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STORM ROLLS OVER MAJOR. The Village of Major sits in the distance as towering storm clouds move across a blooming canola field around 6 p.m. on July 3. PHOTO BY FIARRA EMBER NIXON

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Mike's pet cockatoo lifts his spirits

BY JOAN JANZEN

Emotional support animals come in all different varieties, including an Umbrella Cockatoo.

"He was a gift from a friend 10 years ago. I got him after my wife passed away from cancer," Mike Baril from Leader explained. "I didn't think too much about it, but he lifts my spirits. He's helped me get out of my depression."

Mike registered his pet, Ethan, as an emotional support animal and has an identification card, which he wears when taking him out in public. You might see Mike accompanied by his pet as they do errands in Kindersley and Leader.

"I try to take him with me wherever I can. I took him to the bank and shopping at Walmart. He was sitting on the handlebar and I pushed him in the cart," he said. "He can't fly. He was injured before I even got him."

The 18-inch-long bird loves doing the same things as Mike. He enjoys taking a shower, sitting by the living room window watching people come and go, and the kids in the neighbourhood love him. He also eats the same food as Mike, including oatmeal for breakfast and Kraft Dinner for lunch. At night, he sleeps in a seven-by-four-foot cage in his own bedroom.

"I had a dog for 16 years. I had to put him down four years ago. They would lay on the floor beside each other, and Ethan would lay his head on the dog," he recalled. But the bird also gets jealous when his papa pays attention to other animals.

"Ethan calls me Papa. He's very aware of what's going on. I always explain what we're doing and where we're going," he said. His pet has an extensive vocabulary of about 300 words, in addition to animal sounds. He can mimic a chicken, a baby lamb and dogs.

"His first words he said to me were, 'Hello, sir,' and I almost dropped my jaw!" Mike remembered.

He is more than willing to share his pet with anybody and everybody. Ethan has joined Mike on visits to the seniors' home in Leader, as well as attending AA meetings in Swift Current. However,



Mike Baril from Leader loves his emotional support cockatoo, Ethan. "He gives me joy and lifts my spirits," he said. PHOTO SUBMITTED.

he is confined indoors during the colder months.

It's been over a year since Mike moved to Leader from his home in Alberta. He's enjoying his retirement and says people in Saskatchewan are different, in a good way.

"They always wave to me. They make me feel at home," he said.

"It's been 10 years now, and I love that little guy so much," Mike said as he described his relationship with his emotional support animal. "He's helped me get over the worst time of my life. Every morning I look forward to looking at him and picking him up. It gives me joy, and he lifts my spirits."

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Monica Ritter (back row, far right) with her 13 siblings and parents in 1961.



Monica at her graduation from practical nursing in Saskatoon in 1967.

Growing up one of 14 children shaped a lifetime of resilience

BY JOAN JANZEN

Not many people know what it's like to grow up with 13 siblings. However, Monica Ritter of Kindersley was happy to share her experiences growing up in a family of 14 children.

Monica (Schmidt) was born in the late 1940s at the Kerrobert hospital. At that time, she joined her parents and three older siblings on their farm located between Smiley and Major. By 1961, the family of 14 was complete, including seven girls and seven boys.

"I had whooping cough when I was one year old," Monica reported. "For six weeks I stayed at home and needed to be resuscitated on different occasions by my dad. My mom didn't know how, so she would call my dad from outside. I shouldn't even be here today."

During her early years, she grew up in a tiny house. "There were 12 of us living in the house with no power and no water," she recalled.

Visits to a doctor were rare, yet all the children except one were born at the Kerrobert hospital.

"It was so hectic!" Monica said, describing her formative years. "There was always somebody fighting."

Her parents were strong disciplinarians, enforcing order amongst the chaos.

Monica said she had thin, fine hair as a child. Consequently, her dad reasoned that shaving her head at age five would help rectify the situation. Apparently it worked, but Monica said, "My older sister remembered me crying so hard."

When Monica was five years old, the family acquired their first vehicle. Before that, she remembers travelling the 12 miles to town in a horse-drawn buggy to buy groceries.

"We bought big amounts of basic things because our farm was very productive. I grew up poor but was never hungry. We always had lots of food," she said.

In 1956, the family built a new house and had electricity, no longer needing kerosene lamps and a wood-burning stove.

She attended school at Superb, located west of Kerrobert, from Grades 1 to 5.

"I loved school! My only sanity was really going to school. It was so peaceful," she recalled.

Back home, there was plenty of work to be done. Although young Monica loved being outdoors, she was relegated to helping in the kitchen.

"I was six years old and I had a sliver in my knee from scrubbing wood floors," she said. "By the time I was 10 years old I was making buns for the family. We had no recipes back then."

There was also butter to be made and lots of canning to do when the garden was harvested.

"People sewed everything back in those days. Clothes were homemade and passed down. I didn't



Monica Ritter lives in Kindersley and grew up in the Major area along with her parents and 13 siblings.

get any new clothes because I grew into my sister's clothes," Monica said.

"Our only means of entertainment was playing cards every evening. To this day I love cards," she explained.

The family faithfully attended weekly Mass at the Catholic Church.

"We prayed before every single meal and prayed the rosary every night, a practice I still believe in."

She attended school at Major from Grade 6 until her graduation from Grade 12.

Monica followed in her older sister's footsteps and, in 1966, enrolled in a practical nursing course at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Arts and Science in Saskatoon. The course, along with her room and board, was provided free of charge.

"I never really left home, so that was a big event for me," she said.

After completing the course, Monica and a girlfriend worked for six months in North Battleford and saved enough money to go on a month-long European vacation. It was her first time flying.

"We landed in a big airport in London. We were the only young girls in a whole bus of older people," she said, describing the European tour. It was the first of many travel adventures for Monica.

Monica and Ken Ritter were married in 1970 and started their family in 1972. She was a stay-at-home mom until 1985, when she went to work at the Robinson department store, located in the Kindersley Plaza.

A familiar sound in the mid-1980s was the tinkling of a bell announcing the arrival of the Dickie Dee ice cream bike.

"Me and my three children operated the ice cream bike for five years," she said. "My son, at age 12, had such strong legs that he could pedal it. It probably carried 100 pounds of ice cream."

Her seven-year-old daughter rang the bell as they pedalled all over town during the summer months.

In 1991, at the age of 45, Monica went back to school to become a registered nurse.

"I think there were seven of us older gals," she remembered. "The first day I got locked out of my locker, failed the math test and came home crying."

But she persevered and graduated.

She spent the next 23 years working at the Manor, retiring at the age of 70.

"I go back every other day visiting. It's like home to me," she said.

Monica keeps busy in her yard, making soup and muffins for her family and friends, and helping with community events.

"At age 16 I began writing in a diary and have been doing it ever since," she reported. "It's become an obsession."

Thanks for sharing your story with us, Monica. We enjoyed travelling back in time with you.

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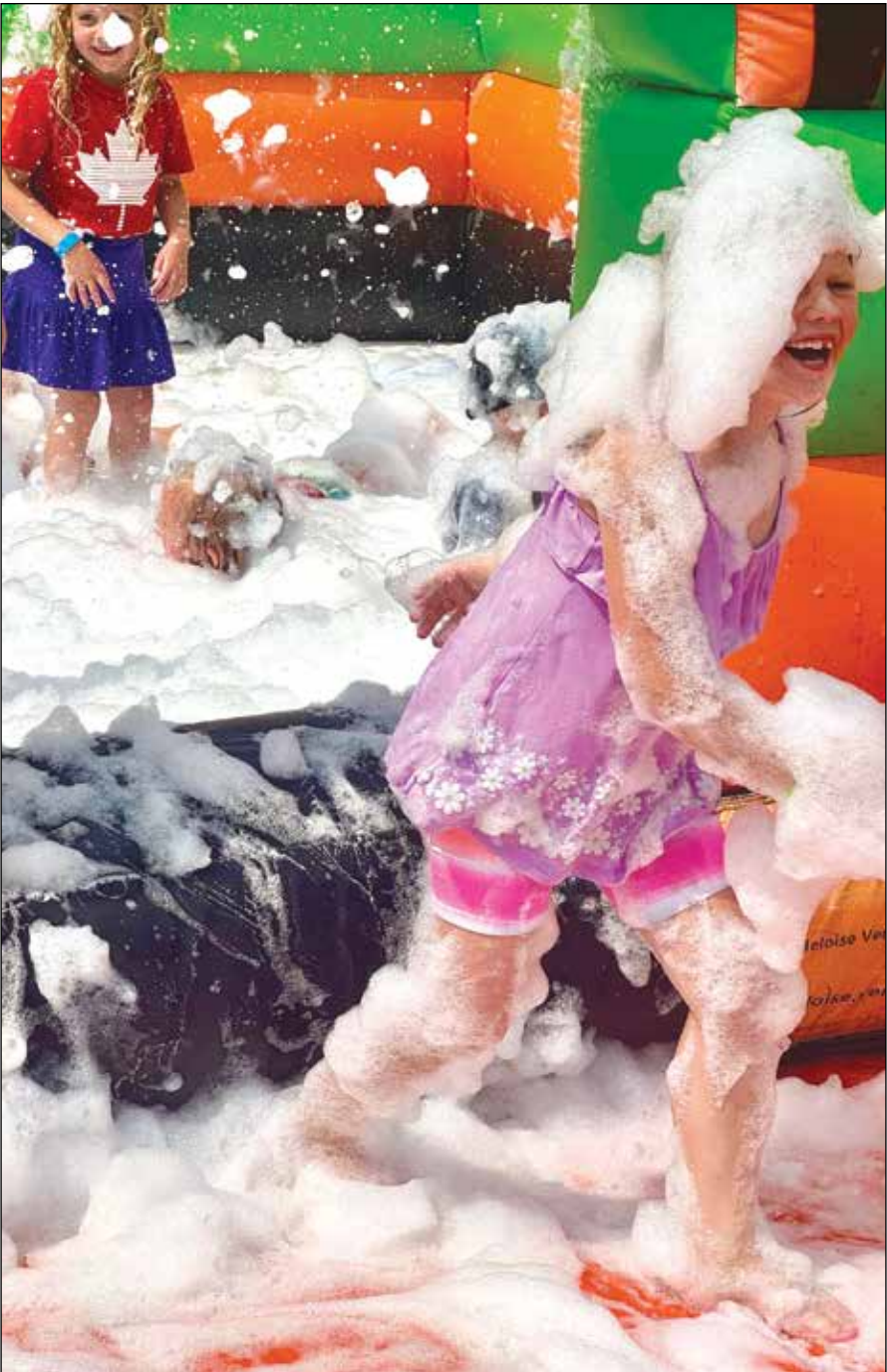
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FOAMY FUN! Children cool off and laugh their way through the foam pit during the Canada Day celebration in Kindersley. Judging by the smiles, getting covered in bubbles was all part of the fun. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*

Free furnace upgrades available again through SaskEnergy affordability program

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Income-qualified Saskatchewan homeowners once again have an opportunity to receive a free high-efficiency furnace through SaskEnergy's Heating Affordability Program (HAP). The program, launched in 2025, helps eligible homeowners replace older, low-efficiency furnaces with new high-efficiency models at no cost. SaskEnergy estimates the upgrade can reduce annual natural gas and electricity costs by as much as \$650. "For customers facing financial barriers, replacing an aging, low-efficiency furnace is not always an option. With HAP, SaskEnergy is able to help alleviate that concern and lower their monthly bills," said Cory Frei, SaskEnergy interim president and chief executive officer. "The new, high-efficiency equipment is safer, more reliable and more efficient, saving customers money and bringing

them peace of mind during the cold winter months knowing they can rely on their furnace when they need it most." To qualify, homeowners must first participate in SaskPower's Energy Assistance Program (EAP). Those who qualify will receive an invitation to apply for HAP and must also meet the program's income and existing heating equipment requirements. Since the program began, 37 qualifying applicants have received free furnace replacements. SaskEnergy's goal for the 2026-27 program year is to replace up to 50 furnaces. Installations are completed through SaskEnergy's network members. Each replacement includes a 96 per cent annual fuel utilization efficiency single-stage natural gas furnace, any required venting modifications, three furnace filters and, where needed, a programmable thermostat.

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The RCMP Musical Ride visited the community of Eston in August 1994. *PHOTO CROSSROADS, AUGUST 1994*

Musical Ride memories in Eston

BY JOAN JANZEN

The RCMP Musical Ride visited Eston more than 30 years ago, in the summer of 1994. Every four years, it travels to each province, raising funds for local charities and non-profit groups. A total of 1,700 people attended the performance in Eston that year. The riders performed their famous charges and manoeuvres and also took time to meet people in the crowd. The day before the performance, the stables were open and the public was invited to meet the horses and riders. This was especially exciting for the children. The constables volunteer for the Musical Ride with a three-year commitment before resuming their regular

duties. The horses undergo extensive training and begin participating once they are at least six years of age. The Musical Ride's most recent visits to this area were during Kindersley's 100th anniversary celebrations in 2017 and an earlier visit in 2011. At the time, Kindersley was one of the smallest municipalities to host the Musical Ride. The Musical Ride's first performance was held in January 1887, a year after a new NWMP headquarters was built in Regina that included a state-of-the-art riding school. The RCMP continued the Musical Ride tradition. In 2023, it was designated a National Historic Event. The RCMP has been breeding and training its world-class black horses since the 1940s.

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Why do you feel overwhelmed and anxious?

Do you know why mummies don't go on summer vacation? They're afraid to relax and unwind. It's a silly joke; however, a doctor noted it might be the reason why so many people are struggling with anxiety and feel the need to constantly be stimulated by phones, screens and entertainment.

I was reminded of an example of this when I went on a vacation to Europe seven years ago. This was a rare occasion for me, so I spent every minute digesting my surroundings, but there were people who were completely oblivious to their environment.

After landing in Venice, we caught a water transport bus to our destination. Seated in front of us was a girl about 12 years of age, accompanied by an elderly couple whom I assumed were her grandparents. During the hour-long ride, she never spoke to the couple, never looked out the window and was constantly glued to her phone or taking selfies.

The following day, we were watching tourists in gondolas venturing out on sightseeing tours. It didn't take long to spot the same young girl and her grandparents as they floated by. Once again, her complete attention was captivated by her phone.

On a recent podcast, Dr. Suneel Dhand addressed this topic. He asked if his listeners felt exhausted but couldn't relax. "You check your phone, scroll,



Check It Out
By Joan Janzen

"When problems arise in daily life, they will be added to all that mental clutter, and the person becomes overwhelmed and anxious."

watch videos, listen to the news and somehow end up feeling more restless. Does that sound familiar?" Dr. Dhand asked. "The truth is your brain was never designed for living in this modern world."

Our modern culture has created a situation where every second must be filled with stimulation: checking phones while waiting in line, listening to something while driving and wearing earbuds while walking.

He said the human brain needs moments of quiet to process, reflect, recover and reset. "Without those moments, there is so much mental clutter which is always building up. The stress accumulates, eventually causing you to feel restless," he explained.

When problems arise in daily life, they will be added to all that mental clutter, and the person becomes overwhelmed and anxious. Those situations could be relational problems, health problems or situations at work.

"It's not because there's something wrong with you; it's because your brain

never got a chance to breathe," he said. "When was the last time you were alone with your thoughts?"

He said for many people it may have been weeks or months since they were without distractions. No phone, no screen, no music, no TV. Just alone with their thoughts.

Someone listening to the podcast commented, "I can't even sit and watch a TV show without picking up a handheld game at the same time." This has become very common, as people struggle to focus, to read, relax or simply sit and imagine.

"Your smartphone is hijacking your nervous system. This is a really big problem," Dr. Dhand said. Your phone is a news station, entertainment centre, shopping mall and social club. It competes for your attention every minute of the day. You're in a constant state of alertness and, over time, relaxing becomes unfamiliar because you're not used to it.

Dr. Dhand said millions of people feel anxious and overwhelmed. "But

you don't need a miracle cure. You simply need to return to some timeless human habits," he advised. "Your peace isn't found in more stimulation; it's found in less stimulation. Take a walk without headphones, sit outside with a cup of coffee, drive your car without listening to anything. You'll notice your mind feels more peaceful."

Another person made this observation: "The modern argument is that interacting with people makes certain people anxious. I disagree. I used to be very shy as a kid. Interacting with people helped me to conquer that over time. No wonder kids are experiencing negative mental health, given the constantly switched-on society we live in."

Dr. Dhand stressed the importance of spending time outdoors. "Nature is not optional; it is medicine. Being outdoors helps the nervous system, reduces stress hormones and restores mental clarity," he advised. Yet millions of people spend most of their time indoors, in the house, office and stores, experiencing artificial light and environments.

But remember the young girl who was outdoors floating along with her grandparents? Dr. Dhand offered this helpful tip: Create a phone-free period each day. The world will survive, and you might discover something new. And when everyday challenges come your way, you will be more likely to handle them without becoming overwhelmed and anxious.

So this summer, don't be like a mummy: afraid to unwind and relax. Take time to enjoy it.

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Canadian NHL teams face major hurdles

By Bruce Penton

Canadian hockey fans that it has been 33 years our provinces has claimed way things are going, it more — before the cup parallel.

A series of situations tax rates are two of the to be conspiring against winning the Stanley Cup because upsets are a nor-ter building for Canadian difcult all the time.

Case in point: Vancouver Canucks had a rebuild in mind and they had the perfect player around which to build that potential contender: Defenceman Quinn Hughes. But after six seasons with the Canucks, Hughes told management he wouldn't sign a contract extension, so they were forced to trade him. The best deal



Sports
By Bruce Penton

don't have to be reminded since a team from one of the Stanley Cup, but the could be another 33 — or returns north of the 49th

— nice weather and better most significant — seem a team from Canada ever again. It might happen, mal part of sport, but ros-teams is getting more dif-

It's no surprise that six of the last seven Stanley Cup champs have been a) located in warm-weather areas; or b) in tax-friendly states. If a free agent is mulling over opportunities, and the money offer is similar between warm-weather Tampa Bay, where there is no state income tax, and Winnipeg, where the weather is cold and the taxman has sharp claws, where is the player likely to sign?

Rumblings around the NHL already are suggesting all-star goalie Connor Hellebuyck of the Jets, a U.S. citizens, would love to play for a winner. He claims to have loved his time in Winnipeg but if the Panthers don't sign free agent Sergei Bobrovsky and are looking for a goalie, a trade for Hellebuyck would make perfect sense. And the rich would get richer.

When Connor McDavid of the Oilers spurned a long-term offer and instead signed a two-year extension last year, that was a significant sign that he was urging the Oilers to build a winner around him and fellow star Leon Draisaitl, or he'd be looking for greener, winning pastures. The haul for the Oilers if a McDavid trade is imminent would be immense, but draft picks and youngsters with potential will only serve to keep the Oilers, like all of their Canadian counterparts, away from the champagne for maybe 33 more years.

- Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, after tennis player Adolpho Daniel Vallejo of Paraguay was fined \$65,000 for complaining about chair umpire Ana Carvalho refereeing a French Open match instead of a man: "Suddenly it was not 2026. It was 1952 and a man was telling his wife to bring him the paper and another beer and stay in her place."
- Headline at theonion.com: "New York City Mayor Presents Knicks With Key To His Car"
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Twenty-seven is a fabulous number if your name happens to be Vladimir Guerrero, Darryl Sittler, Frank Mahovlich or Marv Luster. It's not a great number if it's your ERA and that's why Brendon Little, at 27.00 in seven appearances, is no longer a Blue Jay."
- Sean McIndoe in The Athletic: "Dallas Stars ... are officially this year's ultimate losers. They'll go down in history as being the team that lost to the team that lost to the team that lost to the team that lost to the team that won the Stanley Cup."
- Super 70s Sports: "The NFL finally banned Stickum in 1981 after Lester Hayes intercepted Dan Fouts with his butt and didn't even know it."
- Another headline at theonion.com: "World Cup Chant Not Racist Enough To Catch On"
- Headline at fark.com: "Since Angels owner Arte Moreno won't fire himself, he instead fires the GM"
- Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: "The World Cup is an educational experience. For example, I always thought Scotland's national anthem was 'I'm Gonna Be 500 miles.'"
- Another one from Rolfson: "Hey, did you see the U.S. and Germany played a 'friendly' on the anniversary of D-Day? Who sang the national anthem? Alanis Morissette?"
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "The Blue Jays' struggles of this season are not unexpected. Of the past 25 teams to lose the World Series, only three made it back the following season."

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Town of Eston looking at new sports association

BY STU SALKELD
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

ESTON — The Town of Eston council has given its approval to explore changing the way some sports are managed in the community. A resolution was passed at the June 23 regular meeting of council.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Jody Irwin said in a phone call with Your West Central Voice on June 29 that Eston council, along with the R.M. of Snipe Lake, has been discussing changes to the way certain sports activities are handled in the municipality for some time.

Irwin said Eston is one of very few municipalities where municipal staff manage certain sports activities that, in many other communities, are typically overseen by a non-profit society or association.

As it turns out, Irwin noted town council was approached by a group of volunteers interested in forming a sports association to manage these activities, at least to a certain extent. The CAO said the volunteers indicated the new association would focus on the athletes, while the town would continue to manage the sports facilities and handle the finances.

Irwin said the proposal represents new ground for the Town of Eston. As councillors discussed the request, it was noted the transition could be introduced gradually and, if successful, additional responsibilities could be handed over to the non-profit association in the future.

Irwin said the new association would go a long way

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Dancing like we're 22

BY KATE WINQUIST

I don't know about you, but I'm definitely not feeling 22.

My middle child, Kalen, turned 22 on Saturday. Born on the Fourth of July, he has always had fireworks for a birthday. Somehow, seeing that number immediately made me think of Taylor Swift's song 22. You know the one.

"Everything will be alright if we just keep dancing like we're 22."

There's something about that lyric that sticks with you. Maybe it's because, at 57, I can honestly say I don't feel 22 most mornings. My knees certainly don't. But every once in a while, life hands you a week that makes you forget your age for a little while.

This was one of those weeks.

Having Canada Day land on a Wednesday completely threw me off. I spent most of the day doing month-end, so it wasn't exactly a holiday for me, but I did manage to sneak away long enough to enjoy some of the festivities.

The best part?

For the first time in years, I was able to hand over most of the Canada Day photography to Evan.

He came back with more than 1,000 photos.

I even trusted him with my "monster" zoom lens. Most people hesitate before picking it up, but not Evan. He handled it without hesitation, and the results spoke for themselves. Watching someone develop that kind of confidence behind the camera is pretty rewarding.

More than 1,000 people took in the Canada Day celebrations between the Kindersley and District Plains Museum and the rink parking lot. Joan Janzen, who volunteers with the Better Together group, joked that moving many of the activities onto the pavement may have been the best thing to happen. There were virtually no mosquitoes, and the whole area had more of a fair atmosphere.

She's probably right.

Then my internal calendar completely gave up.

Wednesday felt like Saturday.

Thursday felt like Monday.

Friday arrived before I knew it.



Kalen, age 5.

And just like that, we were celebrating all over again.

One of my favourite events to cover every year has quickly become the Filipino Music and Food Street Festival.

If you've never been, put it on your calendar for next summer.

Kindersley's Filipino community knows how to throw a celebration.

This year's third annual festival was even bigger than the last. The bright costumes, the music, the dancing and the smiling faces made it impossible not to get caught up in the excitement.

As the parade made its way down Main Street, I found myself doing something I probably shouldn't admit as a newspaper publisher.

I stopped worrying about getting the perfect photo.

For a few minutes, I simply smiled, waved back at people in the parade and tapped my foot to the beat of the drums.

Eventually, my photographer instincts returned. I raced back to the office, swapped my long lens for a shorter one, grabbed my cellphone and hurried over to the Norman Ritchie Centre. I made it just in time

to capture video of the parade arriving, along with photos of the performers, vendors and, of course, the incredible food.

What struck me most was how two completely different celebrations, only a few days apart, felt so connected.

One celebrated Canada.

The other celebrated Filipino culture.

Together, they celebrated community.

That's what I love most about living here.

Our little prairie town can host a Canada Day celebration one day and a colourful Filipino street festival a few days later, with hundreds of people coming together simply because they enjoy being together.

Maybe that's why Taylor's song kept popping into my head.

Not because most of us actually want to be 22 again.

But because every once in a while, life reminds you that deadlines can wait for an hour, work will still be there tomorrow, and it's okay to laugh, dance a little and simply enjoy where you are.

For a few hours this week, I forgot how busy life has been.

Maybe that's the secret.

Not becoming 22 again. My back has already voted against that idea.

But remembering what it feels like to laugh until your cheeks hurt, dance a little when nobody's watching, celebrate with your neighbours and soak up the moments that make life fun.

As Taylor Swift sings, "Everything will be alright if we just keep dancing like we're 22."

This week, I think she might be onto something.

As if to underscore the point, Taylor Swift herself got married over the Fourth of July weekend.

Apparently she's finished dancing like she's 22, too.

Happy birthday, Kalen.

Keep dancing.

...Sports association

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toward reducing the workload on town staff when it comes to managing certain sports leagues.

She added that councillors have expressed interest in the idea in the past and enjoyed meeting in person with the volunteers proposing the new association.

The CAO said both the town and the R.M. have discussed the proposal, and town council has passed a

resolution supporting the idea. However, before it can move forward, the R.M. will also have to pass a similar resolution.

If the proposal proceeds, it would initially apply to hockey, baseball and softball, but could eventually be expanded to include other sports.

Irwin said the matter will return to a future meeting of council.



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Town of Kindersley financial report notes RCMP billing due later this summer

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

The Town of Kindersley council heard a regular financial update from staff that noted the annual RCMP policing invoice is expected later this summer. The report was presented at the June 29 regular meeting of council.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Marty Baroni presented councillors with the May 2026 financial update.

“The attached report shows the Town of Kindersley financials as of May 31, 2026, reflecting that by the end of May approximately 42 per cent of the council-approved 2026 budget should be utilized, in theory,” stated Baroni’s report to council.

Baroni explained the report included several notes to address “large differences as referenced in the financial report.”

The first item explained that property tax bills had been mailed out but, because the payment deadline had not yet passed, much of that revenue had yet to arrive.

“The 2026 taxes were levied in May,” stated the staff report.

Next, the CAO noted that the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency requisition of \$63,939 had been paid in full, labelled as “Year to Date May 31.”

The third item addressed in the report was WCB and insurance premiums.

“Insurance and WCB premiums have been paid but have not been broken out per each department as of the end of May,” stated the report, which also noted this dollar value, labelled “Year to Date May 31,” was \$778,482.78, with the 2026 budget figure of \$1,157,310 also listed.

During discussion, Baroni explained that this item will remain in its current state until the end of the year. He further noted that, for WCB, the town wants to see where all the wages are allocated before dividing the costs appropriately.

“As you can see, they’re kind of skewed at the moment,” said the CAO.

The fourth item involved police costs.

“The annual invoice from the RCMP doesn’t come until July/Aug. for the year,” stated the staff report, which also noted a figure labelled “Year End 2025” of \$447,156.45 for this item.

Next was airport fees, which the CAO noted are pre-billed.

“Airport fees are pre-billed for the year and that is why we are already at 90 per cent of the income budgeted to receive in 2026,” stated Baroni’s report.

The report stated that pre-billed airport fees, labelled “Year to Date May 31,” totalled \$83,267.57.

The CAO next discussed grant funding shown on the report that is linked to Public Works activity.

“Public Works income is primarily the Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) grant and that of which we have received 90 per cent of that grant until the project is completed and then we will receive the final 10 per cent,” stated Baroni’s report. “This is for pedestrian crosswalks on Main Street.”

The report listed the “Year to Date May 31” figure for that item at \$25,848.30.

The final explanation Baroni provided related to recreation infrastructure.

“The sports grounds, playgrounds and parks are low as the season has just started,” stated the CAO.

After Baroni completed his report, Mayor Ken Francis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Burstall truck fill station back in service

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

BURSTALL — The Town of Burstall’s popular water truck fill station is back in operation following the completion of repairs associated with the community’s water tank project.

In a phone call with Your West Central Voice on June 30, Mayor Colleen Bodnarchuk confirmed the truck fill station has reopened. She said the facility is heavily used but had been closed while work was underway on the water tank.

Bodnarchuk said the truck fill station was probably one of the most missed services affected by the project. The town tried to give farmers advance notice of the closure so they would not be caught off guard. She added that several vendors also rely on the station regularly.

The mayor noted the truck fill station generates good revenue for the town.

Water restrictions return to normal

Bodnarchuk said that with the water tank project completed, Burstall has returned to its normal Level 1 water restrictions. Residents are reminded that watering is limited to lawns and gardens, with no watering permitted between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Following completion of the project, the town gradually began refilling facilities such as the municipal swimming pool to minimize stress on the water infrastructure.

Street sweeping completed

The mayor confirmed annual street sweeping has been completed. She said removing winter sand, gravel and debris helps prevent material from entering the stormwater drainage system.

Bodnarchuk added that Burstall’s streets are well maintained.

Road and sidewalk improvements planned

Residents can expect street and sidewalk work to continue this summer.

The mayor said contractors will be carrying out crack sealing to prevent moisture from damaging road infrastructure.

Sidewalk improvements are also planned. Contractors have already inspected the community and identified sidewalks requiring attention. Bodnarchuk said the town has a three-year plan for sidewalk maintenance.

While concrete work is expensive, she noted uneven sidewalks present safety hazards and must be addressed. Some repairs involve grinding down raised concrete sections, while others require lifting and levelling sidewalk panels.

Off-leash dog park approved

Council has approved the development of an off-leash dog park using a former ball diamond.

Bodnarchuk said the Burstall and District Lions Club has played a major role in moving the project forward by installing fencing and completing other work. The town will be responsible for mowing the grass and providing signage and waste bags.

She said additional features, such as agility obstacles, could be considered in the future. While the park may open later this summer, no official opening date has been set.

Fire extinguishers serviced

The town recently completed its annual servicing of all fire extinguishers.

Bodnarchuk noted that although fire extinguishers typically have a lifespan of 10 to 12 years, they still require regular inspections. The annual servicing is usually completed each June at the fire hall.

Bottle collection relocated

The community’s recycling container used to raise funds for the swimming pool has been moved behind the town shop.

Although the pool occasionally organizes bottle drives, residents can drop off recyclable containers at the collection bin throughout the year.

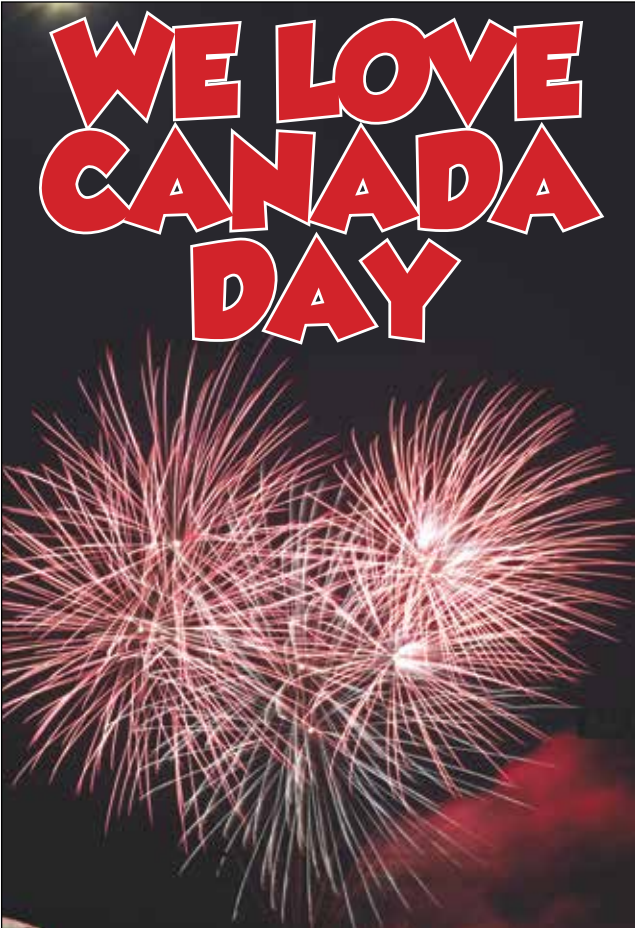
Canada Day celebration

Bodnarchuk said the community was looking forward to its Canada Day celebration, held June 30, featuring local band the Kangaroo Rats.

She said the group is well known in the Burstall area and performs a wide variety of music.



Kindersley's Lifestyle Band entertains attendees during the Canada Day celebration.



Fireworks light up the night sky to cap off Kindersley's Canada Day celebration on Tuesday evening. *PHOTOS BY EVAN PELLETIER*



Volunteers from the Kindersley Masonic Lodge serve Ice Cream to attendees during Kindersley's Canada Day Celebration.



A young attendee has her face painted during Kindersley's Canada Day celebration.



Visitors test their steady hands with giant Jenga.



Scott Holloway cooks pancakes for the Kindersley Legion Pancake Breakfast.



Children had the opportunity to interact with a variety of animals at the petting zoo during Kindersley's Canada Day celebration.



A volunteer from the Kindersley Legion serves pancakes during the Legion's Canada Day Pancake Breakfast at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum.



A volunteer from the Town of Kindersley serves burgers to attendees of Kindersley's Canada Day celebration.



Attendees line up for lunch from Glen's Kitchen during the Canada Day celebrations.

Filipino festival brings a taste of the Philippines to Kindersley

BY JOAN JANZEN

Everyone lined the streets for the Filipino parade on Saturday morning, July 4, in Kindersley. Colourful costumes, floats and street dancing were all part of the MassKara Festival-themed parade. The MassKara Festival began in the Philippines more than 40 years ago in response to a period of tragedy and economic hardship, lifting people’s spirits with brightly coloured masks.

“The festival resembles a get-together in the Philippines,” Caroline Andres, one of the organizers, said. “The laughter, street food, dancing, families walking together ... it’s the same spirit you’d find at a fiesta back home.”

Kindersley’s colourful and lively procession led the way to the Norman Ritchie Centre, where the third annual Kindersley Filipino Festival brought a taste of the food, music, culture and hospitality of the Philippines.

“It is our third year doing this,” Caroline said. “When we did it the first time, we didn’t know if it would be well received, but each time we receive positive feedback.”

Food vendors serving family favourites were a popular attraction as Filipino performers shared their talents through music and dance. Everyone in the community enjoys the food, music and vibrant colours.

“But most of all, the people love the feeling of belonging,” she observed. “It’s a chance for Filipinos to share our culture with Kindersley and for our neighbours to celebrate right alongside us.”

A crowd favourite was a group known as the “Bagets,” the Filipino word for someone young and full of energy, a fitting name for the group of young-at-heart performers.

The youngest performers to take the stage are well known in the community. Both Althea Iligan and Daniella Reodique were on hand to showcase their musical talents.

Other popular performers in the lineup included Blunt, a local Alberta Filipino Canadian band, as well as Chris Rod, a grunge and alternative vocalist. Renowned performers Kristine Peralta, Maricar Vidal of Calgary and Maria Gana also provided entertainment throughout the weekend.

Saturday night’s lively dance party led the way to Sunday’s Family Day. The morning began with Zumba, followed by activities for the kids, including bouncy castles, face painting, balloon animals and mask making. Pinoy Bingo and other Filipino games were all part of the day as families enjoyed visiting together.

“The familiar mix of hospitality, celebration and community makes everyone feel at home,” Caroline said.

That welcoming atmosphere attracted Filipino residents from Eston, Eatonia, Leader, Kerrobert, Saskatoon and Oyen to Kindersley for another fun-filled festival. Family and friends gathered to enjoy the music, experience Filipino culture and savour a wide variety of Filipino cuisine.



PHOTOS BY KATE WINQUIST AND JOAN JANZEN



Town of Eston council accepts resignation of councillor McLeod

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

ESTON — The Town of Eston council accepted the resignation of one of its members at the regular meeting on June 23.

In a phone call with Your West Central Voice on June 29, Eston Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Jody Irwin confirmed Coun. Tim McLeod resigned from council, citing a lack of time for the role.

While a byelection is required to fill the vacant seat, Irwin noted councillors decided it would be best to wait until summer is over to get that process underway. Councillors also tweaked their committee assignments to fill McLeod’s vacant positions.

Drainage upgrades

Councillors agreed to some sidewalk work on Main Street which the CAO noted was linked to drainage issues. Irwin stated the town has some money set aside for sidewalk repairs, and the Main Street work involves making space for a covered water drain. Councillors also discussed a complaint from the public about the issue.

More sidewalk and drainage work will be done, including by the lodge and the clinic ramps, plus the sidewalk to the school. She noted the town was having trouble finding a contractor for the job but did locate one.

Canine issues

Councillors discussed a recent town hall meeting with residents to discuss bylaw enforcement, including dogs running at large. Irwin stated council, staff and peace officers discussed the issue with the public, including the idea of hiring a dog catcher. It was noted the town would also have to look at caring for such animals, along with other issues that have a substantial price tag attached. Irwin noted dog control may be discussed again at a future meeting.

Vacant properties

Irwin reported councillors briefly discussed vacant

properties that are in the town’s possession.

Motocross track

Irwin observed the motocross track that is partially located in Eston is being used while the municipality has placed “use at your own risk” signs at the track. Councillors discussed the fact there is no association currently caring for the track. Councillors stated they hoped a volunteer group would step forward to care for the track. Irwin stated anyone interested in taking over the track can begin the process by phoning the town office.

Hospital lockers

The CAO stated that at a recent auction held at the defunct hospital, a member of the public saw three rows of unused storage lockers and inquired about purchasing them. Town council gave approval to the offer.

Scavenger permit

The CAO noted town council also approved a “scavenger permit” for a former restaurant in Eston. Irwin stated the permit allows a buyer to enter the property to remove items of value they wish to purchase.

However, she noted the condition of the property is starting to become a concern, so this may well be the last scavenger permit the town approves for that property. The issue will be discussed at a future meeting of council.

Lot offer

Irwin provided councillors with an offer made on a town-owned parcel. However, the CAO noted the transfer into town ownership is not quite complete and the parcel also has to be publicly advertised.

Demolition

Councillors approved a permit for demolition of a disused grain elevator on the edge of town which also sits on town property. Irwin stated it will likely be demolished in August, but no exact date is known yet. The CAO stated the town researched contractors who are qualified for this kind of work, adding demolition of the building will be quite a sight to see.

Flaxcombe honours Wes and Judy Becker with lifetime achievement award

BY JOAN JANZEN

The community of Flaxcombe presented Judy and Wes Becker with the first annual Flaxcombe Seniors Lifetime Individual Achievement Award on June 30.

Unfortunately, the honoured couple was unable to attend the community dinner and celebration that evening as Wes was recovering from an injury. However, the following day a delicious supper and cake, along with prizes, gifts and a trophy, were delivered to their home.

“I was really surprised with all the gifts and nice words said about us,” Wes said. “I really appreciated it.”

Judy, like most volunteers who love to serve their community, found the attention overwhelming and didn’t think they needed to receive so much recognition.

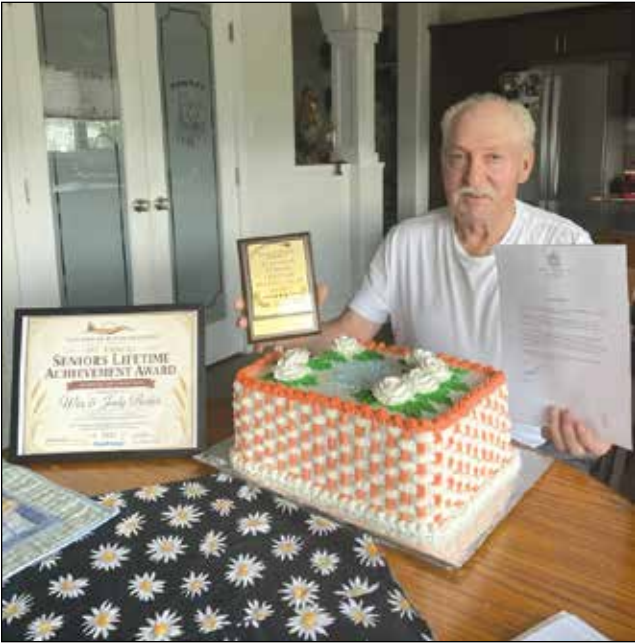
The recognition also included a letter from Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe and will continue in September when the honoured couple will ride in an antique car during Kindersley’s Goose Festival parade.

Gwen Britton of Flaxcombe said, “We hope that more communities will follow suit and this becomes a much bigger event all across Saskatchewan.”

The Flaxcombe Recreation Association gratefully received a grant from SaskEnergy that helped pay for the festivities celebrating the honoured couple, along with runner-up Jake Zacharias.

Judy and Wes moved to Flaxcombe in 1996 and have been involved in the community ever since, helping with local events and lending a hand whenever needed. Judy has a special love for animals and is known for finding homes for abandoned pets.

Wes served as a First Responder for 15 years and organized the local tractor pull events from 2019 to 2021. He was often found providing snow removal at little or



no cost and helped new residents move into their homes.

The Saskatoon bushes, poplar and evergreen trees planted on the north side of Flaxcombe are the handiwork of Judy and Wes, who continue to care for them. Their dedication, volunteer spirit and commitment to community improvement have made a lasting impact on the Village of Flaxcombe.

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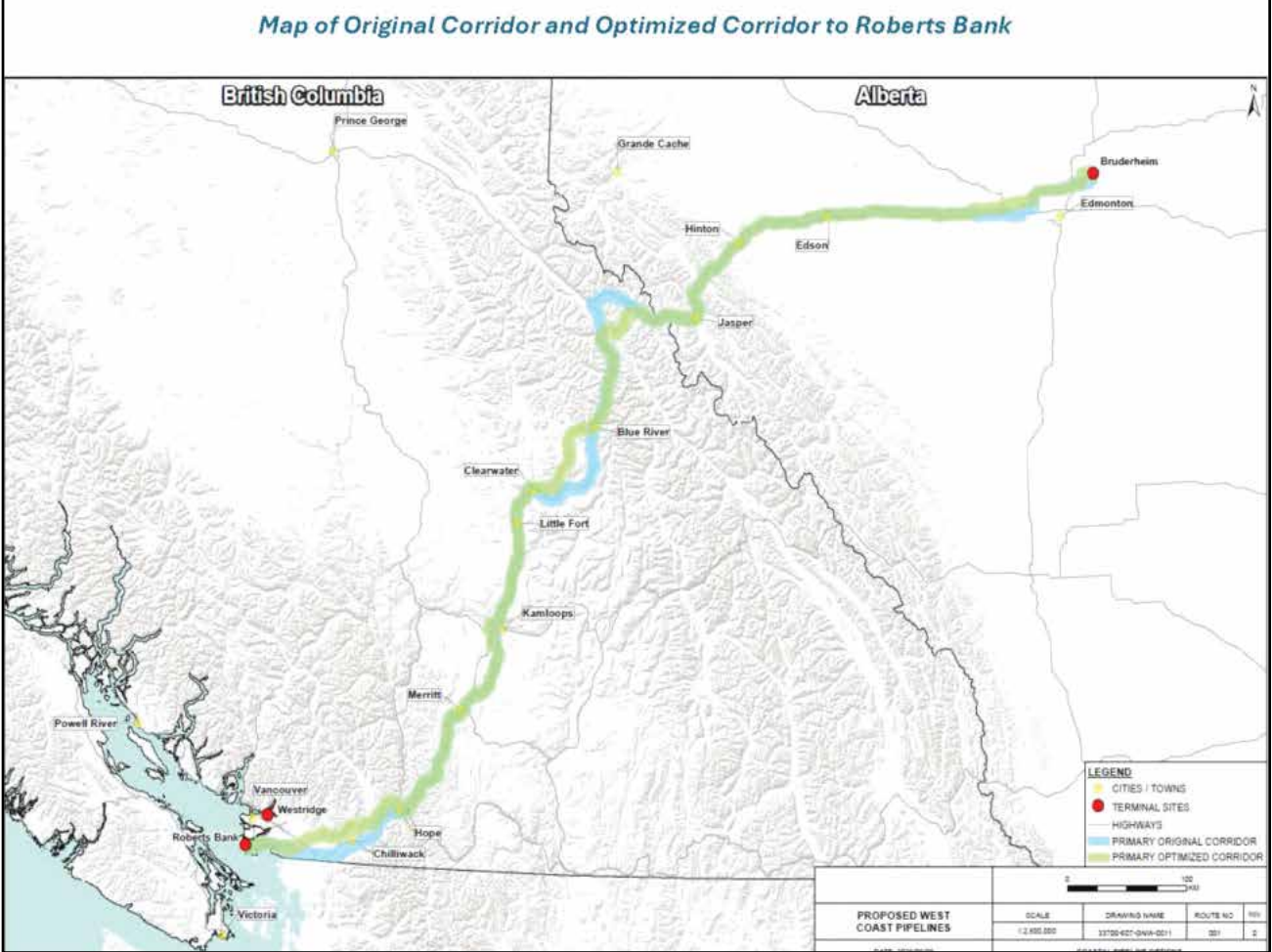
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West Coast oil pipeline proposal skips northern route, targets Roberts Bank supertanker terminal

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

CALGARY — A new West Coast Pipeline project was announced on July 2, and it's a redux of the Trans Mountain Expansion -- the one that was supposed to cost \$7.5 billion and came in closer to \$34 billion.

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Alberta Premier Danielle Smith made the announcement in Calgary, where Smith submitted the province's proposal to the Major Projects Office, seeking a Project of National Interest Listing under the Building Canada Act.

The pipeline is expected to transport more than one million barrels of oil per day to Canada's west coast and strengthen access to growing Asian markets, helping meet Alberta's goal to double its oil production to eight million barrels per day over the next 10 years.

While previous indications from Alberta heavily favoured a northern British Columbia terminus at either Prince Rupert or Kitimat, the southern route to the Lower Mainland prevailed. Most of the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) route will be followed, except in the Lower Mainland. Instead of terminating at the Westridge Terminal in Burnaby, which has notable restrictions on tanker size, this new pipeline will end at Roberts Bank, at the extreme southwest corner of the mainland. This will allow supertankers -- known formally as very large crude carriers (VLCC) -- to load. It will be notably more distant from Asian markets than Prince Rupert or Kitimat. Ironically, Roberts Bank is also the main coal export terminal.

According to the application, the Bruderheim Receipt Terminal and Roberts Bank Delivery Terminal would each have 15 tanks with about 6.5 million barrels of storage capacity. The Bruderheim site will cover 50 to 60 hectares; Roberts Bank will cover about 260 hectares. The marine facility would include two loading berths capable of serving VLCCs carrying 1.9 to 2.2 million barrels per shipment, connected to shore by a jetty.

The map shows four areas where a new corridor is planned: west of Edmonton, just west of the BC/Alberta border, between Blue River and Clearwater, and

from Hope to Roberts Bank.

Choosing the southern route allows the northern BC tanker ban to remain in place. The pipeline can be built without repealing Bill C-48, one of the "nine bad laws" Smith had flagged as restricting Alberta's oil sector.

The Government of Alberta noted early work construction may start as early as September 1, 2027, once Indigenous consultation is complete and all required approvals are in place. That is an extraordinarily short time frame compared to the defunct Northern Gateway and Energy East proposals, both of which failed as regulatory approvals dragged on and the goalposts moved.

This new pipeline, following the same route and paralleling the existing two Trans Mountain Pipelines, will have the advantage of recent experience along that right of way. It will also likely see a repeat of many of the challenges that made TMX so grossly over budget. There was no mention of projected cost at the press conference.

Canada and Alberta will be equal partners, with a meaningful equity stake reserved for Indigenous Peoples. Pembina Pipeline Corporation will be a private sector investor. Trans Mountain Corporation will plan and construct the pipeline.

Prime Minister's remarks

Carney called the day's combined announcements a "low ball figure," saying they "will catalyze well over \$200 billion in direct investments in Canada, trade over 175,000 new jobs across the country, and we are just getting started."

He confirmed the federal government will maintain the tanker ban and announced that the Oil Sands Alliance -- the five oil sands companies -- have agreed on terms to launch the Pathways Project, the world's largest carbon capture and storage project. That project, together with other emission reduction commitments, will achieve 16 million tonnes of emissions reductions per year, equivalent to taking 90 per cent of Alberta's cars off the road.

...Pipeline

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“Consultations will begin immediately with Indigenous communities, relevant provinces, and territories to determine listing under the Building Canada Act by October 1.”

Carney also pointed to energy security as the driver: “There’s an energy security issue today, and so the interest is how we move towards that.” He noted LNG projects moving through Prince Rupert and Kitimat as part of a broader suite of Canadian energy solutions.

Premier Smith’s comments

Smith described Alberta’s oil reserves as valued at more than \$9 trillion, saying development “would equate to hundreds of billions of dollars in government revenue” supporting health care, education, NATO commitments, and Indigenous economic prosperity.

After studying both northern and southern route options, Alberta selected the southern route from Bruderheim to a deep-water VLCC-capable port at Roberts Bank. “With the help of our technical advisory group, made up of industry experts, we determined that this route offers the fastest, most cost-effective path to expanding Canada’s energy exports. Following the existing Trans Mountain pipeline corridor, this project builds on existing infrastructure, reduces regulatory barriers, given it would not be subject to the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act, and gets Canada’s most valuable natural resource to global markets faster.”

Asked whether the southern route traded commercial viability for political palatability, Smith said the two routes were “fairly comparable when it comes to the amount of dollars that would have to be outlaid, but you’d likely be able to build this one a couple or more years faster.” The existing right of way, established Indigenous relationships, and reduced regulatory barriers drove the decision.

On government equity, Smith pointed to Northern Gateway, Keystone XL, and Energy East -- three projects where pipeline companies spent billions on regulatory processes before cancellations killed them. “It does take some work to make sure that the private sector proponents understand that this is a real process.” She noted TMX has already returned over \$1 billion in dividend payments to the federal government, calling completed pipeline infrastructure “incredibly lucrative.”

Smith couldn’t resist taking a shot at the previous Liberal government: “We’ve certainly come a long way from talk of phasing out Alberta’s oil and gas, haven’t we?”

Poilievre disagrees with start and end points

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre panned the plan, arguing the pipeline should begin at Hardisty and end at Prince Rupert or Kitimat. He called the northern tanker ban “ridiculous,” noting American

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tankers carry Alaskan oil through the same Pacific waters routinely.

“It takes about 36 hours less time to get to Asia from northern BC than from southern BC because of the curvature of the earth. That’s just simple geometry.” Poilievre said the southern terminus risks routing oil toward California rather than diversifying into Asian markets.

Saskatchewan response

Saskatchewan will likely not see a single barrel of its oil enter this pipeline. However, as more Alberta crude flows west, it may free up capacity in the Enbridge Mainline and Keystone pipelines. The larger effect may be a further narrowing of the heavy crude differential versus West Texas Intermediate. TMX’s opening in 2024 already pulled that differential down to the US\$10 to US\$12 range; previously it often rose to several times that, costing Saskatchewan hundreds of millions in lost royalties.

Premier Scott Moe had not responded by press time.

Saskatchewan NDP Leader Carla Beck said on social media that major energy decisions are being made without Saskatchewan at the table. “Ottawa is moving to build Canada from coast-to-coast with game-changing infrastructure, but the Sask. Party can’t even produce a list of projects it’s advocating for -- something we’ve been calling on them to release for 295 days and counting.” The question now becomes when Saskatchewan comes to the table for its own bilateral development agreement with Ottawa.

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Regina Legion launches digital archive to mark 100 years

Regina’s Royal Canadian Legion Branch 001 is marking the RCL’s 100th anniversary by taking more than 2,000 pieces of Saskatchewan military history online.

The Regina Branch 001 Museum and Archives, working with the Royal United Services Institute Regina, has launched a digital collection on MemorySask featuring photographs, letters, documents, and records spanning military life across the province.

The museum holds more than 5,000 artifacts dating from 1885 to the present. Its holdings include uniforms, medals, scrapbooks, correspondence, and personal documents from veterans and military families in Regina, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Lumsden, and dozens of smaller communities across southern Saskatchewan, including some that no longer exist.

The online collection is searchable at memorysask.ca/royal-canadian-legion-branch-001-regina-museum. The full 5,000-artifact collection remains available to researchers and visitors by appointment.

“Before I was hired, nothing had been digitized or transcribed,” said Kelsey Lonie, executive director and chief historian of RUSI Regina and collections manager of the museum. “With a team of dedicated volunteers and University of Regina interns, we have transcribed whatever is written on the back of each photograph, postcard, or letter, digitized each item, and made it fully searchable on MemorySask. Our goal is to make our military history accessible and help people discover their own family members among the faces in the collection.”

The project received funding from the Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists, SaskCulture, and Sask Lotteries.

Many photographs in the collection have no names attached. The museum is asking anyone who recognizes a person in the digital collection to email museum@reginalegion.com with the photograph’s identification number.

Digitization is ongoing, with thousands more artifacts still to be added.

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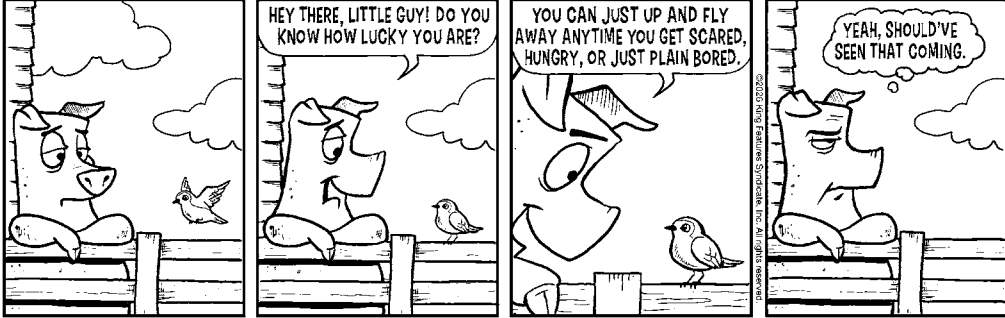


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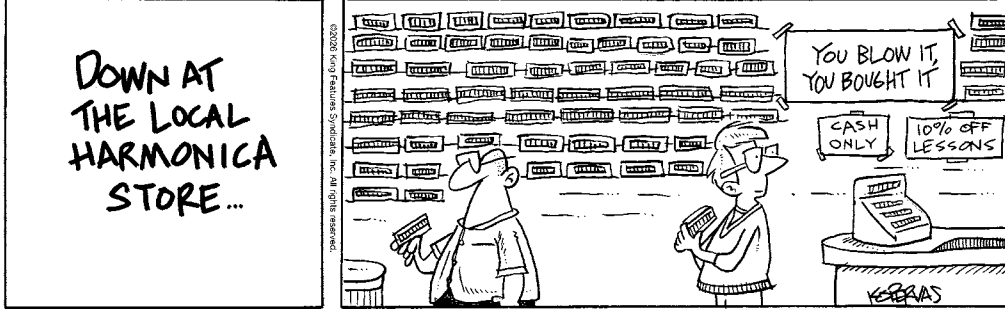
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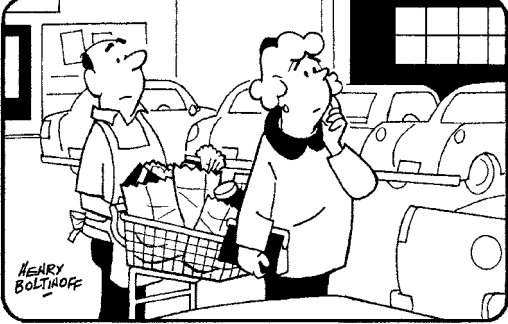
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Store windows are moved. 2. License plate is missing. 3. Bow tie is added. 4. Bumper is missing. 5. Coat is longer. 6. Hair is longer.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Chocolat" actor

5 Audio giant

9 Prune

12 Antioxidant berry

13 Egg

14 — budget

15 Plumbing problem

16 Firsties

17 TiVo precursor

18 Foolproof

19 Sch. URL ender

20 Borscht base

21 Sailing hazard

23 — Victor

25 Daughter of Muhammad

28 Lynx

32 "West Side Story" role

33 Prefix meaning "water"

34 Ocean bottoms

36 Grapevine talk

37 Chow down

38 "— was saying ..."

39 Scoff

42 Half of bi-

44 Sod

48 Napoleon's title (Abbr.)

49 Mideast gulf

50 Verifiable

51 Brit. record label

DOWN

1 June honorees

2 Beige

3 Two of a kind

4 Specialist in the heating/cooling industry

5 Grocery store

6 Roman poet

7 Outlying area

8 Ambulance letters

9 Zero, in tennis

10 Formerly

11 Section

20 Date night hire

22 D-Day beach

24 Some Pacific salmon

25 Passing craze

26 Chemical suffix

27 Gratuity

29 LP successors

30 NPR's

31 Pinnacle

35 Recording site

36 Olympic swimmer

39 "M*A*S*H" vehicle

40 Tennis star

41 Grand tale

43 Legendary loch

45 Language of Pakistan

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Who was the only actress to appear in the 1961 and 2021 film versions of "West Side Story"?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the most letters in its name?

3. SCIENCE: What protects the Earth from solar winds?

4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the bar in "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"?

5. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the first Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop?

6. LITERATURE: What are the names of the two brothers in the "Hardy Boys" novel series?

7. LANGUAGE: What is a polyglot?

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BY JOAN JANZEN

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OBITUARIES

Gregory Goldade

March 15, 1942 - June 28, 2026



Greg was born in Prelate, Saskatchewan on March 15, 1942 to parents Frederik and Katherine (Haag) Goldade. He passed away in Regina on June 28, 2026 at the age of 84.

Greg grew up with a deep love of sports and became a talented athlete for his skill and dedication on the ball diamond and in the rink. Over the years, his achievements in athletics led to his induction into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 2016, as a member of the Leader Barons baseball team. Greg will be remembered for his easygoing nature, quick smile, and the way he lit up a room whenever there was music and a dance floor. He loved spending time with his siblings playing cards.

Greg worked across Saskatchewan and on Vancouver Island with Co-op before moving to Edmonton. He spent his retirement years in Regina.

Greg was predeceased by his parents and his siblings Mary, Gen, Vern, and Claude. He is survived by his children Kent Goldade (Vicki), Gaylene McCannell (Byron Glover), and Blair Goldade (Lisa Lepage), and their families. He is also survived by his brothers Ron (Janice) and Al (Janice), and many nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at a later date at the family plot in Kindersley, Saskatchewan. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honour Greg's memory by sharing a dance, enjoying time with loved ones, or supporting a local sports organization in your community.

Family and friends are invited to leave tributes at www.reginafuneralhome.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Regina Funeral Home and Cemetery (306) 789-8850.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF:

How do you see grief?

BY ANGELA CLEMENT



Angela Clement

Over the past few years, as I have immersed myself in understanding grief as a process, I've discovered several perspectives on it. One recurring notion I've encountered is that grief never truly goes away. This viewpoint suggests that if you deeply loved someone, you must accept the enduring sadness that accompanies such a loss. Grief is often described as love with nowhere to go, or as the price we pay for loving someone so intensely. Some believe this is simply how life is after a loss, and that it becomes the new normal. They explain that they've become accustomed to it and have learned to carry their grief as part of their existence.

In various Facebook groups I follow, I see people expressing that life never becomes easier after a loss. Even after years of pain and longing, they seek solace in others who share their experiences. For some, this pain feels like a connection to their loved one, a way to honor the relationship and remain loyal to it.

On the other hand, there are those who feel exhausted from merely going through the motions of daily life. They often remain silent, lacking the energy to voice their struggles. They don't want to continue living in this manner; they are weary. Each day feels like a fight to survive without their loved one, and they long for a sense of joy and happiness that seems distant. They have no clear idea of how to achieve this change, but they know they cannot persist in their current state.

I understand all these perspectives. I want to assure you that wherever you find yourself in your healing process is valid. It's your journey, and you have the power to choose your path forward. I also believe that by challenging our own thoughts, we can alter how we

perceive ourselves in the world. What if there is another way to view grief? If you feel a need for change, I want to reassure you that it is possible.

Early on after my loss, I recognized that I didn't like how I was feeling. As an educator with two master's degrees, I naturally began researching the complex nature of grief. I sought to understand what I could do to help myself. The prevailing advice suggested that I would simply learn to live with my grief and it was okay not to be okay and yet I felt compelled to find another way.

I continued searching for the answers that resonated with me. With guidance from grief experts, I discovered the advice and the path forward that I had been seeking. It required significant "heart work" to reach where I am today. This transformation didn't occur by chance or because my loss was any less difficult. Losing my husband was devastating. I had to acknowledge the work necessary to grieve my loss properly, and then I had to shift my perspective on life.

Every grief journey is unique, shaped by our individual circumstances. However, we can all begin a new chapter and find fulfillment and happiness in that new space. I believe this with my whole heart.

Where are you in your healing journey? Are you quietly wondering if you could find happiness again?

You might be the one who reaches out to me. I can help you learn to show up for yourself in ways you never realized were possible, enabling you to live a life that honors both yourself and your loved one.

Of course, I miss Blaine. But I continue to live and expand that precious love by creating a life I want for my children, my grandchildren, and myself. I am free to make new memories, and I know Blaine would be proud. I believe it is possible to not just survive, but to thrive after a loss. There is a path forward, and life can be good again!

You get to choose your life and the direction you take moving forward. You determine what is true for you. Sending lots of love and big hugs to you all on this journey. I am here if you need to reach out.

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- 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.

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FRIDAY, JULY 17
• Celebrating 100 Years of the Legion, Tyner Hall, Eston Riverside Regional Park.
FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 17, 18, 19
• Eston is hosting the U15 Provincials. If you can volunteer for this event, call or text 306-460-6634 for info.
SATURDAY, JULY 18
• BBQ at the Eston Museum 11:00 AM - held every Saturday through the summer!

- Every Monday - Adult Exercise Program 10:00-11:00 AM at the AGT Community Centre
- 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.

HOOSIER
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
• Kerrobert Chamber of Commerce meet 7:00 PM at the Courthouse.
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
• 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, 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.

KINDERSLEY
FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 17, 18, 19
• Kindersley hosts the Western Canadian Oldtimers Baseball Championships at Berard and Flanagan Fields. Watch next week's paper for the schedule.
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 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.

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THURSDAY, JULY 16
• Foodbank Day. To register or for more information call 639-932-7446.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
• Guided Bus Tours of Leader and area. Email recreation@leader.ca for more information or to register.

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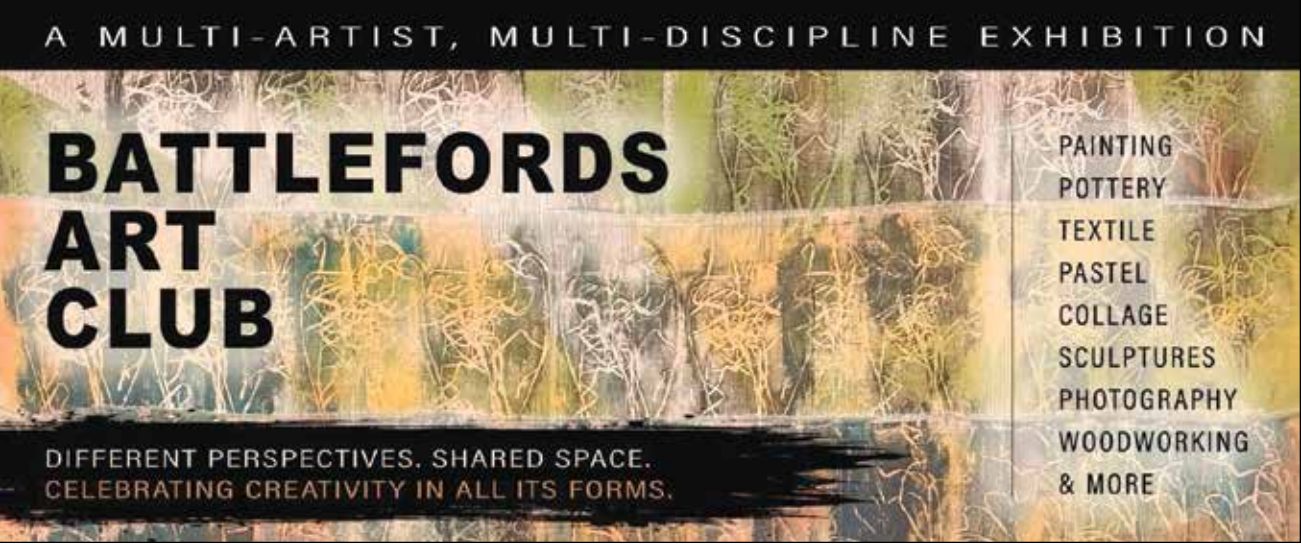
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Battlefords Art Club exhibit opens at Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery

Art lovers will have plenty to explore at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery this summer as the Battlefords Art Club presents a multi-artist, multi-discipline exhibition featuring the work of 17 emerging and established artists.

The exhibition showcases a wide range of artistic mediums, including painting, pottery, textiles, pastel, collage, sculpture, photography, woodworking and more, celebrating creativity in all its forms.

Featured artists are Deb Derenoski, Margaret

Parkinson, Grace Gerein, Brianne Hager, Joanne River Wing, Terry Hochbaum, Lorraine Beards, Rosemarie Stadnyk, John Bowyer, Ljubica Fattardi, Sara Lundrigan, Holly Hildebrand, Linda Hauk, Pam Beaver, Becky Stroo, Leah Milton and Brenda Gardiner.

The exhibition runs from June 29 to Sept. 30, 2026, at the Kerrobert Courtroom Gallery. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Screening mammograms now available from age 40 without referral

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Women in Saskatchewan as young as 40 can now book a screening mammogram without a doctor’s referral.

The province has completed a gradual reduction in the minimum age for self-referral through the Breast-Check program. The final change, lowering the age from 42 to 40, took effect last Wednesday. The eligibility age has been gradually reduced from 50 over the past 18 months.

Women experiencing breast symptoms such as lumps, skin changes or bloody nipple discharge should see a doctor and obtain a referral for a diagnostic mammogram, a provincial statement advised.

“Regular screening is an important way to look after your health, as it can detect changes early, often before symptoms develop,” said Karen Efthimiou, vice-president with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. “We encourage women to book their first screening mammogram and make it part of their routine care.”

Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said approximately 76,000 more Saskatchewan women can now access breast cancer screening services.

“About 75 per cent of breast cancers are found at

an early stage through routine BreastCheck screening mammograms,” the statement said.

The Canadian Cancer Society recommends screening mammograms without a referral beginning at age 40, as do several other Canadian jurisdictions. Alberta and Manitoba begin self-referral at age 45, while Quebec offers routine screening for women aged 50 to 74. Ontario’s organized screening program begins at age 40.

Most women should have a screening mammogram every two years, according to the Canadian Cancer Society and most provincial screening programs.

Saskatchewan residents can book an appointment without a referral if they meet eligibility requirements, including not having had breast cancer within the past five years.

Screening mammograms are available at eight permanent locations, including Saskatoon, Swift Current and North Battleford, as well as through the province’s mobile mammography units. Appointments can be booked by calling 1-855-584-8228.

The mobile mammography unit serving western Saskatchewan will remain in Kerrobert until July 10 before travelling to St. Walburg, Spiritwood and Meadow Lake.

Health system to receive \$44M in technology upgrades

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Health staff across Saskatchewan will get to use more than \$44 million worth of upgraded communications technology this year.

The agency responsible for health information technology programs and equipment will spend about \$44 million on upgrades, a Health Department statement said.

Some of the money will go toward buying more durable devices for use in ambulances and aircraft that “will allow easy sharing of electronic records between services and providers through a newly improved records management platform,” the statement said.

The agency, eHealth Saskatchewan, supplies IT services for the department, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, their staff and patients.

The aim is to ensure that “reliable and secure tech-

nology is there to support everything from a routine appointment to a medical emergency,” Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said in the statement.

The infrastructure “creates vital connections that ensure patients and providers can access information and services from anywhere, including rural and northern areas,” Cockrill added.

Some of the money will also go toward equipping buildings under construction, including the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital, the Saskatoon urgent care centre and the La Ronge long-term care home, as well as health facilities undergoing renovations.

It will also help pay for the regular replacement of laptop and desktop computers and for upgrading routers and Wi-Fi connections “to enable access to health records, support informed decision making and maintain communication throughout the system,” the statement said.

Rain boosts soil moisture but delays haying across west-central Saskatchewan

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

West-central Saskatchewan farmers welcomed another round of rain, even as the wet conditions increased the risk of root diseases in pulse crops.

Most producers had finished spraying for weeds and had shifted their attention to monitoring insect activity and environmental crop damage, according to the Saskatchewan Agriculture crop report for the week ending June 29. Livestock producers, however, were forced to delay haying operations because of the persistent wet weather.

The Rural Municipality of Biggar received 92 millimetres of rain during the week, while the Monet area near Elrose recorded 76 millimetres. Other notable totals included Snipe Lake, 68 and 63 millimetres; St. Andrews, 65; Marriott, 60; Pleasant Valley, 59; the RM of Harris, 58; the RM of Kindersley, 53; Lacadena, 52; Fertile Valley, 34; and the RM of Milden, 30.

The rainfall boosted cropland topsoil moisture to 24 per cent surplus and 76 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture land was rated at 20 per cent surplus and 80 per cent adequate.

“Only half to two-thirds” of crops, other than winter cereals, were at normal stages of development for this time of year, although most crops remained in good to excellent condition, the report said.

Flooding and gopher activity caused the most significant crop damage, ranging from minor to moderate, along with cutworm infestations. Farmers reported only limited disease damage across most of the region.

Provincewide, significant rainfall was accompanied by hail in some areas. The moisture improved topsoil conditions but also saturated fields and flooded low-lying areas. Cool, wet weather slowed crop development and made it difficult for producers to complete spraying and haying operations.

Flooding remained the most widespread source of crop damage across Saskatchewan, while gophers, wind and flea beetles caused minor damage in some regions.

AI gives cyber criminals more opportunity, agency warns

BY IAN MACKAY

Amid the ballyhoo about how artificial intelligence will transform our world, some warn that it gives criminals more opportunity to wreck lives.

AI “can help cyber threat actors find and exploit vulnerabilities, including software flaws and weaknesses in security controls, much faster than before,” said a statement from the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security, also known as the Cyber Centre. “This significantly shortens the time defenders have to respond, in some cases from days or weeks to hours, and increases the likelihood of successful cyber attacks.”

The agency, part of the Communications Security Establishment Canada, wants businesses and organizations to prepare to avoid or counter “emerging cyber risks linked to frontier artificial intelligence.” Frontier AI is defined as the technology’s leading edge.

“Organizations can also use (AI) technologies to reinforce their own defences by identifying risks earlier and responding faster,” said centre director Rajiv Gupta. “Strong cyber hygiene remains your most powerful and effective advantage in a rapidly evolving threat landscape.”

Leaders of other cyber security agencies want “senior decision-makers around the world to strengthen their cyber defences now before a cyber incident escalates into a major operational and financial crisis,” the statement explained.

Besides working closely with other governments, businesses and international allies to understand risks “and help defenders keep pace,” centre staff track how AI is evolving by staying in touch with industry personnel, the statement said.

Criminals use AI to create more convincing phishing, vishing (voice scams) and deepfake impersonations “faster and at greater scale,” besides finding weaknesses to carry out attacks and making it easier for less-skilled criminals to carry out more sophisticated cyber attacks, it explained.