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Frieda shows off her 100th birthday card. PHOTO SUBMITTED

A heck of a milestone

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — Kindersley resident Frieda Heck officially became a centenarian on Friday, June 12, when she celebrated her 100th birthday.

A come-and-go tea was held in her honour the following day from 2 to 4 p.m. at Dawnview Apartments, where she resides.

Frieda's children Darryl and his wife Linda, Kieth and his wife Marlene, and Colleen and her husband Mark attended the celebration, as well as six of her 13 grandchildren and three of her 11 great-grandchildren.

She was born Frieda Ruff on June 12, 1926, at Burstall, Sask., where she grew up on a mixed farm.

She is the only surviving sibling of her four brothers and three sisters.

She married Nick Heck on Nov. 5, 1947. They farmed near Glidden and were married for 51 years until Nick's passing in 1998.

Her daughter Colleen said her mom was an inspiration and guiding force throughout the lives of her and her siblings. In spite of her many challenges and the loss of two of her children, Ron and Paulette, Frieda continues to live on with love in her heart and optimism in what each day will bring.

"Today is a milestone for our family as my mom turns 100 years old!" Colleen posted on June 12.

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GONE FISHIN'. The Grade 9 students at North West Central School in Plenty were "gone fishing" last week. Parent drivers escorted the PAA class to Greg McMillan's dam where they did some casting, had some fun and caught some fish.

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Dr. Dana Bailey was honoured for 50 years in dentistry at the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon on Friday, June 5. Pictured with Bailey are CDSS President-Elect Dr. Raj Bhargava, left, and CDSS President Dr. Mike Fowler, right.

PHOTO BY MARGE BAILEY

Dr. Dana Bailey honoured for 50 years in dentistry

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — Dr. Dana Bailey was recognized for 50 years in dentistry at the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon on Friday, June 5. The milestone was shared with two fellow dentists, one of whom was Bailey's classmate.

After graduating with distinction from the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry, Bailey and Dr. Lloyd Orthner worked as associate dentists in Regina before opening a dental clinic in Kindersley in May 1978.

The most difficult period of Bailey's career came when Orthner became ill and passed away in 2006.

"It was the most challenging time for me personally when Dr. Orthner got sick," he recalled. "We were carrying the work load of the whole office, hoping he was coming back. That was the most stressful time, but we were so blessed because all our dental staff stayed with us and went through it with us."

Over five decades, Bailey witnessed significant changes in the profession, from handwritten appointment ledgers to online scheduling. He emphasized the importance of keeping pace with new technology, while noting that the fundamentals of dentistry remain constant. Only the materials have changed.

Running a practice also came with unexpected challenges. "We were never trained how to manage and operate a dental office," he said. Administration, hiring and staff management were not part of dental school training.

Staffing coverage in a smaller centre added another layer of difficulty. "We didn't have access to recep-

tionists and hygienists to take over during maternity leaves," he said. With a predominantly female staff, that gap required constant attention.

His approach to the team was straightforward. "We always tried to stay positive, and always wanted them to know they're appreciated," he said. "We work with them day in and day out, so it's good to have a good relationship. Always talking about their families, asking how they're doing and creating a team atmosphere."

Bailey and Orthner also served as team dentists for the Kindersley Klippers and the KCS football team, providing mouth guards for players. Over the years, Bailey has delivered orthodontic services to multiple generations of Kindersley families.

Beginning in 2004, Bailey made 12 trips to a mission base in Guatemala, bringing donated dental equipment and care to patients who otherwise had no access to services.

"It was a love transaction without any exchange of money," he said. "We took a whole bunch of people with us, including young adults who realized how blessed they are in Canada and were able to see life from a different perspective."

Dr. Krista Maedel joined the practice in 2009 and purchased Lifetime Dental in 2016. Bailey continues to work part-time as an associate dentist there.

He remains clear-eyed about what has kept him going. "Probably the most rewarding part is diagnosing the cause of pain. And what I love is you start the job and finish it. I like to finish a job; it's instant gratification," he said.

After 50 years, Dr. Bailey has finished a great many jobs. His patients are grateful for every one of them. Congratulations, Dr. Bailey.

Unity RCMP report impaired driving, assaults and frauds

UNITY — Unity RCMP responded to calls in Unity, Wilkie and Macklin from June 2 to 8, including impaired driving, assault, fraud and break-and-enter complaints.

A 20-year-old Chestermere, Alta., man was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle during a traffic stop in Unity.

In Wilkie, a 31-year-old woman was charged with assault with a weapon after police received a disturbance complaint. A 47-year-old Wilkie woman was also charged with assault.

In Macklin, a 34-year-old man was charged with assault after police received an assault complaint.

Unity RCMP received two separate fraud complaints, both of which remain under investigation. Police also received an identity fraud complaint, which was reported for information purposes.

Wilkie RCMP are investigating a break and enter at a business. A second business break-and-enter complaint had insufficient evidence to proceed.

Macklin RCMP are also investigating a theft complaint and received a fraud complaint that remains under investigation.

Police also responded to complaints of breach of peace, disturbing the peace, loose dogs, barking dogs, traffic complaints, false alarms and false 911 calls.

Anyone with information about crimes in the Unity, Wilkie or Macklin areas is asked to call Unity RCMP at 306-228-6300, Wilkie RCMP at 306-843-3480 or Macklin RCMP at 306-753-2171. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, *8477 on the SaskTel Mobility Network or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.


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Christa Breikreutz-Erker of Kindersley shared her memories of growing up in Germany during the Second World War and immigrating to Canada at age nine.

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The Petri family, photographed in West Germany in 1943. From left are Christa, mother Gertrud holding baby Helmut, sister Gerda, and father Adam. The family arrived in Canada in 1948 and settled in the Flaxcombe-Laporte area. PHOTO SUBMITTED



Christa Breikreutz-Erker returned to Germany sixteen years ago and visited the forestry house where her family lived with five other families following the war, before emigrating to Canada. PHOTO SUBMITTED

A childhood journey from Germany to Canada

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — Christa Breikreutz-Erker was born in November, 1938 in West Germany, a year before WWII began. “You realize how God provided and it’s not just luck,” she said as she began sharing her story from her home in Kindersley.

She was the first born child of Adam and Gertrud Petri. The family’s peaceful rural life came to an abrupt halt on September 1, 1939 when war broke out between Poland and Germany. The very next day they received clothing cards and ration cards for groceries. Within 30 days Germany conquered Poland; however the war continued with many other countries getting involved.

Christa’s sister Gerda was born in 1940 just a year and four months after her own entry into the world. Besides caring for her young children, Christa’s mom kept watch at night for approaching enemy planes. Once spotted, she would carry her girls down to the cellar which served as their bomb shelter. For a period of four months she and her two young daughters moved to a resort area in the Black Forest region which offered more protection for women and children.

After that time they returned home where Christa’s dad was working at a factory with the war effort, and in 1942 her younger brother Helmut was born. It was a dark period of time when windows were covered with paper to prevent enemy planes from targeting lighted areas.

As a child Christa said she can’t remember anyone saying anything about the government. Everyone kept very quiet and didn’t voice their opinions.

One night it remained very quiet for a long period of time after the family had moved to the bomb shelter. Without waiting for the siren signalling safety, the family moved back upstairs and put the children to bed. All of a sudden their neighbour’s house was struck by a bomb, and pieces of plaster from the ceiling fell on the baby’s pillow. It was one of many instances when the family was protected from harm.

Once again the young mom and her three children sought safety and spent three summer months in Poland with Christa’s aunt and her family. Later that year they returned home to be with Christa’s dad, hoping winter would be more peaceful. However that Christmas was spent in their bomb shelter, and the following

year, in June of 1943 they returned to Poland, just before their apartment was bombed on June 23. Her dad was unharmed in the bomb shelter, but most of their belongings were destroyed. He secured a room in another apartment and continued to work until September of 1944 when he was drafted at the age of 39.

By the end of 1944, the people were warned the Russian army was approaching and they should flee. In January of 1945 Christa’s aunt hauled a load of wheat to the city to sell, providing funds for their journey. When she returned the family packed up their belongings and food in two wagons. At midnight orders were given that by 2:00 o’clock the entire community had to leave. For 27 days the two horses pulled their load in cold winter temperatures until they arrived in West Germany, and continued to travel west. Everyone was travelling together and the family often met up with long lost friends.

During their journey they found shelter at farms where they could thaw their frozen provisions; however some of the farmers had already left or were preparing to leave. Once again they witnessed God’s protection on their journey.

Gertrud and her sister begged to travel with the group on a road leading to a big farm where they could find shelter, but the road was much too crowded. This caused them to take their wagons down a different road where they spent the night at a forestry station. The following day they were told the Russians had overtaken the other group that stayed at the farm. At the same time the town they were headed to was being bombed.

“The sky lit up with bombs that dropped on the refugees, while we were protected. We could have been taken over by the Russians, and the next day you could see the fires in the nearby town that had been bombed and we missed it because we hadn’t arrived there yet,” she remembered. On another occasion they were fortunate to pass over a bridge before the German troops blew it up.

“I just felt God’s providence so much,” she recalled.

On February 16th their family arrived safely at a small town that doubled in size from people fleeing the Russians. On April 8th, 1945 the war was finally over and Gertrud and her sister moved their families to a nearby town where they lived in a forestry house with five other families. The adults found work hoeing rows of vegetables, and Christa was able to go to

school.

In March, 1946 Christa’s dad found his way back to his family, with the help of the Red Cross. “I didn’t recognize him,” Christa remembered. “He was skin and bones. They worked the men hard and didn’t feed them much at the prison camp.”

After her dad regained his strength he also worked hoeing vegetables. Care packages arrived regularly from Gertrud’s sister in Canada, and the family traded the coffee, chocolate and cigarettes they received for groceries and necessities. Inflation had made any savings they had worthless, and only \$60 per person was allowed to be withdrawn from the bank.

Gertrud’s sister and husband in Canada also made the commitment to move the two families to Canada and take care of them for a year. Plans to move began in January of 1947 and after numerous delays, the families departed on July 8th, 1948. The following day they boarded an army ship along with 800 immigrants. The immigrants slept on row after row of bunk beds with women on one side of the ship and men on the other.

Christa said she had a friend to play with on the ship. “We had met in camp beforehand and would run around together on the ship,” she said. “But we got seasick because it was a rocky ride. They gave us root beer and I still can’t drink it to this day.”

On July 18th they landed in Quebec. “I had pink eye but fortunately the doctor let me leave the ship,” she remembered. The group boarded a train to Kindersley arriving on July 21st. Christa was 9 years old when they continued the journey to her aunt and uncle’s home located between Flaxcombe and Laporte.

“Even though it was a small house, Frieda and John Young and cousins Inge and Heinz shared their home with us for six months,” Christa explained. “I was so glad to see my aunty who brought us here. She met her husband during the First World War and moved to Canada. God had already provided for us way back then by bringing her to Canada.”

It was a huge adjustment for the new arrivals as they looked out at the bald prairies. “We didn’t know English but we learned very quickly,” she said. Her cousins were ordered by the teacher to speak only English to their house guests.

“A lot of people don’t realize how many things they were saved from,” Christa observed. However Christa is not one of those people. “I want to give all the credit to God,” she added.

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Today's heroes were yesterday's villains

"Sometimes the people that are cast as villains in the moment end up becoming the heroes in history," MP Andrew Lawton recently said in an online interview. "I think that's very important to remember."

We are reminded of those words whenever we handle a ten dollar bill. Introduced in 2018, the Canadian ten dollar bill was the first to feature a solo Canadian woman. Viola Desmond died in 1965 at the age of 50, meeting one of the requirements for having her photo on Canadian currency: the person must have been deceased for at least 25 years. She also qualified as a Canadian citizen and as a defender of social justice.

Her moment of fame occurred on November 8, 1946 when this business woman's car broke down in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. While waiting for her car to be repaired she decided to go to a movie.

She had no intention of making a statement. She simply purchased a movie ticket and sat down. However the seat she chose wasn't the one she was expected to sit in and she was told to go somewhere else.

Viola had spent her hard earned money. She was a respectable citizen and business owner. So with no shouting, no scene, no grand declaration, she refused to move.

Soon the police were called and



Check It Out
By Joan Janzen

forcefully removed her from the theatre and put her in jail. She hadn't done anything wrong; she just made a simple choice to just stay put.

She risked her reputation, her safety and stability in her business for something that felt wrong, and she chose not to accept it anymore. Viola pushed back against the authority of the society of the time with one quiet act of defiance.

For Viola Desmond, it wasn't about a seat in the theatre; it was refusing to accept something which should never have been a normal issue in the first place, especially in a country that considers itself to be free.

Sometimes the most powerful moments in history aren't planned moments at all. Sometimes it's just pushing back with a choice that impacts the world around you. Sometimes the most impactful people aren't the loudest; they just simply refuse to move.

Viola was a black woman who came from a family of 15 children, four of whom died of childhood diseases. The 32-year-old woman's sister Wanda Robson was a teenager at the time.

"I thought people who went to jail did something wrong, but she did nothing wrong," Wanda had said. The event at the theatre was largely forgotten, but not completely. In 1999 it was mentioned in a book and was included in a National Film Board video called Jour-

ney to Justice.

At that time Viola began two decades of campaigning, telling people about her sister's legacy and encouraging others to stand against injustice. Finally in 2010 Viola was issued a Free Pardon which stated she never committed a crime, that she hadn't received justice because justice had been mishandled.

Andrew Lawton mentioned the history of William Lyon MacKenzie who led a revolt against the government of the day. "I'm not encouraging a revolt, but there was a lot in what he said that needed to be changed and he actually got some changes through his efforts," Andrew explained. "He went from being exiled and sentenced to death, to years later becoming a MP, and now he's held up as one of Canada's heroes."

Today we sometimes hear about individuals who are following Viola's ex-

ample, but instead of staying seated, are standing up for truth and justice. Those individuals could very well become tomorrow's heroes.

Andrew Lawton gave his listeners reason to hope. "Never give up hope no matter how frustrating it gets. When it comes to individual battles, timing is never in our control," he said.

We see the proof of those words every time we hold a ten dollar bill and see Viola honoured eighty years after she made one simple choice for truth and justice. The woman who was once dragged off to jail was eventually pardoned, had plays, a television series, a ferry, three schools, a park, theatre, avenues, and streets named after her.

"We don't always choose when we win the battle, but we have to stick to our principles and eventually the truth will come out," Andrew concluded.



WHEN LUNCH IS MADE WITH LOVE, IT TASTES BETTER OUTSIDE.

Better Together volunteers fired up the grill at Heritage Manor on Wednesday, June 10, serving burgers and hotdogs at an outdoor barbecue luncheon for seniors, guests and staff. A second crew worked inside alongside them. "They show up and serve because they can and because they care," said Marge Bailey. Pictured (L-R): Dana Bailey, Doug Dale, Dennis Dunn.

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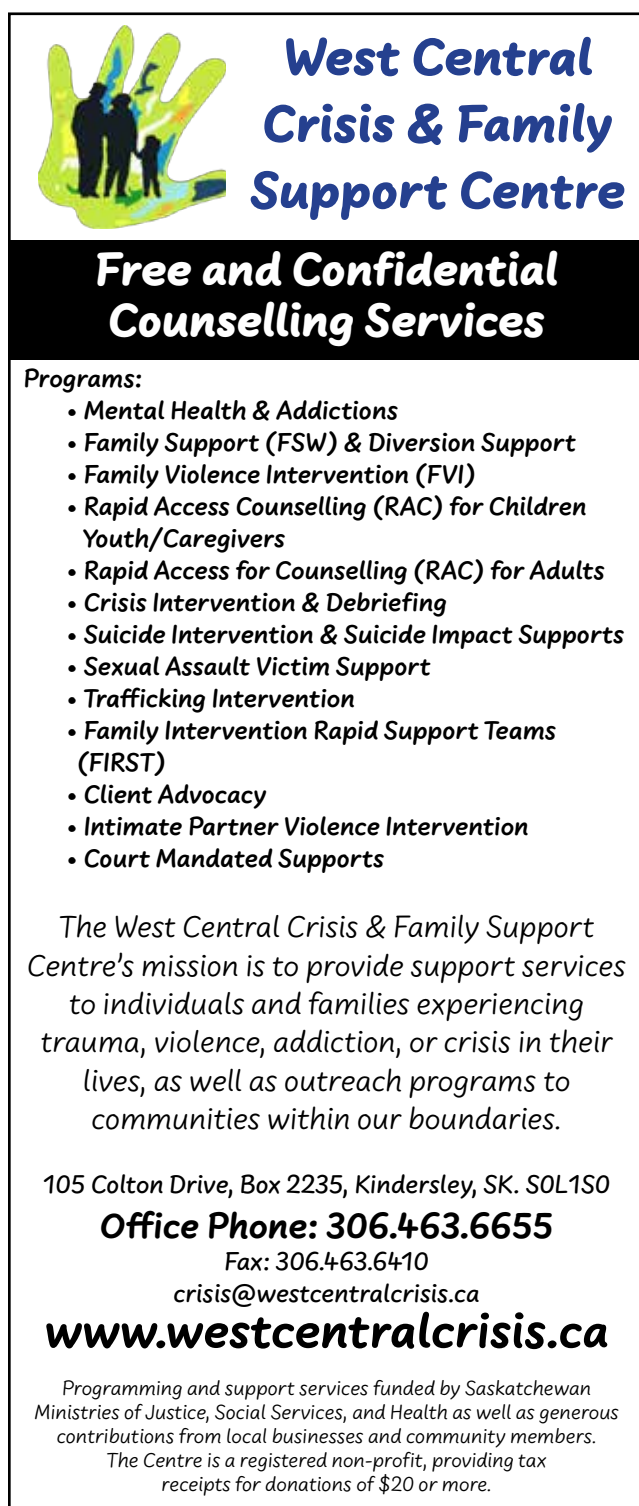


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Quilt Reading

These nights my sister and I fall asleep listening to the same sublime cd of 17th century lute music played by Jose Miguel Moreno.

There is a moment in the music where I cannot help but break into tears and lift my hands the air, as if in some strange posture of surrender and supplication. The first time this happened I found myself saying: "Glorious, Glorious, Glorious." To feel that kind of happiness amidst this whole brain tumour expedition is a gift indeed.

I've reached the end of another week of radiation treatments, chemo pills, blood tests and oncologist reviews and am drifting off to sleep on my friend Judith's couch. I'm fortunate that the exhaustion that comes from the treatments translates into naps; a good nap is a precious gift - it's like being handed a designer chocolate!

In the yard the birds are singing, the scent of lilacs fill the room and the temperature has cooled enough to snuggle under a blanket. And it's not just any blanket; it's a quilt made by Victoria's Quilts Canada, a non profit charity organization of over 15,000 volunteers who stitch quilts for people like me who are diagnosed with cancer. Since 1999 they have blanketed over 100,000 Canadians in their embrace.

What makes this particular quilt even more precious is the fact that it was stitched by the Climax group, the only VQC chapter in Saskatchewan.

The group is very dear to me, as I performed an excerpt from my monologue "Mother's Apron" for their fundraiser just over a year ago. Little did I know then I would be one of the recipients of their kindness and craftsmanship.

Most of us know the story of the Underground Railway - the route escaped slaves took to make their way to safe houses and eventually across the border to Canada.

While details differ, the story goes that women along the escape route would leave quilts hanging on lines or draped on fenceposts to serve as maps.

The quilts were embedded with a kind of code, so that by reading the shapes and motifs sewn into the design, an enslaved person on the run could know where to turn, and what to avoid.

Nowadays it is possible to buy ready-to-assemble quilts. There's no need to lug detritus around, to save bits and bobs, to fiddle with fabrics to see how they might reveal entirely new stories by laying that old bit of jeans against that scorched bit of tea towel next to that last scrap of lace from an old wedding dress.

But surely the point of a quilt is to use the material of our lives - the borrowed and blue, the old and new bits infused with our sweat and stains, our mistakes and victories, our histories embedded in every saved



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

scrap and patch. Every patch is a paragraph belonging to a page in our story, a story within a story, earning its place in the bigger book of humankind's big family. But ready-cut patches are not borne from our lives, but from a factory. What we save in assemblage time we lose in all those years spent lingering over the memories each patch renders us as we snip at their rough edges and sort them into piles of recollections.

The point of a quilt is comfort, yes, but it is also about using what we have, what we gathered and earned and loved and lost and found once more. It is, like any work of art, about the process, not just the product.

Meanwhile, the temperature outside is dropping. I'm looking around for another blanket when my eyes land on a small lap quilt wrapped over Judith's rocking chair. It occurs to me that my eye lands here every afternoon - that without fail I am drawn to a particular patch bearing a pair of oxen grazing in a red-flowered field.

And every afternoon the oxen bring me back to a poem I studied in 10th grade, written by Thomas Gray, entitled: "Elegy Written in A Country Churchyard."

I recall only a few verses, but I am relieved I can recall some of the lines that still hold meaning for me, that remind me of my own mortality.

Here's a shortened version, stitched together, if you will, into smaller patches:

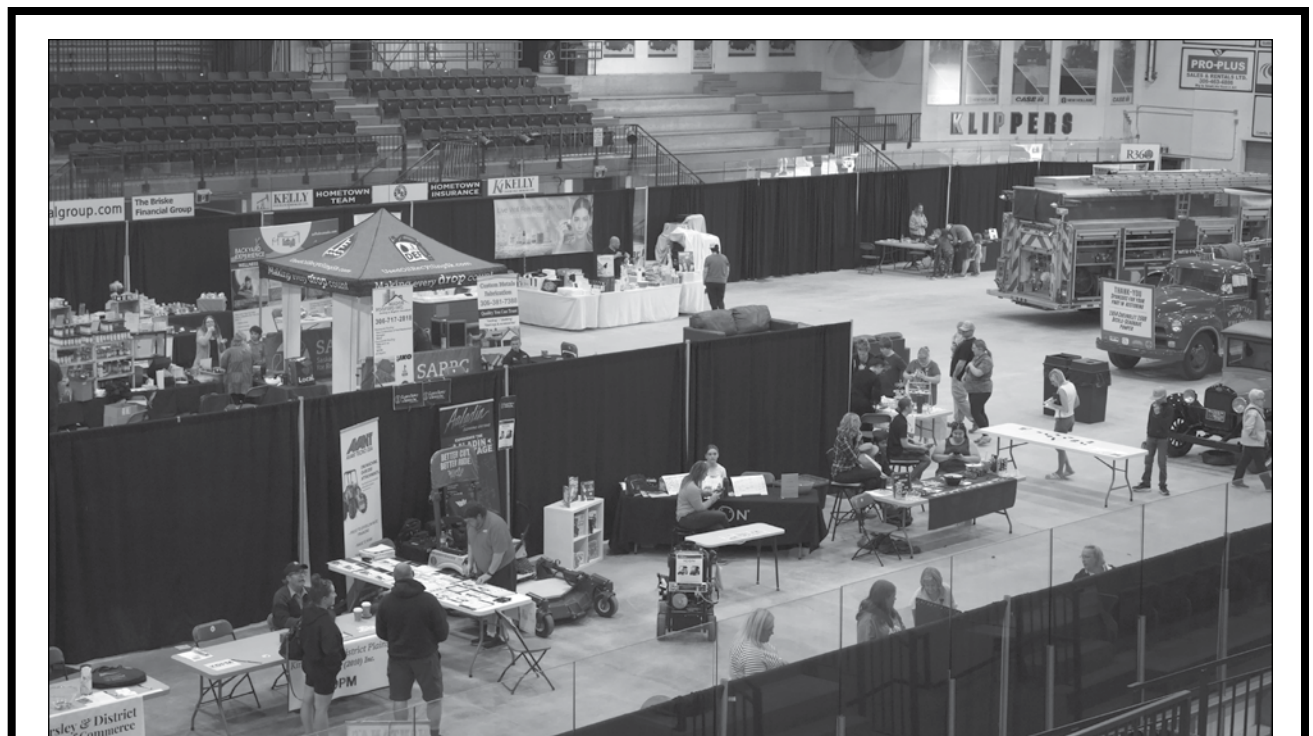
*"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea,
The plowman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.
Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear:
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.
Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife,
Their sober wishes never learned to stray;
On some fond breast the parting soul relies,
Some pious drops the closing eye requires;
If chance, by lonely contemplation led,
Some kindred spirit shall inquire thy fate,
Here rests his head upon the lap of Earth
Large was his bounty, and his soul sincere.
Heaven did a recompense as largely send:
He gave to Misery all he had, a tear.
He gained from Heaven
('twas all he wished) a friend."*

Elegies are made for good byes. Quilts are made for good nights. Both, eventually, leave the world to darkness and our weary selves.

I gaze back down at the quilt delivered by my heavenly Climax women friends and realize that, scattered among the blue flowers and the orange stars are verses - bits of scripture beseeching me not to be troubled nor afraid, reminders to give thanks in all circumstances, to grant peace to each and every one of us.

I lift the quilt, letting it fall over my legs, and a bold gold word leaps before my eyes: It is: "Glorious!"

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TRADE SHOW DRAWS CROWD. Visitors browse exhibits and displays during the trade show at the Kindersley West Central Events Centre. The annual event brought together local businesses, organizations and community groups from across the region, offering attendees an opportunity to connect with exhibitors, learn about local services and explore community initiatives. PHOTO BY EVAN PELLETIER



Just a gal from Glidden



The boy who wanted to know everything

BY KATE WINQUIST

When things slowed down on Friday evening, my mind drifted back to trade shows from years ago. My first was in Shaunavon in 1993, where the local Kinsmen and Kinettes packed both the skating and curling rinks for something called Show-A-Rama. Impressive for a town of just under 2,000 people. The first booth through the door would stop people in their tracks. It belonged to The Shaunavon Standard, where I was working at the time, and they sold full slabs of fresh butter fudge behind a glass cabinet, weighed and sold by the pound, displayed on pine shelving with a lattice top built specifically for the show. You can't go to a trade show anywhere without stopping for homemade fudge, and that booth set the standard.

Fast forward to Kindersley 2026. The first booth through the door was E & R Fudge Farm and no, I could not resist getting myself a treat.

One of my favourite conversations from the entire weekend happened before the doors even officially opened. A young boy named Riley, maybe seven or eight, wandered over to look at the photographs. He wasn't interested in a quick glance. He wanted to know everything. Where was this church? What happened to that elevator? Is that a real lightning bolt?

Before long we were deep into thunderstorms, tornadoes and prairie weath-



Above: ALREADY BUILDING SOMETHING.

Kate Drummond at Shaunavon's Show-A-Rama, circa 2000, several years after her first introduction to the trade show circuit as an employee at The Shaunavon Standard. By this point she had her own business, her own booth and her own banner. Some things don't change.



Right: RESISTANCE WAS FUTILE. Vanilla Skor and Caramel Pecan Cluster from E & R Fudge Farm, the first booth through the door at the 2026 Kindersley Tradeshow.

er. His caregiver came over quietly and mentioned that Riley was autistic and had ADHD. I smiled. I have ADHD too. That explained a lot about both of us.

In that moment I realized Riley and I had more in common than it might have looked. We were both curious. We both liked asking questions. And when something caught our attention, we weren't interested in the short version.

As much as I wanted people to notice

the photographs, what I enjoyed most were the conversations they sparked. One person recognized an elevator that had disappeared years ago. Another told me about a church where their grandparents were married. The photos weren't really about buildings at all. They were about memories.

I suspect a lot of what has shaped my life and career stems from that same curiosity. Whether it was newspapers, photography, graphic design or chasing the next creative idea, I've always been drawn to learning something new. Riley reminded me that curiosity isn't something you grow out of. If you're lucky, it's something you carry with you your entire life.

Maybe that's why community newspapers still matter. We're not just recording council meetings, ball games and community events. We're preserving the stories attached to them. The people. The places. The moments that might otherwise be forgotten.

As we packed up the booth Saturday afternoon, I thought about all those trade shows stretching back more than three decades. The businesses have changed. The technology has changed. But the people haven't changed nearly as much. They still want to gather. They still want to visit. They still want to tell stories and hear stories.

I started out standing behind someone else's booth, watching how it was done. These days I bring my own. And I still can't walk past the fudge.

Assault at Sask Landing among incidents

ROSETOWN—Rosetown/Kyle RCMP investigated an assault at Sask Landing Provincial Park on June 7, 2026. That investigation is ongoing.

Fraud complaints were received in the RM of Victory on June 5 (no funds or photos were sent and the file is closed), in Zealandia on June 5, and in Kyle on June 8.

A suspicious vehicle was reported near Fiske on June 5. Members were not in a position to intercept it.

Cash was stolen from a Rosetown residence on June 6. That investigation



remains ongoing.

Erratic driving complaints were received on Highway 7 near Fiske on June 6, near Rosetown on June 8, and near McGee on June 9. Patrols were conducted near McGee but members were unable to locate the vehicle.

A wellbeing check was conducted in Harris on June 7 and another in Fiske on June 10.

A noise complaint involving a vehicle revving its engine was received in Elrose on June 6. An animal call in Elrose on June 8 resulted in the complainant being directed to Animal Protection Saskatchewan.

Vehicle damage was reported in Rosetown on June 9 for information purposes, as the driver had been directed by SGI to report to police.

A mischief and noise complaint at a

Rosetown motel was attended on June 10 at 2:52 a.m.

A propane fire pit was stolen in Elrose on June 10. That investigation remains ongoing.

During the reporting period, 31 traffic-related charges were issued along with one 911 misdial and three false alarm calls.

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

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Jays struggling during 50th anniversary

Whether the Toronto Blue Jays win the World Series or miss the playoffs altogether, the 2026 season will be remembered for the significance of the team celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Only those of a certain age who were around to watch the Jays' first-ever game back in April, 1977, will recall that instead of sunshine pouring into



Sports
By Bruce Penton

Exhibition Stadium, where the Jays played their first few seasons, a fluke spring snowfall soured the day. The average American ball fan whose image of a stereotypical Canadian is someone who resides in a cold country and perhaps lives in an igloo may have had those myths confirmed with video replays of that snowy day, April 7. A Zamboni was even needed to clear snow from the field. Normally, weather that extreme would have caused a postponement of an outdoor baseball game, but there had been so much hype about the Canadian expansion team playing its first game, it was full steam ahead.

Blue Jays won the game, 9-5 over Chicago White Sox, as Doug Ault (career batting average .236 and 17 home runs), banged out two homers.

Wouldn't it be grand if the Blue Jays celebrated their 50th year of existence with a World Series championship? Year 49 produced an American League East title, an AL championship and a near-miss in the World Series against the Dodgers, losing Game 7 in extra innings at home.

Last year's team was 22-24 in mid-May before manager John Schneider's players turned the corner. The Jays had a similar start this year, 31-34 after 65 games, so there's reason to believe a repeat of 2025 is possible. There are a few 'ifs' involved, however: If Vladimir Guerrero Jr., starts swatting home runs like he did last year (he had only three round-trippers after 65

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games); if George Springer rebounds from a poor start and starts hitting like the .309 guy from last year; if Addison Barger remembers how he hit 21 home runs last year (injuries have slowed him badly this year); and if the Jays' pitching staff lives up to its pre-season hype as one of the best rotations in baseball.

Catching first-place Tampa Bay Rays will be tough, but the Jays are solidly in the wildcard race and with Kevin Gausman, Dylan Cease and Trey Yesavage leading the way on the mound and rookie flash Kazuma Okamoto living up to his pre-season billing (team-leading 13 homers and 35 RBI through 65 games), there's reason to believe Toronto fans will see some playoff games in Year 50.

Meanwhile, the moment in those 50 years Jays' fans will never forget will be memorialized in a ceremony on July 18. A statue of Joe Carter's "touch 'em all" home run that won the 1993 World Series over Philadelphia Phillies will be unveiled prior to that day's game against the White Sox.

Blue Jays' officials would be wise to leave space near the Carter shrine for future statues. The next 50 years is bound produce a couple more heroes.

- Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Andy Reid said he will attend the Travis Kelce-Taylor Swift wedding, but said he would not sing 'I Am

the Walrus' at the reception."

- Super 70s Sports: "I miss real intentional-walks. The crowd booing, the .01 per cent chance something weird would happen, the batter giving off 'Yeah, I knew you didn't want any of this' vibes."
- Headline at theonion.com: "Rawlings Donates 50,000 Baseball Gloves To Ukrainian War Effort" The great WC Fields: "Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people."
- Guardian U.S., on Bluesky: "(New York mayor) Zohran Mamdani's quest to corner the youth vote has continued with the news that he has repealed bedtime for the city's children during the NBA finals."
- Another one from Torben Rolfsen: "Chris Pronger confirmed he interviewed for the top Maple Leaf job — Auston Matthews' psychiatrist."
- One more from Rolfsen: "Three Houston pitchers combined to throw a no-hitter. Apparently, the Astros have figured out a way to tap into the automated balls and strikes system."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on the difference between San Antonio's Victor Wembanyama at age 22 and Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando Magic at age 22: "Wemby gives the Spurs hope for the future; Shaq took the Magic's hope to L.A."
- Stan Verrett on X: "If I'm Wembanyama, I'm making one call, with one question. The call is to Kareem Abdul Jabbar. The question is 'can you teach me the sky hook?' It would be impossible to block."
- Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com site, after Josh Jacobs of the Packers was arrested for domestic violence, including 'strangling': "That is not exactly a 'judgment call'; 'strangling' is never seen as socially acceptable."
- Headline at fark.com: "Stephen A. Smith takes credit for the NY Knicks reaching the NBA final. In other news, rooster takes credit for the sun rising.

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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Marengo intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2017-06 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT OF ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT:

The intent of the proposed amendment is to accommodate the proposed residential use by the landowner and to accurately reflect the use of the land and the appropriate zoning. The amendment is summarized below:

Amendment to the Zoning District Map to rezone Lot 30 Block 2 Plan 61S14089 from CS – Community Service District, to R1 – Residential District.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Municipal Office, located at 20 1st Avenue North in the Village of Marengo, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaws are available at the Municipal Office.



PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on June 24th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marengo Municipal Office, 20 1st Avenue North in the Village of Marengo, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing, or delivered to the undersigned at the Municipal Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Village of Marengo, this 8th day of June 2026.
Lisa Ensor, Administrator

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Above: Lionel Story introduces his horses, Bubbles, Banjo, Beth, and Bodie to students during the Kindersley Antique Threshing Club seeding demo. *PHOTOS BY EVAN PELLETIER*

Left: Attendees enjoy a wagon ride behind a team of horses during the Antique Threshing Club seeding demo.

Lower left: Students learn how dairy cows are milked during a demonstration hosted by Sask-Milk.

Below: Representatives from Simplot show students how onions and potatoes are planted during a hands-on agricultural learning activity.

Bottom: Lionel Story demonstrates how a horse-drawn plow was traditionally used to seed fields, offering attendees a glimpse into Saskatchewan's agricultural history.



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Premier Scott Moe addresses the crowd at the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Show on June 3. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Scott Moe to SK Oil and Gas Show: This is our moment

WEYBURN — Premier Scott Moe addressed a full house at the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Show on June 3, telling the crowd of energy producers, "This is our moment."

In the speech he spoke of how large scale investments in Saskatchewan are the new normal, and that part of that will be in increasing oil production "beyond what we even ever thought it could be."

Moe told the crowd of more than 3,000 that Saskatchewan's energy industry is central to the province's economic future and to Canada's sovereignty.

"This is our moment to advance our economy beyond what we ever dreamt it could have been 10 years ago, or 20 years ago, or 30 years ago," he said.

The premier pointed to \$62 billion in private sector investment across 60 projects as evidence of a new normal for the province, and said the next \$50 billion is already visible on the horizon.

"It's unlike any time in our provincial history," he said. "We have never seen that type of private sector investment flow into our province."

Moe said Saskatchewan's oil is not only in demand globally, but is the most sustainably and ethically produced on earth. He noted that both OPEC and the In-

ternational Energy Agency project increasing demand for oil through 2050.

Oil is Saskatchewan's largest export to the United States at close to \$10 billion annually, he said, accounting for more than 25 per cent of the province's international exports and employing 40,000 people across the province.

Moe said trading partners he visited abroad were unequivocal about their appetite for more Canadian oil.

"Every barrel that you can find to that coast, we would be interested in buying," he said, relaying what foreign partners told him.

He said the provincial government will be at the negotiating table on the future of the energy industry, guided by industry operators.

"We are going to do our level best to land in a place that is going to allow that investment to flow, and allow those drilling rigs to get back to work in a way that they never have in recent history," Moe said.

Federal MPs Steven Bonk and Andrew Scheer were also in attendance.

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SSGA AGM sets direction for year ahead

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

SWIFT CURRENT — The Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association concluded its 113th annual general meeting and convention June 9 in Swift Current, with members adopting a slate of resolutions and electing new leadership for the year ahead.

Held June 7 to 9 under the theme "Celebrating Rangelands and Ranchers," the convention brought together livestock producers, ranching families, industry leaders, government representatives, researchers and partners from across Saskatchewan and beyond.

The convention focused on the role ranchers play as stewards of Saskatchewan's grasslands, while also addressing key issues facing the livestock industry, including market outlooks, risk management, traceability, animal welfare, succession planning, innovation and the growth of Canada's livestock sector.

"This convention reflects the strength, resilience and leadership of Saskatchewan's ranching community," said incoming SSGA president Kelly Williamson. "The conversations, ideas and relationships built over the past few days demonstrate the value of producers coming together to shape the future of our industry. Saskatchewan ranchers have every reason to be proud of the work they do on the land, in their businesses and within their communities."

The convention opened with the president's reception, featuring remarks from Agriculture Critic John Barlow. Speakers throughout the event represented Farm Credit Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Canadian Cattle Association, Canada Beef and numerous industry organizations.

A highlight of Monday's program was a producer panel recognizing the United Nations' International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. The panel underscored the global importance of sustainable grazing systems and reinforced the role of Saskatchewan's rangelands in food production, biodiversity, carbon storage, wildlife habitat, environmental stewardship and rural communities.

The board elected a new executive to lead the association over the coming year. Kelly Williamson was elected president, Henry McCarthy first vice-president, Chay Anderson second vice-president, Neil Block finance chair and Jeff Yorga past president.

The association also welcomed new directors-at-large Clint Smith and Paul Buckingham. SSGA expressed appreciation to outgoing directors Gerry Delorme, Garner Deobald, Kelly Lightfoot and Kurtis Reid for their service to Saskatchewan's livestock industry.

Special recognition was extended to outgoing president Jeff Yorga for his leadership throughout his two-year term. Under his leadership, the SSGA executive and board worked on producer-driven initiatives involving traceability reform, disease preparedness, drought resilience, wildlife management, property rights and the long-term sustainability of Saskatchewan's ranching sector.

A key outcome of the AGM was the adoption of resolutions that will guide SSGA's advocacy efforts over the coming year.

The resolutions include calls to strengthen animal health preparedness and fair compensation during disease events, address predator and wildlife pressures, improve livestock protection tools and expand practical wildlife management strategies.



Members also called for greater fairness and consistency in federal agricultural lending programs, improved market access and trade safeguards, and the protection of Canadian beef interests in international negotiations.

Other resolutions emphasized the need to safeguard livestock and forage research capacity, maintain access to applied agricultural science and ensure long-term investment in research infrastructure.

Additional priorities included improving transparency and producer engagement in industry governance, modernizing traceability and regulatory processes, reviewing codes of practice, strengthening land and property rights frameworks, improving rural energy affordability and supporting competitiveness and long-term sector growth.

"The resolutions passed by members reflect both the complexity of the challenges producers face and the practical, solutions-oriented approach they bring to addressing them," Williamson said. "They provide a clear and focused direction for our advocacy work in the year ahead."

During Monday evening's banquet, Ralph and Linda Corcoran of Langbank received the 2026 Environmental Stewardship Award in recognition of their commitment to responsible land management, environmental stewardship and sustainable ranching practices.

Heidi Fradette of Lake Alma received the Rangeland Scholarship, recognizing her commitment to agriculture, community and leadership.

The 2025-26 annual report highlighted progress for the association and Saskatchewan's livestock sector, including strengthened producer engagement, advocacy on regulatory and policy issues, and the implementation of producer-led initiatives such as Saskatchewan's Satellite Forage Insurance Program.

Attendees also heard updates on strong cattle markets, growing international demand for Canadian beef, renewed market access opportunities and continued investment in livestock and forage research.

"The success of this convention reflects the commitment of so many people who continue to invest their time, expertise and resources into our industry," Williamson said. "We are grateful to every sponsor, exhibitor, speaker, volunteer and attendee who helped create an event that was both meaningful and memorable."

"Ranching has always been about more than raising livestock," Williamson added. "It is about caring for the land, supporting our neighbours and building opportunities for the next generation. This event reminded us that when producers come together with purpose and resolve, the future of our industry remains strong. Though our annual convention has concluded, SSGA's work continues."

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

KERROBERT — In spite of a cloudy sky, cool weather and a sprinkling of rain, the track and field day went ahead as planned at Kerrobert Elementary School. Family members came out on Thursday morning, June 11 to watch their children participate in all the different events. There was no need for sunscreen, and the students definitely didn't get overheated as they exerted all their energy in each event. Staff, family members, volunteers and students all enjoyed the day as they encouraged and cheered for the kids.



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R.M. OF DEER FORKS NO. 232 NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Deer Forks No. 232 intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 199 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007 for the sale of dedicated lands.

INTENT
 The proposed bylaw will allow for the sale of a Municipal Buffer parcel.

AFFECTED LAND
 MBI, Plan 96MJ04145 (see attached map)

REASON
 This land is part of a road access strip that is used to access the Village of Empress Lagoon Site and should be included in that parcel as a whole.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
 Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office at 957 Railway Ave on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8:30am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at a cost.

PUBLIC HEARING
 Council will hold a public hearing on July 8, 2026 at the RM of Deer Forks No. 232 office in the Council Chambers at 957 Railway Ave at 9:30am to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at the RM of Deer Forks No. 232 on June 8, 2026. CAO — Kim Lacelle

CORRECTION

Hwy. #31 study initiated by Luseland alone

A mistake was published in a recent article about a proposed Hwy. #31 study. The effort to conduct a study on Hwy. #31's condition was initiated and spearheaded by the Town of Luseland only. Kerrobert has declined to participate. Our apologies for any confusion this mistake may have caused.

— Stu Salkeld, LJI reporter, Your West Central Voice

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Kerrobert gallery showcases students' artistic creations

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

KERROBERT — The Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery dedicated the week of June 7 to 14 to showcasing the artistic creations of Grade 5 and 6 students from Kerrobert Composite School. The walls of the gallery were festooned with drawings, designs and paintings, along with photos of the artists. There were also numerous miniature models of bedrooms and living spaces with unique interiors designed by the young artists.

On Sunday, June 14, family and friends were invited to meet the student artists and view their work at an afternoon reception. It was the last chance for the community to celebrate the students' successful year of creativity and learning.



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Sandi Lougheed, CRP Past President
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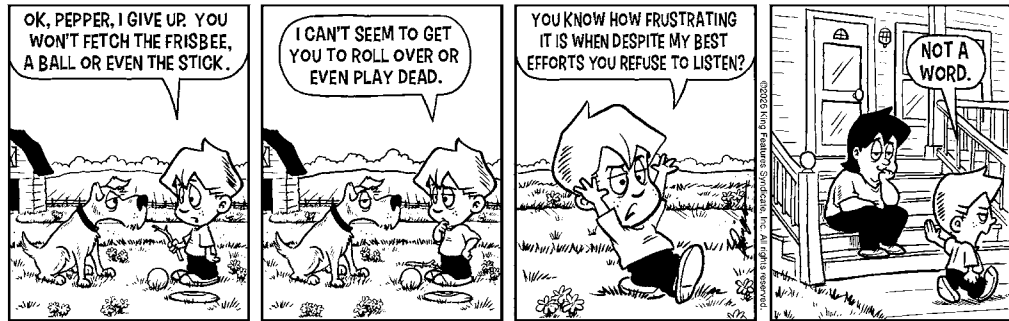
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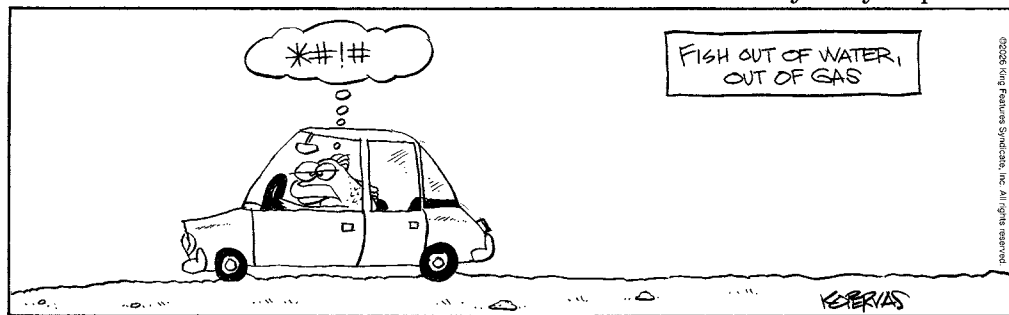
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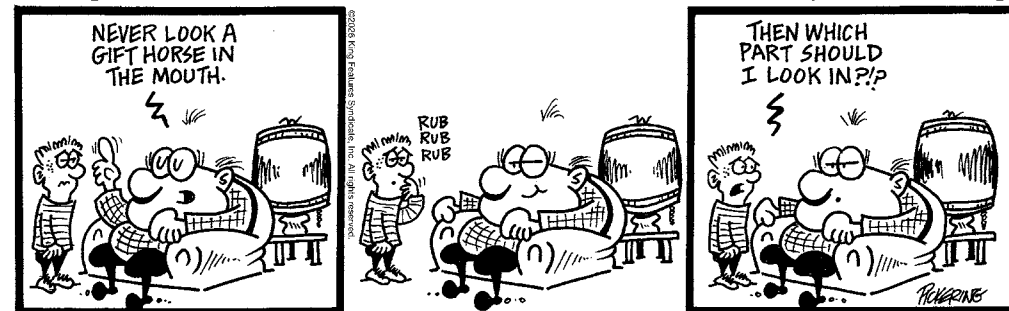
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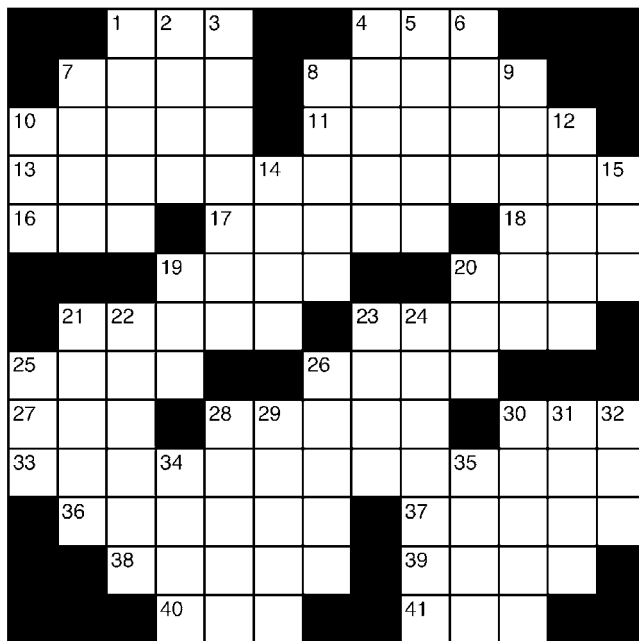
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Center
- 4 Solo in space
- 7 Lawn mower brand
- 8 Spoils, with "on"
- 10 Wanderer
- 11 Beethoven's Third
- 13 Time management aids
- 16 Citric beverage
- 17 Got up
- 18 Mosquito barrier
- 19 "— chic!"
- 20 Feel sorry for
- 21 Mom's sister, informally
- 23 "Time in a Bottle" singer
- 25 Impudent
- 26 Owl call
- 27 Solid-rock insert
- 28 Spine-tingling
- 30 Lupino of film
- 33 Commuters' buys
- 36 Turned to mush
- 37 Lounges
- 38 Egypt's neighbor



- 39 Sloth's home
- 40 Ballpark fig.
- 41 Even so
- 10 Secret protection doc.
- 12 Mountain crest
- 14 Quarry
- 15 Farm pen
- 19 Stick with a kick
- 20 Cauldron
- 21 Greek storyteller
- 22 Faraway orb
- 23 Business abbr.
- 24 Author's payment
- 25 Actress Dawber
- 26 "Papa" of classical music
- 28 Molts
- 29 Traction aid
- 30 Archipelago part
- 31 Editing mark
- 32 Ninny
- 34 Verifiable
- 35 Harboring a grudge

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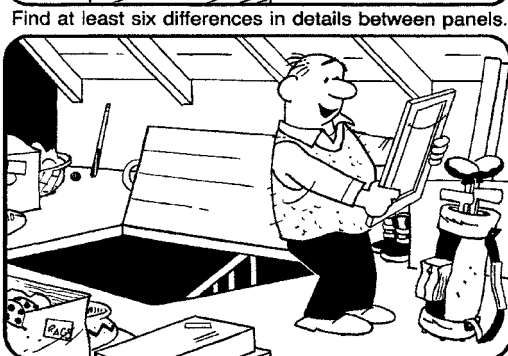
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who is the long-time host of the reality show "Survivor"?
- MOVIES: What is the song playing when the lead characters dance the twist in "Pulp Fiction"?
- U.S. STATES: The first president, George Washington, was born in which colony that would later become a state?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country controls Easter Island?
- MYTHOLOGY: To which mythological character is the Parthenon dedicated?
- LITERATURE: Which war is the background for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
- MATH: What is the sum of the first five prime numbers?
- INVENTORS: Which inventor developed more than 300 products from peanuts?
- MUSIC: Who won Album of the Year at the 2026 Grammys?
- HISTORY: In what year did U.S. women earn the right to open credit cards in their own names?

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Following the beginning of Coleville's oil boom in 1951, a refinery was built and in operation by March of 1953. The town that used to see two or three trains a week now had two or three trains of tank cars leaving each day.

PHOTO OXEN TO OIL HISTORY BOOK

Coleville's population quadrupled from 1951-1954

BY JOAN JANZEN

COLEVILLE — In 1951 Coleville was a hamlet with a population of 80 people. That all changed when oil was discovered nearby and the population grew to 430 by 1954 and Coleville became a village. The village's assessments jumped from \$165,000 to \$280,000 with 75 new units being assessed in a two-year period.

A refinery was built and in operation by March of 1953 with two or three trains of tank cars leaving each day, and 284 heavy crude oil wells drilled in the area. One of the surprising features of Coleville's oil production was the high proportion of successful wells being drilled.

New arrivals to Coleville planned to stay, building substantial homes and took an interest in the village's community life. At that time the Coleville hotel was built at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

A 1954 article in the Star Phoenix reported the hotel's construction came to a halt in the spring of that year due to lack of funds. The Prince Charles Hotel was built to accommodate oil workers during the

boom, and shares were offered at \$100 per share.

The hotel sat idle for over a year until a Mr. Crawford purchased most of the shares at a reduced price. The hotel was completed in 1956 and the famous baseball player Don Stewart retired and took over the hotel, becoming its first manager. It contained office space, 21 guest rooms, a cafe and a bar. Over the years it contained a liquor board store, arcade, hair salon and a movie rental store.

As the village became a centre of industry in the 1950's, Mr. and Mrs. P.M. O'Bready acted as local bankers, cashing cheques for oil companies and their employees. After their passing the need for a bank became a necessity.

According to the history book Oxen to Oil, school enrolment increased with the influx of oil workers and their families. Many of those families came from Alberta along with their school-aged children. The old brick school was remodelled with basement play rooms used as classrooms until 1957 when the new Rossville School was built. It was named after Ross Farris who had been the school's janitor for 37 years.

Town of Leader council approves budget and base tax increase

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

LEADER — The Town of Leader council adopted its 2026 budget, mill rate and base tax bylaw, which will result in a minor tax increase for property owners. The resolutions were passed at the June 2 regular meeting of council.

In a phone call with Your West Central Voice newspaper, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Erin Romanuik confirmed many important resolutions connected to budget and taxation were passed at the council meeting, including the 2026 budget, 2026 mill rate and 2026 base tax bylaw. Romanuik stated that the 2026 mill rate will remain at its 2025 level.

The CAO stated that when developing the base tax charge, councillors approved an increase of two per cent, which she noted most property owners will notice as a slight or minor increase to their bills.

Readers should note that typical property tax bills in Saskatchewan will also have provincial government taxes on them; the municipality is obligated to collect the money on behalf of Regina, but does not keep it.

Mud bogs

Romanuik stated that councillors reviewed and approved a community event licence application for the mud bog races, which are scheduled to take place June 20. The CAO stated this event is the same weekend as

the Wild West event, so it is shaping up to be a busy weekend in the community.

Romanuik stated the mud bog races have been held in Leader before and councillors had no concerns about the event.

Demolition coming soon

The CAO stated councillors approved a contractor for upcoming building demolitions in Leader.

She stated councillors approved Craig Meier Construction for the demolition of two buildings acquired by the Town of Leader through the tax recovery process. Romanuik added the buildings were not recoverable and it was decided to demolish them.

Romanuik stated that a specialist will inspect the properties beforehand to ensure no substances such as asbestos are involved. She added that it is hoped the contractor will be able to remove the houses in July.

Admin report

Romanuik stated that councillors approved the administration report with no concerns.

Closed session

The CAO observed councillors ended their agenda with a closed session to discuss human resources. Readers should note councils have the authority to move into closed session to discuss private matters such as contracts, staff, legal cases or ongoing business deals.

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MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. The KCS jazz band wrapped up its performance schedule for the school year with a concert at Caleb Village on Monday afternoon. Students entertained residents with a selection of old-time favourites and jazz classics. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Special Olympics Saskatchewan kicks off checkout fundraiser

REGINA — Special Olympics Saskatchewan has launched its 2026 Empire campaign, inviting shoppers at Sobeys, Safeway, and IGA locations across the province to donate \$2 at checkout between June 11 and 21.

Leading the Saskatchewan campaign is athlete ambassador Rhyker Evanishen-Menzies, whose involvement in Special Olympics has built confidence, friendships, and a sense of belonging.

Every \$2 donation will be matched by Empire -- Family of Brands, up to \$500,000 nationally, doubling the impact for athletes and communities across Canada.

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"Every best is personal," said Rhae-Ann Holoien, executive director of Special Olympics Saskatchewan. "Whether it's scoring a first goal, building confidence, making a new friend, or learning healthy habits, these moments matter. A simple \$2 donation can make a meaningful difference."

Special Olympics Saskatchewan has served chil-



Special Olympics Saskatchewan ambassador, Rhyker Evanishen-Menzies

dren, youth, and adults with intellectual disabilities for more than 50 years.

For more information, visit www.specialolympics.ca/saskatchewan.



Motorcycles line the parking lot outside Kindersley Alliance Church as riders gather for the 2nd Annual Biker Blessing on June 15 before heading out for a group ride through west-central Saskatchewan. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN.

Bikers rev up for 2nd Annual Biker Blessing

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — Bikers revved up and headed to Kindersley Alliance Church for the 2nd Annual Biker Blessing on Sunday morning, June 15. The service started at 10:30 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch. Kickstands went up and the bikers headed off to enjoy the camaraderie of the open road.

"The inspiration for this event came from my personal involvement with the ministry of the Christian Motorcycle Association," Pastor Lionel Moffatt ex-

plained. Members of the organization attend and promote many different types of motorcycle events and enjoy the camaraderie of riding with others.

After lunch, Pastor Lionel blessed the bikers, praying for safety over each rider during the riding season.

"We pray that during the time on their bikes, the riders would enjoy the creation God has provided," he added.

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Bernice Agnes (Coombs) Lawrence of Kerrobert, Sask passed from this life on June 6, 2026 at the Kerrobert Integrated Health Facility in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan.

Bernice was born in Melfort, Sask. to Jack (John Tracy) and Agnes (Lindberg) Coombs on December 19, 1937. She started school at Fletts Spring School. In 1948, her parents sold their farm and moved into Melfort where Bernice finished her schooling. In the fall of 1957, she moved to Tisdale, Sask to work for Arthur's Jewelry, then the Bank of Monreal. On July 4, 1959, she married Cecil Douglas Lawrence in All Saints Anglican Church in Melfort. They enjoyed a family celebration on their 50th anniversary in Tisdale. Cecil and Bernice have one daughter, Caron.

Over the years, Bernice became involved with organizations her daughter was interested in including Girl Guides, figure skating, and church activities. Bernice had many passions in life. Gardening, crocheting, sewing all those Barbie Doll clothes, and aprons for the church bazaars, genealogy and preservation of cemetery records. Her love of animals and baking for and spoiling her grandchildren were things she was passionate about. Bernice will be sadly missed by the people who knew her for the genuine loving and caring person she was.

In 2018, Cecil moved into New Market Manor and Bernice moved into Caleb Village in Tisdale. After Cecil's passing in 2020, Bernice moved to Caleb Village in Kindersley to be closer to Caron and her family. In September 2023, due to declining health, Bernice moved into the Kerrobert Integrated Health Care Facility where she lived until the time of her passing.

Bernice was predeceased by her husband, Cecil (2020); parents Jack (1968), and Agnes (1989) Coombs; sister Margaret Hillier (2018); sister Phyllis Lawrence (2010); sister Evelyn Sutton (2015); brothers in law, Jack Sutton (1988), Percy Lawrence (1989), Avery Hillier (2000), and nephews, Daryl Collins (2020), Ron Hillier (2007), David Levin (2003)

She is survived by her daughter Caron (Murray) Van Basten of Kerrobert; her three precious grandchildren Matthew of Coleville, Michael (Kayla) of Kindersley, and Jillian (Kyle) Paulgaard of Hayter; her great-grandchildren Lambertus, Nicholas and Jemma Van Basten, and Clifford Paulgaard. Bernice is also survived by her sister, Lois (Clint) Tetarenko of Melfort, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bernice and Cecils lives will be held at a later date. Interment for both Cecil and Bernice will be in the Coombs Family Plot, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Melfort, Sask. Barron's Funeral Chapel Ltd of Tisdale will be in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kerrobert Integrated Health Care Facility- Long term Care.

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REMEMBERING WHEN

Stuff my dad said

My late father was a common-sense country person who grew up on a farm. No one ever had to tell him "where the bear sits," if you know what I mean. With a firm belief in hard work, a strong sense of right and wrong, and a rural sense of humour, his down-to-earth approach to life gave rise to some very unforgettable sayings that stuck with his young sons for the rest of their lives. These are some of his more profound sayings that I remember:

"YOU'VE GOT A HEAD COLD? IT ATTACKS THE WEAKEST PART!" Yeah, thanks, Pop. As a sensitive kid growing up, I didn't particularly appreciate my father saying this to me when I was sick. This was one of those times when I wished that dad was more like Ward Cleaver than who he actually was. But with age, wisdom, and understanding, I now get where he was coming from, and I chuckle when I think about the comment these days.

"UP AND AT 'EM! DAYLIGHT ON THE SWAMP!" Being a country person, Dad kept farmer's hours all his life. Always up with the sun every morning, he went to bed around 9 p.m. every night if there was nothing to detain him. His three sons, however, were not inclined that way. Like most young people, my two younger brothers and I tended to be night owls, while Dad was an early bird. When Dad needed us for a chore that had to be done first thing in the morning on a weekend, this was what he would yell at us as he pounded on our bedroom doors to roust us from our slumber.

"HE WENT TO SCHOOL TO BE A WIT AND GOT HALFWAY THROUGH!" Raised on a farm with country common-sense values, my father did not suffer fools gladly. This was his way of expressing disdain for someone he felt wasn't using the good sense God gave them.

"NOTHING TO SAY!" Most of the time, Dad was a man of few words. If he had something to say, he'd say it. If not, he wouldn't. Many times over the years



Remembering When
By Keith Schell

when I phoned home and Mom answered, she would ask Dad if he wanted to talk to me. I could usually hear Dad in the background saying this to Mom. But if he had something to tell me, he'd take the phone, and we'd have a chat. I smile at the memory now.

"EVERYTHING AROUND A PIG'S (BUTT) IS STILL PORK!" One night while the family was eating pork chops for dinner, we began to question what parts of the pig were edible and where the pork chops came from. While this wasn't the most appetizing thing to discuss around the dinner table, this was Dad's contribution to the conversation. Dad grew up on a farm, so you knew he was right.

"YOU'VE GOT TO BE NICE TO OLD PEOPLE; WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE THERE SOMEDAY." Ever loyal to his beloved dog to the very end, Dad often said this to the rest of the family as he helped his lame old dog up onto the couch so she could rest her weary bones.

"IF I WAS ON A DESERTED ISLAND...AND I WAS STARVING...AND SOMEONE OFFERED ME A PLATE OF THIS...I WOULD EAT IT." Mom would occasionally ask Dad how he liked the dinner she had prepared that night. If Mom had made something new that Dad didn't particularly care for, this was his comically tactful way of saying so. That said, Dad really didn't want to hurt Mom's feelings, so he would usually eat it anyway. Waste not, want not, right?

"NO MAN SHOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT MORE THAN ONCE!" When Mom and Dad originally got married, Dad was a very nervous groom. One time, Mom suggested they renew their wedding vows for a special anniversary, but Dad flatly refused, and this was his reason. That always made Mom chuckle when she told the story later. Still, being sensitive to Mom's feelings, Dad found another nice way to celebrate their anniversary that year.

I realize the title of this column may not be grammatically elegant, but saying it like that makes it feel more like something our father would have said. Dad could be quite profound at times in his down-to-earth wisdom, country sense of humour, and rural common sense.

And the memories of all the things he said to us growing up just make us feel his absence more keenly in the present.

(Miss you, Dad. Happy Heavenly Father's Day!)

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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.

COLEVILLE SUNDAY, JUNE 21

• The Lloyd "Sparky" Ament Royal Canadian Air Cadets (Kindersley) are having a Father's Day BBQ Fundraiser from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Coleville Legion. Burger, Chips, Pop and Homemade Cookie \$10.

DODSLAND TUESDAY, JUNE 16

• Our Community. Our Arena. Our Future. Let's build it together. Hosted by the Arena Build Committee 3:00-6:00 PM at the Dodsland Community Hall. Come and meet the architects and project manager for the arena rebuild, see what we have planned, ask questions, and let us know your opinions. Snacks & Refreshments provided.

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

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).
 - 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.

FLAXCOMBE

• Kindersley & District Co-op Agro Grand Opening 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (located 5km west of Flaxcombe on HWY #7. Food & Refreshments. Music by Cole Patton!

HOOSIER

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

KERROBERT

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.
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
 • Farmers' Market at the Seniors Hall 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
TUESDAY, JUNE 30
 • Graduation Day! Starting at 2:00 PM at the Prairieland Community Centre.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 4, 5
 • Kerrobert Rodeo at the Fairgrounds
 - 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. Gallery Hours: Weekdays 8:30 - 4:30 Closed at lunch.

KINDERSLEY

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).

• Kindersley & District Co-op Agro Grand Opening 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (located 5km west of Flaxcombe on HWY #7. Food & Refreshments. Music by Cole Patton!

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.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 4 & 5

• Kindersley Filipino Music & Food Street Festival. Bringing the Music & Taste of the Philippines to Kindersley! Norman Ritchie Centre. Parade starts at 11:00 AM on Main Street.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 17, 18, 19

• Western Canadian Oldtimers Baseball Championships

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 20-24

• New Life Church is having their VBS Day Camp from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM daily. at 401-4th Avenue West. Register online at newlifekindersley.com or call 306-463-4720 for more information.

- 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 \$100 for the season or \$10 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!

- 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 8:00 PM - 1:00 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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