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OPEN FOR BUSINESS! The Town of Kerrobert has introduced a new Exterior Business Improvement Incentive. Prairie Sky Treasures and Print Studio brightens its stretch of sidewalk with benches, planters and hanging baskets. See page 3 for the story. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*

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Piper Pinceman models a vintage blue-and-white dress, complete with gloves and a matching hat, during Thursday evening's fashion show.

Presley Becker blows a kiss to the crowd while modelling a white skirt suit.

Arianna Pinceman smiles for the crowd while modelling a floral dress.

Arizona Becker shows off a colourful striped dress as she makes her way down the runway.

It was a full house at the Kindersley & District Plains Museum for the Threads Through Time Fashion Show.
PHOTOS BY EVAN PELLETIER

Threads Through Time Fashion Show

features 'then and now' attire

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Kindersley District Plains Museum and Discover Tourism Kindersley extended a warm welcome to guests attending the Threads Through Time Fashion Show held at the museum Thursday evening, August 20th. Drinks and treats were provided by 290Press Cafe during the evening, as the guests leisurely visited with friends.

The fashions were divided into "then" and "now" categories. The show began with local teens making their way down the runway as they modelled fashions from the 1950s to 1990s. Suede boots, puffed sleeves, ruffles, bows, plaid pants, pillbox hats and wide collars were all displayed. There were also silk gowns, velvet dresses, striped dresses, mini dresses and pant suits.

The young girls did a great job parading down the runway wearing cute little dresses and a fur coat, and a young boy wowed the crowd in a double-breasted coat from the mid-century era along with a 1930s cap.

The second segment of the show featured "now" fashions, supplied by Labelle Boutique and KrazE Threads. The finale had the group of models making a final appearance before their audience.

And after the show had concluded, energetic littles in the crowd had fun running down the runway.



BRICK AND DIGNITY. The historic Kerrobert Courthouse at 433 stands as a landmark on the town's streetscape, flanked by flower beds and fresh concrete.



GREEN AND GROWING. The Vintage Marketplace at 102 Manitoba Avenue is one of the Kerrobert storefronts showing off exterior work, with fresh paint and seasonal plantings facing Main Street.



Kerrobert announces Exterior Business Improvement Incentive

BY JOAN JANZEN

Kerrobert businesses have the opportunity to spruce up their storefront and receive a monetary incentive. The Town of Kerrobert recently announced its Exterior Business Improvement Incentive, whereby Kerrobert businesses can receive up to \$2,000 towards exterior improvements to their storefront property.

Tara Neumeier, CAO, reported nine businesses have currently been approved under the incentive. “Five have completed work, including some signage upgrades, paint, siding and windows that look great!” Tara noted. The improvements enhance the community’s overall appeal and create a more welcoming environment for residents, visitors and potential new businesses.

Tara said Council created the incentive to thank existing businesses for choosing to operate in town, which is important for the sustainability of the community of Kerrobert.

The application process is simple and straightforward. After visible exterior improvements have been

made, the business fills out an application and submits its receipts to the Town Office, along with a before-and-after picture of the business. Once approved, the business is eligible to receive up to \$2,000.

Funds are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis over a two-year period, or until funding runs out. Businesses having a storefront in Kerrobert are allowed one application and must complete improvements within six months of approval. Valid receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.

Eligible improvements include exterior painting or siding, new signage or sign refurbishing, window or door upgrades, lighting or awnings, planters, benches or other decorative additions. It is an extensive list of opportunities.

The Town of Kerrobert also offers a Tax Concession Policy for businesses that undertake substantial renovations to an existing business.

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7	21	81S15477	156799108	\$1,803.29	\$24.81	\$1,828.10
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Another Eston landmark gone

BY VERNA THOMPSON

ESTON – August 19, 2026.

6:45 a.m. Eston’s Main Street is empty save for two half-ton trucks, one white, one red. Bird song fills the air.

The morning sun shines for the last time on the Great West Café, a local landmark for more than a century since Mrs. Bill Graham established her café and butcher shop on the site in 1914.

The demolition equipment stands ready, the large excavator that just last week was used to take down the former United Grain Growers elevator and a huge semi ready to take away the last vestiges of what was a popular eating spot in the town.

7:15 a.m. The crew of Adrian’s Demolition from Southey, Sask., arrives and begins making ready.

8:30 a.m. Work begins with the first cut made in the 1914 portion of the building.

Work continues as residents come and go watching the action and drivers slow as they pass.

10:35 a.m. The first cut is made in the 1936 café building.

Minutes later the façade falls with a roar and a cloud of dust.

In 15 minutes all that is left is a pile of rubble.

Nothing is left to do but clear away the debris and eventually level the site. This could take two or three days, I’m told by crew member Zane Bedraz.

History of the site

Mrs. Graham’s 1914 building on the site predates the formation of the town

of Eston.

The railroad steel came to the town in 1915; also that year Bill Kraft and Mrs. Niccum set up a confectionery and boarding house on the site.

Eston officially became a village in 1916. An addition was put on the building in 1920. Living quarters were added around 1940.

In 1926 George McIvor, Ed Hammett and Scotty Allen set up a café.

George Der was the next owner of Block 8, setting up the Great West Café in 1931. Next came Der Cil in 1936, Der and Mah in 1945 then Jack and Wayne Mah in 1962 until 1998.

Originally there were five partners, but eventually just the partnership of Jack and Wayne.

There were two major renovations during their tenure, the first in 1967 when they remodeled the interior putting in a dining area and separate booths and changing the exterior and the second in 1983 when they put in new panelling, flooring and upholstery.

For more than 10 years from 1998, Kim Luong and Kevin Quach operated the Gold City on the site.

The building has been empty now for several years leading to the sad event of August 19th.

Jack and Lina Mah were on hand to watch the demolition of the building where they spent so many years.

Lina told The Voice that this was a “very sad day.”

She reminisced about the many plates of chips and gravy she served over the years.

Jack was a good cook, she recalled,

with patrons especially liking his fried rice, his fried shrimp and pineapple chicken balls.

People still ask him how to make his fried rice, she says.

Writing in the local history book, Grass to Grain, Volume 2, their son the late Larry Mah recalled, “The Great West Café was open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and supper and served Western and Chinese cuisine, later closing on Wednesdays.” Workdays were long, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

“Sunday smorgasbords and morning or afternoon coffee was a popular time for many.”

Lina recalled that a large pot of soup was always made for the Sunday smorgasbords but, she said “it was never enough.”

The only time the Great West was closed was during Christmas, closing early on Christmas Eve.

Lina said that cleanliness was always important. She said that in addition to washing down the kitchen, Jack would regularly wash all the tables and chairs, legs included and Pinky, her sister and Wayne Mah’s wife, would wash the walls under the tables and booths.

She recalled one health inspector who was especially taken with the cleanliness of the café. Having to find something to write down, she said, he found a small hole in one screen. That was his only criticism.

Late in the morning, with the building now a pile of rubble, townsfolk drifted away, leaving the site to the demolition crew.



LAST LIGHT ON A LANDMARK. The morning sun catches the Great West Café sign on Eston’s Main Street on August 19, hours before demolition crews began taking down the building. Mrs. Bill Graham opened a café and butcher shop on the site in 1914.

PHOTOS BY VERNA THOMPSON



A CENTURY COMES DOWN. An excavator from Adrian’s Demolition of Southey works through the front of the Great West Café on the morning of August 19. The first cut was made at 8:30 a.m. Within 15 minutes of the second cut, the building was rubble.



NOTHING LEFT BUT THE FLOWERS. Hanging baskets and street banners frame what remained of the Great West Café after the façade fell. The building had stood empty for years before the August 19 demolition.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Goodbye to the Great West Café

The demolition of the Great West Café created dust and precious memories of the past for all of Eston. We saw the café go through renovations and upgrades from the original booths and a counter with stools to its final days.

The Great West was the first restaurant I remember having a meal in at 8 or 9 years old. I had halibut and have often wondered how in 1950 such a delicious fish got from the ocean to Eston.

As a high school student, I remember the trek after school through the rear entrance and the kitchen into the back booths for overflowing plates of French fries smothered in ketchup, shared along with a six ounce Coca-Cola. At night you hung around the front entrance perched on a stool looking out the window.

Later it was a location to take your date to and then became the place to take the kids for a meal.

From the menu printed from a gelatin pad you got to choose from a wide variety that included sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, fish and chips and steak. All were delicious, and who could forget the perennial “Cream of Corn Maryland” soup?

The friendly atmosphere provided by Wayne, Pinky, Lena and Jack Mah made you feel at home as they warmly greeted you. They knew all your kids by name, and I remember Jack and I comparing station wagons when he bought an Oldsmobile and I had a Buick.

As we mourn the loss of the café we need to reflect on how fortunate we were that Eston had the Great West and that Wayne and Jack Mah chose to live and raise their families in Eston. Main Street in Eston is missing another icon!

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Under the protection of Mary

Most Franco-Saskatchewan villages began as Catholic parishes, my village, Val Marie, being one of them. Fr. Claude Passaplan was the first French missionary in this parched land known as Palliser's Triangle. He named the village Val Marie with the intention of putting the valley under the protection of Mary, hoping her intercession would protect the region from drought. He held masses in the local pool hall before the permanent church was established and named.

If you're Catholic you are familiar with the habit of praying to Mary for protection. Most holy cards of The Blessed Virgin Mary, otherwise known as the BVM, have a version of the Memorare on the back of them: "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, hear my petitions, and answer me. Amen."

How it is known that she always arrives when asked, I do not know. Catholics see her care at the wedding at Cana, where she noticed a need and asked Jesus to help, as a sign of her constant presence and availability when we call for help. And, speaking myself as a daughter rescued by her own mother from bullies' taunts, broken hearts, emptied bank accounts and myriad other catastrophes and conundrums, I feel safe in assuming the Great Mother will show up in some capacity when I call, which is often the recitation of the rosary, which is a litany of prayers, not unlike mantras on mala beads. The prayers hail Mary and highlight key moments, known as Mysteries, in



Pop89
By Madonna Hamel

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her life and that of Jesus. They run the gamut of the family's life, namely the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous events that marked a time in history. Each Mystery asks that the mother help us obtain everything from humility to perseverance, to self-giving love to an increase in hope.

As a family we recited the rosary on special occasions called Holy Days of Obligation: during Lent and Easter, in times of tribulation, such as illnesses, deaths and, I recall, threats of war, in particular during the Cuban Missile Crisis. And we began every summer vacation with a decade of the rosary, ending the litany with "Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us. St. Christopher, protect us." St. Chris was, and is, Mary's wingman, riding shotgun, bearing the Christ-child on his shoulders while passengers keep vigilant on their journey, safe from nutty drivers and falling asleep at the wheel.

Often my father would drive to Victoria to pick a group of us up after our last classes of the year and drive us home to Kelowna. Suffice it to say not all my friends were Catholic, so one Friday in late summer, when the radio was suddenly switched off, the windows rolled up and the litany began, and the car suddenly fell silent, I could not help from laughing when my friend Avril sitting beside me started looking around herself wondering what the hell was happening and where was the nearest exit. "I thought I'd been kidnapped by some kind of cult," she joked.

The first mass I attended in Val Marie was at the Nativity of the BVM, across the street from the Convent Inn. When I heard the church bell ringing I ran across the yard, making it just in time for Fr. Joe's homily on the feast of the Pentecost. This is one of my favourite of all Catholic holy days, mostly because it features the descent of the Holy Spirit, the dove descending on Mary and making her one of them and giving them all the gift of speaking and understanding all languages. Present in the Upper Room with the other apostles, she joins them in continuous prayer.

That Mary is at the centre of this Glorious mystery has always filled me with a sense of pride in my profession, reminding me that words are my vocation and right use of language is my responsibility. And in a secular society religious language can be the most misunderstood of verbiage.

Last winter I was introduced to a newcomer to Val Marie and, like so many people who learn my name, the first thing they want me to do is sing "Like A Virgin." I usually reply, "I'm older than her, and no, I didn't name myself after her." I told him the nuns of Val Marie were The Sisters of Mary's Assumption of the Blessed Virgin and lived in the convent next door to me, which is now an inn and was once my mother's school where she flourished as a young musician. "Wow, this place has a thing about virgins," he snickered. I was tempted to say, "I suspect you do too."

Virginity is to me about her inviolability, I went on to say, unbidden. Her existence in the world less as a ripe body, a commodity as valued by right-wing purity culture fundamentalists as by left-wing liberals confusing porn with an unfettered "celebration" of the female body. In university I studied mythology and came to understand that the virgin goddesses were autonomous. Celibacy was about independence, but also a way of protecting oneself from the lusts of others, remaining entirely unswayed by romantic or physical distractions. In the days of Mary's youth protection from the advances of men feels no different than today's communication of our sexuality.

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Just a gal from Glidden

Twelve albums for a penny, and what could possibly go wrong?

BY KATE WINQUIST

Apparently, Columbia House is finally calling it quits.

My first thought when I heard the news was, Columbia House is still around?

My second thought was: Boy, do I have some memories of that place.

So naturally, I did what any respectable newspaper columnist desperately searching for next week’s topic would do. I put it on Facebook.

I got some pretty good reactions, which convinced me I might be onto something. Then I started texting friends and acquaintances who I figured were in the appropriate age bracket to remember the glory days of Columbia House.

The response was somewhat mixed.

Either they didn’t remember Columbia House, didn’t have anything interesting to contribute, or simply recognized the danger of becoming part of my weekly musings and wisely chose not to respond.

Heather Beane did. Heather runs the pressroom at StarPress in Wainwright, the plant that prints these papers. “Pat Benatar, Crimes of Passion,” she replied. “I cranked that for days. It was my get-ready-for-going-out cassette.”

Now that brought back memories.

Crimes of Passion was one of my very first albums, too. And suddenly I could almost see that Columbia House catalogue again.

For anyone under about 40, Columbia House was basically Amazon for music, except it came through the mail, took considerably longer, and somehow involved buying 12 records for a penny and then spending the next three years trying to understand what exactly you had agreed to.

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There were little numbers beside every album, and you had to write those numbers down on the order form. This was serious business. One wrong number and instead of getting Joan Jett, you might end up with Barry Manilow.

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This required organization.

I was a teenager. You can probably see where this is going.

Forget to send back the card and, surprise, you were now the proud owner of whatever Columbia House had decided your musical collection was desperately lacking.

And then came the bill.

Somehow that original penny was starting to look a little less impressive.

Still, when I think back on Columbia House, I don’t really remember the bills. I remember the music. I remember albums that you listened to from beginning to end because you had actually invested something in getting them. You knew every song, not just the hit on Side A.

And apparently Heather remembers getting ready to go out while cranking Pat Benatar.

Which, quite frankly, sounds about right.

After our little trip down memory lane, Heather mentioned that Columbia House shutting down reminded her of another ending. The theatre in Wainwright had just announced it was closing.

“End of an era,” she said.

She’s right. Although I had to admit something.

“I actually thought Columbia House was defunct years ago.”

“So did I,” she replied.

And with that, our nostalgic tribute to Columbia House, the company neither one of us realized was still operating, was complete.

I told Heather I had finally messaged her about something that wasn’t a complaint or a question about press runs. I just knew she was in my age bracket.

Then I suggested she go crank some Pat Benatar.

I think I might do the same.

Because somewhere between those Columbia House catalogues, rotary phones, cassette tapes and waiting six weeks for something to arrive in the mail, we managed to have a pretty darn good time.

And if Crimes of Passion starts playing, I may even remember how we used to get ready for a Saturday night out.

Although these days, getting ready for Saturday night usually means finding my reading glasses and deciding whether 9 p.m. is too early to go to bed.

Just a gal from Glidden, remembering when 12 albums cost a penny and somehow still weren’t free.



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Lucky to be a fan in the Ohtani era

Baseball fans alive during the Shohei Ohtani era — and that's you — should consider themselves among the luckiest fans of all time. Getting to watch and appreciate the extra special talents of the Los Angeles Dodgers' two-way star is an opportunity unmatched through decades of Major League Baseball.

What has Ohtani not done on a baseball field? So far, he has yet to pitch a perfect game, let alone a no-hitter. As a hitter, he has yet to have a four home-run game. He has not pulled a rabbit out of his ball cap, nor a quarter from behind his ear. He has not motioned for his teammates to stay in the dugout while he goes to the mound to pitch, nor has he pointed to centre field, a la Babe Ruth in the 1932 World Series, telling everyone in the stands and watching on TV that he planned to deposit the next pitch into the bleacher seats.

The 31-year-old Japanese baseball sensation has done almost everything else, though. He has dominated opposing batters on the mound, striking out more than one an inning, winning most of his starts (8-2 at last glance) and sporting a top five MLB earned-run average. He gives up roughly two hits for every three innings and strikes out more than one batter per inning. Hitters' batting average against Ohtani is in the pathetic .170 range.

At the plate, Ohtani is among the best hitters in the game. He leads the Dodgers in batting average. He is top five in MLB on-base percentage and top three in OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage). In other words, he has few peers at the plate. His WAR number is the majors' best. (WAR is a comprehensive statistic that estimates how many more wins a player contributes to their team over a season compared to a hypothetical 'replacement-level' player.) Simply put, he is the greatest player in the history of the game.

Baseball has never seen such a unicorn. Babe Ruth was mythically a pitcher and a slugger, but he gave up pitching in 1919 and concentrated on playing the outfield and swatting baseballs into oblivion. The Dodgers have given no indication they plan to turn Ohtani into a one-dimensional player, although they have reduced his pitching days and left him to concentrate on hitting leadoff as the team's designated hitter. He recently passed the 300 career home run mark and has 765 pitched strikeouts. No one else is even close.

"Like we all know, he wants to win that Cy Young, and he wants to help us win games, and he wants to be a really productive offensive player," Dodgers manag-



Sports
By Bruce Penton

er Dave Roberts said in an Associated Press story. "At this point, he's doing all of the above."

Ohtani has won four Most Valuable Player awards (two in each league). All of them came via unanimous votes. One more MVP award and he will tie Barry Bonds for No. 1 all-time.

And today's fans are the fortunate ones to be alive and see this generational player perform.

- Eamon Lynch of Golfweek, on dealing with one of the many problems facing LIV Golf CEO Scott O'Neil: "He needs to cultivate a genuine fan base that isn't defined by loud, terminally online gobshites who can't simultaneously type and pick their noses."
- Ian Power, on Bluesky: "If anyone ever says 'Give me a ballpark figure,' say 41,649. That's the capacity of Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs. You're welcome."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "I just saw where MLS has named a new commissioner. His first order of business will be to do whatever Lionel Messi tells him to do!"
- Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail: "What have the Jays done well this year? If you take Dylan Cease out of it, nothing. If you include him, almost nothing."
- • Another one from Kelly, on the recent winning surge by the Blue Jays: "They've stopped playing like the travelling recruitment department for a clown college."
- Super 70s Sports: "I'm not telling you what to do but my personal theory is never get on any mid-way ride that was assembled eight hours ago in a parking lot by a team of felons with knuckle tattoos."
- Another one from Super 70s Sports: "Someone needs to explain to me what Jordan was better at than LeBron." "Offence and defence. I hope that clears it up."
- Mike Bianchi again: "Former Heisman Trophy winner Jayden Daniels is upset that LSU is letting another player wear his No. 5 jersey. Who knew that NIL now stands for Name, Image and Legendary ego."
- Yankees former owner George Steinbrenner, after Lou Piniella complained about being forced to follow team rules regarding long hair and saying long hair worked for Jesus: "When you can walk across that swimming pool, you can play with long hair."
- One more from Bianchi: "Tony Romo's future as an NFL analyst at CBS is in doubt due to a recent arrest on DUI charges. Apparently, Romo can predict a blitz before the ball is snapped, but he can't predict when an Uber is the right play call."

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SHORT WORK. Combines move swiftly through a field east of Kindersley on Friday afternoon. Seven John Deere machines were running, three of them visible here. PHOTO BY EVAN PELLETIER



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WHAT'S COOKING! These young chefs were busy in the kitchen mixing up a batch of blueberry pancakes at the “What’s Cooking” VBS held at Kindersley Christian Fellowship from August 17th to 21st. *PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN*

Young chefs were busy cooking at “What’s Cooking” VBS

BY JOAN JANZEN

KINDERSLEY — “What’s Cooking” was the theme of Vacation Bible School (VBS) held at Kindersley Christian Fellowship from August 17th to 21st. Approximately twenty children, ages 4 to 9, donned their chef hats and aprons and did some real cooking.

The young chefs learned that cooking is more than just mixing stuff together. It takes time, creativity, care and knowing what each ingredient brings to the table. The same is true when it comes to growing their faith.

The theme was fun and full of biblical examples of building strong spiritual disciplines. They heard Old

Testament stories that gave examples of how God always makes time for them and gives them gifts that make a difference. God makes them stronger together, and they learned how they can make him known by sharing their stories.

The kids enjoyed plenty of treats, surprises, crafts and games throughout the week. They found out how food brings people together and makes room for conversation to flow.

Children attending who were 10 years and older participated as junior leaders under the supervision of a team of adult volunteers. It was a great opportunity for children to learn how to grow closer to God.

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Four Ursuline Sisters of Prelate celebrate milestone anniversaries

BY JOAN JANZEN

Congratulations were extended to four Ursuline Sisters of Prelate who celebrated milestone anniversaries on August 15th. Sister Rose Anne Engel celebrated 75 years, Sister Charlotte Beier 70 years, Sister Gertrude Sopracolle 65 years and Sister Dianne Sehn 60 years. They were honoured at a celebratory dinner and Mass in Saskatoon.

“Three of us were at the Academy in Prelate,” Sister Dianne explained. She taught at the school from 1980 until 1999. “In total I was there 19 years.” Sister Charlotte and Sister Gertrude taught at the Academy as well.

Sister Dianne grew up at Richmond, Sask., and took her grades 11 and 12 at the Prelate school for girls. Throughout her years at St. Angela’s Academy she was vice-principal, principal and taught home economics.

“In the meantime I became general secretary of the Ursuline Sisters of Prelate. We’re still a community. The school was just one of our ministries,” she explained. Some of their ministries include pastoral care, volunteer work, university involvement, adult education, archives and the fine arts.

“It’s basically bringing the message of Christ to people by being who we are,” Sister Dianne said. The four women no longer work at ministries abroad, and all reside in Saskatoon, where Sister Dianne continues to be involved in various ministries.

The history of the Ursulines of Prelate began in 1919 when four Sisters originally from Germany arrived in Prelate, Sask., with faith, enthusiasm and ten dollars. At that time they couldn’t have foreseen their eventual worldwide influence as educators.

They forged ahead during the difficult years of the Great Depression, teaching in twelve country schools



Seventy-five years and still counting. Four Ursulines of Prelate celebrated milestone anniversaries on August 15th. (Back row, l-r): Sr. Gertrude Sopracolle, OSU (65 years), Sr. Charlotte Beier, OSU (70 years). (Front row, l-r): Sr. Rose Anne Engel, OSU (75 years), and Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU (60 years). PHOTO BY FELICITAS DROBIG, OSU

south of Prelate under deplorable conditions. Their membership increased to 100 by 1946.

By 1981 the Ursulines had served in 66 missions, including ones in Swaziland, Brazil and Zimbabwe, and that number kept growing throughout the years. The modern academy was eventually built, replacing the original convent. The academy closed in 2007 after educating young women for 88 years.

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NATURE SASKATCHEWAN

Tiger salamanders on the move as juveniles migrate in late summer

Late summer is when the prairie gets busy. Birds flock, mammals gather and insects swarm. One creature on the move this time of year is easy to overlook: the tiger salamander.

The western tiger salamander is Saskatchewan’s only salamander species and the top aquatic predator in the province’s fishless waterbodies. Young salamanders show a bold black and yellow or cream striped pattern that generally fades and merges with age. Older individuals turn a more uniform olive green to grey.

As an amphibian, the species spends part of its life cycle in water and part on land. It relies on both to breed successfully and survive the winter.

“The tiger salamander larvae are completely aquatic,” said Emily Putz, habitat stewardship coordinator at Nature Saskatchewan. “In our prairie pothole wetlands, the larvae and adults both cover an important niche, controlling insect populations in spaces that don’t host fish.”

That dual life cycle brings threats. Salamanders share water habitat with pest insects such as mosquitoes, which makes them vulnerable to aquatic pesticide control. Their habitat is also disappearing, both the native prairie where adults overwinter and the small wetlands that once dotted the landscape before being drained for agriculture. Salamanders across Canada are also struggling with a virus that is hitting already vulnerable populations.

“Mid to late August hosts its own particular risks to this species,” Putz said. “While adults overwinter in small mammal burrows close to their breeding ponds, juvenile salamanders, those that just got their legs and emerged from their birth ponds, migrate in late summer as they look for new areas to call home. They often come in conflict moving across roadways this time of year and are not fast enough to avoid oncoming traffic.”

The western tiger salamander remains locally common in Saskatchewan but is listed as a species at risk



Stripes on the loose. A western tiger salamander crosses open ground in late summer, the season when juveniles leave their birth ponds and head for new habitat. Saskatchewan is the Canadian stronghold for the species, which is listed as special concern.

PHOTO BY M. RANALLI

under the special concern category.

“If it is safe to do so, and you see a salamander crossing the roadway in front of you, slow down and take a minute to avoid them,” Putz said. “Saskatchewan is this species’ stronghold in Canada, and we want to do everything we can to help them along in their recovery.”

Sightings can be reported to Nature Saskatchewan’s Stewards of Saskatchewan program, which tracks species-at-risk populations in the province. All sightings are kept private and are never shared without permission. Records help track population and range fluctuations and support recovery work.

For more information on the program or the western tiger salamander, contact Emily Putz at 306-780-9832 or outreach@naturesask.ca.



Norm Woytowich and his band Norm and the Golden Aces played old-time polkas and waltzes for residents and guests at Pioneers Haven in Kerrobert. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Toe-tapping polka tunes were a hit at Pioneers Haven

BY JOAN JANZEN

Norm and the Golden Aces played old-time polkas and country dance music for the residents and guests at Pioneers Haven in Kerrobert last Thursday. Toes were tapping and smiles were in abundance as the music generated fond memories of old-time country dances.

A male resident entering the room as the band began to play asked, “Who wants to dance?” Additional late arrivals had a hop in their step as they responded to the lively tunes.

The band members came from various locations in Saskatchewan. Norm Woytowich has been playing his accordion since he was 11 years of age. The 83-year-old musician teasingly described himself as “the young guy” in the band. The remaining members of the trio included Russ Fountain on bass guitar and Darlene Hupaelo on acoustic guitar.

Darlene is a retired school teacher. “After I retired, I wondered what to do, and then this opportunity came up. It’s much more fun than disciplining teenagers,” she chuckled.

Darlene sang several old-time favourites, and also favoured the audience with a tune sung in Ukrainian. After she finished, she explained that Ukrainian was the first language she had learned as a child.



Smiles were in abundance, hands were clapping and toes were tapping as many of the seniors quietly sang along to familiar lyrics. When the band paused between songs, a resident called out, “You’re not shutting down yet, are you?” Fortunately, the band continued to entertain.

As much as the residents at Pioneers Haven were enjoying listening, it seemed as though they would have enjoyed dancing much, much more.

Darlene and Russ took turns serenading their audience and traded instruments on several occasions. The talented musicians transitioned from one song to another without the need for sheet music, playing a variety of instrumental polkas and waltzes.

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During the past month fifty workers were transported daily from their accommodation in Kindersley to the Empress Gas Plant, located at the Saskatchewan-Alberta border. The maintenance project, running from July 28 to September 15, involved up to 750 workers at its peak period. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN

Fifty workers bussed daily from Kindersley to Empress Gas Plant

BY JOAN JANZEN

There have been several white transport buses arriving in Kindersley for the past couple of months. The media team from Keyera at the Empress Gas Plant explained that each day fifty workers were being transported from their accommodation in Kindersley to the gas plant. The Empress Gas Plant is located near the village of Empress, right at the Alberta-Saskatchewan border.

Keyera is currently completing a planned turnaround at its Empress facility as part of its 2026 maintenance sched-

ule. The work began on July 28 and is expected to be complete by September 15.

At the peak period, approximately 700 to 750 workers participated in both day and night shifts. To support this workforce, Keyera arranged accommodations in nearby communities, including Kindersley, Leader and Maple Creek, due to limited hotel availability in Medicine Hat while the Special Olympics were taking place.

However, as of Monday, all the workers are being transported to and from Medicine Hat, now that accommodation is available in that city.

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Moe backs Ottawa as 50 per cent U.S. tariffs hit Canadian goods

Premier says Washington broke CUSMA, supports dollar-for-dollar response'

BY YOUR SOUTHWEST MEDIA GROUP

REGINA — Premier Scott Moe says the United States is violating the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement and that Saskatchewan will stand behind the federal government's decision to hit back.

The statement came after trade talks between Ottawa and Washington collapsed late Friday night, minutes before a deadline. New American tariffs of 50 per cent on a range of Canadian goods took effect at midnight.

"As of today, the United States is violating the CUSMA trade deal," Moe said in a written statement.

He called the new tariffs a clear violation of the agreement and said they show the current U.S. administration cannot be trusted to honour the deals it signs.

Moe said Canada's premiers had all backed the federal government through the negotiations, and that a deal was within reach. That deal would have prevented the new tariffs and rolled back some of the existing ones. According to Moe, late changes from American negotiators broke it.

"Last minute changes by US negotiators undermined the fairness and reliability of the deal," he said.

The Premier singled out one demand in particular. Saskatchewan will not accept any American attempt to dictate who Canada trades with.

"Decisions about who Canada trades with must be made by Canada," Moe said.

That point matters here. Saskatchewan sends canola, pulses, potash, uranium and grain around the world, and Moe said the province is diversifying its trade faster than any other. He said that work will not be compromised.

On the federal response, Moe was direct. He said Prime Minister Mark Carney made the right call in

walking away, and that Saskatchewan supports dollar-for-dollar counter-tariffs on targeted American products.

Carney announced Saturday that Canada's retaliatory tariffs will take effect Sept. 8. He called the American move a miscalculation.

The new American tariffs cover roughly US\$20 billion in Canadian goods, including building materials, cement, plywood, liquor, some clothing and hockey sticks. They were originally scheduled for Aug. 19, then delayed three days while negotiators kept working.

Moe did not soften the cost. He said all tariffs hurt real businesses and kill real jobs on both sides of the border, and drive up the cost of living for families. That, he said, is why governments should keep working to avoid, reduce and remove them.

"Let's be clear. This won't be easy," he said.

Earlier this week, before talks broke down, Moe estimated about five per cent of Saskatchewan's economy is exposed to the current trade dispute. He said that figure would climb to roughly six per cent if the new tariffs went ahead.

Agriculture manufacturing is a specific worry. Moe has said repeatedly that Saskatchewan-built equipment and the province's agricultural supply chain are vulnerable to further American action, and many producers here buy inputs and machinery that cross the border more than once before reaching the yard.

Moe closed his statement with a single line. Saskatchewan supports Canada's response.

What happens next is uncertain. CUSMA is due for review, and Moe said last month he is not confident an agreement will be reached quickly. For now, farmers and businesses in west central Saskatchewan face another harvest under a trade relationship that changes week to week.



Fresh equipment, instant approval. McGowan Park in Kindersley is partway through a playground overhaul, with the old equipment removed and new pieces going in over the past few weeks. The new slide is already getting a workout. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN



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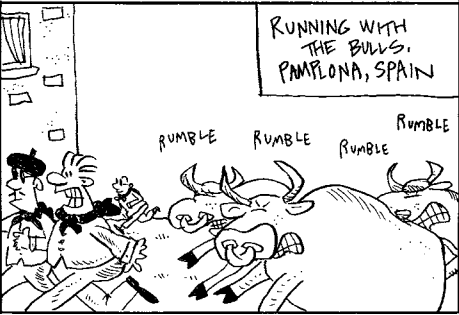
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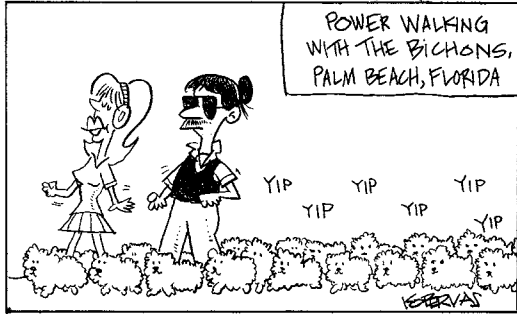
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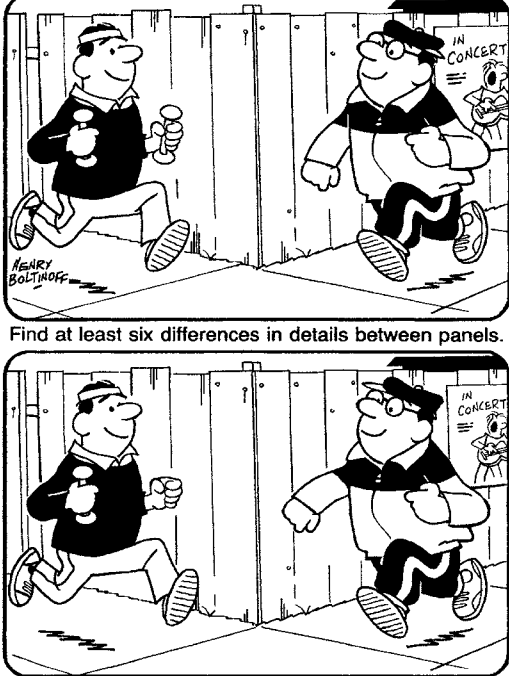
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Poster is smaller. 3. Weight is missing. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Line in sidewalk is moved. 6. Leg is moved.

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ACROSS

- 1 Layer
4 Radiant
9 Soup legume
12 Dubai's country, for short
13 Kin of "Presto!"
14 Online chats, briefly
15 Keyboard piece for two
17 Impose
18 Pained sounds
19 Nobel-winning Mother
21 "Hooray!"
24 Story lines
25 Hollywood's Gabor
26 Genetic stuff
28 Nasser's successor
31 Stinging insect
33 Pop
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55 Perfume compound
56 To and —
57 Flamenco cheer
58 Belittle
59 Box office buys, slangily
7 "Get Here" singer Adams
8 Tends the lawn
9 Stops talking
10 Flightless birds
11 Hammett pooch
16 M-Q connection
20 Some HDTVs
21 Evergreen trees
22 Nobelist Pavlov
23 Latin ballroom dance
27 Small batteries
29 Sheltered
30 Wedding cake layer
32 Kitten's sound
34 Visionary
37 Designated
39 Put on a clothesline
42 Succinct
44 Lith., once
45 Small combo
46 Mound
50 Non-Rx
51 Newt
52 — Lanka
53 Boston squad, for short

DOWN

- 1 Young dog
2 Chou En- —
3 Pro vote
4 Acknowledged
5 Blessing
6 Actress Lucy

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which musical instrument does Leonard play in "The Big Bang Theory"?
- MUSIC: In what year did the Woodstock music festival take place?
- MOVIES: Which horror movie features a character named Ellen Ripley?
- HISTORY: When did the French Revolution begin?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
- U.S. STATES: How many states border Mexico?
- GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in the game of Jenga?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest mountain chain in the world?
- ART: Who painted the "Mona Lisa"?
- MATH: How many sides does a hexagon have?

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Trivia Test Answers
1. Cello; 2. 1969; 3. "Alien"; 4. 1789; 5. Thinly sliced raw meat or fish; 6. Four; 7. The Andes in South America; 8. 54; 9. Leonardo da Vinci; 10. Six

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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.**



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Marty Baroni
Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Kindersley extends agreement with scrap metal outfit

BY STU SALKELD
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice



KINDERSLEY — The Town of Kindersley council approved an extension to a use agreement with a local scrap metal company. The decision was made at the Aug. 10 regular meeting of council.

Director of Infrastructure and Development Chad Levitt presented councillors with a proposed extension to two agreements between the Town of Kindersley and Western Salvage, a company which currently uses space at the municipality's decommissioned landfill.

Levitt stated in his verbal presentation this was a proposed one-year extension with Western Salvage for the metal recycling services which this company provides. It was noted the location in question is near Hwy. #21.

He further noted Western Salvage has been a tenant at the decommissioned landfill ever since the new landfill was created.

Mayor Ken Francis noted a decommissioned landfill has fairly limited uses, so the town is happy to have a tenant that's interested in using that property.

Councillors unanimously approved one-year extensions of the independent contractor agreement and waste metal disposal and metal recycling agreement with Western Salvage for services at the decommissioned landfill.

Kindersley's home-based business community continues to grow after councillors approved discretionary use applications for two new businesses. A discretionary use is one that is permitted only after approval by council.

Levitt presented councillors with the first discretionary use application of the evening for a residence located at 22 West Road, with staff noting a discretionary use approval would allow a business to be operated here under certain conditions.

Xenia-Montenique Roberts stated the business will offer home baking for sale. Levitt observed standard conditions include all operations be conducted entirely on the property in question, having little to no impact on traffic in the area and providing off-street parking for each staff member. Other conditions include purchasing a business licence and renewing it annually.

Levitt noted that public notices were sent out to neighbouring properties and no responses were received. Councillors unanimously approved this application.

The home-based bakery industry in Kindersley appears to be booming. The second discretionary use application was for the Happy Batch Cookie Co. (Lindsay Bailey) located at 5 McEwen Dr.

Levitt stated in his report all conditions that applied to the above application apply to this one. He added that the town also mailed out notices to neighbours regarding this application and no responses were received.

Councillors unanimously approved the discretionary use application from the Happy Batch Cookie Co.

Mayor Francis introduced the agenda item proposing an employment extension with Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Marty Baroni. "He's doing a great job so far," said Francis.

Francis stated that Baroni has navigated the move to a new community and staffing changes well.

It was noted the proposal included a four-year extension to the CAO employment agreement. Councillors unanimously approved it.

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BY SEALED TENDER

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Tenders will be accepted until September 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Tenders should be marked "VILLAGE OF MAJOR PROPERTY TENDER".



A simple welcome means a lot to newcomers

BY JOAN JANZEN

As a Welcome Wagon representative, Mariska Van Loggerenberg has first-hand experience of what it is like to arrive in a new country where everyone and everything is unknown.

“In March 2018, my husband and I arrived in Canada from South Africa on work permits,” Mariska recalled. “It was a journey built on perseverance, hope, and faith.”

They settled in a small rural community south of Weyburn and soon received their permanent residency. Her husband’s work opportunity brought them to Kindersley in 2024. In their process of moving twice and building a new life, they also became Canadian citizens.

“As excited as we were to start fresh in Canada, I often think about how much a simple welcome would have meant during those early days,” she said. “I didn’t find work right away, and adjusting to life in a small rural community felt isolating.”

She didn’t know what was happening in the area or how to connect with people. “No one ever knocked on our door to say hello, introduce themselves or offer information about community groups, events or activities. I felt alone and disconnected,” she remembered.

Through her husband’s employers, she found out about craft sessions offered at the library, which she attended as a way to meet people.

“While there is certainly value in stepping outside of our comfort zones and making those connections ourselves, a friendly welcome from a neighbour or community member would have meant

so much during that transition,” she observed.

It’s those observations that caused Mariska to become involved with Welcome Wagon. “I have the opportunity to give others the welcome I wish I had received,” she said. “When I visit newcomers I want them to know they are seen, valued, and supported.”

She doesn’t consider it a one-time visit, because newcomers are invited to reach out whenever they have questions, need information or are looking for an organization to help them get settled in our community.

“Through Welcome Wagon I have seen firsthand how much these visits mean. The smiles, gratitude, and sense of relief are often immediate,” she said.



A warm knock at the door. Welcome Wagon volunteer Mariska Van Loggerenberg personally knows the value of receiving a welcoming visit. “I have the opportunity to give others the welcome I wish I had received,” she said.

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Sometimes all it takes is knowing that someone cares enough to stop by and say, “Welcome. We’re glad you’re here.”

“Helping people feel connected and included brings me joy, because I remember what it felt like to be new and uncertain. After all, what is better than

knowing you belong?” Mariska asked.

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June 10, 1953 – August 17, 2026



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Larry Joseph Benjamin on August 17, 2026.

Larry was born on June 10, 1953 in Rose-town and was raised in D'Arcy. On September 7, 1974, he married the love of his life, Brenda Preston, beginning a marriage that spanned 52 wonderful years. Together, Larry and Brenda made their home in Brock, where they raised their four sons and built a life filled with family, memories, and love.

Larry's greatest pride was his family. His years in Brock were filled with the simple joys of family life and the memories created with Brenda, his children and grandchildren will remain cherished forever. He will be remembered for the life he built, the people he loved, and the many ways he was a part of the lives of those around him.

Larry will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Brenda, and his children: Robert and Lisa, Clint and Lana, Dean, and Evan. He was a proud grandfather to Harrison, Charlotte, Hayley and Clara and will also be missed by his beloved grand dogs Gus, Finn and Bo. He is survived by his siblings Jeanne Evans; George and Linda Benjamin; Barry and Karin Benjamin; Maxine Taylor; Bob and Sue Speir; Mac and Maxine Speir; and Dee Simpson, along with many extended family members and friends whose lives he touched over the years.

Larry was predeceased by his parents Ferd and Yvonne Benjamin; his parents-in-law Jim and Myrtle Speir and John Preston; his siblings and brothers and sisters-in-law Rita and Don Kneller, Eva and Alvin Gallinger, Dent Evans, Mervin Abbott, Peter Speir and Dennis Smith; and his brother Lawrence, who passed away in infancy.

A Celebration of Larry's Life was held on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Brock Community Centre.

In keeping with Larry's wishes, memorial donations may be made to Autism Services at autism-services.ca/donate. Donations may also be made at the Brock Post Office.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Journal your journey—it will teach you

BY KATHLEEN GIBSON

Sometimes, when I sit to write, I have no clue what's coming. I've done this weekly for a quarter of a century; you'd think words would come as naturally as scratching an itch. They don't. Not anymore.

When I started writing Sunny Side Up in 2001, I kept an almost daily journal, as I'd done for years. I have numerous hard copy journals, and more entries on computer. My scribbles reflected my thoughts about life. We had two growing children and several pets. We travelled, made major moves and had a full life as a clergy couple in churches reaching from Vancouver Island to Ontario. God was good. (Still is.) Life was good, too, and we lived in the thick of it.

Problems? Some. And while a few seemed like monoliths at the time, we survived them. They taught us things. How not to major on minors. How to grow a thicker skin. How to depend on Jesus when it seemed no one else was trustworthy. How to trust God, even when he felt distant. How to forgive, both others and ourselves. I journalled all those things. Many of my earlier Sunny Side Up columns included paragraphs lifted from those entries.

I rarely journal these days, but I'm considering hollowing a few minutes out every so often to return to my old practice. Once, in a fit of fantasy, I thought perhaps someone in future generations of family may think my old journals interesting. I don't believe that

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any more. If anyone does pick them up before I destroy them, they may do so only to prove this old bird was the wingnut they always believed me to be.

Should I begin practicing the discipline of journaling again (because it is a discipline), I hope my entries would have a different tone. A more grateful, less complaining one. A record of God's faithfulness, more than of my own many flaws. A gathering of gratefulnesses. A remembrance of glimpses of God's love—and my, how he loves the world; the broken and flawed humans he created. All reaching to fill that empty spot within, which can be filled with him alone.

My father kept a journal sometimes, especially on vacation. I have some of those pages and I treasure them. He recorded miles travelled, destinations reached, prices of gas and how many gallons purchased. And when he had car trouble, he recorded that too, and repair costs. At home, he recorded weather. No feelings. No deeper interior journeys. Nevertheless, I trace my father's handwriting, remembering his capable, weathered hand sliding across the page, and feel closer to him.

I also remember Dad's hands moving across other, thinner pages, turning them with reverence. His Bible. Till he couldn't read anymore, Dad read God's word. God's journal, of a sort. That's the one I really want people to pick up. The Word from the Word—the Jesus who bears that name. If you haven't read a Bible with an open, searching heart, do that. It may change your destiny.

Sunny Side Up has inspired readers with glimpses of everyday life and Christian faith since 2001.

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- Every Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM come to the Eatonia Library for puzzles, visiting and grab your books for the week!
- The Lions Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.
- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Town Council meet the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

DODSLAND
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Dodsland Wheatland Regional Library Autumn Artisan Market at the Dodsland Community Hall 10 AM-4:00 PM. For more info or to book a table call Dawne Toner 306-932-7220 or 306-932-4866. dodsland.library@wheatland.sk.ca

ESTON
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, 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 recep-

tion 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
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!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 365 Kindersley Air Cadets Open House 7:00-9:00 PM at 903 11 Avenue East. Ages 12-18 years. Discover how the Air Cadet program builds future leaders through aviation, discipline and adventure. All youth welcome.

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).
- Super City Walk for Parkinsons will be held in SASKATOON at the Canadian Legion #63 (606 Spadina). For info or to donate, call Nancy at 306-463-4514.

SEPTEMBER 24-27

- Goose Festival Days! Watch for details.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Kindersley Screen Arts presents "The Invite" 3:00 PM Sunset Theatre. \$10 cash at the door.
- Kindersley Goose Festival Show & Shine 12:00-4:00 PM Main Street. Free Entry. Open to all special interest vehicles. Contact Darrell 306-679-7147.
- Parkinson's Support Group Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month 1:30 PM at 401 - 4th Ave West (New Life Church). Every-

one 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.
- 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+)
- 50+ Pickleball Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. September 3 - October 1 at the Curling Rink. Call 306-460-7304 to register.

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.
- 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 PM.

Non-Profit & Volunteer Events & Fundraisers

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2) Discounted Non-Profit Advertising:

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Luseland Harvest Festival.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- Luseland Guiding Family first meeting. Planning another great year for Sparks, Embers, Guides and Pathfinders. Register online at www.girlguides.ca
- 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 krispie squares. Please reply by August 28 to reserve your plate by calling Marg 403-866-5388. \$20/plate. Pick up at GSM on Highway 32.

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Town of Luseland boosting tree population

BY STU SALKELD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Your West Central Voice

LUSELAND — The Town of Luseland council discussed boosting the local tree population during their regular meeting Aug. 11.

Mayor Kathy Wurz stated that the town’s tree committee knows that the community takes pride in its healthy tree population and a little extra money was budgeted for 2026 to expand that. Wurz noted the committee discussed where that extra money might be used and possible contractors who have tree expertise.

The mayor noted Luseland ran into a bit of misfortune this summer when it comes to sidewalk work; the contractor hired for sidewalk projects was forced to back out of the job after notifying Luseland he couldn’t find enough workers.

Mayor Wurz stated the money will likely be placed in reserve to see if the work can be completed in the future.

Councillors approved a change to their regular meeting dates: Luseland council will now meet the second Thursday of every month. Wurz stated that meetings on Monday seemed to have conflicts with stat holidays and a switch to Thursday should ease that problem.

Wurz noted the councillors approved their consent agenda. She noted this was something introduced about six months ago to speed up council meetings. Routine items are listed on the consent agenda that don’t require discussion at every meeting and she added it’s been working well because Luseland council usually has a very full agenda.

Pioneer’s Haven committee member Chad Levitt reported renovations are almost done at the facility’s kitchen.

The community hall committee discussed some water issues that popped up at the facility and the fact that work may be needed in the nearby alley to address this.

The OH&S committee reported that it continues to



Town of Luseland council heard Pioneer’s Haven kitchen renovations are almost completed. *SUBMITTED*

slowly examine town facilities, recently looking at the swimming pool and community hall. Staff training is also being discussed.

Wurz provided a report on the upcoming Harvest Festival scheduled for Sept. 12, the first time the new outdoor venue on Main Street will be used. Wurz noted the festival will include a magician, local talent show, farmers market and all sorts of other activities.

The cemetery committee reported on grass-cutting and maintenance issues made worse by the heavy rain this summer. Councillors discussed the demands on town staff and other options that may help this issue.

Police Chief Ty Kohlman provided his regular report, including stats for a busy summer. Kohlman also reported on his work with the town’s new encampment bylaw. Wurz stated that Kohlman also spent significant time assisting the RCMP this summer, adding Luseland also unfortunately had some serious traffic collisions this summer.

Councillors discussed naming options for the new outdoor venue; they decided that a sign listing major donors would be appropriate.

Councillors also approved a new, more detailed organizational policy. Luseland had an existing one that was more general in nature but the mayor noted this new one identifies roles and responsibilities more clearly.

Councillors also heard an update from a renter of town-owned property who requested air conditioning. The renter agreed to have the air conditioning installed herself.

The town continues to search for an assistant rink manager to help out during the winter.

Councillors discussed a community tax incentive, noting some surrounding communities have come up with some creative options to encourage renovations or improvements. While Luseland has a tax incentive, councillors discussed doing more and agreed the issue will be discussed again in the future.

Staff updated council on tax enforcement work. Wurz noted Luseland recently took possession of a property due to unpaid taxes, tendered it and received an offer that was accepted. Readers should note in those situations proceeds from the sale are applied to the outstanding property tax debt, and if there are any monies above that amount they are given to the original owner.

Councillors discussed a request from a nearby community that Luseland consider providing bylaw services through its police department. Wurz stated it’s not possible because of provincial law that applies to police departments.

Councillors discussed the issue of belligerent members of the public attending the town office and how staff should deal with those situations.



BALLOON JELLYFISH AND BIG QUESTIONS. The kids participating in Science Camp at the Luseland Library learned about a variety of creatures that live in the water. It looks like they had fun making jellyfish balloons and recreating how they swim by releasing air out of the balloons. *PHOTO BY DAWNA NIENABER*

Luseland kids dive into science camp

BY JOAN JANZEN

Thirty-five eager young scientists participated in a Science Camp at the Luseland Library on Tuesday afternoon, August 18th. The camp was conducted by representatives from the Saskatchewan Science Centre and focused on the aquatic environment.

“The children had a fantastic time learning all about water through exciting, hands-on experiments and interactive activities,” librarian Dawna Nienaber said.

The children, ranging from kindergarten to Grade 6, heard all about creatures living in or near the water and how water is essential to both aquatic life and human life. They also learned about dams, aqueducts, waterwheels and submarines, and how rivers, wetlands and shorelines are shaped by moving water.

The program was made possible through funding from the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), which helps bring fun, educational opportunities to children.

Fleeing driver, garage break-in among weekly RCMP files

Officers with the Unity, Wilkie and Macklin RCMP detachments responded to a range of complaints between Aug. 11 and 17.

In Unity, RCMP attended a two-vehicle collision in which one driver sustained non-life-threatening injuries. That matter remains under investigation. Members located the subject of a theft complaint, who returned the property to its owner, and the complainant asked that no further action be taken. A complaint of an individual damaging a vehicle was unfounded. Members responded to a Mental Health Act complaint and spoke with the subject of the complaint, and conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a family member. Officers patrolled after a complaint of disturbing the peace but could not locate the subjects. Members also kept the peace while an individual retrieved personal belongings from a residence. A fraud complaint remains under investigation, as does a traffic stop in which the vehicle fled from members. Unity RCMP also handled two traffic complaints, two false 911 calls and one false alarm.

In Wilkie, a public mischief complaint was unfounded. A break and enter at a residential garage remains under investigation, as does a report of a stolen ATV. A theft complaint had insufficient evidence to proceed. Members patrolled after a report of suspicious individuals near a residence but could not locate them, and were also unable to locate a dog reported running loose in Wilkie. Officers conducted a wellbeing check at the request of a concerned citizen. A trespassing complaint at a rural property was reported for information purposes. One driver sustained minor injuries when a vehicle collided with a moose. Wilkie RCMP also handled two traffic complaints.

Wilkie Citizens on Patrol Program members conducted seven patrols in July, covering 339 kilometres over 21.75 hours in Wilkie and area. COPP members have volunteered 433 hours and travelled 3,410 kilometres over 63 patrols so far in 2026. Anyone interested in joining can contact Alex Majewski at 306-843-3238 or amajewski@sasktel.net.

In Macklin, a report of an intoxicated individual in public was recorded for information purposes. Members responded to a Mental Health Act complaint and transported the subject of the complaint to Battlefords Union Hospital for assessment. CP Rail reported a train blocking a railway crossing because of mechanical problems, which was recorded for information purposes. A break and enter at a business had insufficient evidence to proceed. Macklin RCMP also handled three traffic complaints.



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