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CENTURY OF MEMORIES: Evelyn Sale will celebrate her 100th birthday in 2027 and enjoys life at Eatonia Oasis Living.
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A century of memories: Evelyn Sale looks ahead to her 100th birthday

BY JOAN JANZEN

Evelyn Sale’s milestone 100th birthday is just around the corner in 2027. “That sounds old,” she said with a smile as she relaxed in her home at Eatonia Oasis Living. Evelyn was born to Regina and Daniel Weisbrod on Oct. 3, 1927, at Tregarva, Sask., about 27 kilometres north of Regina. She was the youngest of nine children, with seven sisters and two brothers. “I was the only one who was born in a hospital,” she recalled. “They kept my mother in the hospital for 12 days. She was so homesick for her children who were at home.” The family moved to a farm near Laporte in 1929, where Evelyn and her siblings attended a one-room country school. Grades 1 through 8 were taught together, with two grades grouped in the same classroom. When Evelyn was the only Grade 3 student, she was simply moved into the Grade 4 class.

“It wasn’t because I was smart. It was for convenience,” she explained. The children travelled to school by buggy, pulled by an old school pony named Topsy. As the youngest, Evelyn eventually rode Topsy herself. “One day a great big Russian thistle came rolling in front of us and she bucked me off,” Evelyn remembered. She brushed herself off, climbed onto a nearby fence and got right back on the horse. Like many prairie families, the Weisbrods endured the hardships of the Dirty Thirties. Russian thistles rolled across the fields while towering black clouds of dust darkened the sky. “You couldn’t even see the pattern on the linoleum floors because it was covered with dust,” she said. Despite the difficult conditions, there was always food on the table. The family raised cattle, pigs, chickens and turkeys. They also ate rock-hard cod shipped

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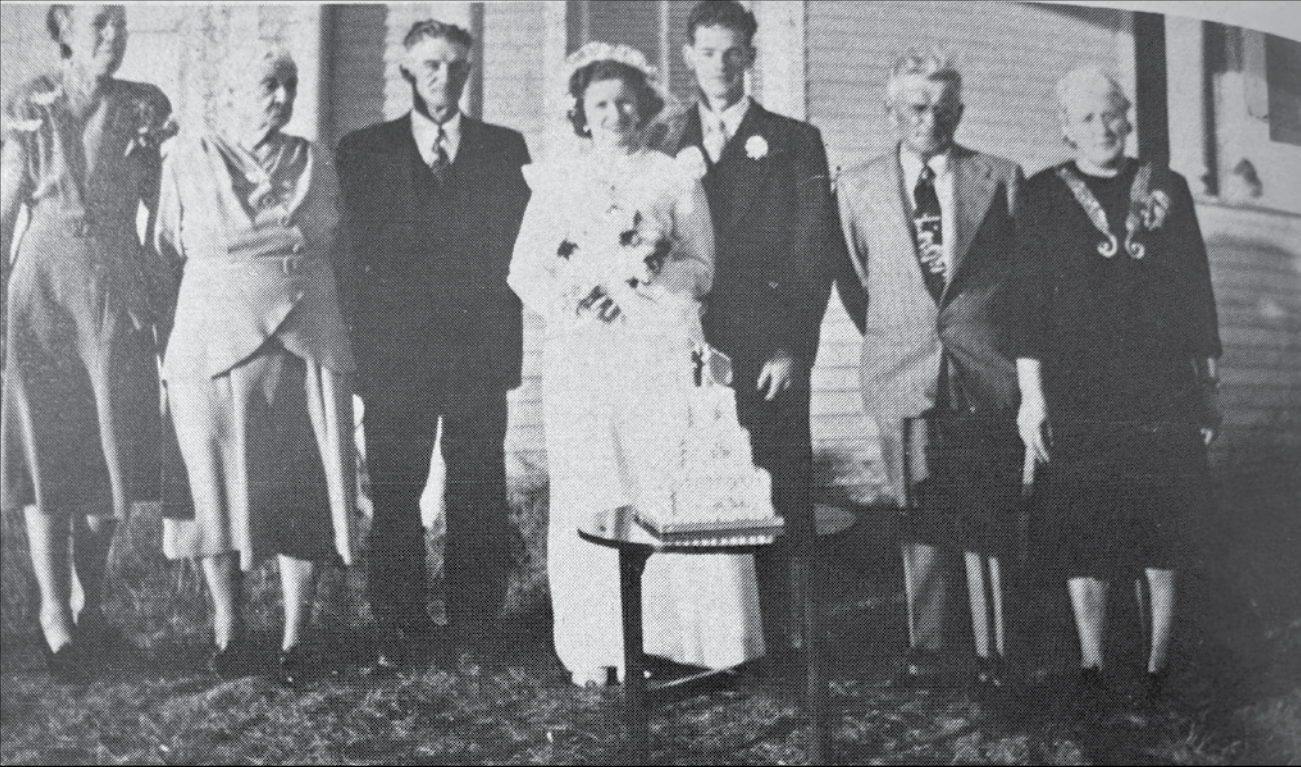


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WEDDING DAY: Evelyn and Gene Sale were married on Oct. 4, 1948, in Hoosier. Pictured, from left, are Mattie Sale, Maggie Sale, Ralph Sale, Evelyn Sale, Gene Sale, Dan Weisbrod, and Regina Weisbrod.

...Evelyn Sale

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from Eastern Canada, although no one seemed to know how to prepare it properly.

“But I never liked milk because we had no refrigeration and it was always warm. And sometimes if a cow ate stinkweed, the milk was terrible,” she laughed. “I still don’t drink milk.”

As the youngest child, Evelyn said people assumed she was spoiled.

“I don’t agree,” she said. “It wasn’t an advantage because you got all the hand-me-downs. I was 14 years old before I got my first new dress from the catalogue.”

Life followed a dependable weekly routine. Sundays were reserved for church, family dinners and visitors.

“But in the winter we didn’t get anywhere,” she added.

Monday was wash day. Cotton clothes were sprinkled with water, rolled up and left until Tuesday’s ironing. Once the baking and cleaning were finished, Friday evenings were often spent playing cards and visiting with friends.

Every Saturday the family travelled to town. While her parents shopped for groceries and visited with friends, the children watched black-and-white movies.

“I was born in the black-and-white age,” Evelyn said. She even remembers watching silent films with captions.

In 1943 the family moved to a farm just three miles from Hoosier. With a reliable water supply for cattle, the move also allowed Evelyn to attend high school while living at home.

“I was the first one in my family who had the opportunity to go to high school,” she said.

She travelled to school in an enclosed horse-drawn van. One bitterly cold January morning, seven stu-

dents were riding inside while driver John Lowe guided a spirited team of horses. As they rounded a corner too quickly, the van tipped over.

The students scrambled out immediately because the fire burning in the small stove had begun spreading outside the stove.

After completing Grade 12, Evelyn attended Normal School in Saskatoon before teaching for two years in country schools near Kindersley.

On Oct. 4, 1948, the day after her 21st birthday, she married Gene Sale in Hoosier.

The arrival of their first child in July 1950 required an unforgettable trip to the hospital in Kindersley. Ivan Russell drove Evelyn and Gene to Hoosier in his Model A Ford. From there, the CNR station agent transported them to Coleville on an open railway speeder.

“It was a long, cold ride,” Evelyn recalled.

Once in Coleville, Gene found someone willing to drive them along the muddy highway to Kindersley. Their son was born two days later. Another son followed in 1953, a daughter in 1956 and a fourth child, a son, in 1962.

Hoosier remained the centre of family life until the local school closed. Activities then shifted to Marengo and Kindersley. The family moved to Kindersley in 1980, and Gene passed away four years later, in 1984.

Today, Evelyn enjoys life at Eatonias Oasis Living, where her room is filled with photographs of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She credits her cheerful outlook to the example set by her parents.

“My mom and dad were always positive and happy. We had a happy childhood,” she said.

As I prepared to leave, Evelyn smiled warmly.

“Any time you want to reminisce and talk, I’m here.”

Thanks for reminiscing, Evelyn. It was a pleasure listening to a century of memories.

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READY TO GIVE: Toys and gifts collected during the K-Town Memorial Toy Run filled the display area before being donated to the West Central Crisis & Support Centre to support local families. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST



A SPECIAL DELIVERY: One of the donated teddy bears found a temporary home on a motorcycle before joining the many toys collected for the West Central Crisis & Support Centre. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



PREPARING FOR THE RIDE: A rider makes final checks on his Harley-Davidson before joining the K-Town Memorial Toy Run through west central Saskatchewan. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST



FUTURE RIDERS: Children enjoyed posing on a Harley-Davidson while waiting for the riders to depart on the K-Town Memorial Toy Run. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST



CHROME ON DISPLAY: Motorcycles lined up at the Kindersley Inn before departing on the annual charity ride. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

More bikes, toys and support at 2026 K-Town Memorial Toy Run

BY JOAN JANZEN

There were more bikes, more toys and more support at this year's K-Town Memorial Toy Run in memory of Lincoln Bairos.

Joan Phinney, who helps organize the event, expressed appreciation to everyone who came out to the rally and supported the fundraiser.

In addition to receiving a truckload of toys, the event raised \$5,500 in donations, while 35 motorcycles gathered at the Kindersley Inn on Saturday morning, July 11.

Phinney said participation continues to grow each year.

"We see new faces every year," she said. "We keep growing every year. The support that we get is awesome!"

Each rider donated a toy and paid a \$30 entry fee, with proceeds benefiting the West Central Crisis & Support Centre.

The day featured a hot dog lunch, door prizes, raffle prizes, a silent auction, supper and plenty of camaraderie.

At 11:30 a.m., kickstands went up as riders headed out on a scenic ride through Milden and Delisle before returning to Kindersley.

Thanks to the generosity of riders, sponsors and community supporters, this year's K-Town Memorial Toy Run was the most successful yet.

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Beatitude list

I was awakened again this morning at 3:30 am. And, again, the words sprang to my lips: "Blessed are the birdies." An echo of the words attributed to Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount, when he introduces us to the Beatitudes. Blessed are the meek, the broken-hearted, the pure of heart, the hungerers after justice, he says. When I think on these words I am reminded that we are all holy, all graced with gifts, talents and our own abilities, obligations and propensities to bless others in return.

Truth be told, I cannot recall that, as a young Catholic attending St. Mary's elementary school with the Sisters of Mercy, we were ever given a thorough introduction to the meaning of the Beatitudes. But I know we were encouraged and admonished to be constantly grateful. Grateful to God, to our parents and yes, to the nuns themselves. I can't say I had any felt sense of "God," and even less an intimate sense of relationship with Jesus. I was, and am, grateful and thankful for a life that has kept me fed, clothed, sheltered, curious and filled with wonder.

And though I do not actively keep what people like my sister and my Al-Anon fellows call a gratitude list, I do hear myself saying thank-you out loud on a regular basis, to everything from the birdies outside my window to my sisters and friends who have managed to make certain I take my brain cancer meds, make me meals and, best of all, make me laugh. And when I hear myself say, "Bless you!" to them all, I am highly aware that I am being blessed. So, I suppose I could say I am keeping a Beatitude List.

In 12-step recovery a sponsor will often suggest that a sponsee keep a daily gratitude list. The idea is to develop a lifelong "attitude of gratitude."

If you joined the Al-Anon program, as I did, to face your dependency on fixing, enlightening, sobering up an alcoholic, you are often encouraged to put that alcoholic at the top of your gratitude list. Why one would be thankful for a drunk in your life who manages to hide their own dependencies, spend your money, break your heart, seemed insane to me. But the point of putting the source of your misery at the top of the list is also an urge to shift your focus, to recognize all the ways you actually found unexpected joy and treasures hidden in your capacity to make it through the day, replete with hurts, fears, resentments and confusions.

Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

There's a good reason to keep a Beatitude List. It reminds us that we are all holy, all embodiments of the sacred, all more than evidence of achievement. More than tools to be used to keep the large machinery of the secular world functioning.

I recall Patti Smith's 1996 album "Gone Again," wherein the spoken-word track "Spell" itemizes all the elements of life, sacred and profane, as holy. While the piece is meant to be an adaptation of Allen Ginsberg's 1956 Beat Generation poem "Howl," it strikes me as her own Beatitude List. "Every man's an angel," she chants. "The bum's as holy as the seraphim! Holy the unknown buggered. And suffering beggars. Holy the hideous human." Holy, holy, holy. Everything is holy, she says. Everyone is holy. Which brings to mind something Wendell Berry wrote in his essay "The Gift of Good Land": "There are no un-sacred places. There are only sacred places and desecrated places." By seeing the sacred in everything, he reminds us that all land is Holy Land.

I admitted to my friend, author and pilgrimage professor Matthew Anderson, that I can't seem to muster any kind of genuine feeling of devotion toward the divine. That I don't even know what it means to worship and adore. But maybe, thanks in great part to the morning birdies, and to the new quilt I received from a group of women who embroidered the word "glorious" into its very fabric, I can hear myself say: "Glory be to..." As a Catholic I was told to worship, but I didn't know what that looked like, and I didn't want to do anything wrong or false by just repeating the words given to me. Matthew's reply was: "It seems to me that when a person feels awe, that's glorifying God." By extension, every time I get a thrill at the sound of a meadowlark, or I hear the frogs strike up a chorus, or a pronghorn antelope races alongside the car I'm in, I am being present to the sacred. And that does not require my thralldom, the way a celebrity or trillionaire expects.

"For anybody conscious of the history of the collision between the living world and the purposes of mechanistic humans, and of the marks and scars almost everywhere of that collision, heartbreak comes easy and rest comes hard," writes Berry. "That one is sometimes able, among the disturbances of the present world, to wander into some good and beautiful whereabouts of woods, grow quiet and come to rest is a gift, a wonder, and a kind of grace."

Call it grace, wonder, blessing, good fortune, luck. Every time I hear a meadowlark or a nighthawk ready to take his daring plunge, or a snipe mid-winnow, I feel the "glory be" rise up in me. I am eternally thankful that there is a reserve of worship and adoration in me, and that I can feel both blessed and able to, in some way, bless.

Town of Leader welcomes newly elected councillor

BY STU SALKELD
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

LEADER— The Town of Leader welcomed a new councillor to the council table following a recent by-election, with councillors updating board and committee appointments at their regular meeting on July 7.

In a phone interview with Your West Central Voice on July 17, Town of Leader Chief Administrative Officer Erin Romanuik said one of the meeting's agenda items was reviewing board and committee assignments for newly elected Coun. Dave Cunningham.

Council passed a resolution approving the revised committee appointments.

Cunningham was elected in a June 24 by-

lection, defeating Cari Wilkinson by a vote of 102 to 52.

According to the returning officer's report, 154 ballots were cast in the election, with one spoiled ballot.

Council also reviewed the town's annual waterworks report.

Romanuik said the report outlines the municipality's water infrastructure, including revenues and expenses, whether the utility is operating on a self-sustaining basis and upcoming capital projects.

She said council's goal, like many municipalities, is for the water system to operate without requiring subsidies from property taxes.

Council approved the waterworks report by resolution. It will be available to the public on the Town of Leader's website.

Romanuik also presented her regular administration report, which included the town's 2025 audited financial statements.

Council approved the audited financial statements, with Romanuik noting there were no issues identified. She added the statements were reviewed later than usual because June's regular council meeting had been cancelled.

Leader town council's next regular meeting is scheduled for July 21.



Just a gal from Glidden

37 communities flooded. We stopped for a Corner Gas photo.

BY KATE WINQUIST

Since the start of the year, we’ve published 116 newspapers and 29 editions of The Weekly Bean. That’s a lot of pages, a lot of deadlines and a lot of coffee. So forgive me if I don’t feel much like travelling this year for our holidays.

It’s funny how priorities change as you get older. There was a time when a vacation meant packing the trailer, loading up three kids, enough food to feed a hockey team, and hitting the highway. Of course, after all that work, you needed another holiday to recover from your holiday.

One trip to Kenosee Lake still stands out.

The weather was gorgeous when we left Gull Lake. Blue skies. Sunshine. Not a cloud in sight.

There was just one tiny problem. I forgot to check the weather forecast.

By the time we pulled into Kenosee, the skies had opened up. It rained so hard we couldn’t even get a fire going to roast weiners —microwaved hot dogs would suffice. So there we sat. Five people. One camper. Two adults questioning their life choices. Three kids with enough energy to power SaskPower.

Since we couldn’t roast hot dogs, we decided it was the perfect time to teach the kids how to play Blackjack. Perhaps that wasn’t our finest parenting moment, but at least everyone can count to 21.

We packed up early and headed home.

What we didn’t know when we left



DOG RIVER DETOUR: Devin (left) and Kalen look absolutely delighted after their mother insisted they pose for a photo in the rain at Dog River (Rouleau), home of Corner Gas. Years later, they’re probably still questioning my vacation planning. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

Gull Lake was that we were driving straight into one of the worst flooding events in recent Saskatchewan history. It was Canada Day long weekend, July 1, 2014. Thirty-seven communities across southeastern Saskatchewan had declared states of emergency. Some areas received 200 millimetres of rain in a single weekend. Bridges were out. Roads were washed away. Farm families were stranded. The route home wasn’t a choice so much as whatever was still passable. That’s how we ended up in Dog River, which was the highlight of the trip. Dog River, better

known as Rouleau, where Corner Gas was filmed. Naturally, I made the boys pose for a picture in the rain. As you can

clearly see, they were thrilled. Nothing says family vacation quite like standing beside a muddy ditch while Mom insists this will be a great memory someday.

Those boys are now 24 and 22, and this picture still makes me laugh every time. Their younger sibling Jaidyn, who turns 20 this year, had the good sense to stay dry that day.

I’m pleased to report they still speak to me.

After the pace we’ve kept this year, a real break honestly sounds pretty close to perfect. Robert says he’s going to whisk me away for a couple of days with no employees, no children, no animals and no responsibilities. Who says romance is dead?

Then again, maybe the perfect vacation is staying home, sleeping in, enjoying the air conditioning and watching the Rider games from the comfort of our own living room.

Either way, we’ll come back refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of the year. And next time, I’ll check the weather forecast.



RARE BACKYARD VISITOR. White robins are an uncommon sight. This leucisitic robin has been visiting Don Schommer’s backyard on 5th Street West in Kindersley on and off for the past couple of weeks. According to online estimates, birds with this unusual white colouring may occur in as few as one in 350,000 robins. PHOTO BY DON SCHOMMER

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Jays stumble during Guerrero, Jr.'s power outage

One of the most perplexing sports stories in Canada this year is about Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., and his woeful power statistics.

There's more to baseball than hitting home runs, but in Guerrero, Jr.'s case, hitting home runs and driving in batters reaching base ahead of him are why the Toronto Blue Jays signed him to a contract extension last year that pays him an astronomical sum — in the vicinity of \$500 million for 14 seasons.

At last glance, Guerrero, Jr., stood tied for 205th in the list of Major League Baseball home run leaders, with six in more than 90 games, all on the road. That's a pace that brings his season total to around 10, about one-third of what the Jays' hierarchy expects of him annually. Another sick stat is his double play grounders — only four MLB players have more than Vladdy.

Guerrero, Jr., who has never hit fewer than 20 homers in any of his past five seasons, is reportedly playing with tightness in his back, which could be the reason for his meagre offensive production. But the health situation is apparently not bad enough to keep him out of the lineup.

It's a slump, pure and simple.

There's a definite correlation between Guerrero, Jr.'s feeble hitting stats and the Blue Jays' overall team performance. Last year's American League champions, who came within one out of winning the World Series, are struggling this year. A playoff position is possible, but unlikely since the Jays found



Sports
By Bruce Penton

themselves struggling to get to .500 in mid-July.

So what are the Blue Jays' options with Guerrero, Jr.?

They can continue to play him, get decent batting average numbers from him (in the .260 range) and hope the natural power he has shown to possess returns. They could try to trade him, but which general manager in his right mind would take on a massive contract for a player whose hitting skills have seemingly diminished? The Jays could bench him, but management would have a hard time justifying having a player earning \$500 million sitting on the bench. They could demote him to eighth or ninth in the batting order from his normal No. 2 position until the power returns. A radio listener in Saskatchewan even suggested recently the Jays send Guerrero, Jr., to the minors so he could work on his hitting approach out of the major league spotlight. That's not going to happen.

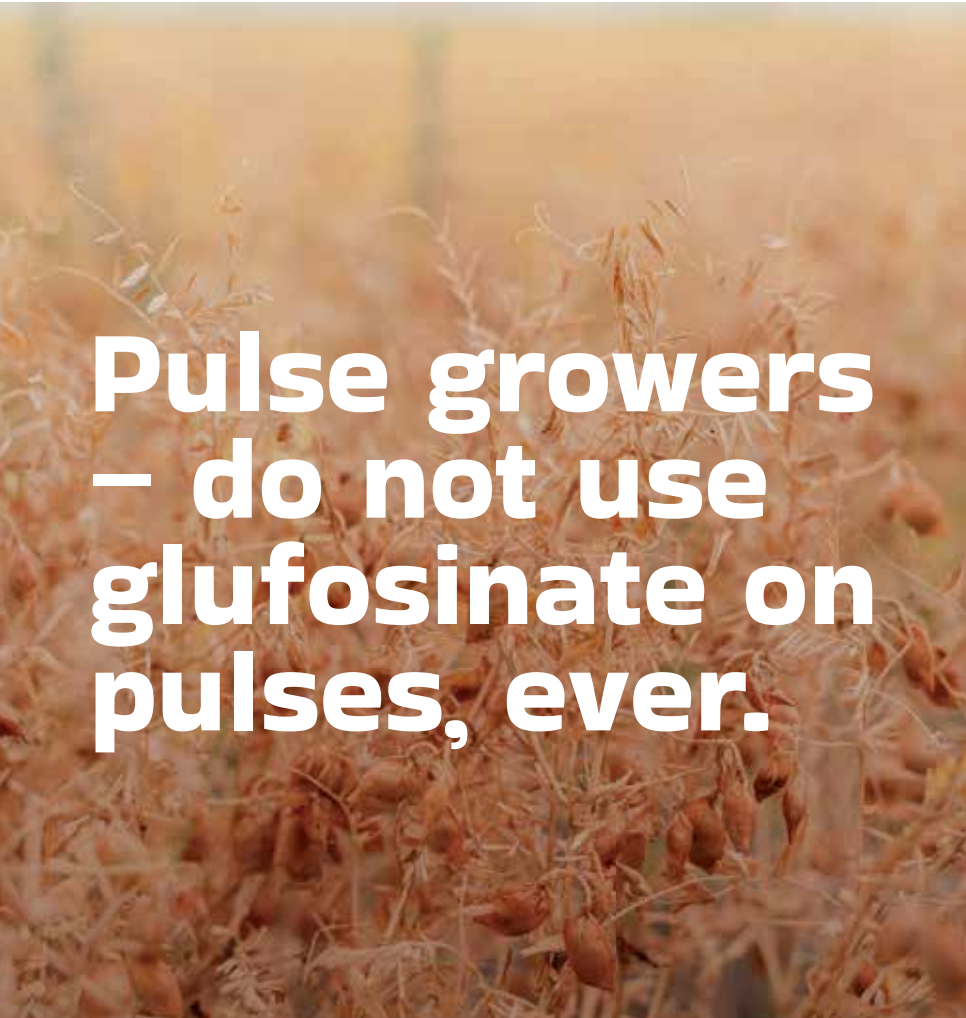
Toronto manager John Schneider continues to pencil Guerrero, Jr.'s name into the lineup, giving him a day off only occasionally. The manager, whose employment fortunes could be tied to his first baseman's power numbers, is confident of a rebound. "I don't want to push it with him," Schneider told Mike Petriello of MLB.com "He's been working a lot and I think that plays into how he's feeling ... I think he's where we want him to be. He's really close, so I didn't want to set him back."

- Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, in a satirical column about the U.S. trying to fix the World Cup: "The only way this was getting fixed right was convincing Gianni Infantino to announce that he'd just found Lionel Messi's and Erling Haaland's real birth certificates – twins, born in Boise, Idaho, separated at birth."
- Philadelphia Inquirer, on President Trump ex-

erting his influence to suspend the red card penalty against U.S. star Folarin Balogun, but the U.S. ultimately losing 4-1 to Belgium: "The USMNT lived down to Donald Trump's expectations: They played like the losers he thought they were."

- Comedy guy Torben Rolfesen of Vancouver: "James Harden was arrested and charged in Houston for carrying a concealed weapon. Police found the gun when they frisked his beard."
- Headline at theonion.com: "MLB Demands Return Of All Foul Balls"
- Another headline at theonion.com: "PGA announces all caddies must be leashed."
- Super 70s Sports: "Even after decades of laboratory testing, scientists still have no idea what was in Topps' (baseball card package) gum."
- Another one from Torben Rolfesen, on the Sharks' drafting of 7-foot-1 Alexander Karmano, the tallest player in NHL history: "The Sharks are now just mocking the rest of the league."
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "If you do the math and try to do that data, the Leafs have at least nine bottom-six forwards."
- Cathal Kelly again, astounded by the \$18-million-per-season offer sheet given to Anaheim's Leo Carlsson by Philadelphia: "That's half-again as much as Connor McDavid makes, for a guy who would be backing him up on his best day."
- Another Cathal Kelly offering, on the poor offensive showing in the World Cup by a Canadian star: "If Jonathan David was a duck hunter, he'd be a hero to all ducks."
- Headline at theonion.com: "FIFA Admits It Has No Idea Why Soccer Players Walk Out On Field With Little Kids"

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R.M. OF NEWCOMBE #260 - PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Newcombe #260 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act*, 2007 to amend Bylaw No. #04-2026 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT
The proposed bylaw will add chickens (only hens) as permitted in Section 6.3 District Regulations, and further in Sub-Section 6.3.9 Keeping of Animals.

AFFECTED LAND
The affected land is legally described as the Hamlet of Madison (Portion of the SW 16-26- 22-W3M) and the Hamlet of Glidden, Sk. (Portion of the NW 21:...26-23-W3M) as shown on the following map.



REASON
The reason for the amendment is to include the raising of chickens (only hens) into the small urban areas for the use of their eggs and meat to eat.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office at 103 Highway Road between 8:30 am and 4:40 pm, Monday to Thursday, excluding statutory holiday. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council will hold a public hearing on July 23, 2026 at 9:30 am in the Council Chambers of the RM of Newcombe #260 at 103 Highway Road in the Hamlet of Glidden, Sk. where Council will hear from any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed amendment to this 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 Newcombe #260 this 10th day of July, 2026.

Signed:
Debra Shaw, Administrator

Man charged after Macklin break and enter

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

MACKLIN — A 51-year-old man is facing charges after an alleged break and enter at a Macklin residence in the early morning hours of July 10.

Unity RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter at about 1 a.m. Police say an adult male entered a residence, where he was confronted by an adult female occupant. An altercation occurred before the suspect fled the scene.

The woman did not report any significant physical injuries.

RCMP officers searched the area and located the

suspect in Macklin at about 3:45 a.m. He was arrested and later treated in hospital for non-life-threatening injuries police say he sustained during the altercation.

Following the investigation, Corey Kristenson, 51, of Montreal Lake Cree Nation, has been charged with one count of break and enter and commit the indictable offence of assault, and one count of mischief under \$5,000.

Kristenson is scheduled to appear in North Battleford Provincial Court on July 15.

Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services and Forensic Identification Services assisted with the investigation.

WATCH OUT FOR SHRIKES

Local threatened songbird entering critical fledgling window

If you drive past a shelterbelt this week, slow down. July is the most dangerous month of the year for Loggerhead Shrike fledglings. The young birds leave their nests drawn to roadside insects, but they cannot fly well yet. Road mortality is one of the biggest threats they face right now.

Nature Saskatchewan is urging residents across the province to keep an eye and an ear out for the species this month. The Loggerhead Shrike is a threatened predatory songbird that spends its summers in Saskatchewan breeding and raising its young before heading south in the fall.

What makes the shrike unlike any other bird on the prairie is how it hunts. It lacks the sharp talons of a hawk or eagle, so it uses something else entirely. Thorns. The shrike impales its prey, including grasshoppers, beetles, mice, and even small frogs and snakes, on thorny shrubs or barbed wire to hold it while feeding.

“One of the best ways to check if you have shrikes around is to keep an eye out for the impalements,” says Emily Putz, Habitat Stewardship Coordinator for Nature Saskatchewan’s Shrubs for Shrikes program. “If you see one impaled, you have a shrike nearby.”

Shrikes prefer native thorny shrubs like Buffalobery and Hawthorn for nesting, but they have adapted to mature caragana shelterbelts across the agricultural landscape. That adaptation puts them closer to grid roads and closer to danger during fledgling season.

Landowners can help. Keeping mature shelterbelts standing is one of the most direct things you can do for shrike habitat. Planting native thorny shrubs adds long-term value. And if you spot a shrike on your land, reporting it to the Shrubs for Shrikes program costs you nothing. All sightings are kept anonymous and feed directly into the annual



A Loggerhead Shrike holds an insect at its bill, demonstrating the hunting behaviour that makes it one of Saskatchewan’s most distinctive songbirds. The threatened species is currently in its fledgling season across the province. PHOTO: HAMILTON GREENWOOD

population census that tracks where shrikes are nesting year over year.

“If you are a landowner with Loggerhead Shrikes on your land, we would love to have you participate,” Putz says.

The program monitors known nesting locations each year to track population trends for this threatened species.

To report a sighting or learn more, contact Emily Putz at 306-780-9832 or outreach@naturesask.ca.

Governments work to keep research farms productive during transition

The federal and Saskatchewan governments have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) aimed at maintaining agricultural activity at the Indian Head and Scott Research Farms while the federal government moves ahead with plans to dispose of the properties.

The announcement was made July 16 by federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Heath MacDonald and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) said it is realigning its research operations to focus on science with the greatest potential to accelerate innovation. As part of that process, the department is disposing of the two Saskatchewan research farm properties.

Under the MOU, the two governments will explore interim arrangements to keep the farms productive during the disposal process. AAFC said the agreement is intended to support continued agricultural use of the land while longer-term decisions are made in accordance with federal Treasury Board

requirements.

The department said it will continue investing in agricultural science through its network of 17 research centres across Canada and by strengthening partnerships with industry, governments, academic institutions and other organizations.

AAFC noted that closing research sites is a complex process that cannot happen immediately. Timelines for winding down scientific operations will vary depending on each site’s circumstances, and the department will continue working with Public Services and Procurement Canada throughout the disposal process.

MacDonald said the agreement reflects a shared commitment to ensuring the properties continue to benefit Saskatchewan agriculture.

Marit said the Indian Head and Scott Research Farms have played an important role in agricultural research and that the agreement will help ensure agricultural activities continue while longer-term plans are developed.

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BERRY HARVEST: A group of women picks strawberries in the colony’s garden, where approximately 120 ice cream pails are harvested twice each week.



SORTING THE HARVEST: Women sort freshly picked strawberries before they are packaged for sale at local markets.



HOMEMADE NOODLES: After lunch, the women gather to prepare homemade noodles.



TOUR GUIDES: Lorna, Helen and Amy Kleinsasser (left to right) served as friendly tour guides during the visit to the Smiley Colony.

FROM STRAWBERRY FIELDS TO ROBOTIC MILKING:

A behind-the-scenes look at colony life

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

Customers have been taking advantage of the summer markets in the Kindersley Co-op food store parking lot, where local Hutterite colonies offer fresh produce, baking and handmade crafts each week. Last week, Lorna and Tamra Kleinsasser from the Smiley Colony invited me to tour their home colony, and I gladly accepted.

My three tour guides, Lorna, Helen and Amy Kleinsasser, were friendly, knowledgeable and eager to explain how life and work are organized within the colony.

Our first stop was the strawberry patch, where a group of women had been picking berries since 7:30 that morning.

“We pick 120 ice cream pails of straw-

berries twice a week,” Lorna explained.

The berries are then sorted by another group of women. Smaller berries are kept for the colony’s use, while the larger ones are sold at the weekly markets. That afternoon, the same crew planned to move on to picking cucumbers.

Next, I was shown the colony’s cooler, where a large stainless steel rack holds chickens after they have been plucked and cleaned.

“We butcher chickens every eight weeks, 1,200 at a time. The whole colony helps,” my guide said.

From there we visited the dairy operation, home to approximately 110 milking cows and 350 calves. Matthew Kleinsasser, the cattle boss, demonstrated how technology has become an important part of modern farming. Us-

ing his cellphone, he operated a robotic feed pusher that automatically moves feed closer to the cows every hour. Automatic alley scrapers clean the barn six times a day, with the manure later used as fertilizer.

The barn also features large rotating brushes that cows eagerly use to scratch their backs and ears.

“They’ll stand here for hours scratching themselves,” Matthew said with a smile.

The free-flow dairy barn allows cows to visit the robotic milking station whenever they choose. The cows are milked three times a day before the milk is pumped into a large refrigerated storage tank. Tanker trucks arrive twice each week to haul the milk to Saskatoon for processing.

Outside, a row of registered bulls

stood quietly in their pen.

After touring the dairy, my hospitable guides invited me to stay for lunch. Afterwards, I watched another group of women making homemade noodles while others continued sorting the freshly picked strawberries. Every task on the colony seemed to be carried out efficiently by teams of hardworking members, each contributing to the daily operation.

As my visit came to an end, I was presented with a complimentary bag of homemade buns before heading home. As I drove away, I couldn’t help but admire the beautifully manicured yards surrounding each family home.

Thank you for the warm hospitality, girls. Your customers and friends will be looking forward to seeing you again at one of the upcoming summer markets.



REGISTERED BULLS: A row of registered bulls stands in an outdoor pen at the colony



AUTOMATED FEEDING: A robotic feed pusher moves feed closer to the cows every hour throughout the day.



ROBOTIC MILKING: A cow enters the robotic milking station, where cows are milked voluntarily three times a day.



MILK STORAGE: Milk from the colony's dairy herd is cooled and stored in a large stainless steel tank before being hauled to Saskatoon twice a week.



MODERN DAIRY: Fresh milk flows through the robotic milking system before being transferred to the refrigerated storage tank.



DAIRY HERD: The free-flow dairy barn houses approximately 110 milking cows.

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Saskatchewan's Energy News



A Betts Drilling rig near Glen Ewen on June 21, 2026. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Saskatchewan drilling numbers consistent as Iran War on again

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

With the on-again/off-again Iran war once again on, what has been the impact on Saskatchewan drilling numbers?

There were 42 active or moving drilling rigs in Saskatchewan on Tuesday, July, 14, according to RiggerTalk.com. RiggerTalk publishes data compiled from the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC). Three were drilling for potash, one for hydrogen, and 38 for oil.

Notably, Saskatchewan's 42 rigs accounted for just under a fifth of the 218 active rigs in Canada, coming in at 19.2 per cent of the fleet. That compares with four active or moving rigs in Manitoba, 13 in British Columbia, and 159 in Alberta.

In northwest Saskatchewan, there were 11 rigs working. Furthest north, Precision Drilling Rig 197 was drilling east of St. Walburg for Cenovus Energy. Seven more rigs were drilling for Cenovus. They included PD Rig 254 at Tangleflags, PD Rigs 151 and 150 west and north of Marie Hill, PD Rig 294 at Pikes Peak, PD Rig 198 and Akita Drilling Rig 8 west of Silver Lake Regional Park. On opposite sides of the North Saskatchewan River valley, PD Rig 195 was at Rush Lake and PD Rig 146 was southwest of Edam.

Strathcona Resources had PD Rig 188 drilling east of Prince at its Meota East property.

North of Macklin along Highway 17 Savanna Drilling Corp. was drilling for Longshore.

Moving south to west central Saskatchewan, 9 rigs were making hole. Strathcona had Bonanza Rig 1 drilling west of Kelfield and PD Rig 297 at Plover. That's a relatively new SAGD play the company has big plans for.

A cluster of three rigs were working west of Kerrobert. They included Savanna Rig 441 for Baytex, Ensign Drilling Rig 350 for Teine Energy, and PD Rig 288 for Whitecap Resources Inc.

Teine had Ensign Rig 351 drilling east of Coleville.

Edge Drilling Rig 6 was drilling for Ish Energy Ltd. southwest of Kindersley. Teine had Savanna Rig 626 at Totnes.

Saturn Oil & Gas employed Savanna Rig 425 east of Plato.

There were no rigs working in southwest Saskatchewan.

Typically central Saskatchewan wouldn't rate its own segment, but it had three rigs going. Max Power

drilling for hydrogen at Central Butte (near where it drilled its first discovery hole). Akita Drilling Rigs 35 and 14 were drilling within spitting distance of each other west of Lanigan, drilling for potash.

Note: there are typically several more rigs drilling continually for potash, at the Esterhazy and K+S Bethune mines. However, as these rigs typically do not show up on regular CAOEC reports, that's why they're not included.

Nineteen rigs were working in southeast Saskatchewan.

South of Vibank, CanPacific was drilling for potash.

Switching back to oil, Allied Energy II Corp had Stampede Drilling Rig 22 south of Radville. Stampede Rig 8 was drilling for Saturn at Ratcliffe.

Saturn also had Stampede Rig 1 east of Corning and Horizon Drilling Rig 29 at Handsworth. Whitecap employed Panther Drilling rig 2 east of Corning.

South of Estevan, Stampede Rig 4 was drilling for Tundra Oil & Gas.

The typical Lampman cluster counted six rigs if you included the Willmar area. From west to east, they were Betts Rig 3 for Anova Resources due west of Lampman. Alliance Drilling Rig 3 was drilling for Hummingbird Energy south of Lampman. Whitecap had Stampede Rig 17 drilling just northeast of Lampman. Closer to Steelman, Stampede Rig 16 was making hole for Tundra. And southeast of Willmar, Ensign Rig 423 was drilling for Whitecap.

An area that hasn't seen much drilling in a dog's age, and maybe a cat's age, too, is the Parkman area. But Betts Drilling Rig 1 was punching a hole for Pemoco Ltd.

Saturn was also drilling in a rather unusual area, with Stampede Rig 19 drilling north of Antler. Tundra had Ensign Rig 10 drilling working south of Maryfield within spitting distance of the Manitoba border.

Wrapping up in the extreme southeast, Betts Rig 4 was drilling for Villanova south of Oxbow. ROK Resources was drilling with Stampede Rig 7 south of Carnduff. And two miles from the US border, south of Carnduff, West Lake Energy Crop had Stampede Rig 3 drilling.

If you were counting, Precision Drilling had 11 rigs drilling or moving. Stampede had 10. Savanna and Ensign each clocked in five.

As for oil companies, Cenovus employed nine rigs. Saturn had five. Whitecap employed four.



Devon Coles stands with two wildlife sculptures he is creating from fallen logs using a chainsaw at his Kindersley gallery. The carvings, salvaged from trees at the lake, are still a work in progress. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN.

Chainsaw art takes shape at Kindersley gallery

BY JOAN JANZEN

Devon Coles is always up to something new at his gallery in Kindersley, and his creative ideas don't stop while he's on vacation.

On a recent trip to the lake, he returned home with two unusual treasures: fallen logs destined to become chainsaw carvings.

"I brought home a couple of treasures from the lake," Coles said. "From a raw log to a new studio

buddy. The material is readily available because there are so many fallen trees."

Armed with a chainsaw, Coles is transforming the logs into wildlife sculptures. He has already invested at least five hours into each carving and estimates another five hours of work will be needed to complete them.

While most people see a fallen tree as something to cut up and haul away, Coles sees an opportunity. With skill, patience and a chainsaw, he is giving the weathered logs a second life as works of art.



BUILDING THE FUTURE:
Construction continues on the new Kids Academy Early Learning Centre as the project takes shape. Crews are making steady progress, with walls going up and the building's layout now clearly visible. The new facility will provide a welcoming space where children can learn, grow, play and create lifelong memories.

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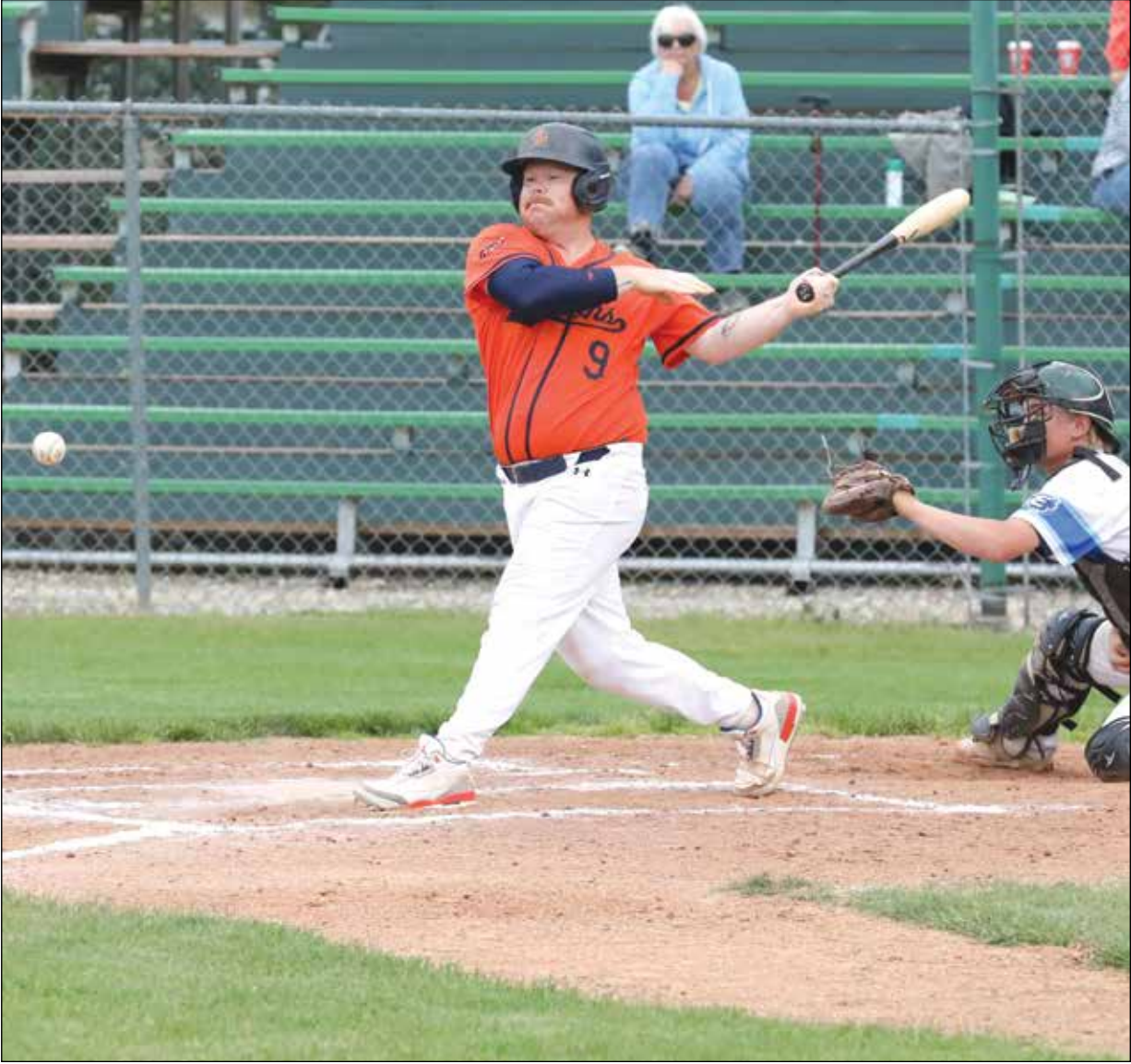
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MIGHTY CUT. Kindersley Stallions second baseman J.D. Knutson takes a mighty swing and fouls off a pitch during the FVBL semifinal against the Oyen Eagles last week. The Stallions’ season came to an end with a 9-4 loss. PHOTO BY KATE WINQUIST

Attempted ATM theft under investigation in Fox Valley

FOX VALLEY — Leader RCMP are investigating a break and enter and attempted theft from an ATM at a business in Fox Valley.

Police said officers were called to a business on 3 Street East at about 10:35 a.m. on July 13 after receiving a report of a break and enter and attempted theft from an ATM. The incident is believed to have occurred earlier that morning at approximately 7:30 a.m.

The ATM and the surrounding area sustained damage, but no cash was stolen.

Investigators say two male suspects were involved. Both were wearing black hoodies, black pants and black shoes. One suspect was wearing a yellow face covering. Police say the pair were carrying a blue-green suitcase with the letters “TJ” written on it.

The suspects were seen driving what is believed to be a gold GMC Sierra pickup truck with machine alloy wheels and running boards. Police say the grille and headlight styling are consistent with a first-generation GMC Sierra manufactured between 1999 and 2002.

Leader RCMP are asking anyone with dash camera or surveillance footage from the Fox Valley area on the morning of July 13 to contact police. Anyone who recognizes the suspects or has information about the investigation is asked to call Leader RCMP through 310-RCMP.

Information can also be provided anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.





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Unity RCMP respond to break and enter, mischief and mental health calls

Unity RCMP and surrounding detachments responded to a wide range of calls over the past week, including break and enter investigations, mental health concerns, neighbour disputes, traffic collisions and several mischief complaints.

In the Unity area, officers conducted two wellbeing checks at the request of concerned citizens and responded to a report of a loose dog, which was referred to the local bylaw officer. Members also investigated a breach of the peace complaint, with the individual involved being charged in an unrelated matter.

A 40-year-old man was charged with mischief after police responded to a disturbing the peace complaint. Officers also acted as mediators during two separate neighbour disputes.

Unity RCMP assisted CP Police with an investigation, responded to a Mental Health Act complaint that remains under investigation, and investigated a report of a vehicle collision in Unity. No injuries were reported and no charges were laid.

Members also responded to a report of a dog attacking another dog in Unity, which remains under investigation. Officers patrolled a rural area after receiving a complaint about a suspicious person but were unable to locate the individual.

CN Rail also reported cattle near railway tracks in a rural area. Police contacted the property representative, who confirmed there were no cattle in the area. Members also dealt with three traffic complaints.

Wilkie RCMP investigated a criminal harassment complaint that was determined to be unfounded.

A 33-year-old woman from Vonda was charged with mischief and failing to comply with a release order condition after officers responded to a disturbing the peace complaint.

Police also responded to a noise complaint, issuing a verbal warning, and located a person who had been reported missing. Officers conducted a wellbeing

check, investigated another disturbing the peace complaint where there was insufficient evidence to proceed, and advised a complainant that a property dispute was a civil matter.

Members also responded to a mental health concern, a single-vehicle collision in a rural area where no one was injured, and continue to investigate an animal welfare complaint. Wilkie RCMP also handled one traffic complaint and one false alarm.

In the Macklin area, RCMP responded to a single-vehicle collision on Highway 14. There were no injuries and the collision was reported for insurance purposes.

Police also investigated a complaint of harassing communications, but there was insufficient evidence to proceed. Members responded to a Mental Health Act complaint and ensured the individual involved was in contact with family members.

A 51-year-old man from Montreal Lake was charged with break and enter and commit an indictable offence, along with mischief, following a residential break and enter investigation. Officers also investigated a report of a suspicious person near a residence, with that individual being charged in an unrelated matter.

Members continue to investigate a criminal harassment complaint. Macklin RCMP also responded to one traffic complaint, one false 911 call and one false alarm.

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



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FCC renews support for national farm mental health crisis line

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is extending its support for the National Farmer Wellness Network (NFWN) Crisis Line with a \$1.8 million investment over the next three years.

The funding, announced July 15 in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing (CCAW), will provide \$600,000 annually to ensure the specialized mental health service remains available to farmers, farm families and agricultural workers across Canada.

The National Farmer Wellness Network Crisis Line, launched in February 2025, offers free, confidential crisis and mental health support through licensed professionals trained to understand the unique challenges of agriculture. Those professionals receive specialized training through the Canadian Agricultural Literacy Program (CALP).

According to the organizations, farming presents unique mental health challenges, including financial uncertainty, geographic isolation, unpredictable weather and the emotional demands of caring for land and livestock.

CCAW Chief Executive Officer Dr. Briana Hagen said the response to the crisis line since its launch has demonstrated a significant need for agriculture-specific mental health services.

“The response to the National Farmer Wellness Network Crisis Line since its launch has confirmed what we always knew, there is a deep and urgent need for mental health support that speaks the language of farming,” Hagen said.

She said FCC’s renewed investment will allow the organization to expand its reach while continuing to provide culturally informed support for Canada’s agricultural community.

National Farmer Wellness Network Chief Programming Officer Deborah Vanberkel said the renewed funding ensures farmers and their families will continue to have access to support during times of crisis and beyond.

FCC President and CEO Justine Hendricks said the organization is committed to supporting the people behind Canada’s farms and ranches.

“Farming and ranching asks a lot of people,” Hendricks said. “That’s why FCC is proud to continue its support to the National Farmer Wellness Network so farmers and farm families have access to trusted mental health support from professionals who understand the unique realities of agriculture.”

The National Farmer Wellness Network Crisis Line can be reached toll-free at 1-866-FARMS01 (1-866-327-

6701). The service is free, confidential and designed specifically for Canada’s agricultural community. It also works with provincial organizations to connect callers with ongoing mental health supports when needed.



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222 Atlantic Ave	19-20	4	G64	50 x 120	Yes	R2	Yes	21,004.91

Town Council is permitted by legislation to reject any bid that is lower than the amounts shown above. **Sealed tenders will be accepted until Friday, August 14th @ 4:30 pm.** Tenders can be delivered to the Kerrobert Town Office (located in the Courthouse) at 433 Manitoba Avenue. Tenders for the Commercial Property must contain a simple business plan and timeline for implementation.

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Please call the Town Office at 306.834.2361 or email, with questions or if you would like to view the properties.

Tara Neumeier, CAO
Chief Administrative Officer

SaskEnergy inspection program underway

As part of its annual safety and integrity program, SaskEnergy is inspecting approximately 20,000 kilometres of natural gas lines across Saskatchewan. These inspections are part of the ongoing work to keep nearly 88,000 kilometres of infrastructure operating safely and effectively and to prevent potential service disruptions before they occur, according to the Crown corporation.

“SaskEnergy’s natural gas service is 99.99 per cent reliable, thanks to the year-round planning and work by teams across the Corporation,” Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Jeremy Harrison said. “Comprehensive system integrity programs help safely extend the lifespan of the province’s natural gas infrastructure — supporting the reliability and affordability of SaskEnergy service for the people and businesses of Saskatchewan.”

In 2025-26, SaskEnergy dedicated \$135 million and thousands of staff hours to maintaining the integrity of its expansive distribution and transmission systems. This work includes ground and aerial patrols, leak surveys, inline inspections, targeted digs, and planned upgrades.

As part of these efforts, SaskEnergy’s replaces approximately 2,400 older service connections at homes and businesses each year to enhance safety and system reliability. This work takes place between May and October each year.

“Safety is a top priority at SaskEnergy, which is why service upgrades and system inspections are a key part of the system integrity work we plan and execute every year,” said Cory Frei, SaskEnergy’s Interim President and CEO. “Proactive maintenance programs are critical to the safety of our people, our customers and our communities. A safe, reliable system means that our customers can rely on us for the gas service they need, when it’s needed.”

With SaskEnergy technicians and representatives inspecting natural gas lines in alleys, easements, and near property lines in communities throughout Saskatchewan, residents may see crews working in their neighborhoods and, in some cases, may need to provide access to yards or gas meters. If a potential issue is identified, SaskEnergy crews will conduct more detailed inspections and complete required maintenance or upgrades.





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Town of Kindersley council agrees to new recycling program

BY STU SALKELD
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

KINDERSLEY — Town of Kindersley residents will soon be part of a new provincial recycling program, although they are unlikely to notice any change in service.

Town council approved a curbside collection agreement with SK Recycles during its regular meeting on July 13.

Director of Infrastructure and Development Chad Levitt told council Kindersley has participated in the current recycling program since 2016, which provided shared funding to help cover program costs.

However, Saskatchewan is transitioning to an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) model for household packaging and paper recycling. Under the new system, the companies that produce packaging will assume responsibility for funding the collection and recycling of those materials.

Levitt said the transition will not affect residents' recycling service.

"Our taxpayers won't see any change in service," he told council.

He added the new funding model would benefit the community.

"The way community recycling is funded will change ... for the better," Levitt said.

According to its website, SK Recycles is a non-profit organization responsible for managing and recycling household packaging and paper distributed to Saskatchewan residents by businesses.

"Working with producers, collectors, municipalities, First Nations, Métis communities, and residents, SK Recycles ensures household materials are collected from households and depots, sorted and responsibly recycled," the organization states. "Our program is funded by over 550 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and paper to Saskatchewan residents, shifting costs away from homeowners."

The province began rolling out the EPR program in 2025.

The agreement approved by council confirms recyclable materials will continue to be collected from residential properties at the curb. It also allows for industrial, commercial and institutional collection where applicable.

The agreement states that where automated carts are used, the amount of material collected may be limited to what can reasonably fit inside the cart. Collection will occur no more frequently than weekly and no less frequently than every two weeks, although schedules may be adjusted for holidays or special events.

Council unanimously approved signing the curbside recycling agreement with SK Recycles.

Rural municipalities adjust summer council schedules

BY STU SALKELD
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

Community members across the Your West Central Voice circulation area may have plenty of summer activities to choose from, but attending council meetings could be more difficult as several municipalities adjust or cancel meetings during the holiday season.

A number of municipalities reschedule or cancel meetings depending on the circumstances, including elected officials' or staff members' summer vacations.

In a July 10 phone interview with Your West Central Voice, Town of Oyen CAO Sacha Martens said the municipality cancelled its regular July council meeting because of the number of vacations scheduled.

Martens said it was not realistic to try to hold a meeting with so many people away.

The Town of Eston also adjusted its summer schedule. Instead of holding two July council meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, councillors agreed to hold a single meeting on July 14 because several staff members and councillors had summer plans.

Both the Town of Luseland and the RM of Mariposa rescheduled their July meetings. Luseland's meeting will be held Thursday, July 23, rather than on its usual date. Mariposa moved its regular council meeting to Friday, July 24, an unusual choice because municipal-

ities rarely hold regular council meetings on Fridays. Again, councillor and staff vacations influenced the scheduling.

The Town of Burstall also pushed its July council meeting back to the fourth week of the month. Instead of its usual second Wednesday meeting, council will meet Tuesday, July 28.

The Town of Kindersley, however, sets its meeting schedule early in the year and generally follows it.

"As for cancelled meetings, our meetings are scheduled in Dec. (last year) or in Jan. of the current year by resolution," Communications Officer Anna Polsfut said in a July 15 email. "A resolution would have to be made to make changes to that schedule for a meeting to be cancelled due to a small agenda. Kindersley often has lots on the go, so council has scheduled two meetings each month throughout the summer."

Elsewhere, the Town of Stettler notified the public that its July 7 regular council meeting was cancelled. The Town of Drumheller, which typically holds three council meetings each month, including two regular meetings and one committee of the whole meeting, also cancelled its July committee meeting because of councillor and staff vacations.

Provincial legislation governs a municipal council's ability to cancel meetings, while each municipality's procedural bylaw may set additional requirements, including how the public must be notified of any cancellations.

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SUNDAY, JULY 26

- Eston Riverside Regional Park Authority Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM at Tyner Hall (Eston Roverside Regional Park). Adult \$12; 12 & under \$5. Everyone welcome!
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- Every Wednesday - Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM United Church.
- Every 3rd Wednesday - Coffee & Conversation 2:30 PM Wheatland Regional Library.
- Every 1st & 3rd Thursday - Bingo 7:00 PM Wheatland Centre.

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THURSDAY, JULY 23

- Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Kerrobert Seniors Hall (541 Atlantic Avenue). Fresh produce, baking and much more. Lunch prepared by the Seniors Group.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery's artist reception 1:00 - 3:00 PM featuring work by emerging and established artists from the Battlefords Art Club.
- 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.
- Shuffle Club every Monday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM in the PCC basement.
- Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery's exciting new exhibition from the Battlefords Art Club will be on from now until the end of September. The gallery is open regular business hours 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays, closed over lunch. All are welcome. Art brings us together.

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THURSDAY, JULY 23

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- Meet A Machine 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum. A FREE family-friendly event showcasing many different machines and the heroes that operate them!
- 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.
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- 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 part of Pathway To Wellness. 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 via text at 306-460-0057 or Sheila via text 306-604-9044.
- 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.

- Kindersley Royal Purple Meeting every 3rd Tuesday Western Pizza Banquet Room 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome (14+)

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FRIDAY JULY 24

- Wild Rapids Water Slide 1:00-5:00 PM at Lions Park. Under 7 requires adult supervision.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- Guided Bus Tours of Leader and area. Email recreation@leader.ca for more information or to register.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 24-28

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LUSELAND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Luseland Harvest Festival.
- 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.

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- Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM - Noon, Coffee, Pool, Visiting, Cards
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- Luseland Library Art Gallery has a new exhibit on display featuring a bright collection of watercolour artwork by Lalita Martfeld.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER. Morgan Eurich of Luseland has received a \$5,000 Conexus Youth Leadership Award from Conexus Credit Union. Eurich will attend the University of Saskatchewan this fall to study dental hygiene. *PHOTO COURTESY OF CONEXUS CREDIT UNION.*

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS:
Luseland graduate earns \$5,000 Conexus award

LUSELAND — Morgan Eurich of Luseland has been recognized as one of Saskatchewan’s outstanding young leaders after receiving a \$5,000 Conexus Youth Leadership Award.

Eurich was selected as one of 12 recipients across the province to receive the scholarship, which recognizes youth who demonstrate leadership in their schools and communities. Conexus Credit Union awarded a total of \$60,000 through its 2026 Youth Leadership Awards program.

The scholarship came as a surprise when Conexus representatives presented the award to Eurich at her school.

This fall, Eurich will attend the University of Saskatchewan, where she will begin a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program.

The Conexus Youth Leadership Awards celebrate Saskatchewan students who have made a positive impact through leadership, volunteerism and community involvement while pursuing their educational goals.



COOLING OFF IN THE SUN. A young swimmer enjoys some playtime in the interactive splash area at the Luseland Swimming Pool during last week’s hot weather. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*

Luseland Art Gallery features Lalita Martfeld’s watercolours

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Luseland Library Art Gallery is featuring a new watercolour exhibit by artist Lalita Martfeld, who was born and raised in Luseland.

“I have been doodling since a very early age but really got serious in my teens,” Lalita explained.

At that time, she completed a talent survey, which resulted in a company representative visiting the family farm to offer her a correspondence course. Although she didn’t pursue the course, it encouraged her to continue developing her artistic talents.

Lalita credits her mother as one of her earliest influences.

“My mom was one of my strongest supporters and teachers from the very beginning,” she said.

Since then, she has taken numerous courses through her education in library science and technology, as well as workshops with artists in Saskatoon, where she now resides.

She finds inspiration in evocative scenes and photographs.

“When I see an evocative picture or scene, it inspires me to paint, and being around fellow artists is

also great,” she added.

The exhibit at the Luseland Library Art Gallery is a colourful display of her work.

In addition to creating her own art, Lalita helped establish a volunteer-based painting group at a seniors’ residence in Saskatoon. While visiting her father at Primrose Chateau, she met Betty Lee, a retired teacher and acrylic artist. Before long, the two were organizing a group for beginning painters.

“It has been going for two years, and this spring we had our first art show,” she said. “Our beginner classes start in two weeks with hopes we will attract more painters to our core group.”

The core group now consists of 12 members who meet weekly.

Lalita’s involvement with community arts also caught the attention of the Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA), which invited her to offer introductory watercolour workshops.

“I offer beginner-level instruction. Many of my students tell me they have always wanted to give it a try but are intimidated by large group settings,” she said.

If you’re in Luseland, be sure to stop by the gallery and enjoy Lalita’s colourful and thought-provoking artwork.



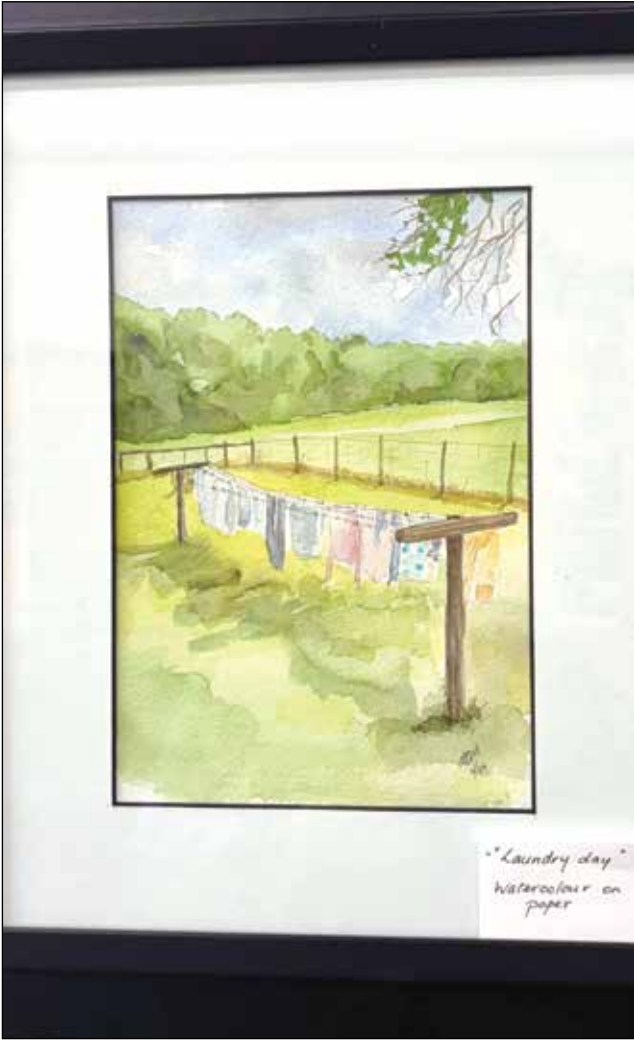
Lalita Martfeld, who was born and raised in Luseland, is the featured artist in the latest exhibit at the Luseland Library Art Gallery.
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“Little Red”, watercolour and ink on paper.



“Canola at dusk”, acrylic on canvas.



“Laundry Day”, watercolour on paper.