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KCS Rebels shine at Battle West track districts

On May 27th and 28th, 570 athletes took part in the Battle West Track and Field Districts in North Battleford, with 29 of them from KCS! This is the second-largest track and field meet in all of Saskatchewan, getting ready to send the best of the best to provincials!

It was an amazing few days for the Rebels, with many ribbons won (54 to be exact!), many personal bests, new track athletes trying new events, 8 athletes who ribboned in every event they competed in, and three top 10 finishes for their age category:

1. Jorja - 9th out of 48 Bantam Girls
2. Brady - 8th out of 53 Intermediate Boys
3. Jacob - 7th out of 39 Junior Boys

We are also very proud to announce that we will be sending one athlete to the SHSAA Provincial Track and Field Championship in Saskatoon, June 5th and 6th! Congratulations to Dreyton, who qualified and will be representing KCS in the Intermediate Boys Quad!

Our school also finished 7th out of 22 schools for points.



TAKING AIM. Dreyton Snell loads up for the javelin throw at the Battle West Track and Field Districts in North Battleford last week. Snell will compete in the Intermediate Boys Quad at the SHSAA Provincial Track and Field Championships in Saskatoon June 5 and 6.

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FROM THE HIGH SEAS TO THE SPOTLIGHT. The Grade 7 band works through Pirates of the Caribbean at the Elizabeth School Spring Concert.

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HORNS UP. The Jr. Jazz Band brings the brass and reeds to Little Sunflower and three more selections at the Elizabeth School Spring Concert



THREE SONGS, WEEKS OF WORK. The Grade 6 band shares the fruit of its labour at the Elizabeth School Spring Concert.

PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

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Elizabeth School bands put on an amazing show

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — The Elizabeth School gym was filled with the sound of music on Wednesday evening, May 20th. Michael Reece introduced the Grade 6 band at the beginning of the evening. These students had worked really hard to put on this show, and you could tell by their faces they were very excited to share their talent with their parents and grandparents.

The Grade 6 band performed three selections, as Mr. Reece noted, “It’s impossible how much work goes into these three songs.” However, the band’s excellent performance was the evidence of their hard work.

The Jr. Jazz Band followed, as they performed “Lit-

tle Sunflower,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “Smoke on the Water” and “Viva la Vida.” Their instructor acknowledged it took a long time for the jazz band “to get here,” after which the band wowed their audience with each selection.

Last but not least, the Grade 7 band performed “Dark Adventure” and “Pirates of the Caribbean” before playing the last piece entitled “Happy.” “Happy they’re done with band?” Mr. Reece quipped. However, the students looked like they were enjoying every minute of their special evening.

“I’m so proud of them,” their instructor said, and all the family and friends in the audience were equally proud of all the band members.

Meet Evan Pelletier, our summer student

KINDERSLEY — My name is Evan Pelletier, and I am a marketing student at the University of Alberta with an interest in communication, storytelling and digital media. I am excited to have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while contributing to the community.

Outside of school, I have practised various forms of martial arts for more than 13 years and enjoy videography and video editing. I have always been interested in how stories are shared, whether through writing, video or other forms of media.

Being from Kindersley, I understand what makes this community special, and I look forward to helping share the stories, events and people that make it such a great place to call home.

Publisher Kate Winquist adds:

We are thrilled to have Evan join us for the summer. We are hoping to gain as much knowledge from his young marketing mind as he will from us “old” veterans of the newspaper and marketing world.

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The Roar for More Bike Rally on Saturday raised funds for the construction of a gazebo at Baker Park in Kindersley.

PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

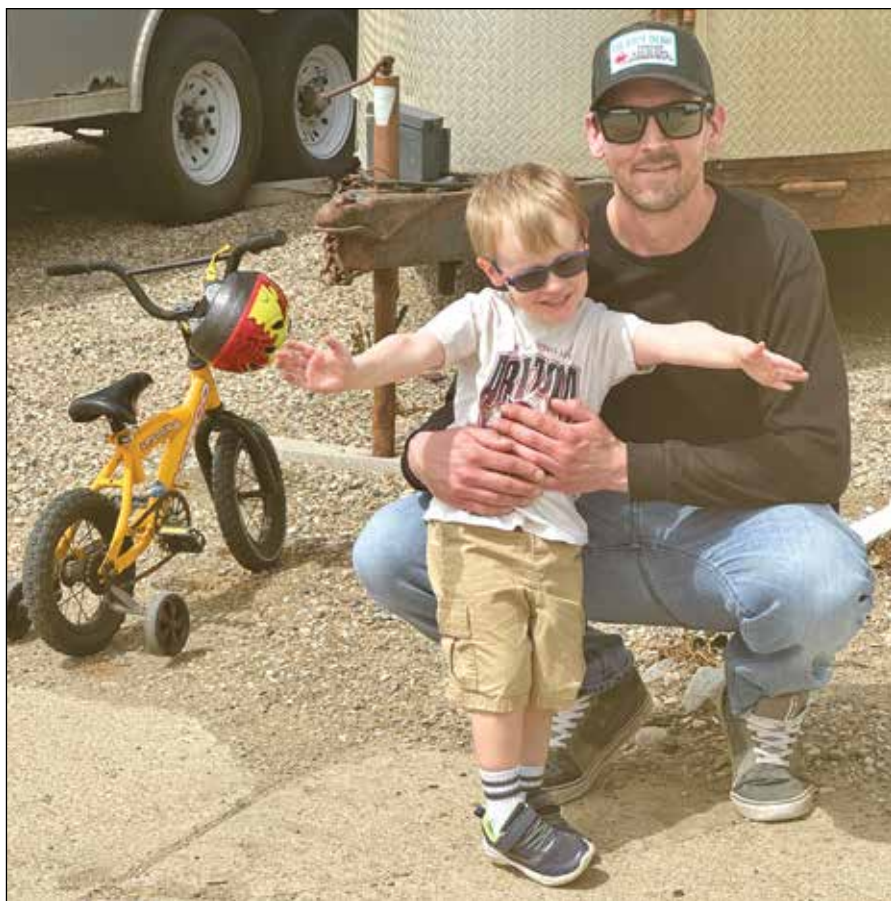
Biker rally raises funds for gazebo project at Baker Park

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — Kindersley's Roar for More Bike Rally kicked off on Saturday morning, May 30th, when bikers met at 112 Railway West in Kindersley to raise funds for a worthwhile project. All proceeds from Saturday's event went towards the construction of a gazebo at Baker Park in Kindersley.

After their 300 km ride, riders and guests met for a barbecue beef supper where 50/50 draw prizes were announced and there were plenty of silent auction prizes available. Darrell Fitterer Performance and TKC sponsored the fundraising event.

"We are hoping to raise enough money, with help from the community, to do this project in the next couple of months," Darrell said. It's estimated it will cost \$30,000 to complete the project, and he's hoping other clubs and businesses will help contribute towards the cause.



This little guy was the youngest biker present. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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Kerrobert society looking for help to preserve historic courthouse

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

KERROBERT — A Kerrobert-area non-profit society is seeking help to preserve the community's historic courthouse, which also happens to house the local municipal office and other agencies.

Veronica Smith, chair of the Kerrobert Courthouse Restoration Society, recently spoke with Your West Central Voice about the issues facing the historic, century-old Kerrobert courthouse which is owned by the town. The historic building faces issues from water and weight and also has brick features that require maintenance.

"Our restoration projects focus on protecting the foundation from water damage," stated Smith in an email to the newspaper. "Our current focus is on repairing urgent foundation issues that are causing damage to the interior basement walls and compromising the support of the masonry on the facade of the building.

"(A structural engineer's report advised)... fixing the drainage, repointing brick, sealing the exterior and ensuring proper site grading to divert water from the building.

"You may notice the scaffolding set up around the courthouse right now. The Town of Kerrobert has engaged Rocco Stone Masonry contractors from Saskatoon to repoint areas of the exterior bricks that have lost mortar.

"We have worked with this firm in the past, and expect the cost to be in excess of \$16,000. The town is current-

ly acquiring quotes for the foundation work as well."

Smith noted in her email that much work funded through donations, grants and fundraising has already been completed on the historic building. "Exterior windows have been restored and painted, eavestroughs and cornice/soffit repaired to prevent mortar and cement erosion, short-term water drainage solution in parking lot, interior basement column repaired, front stairs and Tyn-dall brick stair walls restored and bat exclusion from the attic," noted Smith.

According to the Town of Kerrobert's website, the Kerrobert Courthouse Restoration Society was formed to fundraise for Kerrobert Courthouse upgrades and to continue to restore it to its natural beauty. The town council committee is made up of members of each of the groups housed within the courthouse building and individuals who have the well-being of the building in mind.

"Our historic courthouse has become a hub for Kerrobert and surrounding area where business, history and culture converge," stated Smith in her email. "Not only does it house the Town of Kerrobert offices, but the Kerrobert Museum, the Courtroom Art Gallery and the Wheatland Regional Library."

The society continues to raise funds for the restoration project; those interested can pay by cheque (payable to the Town of Kerrobert, Box 558, "Courthouse Restoration") or by phoning the town at 306-834-2361. Smith noted charitable receipts can be issued for donations over \$20.



A Kerrobert-area non-profit society is seeking help to preserve the community's historic courthouse, which also happens to house the local municipal office and other agencies. PHOTO BY THIS LITTLE LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY



Scaffolding set up around Kerrobert's courthouse right now involves Rocco Stone Masonry from Saskatoon repointing areas of the exterior bricks that have lost mortar. PHOTO COURTESY VERONICA SMITH

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For a complete list of acceptable ID view Appendix D – Table 1 page 76-78 of *The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015* or stop by the Town Office to view the list.

Doctors discuss the impact of AI on healthcare

BY JOAN JANZEN



Here are a few funny doctor's notes recorded by medical secretaries: "Discharge status: Alive, but without my permission." Another note read, "The patient was in his usual state of good health until his plane ran out of fuel and crashed." And the final note, "On the second day the knee was better and on the third day, it disappeared."

I recently listened to three doctors discuss their concerns regarding the impact of AI on healthcare and thought I'd share some of the points they made. The three experienced physicians are Dr. Suneel Dhand, Internal Medicine, Dr. Peter Chiotellis, Cardiologist, and Dr. Ben Levin, Primary Care. They listed concerns they potentially see about to happen within the next year or two.

"If you receive healthcare in any western country, please listen," Dr. Suneel began. The first concern they listed was "more rigid protocols." He explained that protocols are instituted for safety so everyone gets the same kind of experience.

Dr. Ben chimed in saying a good doctor knows your body so well he may come up with treatments that may be outside of protocols, but work for you. Some treatments work for individuals because our bodies all function differently. "With AI that will go away," he said.

"AI generates a plan and 95 percent of the time, the doctor agrees and won't change anything,"

Dr. Suneel Dhand

Dr. Suneel recalled a time when doctors spent five minutes scribbling a prescription and thirty minutes with their patient. "Now it's the opposite; they spend five minutes with their patient and thirty minutes on documentation and medical records."

Dr. Ben said he's concerned that AI may not be a great listener. He said what's needed is a good collaboration of a doctor listening to their patient as well as incorporating AI.

Their next concern was that AI may discourage people with good intentions from enrolling in medical school. Dr. Ben explained that people may be concerned they won't have the ability to have a face-to-face relationship with their patients. "You don't want to discourage the right kind of people," he added.

Dr. Peter said it may result in less access to healthcare if there's a void of future doctors or doctors that have experience. He compared it to using a calculator, and not knowing how to do math without it. "We don't want doctors to be solely AI messengers," he said.

These comments led to their next

concern, the potential dumbing down of the medical profession. Dr. Ben noted the healthcare system is chronically overwhelmed, patients move through quickly and accept everything AI suggests. "That concerns me," he said.

"AI generates a plan and 95 percent of the time, the doctor agrees and won't change anything," Dr. Suneel added.

"You need the human touch to understand individuals," Dr. Peter said. He used the illustration of a pilot flying a jumbo jet on autopilot, and asked what happens when the autopilot (or in this case the AI protocol) doesn't work and you have to fly it on your own?

Dr. Peter said he can tell a lot just by how a patient walks, talks and smiles, especially if he's familiar with the patient. "That's something AI could never do," he said.

Their next concern was regarding staffing. "I've seen videos online of hospitals increasingly utilizing remote consultations for things like the ICU and neurologists where you look at a person on a computer screen and interpret their needs. That may extend to AI interpreting their needs," Dr. Suneel said.

They also considered how AI would replace workers. For example, AI could

interpret x-rays and just have someone oversee it. Dr. Peter emphasized the importance of having a doctor who can correctly read test results and interpret findings, whereas AI can make mistakes if you're solely relying on that tool.

"This generation feels the need for a balance between human interaction and AI, but the next generation may not feel that way," he mused.

A huge concern for the three doctors was a patient's data being used against them. "This is a huge privacy concern," observed Dr. Ben. The government could scan your medical data, pull all data research and say even though your doctor recommended a treatment that's been working for you for ten years, they can't find data for it so they won't approve it anymore.

They concluded by advising their listeners to eat healthy, exercise, try to stay positive, and do your own homework. "The big mistake I see people making is never questioning medications they're on and allowing them to continue for years," Dr. Ben observed. "With every new medication you should ask why you're on it and is there a way to get off of it."

Dr. Peter agreed saying people think the natural aging process means increased medications and doctors are surprised if a senior isn't on any medications.

They advised everyone to keep researching, speak up when something isn't acceptable and insist on high standards and maintaining humanity in healthcare. "Change comes from you, the patient," Dr. Suneel concluded.

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A right turn instead of a left

BY KATE WINQUIST

Every day, I have the pleasure of driving by the Kindersley Regional Park Golf Course on my way to work.

I golfed it once, probably in the late 1980s, before I actually knew how to golf. Not that you'd know it now, but once upon a time, I was actually a respectable golfer. I was even president of the Rock Creek Ladies Golf Club in Shaunavon back in the late 1990s. Or was it the early 2000s? It's been so long that I can't even remember.

I started golfing for the pure social aspect of it. I figured if I could hit a fastball, surely I would be able to smack a golf ball. The only problem was that I swung my Canadian Tire clubs the same way I swung a baseball bat. Friends tried to teach me a proper stance, but I'm not sure I ever really got the hang of it. Old habits die hard.

Being a farm gal and a fastball player, I built up some pretty good upper-body strength in my younger days, so I could drive a golf ball surprisingly well. My short game was another story. My putting could be either really, really good, thanks to years of mini-golf practice, or really, really bad. There didn't seem to be much middle ground.

Rock Creek in Shaunavon was a nine-hole grass-green course and, if memory serves me correctly, a par 36. A good day for me was somewhere in the 48-to-52 range. Most days were probably a little higher than that. But on one glorious occasion, and yes, only once, I shot a 40.

I was on fire.

The drives were long and straight. The pitching wedge actually listened to me. The putter behaved itself. Everything clicked, and for one afternoon I briefly entertained the notion that perhaps I was destined for golfing greatness.

That notion didn't last long.

One of my favourite golf memories came years later when Winquist Ventures sponsored the Boomtown Ladies Best Ball tournament. I believe it was around 2009 or 2010. I even convinced a couple of Kindersley golfers to make the trip down to Shaunavon and join in the fun. It was less about the scorecards and more about the laughter, the friendships and the stories that seemed to grow with every hole and every beverage consumed.

Looking back, that's probably what golf was really about for me all along.

These days, those golfing years feel like a distant memory. My old Canadian Tire clubs were eventually upgraded thanks to a Christmas gift from Robert, but the newer clubs spend most of their time in the shed collecting dust. I haven't golfed in years, probably not since I moved away from Shaunavon in 2012.

Every so often, I'll see golfers out on the course and think to myself that I should get out more. Lord knows I could use the exercise. Then I think about the fresh air, the sunshine, the socializing and the simple pleasure of spending a couple of hours outdoors instead of staring at a computer screen.

Maybe it's time.



CART TALK. Liz Spetz, left, and Lisa Schmit share a laugh from the cart during the 2010 Boomtown Ladies Best Ball Tournament at Rock Creek Golf Club in Shaunavon. The pair rounded out a foursome that measured the day in laughs more than strokes, with a few side debates over mini-golf and cribbage left unsettled.



BOOMTOWN ON THE HORIZON. Shaunavon rises in the distance, grain elevators and all, seen from the old hole 9 tee box at Rock Creek Golf Club in 2010. Course upgrades have since reshuffled the layout, but the south-west Saskatchewan view is hard to beat.



CLOSE, BUT NO. A long putt from yours truly, slides past the cup at Rock Creek Golf Club in Shaunavon during the 2010 tournament.

Maybe those clubs deserve a good cleaning.

Maybe the golf shoes still fit.

And maybe, just maybe, the next time I'm driving home along Ditson Drive on a Tuesday evening, I'll make a right turn into the Kindersley Regional Park Golf Course instead of a left turn toward home.

If nothing else, it might be fun to find out whether that one-round wonder who shot a 40 all those years ago still has a little bit of magic left in her.

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Adventures in directions

BY MADONNA HAMEL

An aide on the neurology ward is holding up a lady diaper. "I've gone from 'I'm a big girl now' to 'I'm an old girl now,'" I say. "Put the long end at the top and the short end at the bottom," she says. "Then just peel the tabs and attach."



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

I appreciate the directions. God knows I need them. And I am thrilled to no longer have my body forced to pee into a bag. My problem is, after brain surgery, I'm having a hard time telling long from short, top from bottom, or even inside from outside. I'm not sure if this is because of my cocktail of meds, the wearing off of the anaesthetic, or the effects of a tumour on my ability to discern time and space.

Thankfully, my new pal Lydia, another older aide, was just passing by at the time and offered the best advice yet: "Just do what works."

Earlier that morning Lydia walked by my bed as I was propping a book on my knees and, without missing a beat, informed me: "I can see your bu-um." And now my bum needed diapers.

Getting and giving directions is a real challenge at the best of times. It's humbling to ask where a certain street is when you're standing in the middle of it. But being humbled is part of this whole adventure in consciousness. (I prefer to refer to this ongoing brain cancer experience as an adventure – a venturing forth – rather than use the term "journey.")

To become humble, as they say in 12-step recovery, is to become right-sized and teachable. And I need to be both. It's hard to be humble when you're embarrassed, frustrated, uncertain and arrogant about what you assume you're capable of, or what you assume you're really good at.

(On the other hand, I believe it should be humbling to every expert or newly trained graduate to be reminded that, even if they understand their particular field and they know the protocol and they've read all the studies and they direct you to do something that may sound reasonable and helpful and according to plan, just because "it should work," doesn't mean it will.)

So much doesn't work according to plan when you've got an acquired brain injury. Right after my brother's stroke, he had to constantly remind me that, even though I'd point at the calendar and tell him he had a neurology appointment on Thursday at ten, early enough to catch the first ferry to the island and still be able to make it back in time to catch the last ferry, he couldn't sort Thursday from ten from first from last.

We get our directions from different places. Just yesterday, while filling my bowl with shredded wheat, I recalled how, like so many Canadian kids, I got my

first lessons in French by reading the sides of cereal boxes. My sister Celeste practiced her French by reading shampoo bottles.

We all have a "Mode d'emploi" to get us through the tough days. I once had a boyfriend who suggested I write a Madonna manual of operation for him so we could avoid so many arguments and misunderstandings.

I suppose, whether we realize it or not, by our very maneuvering and negotiating and navigating, through trial and error, we teach our friends and family how to handle us. We write the manual.

My little sister recently got our nephew Eric, a gifted tattoo artist, to etch a compass on her forearm. She told me she got it so she could glance down at any time of day and remember that she can choose her direction in life.

When I first moved to the prairie and was getting my new bank account, the teller in Swift Current asked me my address. I couldn't tell her. I had a PO Box but I couldn't say what my actual building address was. "Oh, that's ok. I still tell people I live on Main Street, just past where the old tree used to be."

When I travelled on the road as a backup singer for my ex's band, we still relied on maps. Being the girlfriend riding shotgun next to the boss meant I was expected to be navigator. I didn't excel at the job, but I learned to trust the dotted lines of America's highways and byways. I became the road-tripper I was born to be, the daughter of a car salesman who passed down to all his kids a penchant for taking to the road. Beginning with long-haul drives from Prince George, BC, to Kelowna – vacations, ski trips, camping trips and random explorations – began for me a life of journeys and adventures behind the wheel.

By far one of the hardest parts of this new "adventure" I'm living is not being able to jump in my car and hit the road. I am on anti-seizure drugs so that I don't suddenly veer off the road. But I also have a left-side peripheral vision issue that means I'll be a passenger for the rest of my life. I will need to ask for rides, another humbling experience, especially as the place I love to drive to the most is the heart of Grasslands National Park, where, truth be told, all I do is walk anyway.

Speaking of asking: the best directions I ever got were from a man walking down a dusty road on the island of Antigua. I was with my pal Avril and we stopped to ask him about a roadhouse we were told about.

He pointed down the road and said: "You go straight, straight, straight. And den you ax somebody. Just ax. You'll get dere."

As for the lady diapers, they still confound me. I still find it hard to tell top from bottom. A couple days ago, having decided I was going to take a very long walk, I thought it best to wear one, just in case I had an accident on the way home. Thankfully, I made it safely back without pooping. But when I arrived at the door, I realized the dang thing had worked its way all to the bottom of my pants. And I didn't even have Lydia to point out that she could see my bu-um!

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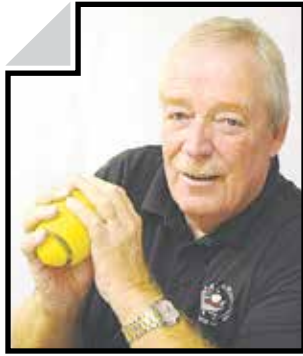
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Not everyone loves CFL's new look

BY BRUCE PENTON



Sports
By Bruce Penton

The new-look Canadian Football League season kicks off this week and while some are applauding the significant rule changes made to the game since last year's Grey Cup, not everyone is thrilled.

Commissioner Stewart Johnston, who took the helm about a year ago and is the architect, at least in the public's eye, of these changes, say the new rules will help to speed up play and lead to more exciting touchdown drives and fewer boring field goals. More changes are in store for 2027, which include reduction of the field to 100 yards and moving the goalposts to the back of the end zone.

When the 2026 season kicks off June 4 in a game between Montreal and Hamilton, here are two major changes fans will see:

— A 35-second play clock

— Elimination of the one-point rouge if the ball is kicked through the end zone by way of a field-goal attempt, a punt or a kickoff (the rouge remains if the ball stays within the end zone and the returner takes a knee or is unable to advance the ball into the playing field).

The latter change means teams will no longer automatically get one point for a missed field goal, oftentimes the winning point in a tight game. That, says retired CFL referee Bud Ulrich, is an abomination.

"That takes away from some of the most exciting plays we witnessed for many years," Ulrich wrote in

a letter to the Winnipeg Free Press.

"These changes can only be viewed as aligning our game with the National Football League," Ulrich continued. "In today's climate of Canada needing to be self-reliant and not dependent on the United States, for the development of our game, I am both surprised and disappointed" ... with the changes.

The play-clock change is likely to speed up play, say CFL officials, and Grey Cup champion quarterback Trevor Harris agrees. "I think it's going to increase the amount of plays," Harris told Taylor Shire of the Regina Leader-Post. "And so, if you're watching a 60-minute football game, you're going to see more plays and that's exciting. Less wasted time and I'm fired up about it."

Meanwhile, Roughrider fans all over the country are hoping for a Grey Cup repeat from their favourite team. After a Week 1 bye, the Riders open their season at home on June 13 against the B.C. Lions. The nine CFL teams will vie for six playoff positions, but next year, the playoff format will include eight of the nine teams. In a press release, the CFL said the playoff format changes will "create more meaningful games, better summer experiences for fans, and a more competitive path to the Grey Cup." Detractors, however, say allowing eight of the nine teams into post-season play will render the regular season meaningless. Cynics state the obvious: The move was made to allow more teams to have playoff games, ergo, more revenue. If the move proves to be extremely unpopular, the fans will respond by staying home.

Fat chance of that.

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on the fall from grace of a golf great: "Tiger Woods was never supposed to be a punchline. He was supposed to be a legend carved in marble."
- Former Steelers' coach Mike Tomlin, on a player

who said he wanted to be traded: "I'm okay with that. We want volunteers, not hostages."

- Shane Ryan of GolfDigest.com, on Russell Henley's poor performance in last year's Ryder Cup: "If I had to compare his Ryder Cup to a bird, it would be a pigeon that gets hit by a tractor."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "The Montreal Canadiens beat the Buffalo Sabres (in Game 7). I'm so old I remember when it wasn't a shock that a Canadian team MIGHT win the Stanley Cup."
- South African golf great Gary Player, on Elvis Presley's golf grip: "Like he was a cow giving birth to a roll of barbed wire."
- Journalist Michael Farber, on referencing a former NHLer when asked what to call a feline pet: "Al Iafate Cat."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "The Lakers may not be the Beatles in their prime, but they're like the Rolling Stones of today — older, richer and running mostly on legacy — but somehow still selling out every arena in America."
- One more Bianchi offering: "Kudos to the Washington Wizards for winning the NBA's draft lottery. Finally, a success story in D.C. that doesn't include a leaked memo, a subpoena and a congressional hearing."
- Another headline at the onion.com: "Shai Gilgeous-Alexander Trying To Draw Foul While Shooting Free Throw"
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "If Mitch Marnier had played the way he's playing now in Vegas, he'd still be a Leaf."
- Another one from Simmons: "Bruce Cassidy reminds me of Pat Burns. Five-year contract, three-year act."

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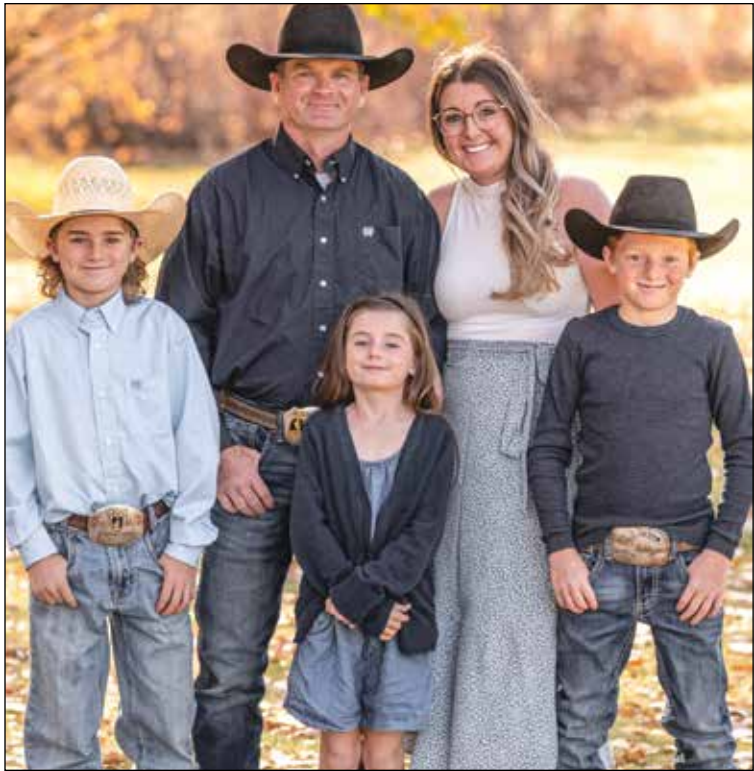
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This family photo from a couple of years ago pictures Riley and Savanna Tye with their children (l-r) Quade, Cabrie and Keller. The Tye family from New Brigden has spent every weekend since the end of March travelling to rodeos, where their children compete.

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Rodeo runs deep for New Brigden's Tye family

BY JOAN JANZEN

Rodeo is a family affair that encompasses multiple generations. These families don't just attend rodeos; they live them and are tied together by the sport. The Tye family from New Brigden is just one of the many rodeo families who have rodeo in their blood, even though DNA samples may not be able to provide proof.



Quade rode Thursday night in the Junior Steer Riding at the Kindersley Indoor Rodeo.

PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

Savanna and Riley Tye's son Quade was a contestant in Junior Steer Riding at the Kindersley rodeo on the weekend. He and his brother Keller compete in chute dogging, which is steer wrestling without a horse. The boys' sister Cabrie competes in barrel racing and pole bending.

"In our house it was kind of bred into them," their mom Savanna explained. "All the kids have wanted to do is live up to their dad, uncles and grandpa's legacies." Those legacies are quite impressive.

Savanna's grandfather, the late Wilf Girletz, was a multiple Canadian Champion in bull riding and the all-around. He later founded Girletz Rodeo Stock, home of many great bucking bulls in Canada.

"My dad was a bull rider and later a pick-up man and stock contractor with my uncles," she further explained. "My brother is a Canadian champion bull rider, my mom was a barrel racer and my husband was a bull fighter." Bull fighters are those courageous athletes who step into

the arena during bull riding events to distract the bull and protect contestants.

And Savanna won her first peewee barrel racing buckle in Jenner, Alberta, when she was just four years old. "I started entering small local rodeos as soon as I could ride on my own," she said.

Now the family operates a small cattle feeding and cow-calf operation, as well as some grain farming outside of New Brigden, Alberta. Savanna also works part-time as a dental hygienist, but they always make time for rodeos.

"We have spent one to three days every weekend at a rodeo since the third week in March," Savanna said. "We travel all over Alberta, and will be travelling to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where both boys will compete in the National Junior High School Finals." On the weekend, Quade travelled to Grande Prairie, Kindersley, Handhills and Cadogan.

Quade trains for his competitions by working on the farm, riding ranch horses bareback, doing stretches and sitting on a yoga ball while watching TV.

"The kids had all attended a rodeo by the age of one month; they have always loved it!" Savanna recalled. "We have been very clear that we will support whatever sport they choose; it just happens to be a sport we both love as well." For families like the Tyes, rodeo is more than a sport; it's a family lifestyle.



ORANGE YOU GLAD THEY STOPPED BY? Bryan and Julie Greer welcomed a burst of colour to their Kindersley back yard when a group of orioles came for a visit. The brighter birds are the males, which migrate to the area in mid-May.

"I know they like oranges, so I washed an orange and stuck it on the metal post and they've been loving it," Julie said. "Today's the first time I've ever seen them in my yard. They may be passing through." PHOTOS SUBMITTED



More than 3,000 episodes of The Friendly Giant were watched by 800,000 Canadian kids each week from 1958 to 1985. PHOTO: CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Look way up and way back to episodes of the Friendly Giant

BY JOAN JANZEN

"Look way up ... waaaay up!" Those were words heard by generations of Canadian kids over 3,000 episodes and throughout 27 years. From 1958 until 1985 kids were shown their choice of seats: a little chair for you, a bigger chair for two to curl up in, and a rocking chair for someone who likes to rock. The same words were spoken every day before the drawbridge was lowered, young viewers entered the castle, and the main characters emerged: Jerome the Giraffe, Rusty the Rooster and the Friendly Giant.

Bob Homme (aka the Friendly Giant) would play various types of music on the clarinet, recorder and tin whistle. Jerome would sing while Rusty played the harp. The two puppets were manipulated by Rod Coneybear. The puppeteer was tall enough to operate both puppets at the same

time, as well as do their voices.

The 15-minute episodes were unscripted. Coneybear and Homme would improvise the dialogue between the puppets and the Friendly Giant.

After the show was cancelled due to budgetary cutbacks at CBC, reruns were televised until 1987. The show was watched by 800,000 children each week during the show's peak years.

Homme refused to market the show by selling any merchandise and rarely appeared in interviews because he didn't want to spoil the illusion for children. He became a Canadian citizen in the early 1990s and earned the Order of Canada in 1998. He spent his retirement years in Ontario until his passing in 2000.

Rusty and Jerome are on display at the CBC Radio and Television Museum in Toronto along with the castle and miniature chairs.



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SaskPower packs the room with contractors and suppliers, eager for work on coal refurbishments

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK
PipelineOnline.ca

ESTEVAN — The same day the legislative session wrapped up in Regina, with fiery rhetoric about how horrible it would be if Saskatchewan refurbished its coal-fired power plants, a seminar was held in Estevan for suppliers eager to work on that very project.

Approximately 120 people plus about 20 SaskPower staff packed the Southeast College auditorium on May 14. The invitation-only event drew mostly companies that have worked with SaskPower before, along with community leaders from the city, municipality and Indigenous communities. They heard from SaskPower executives including Gregg Milbrandt, vice president of Asset Strategy and Planning, and Rhea Brown, executive vice president, Customer Experience & Procurement.

Attendees heard details like generator rewinds, substantial work on water treatment facilities and coal handling equipment. There's a lot to be done.

The long term goal is for coal-fired power to act as a bridge to nuclear. But it will be many years before any reactors are running, let alone enough to replace the existing coal fleet and handle growth. The refurbishments are meant to get us there.

Brown told Pipeline Online, "Today in Estevan, we're pleased to be here to host our supply chain involved with our coal assets, because we are life extending all seven of our units, and we are highlighting the work that's going to happen, the timing of that work and when the procurement packages will be out for bid."

SaskPower has designed multiple job packages to create scopes that align with local capacity. In most, it will look for larger contractors to engineer or lead construction while partnering to include local subcontractors and labour. Some scopes, including Engineering, Procurement & Construction Management (EPCM) or General Constructor (GC), are expected to span the whole project. Others are specific to individual plants.

Brown said SaskPower hit a record "committed spend" this past fiscal year, with \$1 billion committed to Saskatchewan suppliers. Suppliers can find work packages on MERX and SaskTenders.

Milbrandt outlined the sequencing. "From a sequencing at a high level, we are focusing on the 300 megawatt units first, starting with BD6. We will be alternating on the 300 megawatts between our Estevan area as well as the Coronach area. So it's going to go BD6, PR2, Shand, then PR1. Following the three hundreds, we will then life-extend the 150 megawatt units ... it goes BD3, BD5, BD4. Boundary Dam 3 ends up in that period where it's that half-life extension. It was fully rebuilt in 2014."

Some work starts this fall. "We've actually got some work starting this fall, on BD6, retubing the condenser," Milbrandt said, describing early phase work at Boundary Dam and Poplar River to keep equipment running until the life extension windows.



The room was packed on May 14 with businesspeople eager to get a piece of the action on the impending coal refurbishment project. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Brought back to life

In April, Boundary Dam Unit 4, which had been retired, was brought back to life. Milbrandt said BD4 was producing 120 megawatts that morning, and that all four units at Boundary Dam are now in operation.

That matters. The reason a multi-billion dollar Bell data centre is under construction southeast of Regina is precisely because SaskPower had the capacity to restore roughly 300 megawatts of dispatchable power to the grid. That data centre, with an anticipated economic impact of \$12 billion, will require 300 megawatts. On May 18 and 19, coal-fired output exceeded an average of 1,000 megawatts per day. SaskPower often uses round numbers. BD4 and BD5 each carry a 139 megawatt nameplate capacity but are referred to as 150 megawatt units.

BD4 and BD5 had been retired due to federal coal regulations, their lives extended under a 2018 coal equivalency agreement. BD4 was fully disconnected from the grid in late 2024.

Sandon Weber of Sector 1, a local contracting firm, wasn't chasing plant work so much as the spinoffs. "We want to be ready for there's going to be added population growth in Estevan. So looking at building homes, building rental properties, hotel accommodations, stuff like that."

Jim Wilson of Wil-Tech Industries has done maintenance, repair and overhaul on the plants for 35 years and now hopes to join the full build. "With the potential of the coal rebuild, and if you threw in nuclear that's 20 years of construction," he said. "This is a good deal for us, and it's better than where we were headed with the other deal. So we see coal and power generation surviving for 20 more years in the community."

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MOVIE REVIEW

The Mandalorian and Grogu finds heart in a father and son bond

BY JOAN JANZEN

Star Wars lives on as the latest movie, The Mandalorian and Grogu, was featured at the local theatre. Star Wars was first released almost fifty years ago in May of 1977, a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

On the surface, it looks like another Star Wars movie, but it has an interesting theme. The main character, Djarin, is a hardened bounty hunter who knows how to survive. Then he meets Grogu, who can be compared to Yoda as a child.

Caring for this child may have started off as an assignment, but it becomes obvious Djarin is more than just Grogu's caregiver, and Grogu is more than an apprentice. It's a movie about a child who found a father and family.

Djarin shelters Grogu, teaches him, strengthens him to go out into the world, and prepares him for the future. Grogu is gifted but immature and needs instruction. This is played out when Djarin straps the youngster into his seat and tells him not to touch any buttons in the spaceship, because, like any child, he needs to be trained and protected.

But over time, the protected becomes the protector. The movie culminates in a payoff when the vulnerable little child steps up and protects Djarin, his teacher, and saves his life.

When the child becomes a warrior and the protected one becomes the protector, it illustrates generational faithfulness. Every parent's goal is to raise children who will be able to train the next generation for success, and eventually be their protector. And young Grogu wasn't designed to blend into the empire but to



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make a difference.

Even though the movie received average reviews from the critics, it delivered an inspiring underlying theme and enough action to captivate the audience's attention.



Alessia Cara, Barenaked Ladies among Canada Day performers

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Alessia Cara and the Barenaked Ladies will help residents celebrate Canada Day.

Those acts will be among performers on the national broadcast from Ottawa on July 1, a federal statement said. Televised festivities begin at 11 a.m. CST over most CBC outlets.

"In addition to highlighting key moments in our history, (the morning) ceremony will bring together inspiring guests," the statement said, indicating that details hadn't been confirmed.

The evening broadcast, titled Celebrating our Canada!, features 18 performers, including host Isabelle Racicot, besides Cara, the Barenaked Ladies and Begonia in a segment from Winnipeg. Fireworks, set off from near the park, are to follow.

It "will bring together generations and regions from coast to coast to coast," the statement said. "Led by some of the country's most distinctive voices, the lineup will bring together iconic artists and talents who are shaping today's Canada."

People may again record short videos to wish Canada a happy birthday, some of which will appear during the evening broadcast. Someone who submits a video will win a Via Rail trip and a "VIP experience at Canada Day 2027." See the O Canada! Station website for details on how to take part.

People may experience entertainment all day at LeBreton Flats Park in Ottawa or at four surrounding sites, including Parliament Hill, which gets the Snowbirds, the Changing of the Guard ceremony and the Royal Canadian Air Force Pipes and Drums.

Environment Department turns to AI for earlier weather warnings

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Officials promise that Canadians will learn about bad weather further in advance now that they've adopted artificial intelligence to help in their forecasts.

The hybrid forecasting system, which they've tested for more than a year, "combines the power of artificial intelligence (AI) with the strengths of traditional forecasting methods," said an Environment Department backgrounder issued last week. Staff say it will improve public safety and emergency readiness and give residents "more time to prepare for high-impact weather."

"Traditional weather forecasting is based on numerical weather prediction models," the document said. "These models combine data from weather observations such as satellite data, weather balloons and radars from domestic and other sources." Forecasters then simulated atmospheric changes, such as for temperature, wind and precipitation, to produce their forecasts in the past.

Department staff call their AI forecast model the Global Environmental eMuLator (GEML). It's based on the open-source GraphCast model published by Google DeepMind.

Department scientists "developed innovative approaches to train and fine-tune GEML using historical weather data," the document explained. Their research shows that such models "can predict large-scale weather patterns" and "can outperform traditional computer models with higher accuracy."

But it's not perfect, so "our scientists conceived of a hybrid system, known as 'spectral nudging,' that combines the strengths of AI models with our traditional models to improve predictability and accuracy."

Scientists used high-performance computing, operated by Shared Services Canada, that "combines enhanced computing capacity with AI capabilities to better support operations and advanced research and development" and tested it for over a year, the document said.

"Throughout this process, meteorologists closely monitored performance to ensure it produced reliable information for temperatures, precipitation and storms across Canada, at both large and small scales," it said.



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CRACK OF THE WHIP. Rodeo clown, Austin Stewart worked the crowd between events.



HAND HIGH. A bull rider holds his form as the bull leaves the ground.



DOWN AND DONE. A steer wrestler flanks his calf in the tie down, rope in hand and time on the clock.



SPURS AND FRINGE. Chaps fly as the rider matches every jump out of the chute.



LOOSE AND GONE. The catch comes off and the steer makes a break for the far rail.

EYE LEVEL. Logan Armstrong *Crowbait Creative* knows that getting the shot means getting low, even when low means flat in the arena dirt.





SKY HIGH. A bronc rider rides the storm as the judges hustle to get out of harm's way.



COLOURS UP FRONT. Grace Becker leads the grand entry, Canadian flag snapping over a horse dressed in red.



WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. A cowboy collects his thoughts and his rope after an unsuccessful Team Roping run.



FLYING HORSE. Lisa Groves horse appears to have grown wings as it makes the tight turn around the barrel.



THE SAVE. Bullfighters, Ethan Barrows and William Scott move in the instant a rider hits the dirt.



HEAVY METAL. Dusty Ham's team of draft horses leans into the harness, manes long and feet heavier as they groom the arena during the intermission.



ALL IN. A saddle bronc rider keeps his free arm high as his horse drives its head to the dirt.



FILE PHOTO

Town of Eston planning town hall meeting in June

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

ESTON — The Town of Eston is planning a “town hall” style meeting in June to discuss important issues with the community, including things like nuisance properties and dogs running at large. The topic was discussed at the May 13 regular meeting of council.

In a phone call with Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Jody Irwin May 26, Your West Central Voice was informed of council’s desire to host a town hall meeting for the entire community June 18, which the CAO said is “very exciting.”

Irwin stated there are quite a few items on the agenda, including bylaw enforcement topics such as nuisance properties and dogs running at large. Irwin stated Eston’s bylaw officer will be present to discuss these issues with community members and to let the community know what the town can and cannot do in enforcement situations.

Councillors also wanted to place the 2026 budget and tax levy on the agenda which will give them a chance to show where and why tax dollars are spent.

Irwin stated the RCMP is also planning on attending this event along with town council and staff who will also explain a bit about municipal committees and their activities like recreation.

The CAO noted the public can pre-submit questions so council and staff have the answers they’re looking for the night of the event. Drop by the town office and ask for a submission form.

Irwin stated the entire community is invited to the event and there will be coffee and light snacks as well.

Tax enforcement

Irwin stated that council dealt with several tax enforcement items at the meeting. For two properties councillors gave instructions that enforcement action be continued; this applies to tax rolls 114 and 320.

Another property, the old shuttered cafe, was also discussed. The CAO stated the cafe property has come back into the town’s possession and it was also noted the property was publicly advertised for sale but there were no offers.

Irwin noted the Town of Eston took possession of the property a few months ago. Readers should note municipalities are bound by law to handle tax recovery according to legislation and typically it’s only done to recover unpaid property taxes. Property owners usually have many chances to clear up the debt to recover their property.

New daycare

Irwin observed a new daycare has plans to open up in Eston; she stated the new operation is still in the licensing phase and has reached out to the town for some assistance in finding grant funds.

The CAO stated Eston’s previous economic development officer played a role in landing this new operation.

Scavenger permit

Councillors also considered a “scavenger permit” request for the aforementioned shuttered cafe property. The CAO explained the scavenger bylaw exists because the town wanted to try to re-purpose everything possible if a building is demolished.

Irwin stated a member of the public voiced interest in items at the old cafe property.

Burrowing owls return to Saskatchewan

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

REGINA — With spring fieldwork underway, Nature Saskatchewan is asking farmers and the public to watch for the return of the endangered burrowing owl.

The owls have come back from their wintering grounds in southern Texas and Mexico to nest across the prairies. Breeding season is well underway, with pairs selecting nest sites and preparing to lay and incubate eggs.

Despite the name, burrowing owls do not dig their own burrows. They use abandoned holes dug by ground squirrels, badgers and other burrowing mammals. Females lay six to 12 eggs each spring, with nine the average. With as few as 270 breeding owls thought to remain in Canada, every nest matters to the species’ survival.

Burrowing owls once nested in open grassland. As the landscape changed, they adapted to cultivated fields and roadsides, where they often find a suitable burrow in spring.

“Agricultural fields, particularly in the spring when the fields are newly plowed and before crops grow tall, can draw owls in since they like short vegetation to detect and capture prey,” said Grace Pidborchynski, habitat stewardship coordinator at Nature

Saskatchewan.

Ditches can also work as foraging and nesting areas, since their mix of vegetation attracts the small mammals and insects the owls eat.

“Many producers across Saskatchewan keep an eye out for these small owls in the spring as they return to pastures and cultivated fields throughout the province. However, we can never have too many people watching for the owls,” Pidborchynski said.

Nearly 350 landowners across southern Saskatchewan take part in the organization’s Operation Burrowing Owl, which helps conserve grassland for the owl and other prairie species. Participants watch for the birds in spring while continuing regular land management, including grazing, which keeps grass short and benefits the owls.

Nature Saskatchewan records sightings to track distribution and population trends across the province.

“Without the voluntary efforts of ranchers, farmers and the general public, recovery of this unique little owl would not be possible,” Pidborchynski said.

The public can report a burrowing owl sighting by calling 306-780-9833 or emailing obo@naturesask.ca. Personal information is kept confidential and never shared without permission.



BACK FROM TEXAS. A burrowing owl perches on a weathered post against a clear prairie sky, one of an estimated 270 breeding pairs left in Canada. The endangered birds have returned to Saskatchewan to nest, and Nature Saskatchewan is asking farmers and the public to watch for them this spring. PHOTO BY MAY HAGA

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Town of Kindersley approves permit for home-based bakery

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice



KINDERSLEY – Kindersley’s business community will soon welcome a new member after town council approved a permit for a home-based bakery. The approval was made at the May 25 regular meeting of council.

Councillors heard a presentation by Director of Infrastructure and Development Chad Levitt regarding a discretionary use application seeking approval for a home-based business. “The Department of Infrastructure and Development of the Town of Kindersley received a discretionary use application (26-02) for the residence located at 153 Stewart Crescent,” stated the staff memo to council.

“The zone at this location is designated as R1-Low Density Residential District which permits the establishment of a home-based business, as a discretionary use.

“The subject discretionary use to provide home baking for purchase is subject to the condition that the use is to be conducted entirely within the dwelling or accessory building and will have little to no impact on traffic in the surrounding vicinity.

“However, all home-based businesses are considered a discretionary use and therefore require the discretionary use application process to obtain council

approval, pursuant to Section 5 of the zoning bylaw.”

The staff memo also clarified the traffic condition. It was noted that the home-based business, “Shall not cause or add to on-street parking congestion. One (1) off-street parking must be provided for each non-resident employee.”

During his verbal presentation, Levitt noted the applicant intends to operate a home-based bakery if the permit was approved. He also clarified that discretionary uses are not automatically approved but rather must come before council to receive the necessary permit.

During discussion, councillors talked about how the permits are renewed; Levitt responded that the discretionary use permit only requires one approval from council, but the home-based business must renew their Town of Kindersley business license every year.

Mayor Ken Francis interjected that the town reserves the right to withdraw that permit. The staff memo also noted that the Town requires \$200 in fees from discretionary use applicants; \$100 for the permit and \$100 for the municipal business license.

Councillors unanimously passed a motion to approve the discretionary use application for discretionary use at the residence of 153 Stewart Crescent and including the conditions presented.

Town of Kindersley intends to close alley, add to Public Works yard

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice



KINDERSLEY – The Town of Kindersley council approved an advertisement that will begin the process of closing an alley right-of-way (ROW) and adding it to a nearby municipal parcel. The advertisement was approved at the May 25 regular meeting of council.

Councillors heard a report from Director of Infrastructure and Development Chad Levitt who advised staff wished council to examine and approve an advertisement notifying the public of the proposed closure of an alleyway with the land description St/L13-Plan G743 Ext 0, which was further described by staff as a back laneway lying between 408 Railway Ave. West and 401 1st Ave. West.

During his verbal presentation Levitt stated that after the Town of Kindersley purchased the former R.M. shop and land it became clear the town now owned all of the land on the 400 block between Third St. West and Fourth St. West.

Staff felt that to use the land more efficiently, explained Levitt, they were proposing to close the alley ROW and consolidate all of it into the main title and create a single operations yard.

Levitt noted the yard would store equipment, materials and supplies for both Public Works and the Parks department.

Staff observed during the meeting the proposed closure would be handled according to the town’s

The Town of Kindersley council approved an advertisement that will begin the process of closing an alley right-of-way (ROW) and adding it to a nearby municipal parcel. *SUBMITTED*

public notice bylaw.

According to the draft advertisement presented at the meeting the required public hearing would be held during the regular council meeting scheduled June 15 and the public would have a chance to either speak or submit written comments.

During discussion councillors noted the yard in question looks like a very good acquisition by the town with attractive new fencing and a very spacious appearance. Councillors noted town staff who work in the yard must be very happy with it, and added that this large, open area is what the town had in mind when working with the R.M. on this deal.

Councillors approved the proposed advertisement for the ROW closure and set the public hearing date as advised.

A salty secret behind the outhouse

BY JOAN JANZEN

Back in the day not many people used valuable film to photograph an outhouse. However, this lopsided structure was captured on film in the 1940s. There are likely some interesting stories out there involving outhouses. As a child, I remember my mother disposing of a mound of bread dough which she had mistakenly overloaded with salt. She hid the dough behind the outhouse. Unfortunately, the temperature rose significantly on that particular day and her secret mound of dough quadrupled in size and was no longer a secret.



A lopsided outhouse from the 1940s.

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Provincial parks waive gate fees for National Trails Day

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Staff are opening the gates to provincial parks on Saturday to celebrate National Trails Day.

"Spending time in nature and being active is something important we can do for ourselves and our overall health and well-being," Alana Ross, the province's parks, culture and sport minister, said in a statement.

The day represents "a great opportunity to explore trails across the province before the summer season begins," the statement added.

Special trail-related events at 15 parks include the feathered friends hike at Pike Lake Provincial Park, a blooming cacti hike at Douglas, "take on the trails" with Prairie Sky Running Company at Saskatchewan Landing and "life in the lodgepoles" at Cypress Hills.

Douglas and Saskatchewan Landing are also offering mindfulness walks with coffee, starting at 2 p.m.

"Join us for some coffee and spend time taking in the beauty of nature around you," messages say. "Engage your senses, observe and reflect as you deepen your connection with nature."



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Two Paterson Grain elevators were dismantled in the Village of Fox Valley on Tuesday, May 19th. *SUBMITTED*



Two Paterson Grain elevators dismantled in Fox Valley

BY JOAN JANZEN

FOX VALLEY — Many in the community were saddened to see two remaining Paterson Grain elevators dismantled in the community of Fox Valley. The demolition took place on Tuesday, May 19th.

The history of the elevators began with the completion of the railway in 1924-1925, after which the railway station was built in 1926. By the end of that year there were six completed elevators in Fox Valley, owned by Pioneer, Pool, United Grain Growers and N.M. Paterson.

According to information obtained from Fox Valley's history book, the demolished elevator was built in 1927. In 1931 it burned and was rebuilt with a wood crib. Additions took place in 1939, 1954 and 1960.

In 1980 a permanent annex was built, followed by a chemical shed in 1995 and fertilizer bins in 2002. That year N.M. Paterson & Sons purchased the elevator from Agricore United, as well as the additions of a coal shed and fertilizer shed.

Elevator managers since 1927 include the following familiar names: Keller, Ferner, Usselman, Deis, Dirk, Ehresman, Carleton and Otterson. The village's newest elevator was moved in from Piapot in 1979. At that time elevators were transported down the highway, which was quite the sight.

Plenty of memories were shared of farmers visiting local agents, discussing grain prices and of watching old trucks, tandems and semis delivering grain throughout the years, as locals watched the elevators being demolished.

Erratic driving, semi rollover lead Rosetown RCMP weekly calls

ROSETOWN — Rosetown and Kyle RCMP responded to a range of calls between May 22 and 28, with erratic driving complaints and a semi rollover among the week's notable files.

Officers laid charges after a disturbing the peace call in Rosetown early on May 23. A mischief complaint in town followed minutes later.

On May 24, police were called to a reported assault at a Rosetown business but deemed the file unfounded after speaking with everyone involved. RCMP were also notified of a tractor fire near Harris, where no injuries were reported, and conducted a wellbeing check in Rosetown.

May 25 was the week's busiest day. Police fielded a suspicious vehicle complaint in Wiseton, an animal complaint in Elrose, and a harassing communications complaint in Rosetown. A U.S. police agency contacted RCMP about a potential fraud investigation that remains ongoing. Officers also received three driving complaints, including erratic driving on Highway 7 near Fiske and near Elrose, both still under investigation.



RCMP assisted Rosetown Hospital on May 26.

Erratic driving complaints continued, with reports on Highway 7 west of Rosetown on May 27 and near Zealandia on May 28. Members were unable to locate or intercept the vehicles in either case. Police responded to a semi rollover north of Fiske on May 28. No further details were available.

Officers issued 44 traffic-related charges during the week and responded to one 911 mis-dial and one false alarm.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Rosetown RCMP at 306-882-5700 or Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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FOUND HIS WHEELS. A young customer shows off his prize, a pull-along pup, after a successful morning of bargain hunting at Eatonia's Town-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 23. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

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Crops remain insurable to June 20 deadline despite slow seeding, APAS says

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

REGINA — Saskatchewan crops will remain insurable up to the final seeding deadline of June 20, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan says, as a cold, wet spring leaves many farmers behind on planting.

APAS is working with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation to give producers clear, timely information on how seeding dates affect coverage. The association says producers across the province have asked how recommended seeding dates and the final deadline

relate to crop insurance.

Seeding remains well behind normal. As of May 18, the province was 29 per cent seeded, compared with 72 per cent a year earlier and a 10-year average of 52 per cent. Progress is especially limited in the northeast and northwest, where recommended seeding dates are approaching.

SCIC has confirmed crops are insurable until the June 20 deadline. Losses unrelated to seeding date, such as drought, disease, wind and hail, remain covered. Seeding past the recommended dates in the SCIC Seeding Date Tool carries added risk, since producers may receive reduced claims if their losses are abnormal compared with others in the area.

Producers planning to seed beyond recommended dates should contact their

local SCIC customer service office to discuss how timing affects their coverage.

"We welcome SCIC's assurances that area-wide delays will not unduly penalize farmers," APAS President Bill Prybylski said. "Producers need this kind of clear and timely information so they can make sound seeding and business decisions. This has been a challenging spring, and having a clear understanding of how recommended seeding dates affect risk and coverage is critical."

APAS is urging SCIC to broaden how it shares the information, including through social media and other accessible formats, to reach producers working in the field. The association says it will continue working with the Ministry of Agriculture and SCIC through the 2026 growing season.

SGL names Kent Campbell as new president and CEO

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

REGINA — Saskatchewan Government Insurance has appointed Kent Campbell as its new president and chief executive officer.

Campbell will join SGI on Aug. 1, 2026, and assume the role on Oct. 1.

He currently serves as president and CEO of Crown Investments Corporation, a position he has held since 2020. In that role he worked closely with SGI, providing strategic direction, oversight and performance management. He brings nearly 30 years of experience with the Government of Saskatchewan, including close to two decades at the deputy minister level.

"We are very pleased to welcome Kent to SGI," said Gary Vidal, SGI board chair. "He is a thoughtful and experienced leader who understands both the complexity of our environment and the importance of the work our employees do every day. Kent brings strong leadership in governance and financial stewardship, and we are confident he will



Kent Campbell

build on the strong foundation in place at SGI."


Campbell said he looks forward to joining the organization and working with its employees.

"SGI is a strong organization with a clear vision, a unique business model and a culture that stands out," he said. "What has always impressed me most is the commitment of employees and the way

teams across the organization support customers and communities. I'm honoured to have the opportunity to be part of the next chapter."

During his time at CIC, Campbell helped guide SGI through a period of change and developed a strong understanding of its mandate, including the importance of the Auto Fund to Saskatchewan people.

"Kent brings strong leadership and a solid understanding of the role SGI plays for Saskatchewan people," said Jeremy Harrison, minister responsible for SGI. "I am confident he will build on SGI's strengths and ensure the organization continues to deliver for customers and communities across the province."

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TENDER FOR SALE OF UTILITY TRUCK

The RM of Newcombe No. 260 is receiving tenders for the sale of their utility truck.

Details: 2003
Make/Model: Chev Silverado 2500 HD Crewcab 4WD Diesel
Mileage: 288,621 kms
Engine: 6.6 Duramax
Transmission: Automatic
Features: Good Tires
Condition: As Is

Where to send a Tender:

Send your sealed tender to info@rmnewcombe.ca or drop it off at the RM office at 103 Highway Road, Glidden, SK by 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2026.

If you need any further information please contact the Foreman at: 306-460-4620.

TENDER FOR SALE OF SERVICE TRUCK

The RM of Newcombe No. 260 is receiving tenders for the sale of their service truck.

Details: 1999
Make/Model: Ford F250 SD Supercab 4WD
Mileage: 344,399 kms
Engine: 5.4L Triton
Transmission: Automatic (Has a Service Body)
Features: Tool Compartments Good Tires
Condition: As Is

Where to send a Tender:

Send your sealed tender to info@rmnewcombe.ca or drop it off at the RM office at 103 Highway Road, Glidden, SK by 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2026.

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This position would be for 2 days per week - 8 hour shifts. Daytime work. Some exceptions may apply in special situations.

Position would entail caring for a senior male in a rural setting in his home. Location is approximately 1 1/4 hours from Swift Current, SK

Work Duties would include: Some daily housekeeping duties as well as meal preparation and ensuring client is comfortable and content while on shift. As well as ensuring daily medications are given at the correct times. The successful applicant will have acquired their First-Aid and CPR as well.

Other details will be discussed at time of interview if you are selected to move further for the position.

Closing Date for Applications: June 22, 2026.

To apply for this position in writing: applicants will be contacted by phone the following week if we are requesting an interview.

Please send updated resume and cover letter to the following address:

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Young Entrepreneur Bursary offers grants, mentorship to those under 35

BY IAN MACKAY

Business people up to 35 years old can receive grants and mentorship through the Young Entrepreneur Bursary program.



The \$5,000 bursary helps “young business owners as they grow their ventures and contribute to their local economies and communities,” said Warren Kaeding, the trade and export development minister. “Young entrepreneurs are the future of our province.” The province and the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce operate the program.

Applicants must be between 18 and 35 and have been in business for fewer than 10 years. The application deadline for 2026-27 is July 17. Over 340 people in 87 communities applied last year. See saskchamber.com for information on how to apply.

The province provides the chamber with nearly \$1 million over three years to administer the program.

“Saskatchewan is home to extraordinary entrepreneurial talent, in every city, town and rural community across this province,” said Prabha Ramaswamy, who directs the chamber in Regina. The program “was created to find that talent, invest in it and connect it to the networks and opportunities it deserves.”

“Sometimes the greatest investment in a community is not money, it is giving someone the belief that their story, their dreams and their future actually matter,” said Montana Lautamus, who owns Montana’s Photo Works in Moose Jaw and received a bursary last year.

Saskatchewan has 124 small businesses per 1,000 people, the second-highest per-capita rate in the country, and they make up 98.8 per cent of the province’s businesses, the statement said.

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How to Apply:

Send your resume to info@rmnewcombe.ca or apply in person at 103 Highway Road, Glidden, SK by 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2026.

Apply today - positions will fill quickly!



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.

The R.M. of Winslow No. 319 offers competitive wages, a comprehensive benefits package, and a pension plan.

Application Deadline: June 8, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

Please submit your resume to: info@rmofwinslow.ca

The R.M. of Winslow thanks all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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DUTIES REQUIRED:

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- Able to operate forklift and pumping equipment
- Ability to follow instructions and work independently
- Experience with e-logs and cargo securement
- Routine truck and equipment maintenance and cleaning
- Measurement and calculation of chemical products
- 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

Only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please.



JOB POSTING Corporate Secretary

CATEGORY: Permanent Full-Time **LOCATION:** Wilkie, SK
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 **START DATE:** On or about July 1, 2026
SALARY: \$27.04 - \$28.14/hr dependent on education and experience
REPORTS TO: Executive Director

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.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Lorne Pincemin

April 15, 1958- May 18, 2026



It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Richard (Snapper) Pincemin, of St. Albert, AB on the 18th of May 2026 at the age of 68 years.

He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his wife of 45 years, Christine; children: Tyler (Lindsay), Tanner (Samantha) and Angela (Paul); grandchildren: Jordan, Jaydee, Jax, Jre, Lili-mae, Lyra, Levi, Livia, Lyla and Walker; sisters, Gloria (Ralph), Linda (Walter), Tammy (Garnet); brothers: Larry (Erin), Dale, Howie, Eric (Caroline); brothers-in-law, Brian (Tammy), Ronnie (Judy), sisters-in-law, Colleen, Patsy, Terry (Darren); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

Richard was predeceased by his parents Norman and Madeline Pincemin; grandson, Jaydan Pincemin; nephews, Johnny and Jamie Gillies; his brothers-in-law, Pat Beck, Eugene Ostrowercha; nephew-in-law, Dallas Beck; father-in-law, Tom Davison; mother-in-law, Belle Davison and Kae Davison.

Richard was born in Kindersley, Sask on April 15, 1958. He took his schooling in Kindersley. His early years were spent helping on the farm with his brothers and sisters. He worked many jobs making lifelong friends along the way. Most notably his work family at Norfab Manufacturer as a welder/fabricator. He had a wonderful work ethic and he was very proud of his work.

Richard met Christine in Kindersley and two years later they were married and starting their family on an acreage outside of Kindersley. They then moved to Morinville, Alberta for work and over the years Richard developed many different passions such as sprint car racing (where he worked as pitcrew for his son and nephew), hockey (where he followed his boys and grandson faithfully), motorcycles (his beloved Harley) and spending time with his family whom he loved so very much and was so proud of. He will be deeply missed, forever and always.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to Dr. Roque, Dr. Pen Li and Dr. Stewart for their care and compassion for Richard during his struggles with illness these last few years.

To share photos, memories, and condolences, please visit www.connelly-mckinley.com.

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Unity-area RCMP lay assault, impaired driving charges

Unity RCMP and the Wilkie and Macklin detachments handled a range of complaints between May 19 and 25, including an assault charge in Unity and an impaired driving charge near Macklin.

Unity

- Police received four Mental Health Act complaints. Members spoke with the subject in each case, and in one the person was taken by family for medical assessment.
- Members conducted two wellbeing checks at the request of concerned citizens.
- A 60-day roadside suspension was issued at a traffic stop.
- A 21-year-old Unity woman was charged with assault after members received a complaint.
- Complaints of fraud, disturbing the peace and theft were each closed due to insufficient evidence.
- Members received an emergency crash notification from a cellphone. They patrolled but could not locate a vehicle or reach the phone's owner.
- Two complaints of dogs running loose remain under investigation.
- Members are investigating mischief to school buses parked near Unity Composite High School.
- A report of bulls outside a fence in a rural area was resolved when the owner was notified.
- Members conducted a check stop in Unity.
- Police also responded to one false alarm and one false 911 call.

Wilkie

- A found driver's licence was returned to its owner.
- A complaint of a stolen licence plate was closed

due to insufficient evidence.

- Two disturbing-the-peace complaints were reported, one for information and one closed for insufficient evidence after members spoke with those involved.
- Members are investigating three separate theft complaints.
- Police spoke with an individual regarding family violence.
- A complaint of public mischief was unfounded.
- Members conducted two wellbeing checks at the request of concerned citizens.
- Members responded to a report of threats at a Wilkie school, determined the caller was not in the area and updated the police agency of jurisdiction.
- Police also responded to two false alarms.

Macklin

- A suspicious vehicle reported at Macklin Lake Regional Park remains under investigation.
- Members referred a complaint of dogs running loose at the park to the park authority.
- A complaint of fraud was unfounded.
- A 30-year-old Macklin man was charged with impaired driving at a traffic stop.
- A report of two dogs attacking another dog at the park remains under investigation.
- Police are investigating a reported spill.

Anyone with information about crimes in the Unity, Wilkie or Macklin areas can call the Unity RCMP at 306-228-6300, the Wilkie RCMP at 306-843-3480 or the Macklin RCMP at 306-753-2171. To remain anonymous, call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a tip at saskcrimestoppers.com.

Source: Saskatchewan RCMP

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Sask RCMP stop 5,271 vehicles during Canada Road Safety Week

REGINA — Saskatchewan RCMP and Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan stopped 5,271 vehicles and took enforcement action against 2,013 drivers and passengers during Canada Road Safety Week.

Officers from RCMP detachments and CTSS units ran traffic patrols and check stops across the province between May 12 and 18, focusing on removing dangerous drivers from the roads and reminding motorists to drive safely.

As a result of the stops, officers:

- charged 45 drivers with alcohol-impaired driving
 - charged 5 drivers with drug-impaired driving
- suspended 58 licences for consuming alcohol before driving
- suspended 39 licences for consuming drugs before driving

- ticketed or warned 1,594 drivers for aggressive driving, including speeding, unsafe passing, stunting and following too closely
- ticketed or warned 167 drivers for distracted driving
- ticketed or warned 105 drivers or passengers for seatbelt violations

Knelsen also thanked the many drivers seen following the rules during the week.

Saskatchewan RCMP thanked their campaign partners, including CTSS police services, Saskatchewan Highway Patrol officers and Conservation Officers with the Provincial Protective Services Branch.

Source: Saskatchewan RCMP

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That said, we do have a couple of great options for non-profit groups:

1) Upcoming Events Listing (no charge):
We offer a basic non-profit listing on our Upcoming Events page. We keep it short (about 20 words) — the what / when / where plus a contact number (no pricing or extra details).

2) Discounted Non-Profit Advertising:
If you're looking for more visibility, we also offer a reduced non-profit advertising rate, and we're happy to work with almost any budget (even a small one) to get you the best reach possible.

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ALSASK
SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- Alsask Seniors Drop Inn Club's Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser & Games. 50/50 Chicken Poop. Open at 1:00 PM for Pool, Shuffleboard, Horseshoes, Card Games. Supper (including dessert and refreshments) 5:00-8:00 PM. For more info contact Dave 306-463-0169.

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, 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.

- Eston Museum is open for the season with BBQ's held every Saturday (except for June 13th). Donations accepted.
- 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
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
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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

- The Kindersley Legion Branch #57 is having a Steak Supper 5:00-8:00 PM at 118 - 2nd Avenue East. For tickets and more info call Rose 306-460-7439 or Jo-Ann 306-460-8197.

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).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- West Central Crisis & Family Support Centre Inc. Notice of Annual General Meeting 7:00 PM at 105 Colton Drive. For more info, please call 306-463-6655 or email crisis@westcentralcrisis.ca

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
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

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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Madison Ley travels to Ireland with 4-H Canada

BY JOAN JANZEN

Madison Ley's recent trip to Ireland with 4-H Canada was a huge opportunity she was able to experience as a member of the Kerrobert Multiple 4-H Club. "4-H has given me so many great opportunities to travel to different events and meet new people," Madison said. Two years ago she also travelled to Ottawa for the Citizenship Congress. "I am currently involved in a self-directed photography project, but have been part of beef, poultry, sheep and goat and scrapbooking projects in the past."

Her week-long adventure to Ireland began on May 13 when her flight included lengthy layovers in Toronto, both on the way there and on the way home, affording her the opportunity to explore. "I explored Graffiti Alley on the way there and Riley's Aquarium on the way home," she reported.

After her seven-hour flight to Ireland, Madison was joined by thirty-one 4-H members from across Canada, including five from Saskatchewan. Meeting new people and getting to see a new part of the world was Madison's favourite part of her voyage.

The agriculture portion of the trip included watching horse jumping at the Balmoral Show, visiting a livestock sale, water buffalo farm, dairy farm, research centre and sheep dogs. "We had very full days with lots of travel time on the bus," she added.

"We learned about the Irish sport of 'hurling' (a sport played with a stick and a small hard ball), did a zip line tour, had supper at a castle, toured Dublin, the Rock of Dunamase and the Cliffs of Moher," she said.

The tour group's departure from Dublin took place on May 20 as they all headed back to Canada, excited to share their experience with their family and friends back home.



IRELAND OR BUST. Madison Ley sets off on her 4-H trip to Ireland, Canada-tagged suitcase packed and an Irish flag in hand.



ABOVE: DUBLIN BOUND. Madison Ley and fellow 4-H Saskatchewan members stop for a photo at the Dublin sign.

FAR LEFT: ON THE EDGE. Madison Ley takes in the Cliffs of Moher on Ireland's rugged west coast.

LEFT: NEW FRIEND. Madison Ley meets a curious water buffalo during her 4-H trip to Ireland. *PHOTOS SUBMITTED*

Kerrobert & District Ag Society Annual Raffle

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET BY JUNE 4TH, 2026

Contact your Local Ag Society Member or by Phone (306)834-8180 or email kerrobertagsociety@gmail.com e-transfer accepted

DRAW ON June 5th, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Kerrobert Ag Building.

1st Prize - 50% of Ticket sales up to a maximum of \$15,000 (guaranteed prize of \$2000)
Sponsored by Rafter Ranch Bull Feeding & Hopewell Charolais.

2nd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Cards
-sponsored by Kerrobert & District Ag Society

Lottery Licence # RR25-0618 winner will be contacted by phone

Tickets \$10 each ONLY 3000 TICKETS TO BE SOLD!

Thank you for supporting local agriculture!

Kerrobert & District Agricultural Society

80th Annual Regional 4-H SHOW & SALE

June 2 & 3rd, 2026

June 2nd
Starts at 1:00pm
• Team Grooming
• Oral Judging

June 3rd
Starts at 9:30 am
• Heifers
• Cow/Calf Pairs
• Showmanship
• Steers
• SALE

Everyone Welcome!

Location - Kerrobert Fairgrounds Ag Building