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Rosetown author visits Eatonia

BY JOAN JANZEN

The community of Eatonia has extended an invitation to Saskatchewan author Lisa Adair, who will do a book reading at Eaton House on Thursday evening, August 13. Lisa Adair is from Rosetown and has written an adult mystery series called the Glenmere Box Mysteries collection.

Attendees at the wine and cheese event will hear a general introduction to the Glenmere Box Mysteries series, followed by a short reading from each of Lisa’s first two books, and a longer excerpt from her newest release.

“The setting for my mystery series is a quaint fictional Saskatchewan town called Glenmere,” Lisa explained. “Some of the buildings described in each book are actual homes and businesses found in several small towns within Saskatchewan.” However, she rebranded the businesses or homes with a different occupant or purpose in a 1980s setting.

A few of the characters are based on people she knows or has seen around town, with elements added to make the characters come alive. She said her family members have been known to discover characters that seem oddly familiar.

She also described how she created the characters in her youth fantasy collection, the Blaze Peppergrove series.

“To develop the fairies, I mashed the idea of Barbie dolls with either an insect, a bird or a bat. The gnomes are inspired by the chubby ceramic versions people have in their flower beds,” she explained. “The cover art is drawn by my daughter Milo.” And Lisa designed the covers for the Glenmere Box Mysteries.

Her books are sold worldwide, but she enjoys making appearances at Saskatchewan trade shows, farmers’ markets and libraries, reaching out to local markets.

A book review posted a reader’s comment which said, “I found myself clinging to the pages with anticipation.” Another person who didn’t usually read said she read her book while en route to a vacation destination. Lisa responded, “I have always dreamed of seeing someone read my book in an airport.”



Saskatchewan author Lisa Adair resides in Rosetown and will be sharing excerpts from her mystery series Thursday evening, August 13, at Eatonia. *SUBMITTED*

Lisa’s first novel began as an unpublished short story that she later revised with the idea of creating something more in 2019. “I eventually published that short story as one of the chapters in my novel The Puzzle Box in 2023,” she explained.

Signed copies of her books will be available at the August 13 wine and cheese event, where guests will be transported back in time by Lisa’s expert attention to historical detail and her witty and intriguing cast of characters.

If you love animated, intriguing storytelling, you won’t want to miss Lisa Adair’s visit to Eatonia.

FINLEY AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Kindersley & District Health & Wellness Foundation recently awarded Krista Finley a \$1,000 Continuing Education Award and the \$1,000 Rod Perkins Memorial Scholarship. Finley, an RN at Kindersley Hospital, has completed the first semester of the three-semester Nurse Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence (NSWOC) Program. With no NSWOC service currently available locally and a growing number of patients requiring this specialized care, her training will help fill an important need in the community. Once she completes the program, Finley will provide specialized wound, ostomy and continence services at Heritage Manor, Kindersley Hospital and through Home Care. Pictured (from left): Krista Finley and Joanne Kosolofski of the Kindersley & District Health & Wellness Foundation. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

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He courted her with a song

Fran Paul recalls a Meadow Lake childhood with nine siblings

BY JOAN JANZEN

Summertime and sunshine bring back fond memories of when life was lived with family. Like many people from the Baby Boomer era, Fran Paul grew up in a family of ten children. The relatively new resident at Caleb Village recalled her childhood, which began on a farm near Meadow Lake.

Fran was born in 1950, the seventh child in her family. "By the time my youngest sister was born, the older ones were leaving home," she recalled.

Kids today enjoy travelling and attending summer camps during their summer vacation. Summer vacation was very different when Fran was a child.

"I was a tomboy," she said. "And we had a lot of freedom on our mixed farm." They played a lot but were also assigned age-appropriate chores like gathering eggs and pulling weeds in the garden.

Her earliest memory was getting stuck in the mud in the garden and needing to be rescued. She said she was around three years old at the time.

"We played in the bush. It was exciting to do investigating, and if we went to the bush early enough, we could leave the two little ones behind and we didn't have to look after them," she chuckled.

When she was younger, the family didn't have a vehicle. "The closest town was five miles from the farm. We loaded up in the wagon; I remember the ride," she recalled. Meadow Lake was the farthest she had been from home.

The family moved to the tiny village of Makwa when Fran was ten years old. "My dad was injured and we moved to town. We had a very industrious mother. She grew a garden, sold produce, did laundry and sewing for families," she explained.

Fran learned how to sew and knit. "I didn't sew by a pattern, just took something that fit and made a pattern off of it," she said.

She grew up with her husband-to-be, who was a year and a half older than her, and his sister was her

best friend. He came from a very musical family.

"He played guitar, violin, banjo and played the saw; that is not common," she said. He was part of a family band that played old-time country music at community dances. "He played dances with his siblings, uncles and sometimes their mother was in it. She played the fiddle."

Her husband also sang. "That's how he courted me; he sang songs to me," she recalled. "And my mother-in-law taught me how to dance."

Fran moved to various locations in Saskatchewan and Alberta before returning to her old hometown later on. Now she is enjoying life at Caleb Village, where she welcomes visits from family and cherishes many memories of her childhood summer vacations.



Fran Paul recalls her summer vacations in the 1950s while growing up near Meadow Lake with her nine siblings. Today she enjoys life at Caleb Village.

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Fran Paul (front row, third from right) and her nine siblings are captured in a rare family photo. She said they never had to look for friends because they always had each other. SUBMITTED

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New farmers market booths and an outdoor stage are ready for use in Luseland. Mayor Kathy Wurz says the project was funded through donations from Frieda Honecker and the Luseland Credit Union, along with the Town of Luseland. Riley Mack built the stage and the market booths. The town crew prepared the lots and gravelled the space. CAO Krystal Bazylinski coordinated the project and designed the theatre and market stalls. "I'm super happy with this project," Wurz said. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN.

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Artist Bonnie Macnab offered her assistance at the Barn Quilt Workshop at Dodsland. *PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN*

Making Saskatchewan more beautiful, one barn quilt at a time

BY JOAN JANZEN

Eleven participants registered for the two-day Barn Quilt Painting event at the Dodsland Legion Hall on August 4th and 5th. Crafters from Dodsland, Kindersley, Brock, Plenty, Unity and Cutknife joined together to help make the Open Hearts, Open Minds Barn Quilt Painting project a success.

Four organizers also contributed to the event, which was sponsored by Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation, New Horizons for Seniors, and Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association. Bonnie Mills Midgley, community development co-ordinator for Rivers West, said, “We had New Horizons funding of \$25,000 this year. This was the third year in a row to receive that.” The funds cover the cost of four gardening and four painting workshops held this year.

“New Horizons’ definition of rural population is under 1,000. So when I’m looking for places I look for 500 and under because small places don’t often get to have these workshops,” Bonnie said. “This is our second one this year.”

The first workshop was held at Maymont and two more will be held at Maidstone and Lloydminster. An affordable registration fee of just \$60 provides each participant with a 4’ x 4’ plywood board, paint and patterns, supper, lunch and snacks in addition to instruction during the workshop.

Artist Bonnie Macnab was available to offer her assistance. She said they’ve done over two hundred barn quilts since they started conducting the workshops. Everyone takes their barn quilt home to display on barns, sheds, workshops, and garages.

Some of the participants expressed their appreciation for the event. “I do want to make more. Now I



Eleven participants and four organizers enjoyed a two-day Barn Quilt Painting event on August 4th and 5th at the Dodsland Legion Hall.

need to build a barn to go with my barn quilt,” Dawn from Kindersley joked.

“I find this one is much more creative. They think outside the box. I would guess every class would be different,” Susanne observed. And every completed barn quilt was as different as the artists who were making them.

“I love meeting all the people. We wouldn’t get to meet these people otherwise,” Bonnie Mills Midgley said. Some of the participants admit they’re not creative, but once they draw the pattern and make a mathematic grid, they realize they can complete the project.

“You have a good conversation with people because you’re a participant and go home with a product too,” Bonnie Mills Midgley concluded.

Three dead in Highway 13 collision near Provost

PROVOST — Three people are dead after a collision between a box truck and a Correctional Service of Canada van at the intersection of highways 13 and 41 on Aug. 6.

Provost RCMP responded at 11:22 a.m., along with the Hughenden Fire Department and Wainwright RCMP. The collision involved a Hino box truck with a lone driver and a Correctional Service of Canada minivan carrying two correctional officers and a female inmate.

All three occupants of the CSC van were pronounced dead at the scene. They were a 25-year-old woman from Winnipeg, a 57-year-old man from Sherwood Park and a 24-year-old woman from North Battleford. The driver of the box truck was taken to a nearby hospital with minor injuries.

An RCMP collision reconstructionist attended the scene. The cause of the collision remains under investigation.

“The Alberta RCMP offers our sympathies to everyone affected by this tragic event. We extend our support to our fellow officers at Correctional Service Canada as they mourn their friends and col-



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leagues and send our condolences to the loved ones of all three individuals whose lives were lost yesterday,” said Assistant Commissioner Wayne Nichols, acting commanding officer of the Alberta RCMP.

“This news will be deeply felt across our organization, particularly by those at Edmonton Institution for Women and throughout the Prairie Region. Our colleagues served Canadians with professionalism, dedication, and courage. Their commitment to public safety and to CSC’s mission leaves a lasting legacy, and we will ensure their invaluable contributions to our country are never forgotten,” said Talal Dakalbab, commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada.

Source: Alberta RCMP

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People with data centres in their backyards are speaking up

A panhandler approached a guy on the street and said, “Can I ask you a question?” The man responded, “You just did.” It was the end of the conversation.

Now Erin Brockovich is asking questions about data centres. A couple of decades ago a movie entitled Erin Brockovich was produced where Julia Roberts portrayed Erin, relaying the true story of a legal case regarding groundwater contamination.

Over thirty years later she is once again investigating. She created a map of data centres throughout the US which includes 33 that are up and running, 66 under construction and 47 more being proposed. The same scenario is playing out in another eleven countries, including Canada.

“You might just think it’s one town, but when I create the big picture it changes the story. It’s not one isolated place; it’s everywhere. It’s the whole planet,” Erin told Shawn Ryan in an interview. “I created a self-reporting registry database where people could submit what is happening in their own back yard,” she reported. “Why don’t we pay attention to the very people who are experiencing what is happening in their own backyard?” Within ten weeks she received nearly 9,000 responses.

In every state, people noticed these centres were suddenly approved and their voice didn’t matter. They’re also being approved quickly in Canada, which is a complete contrast to all the red tape, stalling tactics and regulations required in the construction of pipelines in this country.

“It begins local, that’s where you get your zoning and your permits. Everybody is reporting to me that



Check It Out
By Joan Janzen

data centres are showing up, but these were done in non-disclosure agreements. Even Microsoft has said they’re going to remove all the non-disclosures. Why do you need a non-disclosure if there are no secrets?” she asked.

Was there any discussion concerning regulations? What is being done to address data centre accountability? Those are a couple of questions people are asking.

The centres are often welcomed because the construction creates a lot of employment. However, in some locations the structures are being delayed, contested or abandoned as community members speak up.

Juno News reported that a massive Alberta centre in the planning stages at Sturgeon County will be a natural gas power plant that will bring down electrical transmission costs for Albertans in the long run. However, there are many other concerns.

Cooling systems require massive amounts of water. One of the centres in Alberta is using a closed cooling system to address this issue; however, Erin noted they will still be using chemicals. About every two years the system needs to be cleaned. Are there any regulations regarding the disposal of those chemicals that are released?

She’s hearing from whistleblowers, people managing the facilities who are seeing toxic runoff and there’s no oversight or regulations.

Residents living near operating data centres are noticing a shift in their water levels in their wells, or their water table is lower and they have to dig a deeper well. Disruptions to the water system result in lower water pressure and discoloured water.

She’s heard reports from people saying their water bill went from \$40 a month to \$800, and their electricity bill went from \$160 to \$440 a month. Someone in El Paso, Texas said they got a notice from the municipality to expect a 75 per cent increase in their utility bills. Some of the centres are the size of twenty super

Walmarts, displacing farmland and trees.

Erin said every single person reporting on the data centres that have been running near their homes during the past two years says the constant 24/7 loud buzzing is driving them crazy. It’s also affecting wild-life and migratory patterns.

“A farmer said since it’s been operational he hasn’t had a live birth in two years,” she said. Are these sounds affecting animals in the womb? People living around them for the past two years are starting to report chronic fatigue and seizure-like symptoms. “They’re all reporting it,” she said.

While these huge centres are being constructed, a large company called NVIDIA has a project underway aiming to place small AI compute units in residential homes. In exchange, they will pay the homeowners’ monthly electricity costs.

“Data centres have been around quite a while; however now it’s like a land grab,” she said. There are other options. China has created AI infrastructure consisting of tubes placed on the bottom of the ocean floor. “My understanding is they have regulations, and there are none here,” she added.

“For me it’s always about listening to the people. They’re living it, breathing it. When all these people are experiencing the exact same thing, why are we not listening to them?” Erin asked.

This issue is bringing people together, as they put aside their differences and focus on a non-partisan issue that affects everybody.

Erin has been raising awareness, encouraging people to educate each other about the challenges and visit their municipal and local bodies that are approving these centres.

Before Erin’s father passed away, he gave her some instructions. “He said it is my duty to be a good steward and it’s my responsibility to do everything we can for our air, land, water and our health. Those are the gifts that we’ve been given that matter,” she recalled. “I’ll never forget it.”

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Bastille Day, Denis, and the birth of Aunty Maddy

While for many of us July 14 marks Bastille Day, the national holiday of France and the 1789 storming of the Bastille, a pivotal event in the French Revolution, the day for me will always mark the birthday of my pal, ex-boyfriend and partner in art and music, Denis Belly.

We met at an East meets West performance festival where artists from Quebec City were invited to perform with artists from Vancouver. I was immediately delighted by his whimsical approach to cultural relations, referencing the winds of change by throwing piles of maple leaves he brought from Quebec City into the air in front of two big fans, and mixing them with leaves he'd collected in Stanley Park. Singing in a blend of Fringlish and nonsense poetry, his inimitable style, he cut through the rigid worry inherent in cultural identity politics that was beginning to pepper our world with its hyper-vigilant vocabulary.

Not long after the performance came the referendum in Quebec, and while both Denis and I were sympathetic to the cause, we were also unwilling to let politics override our poetics.

Denis is not one to get precious or political when it comes to performance. East met with West thanks in great part to Denis. The rising tide of relentless identity politics did not flood the evening with rhetoric. Denis played the slide guitar. I sang about Amelia Earhart. By the end of the night our future was decided: we would become musical partners.

When I finally packed up my Chevy Cavalier and



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

headed East to accept an invite to perform in another festival, I found myself becoming part of the Quebec performance family. I became a librarian and reviewer of performance magazines and books.

Reviewing performances was a challenge. I'm not a fan of postmodern deconstructionist critical theory. Art school was never about re-inventing myself. I was adamant that humans are not inventions, they are souls. We are souls, evolving, not things. Blenders, cell phones, electric can openers, those are inventions, I asserted.

And when a fellow artist in the graphic design department waxed on about the new tool on her computer that allowed her to "cut and paste," I lost it on her. Waving my hand in the air, I exclaimed: Oh yeah, I've got one of those tools too, it's called a hand!

Enthrallment with the digital world was taking over the art school. I wanted the flesh and blood and paint stain and mud of the workshop and the studio. I moved to Quebec City not knowing what I'd find, except that I wanted to make music, tell stories and collage.

Denis is one of my favourite collage artists. Like me, he uses whatever appears before him, grabbing at images from old encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers, detritus from daily living, uplifting the mundane to the magical and delightful.

But perhaps the most life-saving gesture for me was when we formed a band. Though I was thankful to be part of a performance community, I was becoming less and less enamoured with the assumption that we were all supposed to live a life of resistance to anything that might seem, heaven forbid, normal.

As a woman I resisted notions of superficial beauty and gender compliance, but I hated even more the performance art world's tendency to expect that I should exploit my sexuality as a way of proving that I have power, whatever that power meant. The art scene was getting too bizarre and disturbing for my liking.

I can tell you the exact moment when I gave up on the weird world of performance art that dictated a wholesale embrace of "rebellion," "resistance," "radical subversiveness" and self-exploitation, behaviours that struck me as a form of delayed adolescence, when

what was really needed was the opposite: the creativity inherent in our childhood sense of curiosity and wonder. Which is something Denis and my fellow Quebec artists brought, literally, to the kitchen table, in abundance. Songs were written over chicken dinners and Denis' notoriously rich four-cheese pastas. I brought the lyrics, he brought the melodies. And Etienne, our drummer, brought the rhythm.

I can tell you the exact moment we, as a group, understood that we needed to form a band.

About five years earlier, a young woman was garnering attention on the performance scene by doing a guerrilla intervention piece outside one of our own performances. While I was paying tribute to the blues with a song about giving my soul to the rhythm instead of giving it to a man, she was busy shaving her legs until they bled. For this she was heavily applauded.

But the real turning point for me and my friends was the night five years later, when we stood as part of the audience and watched her jump up and down on a chair beneath a loosely closed box of nails. When the flaps of the box finally broke open, we, as a group of older artists and mostly musicians, decided we'd had enough. We stopped the show. And it may not surprise you to know that there were artists in the crowd who were actually angry at us for doing so. The need to prove oneself as a "risk-taker," a shocker, a boundary-pusher, as opposed to a person with zero boundaries, exists in all fields, and the arts are the worst, if you ask me.

Then and there we began the band Aunty Maddy, and we never stopped creating.

I still wish we'd done more recordings of the songs we wrote, but we have cassettes of some of them and all our rehearsals. My favourite songs, Nosa Senhora, Show me Cassiopeia, The Nun's Shoes, to name a few, deserve to be preserved for posterity. But meanwhile, they remain the product of a willingness to try new things, to collage the oddest bits of life bubbling up from the childhood wonder and whimsy I still think of when I think of my time with Denis, and the creativity we encouraged in each other, ultimately producing a revolution that stormed the bastilles of both the conventional and reactionary.

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Informative presentation on housing, finances and health care for older adults

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is hosting an informative presentation in Kindersley on the topics of housing, finances and health care for older adults. Amber Schwengler, assessor coordinator for the Proactive Pathways for Older Adults (PPOA) program, will be presenting helpful information to older adults on Tuesday morning, Aug. 18, at the Kindersley Senior Centre. The program, which has been running for two years, is the first of its kind in Saskatchewan, and the presentation is the first to be held in Kindersley.

"My presentation discusses most of the available financial and housing benefits to citizens who are older," Amber explained. "It will be great to see the response from the community, and receive feedback to enhance the presentation."

As an assessor coordinator, Amber typically provides

support to older adults regarding finances, housing applications and navigating the systems of government.

"I have found clients did not know they were eligible for certain finances through the federal and provincial government, or they needed assistance applying online or speaking to the staff within the system," she reported.

She's also aware that clients benefit from staff attending medical appointments to advocate or support them. PPOA helps older adults by connecting them with local health care and community resources. The team includes a licensed practical nurse, a social worker and continuing care assistants.

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BY KATE WINQUIST

I spent a few days on “holidays” over the past couple of weeks. I put the word in quotes because, as a business owner with pretty severe ADHD, I can’t ever seem to sit still.

I started with the bookkeeping. “A few hours,” I told myself. It turned into a day and a half.

The trouble is that when I’m not under a deadline, my mind wanders. And wandering leads to Google.

Over that time, I’ve searched things like What’s the best way to stay cool when it’s hot outside? and Why can’t I fall asleep even when I’m dog tired?

The answer explained that my body and brain are apparently running on two different systems that have fallen out of sync.

Very helpful.

My own solution to the heat was a few cold pops and an air-conditioned house, which I suspect I could have figured out without the internet.

Then came the burst of energy.

If you have ADHD, you know the one.

I washed every closet and cupboard door in the house. Then, feeling particularly ambitious, I decided to organize the spice cupboard.

I’m convinced nobody has touched that cupboard since we moved in two years ago. Here’s how I know.

I cook a turkey twice a year. Turkey means dressing. Dressing means buying sage and thyme.

Apparently, every November I stand in front of that cupboard, fail to notice the three containers already sitting there, and confidently buy another one.

The final tally? Four containers of sage. Four containers of thyme. Three bottles of Montreal Steak Spice, each with a different amount left in it. Two and a half bottles of bacon bits. Two bottles and two bags of bay leaves ... and a partridge in a pear tree.

I briefly considered renting that corner at the Co-op, the spot where the Hutterites set up their vegetable stand, and going into the spice business.

Feeling unstoppable, I moved on to the freezer, this time with an actual purpose. I was looking for supper.

Instead, I discovered a box of Captain High Liner fish fillets and several bags of McCain crinkle-cut fries.



Three of those bags were already open. One was brand new.

Twenty-five minutes later, supper was served. Robert sat down and asked for the tartar sauce. I was certain we had some in the fridge. We did not.

What we did have was three bottles of Caesar salad dressing, two bottles of soya sauce, three different kinds of mustard, and enough jars of assorted pickles to supply a midnight lunch at a wedding.

It’s no wonder the fridge always looks full.

Robert ate his fish with ketchup. He didn’t say a word about it, which is how I knew it had been noted.

I still haven’t opened the pantry. I’m not emotionally prepared to find out how many cans of cream corn are hiding in there.

Maybe that’s the thing about ADHD. We don’t always lose things. Sometimes we just buy them again because our brains have quietly filed the originals under ‘Out of Sight, Out of Mind.’

As for holidays, I’ve decided they’re overrated. Give me a deadline, some newspapers to put together and a little pressure, and somehow I’m far more organized than I ever am with unlimited free time.

Now, if you’ll excuse me, I have one more thing to Google.

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Today, Major League Baseball has a ballpark full of advanced stats, some that are easy to understand and some that need a 20-minute tutorial describing how they identify a great ballplayer.

Today, we're going back in time. No mention of advanced stats, analytics be damned. We're going to pretend it's 1957 and the basic baseball statistics are the only ones that matter. Today, there are three MLB players who are having outstanding seasons and only one of



Sports
By Bruce Penton

them is likely to wind up playing in the World Series.

Yordan Alvarez of the Houston Astros has a legitimate shot at winning baseball's Triple Crown — leading the American League in batting average, homers and RBI. At the end of July, the Astros' designated hitter led the A.L. in average, 20 points ahead of his nearest rival; had a four-homer lead on Ben Rice of the Yankees; and was nine ahead of Rice in the RBI category. Detroit's Miguel Cabrera was the most recent Triple Crown winner, accomplishing the rare feat in 2012. Prior to that, Carl Yastrzemski of the Red Sox, in 1967, was the last player to lead his league in all three categories. Notice those former winners

were all from the American League. The last N.L. player to win the Triple Crown was Joe Medwick of St. Louis in 1937.

Jacob Misorowski of the Milwaukee Brewers is on a trail that's leading to the Hall of Fame. In only his second year with the Brewers, the flame-throwing 24-year-old is must-see baseball every time he takes the mound. Misorowski regularly throws pitches faster than 100 MPH and recently threw the year's winner — a 105.5 mph heater against the Cubs in June. But the sophomore flash is not just about blazing fastballs. He will be the strong favourite to win the Cy Young award in the National League based on his strikeouts (1.55 per inning), his ERA (a league-leading 1.58 at the end of July, the only starter under 2.00) and the .149 batting average opposing hitters are managing against him. Oh, yes, Misorowski's Brewers are leading the NL Central, too, and are on track to meet the Dodgers in the NL championship series.

Speaking of the Dodgers, no survey of outstanding individual baseball accomplishments can be put together without mentioning Shohei Ohtani, the two-way Japanese star who could go down in history as the game's best player ever. The Dodgers have reduced his mound appearances, but through the all-star break, Ohtani was 8-2 with a 1.79 earned-run average, numbers which would make most pitchers drool. As the Dodgers' regular designated hitter, Ohtani had 23 homers through July and recently passed the 300 career HR total, in only his ninth season. Fifteen-year veteran CC Sabathia didn't beat around the bush on a radio talk show recently, saying Ohtani is "already the greatest player of all time."

- David Beri, on Bluesky: "I have a theory for why LeBron keeps playing basketball. I think he likes playing basketball! That's the entire theory."
- Eamon Lynch of Golfweek.com, on

legal problems the LIV golf tour is facing: "Another lawsuit has been filed by a group alleging its original concept for LIV was stolen (apparently there's a competition to claim ownership of a fiasco)."

- Ron Green, Jr., of Global Golf Post, describing the speed at which Open Championship winner Ryan Fox plays the game: "He goes about his business with the speed of a man trying to put out a grease fire."
- Green again, on fellow PGA speedsters Ludvig Aberg and Matt Fitzpatrick: "Left to their own devices, they could play nine holes before a cup of coffee gets cold."
- Another one from Greg Cote, on LeBron James spurning Miami and signing with Philadelphia: "Miami and the NBA were waiting for LeBron like Vladimir and Estragon waiting for Godot."
- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on FIFA's since-rejected plan to sell off part of the World Cup's commercial interests to private investors: "Infantino is trying to turn the World Cup into LIV golf."
- Headline at fark.com: "World Cup sell-off shelved thanks to UEFA threatened pull-out; childish Gianni forced to find another way to grift."
- Another sportscurmudgeon.com post, after broadcaster Tony Romo was arrested in Wisconsin for drinking and driving: "Dean Martin had an interesting piece of advice that Tony Romo should consider: 'If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt.'"
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LANCER'S FIRST COMBINE, 1928. Harvest time will be here before we know it. This photograph from the community of Lancer was found at the Provincial Archives. It was noted this was the first combine to appear in the Lancer district in 1928. The photo was donated by Ernest Spence, who donated numerous photographs of the Spence family's life in the Lancer district almost 100 years ago.

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE EARLY 1900S. It's road construction season on the prairies, with signs posted and traffic slowing down as the work continues. However today's road construction can't compare to road construction that took place in the early 1900s. It was a very slow, tedious and labour intensive endeavour.

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Businesses urged to stay alert as RCMP investigate trucking sector fraud

Businesses in Kindersley's trucking and transportation sector are being urged to remain vigilant as the Saskatchewan RCMP investigates a large-scale fraud scheme targeting companies that supply the heavy-duty trucking industry.

The Saskatchewan RCMP's Central District General Investigation Section (GIS) says Kindersley is among 10 Saskatchewan communities where businesses have been affected.

The investigation, which began in March 2026, involves fraudsters who contact businesses by phone to purchase truck tires, engine oil, trailer parts and other heavy-duty transportation supplies using fraudulent credit card information.

According to RCMP, the transactions initially appear to be approved, prompting businesses to ship the products by courier. However, once the goods have been sent, the credit card payment is declined, leaving businesses without payment.

Investigators say 12 Saskatchewan businesses have been impacted, including businesses in Kindersley, Battleford, Biggar, Hudson Bay, Weyburn, Assiniboia, White Butte, Moosomin, Cudworth and Onion Lake.

With Kindersley serving as a major transportation and agricultural service hub, RCMP say local suppliers, tire shops, fuel distributors and other businesses connected to the trucking industry should be especially cautious when processing large phone orders.

While no charges have been laid, investigators believe additional businesses may have been targeted. Companies that have received suspicious orders—even if they did not suffer a financial loss—are encouraged to report the incident to police.



The investigation has also uncovered similar incidents across Western Canada, with Saskatchewan RCMP working alongside other police agencies as the investigation continues.

Tips for local businesses

- RCMP recommend businesses take the following precautions when accepting orders over the phone:
- Be cautious if an initial payment card is declined, especially if the customer immediately offers another card.
 - Never rely solely on caller ID. Verify the identity of the purchaser before processing payment.
 - Be wary of customers who pressure staff to complete orders quickly or make unusual requests.
 - If a transaction seems suspicious, do not ship products until payment has been fully verified.
 - Report suspected fraud to police as soon as possible.

Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this type of fraud should contact their local RCMP detachment by calling 310-RCMP (within Saskatchewan) or their local police service. Anonymous tips can also be submitted through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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Town of Luseland council hears update on arena renovation

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

LUSELAND — The Town of Luseland council heard about possible upgrades at the local arena during their regular meeting July 23.

In a phone call with Your West Central Voice newspaper July 27, Mayor Kathy Wurz noted that councillors heard a presentation from the arena renovation committee that sounds very promising. The committee has raised about \$500,000 of their own money and is now applying for grants for the renovation project. Wurz stated the arena’s kitchen needs work and renovations could also include improved washrooms and new player change rooms.

The committee has spoken to a contractor about the project and they’re hopeful that some of the work could start in 2027.

Wurz also reported that Pioneer Haven seniors home kitchen upgrades have progressed nicely and are less than a week away from completion.

Wurz stated it sounds like everything went very well with the updating of kitchen equipment, which was very much needed. She also noted some provisions were made to service to accommodate the renovations.

The mayor updated councillors on the new outdoor Main Street venue, which is being assembled right now. She said the stage is being put together and it’s on track to be ready for the Harvest festival this fall.

Councillors also got updates from the building committee that included a fire hall report. Wurz observed R.M. partners have been very generous for the fire hall project. The town also recently met with the fire department to discuss drainage plans for the building.

The mayor stated a walk-around tour and barbecue will be held for the fire hall but no date is available.

Under the landfill report it was noted an investigation will be done about a better ramp. Councillors also heard about cemetery maintenance concerns as the heavy rain this year has caused

grass growth that staff are coping with. Wurz noted town staff have certain problems too with working near grave markers, as the markers are private property and staff are prohibited from touching them.

Councillors were updated on the community hall’s water issues due to the wet spring.

The regular police report was submitted to council and within it was a report on a July 1 incident where a vehicle struck one of the town’s water/wastewater stations, causing considerable damage. Wurz noted the incident is under investigation.

Councillors passed their new business license bylaw which Wurz stated needed to be updated and modernized. The new bylaw has more detail and includes new types of businesses that didn’t exist in the past.

The mayor noted an update on an order to remedy appeal under Luseland’s unsightly premises regulations. The mayor stated the appeal ruling was in the town’s favour and therefore the unsightly premises situation will

have to be remedied.

Mayor Wurz noted Luseland signed a lease agreement with a new business coming into the town-owned mini-mall, a new gymnasium. Wurz stated the owner is a Chamber of Commerce member and is very enthusiastic.

Discussion was held regarding long-term infrastructure planning for Luseland, including water/wastewater and roads. It was noted the town may look for an engineer’s quote in 2027 to aid in planning for these projects.

Wurz confirmed engineers completed drone analysis of Hwy. #31 which is intended to analyze the road’s condition. The results of the analysis aren’t yet available.

Mayor Wurz stated the town continues to look for an arena helper to assist the contracted manager; Wurz stated it’s been difficult to find a steady employee.

Luseland was happy to receive offers for some lots the town acquired through tax enforcement; Wurz stated the offers were accepted and the lots are no longer the town’s responsibility.

Tree Check Month asks Canadians to spend two minutes on their trees

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

Federal authorities want residents to look closely at trees around them, looking for signs of disease or pests.

August is Tree Check Month, the annual campaign that “reminds Canadians of the vital role they play in protecting local plants and trees and the importance of healthy trees to our environment, wellbeing and economy,” a Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) statement said.

“Whether you’re in your backyard, local park, cottage or workplace green space, a quick inspection can help protect Canada’s trees and forests,” the statement explained.

Harmful invasive species can travel undetected on vehicles, pets, firewood and outdoor gear but they can become difficult and expensive to remove if they get established. The emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle and hemlock woolly adelgid have caused “significant damage to forests and urban trees across the country.”

The CFIA website has a video on how to do a two-minute tree check and other information on what to look for, how to report suspected pests and what people can do to stop their spread.

People also mustn’t move firewood and should report anything suspicious to the agency through the website’s Contact Us page.

“Healthy plants contribute to clean air, water and soil,” the statement added. “They support wildlife habitats and provide essential resources for the agriculture and forestry industries on which communities across Canada rely.”

CEREAL MUD BOG



Cereal’s fifth annual Mud Bog drew 20 trucks from across Alberta and Saskatchewan and more than 250 fans on Saturday, July 25.

From left: Andy Wilgus (4th super stock, 2nd stock, 3rd super stock) and his son, John Evans (1st pro stock), Cameron Kolkman (CAA member), Tyler Westlin (1st x class), Todd McInnis (3rd modified, 3rd open), Tim Kolkman (CAA president), Ryan Hobeelssberg (3 super stock), Carson Hobeelssberg (1st stock), Corey Smith (4th stock), Austin Dillman (2nd ag, 2nd open), Trent Wickstrom (2nd super stock, 3rd pro stock).

Front row: Eddie Plante (2nd x class, 1st open, 1st ag), Laden Nagel (3rd ag), Dezaray Swanton (4th ag, 4th pro stock), Rick Thibert (3rd stock), Corey Smith’s daughter holding his plate, Mya Fletcher (2nd pro stock, 1st super stock, 2nd modified). PHOTO BY TRACY HUDSON, REMEMBER WHEN PHOTOGRAPHY

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R.M. of Mariposa council hears road condition update

BY STU SALKELD

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Your West Central Voice

KERROBERT — Heavy rains this spring didn't do the R.M. of Mariposa's gravel roads any favours, heard council at their regular meeting July 24.

In a phone call with Your West Central Voice newspaper July 27, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kathy Wurz stated that during the regular staff reports councillors heard an update from the Public Works department. It was noted that Mariposa's gravel roads are now in good condition, but were in worse shape earlier in the summer and spring due to heavy rains.

Staff also reported that heavy rains caused Mariposa's gravel hauling to be about a month behind schedule, while the spraying program had to be tweaked a bit. Wurz reported that staff are simply cutting the weeds which flourished due to heavy rains. Staff are then applying herbicide after the cut.

Reeve Jeremy Walter reported on renovations underway at Pioneers Haven, noting the work is almost finished. It was noted the seniors' facility is currently looking for a groundskeeper.

Wurz updated councillors on the condition of South Boundary Road, which she stated has suffered from some overweight loads. Wurz stated that Mariposa has some active oil and gas contractors who appear to have used the road as a shortcut, even though such traffic is

forbidden because the road's under a weight restriction. The CAO reported that oil and gas companies were sent a request to keep their contractors off that road to prevent damage.

It was also noted that other projects such as dirt road widening and tree removal have also been affected by heavy rains.

Councillors heard a landfill update that involves the Town of Kerrobert. The R.M. of Mariposa will give required notice that it is leaving an agreement with the town for landfill services. Wurz noted only a few R.M. residents use that landfill and councillors felt Mariposa wasn't getting value for the agreement.

The Public Works shop opening has been rescheduled due to the heavy rains. Although a special day was set aside for the event, Wurz noted staff are quite busy catching up with rain-delayed work so the event will be held another day.

The CAO reminded councillors this is an election year for even-numbered divisions, and she was in turn named as returning officer.

Councillors approved a request from Cardinal Energy to locate a pipeline in the municipality's community pasture.

Wurz stated councillors had a discussion about Mariposa's ongoing search for gravel sources and developing a standard contract for such agreements.

Mariposa's next regular council meeting is scheduled for Aug. 12.

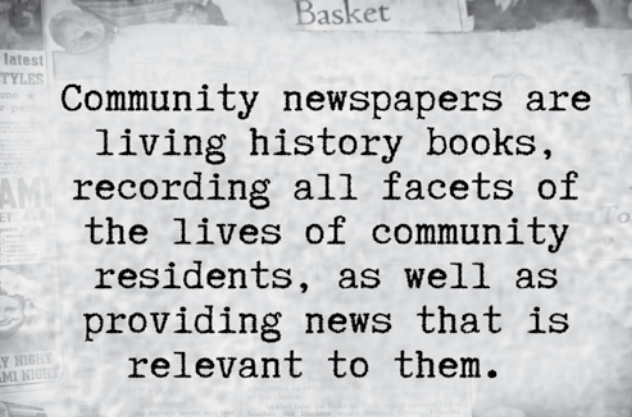
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R.M. of Mariposa still waiting for strychnine

BY STU SALKELD

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KERROBERT — The R.M. of Mariposa was one of the unlucky Saskatchewan rural municipalities that hasn't yet received a portion of 2 per cent liquid strychnine.

In a phone interview with Your West Central Voice newspaper July 27, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kathy Wurz stated that the R.M. of Mariposa didn't receive its allocation of 2 per cent liquid strychnine, a pesticide that producers know is effective at controlling gophers.

Wurz stated that the supplier contacted Mariposa with an update and reported that the manufacturer ran out of active ingredient and that they might be able to send some strychnine to Mariposa later in the summer.

While the Government of Canada began phasing out strychnine as a gopher control tool in 2020, rural municipalities and producers, particularly in Saskatchewan and Alberta, have subsequently been reporting large gopher populations, and although alternatives to strychnine exist, producers and agriculture specialists feel the booming population suggests they aren't effective. Some reasoning used as a justification for the strychnine ban is that the poison can be accidentally ingested by non-target animals, including predators and scavengers.

Said to be the result of intense provincial government, industry and producer lobbying, earlier this year the Government of Canada approved an emer-

gency 2 per cent liquid strychnine program for Saskatchewan and Alberta that's proposed to run until 2027, with virtually all of the program operations falling on municipal staff.

The program includes strict training, registration and follow-up regulations.

The CAO stated Mariposa currently has 13 producers fully trained to apply strychnine on their property, a course available over the internet. Wurz noted the reporting rules are very strict and detailed.

Wurz stated that when a fully trained producer comes into the R.M. office for this program, the municipality has to record every quarter section strychnine will be applied to so an investigation can be carried out to ensure species at risk aren't on that land.

Apparently, the species at risk rule could limit or cancel strychnine use on a parcel of land.

As well, producers must complete a detailed treatment plan that outlines where the strychnine is being used.

Wurz observed that signage is also required that lets people know strychnine has been applied to a parcel of land. She noted that results must also be reported, including details like how many gopher corpses were found.

Another rule is that unused strychnine must be returned to the municipality under this program.

The CAO noted this program has been a lot of work for the municipality, as R.M. staff must keep track of every requirement. It appears warnings, penalties and fines are the consequences of not following the program rules.



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Saskatchewan's Energy News

Enbridge puts Line 26 project on indefinite hold, with major implications for Saskatchewan

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK
PipelineOnline.ca

CALGARY — Over the past several months there has been a near-constant stream of export pipeline announcements, a half-million barrels here, a million there, all leading to the inevitable question. Will there be enough oil production to fill these new pipelines?

That question was answered, for now, when Enbridge released its first half financials on July 31. The 500,000 barrel per day Phase 2 of its Mainline Optimization Project, which heavily involved southeast Saskatchewan, has been put on indefinite hold.

That is according to Enbridge spokesperson Gina Sutherland, speaking to Pipeline Online that day.

In an emailed statement, Enbridge said the Line 26 Optimization project is on hold as part of a broader resequencing of Mainline Optimization Phase 2 opportunities, with priority shifting to expansions on its downstream pipelines running from Chicago south to the U.S. Gulf Coast. In the near term the company is focused on advancing expansions of Flanagan South and Southern Extension. Enbridge added that the policy environment needs to change to give producers the confidence to invest in growth, and while it is optimistic about some of the changes proposed so far, implementation will take time. The company said it remains confident in the long-term need for incremental Mainline capacity.

One of many projects

The half-million barrel per day project was facing competition from several others now in the works, each of them a rehash of a previous project.

The 550,000 bpd Bridger Pipeline Expansion would take parts of Keystone XL already built and in the ground in Alberta, complete it through Saskatchewan, then turn south to a new destination at Guernsey, Wyoming, instead of the KXL terminus of Steele City, Nebraska. President Donald Trump granted a presidential permit for that project on April 30, for a 36-inch pipeline.

Then there is the West Coast Pipeline, another expansion of the Trans Mountain system, adding a third pipeline that would largely follow the route of the recent Trans Mountain Expansion. Announced in early July, it is slated for a million barrels per day.

A few days later came a heavily modified redux of Energy East. The Northern Shield Energy Corridor would parallel the Enbridge Mainline from Hardisty to Regina, then the TC Energy Mainline from Regina to eastern Ontario, before hooking around the Great Lakes to Sarnia. The half-million barrel per day proposal would free Ontario from its dependence on Enbridge's Line 5, which has been under considerable pressure from the State of Michigan over its crossing of the Straits of Mackinac.

Those three projects add just over two million barrels per day of takeaway capacity, almost all of it for increased Alberta production. Northwest Saskatchewan could feed either Bridger or Northern Shield, as much of that region's oil finds its way to the Hardisty terminal.

The fourth project, Enbridge's Phase 2, would have added another half million barrels per day and dramat-



On Sept. 12, 2012, Enbridge was building its Bakken Expansion Project, now Line 26. That project would have figured heavily into its second phase of its Mainline Optimization Project, now on indefinite hold. This photo was east of Redvers. Photo by Brian Zinchuk

ically changed the flow of oil in southeast Saskatchewan, as well as adding potential takeaway barrels for all Saskatchewan production. It quietly received its presidential permit on April 15, covering a 24-inch line crossing the border near Portal, North Dakota.

What Line 26 is now

Line 26 was built in 2012 as the Bakken Expansion Project, designed to move North Dakota oil, then mostly shipped by rail, north into Saskatchewan and on to Manitoba, where it joined the Mainline heading to Superior, Wisconsin. It is a 12-to-16-inch crude oil pipeline running 261 kilometres from Berthold, N.D., to Cromer, Man., with an average annual capacity of 145,000 barrels per day of light crude.

The optimization project would have reversed that flow, sending product north to south, and connected Line 26 to an Energy Transfer facility with access to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Enbridge would have kept operating the existing 16-inch line from Cromer to the Steelman pump station in Saskatchewan, then built a new 24-inch segment from Steelman across the border to the Ramberg Terminal in North Dakota. That segment would have run about 128 kilometres, roughly 32 in Saskatchewan and 96 in North Dakota. The existing 12-inch line south of Steelman would have been decommissioned or abandoned. The work also called for a new pump station at Cromer, a new midpoint station near Alida, Sask., and equipment modifications at Steelman.

Enbridge had planned to decide by mid-2026 whether to proceed, file regulatory applications in the second half of the year, begin construction in 2027 and 2028, and put the line in service by late 2028. The project page was removed from Enbridge's website on July 31.

Pipeline Online has been working on a major story detailing the implications of the project, and those developments will now require major revisions.

Enough work has been done that the project could be revived at a later date. If it is, it would be the largest change in the marketing of Saskatchewan oil production since the province started producing in quantity.

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Town of Kindersley to take possession of commercial lot

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

KINDERSLEY — The Town of Kindersley council approved the municipality taking ownership of a large commercial lot to address an unpaid property tax bill. The resolution to proceed was passed at the July 27 regular meeting of council.

Councillors heard a presentation from Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Marty Baroni who noted a key notice period had passed in the tax enforcement matter of Lot 3, Block 2, Plan G776 Extension 0. “It’s a very large commercial property,” said Baroni during discussion, adding that this file is at one of the final stages of the tax enforcement process.

Readers should note that municipalities may utilize a process under the Tax Enforcement Act to take ownership of properties linked to an unpaid property tax bill. The provincial law notes that the process involves allowing a certain amount of time to pass along with public advertisements and notices and if the debt is still not cleared up, the municipality may move to take ownership of the property in question and attempt to

sell it to recover unpaid property tax revenue.

“On June 19, 2026, the 30-day final notice pursuant to The Tax Enforcement Act was deemed served for the following properties: Lot 3, Block 2, Plan G776 Extension 0,” stated the staff report.

“The 30-day period from the date the notice(s) was deemed served has expired. Council at this time may authorize administration to proceed with title acquisition. Once authorized by council, the town will request the registrar to issue the property title to the town.”

The land description listed at the council meeting corresponds to 108A 12th Avenue East, the now-closed H&G Motel, on a service road immediately adjacent Hwy. #7. The parcel in question is about 35,719 square feet (0.82 acres) in size and is zoned C-3 highway commercial.

Baroni’s report to council confirmed the purpose of taking ownership of the lot would be to sell that lot to recover the debt.

It should also be noted that the current property owner has until the title is officially placed in the town’s name to pay off the unpaid tax debt and if this is done tax enforcement on that property is halted.

Councillors unanimously passed a resolution to authorize administration to move forward with the mu-



The Town of Kindersley will move to take ownership of 108A 12th Avenue East, the now-closed H&G Motel, located near Hwy. #7. The parcel in question is about 35,719 square feet (0.82 acres) in size and is zoned C-3 highway commercial. PHOTO BY EVAN PELLETIER

nicipality taking ownership of the parcel in question. It should be further noted the now-closed H&G Motel had been designated temporarily closed / unfit for occupation as of April 23, 2026.

Kindersley council approves two tax enforcement actions

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

KINDERSLEY — The Town of Kindersley council approved two actions linked to unpaid property taxes. The decisions were made at the July 27 regular meeting of council.

The items were presented by Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Marty Baroni. The first item had a bit of urgency to it, noted the CAO.

Baroni’s report stated councillors were being asked to authorize the CAO to advertise six properties under the Tax Enforcement Act legislation due to unpaid property tax debts. The staff report listed the properties as Lot 3 Block 2 Plan G776 Ext 0, Lot 3 Block 5 Plan G9 Ext 0, Lot 4 and 5 Block 5 Plan G9 Ext 0, Lot 12 Block 2 Plan G9 Ext 0, Lot 21 Block 43 Plan 79S42101 Ext 0 and Lot 5 Block 3 Plan G9 Ext 0.

During his verbal presentation Baroni noted he was asking for authorization to advertise the lots so he could schedule the ads to run about mid-August, which would run for about a month.

Afterwards, he said councillors should expect to see tenders for those lots at a meeting in September.

Readers should note typically a municipality takes possession of a parcel for an unpaid property tax debt, offers the parcel for sale for at least market value and if the lot sells, covers the unpaid tax debt out of the proceeds. Any revenue left over from the sale over and above the tax debt is paid to the parcel’s original owner.

Councillors unanimously approved advertising the six lots as advised.

The second item related to tax enforcement in-

involved liens that were placed on 16 parcels with unpaid property tax debts. Baroni stated during his verbal presentation that according to the Tax Enforcement Act after a lien is placed by the Town of Kindersley a six-month period must pass before the municipality can do anything over the properties.

Baroni reported none of the debts had been paid and the town could now proceed under the tax enforcement legislation if town council approved.

Councillors unanimously approved proceeding with the tax enforcement process for the 16 properties presented in the meeting.

Next up on the agenda was a proposed road maintenance agreement between the Town of Kindersley and R.M. of Kindersley, presented by Director of Infrastructure and Development Chad Levitt.

Levitt explained this agreement applied to the grid road along the west side of SW16-29-23 W3M and involved the R.M. performing maintenance while the town would pay \$2,000 per year for this service.

Levitt stated that R.M. graders leave town in that area and it’s much easier for them to do the work as they’re leaving town rather than the town’s graders to travel over there.

Councillors had no concerns about the proposed agreement and unanimously approved it.

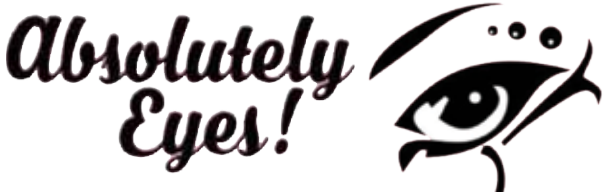
The CAO presented councillors with the monthly financial report. Baroni observed as of July 27 about 50 per cent of the year had passed. He pointed out some details of the report need to be explained, such as airport fees that are pre-billed and the fact the RCMP doesn’t bill the Town of Kindersley until July or August. Councillors unanimously accepted the July financial report.



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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY			Title	Total		Total
Lot	Blk/Par	Plan	Number	Arrears*	Costs	Arrears & Costs
4	1	G115CNV Ext 0	153078565	\$1,629.91	\$478.00	\$2,107.91
5	1	G115CNV Ext 0	153078576			
12	4	G115CNV Ext 0	153104767	\$1,419.98	\$478.00	\$1,897.98
13	4	G115CNV Ext 0	153104790			
3	7	G214 Ext 0	149470814	\$1,700.40	\$478.00	\$2,178.40
4	7	G214 Ext 0	149470836			
5	7	G214 Ext 0	144159969	\$3,489.02	\$478.00	\$3,967.02
6	7	G214 Ext 0	144160017			
7	7	G214 Ext 0	142225039			
8	7	G214 Ext 0	142368273			
18	7	G214 Ext 0	153205635	\$1,714.52	\$478.00	\$2,192.52
19	7	G214 Ext 0	153205657			
20	7	G214 Ext 0	153205679			

* Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2026.

Charlotte Helfrich, Administrator

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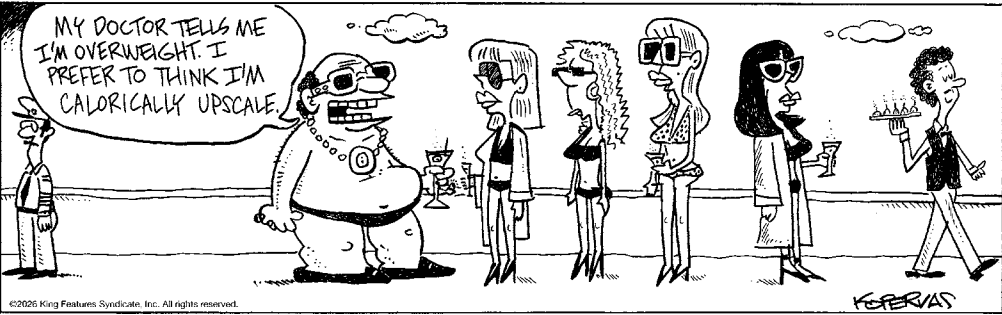
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Line in sidewalk is moved. 2. Window sill is missing. 3. Rear car window is smaller. 4. House window is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Briefcase is larger.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 URL ending

4 "Now I get it!"

7 Shimmering fabrics

12 Texter's "I think"

13 Young bloke

14 Mover's rental

15 H.S. proficiency test

16 Held in trust

18 Census stat

19 Wonderland visitor

20 Hindu deity

22 Moray, for one

23 Ski lift type

27 TV screen choice

29 Beekeeper's place

31 Blood line?

34 Sweetie

35 Monastery

37 Play part

38 Romanov ruler

39 College URL ender

41 Appear

45 Chopin piece

47 Roman

48 Branch of government

52 Puzzle

53 " — Called Wanda"

54 Actress Ruby

55 Before

56 Give up amateur status

57 Pink Floyd's Barrett

58 Rds.

7 "Time" co-founder

8 Sushi fish

9 Goat's plaint

10 Where Lux. is

11 Devious

17 Bruins' sch.

21 Wedding setting

23 Leans

24 Sheepish "Hello!"

25 Branch

26 Bagel variety

28 One for the road?

30 Cpl.'s subordinate

31 Sternward

32 Hosp. areas

33 Estuary

36 Bigfoot's kin

37 Hollywood's Hepburn

40 Couples

42 Santa's crew

43 Tennis great

44 Blends

45 Repeat

46 Sized up

48 Binge

49 "Avatar" craft

50 Chips go-with

51 Leb. neighbor

DOWN

1 Humidor item

2 Alpha's opposite

3 Cable company device

4 — Romeo

5 Saluted

6 "Paper Moon"

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Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

Trivia Test Answerst

1. Five: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil 2. 300. 3. Ernie, the giant chicken. 4. Alfred Pennyworth. 5. Amise. 6. Bess and George. 7. Calvin Klein. 8. An imaginary line at 0-degree longitude. 9. New Mexico. 10. Titan.

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Leader AA Meeting
8:00 PM, Leader United Church, 1st St. W.

Tuesday: Eston AA Meeting
8 PM, St. Andrew's United Church, 1st St. W.

Wednesday: Kindersley AA Meeting
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The Aug. 18 presentation will help older adults learn what is available in our health care and financial systems.



Amber Schwengler, assessor coordinator for the Proactive Pathways for Older Adults program, will offer a presentation at the Kindersley Senior Centre on Aug. 18. She will provide information about financial and housing benefits available to older adults.

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Town of Kerrobert FOR SALE BY TENDER

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

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613 Manitoba Ave	16-18	32	G162	75 x 120	dilapidated House	R1	Yes	8,371.14
222 Atlantic Ave	19-20	4	G64	50 x 120	Yes	R2	Yes	21,004.91

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

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Town of Kerrobert – TENDER
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Tara Neumeier, CAO
Chief Administrative Officer



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Dated this 6th day of August, 2026.

Charlotte Helfrich,
Administrator, Village of Flaxcombe

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.

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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.**



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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 13th day of October, 2026, an interest based on 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 Part of Sec.	Sec.	Twp.	Range	Meridian	Title Number	Total Arrears	Costs Advertising	Total Arrears & Costs
SE	12	32	21	W3	148861581	\$1,203.01	\$72.50	\$1,275.51
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Dated this 11th day of August, 2026.

Regan MacDonald,
Treasurer

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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 **October 9, 2026**, an interest based on 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	Title No.	Total Arrears *	Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
LOT 1 - BLK/PAR 4 - PLAN G658 EXT 0	142940976	\$2,862.61	\$473.00	\$3,335.61
LOT 12 - BLK/PAR 2 - PLAN G291 EXT 0	139441226	\$1,928.51	\$473.00	\$2,401.51
LOT 13 - BLK/PAR 2 - PLAN G291 EXT 0	139441260			
LOT 16 - BLK/PAR 5 - PLAN 76S03243 EXT 0	151409572	\$1,677.34	\$473.00	\$2,150.34
LOT 17 - BLK/PAR 5 - PLAN 76S03243 EXT 0	151409561			
LOT 2 - BLK/PAR 7 - PLAN 94S04444 EXT 0	158370183	\$5,691.42	\$473.00	\$6,164.42
LOT 3 - BLK/PAR 7 - PLAN 94S04444 EXT 0	158370194			
LOT 4 - BLK/PAR 7 - PLAN 94S04444 EXT 0	158370217			
LOT 3 - BLK/PAR 5 - PLAN 102222964 EXT 0	148402201	\$1,924.16	\$ 38.00	\$1,962.16
LOT 4 - BLK/PAR 5 - PLAN 102222964 EXT 0	148402278			

*Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2026.

Charlotte Helfrich, Administrator

SUNNY SIDE UP

A little child will lead you

I happened on a child's secret summer place one day.

At the end of the lane where I walked, a small grove of small trees grew almost in a circle. Their limbs met overhead, forming a leafy umbrella. The lower branches had an opening just high enough for a child to enter. Thick foliage hid the little refuge from passersby.

I ducked low and tiptoed into another world. A cathedral of sorts.

The sun filtered softly through the living green, and all was quiet. Not dead quiet—country quiet. Breeze-rippled leaves muffled the sounds of the nearby street. Sparrows twittered.

I felt, oddly, the presence of the absent child. The one who'd arranged the broken twigs so carefully into teepee formations. The creative sprite who'd left the blue bucket, half full of sandy soil, lying beside the miniature dirt paths; who'd strung kitchen string from tree to tree, clearly marking no entry except at bushy door where I'd slipped in.

Careful to disturb nothing, I backed out, remembering well the sacredness of such spots. Though the Port Moody house I grew up in is long gone, the secret places of my own childhood remain eerily unchanged.

The firs and cedars still stand sentinel along the shores of Burrard Inlet. Their snarled roots grope for footholds on the small incline that leads to the wa-



SUNNY SIDE UP
By Kathleen Gibson

ter's edge. Some of those giants grow in clumps and circles too, like the smaller trees I saw today, and their branches swing low, heavy with cones. It was like that decades ago too.

My secret places were cool, even on summer's hottest days. And dark. The sun had dappling privileges only. Stories up, it poked curious rays through the evergreen lace. Rays that fell limpid and pale on my face.

The floors were springy layers of fragrant needles and crumbling red slivers of rotting fir stumps. My sister and I played by the hour, serenaded by the mews of gulls. We became important people there; exiled remnants of royalty, princesses hiding from pirates, queens and empresses escaping from throne duty for an hour. A day. A lifetime.

We licked our lips and tasted salt inlet air. We gorged ourselves on fat red huckleberries growing in sprays from old stumps and blackberries well-concealed under tangled masses of thorny vines. We squealed with proper royal indignation at spiderwebs and pretended the lichens draping the branches were pirates' beards, (who we must have commissioned our knights to kill, though I don't recall that part).

I happened on a child's secret summer place that day. It reminded me not to forsake imagining. Suddenly all my wishful thoughts, my impossible prayers, my secret dreams separated themselves from the desperate need to do, do, do, and floated, glimmering, to the surface. And once again, they seemed possible.

Thank you, child at lane's end. Jesus said I must be like you.

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Saskatchewan exports

up 11.6 per cent in first half of 2026

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Foreign sales by companies based in Saskatchewan grew by 11.6 per cent, to \$24.4 billion, during the first six months of this year.

Warren Kaeding, the province's trade and export development minister, attributed the rise over the same period in 2025 to "the hard work of Saskatchewan producers, manufacturers and exporters." Statistics Canada reported the increase on Friday, a department statement said.

The province's real gross domestic product (GDP) reached a new high of \$85.4 billion in 2025, up 2.2 per cent from the previous year compared to the average of 1.7 per cent, according to Statistics Canada, the statement said.

Private investment here increased by 12 per cent to \$13.6 billion last year, the highest percentage increase in the country, the statement indicated, crediting the government's investment attraction strategy, Securing the Next Decade of Growth.



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Where did joy go?

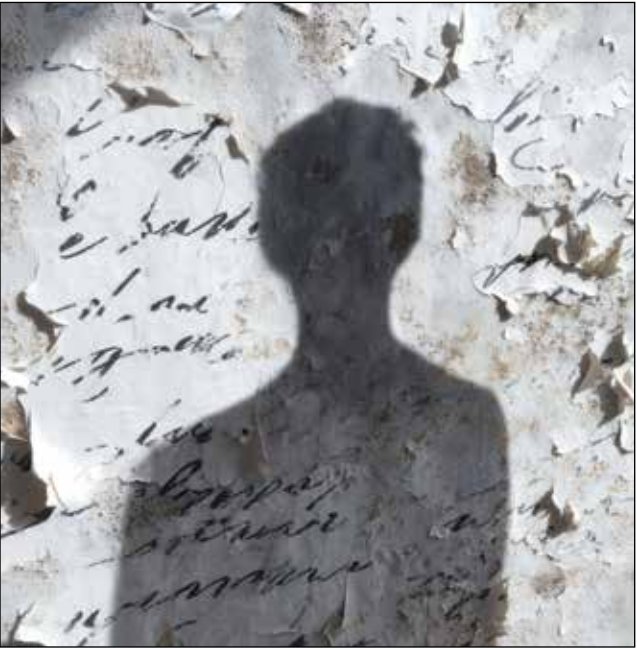
Life can be a tricky space sometimes. A loss knocks us off balance and can put us in a place where safety and trust don't come easily. On top of that, the world seems to be changing fast and spinning without any regard to our pain. It may seem like people are getting more and more disconnected from each other and from what is most meaningful in life. Please know, I felt this way too. You are not alone. Many of us in grief feel this way.

You might be asking yourself, where did the joy go? Will I ever have joy again? What even is joy for me now? We look back at all the times we felt joyful and we realize they all included our person. Now they are gone. It seems hopeless. On top of that, the world seems to be so cruel and mean. People are hurting each other and it is hard to see anything good. What we hear and see on social media and television confirms our thoughts. Yet the thing is, joy is still there. We just can't see it. Our antenna is pointed in the wrong direction.

Joy does not need the outer world to behave. Believe it or not your greatest joy can actually come from the deepest of sorrows. How? When we are in sorrow for some time we start to get curious about where joy is. We begin to search. Eventually, we will discover that joy is an energy. It is an energy all around us which we can find if we choose to focus upon it. We have to choose joy. Sometimes we don't want to and that is okay. Allow sorrow to be your friend instead. But when you are ready, this is how you choose joy. Give freely of your heart. Find little ways to be kind and compassionate to yourself and others. When you start to do that purposely, with your whole heart, you will see the universe will begin to reflect more kindness back at you. Give it time and have patience. You will



By Angela Clement



start to see joy in little things. You will find it in nature. You will hear it in a song. You will feel it in your heart again. Once that starts to happen you might be wondering what is next? Why am I here and what am I supposed to be doing now that my loved one is gone?

Sometimes the task at hand calls for you to become a blank page. See if you can just live as simply as possible every day doing things that bring you peace. Allow the days to unfold as you do little things to bring yourself comfort. Open your mind. Try not to change or influence what you see around you or how you feel. Just be. It is a perfect time for intimate exchanges and profound connections with your higher power. Sprinkle kindness around you where you can and stay open to possibilities. Allow spirit to help you write your story. Watch for synchronicities and signs that you are on the right path. They will come.

The vision you see will likely surprise you. You will wonder how it all happened and you will tell the story of how the perfect answer suddenly came to you. You will rejoice in the joy that you feel. You will be in awe of the power you have within you. You will know that no matter what happens, you will be okay. You and spirit are meant to be co-creating this life together and it is a beautiful thing. You just need to ask and be open to the answer coming in unexpected ways. Sending lots of love, Angela. www.healingenergy.world



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Psalms 10: 2-4

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OBITUARIES

Antonia "Toni" Clark

1928 - 2026



Antonia "Toni" Clark, 98, of Kindersley and Kerrobert passed away peacefully on July 22, 2026.

Born on the family farm in Netherhill, she was the daughter of Luigi and Orsola Costa. She attended Netherhill School while helping on the family farm.

At the age of 17, she was accepted to the St. Boniface School of Nursing in Winnipeg. After graduating from St. Boniface in 1949, she moved back to Saskatchewan to work as a nurse and then lived in British Columbia before moving back to Kindersley where she worked as an R.N. in the Kindersley Union Hospital. It was there that she met Harry Clark, whom she married in 1953. After taking a break from nursing to raise her four daughters, she returned to work in 1968, continuing to work as an R.N. until her retirement in 1991.

A dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, she took great pride in the accomplishments of her entire family. A woman of deep and abiding faith, Toni was a devoted member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Kindersley. She was an active Kinette and member of the local curling club.

After retirement, she volunteered at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum and the Wheatland Regional Library. She and Harry enjoyed traveling, whether visiting family or new travel destinations in many parts of the world.

In addition to her parents, Toni was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, with whom she celebrated 50 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2023. She was also predeceased by her brother, Peter, sister, Louise, father-in-law, Alex, mother-in-law, Leota, sisters-in-law, Emma and Verna, brother-in-law, Jim, son-in-law, Don, and grandson, Derek. She is survived by her four daughters: Colleen (George) of Calgary, Lana (Joe) of Macklin, Gloria of Saskatoon and Kerrobert, and Valarie of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Also seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the staff and home-care staff of Pioneer's Haven for their loving and dedicated care over the years, and Dr. Wentzel, Dr. Mada and staff at the Kerrobert and District Health Care Centre for their kind, compassionate care.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on July 29 at St. Joseph's Church, Kindersley.

The family of Toni Clark wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to all for their messages of sympathy, Mass cards and remembrances following her passing on July 22, 2026.

Jerry Lynn Jensen

May 4, 1955 – June 20, 2026



Jerry Lynn Jensen, 71, of Regina, Saskatchewan, passed away on June 20, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Eatonia, Saskatchewan, Jerry will be remembered for his generosity, kindness, and sense of humour. Jerry graduated from Eatonia High School in 1973 and married Cindy in 1977. Jerry spent 38 years with Saskatchewan Wheat Pool (Viterra), a career that took their family to several communities across Saskatchewan before settling in Regina. After retiring, Jerry enjoyed a part-time position with Mazda,

golfing, travelling and spending time with family and friends.

Jerry is lovingly remembered by his wife, Cindy; son Kevin (Pam) and children Ryker, Huxon and Wyatt; daughter Camille (Jordan); brother Larry (Colleen); sister Karen and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. Jerry is predeceased by his parents, Lynn and Anna Jensen, and Aunt Vi.

Although our hearts are heavy with his loss, we are grateful for the love, laughter, and memories Jerry gave us. He will be deeply missed and forever loved.

A celebration of Jerry's life was held in Regina on August 7, 2026. The family welcomes you to send your favourite photos, memories, and stories of Jerry to rememberingjerryjensen@gmail.com.

Earl John Smith

March 25, 1933 – July 13, 2026



Earl passed away peacefully in Lumsden, Sask. on July 13, 2026 at the age of 93. He was born at Lacadena, Sask. Predeceased by his parents Elizabeth and Frank Smith; his wife Marion Smith (Gunn); his daughter Tammy McIntyre; sisters Elsie (Jock) Speir, and Dorothy (Vernon) Mullis. Earl is survived by daughters Wendy (Colin) Swarbrick, Lynn (Bill) Boyd, Lois (Roy) Klym; son-in-law Greg McIntyre; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Don Gunn; numerous nieces and nephews.

Earl was well-known for his craftsmanship; he loved working with wood and created the most beautiful Intarsia masterpieces. He was also a skilled cribbage card player and had a love for music. His family was most important to him; so proud of his children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren & of all their accomplishments.

He farmed the family farm in the Lacadena area,

as well as managing the Pioneer Grain Elevator in Tyner, Sask. for 32 years. He enjoyed building their retirement dream home by Lake Diefenbaker, living there for 20 years. They spent many winters at Lake Havasu, Arizona and eventually moved to Outlook, Sask.

After Marion's passing, he moved to Caleb Village, Kindersley, Sask. where he was part of their family for 6 years. Thank you to Nancy & George for welcoming him and to Lana for providing him the extra care he needed to prolong his stay there. With his health declining, he moved to PJ's Personal Care Home in Lumsden, Sask. where he received exceptional care from Pam, her wonderful team, and Dr. Matt Butz. We thank them for their compassion and personal care for Earl the last 2 years of his life.

A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, Eston, Sask. on Saturday August 22, 2026 at 2:00 pm. Following will be a private family interment at the Eston Cemetery. Luncheon to follow. Donations in memoriam may be made in Earl's honour to Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada or to The Alzheimer's Society of Sask.

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EATONIA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- Meet & Greet 7:00 PM at the Eaton House! Come join us for wine & cheese with a book reading by Sask Author Lisa Adair. Silver collection at the door.
- Every Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM come to the Eatonia Library for puzzles, visiting and grab your books for the week!
- The Lions Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.
- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Town Council meet the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

ESTON
SATURDAY, 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.
- 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 13

- Food For Thought BBQ at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. \$5 (will be donated to KDPM) for a burger or hot dog and beverage or bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the Kindersley FoodMesh Program.

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!

SEPTEMBER 24-27

- Goose Festival Days! Stay tuned for details.

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

Non-Profit & Volunteer Events & Fundraisers

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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.
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- 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
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 24-28

- 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.
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- Cards are played several days of the week
- Third Friday of the month Birthday Lunch at noon
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It was market day at Kerrobert on Thursday, August 6th when the seniors served a delicious perogy and sausage lunch for their customers. Visitors to the Senior Hall enjoyed lunch and checking out the produce, baking, crocheted handiwork, jewelry and spices the vendors had on display. *PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN*



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Thirty-one campers, one week to go at Luseland Bible Camp

BY JOAN JANZEN

Thirty-one campers were enjoying free time at Luseland Bible Camp on Thursday afternoon, with one week of the summer season left to run.

The campers ranged in age from nine to 12 and came from near and far. A girl from Unity said she brought her cousin from Fort McMurray along for camp week.

Camp leader Bronson Hemmerlindl said one more week of camp remains this summer. Campers are divided into teams for the week. They receive biblical instruction from their leaders while working on archery, the zip line and climbing wall, swimming and games.

Gaga ball appeared to be the favourite. It is a gentler version of dodgeball played inside an enclosed pit, where the goal is to tag an opponent below the knee. One camper said she also enjoyed a soccer game played with a greased melon instead of a ball.

Luseland Bible Camp opened in 1933 and is one of 38 camps operated by One Hope Canada.