cypress County, AB
8. Trey Nowosad (H), LRA Member  
Wiley Cumming (F), LRA Member
9. Cody Allison (F), CRA Member  
Caleb Mohl (H), CRA Member
10. Kevin Mccannell (H), Carievale, SK  
Colter Dunn (F), Ogema, SK
11. Tyrel Warkentin (F), Local-Kin26  
Hannah Leipert (H), Local-Kin26
12. Braden Lange (F), LRA Member  
Sheldon Lange (H), LRA Member
13. Tyree Swales (H), Millarville, AB  
Chet Kraft (F), Lomond, AB
14. Cody Brett (H), LRA  
Tuff Brett (F),  
LRA Member

15. Ashton Lehmann (F),  
Paynton, SK  
Scott Sigfusson (H), Tugaske, SK
16. Chris Martens (F), Swift Current, SK  
Wylie Martens (H), Swift Current, SK
17. Garrett Zieffle (H), Consort, AB  
Blake Zieffle (F), Consort, AB
18. Alex Hoolahan (H), LRA Member  
Chris Griffith (F), LRA Member
19. Lucas Mahon (F), LRA Member  
Dalton Ruttan (H), LRA Member
20. Travis Kellett (H), CRA Member  
Ryan Rombough (F), CRA Member
21. Matt Pick (H), Rosetown, SK  
Stacy Cornet (F), Brant, AB
22. Jeremy Ross (H), Estevan, SK  
Justin Buhler (F), LRA Member
23. Bayne Wilson (F), Maple Creek, SK  
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Saskatchewan's Energy News

## Southeast Saskatchewan Legends: Dale Ziegler

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

**Editor's note:** The Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Show is coming soon – and each event sees several people honoured for their contributions to the oilpatch. This year six people have been named as “Southeast Saskatchewan Legends,” including two posthumously. The oil show takes place June 3-4, with the Legends being honoured at the noon luncheon on June 3. You can register for the show and purchase tickets for meals at Oilshow.ca.

Dale Zeiger was born in 1967 and raised on a farm near Francis where he currently resides. During his high school years he worked at a seed plant in Sedley. Immediately after high school Dale went to work for Lorne Stoppler with Midwest Pipeline, out of Regina. At Midwest he held different roles included labourer, parts runner, side-boom operator, bending machine operator, excavator operator, foreman, assistant superintendent and superintendent. That work took him across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In 2000 he married Charity Knoll, also of Francis. They had three children – Brett, Breanna and Brodie.

In 1998 Dale started work with Carson Welding and Maintenance out of Lampman. With Carsons his roles included foreman, assistant superintendent, superintendent and Project Manager responsible for managing larger pipeline projects while actively pursuing work with existing and new clients.

In 2011 Carson Energy sold to Flint Energy. Within the next three years there were a lot of changes, as Flint Energy sold to URS and then URS sold to AE-COM. His roles with these three companies changed a few times over the next four years, first as operations manager, central area manager and then vice president plains area as Ron Carson was working towards his retirement.

“It soon became very apparent that our perspective of the importance of looking after our employees and key clients did not line up in any way,” Dale said. “It was time to move on and start a new business and go back to our roots where employees and key clients were the backbone of the operation.”

In early 2016 with the guidance of Ron Carson, some key managers and Dale started planning to start up a new entity, Canadian Plains Energy Services (CPES). It would specialize in pipelines, facility construction, fabrication and crew work, principally in Saskatchewan. Discussions started with Stephen Smith of Strike Energy and it was quickly decided that they would be a perfect fit to join forces with. CPES would be their Saskatchewan footprint.

Stephen Smith and his team made it very easy to get started in a very timely manner, Dale said. Locations were quickly reopened in many of the old Carson Energy locations including Virden, White City, Alida and Carlyle. At a later date, North Battleford (previously a Strike entity) joined the CPES team. Acquisitions of Brent Gedak Welding in Estevan and Quakes Oilfield



Dale Zeiger

Construction in Lloydminster gave CPES a solid footprint in the key areas that the leadership felt it was important to operate out of.

“The key reasons for the success of CPES was due to the dedication and hard work of each and every employee, and I was very proud to work with every one of them,” Dale said.

In 2018 Dale participated in a STARS fundraiser called “Rescue on the Prairies.” A small team of participants were able to raise over \$500,000 for a very good cause.

In 2024 Dale retired from the president role and passed the reins on to Aaron Karpan. He returned to work for a short period as a business development advisor to help with some business development before officially retiring in the fall of 2025. Dale will continue to attend the management meetings periodically going forward.

Dale’s retirement plans include operating a small business out of Francis, traveling with his wife and spending time with family and friends.

In 2000 Charity opened, owned and operated Ziggy Mart, a convenience store/gas station/bakery in Francis. It was sold in 2009. She now works as an executive assistant at McDougall Auctioneer, along with Breanna and Brodie. Breanna has a degree in human resources and Brodie is working towards her degree in speech pathology. Brett works as an equipment operator with Canadian Plains.

Key mentors in Dale’s life include his parents, siblings, Lorne Stoppler, Ron Carson, Stephen Smith and Glen Greenshields.



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# Town of Kindersley approves \$1.2 million tender for water tower

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
Your West Central Voice

The Town of Kindersley approved a tender for substantial work to the water tower this summer. The resolution to approve the roughly \$1.2 million tender was passed at the May 11 regular meeting.

Director of infrastructure and devel-

opment Chad Levitt presented councillors with the results of a tender for the water tower relining and repair work. Levitt stated it was staff's recommendation to award the tender to Landmark Municipal Services for the reduced scope price of \$1,243,900 plus tax.

He noted that the tender closed on April 23 and five contractors submitted bids on the job. However, he stated that

administration carefully reviewed the bids and after talking to a consultant determined one of the bids didn't meet requirements set out in the bid form, so that bid was disqualified.

Levitt noted that Landmark's original bid was \$1,703,517 and explained that some of the work originally included in the bid form, including preventative maintenance on the water tower's exterior, was removed and will instead

be added to the town's capital plan.

Staff observed at the meeting that Landmark Municipal Services originally built the water tower, so the company is familiar with this structure.

As councillors discussed the tender results it was noted that there was disappointment that tenders came in higher than original estimates, but Landmark was still the lowest bidder of the group.

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**122 - 1st Avenue West**  
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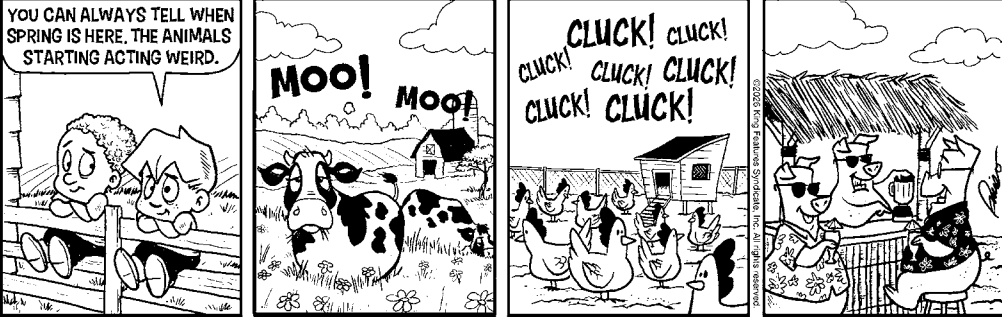
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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



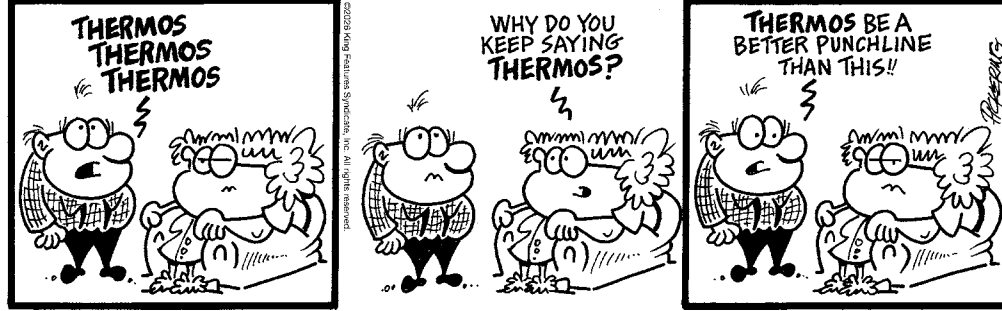
## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## 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. The is different. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Handle is added to purse. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Arm is longer.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Detox center
- 6 Gives up
- 12 Swiss metropolis
- 13 Unexpected
- 14 Ingratiate
- 15 Stahl of "60 Minutes"
- 16 Disposition
- 17 "La — Bonita"
- 19 Casual shirt
- 20 Third son
- 22 Capote nickname
- 24 Canine greeting
- 27 Furnace fuel
- 29 Branches
- 32 President of South Africa, 1994-1999
- 35 Pronto
- 36 Monumental
- 37 Half dozen
- 38 Fannie —
- 40 Former Laker Lamar
- 42 Sashimi fish
- 44 Neatnik's nightmare
- 46 Jazzy James
- 50 Legislative group
- 52 Camelot king
- 54 Aerie newborn
- 55 Organize an art show

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- 9 Birds of prey
- 10 Duel tool
- 11 Ocular woe
- 12 Tiara jewel
- 18 Rug cleaner
- 21 — -friendly
- 23 "Awesome, dude!"
- 24 Navarro of "The View"
- 25 Scale members
- 26 Pink wading bird
- 28 Relaxed
- 30 Roman 1051
- 31 Coltrane's instrument
- 33 Aromatherapy spot
- 34 Sgt., e.g.
- 39 Lauder of cosmetics
- 41 Paris subway
- 42 Cruising
- 43 Lettuce unit
- 45 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 47 Spring meltdown
- 48 Mild rebukes
- 49 "How — you?"
- 51 Cleric's tunic
- 53 Scamper

### DOWN

- 1 Nevada city
- 2 Within (Pref.)
- 3 Obeys
- 4 "Selma" director DuVernay
- 5 Male singing voice
- 6 Humpty's perch
- 7 Skip — (flutter)
- 8 Tax-collecting org.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: When fish eggs are served as food, what are they called?
- LITERATURE: Which Dr. Seuss book about trying new foods has a character called Sam-I-Am?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the most populated country in Africa?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Pine Tree State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal produces mohair?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many tines does a standard dinner fork have?
- FOOD & DRINK: In what year was Kool-Aid introduced?
- TELEVISION: Which animated TV show features a baby named Stewie?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the character played by John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever"?
- SCIENCE: What is a googol?

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Trivia Test Answers  
1. Roe; 2. "Green Eggs and Ham"; 3. Nigeria; 4. Maine; 5. Angora goats; 6. Four; 7. 1927; 8. "Family Guy"; 9. Tony Manero; 10. The digit "1" followed by 100 zeroes

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## Brock & District Donor's Choice continues annual appeal

Brock & District Donor's Choice is a single yearly canvass for charitable donations covering the village of Brock and surrounding rural area.

Prior to the forming of Donor's Choice in 1977, each charity ran its own canvass in the area to raise funds. That meant residents could receive many requests for donations throughout the year. The philosophy behind Donor's Choice is that you are canvassed once a year, and you choose which charity or charities you wish to support. The committee then forwards your donation to the agencies you have chosen. Those agencies may be local, provincial, national or international. You receive one official receipt for tax purposes.

The door-to-door canvass in the village of Brock and surrounding rural area ceased during COVID, and forms are now sent by mail.

Some early committee members were Beth Co-

chrane, Eleanor Jickling, Isobel Kelly, Evelyn McNeil, Sharlotte Preston, Glen Strutt and Sue Wilkins. Many volunteers have helped with the canvassing over the years.

To donate this year, return your completed form to Sandra Elviss, Box 156, Brock, SK, S0L 0H0. An official receipt will be mailed to you. Listed organizations include the Arthritis Society, Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Diabetes Association, Canadian Red Cross Society, Kindersley & District Food Bank, Mental Health Association, Ronald McDonald House, Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Sask. Alzheimer's & Related Diseases Assoc., and Sask. Heart & Stroke Foundation. Donors are also free to give to any other registered charity of their choice.

Brock & District Donor's Choice BN No. 11881 9440 RR0001.

## RCMP report mischief, harassing communications and Highway 7 sideswipe

**ROSETOWN** — Rosetown and Kyle RCMP responded to a range of calls between May 14 and May 21, 2026, including mischief complaints, harassing communications, a suspected hit-and-run involving a semi tractor, and a wellbeing check.

On May 15, RCMP received a mischief complaint in Sovereign.

On May 16, RCMP received a disturbing the peace call in Lucky Lake. Members attended but were unable to locate the vehicle. A suspicious vehicle was reported near Wiseton. Members patrolled the area but did not locate it. A theft was reported in Rosetown. There was insufficient evidence to proceed with the investigation. Members attended a complaint of mischief to a motor vehicle in Lucky Lake.

On May 17, RCMP received a complaint of cows on the roadway on Highway 7 near Fiske. Members attended but did not locate any cows on the road.

On May 18, RCMP received a harassing communications complaint in Rosetown. A second harassing

communications complaint was reported in Kyle.


On May 19, RCMP received a suspicious vehicle complaint in Rosetown. Patrols were made and the vehicle was not located. A traffic hazard was reported on Highway 7 near Rosetown. The debris has been removed from the roadway.

On May 20, RCMP received an erratic driving complaint on Highway 15 near Sovereign. Members were not in a position to intercept the vehicle. A semi tractor was reported to have side-swiped a truck on Highway 7 near Zealandia. No injuries were reported and RCMP are still investigating.

On May 21, RCMP conducted a wellbeing check near Zealandia.

RCMP issued 20 traffic-related charges, and responded to one 911 misdial and one false alarm during the reporting period.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Rosetown RCMP at 306-882-5700 or Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.



**BOOTS, BALL, BLUE SKY.** Kindersley's 11 and Under soccer players burst back into action under a brilliant May sky, with parents lining the pitch to cheer every kick toward the net. The Redemption Baptist church steeple stood watch over the field as red and yellow jerseys collided in a scramble for the ball. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



**A WARM WELCOME TO KINDERSLEY.** Terry Kulczycki recently moved from Saint Paul, Alberta to Kindersley to be closer to her son, and now calls Caleb Village home. Although she settled into town last year, it was only recently that she came across information about Welcome Wagon and asked for a visit. Welcome Wagon volunteer Marge Bailey stopped by to share local information, coupons and gifts from area businesses. New to Kindersley? Welcome Wagon volunteers are ready to help you get acquainted with the community. To request an information packet or a visit, call 306-500-1173. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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## Wilkie woman charged with weapons offence, two thefts

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### MACKLIN

A 43-year-old Wilkie woman faces three charges after RCMP investigated a theft complaint between May 12 and 18.

She was charged with unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon and two counts of theft under \$5,000.

In separate Wilkie files, a 47-year-old woman was charged with failing to comply with a probation order, and a 20-year-old woman was charged with assault and mischief following a complaint of assault.

Wilkie members also located a missing person, executed an arrest warrant on behalf of Saskatoon Police Service, issued a 60-day roadside suspension, conducted a wellbeing check, and responded to multiple complaints of trespassing, threats, theft and breach of peace. Several files were closed when complainants declined to proceed or evidence was insufficient. One report of damage to residential property remains under investigation.

### UNITY

Unity RCMP investigated a fraud complaint that remains open.

Members responded to a request from Child and Family Services to attend a residence, transported a pedestrian off the highway to a nearby community, and assisted CN Police with a railway crossing malfunction.

A complaint about unpaid rent was deemed civil rather than criminal. Officers also handled three traffic complaints, one false 911 call and one false alarm.

Macklin members issued a three-day roadside suspension during a traffic stop and responded to an assault complaint that did not proceed after the complainant declined. One false 911 call was also logged.

Anyone with information about crimes in the Unity, Wilkie or Macklin areas can call the Unity RCMP detachment at 306-228-6300, Wilkie RCMP at 306-843-3480, or Macklin RCMP at 306-753-2171. Tips can also be submitted anonymously to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at [saskcrimestoppers.com](http://saskcrimestoppers.com).

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Applications close Friday, June 5th, 2026.

Submit your resume to:  
Alyssa Underdahl, Deposit and Compliance Manager  
Email: [alyssa.underdahl@luselandcu.com](mailto:alyssa.underdahl@luselandcu.com)



### R.M. of Winslow No. 319

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOREMAN

The Rural Municipality of Winslow No. 319 is currently accepting applications for a permanent, full-time Foreman to join our management team.

The successful candidate will have experience in heavy equipment operation, as well as road maintenance and construction. Applicants must hold a valid Class 5 driver's licence; a Class 1A licence is considered an asset. A strong understanding of equipment operation, along with mechanical aptitude, is required.

This position also requires demonstrated leadership ability, strong communication and organizational skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize and manage projects within the municipality. The Foreman will oversee and manage inventory, including gravel, culverts and municipal signage.

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- Valid licence with clean driver's abstract
- Oilfield safety tickets (First Aid, H2S, WHMIS, Common Safety Orientation) and forklift training, preferred but training would be provided
- Basic computer skills and be able to write clearly to complete all required paperwork

Wage will be based on general oilfield experience and ability. Schedule will be Monday to Friday, with occasional work on Saturday or Sunday, as required.

Closing Date: June 5, 2026

Please forward resume to [rbfchemical@gmail.com](mailto:rbfchemical@gmail.com)  
Only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please.



### JOB POSTING Corporate Secretary

**CATEGORY:** Permanent Full-Time  
**HOURS OF WORK:** Typical schedule includes Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Flexibility required to support Board meetings, including occasional evenings or weekends  
**DATE POSTED:** May 7, 2026  
**SALARY:** \$27.04 - \$28.14/hr dependent on education and experience  
**REPORTS TO:** Executive Director  
**LOCATION:** Wilkie, SK  
**START DATE:** On or about July 1, 2026

#### NATURE OF DUTIES:

The Corporate Secretary plays a key role in supporting strong governance and ensuring the effective functioning of the Agency and Board of Directors. Duties include, but are not limited to:

#### GOVERNANCE & BOARD SUPPORT:

- Prepare and distribute agendas, briefing packages, and meeting materials.
- Record, prepare, and maintain accurate minutes of all Board meetings.
- Track Board member terms, attendance, and compliance requirements.
- Support Board recruitment, onboarding and ongoing development.

#### COMMUNICATION & COORDINATION:

- Serve as a liaison between the Board, Executive Director, and stakeholders.
- Ensure timely communication of Board decisions and directives.
- Coordinate logistics for Board retreats, training sessions, and evaluations.

#### ADMINISTRATION & ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT:

- Assist the Executive Director and Associate Directors with governance and administrative-related tasks and documentation.
- Support policy review, and revision processes.
- Prepare correspondence, reports, and governance-related documentation.
- Uphold confidentiality and ethical standards in all interactions.

#### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Relevant education or experience in governance, administration, or nonprofit management.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work independently, prioritize tasks, and meet deadlines.
- High level of professionalism, discretion, and confidentiality.
- Proficiency in document management, meeting coordination, and minute-taking.
- Clear Criminal Record Check prior to employment.
- Ability to respond to urgent governance needs as required.

#### ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Passion for supporting strong governance and organizational accountability.
- Self-directed, organized
- Comfortable working with confidential and sensitive information.
- Flexible and adaptable to changing priorities.

Please state competition #2026 - 18 when applying.  
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It is with deep sadness that the family of Brian Charteris announce his passing at the Unity Healthcare Facility on May 9, 2026 at the age of 93. Brian was the youngest of five children and was predeceased by his parents, James and Eva Charteris, siblings Vivian (and Morris Close), and his brothers' Terry (and Lydia Charteris), Keith (and Doreen Charteris), Bob (and Marge Charteris).



friends every year and on these trips he would cut down our yearly Christmas tree which was lovingly decorated by the family.

Brian met his first wife Mary McClement, a traveling nurse from Scotland and they were married in December, 1962. He loved seeing his grandchildren and taking them for quad rides on the farm and he fixed up an old motorcycle for his grandson to ride on one of his visits to Canada. His children have fond memories of driving the tractor around the farm, hauling grain with him, fishing for Jackfish at Tramping Lake, snowmobiling, picking berries, and picnics to the Saskatchewan River in the summer with their dad.

Brian is survived by his first wife Mary McClement, second wife Mardel Hompoth, his three loving children, Elaine Charteris (and her two children, Janel and Nate Charteris), Sheena Bartsch (and her daughter Alexis), and Derek Charteris (and wife Parichat "Amy" Charteris).

There will be no funeral service but a memorial and scattering of ashes in the coolies overlooking Tramping Lake Park where he grew up and played as a child and where his family spent every weekend. This will take place October 4, 2026 in the fall (weather permitting). In lieu of sending flowers please consider planting a tree in his memory.

Brian was born into a robust farming and cattle family who homesteaded in the Tramping Lake/Dodsland area and he worked in many different jobs before buying land. He worked as an electrician, a plumber, a pipefitter, he drove a school bus, and he took on many different jobs because he loved to work with his hands. Brian was a handyman "extraordinaire" as he could fix almost anything and he was the last electrician to leave the completed work at the Mendel Arts Gallery in Saskatoon.

Brian went on hunting and fishing trips with his

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**Town of Leader ready for summer with boosted staff**

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
Your West Central Voice

The Town of Leader is looking forward to a busy summer and has all of its extra staff in place too. Town council approved summer staff wages at their regular meeting May 19.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Erin Romanuik stated in a May 21 phone call with Your West Central Voice newspaper that councillors examined and approved wages for a number of summer staff positions, including four to five for the public swimming pool and one tourism coordinator.

Romanuik confirmed the Town of Leader applied for Canada Summer Jobs funding and landed all the grants they applied for. The tourism coordinator works out of the tourism booth.

**Committee work**

The CAO noted that councillors reviewed and adjusted various committee and board appointments after a new councillor was named after the recent by-election.

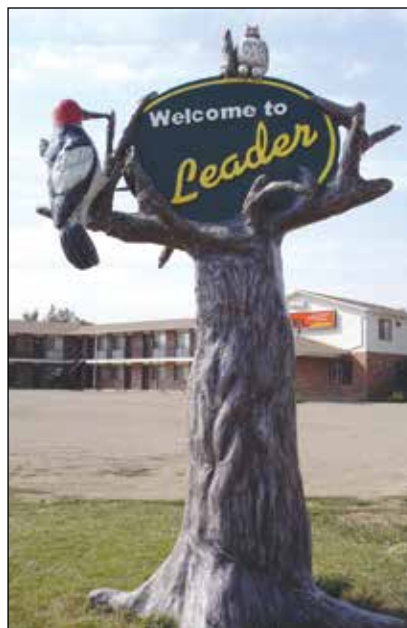
Romanuik noted it's likely committee work will have to be adjusted again in June as the Town of Leader is conducting another by-election to be completed by then.

**Closed session**

The CAO confirmed councillors moved into closed session to discuss human resources. After they re-entered the public meeting no resolutions were made.

**Asphalt work**

The CAO noted that councillors passed a resolution



to award Leader's 2026 paving request for quotes (RFQ) to Affordable Paving of Redcliff, AB. She clarified that the RFQ process was different from a tender; readers should note an RFQ process tends to be quicker and price-focused, while a tender is more detailed and complex.

Romanuik stated the value of Leader's 2026 paving work is \$100,000 including tax and includes base work to repair spots where water utility work was conducted, some milling, spot paving and paving.

The entire project is about 13,000 square feet. The CAO stated there's no definite start date but no streets will have to be closed for the work.

**Wild West Days**

Romanuik noted that councillors approved a community event license for Wild West Days' beer garden. The CAO observed the license was applied for through the Leader Curling Club.

The CAO noted Wild West Days is scheduled to include a parade, ball tournament, mud bogs and tractor pull. The event is scheduled to run June 12 to 14.

**Bylaws passed**

Councillors approved two bylaws at their meeting. The first was Bylaw 03-26 to establish an Iceplex advisory committee, with the CAO noting there were no issues with the bylaw. Councillors passed second and third readings.

Next up was a bylaw to extend time required for completion of the tax roll. The CAO clarified municipal staff request extra time to get the tax roll ready as usually it must be opened May 1. All readings of the bylaw were passed.

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**  
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**EATONIA**  
- Every Thursday from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM come to the Eatonia Library for puzzles, visiting and grab your books for the week!  
- The Lions Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.  
- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.  
- Town Council meet the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

**ESTON**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 30**  
• Eston Museum is open for the season! Come on out for a hotdog, chips and dessert at no charge. Donations accepted. BBQs held every Saturday with the exception of June 13.

**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 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.

• D-Day Legion Supper at the Eston Legion Hall. Happy Hour 5:00 PM. Pork Roast Supper 6:00 PM. Free Hot Dogs and Juice Boxes for kids. Guest Speaker Brittany Johnson. 100th Anniversary of the Legion.

**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**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 28**  
• Pioneers' Haven Community Bingo Night. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. \$5 for 1 card or \$10 for 3. Booth open.

**TUES. & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 & 3**  
• Kerrobert & District Ag Society 80th Annual Regional 4-H Show and Sale at the Kerrobert Fair Grounds - Ag Building.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**  
• Town Wide Garage Sale. Free maps available at the Seniors Hall 9:00 AM. Register your property at the Town Office by June 3. BBQ at the Seniors Hall 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**  
• Kerrobert Composite School Elementary Track & Field Meet. Start time 9:15 AM.

• Pioneers' Haven Supper Fundraiser at the Seniors Hall. Cocktails 5:30 PM. Supper 6:30 PM. For info contact Staci 306-602-9097.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16**  
• Kerrobert Legion Birthday Celebration held at the Curling Rink parking lot. Food truck and a free evening swim from 4:00-8:00 PM.

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

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

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

**KINDERSLEY**  
**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, JUNE 5**  
• Kindersley Antique Threshing Club Seeding Demo with horse-drawn antique drill. Food available on-site. Kindersley Museum. For more info call Lionel 306-463-8352.

**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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
• Biker Blessing Sunday at the Alliance Church (74 West Road). Service starts at 10:30 AM. Potluck to follow. Blessing at 12:45 PM. Kickstands up & ride at 1:00 PM.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**  
• 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.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23**  
• West Central Abilities Notice of Annual General Meeting 10:30 AM at the WCA Activity Centre - Boardroom (122 - 1st Avenue West).

**THURSDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 25-28**  
• Redemption Baptist Church's 4th Annual Gospel Meetings, beginning 7:00 PM each evening. Speaker: Evangelist Alex Rohof. All are welcome. Refreshments and fellowship. Contact Pastor Scott for more info 306-460-4688.

- 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**  
**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**  
- 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 on display featuring intricate handmade birdhouses by Marilyn Zunti.

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. Tickets 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.

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Kathy Wurz

## R.M. of Mariposa lobbied to get onto strychnine map

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
Your West Central Voice

The R.M. of Mariposa lobbied strongly for a place in the federal government's 2026 strychnine program and the work appears to have paid off. Councillors heard an update on the strychnine map issue at their May 8 regular meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kathy Wurz stated in a phone interview May 20 that Mariposa wasn't originally included on government maps describing areas in Saskatchewan where strychnine would be available through Agri-Food and Agriculture Canada's 2026 program.

Wurz stated Mariposa got vocal over this omission and it wasn't long before the maps in question were being redrawn to include Mariposa as an area where producers could access the proven gopher-solution. Even as the program is heavy on rules, the CAO stated councillors felt it was important to offer producers this option.

The CAO observed she wasn't sure

how the maps were drawn in the first place, as Mariposa has traditionally had heavy gopher populations which create problems for producers.

The CAO also noted she's taken the mandatory strychnine training and the law says Mariposa cannot sell strychnine to anyone who hasn't taken the training.

While it's getting late in the spring for gopher solutions, Wurz stated it appears this program will extend to next fall when producers may have a chance to use the poison then.

Councillors also examined their 2025 financial statements which had been submitted by the auditor. The CAO also stated that there were no assessment roll appeals.

Councillors heard that the community water well was getting some maintenance after it was turned off last year. Wurz reported that with all the construction traffic for the new shop it was felt that more traffic for the water well could cause a problem.

Wurz stated the well has a few wrinkles that need to be ironed out before it

will return to full operation. She noted users have been notified the well will be up and running soon.

The CAO presented councillors with information regarding disc mowers; they looked at quotes and were interested in a demonstration. Wurz stated funds have already been budgeted for this purchase.

It was noted during a rec board report that the local Kinsmen Club has donated funds for playground equipment in Poolside Park.

Also, Mariposa has donated funds to support the Kerrobert sports day.

The CAO reported that councillors were happy to hear the fire board's new fire truck arrived but they also had to clarify some of the finances to pay for it. Wurz reported that Mariposa is committed to contributing funds to pay for the fire truck, and the board requested some future funds be paid up-front. As well, the fire board is looking to sell an older truck and apply the revenue to the new truck's purchase price. As well, there was some talk about the purchase of a mini-pumper.

Readers should note since the pandemic the price tags on specialized emergency vehicles have risen substantially; it's not unusual for fire trucks, for example, to start around a quarter million dollars, with some approaching a full million, depending on type and equipment.

The Mariposa council also received an update on efforts to conduct a study of Hwy. #31's condition; Mariposa councillors decided to table this item until they find out what Kerrobert council is doing.

Councillors pondered gravel supplies this summer as they looked at work they wished done in 2026 but continue to look for a contractor. An unexpected shutdown threw a monkey wrench in gravel road plans this summer.

Wurz reported that the R.M. is looking at exploring for more gravel, as it has about a four-year supply but wants to plan ahead 10 to 20 years.

The CAO added that the municipality is always interested in hearing from property owners who think they have gravel on their land.

## Luseland gets \$10K boost in rural police funding

BY STU SALKELD

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Your West Central Voice

**LUSELAND** — The Town of Luseland appeared to have mixed feelings about a recent funding boost its police department received. The mayor of Luseland related the information in an interview with Your West Central Voice May 20.

Mayor Kathy Wurz related that updates to rural police funding were recently made at the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) convention.

The mayor noted that rural police departments and the municipalities that operate them have been lobbying for more funding for quite some time, and the SUMA announcement came as welcome news. However, Wurz noted that elation was tempered with a bit of disappointment.

The mayor noted the Government of Saskatchewan announced increased rural police funding of \$10,000 per officer; the Town of Luseland has its own police department with one member, Police Chief Ty Coleman.

She stated that when it comes to fund-

ing police services, a \$10,000 boost isn't much money. Wurz stated that the town is grateful for the increased funding but she still feels that rural police departments like Luseland's deserve more money.

Wurz observed Luseland has had its own police department for perhaps 40 to 50 years and Police Chief Coleman is very well liked and respected in the community for his dedication, the quality of his work and his visibility in the community.

Wurz noted she feels a rural community gets the best police protection with its own department and she especially likes the close relationship Luseland's police

chief has with the community.

Mayor Wurz noted Luseland pays for its police department itself, and costs for police service can be substantial: training, equipment and vehicles can have large price tags. Wurz also observed that wear and tear to Luseland's police vehicle occurs when its department helps out other police departments in the region.

As for what the \$10,000 could be used for, the mayor responded that the money is fairly small but will probably go into an equipment reserve to be put towards a replacement patrol vehicle in the future.

### Kerrobert & District Agricultural Society

## 80th Annual Regional 4-H SHOW & SALE

June 2 & 3rd, 2026

June 2nd

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- Oral Judging

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