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DENZIL DAYS! Katerina Feser (L) and Veronica Dewald (R) blow bubbles and throw candy from the back of a truck during the Denzil Days parade on August 9th. More photos of the event can be found on page 20 of this paper. PHOTO BY EVAN PELLETIER

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Gloria Lowe reminisces about growing up at Loverna

BY JOAN JANZEN

Gloria Lowe will soon be celebrating her 96th birthday at her home at Caleb Village in Kindersley. Gloria (Warrington) Lowe was born in Loverna on August 20, 1930, and lived with her parents and older brother on a mixed farm five miles east of Loverna.

Before she started school, the family moved to a farm located a quarter of a mile north of Loverna, and Gloria attended Loverna's three-room school.

During the 1930s she vividly recalls the severe dust storms on their farm. "We lived in an old house and I remember holding pillows against the windows with my mom when the wind storms were bad and running to school because the sand was blowing," she recalled.

Her older brother cut holes in cardboard boxes, which they placed over their heads to protect themselves from the blowing dust on their way to school.

Nevertheless, Gloria had a lot of fun as a child. "I wasn't a reader, but I was into sports," she said. She played ball, skated and curled. "Our farm was really close to the curling rink so I could scoot across the field and I was there. I had two girlfriends who were sisters. We did everything together."

Unlike many kids in the 1930s, Gloria didn't have anyone to hand clothes down to her, so most of her clothes were sewn by her mother, who was a skilled seamstress. Gloria also learned to sew, and she still crochets and knits today.

She continued to attend Loverna School until Grade 11. At that time she attended an Anglican girls' boarding school in Regina, where she took her Grade 11 and 12. It was a big change for Gloria, who had never been away from home before. However, she said once she quit crying she found it to be a tremendous experience, and she made some very good friends.

After high school she attended Normal School at Saskatoon, and the following year she began teaching



Gloria Lowe will be celebrating her 96th birthday later this month and is enjoying living at Caleb Village. She loves making wood burning crafts, which she plans to sell at the fall craft sale. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

grades 5 to 8 at Coleville. She and her friend Arlene Chynoweth rented the United Church manse.

"John was the only boyfriend I ever had and we started dancing together when I was 16," Gloria explained. Later John joined the navy. But during Glo-

ria's Christmas school break in 1950, she flew to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and she and John were married on December 23.

The ceremony took place in the Dartmouth United Church, which was beautifully decorated for Christmas, followed by a reception in the Belmont Hotel.

"John planned the whole thing. All his navy buddies came," she said. "Our time together was short. On January 3rd I flew home to finish my year of teaching and John boarded the aircraft carrier Magnificent that was shipping out to the south, Barbados, Trinidad and Bermuda."

After the school year had finished, Gloria moved to Dartmouth, where she worked at a theatre until their first son was born in 1952. Not long after, they moved to Kindersley.

"As the years went on many changes happened in our lives. Our family of Dale, Nicolle, Bradley, Valerie and Gregory filled our lives, as the story of our time in Kindersley, Melfort and Loverna unfolded," Gloria said.

Now Gloria enjoys making crafts, including wood burning, knitting and crocheting, as well as taking part in the activities that take place at Caleb.

"In the winter I knit toques and I play games on my iPad. Those are my addictions," she said. "I've been here almost six years and I can't find one thing that I would want different."



Gloria and John Lowe were married on Dec. 23, 1950, at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. PHOTO COURTESY GLORIA LOWE



Gloria at the Loverna cenotaph in 1932. PHOTO COURTESY GLORIA LOWE

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BEFORE AND AFTER. Meri-Jo Friesen-Rowe’s home in Denare Beach, and the lot as it looked when the couple returned a month after the fire swept through in June 2025. *PHOTOS COURTESY MERI-JO FRIESEN-ROWE*

Surviving a whirlwind year after losing her home in a wildfire

BY JOAN JANZEN

LEADER — Meri-Jo Friesen-Rowe has a heart filled with compassion for communities ravaged by wildfires. It brings back memories of losing her own home in the Denare Beach wildfire in the spring of 2025.

Today Meri-Jo and her husband live in Leader, Sask. But in May of 2025 they left their home in Denare Beach, located 21 km from Flin Flon and 20 km from the Manitoba border.

On May 25, 2025, Meri-Jo and her assistant were working in her home office. “We looked up and saw a huge plume of smoke out of my office window,” she said. She immediately contacted the village office and was informed there was a fire around a mining operation and they were being evacuated.

“That day my son happened to be working at the mine,” she said. “My thoughts shifted from the plume of smoke to my son’s safety.” Once she was able to reach out to him, she discovered he had returned to town and was safe. The community was alerted of an

upcoming evacuation notice.

“We had planned to go on a holiday and decided to leave a few days early. We took our camper, packed our dogs, our summer clothes and headed out,” she said. It was May 28. They only had one road in and out of the community and there was no cellular service. Soon after their departure, a mandatory evacuation for Denare Beach, Flin Flon and Creighton was announced.

“We were on our way to Nipawin to visit family and then made our way to our daughter’s home in Leader,” she reported. On June 2, they had just finished setting up their camper at their daughter’s home when Meri-Jo began receiving notifications on her phone. She said it was the most surreal feeling knowing the exact path of the fire as it set off all the sensors throughout their home. The alerts began at 7:52 p.m. when the fire reached their garage, and the final alert was received minutes later at 8:27 p.m.

“It was shocking and traumatic!” Meri-Jo stated. “It

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burned very quickly and very hot and took out absolutely everything. It disintegrated our foundation to dust, that's how hot it was. It wiped out half the community."

Eleven structural firefighters faced a 250-foot wall of flames. She said some of them had fought fires for 30 years and had never been afraid of a fire, but that one scared them.

And Meri-Jo quickly expressed her sincere appreciation, saying, "They're volunteer structural firefighters and they need to know how much we appreciated their efforts and how grateful I am that they survived and no one got hurt."

A month after the fire the couple went back to have a look. "I can't even describe the feeling; it was devastating," she said. "Before the fire I put logs in the fire pit and the fire pit wasn't touched by the fire but everything around it was evaporated."

As she and her husband sat on the frames of their deck chairs, a man came by and introduced himself as their insurance adjuster. Meri-Jo said it was such an important moment, and they quickly learned he was there to help them navigate through this difficult process. They consider themselves very fortunate, since some of their neighbours are still dealing with insurance issues more than a year later.

Compiling their list of possessions was the most difficult task for Meri-Jo, as the list brought back a flood of memories. "I had my grandfather's sailor uniform from WWII. Those are things you can't get back," she said. It's a precious personal treasure that may have little monetary value.

She advised people to open drawers and take pictures of everything that's inside because they all have value.

"When you're going through something traumatic, it's nice to reflect back on those things. It helps you through the process," she advised.

They also received an outpouring of assistance from people in the area. Small gestures like receiving a handmade quilt meant a lot, and the Red Cross provided counselling, support and checked in to see how they were getting along.

"Emotionally we were working through the trauma but we had family support all the way around," she said. "My husband and I wanted to move on."



Meri-Jo Friesen-Rowe and her husband lost their Denare Beach home in the spring 2025 wildfire. They now make their home in the welcoming community of Leader. "I've never waved to people so much!" Meri-Jo said.

PHOTO COURTESY MERI-JO FRIESEN-ROWE

Since they had intended to move to Leader some time in the future, they began to consider making the move sooner rather than later. One day while taking a drive, a particular house caught Meri-Jo's attention. "I thought it was a great house but it wasn't for sale," she recalled. However, one month later when it came up for sale, they purchased it.

"It was almost the exact footprint of the home we used to have. It was uncanny," she said. "I very quickly felt at home in the community of Leader. All the surrounding areas of Leader have been so kind. I've never waved to people so much!" Meri-Jo chuckled. They find the warm welcome heart-warming, espe-

cially after the trauma they experienced.

"We couldn't be happier being here in Leader, starting to adopt the community, and the community adopting us," she said. They also love being close to their daughter, son-in-law and grandkids.

Now that their lives have calmed down after enduring a whirlwind year, Meri-Jo expressed a heartfelt message for people whose property remained untouched in a wildfire.

"I just want people to never feel guilty because their properties survived and others didn't. It's something to be grateful for. Just take that and do some good things with it," she advised.

REMEMBERING WHEN

Saying goodbye to an old friend

BY KEITH SCHELL

Just recently, I experienced a very sad day in my life. I had to say goodbye to an old friend.

I had to dispose of my car of many years.

Disposing of my old car was much more emotional than I thought it was going to be. I absolutely hated having to get rid of it, but it was something I knew had to be done. It was old and worn out and no longer safe to drive.

When the wrecker came to get my car, I couldn't help but feel a tinge of sadness. As he hauled my old car away, the small amount of money he gave me for it was of little consolation. I couldn't help thinking, "After all those loyal and dedicated years of selfless service, how did I reward my dearest and most reliable automotive friend? I sent it to the crusher!" I felt like a bit of a rat for doing it, selling out my beloved old car for a few measly dollars. Not exactly thirty pieces of silver, but still, I knew it had to be done.

In certain parts of Japan, workers sometimes hold a small thanksgiving ceremony to honour old machines that are being retired and dismantled after many years of loyal service. It's called a kanshasai, a gratitude ceremony. The tradition is rooted in Shinto, which teaches that everything, even machines, has a spirit. The practice reflects the deep respect and appreciation the Japanese people have for machines that have served them well and made their lives better. Along with offerings of food or flowers, employees may bow, clap, pray, or offer words of respect or gratitude before dismantling the retired equipment that helped them be productive and earn a living. Not restricted to heavy industrial machinery, these ceremonies have even been performed by families for household items as mundane as Roomba vacuums.

In a way, this was how I felt about my old car. Not just a machine to me, it was an important part of my life for many years, safely and efficiently getting me where I needed to go. As much as I wanted to, I didn't say any goodbyes to my old car when the wrecker hooked up to it that day, because he would have thought I was nuts! But I did get sentimental as I watched my car of many years being hauled down the street, fading off into the distance and out of my life. That was a sad day for me.



Keith Schell

I can already hear the women out there saying, "What the heck is this guy talking about? It's just a car." They will never understand. But most of the men out there will know exactly what I'm talking about. Men and their vehicles have a long and loving relationship together.

To most men, cars and trucks are not just inanimate objects that get you from point A to point B. They are life partners, true-blue friends you can count on, and an extension of the man you are, or the man you want to be.

As the saying goes, "A man's best friend is his dog." But that saying could be amended today to "A man's best friends are his dog and his vehicle."

Women gather to admire a newborn baby. Men gather to admire a brand-new vehicle. Women can hear their baby fuss from across the house. Men can hear a strange noise in their vehicle from across the yard. And each approaches the object of their concern with the same amount of compassion as the other.

Women do what they can for their child at home before finally deciding to take them to the doctor. Men do what they can for their vehicle at home before finally deciding to take it to the mechanic. Such is the relationship between a man and his vehicle.

Every vehicle a man ever owns occupies a special place in his heart. Unless it is a complete lemon, many men remember their past cars and trucks fondly, associating them with the major life events that happened in their vehicles along the way.

My old car was such a good and reliable friend. It will be missed.

Goodbye, my old friend. You will always have a special place in my heart. And to my new car, hello, my new friend. You are welcome and will be loved, but you will never take the place of my beloved old car, no matter how cool and fancy and shiny and new you may be. But someday, I know I'll feel the same way about you when the time comes, and I have to say goodbye again.

Funny how a pile of metal, rubber and bolts can hold so many memories, holiday trips home to see family, grocery runs, driving vacations, quiet moments of thinking behind the wheel, and the simple comfort of knowing it would always start when I needed it to.

Life moves on, of course, but some goodbyes always stay with you. My old friend may be gone now, but the many miles we shared together are still with me. And maybe that's the real gift a good vehicle gives you, not just the ride, but the memories that stay with you long after the motor goes silent.



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Taxpayers annually fund \$200 million in government bonuses

The definition of entitlement is an official right to something, or the belief that one deserves special privileges. Franco Terrazzano, the director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF), offered numerous examples of entitlement on a recent podcast.

"One of the biggest issues is this entitlement culture that we see across government. Canada Post is particularly egregious," he stated. He was referring to an access-to-information request that revealed Canada Post handed out \$30.8 million in bonuses to managers and executives in 2025.

"In the same year they lost \$1.6 million," he added. And the very next year the government announced they would be giving another \$1 billion to Canada Post. "This wasn't one bad year; they have lost money for eight consecutive years. Their total losses are about \$5 billion over those eight years."

Canada Post reasoned the bonuses were an effort to retain talent, and it was performance pay rather than a bonus. Franco had a quick response to their comments.

"Why do you want to retain these executives that are nose-diving the crown corporation? They probably should be given pink slips before they get a bonus," he observed.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers wrote a letter responding to the bonuses. While managers received bo-



Check It Out
By Joan Janzen

"The CTF is against the bonuses. The union workers are against the bonuses. Everyone except for the managers and executives are against the bonuses."

Franco Terrazzano
Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

nuses, they claimed their losses required major cuts to jobs and services.

"The CTF is against the bonuses. The union workers are against the bonuses. Everyone except for the managers and executives are against the bonuses," Franco said. "And here's what has to happen next: either they apologize and end the bonuses or we need the Prime Minister to step in and shut down these taxpayer-funded bonuses for failure."

The bonus figures were revealed after repeated requests at a Parliamentary committee hearing calling for transparency.

"Trying to get these bonus records is like pulling teeth," Franco said. The CTF filed an access-to-information request in February and finally received a response in July. "It wasn't until members of Parliament forced Canada Post to disclose this information that the CTF received it." That information should be made available to Canadians.

Unfortunately, Canada Post isn't alone when it comes to handing out

bonuses. Franco reported every year about 90 percent of government executives take a bonus. Meanwhile, every year their departments can barely meet half of their own performance targets. In the last year for which records were available, those bonuses cost taxpayers \$200 million.

Last year Via Rail handed out \$10 million in bonuses for their executives. The average bonus was \$115,000, even though Via Rail's operating losses were in the hundreds of millions each year.

Another example is Alto, the crown corporation overseeing the high-speed rail project. "They haven't laid a single meter of track; they don't even know the exact route," Franco explained. "Construction isn't going to take place for years."

Nevertheless, total bonuses for last year equaled \$3 million, with the average executive bonus amounting to \$65,000. "They're taking bonuses before they even start their work," he added.

The CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) also handed out

\$31.7 million in taxpayer-funded bonuses last year. The CTF caught the CMHC handing out bonuses in 2023 and reported it in the news media. "But every year the total amount of bonuses has gone up, even after they said they would review it," Franco said. "Why are they taking bonuses when Canadians can't even afford a home?" After all, CMHC's goal is housing affordability for all.

"It's a culture of entitlement in government in Ottawa," Franco said. He said the Prime Minister keeps promising to spend less. However, he and his entourage spent nearly a million bucks on airplane food during his first year as Prime Minister.

He recalled the scandal reported in 2022 when the former Governor General billed taxpayers \$100,000 for airplane food during a week-long trip to the Middle East. After this scandal the government promised to cut costs. But fast forward to last November, when the Prime Minister spent \$60 grand more than the Governor General during a week-long trip.

"This is my last word," Franco said on the CTF podcast. "The government's been spending like crazy. The debt is through the roof, more than a trillion dollars in debt. Every single dollar of federal sales tax is going to pay interest on the debt. The government has to cut spending. Even the Prime Minister has promised to spend less. It's been promised so many times, but if you're not even willing to spend less on airplane food, then what are you going to spend less on?"

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It takes a child to raise a village

When I announced to my urban friends that I'd moved to Saskatchewan, to the village of Val Marie, my mother's birthplace, a common response was: wow, you mean villages still exist? Then they'd go to Google Maps to see where the hell I am.

By definition, a village is a small, permanent human settlement typically defined by a population of 100 to 2,500 people, a rural location, and a cluster of homes near a central gathering point. Our central gathering points are Val Marie Grocery and Liquor and the Val Marie Hotel, where you can count on a classic Chinese Canadian supper every night and where you can find Patsy and the two Maurices playing cards over cups of weak prairie coffee.

In the early '70s, the British essayist and critic John Berger, author of "Ways of Seeing," moved to a small village in the French Alps, where he spent what turned out to be five decades of his life. "He wasn't seeking a refuge from the world, but the right kind of contact with the world," writes a film critic about a documentary about Berger. "The film overflows with his charm and energy as a friend and neighbour. There's none of the solitary artist pose. Peasants were a major reason he came; his son became one. And peasants became essential to his politics. When it was easy to misunderstand."

I laugh out loud. "Peasant? What era are we living in? How does one become a peasant?" The archaic word brings up images of ruddy bodies in Bruegel paintings and worker manifestos from the French Revolution.

But I also recall my mom talking about her life on the farm, just three km down the road from me.

"I was like a little peasant," she often laughed, "playing in the mud with piglets, my favourite farm animal."

As a child I imagined myself living in villages like the kind my mother would set up on the mantelpiece, complete with miniature churches glowing stained glass patterns on cotton batting snow. I loved model train sets with ye olde shoppes dotting the railway tracks, with villagers waving to the world as they passed by in their Currier and Ives sleighs, wearing capes trimmed in ermine.

In university I read Henry David Thoreau's dedications to rural living. "The respectable folks — where dwell they?" he wrote. "They whisper in the oaks, and they sigh in the hay; summer and winter, night and day, out on the meadow, there dwell they. They never die, nor snivel, nor cry, nor ask our pity with a wet eye. A sound estate they ever mend, to every asker readily lend; to the ocean wealth, to the meadow health, to Time his length, to the rocks strength, to the stars light, to the weary night, to the busy day, to the idle play; and so their good cheer never ends, for all are their debtors, and all their friends."

I can't say my neighbours and fellow villagers are cheery salt o' the earth peasants. But I can say I made a deliberate choice. I chose to live here with every hope that life would be simple, choices would be obvious, and nature would direct my day: waking, walking,



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

"The girls were altar girls, attending to our aging German priest Fr. Joe, preparing for communion and even kicking his chair if he should nod off after delivering his homily."

writing, sleeping. I am available for volunteer duty at bonspiel, rodeo and hockey tourney.

My friends warned me that I would become a source of gossip and speculation. Things would be expected of me. How they knew this I don't know, until I realized that they were speaking about their own lives, just on a different scale, surrounded by different expectations. They worked in their own villages, in offices, universities, shops and institutions.

They also ask: so, does it still take a village to raise a child? "Actually," I reply, "I've come to the conclusion that it's the other way around. It takes a child to raise a village."

My first Sunday in Val Marie was Pentecost Sunday. I made a point of going to mass, where I was introduced to the Andree family. The girls were altar girls, attending to our aging German priest Fr. Joe, preparing for communion and even kicking his chair if he should nod off after delivering his homily.

The Andrees were not unlike most young folks round here. Raised to be well-mannered and with a prodigious patience when it comes to the long-winded life stories of older folks like me. But most remarkable of all, the Andree kids, unlike the grown men in the village, their father among them, whose f-bombing never ends, whether it's the f'n government or a broken down f'n truck, never cuss. How they manage to keep it clean, I don't know.

Last week, leaving the Swift Current Mall, I encountered a young pregnant woman. The bump in her belly brought a familiar twinge of inescapable longing, forcing me again to face the fact I never had a kid and will never have one. I will never experience gestation, the pain of giving birth, the miracle of motherhood.

Still, I am as happy for her, this young stranger, as I am excited when I learn about a village pregnancy. A new baby in Val Marie is the news of the year. We need new blood, the infusion of life energy, we need character, our lives altered. We welcome future day care workers, waitresses, cowboys, general store clerks, bus drivers, EMRs. So, thanks, in advance, for taking care of us, young'uns. Thanks for carrying those 15L jugs of water to my car, for having manners, for showing respect, for modelling good behaviour for the rest of us, forcing us to be respectable folk.

The children and youth of my village raised me in these later years. Over my 14 years here, working alongside the teens of Val Marie, flipping burgers at the bonspiel and the rodeo, learning to dance the two-step at weddings, I hope the new arrivals in our village will grow to see their part in everyone's maturation, the f-bombing grumpy old men as well as the self-isolating blow-ins, because we need them not only to survive, but to thrive.

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Summer holidays lasted forever

BY KATE WINQUIST

When I was a kid, summer holidays lasted forever. Two whole months stretched out ahead of you with no school, no homework and, as far as I was concerned, no particular reason to know what day of the week it was.

Now, as I get older, I swear somebody has put the calendar on fast-forward. Days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months, and before you know it, somebody is talking about Christmas again.

But back then? Summer lasted forever. Life was simpler, too. We didn't have cell phones or the internet or 500 television channels telling us there was something better we could be doing. Our telephone was a rotary dial on a party line with the neighbours, and you certainly couldn't be on it for more than a few minutes. Somebody else might need to make a call—or, more importantly, somebody might be listening.

We made our own entertainment.

We played outside until dark, until we were dirty, mosquito-bitten and so tired that we actually wanted to go to bed.

The summers seemed endless. Funny thing is, two months apparently still wasn't long enough. You'd finally head back to school in September and one of the first assignments the teacher would hand you was the old classic:

"What I Did on My Summer Holidays."

Mine probably would have read something like this:

My Summer Holidays

By Katie Drummond

I spent my summer holidays on the farm.

We made one trip into Saskatoon and stayed at the King George Hotel. We got to go to McDonald's and play a round of mini golf at the Putt 'n Bounce. I had to share a room with my sisters, but we got to order room service, which was pretty cool.

I like clubhouse sandwiches.

We stopped at Westgate Mall on the way home and



Katie rides her bike in front of the family garage, wearing her Kindersley Kobras sweats and a Red Rider concert T-shirt. Somewhere in that garage was her secret clubhouse—at least until a spider showed up.

I picked out an invisible-ink activity book to do in the car.

Uncle Neil brought out his tent trailer and parked it in our backyard. Carrie and I got to camp out in it.

I saw a spider and wanted to go back inside the house.

The rest of the summer I got to pick weeds between the rows of fir trees and in the garden. I also helped pick and shell peas.

Dad got me to paint one of his wooden grain bins.

I played catch by myself by throwing a tennis ball against the side of the barn because nobody wanted to play with me.

I broke a window on the barn.

I made a secret hideout in the garage attic.

I saw a spider and wanted to go back inside the house.

We played cards and Parcheesi after the dishes were done if it wasn't nice enough to play outside.

That's what I did on my summer holidays.

The End.

Looking back, those summer holidays might sound pretty boring. There were no big



The coveted Yes & Know Invisible Ink Quiz & Game Book—hours and hours of entertainment before cell phones, the internet and endless TV channels. A pretty exciting purchase for a farm kid on the long ride home from Saskatoon.

vacations. No amusement parks. No elaborate summer camps. Even a family trip into Kindersley was a fairly

rare event.

But I wouldn't trade those summers for anything. Well, maybe the spiders.

We found ways to amuse ourselves because we had to. If nobody wanted to play catch, you found a barn wall. If you wanted a clubhouse, you climbed into the garage attic and made one. If it rained, you played cards or Parcheesi. If your uncle parked a tent trailer in the backyard, congratulations—you were now camping.

And somehow, none of it felt like we were missing out.

There was nowhere else we thought we were supposed to be. There were no pictures scrolling past us showing other families on better holidays, eating better food and having more fun. We weren't constantly connected to everybody and everything.

We were just kids, on summer holidays, with an entire day ahead of us.

Maybe that's why those summers seemed to last forever.

We weren't counting the days. We were too busy living them.

Wolves pack the mail in new stamp series

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Wolves pack the mail around Canada in the latest new stamps available from post offices.

The grey wolf, the one living on the Prairies, is one of four "keystone species" portrayed in the series. The eastern, Arctic grey and coastal grey wolves hunt in more restricted areas, a statement says.

Andrew Perro of Toronto designed the stamps, using work from four photographers.

"Wolves contribute significantly to the health and biodiversity of the ecosystem," the statement says. The "intelligent hunters" are featured prominently in many Indigenous cultures and "are often associated with the North and remote Canadian landscapes," it adds.

They hunt in packs and "share responsibility for raising their young – a behaviour seen in only a small percentage of mammals," it says. "With sharp senses that help them detect prey al-



most two kilometres away, wolves hunt small and large animals, including caribou, deer, elk, moose, bison and even muskoxen."

The grey wolf (*Canis lupus*) is the largest and lives everywhere in Canada except the Maritimes. The eastern wolf (*Canis sp. cf. lycaon*) is a species at risk that lives mainly in southwestern Quebec and Algonquin Provincial Park in central Ontario.

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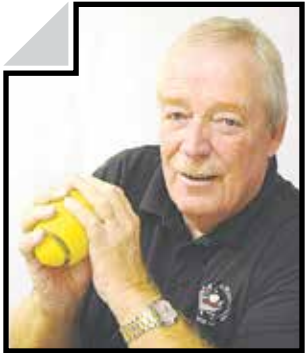
Canadian actor disrupts Jays' season

Ever since Canadian actor Michael Cera started hanging around the Toronto Blue Jays' clubhouse, and inviting players and management over to his house to see his man cave shrine to the Blue Jays, Canada's only Major League Baseball team has stunk.

Toronto went all the way to Game 7 of the World Series last year and was a pre-season favourite to repeat as American League champions, but then Cera, a Blue Jays' super-fan, started interfering.

Why can't Cera just sit in the stands at Rogers Stadium, sip his Labatt Blue or a \$23 latte and leave the Jays alone? But no, he has to interrupt the Blue Jays mojo by hanging around the clubhouse, having rookie third baseman Kazuma Okamoto say hello to Cera's mother on a telephone FaceTime chat when the Japanese free-agent signee should be out in the batting cage working on his swing. Okamoto is closing in on 25 home runs, but his batting average in the .230 range would probably be .250 or better if he wasn't being bothered by Cera.

Then there's George Springer, one of the team's biggest disappointments this year. Last year, Springer belted 32 home runs and averaged .309 and, alongside Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., led the offence for the A.L. champs. This year, with Cera bragging to Springer about setting a viewership record on the livestream (11, when the old record was two. ... hahahaha!), Springer is batting around .230 and won't come close to even half of last year's home run total. That's Cera's fault, because he took valuable time away from Springer's workout program and batting practice regimen.



Sports
By Bruce Penton

Later, manager John Schneider, Ernie Clement and Davis Schneider spend some time in Cera's (fake) apartment and are impressed with his array of Blue Jays memorabilia. Cera also has a special corner of the apartment featuring the successes of manager Schneider, but it must have gone to his head because in mid-August, with the Blue Jays 15 games out of first place, Schneider's status should read: FIRED!

The whole point of Cera's work with the Blue Jays is to attract customers to purchase Rogers 5G+, satellite, and Xfinity internet connectivity. But if his marketing talents for Rogers are as effective as the Blue Jays' results on the field, it might go down as one of the biggest duds in Canadian commerce.

The most annoying aspect of this whole Michael Cera-Blue Jays partnership is the infernal frequency of the ads during Blue Jays' telecasts. Rogers owns the team, owns the stadium, owns the TV network and the house ads cost the company nothing. Presumably, manager Schneider and the Blue Jays players involved in the promotional work were paid handsomely for their advertising efforts. But what's a couple of extra thousand dollars when you're already making millions?

Cera is a prominent Canadian actor and musician who gained his early fame by portraying George Michael Bluth in the Fox sitcom Arrested Development. Come to think of it, perhaps Cera should be arrested for interfering in the Blue Jays' development.

- Jack Finarelli of sports curmudgeon.com, on Alabama coach Kalen DeBoer's two straight four-loss seasons: "Should that happen again, I suspect that the money-boys in and around Tuscaloosa will find a way to cough up the estimated \$50M it will take to buy out Coach DeBoer."
- Eamon Lynch, of Golfweek.com., on an upcoming reassessment of LIV's eligibility for world ranking points: "(By December), debating LIV's fitness for

ranking recognition could be as futile as testing the language skills of a corpse."

- Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, on the upcoming season for the Miami Dolphins, who are pre-season favourites in only one of their 17 games: "The sign for this year reads: 'Caution: Weird Season Ahead.'"
- Cleveland writer Paul Haynes in his induction speech at the Baseball Hall of Fame: "I've never been to the ballet, but I have seen Omar Vizquel and Roberto Alomar perform their magic in the middle of the infield."
- Lynch again, on LIV personnel: "(The tour) is built around players who are (in some cases, though not all) unmotivated, unlikeable, untrustworthy or unknown."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, an avid SF Giants' fan and Dodger hater: "LA Dodgers lost their seventh in a row, 4-3 on a walkoff home run by the Arizona Diamondbacks. No punchline, I just like writing that."
- Headline at fark.com: "Woman sues Yankees for turning her into a Mets fan."
 - Another fark.com headline: "Aaron Rodgers has reconciled with his formerly estranged family members. It is unclear from the article (in the Fresno Bee) if they went crazy or he went sane."
- Golf Channel analyst Brandel Chambee: "LIV golfers remind me of actors offered lead roles in a bad movie and think their performance can turn Ishtar into The Godfather."
- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Considering the little it took for the Dodgers to acquire ace pitcher Tarik Skubal, do you blame the Dodgers for apparently ruining baseball, or blame just about every other team for not making a more credible offer for Skubal?"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Klippers win B Side as Drifters take A Side at 39th Oldtimers championship

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

The 39th annual Western Canadian Oldtimers Baseball Championship was held July 17, 18 and 19 at Berard Field, sponsored by the Red Lion Inn Liquor Store and Bar, and featured teams from Regina, Provost, Medicine Hat and the hometown Kindersley Klippers.

The round-robin format started on the evening of July 17 with the Medicine Hat Jays defeating the Provost Buds 15-7. In the late feature contest, the Kindersley Klippers came from behind to tie the Regina Drifters 6-6.

Saturday saw the Drifters blank Pro-

vost 10-0, Medicine Hat won a close one over Kindersley 11-9, and Regina hung a licking on Medicine Hat 18-8. Kindersley squeaked out a 10-9 win over the Buds.

That put the Kindersley Klippers in the 3rd vs 4th matchup Sunday morning, where they took down the Provost Buds once again, this time by a score of 9-7, to win the tournament's B Side. The Regina Drifters stayed undefeated over the weekend, claiming an 8-5 win over the Medicine Hat Jays to win the A Side Championship.

The Klippers would like to thank all of their sponsors for making the



Back row (L-R): Ron Cannon, Mike Clayton, Andy Ortman, Dale Thiesen, Carter Kresse, Terry Motz, Garrett Armitage, Grant Bosch. **Front row (L-R):** Travis Smigelski, Brett Sautner, Derek Semple, Jason Georget, Kevin Reichert, Fabian Schommer. Bat Boy - Declan Bosch.

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Restaurant operators found guilty of human trafficking

BY IAN MACKAY

Two restaurant operators are to be sentenced in October after Judge Miguel Martinez found them guilty of human trafficking.

Police charged Sohail Haider, 55, and Mohammad Masum, 44, in July 2023. Judge Martinez also determined that Masum, who ran a restaurant in Tisdale, was guilty of three counts of sexual assault. The case involves a Bangladeshi woman whose identity is protected by court order. The men were jailed after the decision in Saskatoon provincial court on Aug. 7. They're to be sentenced on Oct. 22.

Their trial happened in Rosetown, starting in September 2024. Arguments and the decision took place in Saskatoon provincial court. A sentencing hearing and its outcome will also happen in the city.

Haider and Masum "took advantage of their authority as her employers and what I call their cultural authority as men to control and direct her movements," the judge said in his decision, according to CBC Saskatchewan.

"Both of them played on her fear of having to leave Canada," he said. "Largely, they did this by threatening to withhold or cancel her work permit or to report her to the authorities."

Both men denied she'd worked in their restaurants and Masum denied he'd sexually assaulted her. The woman testified in June 2025 that he'd blackmailed her into silence by showing her a video he'd recorded on his phone of a Nov. 20, 2022 incident, threatening to upload it to the internet and inform her husband, family and friends back in Bangladesh.

The woman came to Toronto on a visitor's visa in the summer of 2022, hoping to stay in Canada, her "dream country since childhood," she testified through an interpreter in September 2024. Testimony also occurred in October 2024 and May and June 2025.

She was hired to work 12 hours a day, six days a week, in Haider's Gull Lake restaurant. She wasn't trained as a cook but applied for a cook's position. She testified she was to be paid \$1,000 a month and receive free room and board but rarely received money.

She was moved to Tisdale in October 2022. There, Masum, married with a young child, began raping her, she testified. She got a work permit in January 2023, flying to Arizona and returning to Edmonton to fulfil conditions. The permit indicated she was to work at Haider's Elrose restaurant.

She went there at her demand in late March 2023 but felt uncomfortable after Haider embraced her in the cold basement bedroom where she was to stay. She worked in the restaurant for two days before people she'd met earlier spirited her to a safe house.

Doug Steele, Hugh Nerlien and Jody (Armstrong) Campbell were involved in her rescue, carried out by Steele's executive assistant. Steele represents the Cypress Hills constituency for the Saskatchewan Party, and had met her in Gull Lake, Nerlien then represented Kelvington-Wadena, which bordered Tisdale, and Campbell worked with the Northeast Newcomer Services centre in Tisdale.

The Bangladeshi woman testified she fought Masum's advances before he raped her in his vehicle outside Tisdale on Nov. 20, 2022, but later that month submitted in a motel room during a shopping trip to Saskatoon and in Masum's vehicle at the side of the highway between Saskatoon and Tisdale in January 2023.

The case survived a Jordan application by the defence that the Crown had taken too much time to bring the case to court. Co-prosecutor Muhammad Zubair argued against quashing the charges, saying that the need for translation and the rarity of the charges in Saskatchewan helped make the case exceptional.

Town of Kindersley council approves records disposal

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

KINDERSLEY — To make room in file storage, the Town of Kindersley council approved a request from staff to destroy certain records deemed unnecessary and that were roughly eight to 11 years old. The resolution was passed at the Aug. 10 regular meeting.

Councillors read a report from Deputy Administrator Jenna Lavoie requesting council's permission to dispose of old records deemed unnecessary. "Administration is requesting council approval to dispose of records identified in Records Disposal Schedule 'A' in accordance with the Town's Records Retention and Disposal Bylaw and applicable legislative requirements," stated Lavoie's memo to council.

"The records identified in Schedule 'A' consist of routine administrative and operational records that have no archival or historical significance and therefore do not require approval from the Archives Board prior to disposal."

The staff memo noted that disposing of the old records met three goals: ensuring compliance with the town's Records Retention and Disposal Bylaw,

freeing up storage space by removing records that have exceeded their retention period and ensuring records are disposed of in a secure and consistent manner.

The staff memo observed that no copy of the records in question would be retained, and that the town would hire a shredding company for a cost of \$500 to do the work.

During her verbal presentation, Lavoie observed the records in question dated from 2015 to 2018. She repeated that the records in question were not permanent records and had no historical value.

The staff memo listed the records to be disposed of and included accounts payable files such as cancelled cheques, accounts payables and invoices, accounts receivable, which included documents such as fire dept. billings and utility billing reports, administration/financial documents such as general journal postings, council packages, general files such as bank deposit books and reconciliations and a miscellaneous category that listed only "Trip of the Month" tickets.

Councillors unanimously passed a resolution to authorize the disposal of municipal records from 2015 through 2018, as identified in Records Disposal Schedule "A" that was presented at the meeting.

Seniors association launches online workshops with federal grant

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

A "tele-learning workshop" on managing a club is the first offering by the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. after receiving a grant from the federal government.

The New Horizons for Seniors program grant will allow the Regina-based organization "to help older adults learn new skills, increase their knowledge, make connections with others and engage them in volunteering and sharing their knowledge with others," an association statement said.

"It is important to support seniors living in rural

or remote areas in Saskatchewan by promoting digital literacy skills and using technology to connect to a broader community," the statement noted.

The one-hour Nuts and Bolts of Club Management session happens Monday at 10 a.m.

"Running a club takes more than passion, it takes a plan," a message on the seniors association website says. "Explore governance models, board and committee roles, day-to-day operations, communication strategies and practical tools to help your club run smoothly, engage volunteers and thrive for years to come."

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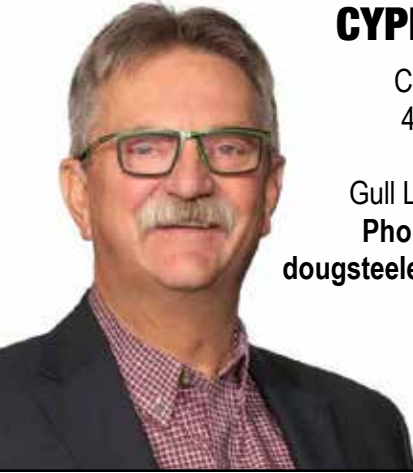
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Competition matters more than ever for prairie farmers

BY BILL PRYBYLSKI

Cargill's plan to acquire grain handling assets that Parrish & Heimbecker bought only months ago has pushed grain sector consolidation back to the forefront. The transaction follows a series of major changes in Canada's grain industry, including the Bunge-Viterra merger and P&H's acquisition of Grain-Connect. Together, these developments raise an important question. What does continued consolidation mean for Canadian farmers?

For producers, competition is not an abstract economic concept. It determines where we deliver grain, how many bids are available, the services offered in our communities and, ultimately, the prices we receive for our crops.

APAS supports a competitive and efficient grain handling system. Investment in infrastructure, export capacity and logistics is critical to maintaining Canada's position as a reliable supplier of agricultural products. Companies must be able to grow, invest and compete globally. But growth through consolidation warrants scrutiny when it has the potential to reduce producer choice.

The Competition Bureau's review of grain industry transactions shows why strong oversight matters. A fair, competitive and transparent marketplace depends on it. Regulators must examine these deals rigorously and independently, and ensure producers retain meaningful marketing options and bargaining power.

This transaction also reinforces the importance of the federal government's ongoing work on competition throughout Canada's food supply chain. That work should continue, focused on market power and value distribution across the entire chain, and on the troubling gap between the commodity prices farmers



Bill Prybylski is the President, Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan.

receive and the prices consumers ultimately pay.

Competition also depends on transparency. Canadian grain farmers operate at an information disadvantage compared to many of their international counterparts. Countries such as the United States publish timely export sales data. Canadian producers lack the information they need to fully understand global demand and market conditions. Canada should implement timely export sales reporting. It would sharpen price discovery, strengthen supply chain planning and give farmers real insight into market demand.

Producer confidence is also shaped by the contracts used to market grain. As the industry consolidates, we must modernize grain contracts for greater clarity, predictability, transparency and balance. Those changes are what allow producers to manage risk safely and make informed marketing decisions.

We must also bolster the Canadian Grain Commission. The CGC remains Canada's only farmer focused agency. It must strengthen that focus and stay vigilant in enforcing essential safeguards around grading, dockage, payment protection and grain transactions. Maintaining them is essential to preserving producer confidence as the major grain companies continue to grow.

The reality is that Saskatchewan farmers operate in a global marketplace. We have little influence over global commodity prices, transportation costs or international markets. The one thing producers deserve is a competitive domestic grain handling system that provides meaningful choice and fair market opportunities.

Consolidation is not automatically good or bad. But every transaction deserves careful examination through the lens of its impact on farmers.

R.M. of Mariposa council discusses road restriction

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

KERROBERT — The R.M. of Mariposa council discussed a road restriction that was recently placed. The discussion was held at their Aug. 12 regular council meeting.

In a phone call with Your West Central Voice Aug. 14, Reeve Jeremy Welter stated that councillors discussed a recent road restriction that was placed within the municipality, observing that 2026 has been an odd year for weather which has included periods of very heavy rainfall.

Welter stated that the R.M. doesn't have a bylaw or policy for these situations, and noted he's been on council six years and never saw this issue. In fact, in the past eight years the same issue has only come up once.

The reeve stated that instead of a bylaw or policy council agreed the municipality should just be a bit more responsive in the moment when rainfall affects roads and noted Mariposa will play it by ear.

Councillors discussed the R.M.'s approach policy after receiving an approach widening request.

Welter stated councillors discussed municipalities supporting a target sector support grant for a councillor training course. However, Mariposa requested an extension for training as rural councillors often have farming that needs to be done that may conflict with training deadlines.

Welter confirmed this training course deadline was extended into the fall.

Councillors spoke with their Public Works foreman about an upcoming road tour.

Councillors agreed to provide a letter of support for a Manitoba company that hopes to install



Jeremy Welter

high-speed fibre optic cables in west central Saskatchewan. Welter noted that the letter will be sent to the CRTC.

The reeve noted council discussed current gravel hauling, and the fact that one company was unable to provide hauling services. He noted another company has taken on the extra work and that more hauling is expected to be done this month.

Tree removal was discussed by councillors, including trees that were causing line-of-sight issues.

Gravel exploration was next on the agenda; councillors discussed how much Mariposa should spend looking for new sources of gravel. Welter noted the municipality has already found one ratepayer willing to provide gravel, and the R.M. would like a local engineer to provide them advice on other sources' suitability as not all gravel meets Mariposa's requirements.

The reeve also answered some questions from YWCV regarding the federal government's 2 per cent liquid strychnine program. Welter, who is himself an agricultural producer, noted that the program has been progressing as well as can be expected considering world events. He added that a strychnine producer has informed the municipality that it's having some difficulty getting the chemical it needs to make this pest control toxin. The reeve noted that a supplier stated that one component of strychnine that comes from India was in short supply.

Welter observed he isn't an expert but suspects world events, including wars in other parts of the world, could be affecting supply chains that ultimately contribute to the manufacture of strychnine. He added that any number of events could be to blame.

The reeve stated that the rules laid out in the strychnine program are exceptionally onerous and very cautious and while some producers were initially happy at the program's announcement, are less so now that stringent enforcement rules have been made clear; some critics feel participating in the program isn't worth the headache.

Welter pointed out that he sees strychnine as one tool in a farmer's toolbox, and when one tool doesn't work, you should try another.

Young sculptors display their talent

BY JOAN JANZEN

Six young sculptors had the opportunity to display their talent at the Luseland Library’s fourth art class of the summer on Thursday afternoon. Under the supervision of artist Jared Fischer, the kids aged 5 and up enjoyed an afternoon making creations out of air dry clay. The class was free of charge, sponsored by the Community Initiatives Fund Summer Grant Program.

The group made cute little gnomes before they had the opportunity to design their own creations. Their pieces included mini teapots, ghosts and charcuterie boards as the ideas kept flowing. Two of the kids participating were from Edmonton and Saskatoon, and the other four were local children. Next week the fun will continue as they get together to paint their creations.



Young artists got together at the Luseland Library last Thursday afternoon to make creations out of air dry clay under the direction of artist Jared Fischer. Next week they will meet again to paint their creations.

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Gnomes drying on a tray after the Luseland Library art class. The group shaped them from air dry clay before moving on to their own designs.

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Threats charges laid in Unity and Wilkie in early August

Unity, Wilkie and Macklin RCMP detachments have released their report for the week of Aug. 4 to 10, 2026.

Unity

RCMP spoke with an individual about a child custody order.

CN Police reported a railway crossing malfunction in Unity and a second at a rural crossing near Unity. Both were reported for information purposes.

Police received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members spoke with the subject of the complaint, who attended hospital for an assessment.

RCMP received a complaint of harassing communications. Members spoke with the subject of the complaint and issued a verbal warning.

Members received a complaint of defamatory libel. The complaint was unfounded.

A 22-year-old Unity man was charged with uttering threats and failing to comply with a probation order after members found him breaching a condition of that order.

Police received a complaint of fraud. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

A 22-year-old Unity man was charged with failing to comply with a probation order and failing to comply with an undertaking condition after members received a complaint of a person intoxicated in public.

RCMP received a Mental Health Act complaint. Members spoke with the subject of the complaint and confirmed they were in the care of a sober adult.

Members also handled four traffic complaints and one false alarm.

Wilkie

RCMP received a request from Saskatoon Police Service to execute an arrest warrant.

A 68-year-old Wilkie man was charged with uttering threats after members received a complaint of threats.

Members received a report of a stolen bicycle. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

Police received a request to keep the peace while an individual completed a property repossession.

Members received a complaint of theft. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

RCMP received a report of a suspicious person on the highway. Members patrolled the area but could not locate the subject of the complaint.

Police received a report of a single vehicle collision. The matter remains under investigation.

Members received a report of dogs running loose in Wilkie. The matter remains under investigation.

RCMP conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a family member.

Police received a complaint of a person damaging property at a business. The matter remains under investigation.

RCMP received a report of an abandoned vehicle. Members contacted the registered owner, who agreed to move it.

CP Police reported a railway crossing malfunction in Wilkie. It was reported for information purposes.

Members received a report of a break and enter at a residential garage. The complainant declined to proceed.

Police received a report of cattle on the highway near Wilkie. Members attended and found the animals off the roadway. Local farmers were contacted to help locate the owner and move the cattle to an enclosed field.

RCMP received a complaint of theft. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

Members also handled two traffic complaints and one false alarm.

Macklin

RCMP received a complaint of breach of peace. The matter remains under investigation.

Police received a complaint of criminal harassment. Members spoke with the subjects of the complaint and issued a verbal warning.

Members received a complaint of a break and enter at a shop near Macklin. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

Members also handled two traffic complaints and one false alarm.

Source: Unity RCMP, Wilkie RCMP and Macklin RCMP

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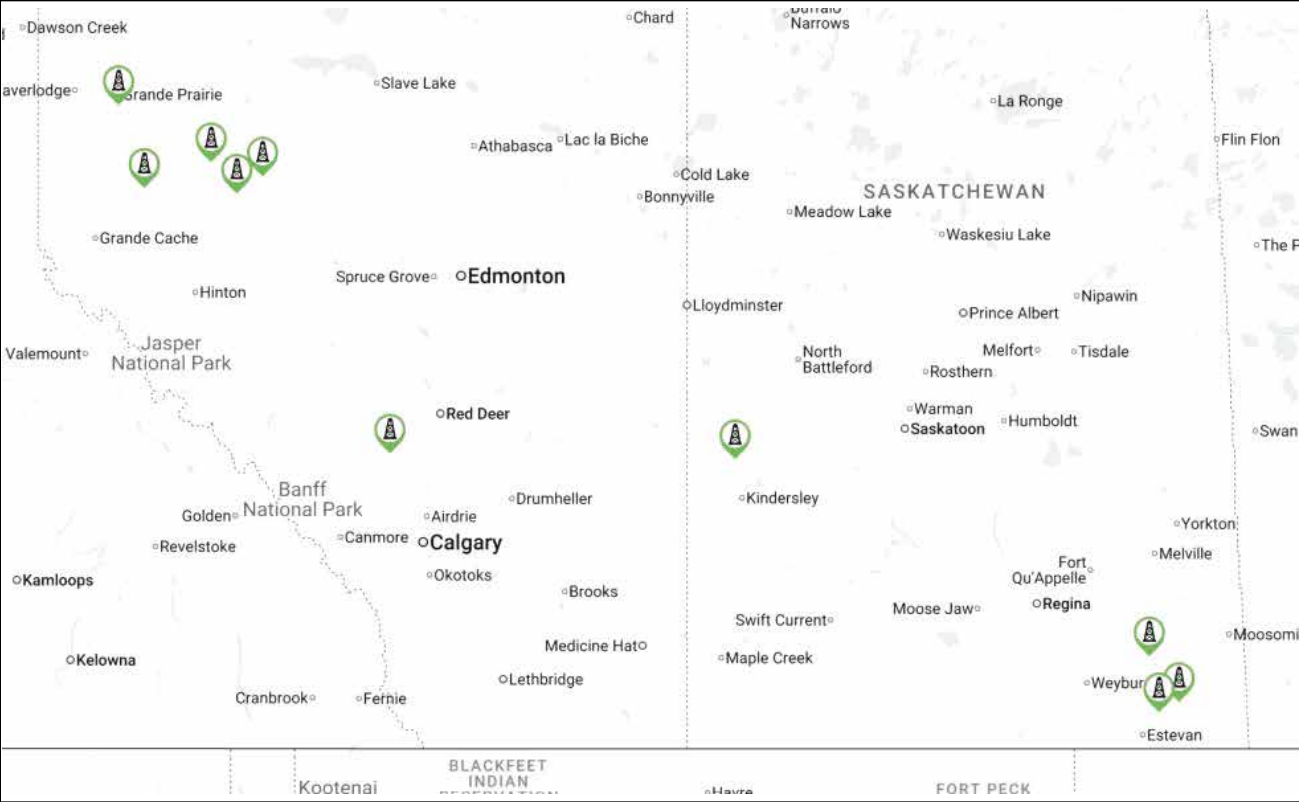
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On Aug. 9, Whitecap had 10 rigs across Canada, including four in Saskatchewan, according to RiggerTalk.com.

Whitecap sets quarterly record for second quarter

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

Whitecap Resources Inc. delivered record financial and operating results in the second quarter of 2026, supported by continued execution across the asset base, strong commodity price realizations and ongoing cost reductions.

Financial performance was a quarterly record. Funds flow totaled \$1.4 billion, or \$1.11 per share and, after capital expenditures of \$430 million, generated free funds flow of over \$900 million. Those numbers were roughly double company's numbers for the same period the previous year, with production that's grown substantially, but hasn't doubled.

Whitecap's operating netback increased to \$43.84 per boe, reflecting continued operating efficiencies and strong price realizations, the company said in a July 29 release. Operating costs have declined by approximately 13 per cent to \$11.88 per boe since the closing of the Veren transaction5, while realized pricing for crude oil and condensate averaged \$127.82 per barrel during the quarter.

Second quarter production averaged 388,894 boepd (61 per cent liquids), exceeding the company's internal forecast by approximately 8,000 boepd. The production outperformance was driven by asset level performance in the Duvernay at Kaybob and base production optimization initiatives in Central Alberta.

The strength of Whitecap's operating performance and the continued momentum across Whitecap's asset base have resulted in a second increase to Whitecap's 2026 production guidance. Whitecap now expects annual production to average between 384,000 and 386,000 boe/d, an increase of 5,000 boepd at the mid-point from Whitecap's previous guidance range of 378,000 to 382,000 boepd. Given the shorter cycle times and the strong results achieved to date, the company expects 2026 capital expenditures to be at the high end of its previously announced \$2.0 billion to \$2.1 billion budget range.

Whitecap said its continued focus on disciplined, per-share growth has generated meaningful value for shareholders. Over the past five years, production per share6 has increased by approximately 70 per cent, which equates to a compound annual growth rate of 11 per cent.

During the first six months of 2026, the company reduced net debt by approximately \$900 million to \$2.5 billion, resulting in a net debt to annualized funds flow ratio of 0.5 times. This rapid deleveraging further strengthens Whitecap's balance sheet and enhances Whitecap's ability to sustainably return capital to shareholders while continuing to advance Whitecap's highest-return development opportunities, it said.

The combination of strong production, record funds flow, record free funds flow and meaningful debt reduction demonstrates the strength of Whitecap's expanded asset base and the benefits of the Veren transaction being fully realized. The company remains focused on safely and efficiently executing Whitecap's development program, realizing further operational synergies and delivering sustainable growth in production and funds flow per share.

Second Quarter 2026 Highlights

Record Funds Flow: Generated record quarterly funds flow of \$1.4 billion or \$1.11 per share. Whitecap's operating netback of \$43.84 per boe was driven by strong realized oil and condensate prices and continued reductions in operating costs.

Significant Free Funds Flow: Strong production performance, combined with disciplined management of controllable operating and capital costs, resulted in free funds flow of \$925 million, or \$0.76 per share1, during the second quarter of which \$221 million of dividends were paid to shareholders.

Production Outperformance: Production averaged 388,894 boe/d, representing an increase of 3 per cent on a per share basis compared to the second quarter of 2025. Production was above internal expectations, driven by successful base production optimization, shorter cycle times and stronger than forecast performance from new wells.

Pristine Balance Sheet: Reduced net debt to \$2.5 billion, further enhancing Whitecap's financial flexibility. At quarter end, Whitecap had approximately \$1.7 billion available liquidity and a net debt to annualized funds flow ratio of 0.5 times.

Operations overview

During the quarter, the company spudded 24 (24.0

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Joan Wagner was excited to capture this photo taken at her farm near Liebenthal. She said she hasn't seen a complete rainbow in years.

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net) unconventional wells in the Montney and Duvernay and 23 (16.8 net) conventional wells across Alberta and Saskatchewan. Following the end of spring break-up, the company increased its active drilling program from six rigs to ten rigs in June.

Strong operational execution continued across Whitecap's asset base, with development learnings and best practices being shared across teams and assets. This collaborative approach is improving execution, supporting stronger well economics and enhancing the future development potential of Whitecap's portfolio.

Unconventional Highlights

Work on Whitecap's Lator 04-13 Montney facility continues to progress with construction approximately 90 per cent complete. Both new pad and current area production will be directed to the 04-13 facility upon commissioning and start up in the fourth quarter, supporting meaningful initial utilization of the 35,000 – 40,000 boepd capacity.

Whitecap's third plug-and-perf (P&P) pilot pad on Whitecap's Gold Creek and Karr Montney assets will be spud in the coming months at Gold Creek. Collection and interpretation of diagnostic data on the first two P&P pilot pads at Karr is ongoing, and the company is confident that, as one of the many well design inputs, the ability to select pad specific completion technology will further improve overall capital efficiency and risk-adjusted returns of Whitecap's Gold Creek and Karr assets.

Duvernay production at Kaybob is now in the stated capacity range of 115,000 – 120,000 boe/d and we expect to maintain this production level for the balance of 2026. Capital efficiency improvements at Kaybob have led to lower costs and the deferral of activity into the second half of the year, further improving the operating free cash flow capabilities of the asset.

Conventional Highlights

Whitecap's conventional assets are 80 per cent liquids weighted and, with a low base decline rate of approximately 20 per cent, the reinvestment rate is highly competitive with other Western Canadian long life oil weighted assets. Second quarter production results were strong and when combined with reduced drilling activity during spring breakup and elevated light oil prices, operating free cash flow was significant.

Whitecap's well-established and consolidated conventional land positions also provide the ability to maximize productive capability during periods of planned and unplanned facility downtime. During the quarter, base production of Whitecap's central Alberta conventional assets outperformed Whitecap's expect-

tations through optimization opportunities and the successful diversion of a portion of impacted production during a third-party turnaround.

The shared workflows and technical learnings across the business are also translating into improved capital efficiency and results on Whitecap's conventional assets. As an example, Whitecap's Alberta conventional Cardium, Charlie Lake and Glauconite assets have all experienced improved production results and economics after incorporating well design changes brought on by Whitecap's development workflow. These changes are also being incorporated into Whitecap's future inventory, ultimately improving the long-term sustainability of these assets.

Outlook

Whitecap's strong second quarter production performance, continued growth in free funds flow and the benefit of higher crude oil prices created a meaningful opportunity to accelerate debt repayment and further strengthen the company's financial flexibility, it said. The company said the strength of its balance sheet provides maximum optionality to enhance total shareholder returns as they execute Whitecap's counter-cyclical strategy through commodity price cycles. Whitecap's long-term financial objective is to allocate capital towards the company's highest return opportunities that increase long-term free funds flow while maintaining a net debt to funds flow ratio of less than 1.0 times through the cycle.

The Canadian energy industry and specifically Whitecap, is well positioned to capture incremental market share as global demand for secure, reliable and responsibly produced energy continues to grow, the company said. "Recent announcements supporting additional crude oil egress from Western Canada to North American and global markets are encouraging. As incremental heavy oil production is required to fill this additional capacity, demand for condensate used as diluent is also expected to increase."

"Whitecap is strategically positioned to benefit from these developments. The company is the fourth-largest condensate producer in Western Canada, with current production of approximately 60,000 bpd. In addition, approximately 70 per cent of Whitecap's 4,700 Unconventional drilling locations are liquids-rich, providing a significant inventory of opportunities to support future demand driven growth."

With a deep, high-quality inventory, a strong balance sheet, broad commodity exposure and a demonstrated track record of operational execution, Whitecap said it is well equipped to capitalize on improving market access, growing demand for Canadian energy and emerging opportunities across crude oil, condensate and natural gas.



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Trivia

test by Fifi Rodriguez

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2. ANATOMY: How many valves does the human heart have?
3. MATH: What comes after a trillion?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Europe?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the hospital in the sitcom “Scrubs”?
6. HISTORY: Which empire did Genghis Khan rule?
7. LITERATURE: Which children’s book features a character called Augustus Gloop?
8. ART: Who painted the famous work titled “Guernica”?
9. MOVIES: In which film does Sidney Poitier’s character say, “They call me Mr. Tibbs”?
10. ASTRONOMY: What is the smallest planet in our solar system?

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FORM 2 (Section 4)

Tax Enforcement List
R.M. OF OAKDALE NO. 320
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 19th day of October, 2026, a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4 (3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY						
	Plan	Meridian	Title No.	Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
Parcel A	102387900	3	155783380	\$766.19	\$145.00	\$911.19

Dated this 18th day of August, 2026.

Gillain Lund, Administrator

FORM 2 [SECTION 4]

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST
R.M. OF CHESTERFIELD NO. 261
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land described in the following list are fully paid before the 19th day of October, 2026, a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4 (3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Part	Sec.	Twp.	Range	Meridian	Title No.	Penalties & Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
NE	9	27	25	3	137493850	\$ 601.72	\$30.45	\$ 632.17
SE	9	27	25	3	137493849	\$ 592.97	\$30.45	\$ 623.42
SE	21	26	27	3	102512247	\$ 944.89	\$30.45	\$ 975.34
NE	22	26	25	3	142671348	\$4,187.95	\$30.45	\$4,218.40
NE	22	26	25	3	142671348	\$ 589.38	\$30.45	\$ 619.83

Dated at Eatonia, Saskatchewan the 18th day of August, 2026.

Tosha Kozicki, Administrator



Ad inquiries 306-463-2211 www.westcentraljobs.ca kate@yourwestcentral.com



Employers, don't automate these 3 tasks!

Powerful artificial intelligence tools can certainly help employers save time and money by eliminating repetitive or predictable tasks from workflows. However, certain areas of business will always require a human touch to ensure greater efficiency. Here are three tasks you should not automate in your business.

1. Customer satisfaction management

When a customer contacts your organization, an automated system can be useful. It effectively handles simple inquiries, such as those regarding service offerings or business hours.

However, when someone has an urgent request or wishes to file a complaint, it is crucial that they be quickly connected with a real person. This human interaction builds customer loyalty and enhances your reputation.

2. Creating visuals or marketing materials

With current technologies, you only have to type a few words into an AI tool to instantly generate posters, press releases or advertising templates. However, because these solutions tend to generate similar results from one user to another, it's becoming more difficult to stand out. Simply put: when it's done with AI, it shows.

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3. Strategic decision-making

Automated processes can help with rote or repetitive tasks, such as sorting through applications for a new employment position. However, pre-pro-

grammed evaluation criteria could rule out candidates with the potential to add more value to your team.

In Canada, privacy laws already include rules limiting the use of automated tools in decision making about people. Want to learn more about this topic? Contact a human resources professional in your area.



Town of Kindersley FOR SALE BY TENDER

The Town of Kindersley is accepting sealed tenders for the following properties:

Civic Address	Legal Description	Land Size	Zoning	Notes
204 1 st Avenue West	Lot 3 Block 5 Plan G9. Ext. 0	33'x125'	R2a	Residential Lot
206 & 208 1 st Avenue West	Lot 4 & 5 Block 5 Plan G9 Ext.0	66'x125'	R2a	Residential Dwelling
419 2 nd Avenue West	Lot 21 Block 43 Plan 79S42101 Ext. 0	50'x125'	R2	Residential Lot
109 Main Street	Lot 5 Block 3 Plan G9 Ext. 0	30'x130'	C1	Commercial Lot
108 12 th Avenue East	Lot 3 Block 2 Plan G776 Ext. 0	40'x270'	C3	Commercial Hotel
109 1 st Avenue East	Lot 12 Block 2 Plan G9 Ext. 0	33'x125'	C1	Commercial Building

Tender Packages can be picked up at the Town Administration Office or downloaded from our website at www.kindersley.ca. Form A is part of the tender package and must be completed in full and signed. Tenders for commercial property must contain a simple business plan and timeline for implementation.

To book a viewing of the buildings, please contact (306) 463-2675 to make your appointment. Viewings will be limited to Wednesday's and by appointment only.

The Town may reject any bid that is not sufficient to cover arrears, penalties and costs. Sealed tenders will be accepted until **September 9th, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.** Tenders can be delivered to the **Town Administration Office located at 106 5th Avenue East.**



Tenders can also be mailed to:
Town of Kindersley - TENDER
Box 1269
Kindersley, SK S0L 1S0
office@kindersley.ca

Marty Baroni
Chief Administrative Officer

Farm Help Wanted

Looking for help for the harvest season in the Eatonia area. Class 5 driver's license required - Class 1 is preferred.

Duties to include operating farm machinery, maintain machinery, drive tandem or semi-truck.

Position could be full-time for the right applicant.

Contact Travis at 306-460-8117

SEASONAL UTILITY WORKER

RM OF PRAIRIEDALE NO. 321

The Rural Municipality of Prairiedale No. 321 is now accepting applications for a **FULL-TIME SEASONAL UTILITY WORKER.**

Preference will be given to applicants who are able to operate a tractor with mower, rock picker, mulcher, etc. A valid driver's license is required.

Duties to include but not limited to:

- Mowing ditches
- Culvert and sign installation and maintenance
- Equipment maintenance and repair
- Duties as directed by Council

The wage will commensurate with qualifications and experience as well as a benefits package.

Interested individuals should submit their resume including work experience, wage expectations, and three work related references and current Driver's Abstract to:

RM of Prairiedale No. 321
PO Box 160
Major, SK S0L 2H0
Fax: 306-834-1202
Email: administrator@rmofprairiedale.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

FULL-TIME SEASONAL GRADER OPERATOR

RM OF PRAIRIEDALE NO. 321

The Rural Municipality of Prairiedale No. 321 is seeking a full-time, seasonal Grader Operator.

The successful candidate will meet the following criteria:

- Have willingness and aptitude to a operate grader as required for the job
- Have knowledge of servicing and maintaining heavy equipment
- Valid Driver's License
- Have a working knowledge of grading roads
- Must be capable of working with minimal to no immediate supervision
- Attention to detail, safety conscious, and ability to take direction from Supervisors

Duties may include but not limited to:

- Operating grader
- Experience operating other equipment is an asset
- Any other tasks assigned by the Supervisor with the direction of Council

Employment proposed start date is to be determined. The RM of Prairiedale offers a competitive wage and comprehensive benefits package including the Municipal Employees Pension Plan (MEPP).

The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Applicants are invited to submit a resume to:

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FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Town of Kerrobert Operations Team Member

The Town of Kerrobert is accepting applications for a full-time Operations Team Member.

- This position offers a **competitive entry wage of \$24-\$32 per hour** based on experience and skills brought to the team, along with a benefit package and 9% matching pension plan.
- We offer opportunities for advancement, skill development, and increased earning potential as experience and certifications are obtained.
- It is well suited to individuals seeking to build a stable, long-term career within a municipal environment and develop a broad and valuable skill set over time.

Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent
- Willingness to obtain required certifications
- Ability to perform physical labour and work outdoors in varying conditions
- Strong work ethic, reliability, and ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Demonstrated ability to use computer programs and mobile applications to support daily operations and adapt to evolving technologies

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Operate water treatment and distribution systems, sewage treatment and collection facilities, and participate in on-call rotation. Work a 9 on 5 off shift, 9 hour days.
- Operate and maintain equipment required to support municipal operations.
- Operate public swimming pool boilers and chemical feeders.
- Assist with the operation and maintenance of the arena during the winter season.
- Assist with the maintenance and operation of parks and summer recreation facilities.
- Perform a variety of municipal operational duties across multiple service areas, requiring a broad skill set, adaptability, and ongoing technical development.
- On-the-job training and opportunities for certification advancement will be provided.

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.
Preference will be given to candidates with relevant experience.

Closing Date: Open until filled
Please submit your cover letter and resume to:
Email: cao@kerrobert.ca
Box 558, Kerrobert SK S0L 1R0



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PROGRESS No. 351

Box 460 Luseland, Saskatchewan S0L 2A0
Phone: 306-372-4322 E-mail: rm351@sasktel.net Fax: 306-372-4146

Accepting applications for

EXPERIENCED FULL-TIME MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE

Experience and/or exposure to heavy equipment such as construction or farm equipment is an asset. The candidate must have well developed interpersonal, motivational and team skills, be able to take direction and work independently.

Skills & Abilities

- Valid Driver's License
- Class 1A or a Class 3 would be an asset

Type of Work Experience

- Grading municipal roads
- Roadside mowing
- Culvert installations
- Signage & repairs
- Mechanical experience to perform general maintenance and equipment repair
- Other duties as required

Type of Equipment Operated

- Volvo Grader
- Cat Grader
- Backhoe
- Bush Hog Mower
- Case/Kubota Tractor

Applicants are invited to submit a resume including:

- Past experience and present work experience
- Certifications
- Expected Wage
- Three references

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume by: mail, email or fax.

The R.M. of Progress welcomes all applicants, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



Plant Operator

Location: Kerrobert Thermal Plant | 01-01-033-24W3M
Reports To: Steam Chief

Who We Are
Northern Hawk Energy Ltd. ("Northern Hawk") is a growing, privately held Canadian energy company headquartered in Calgary. We own and operate a thermal heavy oil project near Kerrobert, Saskatchewan and are actively investing in the long-term success of our people and assets.
At Northern Hawk, we foster a culture grounded in safety, operational excellence, and open communication.

The Opportunity
We are currently seeking a safety-conscious and team-oriented Plant Operator to support our thermal operations at the Kerrobert facility. The ideal candidate brings hands-on experience in SAGD plant operations and a solid understanding of boiler systems and steam generation, as well as water and oil treating.
This is a full-time position working a 12-hour rotating day and night shift, on a 7 days on / 7 days off schedule at our Kerrobert Thermal site.

Key Responsibilities

- Operate and monitor water treatment systems, Once Through Steam Generators (OTSGs), and oil treating processes, SAGD wells while ensuring compliance with all safety, environmental, and regulatory requirements.
- Identify, troubleshoot, and resolve operational issues, reporting deficiencies and recommending procedural improvements.
- Accurately maintain logbooks and plant documentation; initiate work orders and Management of Change (MOC) processes as needed.
- Direct and support maintenance activities during regular operations, as well as during outages, both planned and emergent.
- Assist in updating and developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and participate in safety meetings and emergency response drills.
- Monitor site conditions and respond to alarms, equipment upsets, and emergency situations.
- Support a safe workplace culture by participating in hazard assessments, inspections, and continuous improvement initiatives.

What You Bring

- Valid **3rd Class Power Engineering Certificate** (consideration for 4th Class with relevant SAGD experience); working toward 2nd Class is a strong asset.
- **5+ years of relevant experience** in thermal oil operations (SAGD or CSS), including exposure to OTSGs, water treating, and oil treating systems.
- Proven troubleshooting and analytical skills; ability to identify root causes and implement effective solutions.
- Experience with field-level data capture and reporting systems; comfortable using Microsoft Office and digital logging tools.
- A demonstrated commitment to health, safety and care for the environment.
- Team-focused attitude with strong communication, initiative, and situational awareness.
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License and ability to work in a remote field setting.

Why Northern Hawk?

- A safe, respectful workplace where you and your inputs are valued.
- A competitive compensation package including benefits.
- Opportunities to grow and contribute in a dynamic and collaborative environment.
- A field team and leadership group that's experienced, approachable, and committed to operational excellence.

How to Apply
Please submit your resume to: jolyne.leinenweber@nhawk.ca
Deadline: August 18, 2026

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OBITUARIES

Richard William Kerr

February 4, 1948 - August 2, 2026



Richard passed away August 2, 2026 in Saskatoon at the age of 78, with his brother and close friends by his side.

Richard is survived by his brother Dennis of Eston.

Predeceased by his parents William and Madeline Kerr; Kerr and Rozon grandparents, cousins Lionel & Pearl Graham, Jean Graham, Rita & Charlie Helm, Frances Lane and Donna Oliphant.

His family was small as his parents were both only children.

Richard was born on February 4, 1948 in Eston. He was raised on the family farm in the Amdewanda area and he took part of his schooling in a country school and moved on to Eston for his higher grades.

He resided in Saskatoon for 55 Years, working at various jobs including Home Support, University of Saskatchewan Support Staff and Maitre d' at the King George.

Richard loved tending to flowers, gardening and when his eye sight was better going for long drives. He loved reading and had an impeccable memory for history and dates. He faced many health challenges over the years and handled each with dignity and grace.

A funeral service was held on Thursday August 13th at St. Andrews United Church in Eston with Ryan Sawchuk & Dale Worrall officiating. Interment in the Eston Cemetery.

Thank you to Dr.'s and nurses at St. Paul's Hospital for their care, friends that helped Dennis prepare for the service, pallbearers, ushers, pianist & choir.

Donations in memoriam may be made in Richard's honour to the Canadian Cancer Society or to St. Andrew's United Church Eston.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Don't lose sight of your vows

BY KATHLEEN GIBSON

"Mom, come over here. I brought something for you."

I dawdled over to my daughter.

"Hold out your hand," she said thrusting a tightly closed fist toward me.

"Uh...does it wiggle?" I asked, remembering other tightly-closed-fist-presents, including those that

buzzed and unwound and chased my poise clean away.

"Just hold out your hand," she insisted, grinning.

I decided to trust her. After all, not for a decade or so had either one of my children presented me with a living species. Besides, she was a mother now.

When I opened my hand, she did too. Something tiny, glittering and round landed in my palm. I stared, stunned. Then whooped.

I had despaired of ever again seeing that circle of gold with a single diamond, my gift to the Preacher on our wedding day decades earlier. He proved unable to wear a ring of any sort, so I'd adopted it for the largest finger on my right hand. There he could at least see the reminder of his commitment at the altar. I wasn't about to let him forget that.

When Amanda had asked to borrow the ring as a prop in a musical theatre production, I gave in, but with great reluctance. "I'll take good care of it, Mom," she said. But to everyone's dismay, it went missing on one of the show's final nights. Too large for her, we assumed it must have slipped off and gotten lost in the confusion of her many costume changes.

Like the woman in one of Jesus' parables, we scoured every possible hiding place, every remote possibility—for months. But unlike that woman in the Bible who lost, then found, one of her marriage coins, we never held a celebration with our neighbours. The ring, we assumed, was gone forever.

But forever ended several years later, the day our son-in-law, breaking down empty boxes in his garage, lifted one and heard something small roll from one side to the other. Curious, he peered inside. In the dim light of the garage, something glittered. He reached in to pluck it up, amazed to find his father-in-law's lost wedding ring.

Every so often when I look at our rings, I think of those words, spoken so earnestly by two naïve, immature youngsters—strangers to us now—fifty years ago. "For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer. In sickness and in health, till death do us part."

Like most partners of our vintage, we've had better, worse, richer, poorer, sickness and health—all but death (though we both likely gave fleeting consideration to murder a few times)! With God's help, we've grown up together, and with God's help, we've honoured our vows. Like the ring itself, they seem lost sometimes, but they keep showing up, gleaming in dark places when, without a careful second look, it would have been just as easy to toss them. I'm so glad we haven't.

Happy Anniversary, love. And thank you, God.

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- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Town Council meet the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

ESTON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- PWHS Raspberry Tea 2:00 PM at the Museum. Sold art from Kelly's show can be picked up at the Tea!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

- Village of Hope BBQ Fundraiser from 12:00-3:00 PM. All proceeds go to supporting the healing of men in recovery from addiction.
- PWHS (Museum) Fundraiser from 11 AM - 1:00 PM. Special Chili Dogs or, of course our regular Hotdogs!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- PWHS Annual General Meeting on the Evans House veranda after the BBQ.
- 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

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

KERROBERT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 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.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- Threads Through Time Fashion Show 6:00-8:00 PM at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum. Journey through the decades as historical garmets are paired with modern looks curated by local boutiques.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- West Central Early Childhood Intervention Program Annual General Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM in person at the ECIP office (125 - 1st Avenue East) and virtually using Zoom. Please register by emailing westcentralcip@sasktel.net

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!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Kindersley Sledge Hockey Showcase Game vs Junior Klippers 2:00 PM Co-op Arena.
- Kindersley Sledge Hockey Executive Committee AGM 5:30 PM in the WCEC multipurpose room (main floor).

SEPTEMBER 24-27

- Goose Festival Days! Stay tuned for details.

Non-Profit & Volunteer Events & Fundraisers

We're always glad to help spread the word about local events and fundraisers whenever we can.

We're a small, locally owned newspaper, and advertising is what keeps the paper going each week.

It helps cover printing, delivery, and the work that goes into keeping local news and community updates in front of people

For that reason, we aren't able to provide free advertising by request — if we did, we simply couldn't stay in business.

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

1) Upcoming Events Listing (no charge):

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

2) Discounted Non-Profit Advertising:

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

HAVE AN EVENT? Fill in the online form at www.yourwestcentral.com/events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Kindersley Screen Arts presents "The Invite" 3:00 PM Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door.
- 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.
- Kindersley Royal Purple Meeting every 3rd Tuesday Western Pizza Banquet Room 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome (14+)

LEADER

MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 24-28

- Vacation Bible School at Leader Alliance Church. Preschool-Grade 6 kids are welcome to Rainforest Falls: a week of fun and learning about God! Register at: vbspro.events/p/leader. Starts 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

- TD Summer Reading Club at the Leader Library.
- Notice Nature Program ongoing throughout the summer. Contact Leader Library 306-628-3830 for more information.
- If you are elderly and love to read, but are unable to visit the Leader Library, arrangements can be made for books to be delivered to your home. Call 306-628-3830 for more info.

LUSELAND

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

- Luseland Library presents Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Fire Safety Presentation at the new Luseland Fire Hall. Community BBQ at 11:30 AM. Presentation starts at 1:00 PM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Luseland Harvest Festival.
- Luseland Library Art Gallery has a new exhibit on display featuring a bright collection of watercolour artwork by Lalita Martfeld.
- Luseland & District Chamber of Commerce regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month 7:00 PM at the Luseland Credit Union Community Room, 701 Grand Avenue.
- The Luseland Homecoming Hall will be available for indoor walking on TUESDAY & THURSDAY mornings. Please pick up the key at the Town Office to unlock the door. Silver collection at the door.

Recurring events at The Luseland Pioneers Club Members

- Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM - Noon, Coffee, Pool, Visiting, Cards
- Cards are played several days of the week
- Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon
- Exercises 9:00-9:30 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

SCEPTRE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- Great Sandhills Museum Harvest Lunch Fundraiser. Serving baked ham, buns, coleslaw, macaroni salad and puffed wheat/rice kispie squares. Please reply by Agust 28 to reserve your plate by calling Marg 403-866-5388. \$20/plate. Pick up at GSM on Highway 32.

FULL-TIME PARTS COUNTERPERSON FOR A TERM POSITION

We are currently seeking a dedicated Parts Person to join our team for a maternity leave contract. Our store is a retail aftermarket parts store specializing in agricultural and industrial sectors. This person must be self-motivated who can work independently as well as in a team atmosphere. Experience either in agricultural or industrial sectors will be an asset but not necessary as we are willing to train the successful applicant.

Work Hours and Pay Schedule

The term of this position would be September 2026 to January 2028.

Full time position — 40hr/week, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Biweekly pay schedule. Salary commensurate with experience.



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Email your cover letter and resume to:
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We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.



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DENZIL COMMUNITY DAYS

Keeping Our Community Alive

Denzil Community Days ran Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9. Floats gathered at the elevator and rolled through town on Sunday morning including Denzil Mayor Larry Reiniger riding in a Canadian-flagged Ranger. The antique tractor pulls drew a mix of green, red and yellow iron: John Deere diesels, a well-worn Minneapolis-Moline, a Massey-Harris 44 named Sylvester. Drivers ranged from grandparents with grandchildren on their laps to teenagers in Deere caps taking a turn at the wheel. Spectators filled the tent along the track, lawn chairs and picnic tables, watching every hitch and pull. The family fun bones tournament followed with parents and kids lining up their bones along the chalk and took their shots while the sun held. *PHOTOS BY EVAN PELLETIER.*



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