



Peigan considering Regina Qu'Appelle Liberal nomination

Would run against Andrew Scheer in election

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Todd Matthew Peigan, who has stepped down as Chief of Pasqua First Nation, is considering a run for the Liberals against Andrew Scheer in the Regina Qu'Appelle constituency in the federal election expected this spring.

Fabian Ironeagle replaced Peigan as Chief in elections on Monday, March 3, paving the way for Peigan to run for Parliament. Ironeagle defeated two other candidates Allison Dubois and Jessica Gordon and was sworn in as chief on Wednesday.

With Justin Trudeau gone and a new prime minister taking office next week, Peigan told Grasslands News that he is assessing a number of options and seriously thinking about taking a stab at federal politics. Scheer, the former leader of the Conservative Party, has represented the riding for the past 21 years and has previously boasted that he didn't need the Indigenous vote to win the seat. A number of First Nations have complained that

Indigenous people have not had a positive relationship with Scheer as their MP. Scheer took the riding with 60 per cent of the vote in the last election but only a small per centage of Indigenous voters cast ballots.

"What can I tell you about Andy? He has never been on Pasqua First Nation. He has never attended any of the party debates when they are held on a reserve," Peigan has said on several occasions. To be successful, Peigan's chal-



Todd Peigan

lenge would be to increase the vote on the 12 First Nations in the Regina-Qu'Appelle riding.

One of the province's most respected and eloquent Indigenous leaders, Peigan was once recognized in the pages of the influential U.S. men's magazine Esquire for the way he anticipated the spread of Covid-19 five years ago and worked to keep the virus outside of the borders of his reserve. The magazine said President Trump, who was then in his first term in office, could have taken a lesson from Peigan in how to deal with the pandemic.

File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council Chief Jeremy Fourhorns described Peigan as a "principled leader" who worked not only for the benefit of his people but for other First Nations. "He never stopped trying. There were things that could have been a failure, but did he give up? No. He kept working and still kept getting wins for his First Nation."

During his tenure as chief, Peigan settled at least \$300 million worth of grievances with the federal government which has allowed the First Nation to invest in a steel company, Pro Metal, the first Indigenous owned supplier for General Dynamics Land Systems, one of the largest military defence contractors; acquire the old Indian Hospital property in Fort Qu'Appelle and have an elementary school and 12-room elder's housing complex built on the Pasqua First Nation west of Fort Qu'Appelle.



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Polar bear plunge

Tavayan Sebastien displays perfect athletic form as he cannon balls into the icy water of Echo Lake during the 10th Annual Polar Bear Jump on March 1. More than \$12,000 was raised for the local fire department by the cold plunge. See story on page 11.

Fort utilities rate hike under discussion

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Get ready for a price increase in your utility bill.

The town of Fort Qu'Appelle is once again considering a substantial hike in order to offset the mounting deficit that has accumulated providing low-cost utility services to ratepayers. Last year it cost the town about \$500,000 to subsidize water, sewage waste removal.

"Utilities should be self-sufficient based on a user pay system," the Chief Administration Officer Donald McLeod wrote in a memorandum to council. McLeod admits it would be "political suicide" to attempt to recoup that amount in one year and has recommended a gradual increase in utility bills over the next four years to bring the rates

into closer alignment with what other Saskatchewan communities about the same size as Fort Qu'Appelle are charging. The comparison indicates that Fort Qu'Appelle lags far behind other municipalities.

McLeod was not present in council last week when his proposal was examined.

Currently, ratepayers are charged \$38.00 a quarter for water. Under the proposed increase that would rise to \$78.84 by 2028. Ratepayers are now billed an additional \$76.80 for sewer, and that portion of the proposed quarterly rate would go to \$154.00 by 2028.

"That's a lot," said councilor Marcy Johnson who suggested that perhaps ratepayers shouldn't have to pay for the water the town uses for public buildings like the Rex-entre, museum and campground.

Councilor Alysia Pletz asked Johnson. "Are you telling us to increase the taxes?" but didn't get a reply.

Town buys backhoe before U.S. tariff's kick in

By a vote of 4-2, council agreed to invest \$104,000 for a John Deere 320 -P-Tier backhoe to replace its 10-year-old backhoe before the U.S. tariff on imports goes into effect. The purchase will be paid for, in part, with an unexpected \$95,000 windfall from a successful class action lawsuit against Kitec Plumbing and because the town no longer has to make a \$10,000 contribution to the Helipad at All Nations Healing Hospital. After Trump's 25 per cent tariffs goes into effect, the same machine would cost \$367,000. "It is like the one we already have," public

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MP Kitchen says real governance and maturity needed to deal with tariff issues

By Connie Schwalm
Grasslands News

With the decision by the Trump administration to go ahead with threatened tariffs on goods from Canada, Souris Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen says people in this area and across the country are enduring the latest shock in what has been a jarring ride.

“We’ve been up and

down – it’s been a roller coaster. One minute the tariffs are happening – then it’s delayed for a month. Now it’s happened as of 12:01 a.m. Tuesday morning (March 4). That’s been hard on so many people in the constituency – and not only in this constituency but right across the country. As I drive around, I keep hearing from people who are asking, ‘What’s going on? Am

I going to be impacted?’

Kitchen notes that this uncertainty has been exacerbated by the Federal Government’s failure to do what they were elected to do – govern.

“Part of the problem is there’s so much confusion that gets put out there, largely through the media, to stir the anxiety. And the lack of governance – the pure lack of governance we have right now in Canada – with Parliament prorogued and no avenue to deal with the various aspects of this – makes the situation worse.

As MP for this constituency, Kitchen says that his job is to provide some of what is lacking in Ottawa.

“My role, as a politician and MP is to listen when people call me, read the emails they send me,

and hear them when they are meeting me on Coffee Row and venting. I have big shoulders – I can do that. Because in my opinion, my job is to provide that reassurance by letting people know that there is someone in government who hears them and understands what is happening. So, that is what I am going to do.”

He points out that while the impact this will have on businesses is receiving attention, the challenges that individuals on both sides of the border will face has been largely overlooked – something he says must change.

“What has not happened and needs to happen on both sides of the border, is for the governing parties to actually look at the impact this will have on individuals. That is what is being missed here.

“Businesses will have challenges that we hear about. If a business was selling their product to people in the US, now that there is a tariff on it, those US customers will either have to buy that product at a higher price – or not buy it. And if they don’t buy it, the business here in Canada that produces that product has nowhere to send it. Likewise, counter-tariffs mean that people here will either pay higher prices on American products or not buy those products.

“But what impact will this have on individuals like the person living in Kipling, Saskatchewan? How will this impact their food costs? How will it impact their energy, home heating and business costs? Will they still have a job? These things are huge. And when people don’t have answers to these questions, that’s when they become fearful. That’s where we need governance that pays attention to this and can give that reassurance to people and say, ‘Let’s be confident. We can get

through this’. This needs to happen and it has to happen quickly.”

While Kitchen notes that fear can provoke people to respond to the situation in ways they normally might not, he says that a level of mindful maturity is needed to avoid incidents such as the crowd booing the US National Anthem at a hockey game.

“In many cases, what we’re seeing is similar to what happened during Covid. The uncertainty and inconsistency we saw in our government then – with them saying one thing one day and another thing the next – fed into people’s fear. So, people reacted in anger, venting and making statements that they would not otherwise make.

“But some of what we’re seeing is a lack of maturity as well. Ultimately, maturity shows in people’s respectability. The National Anthem of a country is a point of respect that we need to have for any country. That is their National Anthem. To boo that during a public event is extremely disrespectful.

“In the same way, from my point of view, I don’t agree with anything our Prime Minister does. But he is still my Prime Minister. So, I will respect that position and not demean it. That is the level of maturity that needs to happen, and that too, needs to happen on both sides of the border. Because it is people that are impacted by things like this, people on either side of a border that might be related or

have friendships or business dealings with each other. And those things need to be respected too.”

Kitchen goes on to say that responding with maturity and a commitment to respect can provide an opportunity to deal with issues that need to be addressed in this country.

“I think that there will be an opportunity to fix the things that need to be fixed here in Canada. But that again comes from maturity and recognizing the value of saying, ‘How do I progress what you do and what I do?’ instead of ‘It’s all about me and it doesn’t matter what you do.’

“We’re going to start to see businesses turning away from the US to other markets like Europe. And ultimately, for us as Canadians, we have to do more trading inter-provincially. Those inter-provincial trade barriers have been bigger than barriers are nationally. Those things need to be challenged, stopped and fixed as quickly as possible. Whether it’s oil and gas, water or medicines, we need to be doing more interprovincial trade.”

But for the moment, as we prepare to walk through whatever gauntlet lies ahead, Kitchen says we need to pay attention to those things we can control.

“We will continue to do what we need to keep doing and try to focus on the positive things. And we need to communicate with our friends and families in our communities and say, ‘Hey, let’s focus on what we’re doing here.’”



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Wolseley seeks community input for bridge replacement

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Wolseley town council met with ratepayers last week to seek community input regarding replacement options for the bridge over Adair Creek at Water Street.

The bridge was constructed in 1923 and has

reached the end of its lifespan. Officials noted that the timbers supporting the bridge were rotting and posing a safety concern, so a weight restriction of 3-tonnes was posted in 2022, and traffic was later restricted to one lane. Since then, council has been investigating options for bridge replacement. They met

with community members last week to discuss these measures.

Replacement options

Fifty people gathered at the Town Hall in Wolseley on Feb. 25 for presentations by Mayor Gerald Hill and Zacaruk Consulting.

The mayor and the consultant noted that replacing the bridge at Water Street is made particularly complicated by the suspension of a main sewer line underneath the structure. As the piles and stringers that support the bridge deteriorate, the sewer pipe is also beginning to bow.

"The most pressing concern is the sewer line—raw sewage could spill into the creek if it fails," Mayor Hill explained. "The sewer main that runs through the Water Street bridge abutments is vital. It serves everything north of the Fairly Lake and Adair Creek, highlighting the potential liability risk for our town."

Eight configurations for a new structure were presented to community members at the meeting, with various options for bridge types and sewer line replacement. These ranged from entirely

removing access to the bridge, to installing a bridge for vehicles or just for pedestrians. Configurations also included options for replacing the sewer line under the bridge or relocating the pipe.

The mayor shared that, for the past three years, the town sought funding for a bridge replacement project but was unsuccessful in securing provincial or federal grants. Council recognizes the imminent need for bridge replacement and has determined to proceed using municipal funding options so that construction can begin in spring 2026.

"We will suspend the paving program for 2025-2026, redirect the budget to the Water Street project, and project \$500,000 towards a 2026 build," explained Mayor Hill.

Additional funds could also be available through a lending program (line of credit) or special tax levy.

After all the potential solutions were explained, meeting attendees were asked to complete a form indicating their preferred configuration for a new bridge and sewer line. The results of this survey showed a preference for two particular designs.

Designs and funding

The community's top choice featured a new precast steel bridge with a gravity-fed sewer line underneath. The estimated cost for this option would be \$1.36 million.



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Old bridge

Wolseley council held a town hall meeting on Feb. 25 to discuss replacement options for the Water Street bridge that was built in 1923.

Since council allocated \$500,000 in its budget for the bridge, there would be an additional \$860,000 needed for the project. Council suggested this could be covered through a special tax levy to each ratepayer of \$185 per year for ten years.

The other design favoured by community members would see the old bridge replaced by a pedestrian bridge. A new gravity-fed sewer line would be supported beneath the bridge. This would cost approximately \$600,000, with the majority covered by the \$500,000 previously budgeted for paving. The remaining \$100,000 cost could be covered by a capital line of

credit so no special tax levy would be required.

Council appreciated the feedback provided by residents and said that discussion of the project would continue at its next regular meeting, scheduled for March 5.

Safety precautions

While the town continues to prepare for replacement, council recognizes the need for further caution. The bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic during spring runoff, though pedestrians may still be permitted to cross the bridge. Future assessment will determine whether it is safe to reopen the old bridge after the spring thaw.

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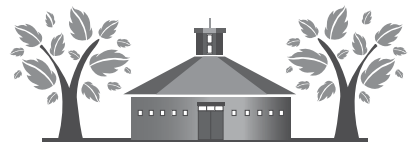
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Lions' Winter Festival & Cross-Country Night Ski March 8

Save the date and come out for some winter fun! The Indian Head & District Lions Club Winter Festival will be Saturday, March 8th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Dixon Park. Bundle up and come down for hot chocolate, bonfire, skating, tobogganing, and wagon rides.

In the evening, join us for a Cross-Country Night Ski at the Indian Head Golf Course. Bring your own headlamp, but there will be limited ski equipment to borrow. The event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting at the clubhouse on the corner of Beatty and Eden Street.

Seedy Sunday Returns to Indian Head

Indian Head Seedy Sunday is back March 16, 2025; 1 to 4 p.m., CE Centre, 801 Buxton Street. Emily Putz from Nature Sask will be presenting 'Monarchs and Milkweeds' at 2 p.m.

Seeds, plants & gardening items will be available for sale along with other items like lettuce, bread, honey etc. Free seed exchange table; kids activities; beverages and cookies provided. Spring is just around the corner so check out this fun, grassroots gardening event! Everyone welcome. For more information, please visit the Town website. Admission is \$3 for adults, youth are free.

Protect Your Property from Melting Damage

It is time to think about preparing for spring thaw. The Public Works crew will be out clearing slush off the roadways, monitoring storm catch basins and culverts for blockages and ensuring that water continues to flow in the curbs. If you see that a curb is dammed or a catch basin is blocked or frozen, please report the situation to the Town Office by calling 306-695-3344.

As property owners, you can also take measures to protect your home from water damage due to melting.

- Test your sump pump;
- If you are able, clear snow from your roof and gutters;
- Extend downspouts;
- Shovel snow away from the side of your house;
- Check basement for signs of water.

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The methods and messages used by scammers are always evolving to an ever-changing environment. This year's campaign will focus on impersonation fraud, one of the fastest growing forms of fraud. Impersonation fraud happens when fraudsters pretend to be trusted organizations, websites, and even another person to deceive people into their scams. This can lead to financial loss, identity theft, and other serious consequences.

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You can see what's happening by visiting the A.J.M. Davies Arena page on www.townofindianhead.com. The arena is also available for private bookings during open ice times. For bookings, please contact MacKenzie at 306-695-3383 or email ihfacilities@sasktel.net.

Upcoming Community Events

March 7 – Sask Music International

Women's Day Concert

March 7 – World Day of Prayer

March 7 – Doubles Curling

March 8 – Junior Curling Bonspiel

March 8 – Lions' Winter Festival &

Night Cross Country Ski

March 9 – Skate Indian Head Carnival

March 9 – Heritage Club Games Day

March 15 – Curling Club Cribbage Tournament

March 21-22 – Curling Club Year-End Bonspiel

March 28 – Every Brilliant Thing

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An interview with Prime Minister hopeful Karina Gould

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

Liberal MP for Burlington, Ontario Karina Gould is running to be the next Prime Minister of Canada. Gould has been elected for almost 10 years, a mom of two from suburban Ontario, and grew up working at her mother's small veterinarian business while her father fought for farmers. Gould was also the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons from 2023-2025.

Grasslands spoke with Gould about issues facing rural communities including helping producers, tariffs, cost of living, and crime.

Gould said it's important to support rural producers.

"One of the things that I felt we haven't done a good enough job as a government, as Liberals, is supporting the rural economy," said Gould. "And so, for me, it's really making sure that we are support-

ing our rural producers to get their products to market and ensuring that they have the support they need to be successful." As part of Gould's platform, she plans on knocking down provincial trade barriers and help Canadian businesses access new markets in the EU, Asia and Latin America.

Gould also has plans to support rural businesses and communities through the tariffs and trade war started by United States President Donald Trump.

"We live in a bit of a new world today with the imposition of these tariffs, and I think that for Canadians that means we have to ensure that we have a strong, smart and united response," said Gould. "There are two things we should do and that I would do as leader, to support individuals, but also businesses. We need to ensure that anyone who is losing income or losing their job because of these tariffs has access to income sup-

port so that they can get through this time, and they can make ends meet."

"The second thing is we need to also have a very strong support program for businesses, organizations and industries that are impacted, because I have full confidence that we are going to win this trade war against the United States, but we need to ensure that we have the jobs, businesses and the industries for people to come back to," said Gould.

Gould added that she thinks it's necessary to have a support program and a strong response to help the United States understand that they depend and rely on Canada.

As part of Gould's economic plan to address high costs of living in not just the province but across the country is to temporarily cut the GST by one per cent, which she says would give the average Canadian a savings of \$700 to \$750 a year. "For the lowest or no income Canadians that would make a big difference throughout the year because they have to purchase essentials no matter what, and this will enable them to do that," said Gould.

Gould also wants to strengthen the Competition Bureau to ensure Canadians have more choices and cheaper prices. "We have a lot of fake competition in Canada, the grocery sector in particular. We saw during the pandemic

that they did shrinkflation and before the pandemic that they were fixing the price of bread in Canada and that's just not acceptable."

Gould also plans on modernizing the social safety net. "There are too many people in this country who do not qualify for the social support that they have been promised, and in many regards, you know the system that we have is insufficient," said Gould. "If you're a senior living on a fixed income, and you get old age security and the guaranteed income supplement, you're not living on very much money a year. And we really need to ensure that, particularly for seniors who worked hard their entire lives, that we

can enable them to retire with dignity."

"The group that's most affected by poverty in Canada is people living with disabilities. Oftentimes they just do not have access to support that they need to get through at the end of every month. Some of them live in incredibly deep poverty." Gould also wants to improve housing in Canada with her ambitious plan to eliminate homelessness, increase the number of housing units in the country, and help first time home buyers get into the market. "I think this is one of the biggest issues facing Canadians right now, and we need a really bold and ambitious plan to tackle it," said Gould.

Gould's plan for Hous-

ing includes establishing Federal-Provincial-Territorial Accords that integrate housing with mental health and addiction support and scale up cooperative housing to provide stable, affordable housing outside of speculative markets. They also include increasing the percentage offered for a down payment to 50 per cent, reducing the paperwork required to qualify for the First-Time Home Buyer incentive, and offering a tax credit of \$2,000 on the provincial land transfer tax for first time buyers.

The Liberal Leadership Race ends on March 9. If you are a registered Liberal and plan on voting your ID must be verified by noon on March 7.

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Local performers help raise \$5.7 million for Telemiracle

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Compassion for individuals who require costly medical procedures or equipment served as a motivation for donors to contribute more than \$5.7 million dollars to Telemiracle 49 last weekend.

The annual fundraiser was held in Saskatoon on March 1 and 2, televised on CTV and live streamed on Telemiracle's online platforms. Viewers were encouraged to "ring those phones" and pledge their financial support through donations to the Kinsman

Foundation. The organization distributes the funds to Saskatchewan residents who need specialized mobility or medical equipment. Funds are also available to assist with travel expenses for medical treatment.

This year marked the 49th Telemiracle event and eighty talented performers from across Saskatchewan were featured during the broadcast, including some from the Grasslands News area. Prior to the telethon, each performer engaged in fundraising efforts for Telemiracle and Nutrien committed to matching all funds they raised this year, up to \$100,000.

Brynn Ager and her cousin Katherine Randall, from Prairie Soles School of Dance in Indian Head, performed a tap dance duet for Telemiracle on Saturday evening. Although they had previously participated in other volunteer or fundraising opportunities within their community,

this was their first time attending Telemiracle and they set an achievable goal of \$500. Through a "Telemiracle Tuesday" bake sale at their high school, along with online and other donations the girls raised \$1,400.60. They were overwhelmed with gratitude when Indian Head Elementary School doubled this by contributing \$1,200 that the students and staff raised through a "pie in the face" campaign.

Tyaisia Bitternose, a 15-year-old Sr. Princess from Kahkewistahaw First Nation, also made her Telemiracle debut last weekend. She performed a traditional Indigenous dance, and her participation held a very personal element as Tyaisia told the show's host on Saturday night that her grandmother had received a wheelchair through Telemiracle. The young dancer set a goal of raising \$5,000 for Telemiracle 49, which she exceeded by \$352.

Twelve-year-old Ashley Brown from Vibank made her fifth appearance on Telemiracle with her father Brad. They shared their guitar and vocal talents with a performance of "Shine" by Collective Soul. Through her diligent efforts, Ashley raised \$1,537.20 for this year's Telemiracle program.

Rein Morson, a 15-year-old singer from the Kennedy-Langbank area, performed "Ironic" by Alanis Morissette on Sunday morning. The young Filipino raised funds through Telemiracle's online platform and a benefit concert in Langbank. This was her sixth appearance on the fundraising show.

Additional performances during Telemiracle 49 were given by singer-songwriter Anna-Marie from Neudorf and James R. Betts from Melville.

Through the efforts of these Saskatchewan artists and many other supporters, Telemiracle 49 raised a total of \$5,709,306.



Stage performance
Brynn Ager and Katherine Randall of Indian Head perform during Telemiracle 49. The duo were two of several local performers at this year's event.

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Opinions on the effects of tariffs set on Canada

When people awoke the morning of Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, and businesses opened their doors, it was not just another ordinary day. It was a day in history – the day Donald Trump, President of the USA implemented the 25% tariffs against Canada, the first day of a trade war between two countries with deeply linked economies, that will undoubtedly jeopardize jobs and raise prices on both sides of the border for us all.

Canada says it will retaliate and impose tariffs as well. Prime Minister Trudeau has said Canada will impose retaliatory tariffs against a \$155 billion worth of American goods if the U.S. tariffs hit.

Trudeau said this will include immediate tariffs on \$30 billion worth of goods as of Tuesday, followed by further tariffs on \$125 billion worth of American products in 21 days' time to “allow Canadian companies and supply chains to seek to find alternatives.”

The consequences of a full-scale trade conflict could be severe depending on how long this will last. It's unclear what the president wants to see from Canada in exchange for dropping the tariffs for good.

The threats of tariffs started as concerns over fentanyl crossing the border but around the same time the comments were being heard about Canada becoming the 51st state. Would an economic drain through a trade war be enough for Canada to be taken over by the United States?

If you are following reports from the Bank of Canada's monetary policy framework, you will see how they feel tariffs will hurt the economy by hurting growth and increasing inflation in Canada. Demand for Canadian goods will drop, leading to layoffs and lower household incomes. This leads to Canadian consumers spending less and businesses shelving investment plans.

According to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Canada-U.S. Trade Tracker, nearly \$229 million worth of goods have already crossed the border since the start of 2025, as of February 25.

The world economy is shifting, and the Bank states it must be as ready as possible for what lies ahead.

The Loonie is poised for a stretch of weakness if tariffs continue. When tariffs were first threatened, the Canadian dollar fell to 68.48 cents U.S., but quickly rebounded after news of an extension emerged.

One chief market strategist says that tariffs could result in the Loonie falling two or three per cent and more if indications remain that tariffs could be in place for an extended period.

Canada's auto industry has also been warning that the impact of Trump's tariffs would be immediate.

Flavio Volpe, president of Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association, said the North American auto industry could shut down “within the week” if Trump's tariffs go ahead on March 4.

Tu Nguyen, economist, said some grocery products will get costlier a lot faster. “Goods that have no close Canadian substitutes and are perishable would see the increases first. These include fruits and vegetables, which Canada imports quite a bit in the winter months. Businesses cannot stock up on perishables the way they do with non-perishables, therefore the impact would be felt almost right away,” she said.

A recent RBC report said Canada could avoid a full-blown recession if the tariffs are in place for no more than a few weeks.

“Tariffs removed within a matter of weeks are likely



to create a temporary stall for Canada. However, if they extend over a matter of months (e.g. 3-6 months), Canada's recessionary risks increase rapidly,” the report said.

Economists generally define a recession as two consecutive quarters of an economy contracting.

Doane Grant Thornton LLP, a leading Canadian accounting and advisory firm, summarizes how tariffs affect welfare stating, in summary, 1) whenever a “small” country implements a tariff, national welfare falls. 2) the higher the tariff is set; the larger will be the loss in national welfare. 3) the tariff causes a redistribution of income. Producers and the recipients of government spending gain, while consumers lose.

Economist David Rosenberg, founder and president of independent research firm Rosenberg Research & Associates Inc., stated the economic detonation north of the border will resemble the recessions we had in the early 1980s and early 1990s, but it won't be as bad as the fallout from the great financial crisis or the pandemic. But it will be bad.

The best way to cushion the blow over the near term is to engage in a large-scale fiscal stimulus, and there is ample room for this, and for a massive easing in monetary policy. This period of tariffs is deserving of a powerful interest rate (and Canadian dollar) response.

Rosenberg also stated, “It may not seem obvious today, but Trump has done Canada a big favour when it comes to the future.”

The incentive is finally there to remove interprovincial trade barriers, diversify trade abroad, move rapidly to fast-track approvals for mining projects and either invoke emergency measures or pay off who needs to get paid off to get the array of energy pipeline projects completed (which have been impeded by unnecessary political obstacles at a time when Ottawa buckled under the pressure — those days should be well behind us at this point).

The estimates out there, regarding ending the insane trade barriers between the Canadian provinces, are that they cost the domestic economy as much as \$200 billion per year.

And Canada needs to start competing head-on with

the U.S. when it comes to deregulation and competitiveness broadly speaking and moving effective corporate income tax rates to the levels south of the border to redress the erosion in tax competitiveness, which the current government allowed to unfold with a lack of response to Trump's fiscal moves nearly eight years ago.

Being shocked by a crisis can actually end up being a good thing in the long term if the shock lights a fire under the derriere of the political class to embark on fundamental reforms — call it my (Rosenberg's) attempt to take a negative and see the positive.

Undoubtedly, we are all in shock with the tariffs going ahead. Many cannot withstand any more economic stresses. It is bad already and that is, as Rosenberg commented – a negative.

Canada does need reform. Government was propped on Jan. 7 and for example, since then (to mention just a few) \$3.9 billion was promised for the co-development phase to build a high-speed train between Toronto and Quebec City, the vacant seats in the Senate will be filled (and a round of new judicial appointments), Global Affairs has sent out nearly a billion dollars in foreign aid, constant corporate welfare handouts, \$40 million in grants to 106 projects across four different 2SLGBTQ1+, one last cabinet retreat in Australia and a 220 person Canada Trade Mission to Australia, and one more official apology for the relocation of Inuit families to high arctic settlements.

We need lots of positives. We need reform. This may not be the best time for a federal election but – we need an election!

We also need Trump to delve into his superstitious beliefs and ‘Beware the Ides of March,’ a time when people reflect on the themes of power, betrayal, and fate. The Ides of March falls on March 15 so maybe he will see the misfortune and doom he has inflicted on Canadians as well as Americans and cancel the tariffs.

The history of close ties between Canada and the United States will forever be changed from his recent initiatives but an economic trade war is not something that should be happening between bordering allied countries.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

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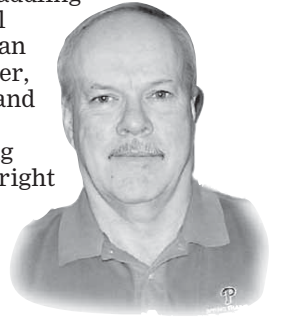


Medals presented Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen (center) was in Kipling on Tuesday to present King Charles III Coronation Medals to Mona Lynn Stender (left) and Mayor Pat Jackson (right). Mayor Jackson was recognized for her years of service in local government in Kipling and as Director for the Southeast Region of SUMA. Stender was honoured for her efforts to promote and support the arts in Kipling and the work she has done as a member of the Kipling & District Arts Council.

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Gene Hauta It's a Strange World

Adrián Simancas was paddling an inflatable raft in a small bay off the Strait of Magellan in southern Chile. His father, Dell, was in another boat, and just happened to be taking a video of his son. A feeding humpback whale came up right under Adrián, whose boat disappeared for a moment. It seems evident that the whale **actually "swallowed" Adrián**, but quickly surfaced again and spat the man out. Adrián said, he had never even seen a whale before. If he sees another, "I hope it isn't quite so close up." Randy Cassingham quipped, "On the other hand, not many can say they've had an insider's point of view."



Zhang Yazhou was sitting in the passenger seat of her Tesla Model 3 when she said she heard her father's panicked voice: **The brakes don't work!** Approaching a red light, her father swerved around two cars before plowing into an SUV and a sedan and crashing into a large concrete barrier. She was flabbergasted when Tesla sued her for defamation for complaining publicly about the car's brakes. A Chinese court ordered Zhang to pay more than US\$23,000 in damages and publicly apologize to the \$1.1 trillion company. Of course, Tesla is led by Elon Musk, among the richest men in the world and a self-described "free speech absolutist." Over the last four years, **Tesla has sued at least six car owners** in China who had sudden vehicle malfunctions, quality complaints, or accidents they claimed were caused by mechanical failures. The company has also sued at least six bloggers and two Chinese media outlets that wrote critically about the company. It is not common practice for automakers — in China or elsewhere — to sue their customers. But Tesla has pioneered an aggressive legal strategy and leveraged the patronage of powerful leaders in China's ruling Communist Party to silence critics, reap financial rewards, and limit its accountability.

In Maryland, the St. Mary's County (Md.) Sheriff's Office reported that Thomas Campbell Bolling Von Goetz, 56, went on a bit of a rampage. First, Von Goetz invaded Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Angels Catholic Church where he dropped an onion by the altar and, after being told to leave, threw tangerines at people. He then moved on to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, which was also holding Mass, and interrupted "by pouring whiskey into the holy water and threatening to harm parishioners." As he was escorted out, Von Goetz allegedly "attempted to strike multiple people" with the empty whiskey bottle. He has been charged with several charges, including assault, defacing religious property, and **"Threat of Mass Violence"**.

Until recently, Oscar Sanchez Gil was head of the fraud and anti-money laundering division of Spain's national police force. Now, he, along with his life partner, is being held on charges of drug trafficking, money laundering, corruption, and membership in a criminal group. During a probe into Spain's largest-ever cocaine bust, investigators raided the home shared by Sanchez Gil and his partner, a fellow police officer, and found more than \$21 million in cash hidden inside the walls and ceilings, plus another \$1 million locked in cupboards in Gil's office. Police tied the raid to the **seizure of 14 tons of cocaine** hidden among bananas that arrived from Guayaquil, Ecuador. That is "one of the largest seizures in the world."

A wealthy couple sued a developer, after finding the mansion they'd bought for \$40 million was infested with moths. Iya Patarkatsishvili, the daughter of a Georgian billionaire, and her pediatric dentist husband Yevhen Hunyak, purchased Horbury Villa in a west London neighborhood in May 2019. Soon, the moths showed up everywhere. After they filed a lawsuit, it was determined that William Woodward-Fisher, the surveyor and property developer who sold the couple the home, had concealed a serious **clothes moth infestation** of the insulation in the house. He was ordered to take the mansion back, subtracting \$7.4 million for the time they spent in the house. They were also awarded damages of \$5 million for the infestation, including more than \$18,500 for ruined clothes.

The American restaurant chain Hooters, famous for its waitresses wearing tight-fitting sporty uniforms, is reportedly heading toward bankruptcy. Hooters is preparing to file for bankruptcy to restructure its business, likely in the next two months. Since its humble beginning in Clearwater, Florida in 1983, the Hooters brand has grown into an international sensation, with **more than 420 Hooters in 29 countries**. "Six businessmen with no restaurant experience whatsoever got together to open a place they couldn't get kicked out of." "Hooters set to file for bankruptcy," remarked Argus Hamilton. "That's so ironic, Hooters going bust."

Until next time... keep reading between the lines...

Music awards won by area performers

Moskaluke, Littlechief and Kinistino big winners

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan Music Awards recognized some of the province's most talented artists last Sunday evening when awards in 21 categories were presented to artists from across the province.

Hosted at the Regina Performing Arts Centre, the Sask. music community gathered for an evening of performances and recognition.

Jess Moskaluke, a Langenburg/Rocanville artist, took home two awards, including Country Artist of the Year and Single of the Year ("Go Get Er"), for the second SMAs in a row.

Teagan Littlechief of Carlyle was awarded the Contemporary Indigenous Artist of the Year title, and Erroll Kinistino, Ochapowace First Nation, received the award for Indigenous Music Achievement Award.

The show was opened with a special performance of the Treaty 4 Flag Song by Aaron Tootosis. A key event of the show was the tribute to the Indigenous Music Achievement Award honouree, Erroll Kinistino

presented by Dale McArthur.

SaskMusic described Kinistino stating, "Erroll Kinistino is Saulteaux with membership on the Ochapowace First Nation near Broadview, bordering the historic Qu'Appelle Valley in Southeast Saskatchewan. He was born in Whitewood and graduated from Grenfell Consolidated High School. Erroll is both an actor and musician with credits including numerous theatrical productions and known for film and TV roles as Leon Deela on North of 60 (1992-2002), Phil the bartender on Corner Gas (2006-2008), Cold as Ice in Out In the Cold (2005), Kenny Bearclaw in Moccasin Flats (2003) and Sol in This Time Last Winter (2009). He has been active in Saskatchewan's theatre and music scenes for many years as an actor, director, singer and acoustic guitarist. As a musician, Kinistino plays a variety of instruments: acoustic and electric guitar, drums, and harmonica, to name a few, and he also sings traditional songs with a hand drum. He sings and plays his own songs, such as *Kokum's Kaddilac*, *Shuk Sha Ki-Nuk*, and *24 Hours*. He recently recorded *Kokum's Kaddilac* with

the Billy Joe Green band, which went to Number One on NCI FM. As Dale McArthur noted, "Many of us starting out were comforted, supported, and inspired (by Erroll). He continues to inspire the next generation with his music, theatre, radio plays, and kindness that he known for by Indigenous communities." Erroll Kinistino MC's many events on the prairies and across Canada, and acts as an elder at various ceremonies. He can always be found performing in and supporting others in the music scenes in Regina and Saskatoon. A constant humanitarian, he speaks and represents his people with pride everywhere he goes."

According to the SMA website, the winners were determined by music industry jurors, and peers from across Canada, with public voting contributing to the categories of Album of the Year, Industry Achievement, Music Company or Organization of the year and Venue or Festival of the Year.

The awards program was recorded for later broadcast on AccessNow TV and will air for the first time on March 12.

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New unique café opens

By Sarah Pacio
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A small building on 6th Ave. in Broadview has a new purpose. Richard Cope spent the past few years completing a full renovation of the interior, transforming the old liquor store from a retail outlet to a unique and cozy coffee shop.

Cope was born in Broadview but grew up in the Battlefords. He became a teacher like his mother Lorraine Cope (nee McKay) and returned to Broadview early in his career. He has been teaching for 27 years and currently teaches Grade 3 at Cowessess Community Education Centre.

Intending to invest in a rental property three years ago, Cope began looking at realty listings in the community and saw that the former liquor store was for sale.

"I lived with my mother at the time and I told her, 'I think instead of a house, I'm going to buy the liquor board store. I'd

love it to be a coffee shop and I'll have that running when I retire,'" Cope recalled. "She thought it was a good idea, too, so that's how it all started."

After purchasing the building on 6th Ave., Cope commenced the lengthy process of bringing his idea to fruition. Previous experience with home renovations, along with assistance from family members, led to success.

Cope first welcomed the public into AR Cyber Coffee Café for a special event last Christmas. At that time, he did not intend to begin fully operating the café until after he retired from his teaching position. However, there was such an enthusiastic reception from the community that his sister Judy offered to help run the shop in the intervening months and Cope was persuaded to open ahead of schedule.

AR Cyber Coffee Café is now open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. This allows patrons to enjoy their morning coffee

and also provides a place for youth to gather in the evenings. Along with the tea, coffee and pastries typical of a café, the menu includes mini donuts, popcorn, hot dogs and slushies. A dish of Werther's candies is also placed on each table in honour of Cope's mother who favored the sweet treats.

Patrons appreciate the pleasant ambiance and warm welcome they receive from the proprietors upon entering through the café's fuchsia-colored front door.

"We get a good crowd; there's a reading group that comes in here every Thursday and then we have locals that come in," Cope said. "It's nice, you really get to know the community better by sharing stories."

Customers comment on the atmosphere, stating that enjoying a cup of coffee at the café feels like visiting a friend in their living room. In the centre of the main room, there are comfortable chairs in



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New café

Richard Cope and his sister Judy operate the unique AR Cyber Coffee Café in Broadview.

front of a fireplace; additional chairs and table line the south wall. In a cozy corner there are computers with internet service and an Xbox that patrons can access. Two retro-style arcade games also provide entertainment.

The walls of the café are filled with family photos and memorabilia, interspersed with an intriguing collection of trinkets purchased at a thrift store. There are portraits of Cope's grandparents, mother and siblings, as

well as two stuffed fish caught by his brothers. These are surrounded by such an eclectic collection of items mounted on the walls that it seems a new object will catch a person's eye on each visit to the café.

For the next few months, Cope's sister is taking primary responsibility for daily operations at the café, though he joins her in the late afternoons and evenings. He plans to retire at the end of the school year and will spend more time at the

café this summer. Opening the shop and interacting with community members there has provided Cope with a fresh enthusiasm for the next phase of his life.

"I'm excited about retiring," he commented. "At first, I was very worried because I love the classroom, but I just know that it's going to be a good transition for me. I don't want to be at home all the time without any goals, so I thought this would be a nice way to keep involved with the community."

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Saskatchewan teachers' demands met in binding arbitration

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The Arbitration Board has determined that class complexity will be included as a new article in the Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement.

"The collective efforts of so many people throughout the province brought attention to the issues facing Saskatchewan students. This is a hard-won first step to ensure these critical issues will be addressed," says Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation President Samantha Becotte. "This decision is a decade in the making and will have a significant impact on students, teachers and the future of public education in Saskatchewan. I am endlessly proud of and inspired by the teachers and families of this province, and their efforts to improve learn-

ing conditions for students and working conditions for teachers."

In its decision, the Board directed the Teachers' Bargaining Committee and Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee to agree on collective agreement language for the class complexity provisions. If the two sides cannot come to an agreement, it will be referred back to the Arbitration Board.

"We welcome the chance to work with the GTBC to finalize this important language," says Becotte. "We appreciate the dedication and professionalism the Board demonstrated throughout this process."

Prior to this, the collective agreements of every teacher organization in Canada, except for Alberta and Saskatchewan, contain clauses directly addressing class size, class composition, and/or violence-free work environments.

A class complexity fund of \$20 million per year will be in addition to all other provincial funding. On the issue of salary, teachers have been awarded an in-

crease of 9 percent over three years: 4 per cent retroactive to Sept. 1, 2023; 3 per cent retroactive to Sept. 1, 2024; and 2 per cent as of Sept. 1, 2025.

SE College making changes to campus

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The Southeast College has announced strategic changes to its operations at the Moosomin Campus to better utilize resources and enhance educational offerings. Effective July 1st, 2025, Southeast College will no longer operate a store front campus location.

Over the past two years, the Moosomin campus has been largely vacant, with the space being used for only 18 weeks each year for the Electrician program. The last staffed position at the campus was a part-time One-Stop Associate, and since the summer of 2023, the campus has been staffed on an as-needed casual basis.

essary training equipment for the Electrician program that is scheduled for Winter 2026.

"The combination of economic challenges and declining student demand is the main reason for the change," states Interim President and CEO Jody Holzmillier. "Southeast College remains committed to the town of Moosomin and surrounding area, our intent is to continue to offer on demand programming for many

years to come. We look forward to renewing community conversations that support our goal of increasing programming opportunities in the area."

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AG NEWS



U.S. decision to move forward with tariffs will have devastating impacts on the Canadian canola industry

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On Tuesday, U.S. President Donald Trump confirmed that previously announced tariffs of 25 per cent will be applied to imports of a broad range of Canadian goods, including canola seed, oil and meal, effective March 4, 2025.

“A month ago, we welcomed the U.S. decision to pause implementation of tariffs, in support of predictable, tariff-free trade,” says Chris Davison, Canola Council of Canada (CCC) President & CEO. “The U.S. decision to go forward with 25 per cent tariffs on Canadian-grown canola and canola products will be felt across the canola value chain, with devastating impacts on farmers, input providers, canola crushing activities and exports of canola seed, oil and meal.”

The U.S. is Canada’s number one market for canola exports and also a market that is highly integrated with the Canadian canola industry. Total export value in 2023 was \$8.6

billion and in 2024 reached \$7.7 billion, with record high volumes including 3.3 million metric tonnes (MMT) of canola oil and 3.8 MMT of canola meal.

Canola is the single largest contributor to farm crop cash receipts – grown by nearly 40,000 farmers across the country.

“The uncertainty created by this situation continues to impact farmers as they inch closer to planting the 2025 crop,” says Rick White, Canadian Canola Growers Association (CCGA) President & CEO. “The damaging blow caused by tariffs will be felt by every canola farmer, starting with the price they receive at deliv-

ery and will extend to the full range of their operations, ultimately reducing farm profitability.”

A recent analysis completed by the CCC on the impact Canadian-grown canola has on the U.S. economy also draws attention to the economic benefits the U.S. derives from the Canadian canola industry, which averages \$11.2 billion (USD) per year and includes \$1.2 billion (USD) in wages.

The economic benefits of the trading relationship occur at almost every stage of the canola industry including U.S.-based processing and refining, transportation, bottling and packing, food end uses, livestock and more.

CCGA and the CCC are focused on strengthening the Canada-U.S. trade relationship and amplifying the mutual benefit our nations receive from canola trade through U.S. advocacy activities and engagement with the Government of Canada

to advance the Canadian canola industry’s interests.

“The canola industry delivers a true win-win for both Canada and the

U.S., and we must do everything we can to restore smooth, predictable, tariff-free canola trade between our two countries,” say Davison and White.

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Polar Bear Jump nets \$12,000 for Fort's FD

Money to go towards equipment

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Nine-year-old Memphis Stephenson hesitated and for a moment wasn't sure whether he really wanted to jump into the frigid water in Echo Lake during the Fort Qu'Appelle's 10th annual Polar Jump. The youngest of this year's 34 participants, Stephenson paused, took a tentative step forward, stepped back, then bravely followed his mother, Kiahna, into the water. Sitting in the warm hot tub afterwards he described the experience as being "scared and excited at the same time. Maybe I might even do it again."

The polar jump began at the Winter Festival 10 years ago but for the past seven it has become a fundraiser for the fire department. Abraham McCallum has taken part in the polar bear jump before, so he knew what to expect. "It's pretty damn cold, it freezes you right up," he said. But RCMP constable Martin Stregger, who jumped for the first time

with fellow officer Anureet Kaur and File Hills' officer Kevin Swansburg, said the dive wasn't the worst thing in the world, "but it wasn't the greatest either."

Each of the participants had their own style. Some dived in headfirst. Others like Tavayan Sebastian displayed graceful athletic form as he cannon balled into the water. Some wore silly costumes and some dog paddled around in the icy pool.

Jenna Boehme, a Balcarres paramedic, was rewarded with a propane barbecue for having raised \$1,500, the most money in pledges for the fire department. She got tangled up in the giant polar bear costume that dragged her deeper into the water before she was able to get out of it. "I've never done it before, and I'm sure I'll never do it again," she said.

This year's polar jump brought in more than \$12,000 for the fire department. Chief David Sabirsh said he was more than happy with the participation, which doubled the amount of money that was raised last year. The proceeds will go to buy equipment for the department.



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Top fundraiser takes plunge

Jenna Boehme raised \$1,500 in pledges, the most money of the 34 who took part in the polar bear jump.

Fort council buys equipment; bylaws stalled

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works supervisor Donald Rokosh told council, "It is a good machine. We should be able to get 5,000 hours out of it." In voting to approve the deal councilor Ron Shordee said, "We really don't need a repeat of what happened with our garbage truck," referring to the previous council's purchase of a secondhand garbage truck, a decision that has cost the town more money in repairs than worth it. The truck is still out of service. Councilor Rebecca Zacharuk abstained from voting because she wanted to have the machine test driven before council bought it.

Garbage collection bylaws stalled

Council continues to wrestle with two bylaws governing the collection and disposal of waste in town. For the

second meeting in a row, a Water and Sewer Bylaw (03-2025) wasn't seconded, so it couldn't be discussed. The other bylaw (04-2025) governing Waste and Recycling was given second reading. Councilor Johnson recommended a number of changes including more precise definitions of some of the clauses. Among other things, he wants Loraas Disposal garbage trucks banned from going on private property to pick up bins, that bins be supplied to each individual condominium unit, that a new bylaw governing spring and autumn pickups be introduced and that the term "light commercial businesses" be clarified. Councilor Rebecca Zacharuk added a suggestion that the phrase "become putrescible" written into the proposed bylaw be changed to "become odorous."

Social club spreading good cheer



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Calling Bingo

Myrna Gibbens calls the balls for the Valley Jewels Bingo. Everyone gets a prize.

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Members of the Valley Jewels, a women's social club in Fort Qu'Appelle, got together to play bingo at the Senior's Centre on the weekend.

The club is a chapter of the Crown Jewels of Canada whose mission statement is to spread good cheer. Members take turns organizing a different event each month and wear their distinctive hats when they get together.

"We have about 20 in our group, but the bingo game was open to anyone. All the prizes were donated, and everyone got a prize," said club president Jenny Melancon.

The women are out to lift the spirits in these anxious times by dispensing spring greeting cards with different food recipes.

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SPORTS

Fort Knox takes three-game lead in PJHL semi-finals

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

The first round of playoffs are here in the Prairie Junior Hockey League (PJHL) which see the first seed Fort Knox take the 3-0 lead against the fourth seed Richardson Pioneer Rebels and the third seed Pilot Butte Storm trail 2-1 against the second seed Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals.

Game 1: Richardson Pioneer Rebels 1 at Fort Knox 6

Fort Knox hosted the Richardson Pioneer Rebels on Feb. 28 in the first playoff game between the two teams.

Knox scored two goals within the first minute of play and the goals kept on coming until they defeated the Rebels 6-1. "When we started, we knew we would be a successful team. Did I know that we would only lose 5 or 6 games? No, but we'll take it," said coach Matt Scott, who was named coach of the year.

Goal scorers for Fort Knox were Leland Cody, Marc Belanger with two, Castor Berezuk, Shaden Duliak, and Landon Kaban. The lone goal maker for the Rebels was Evhan Allan in the first period.

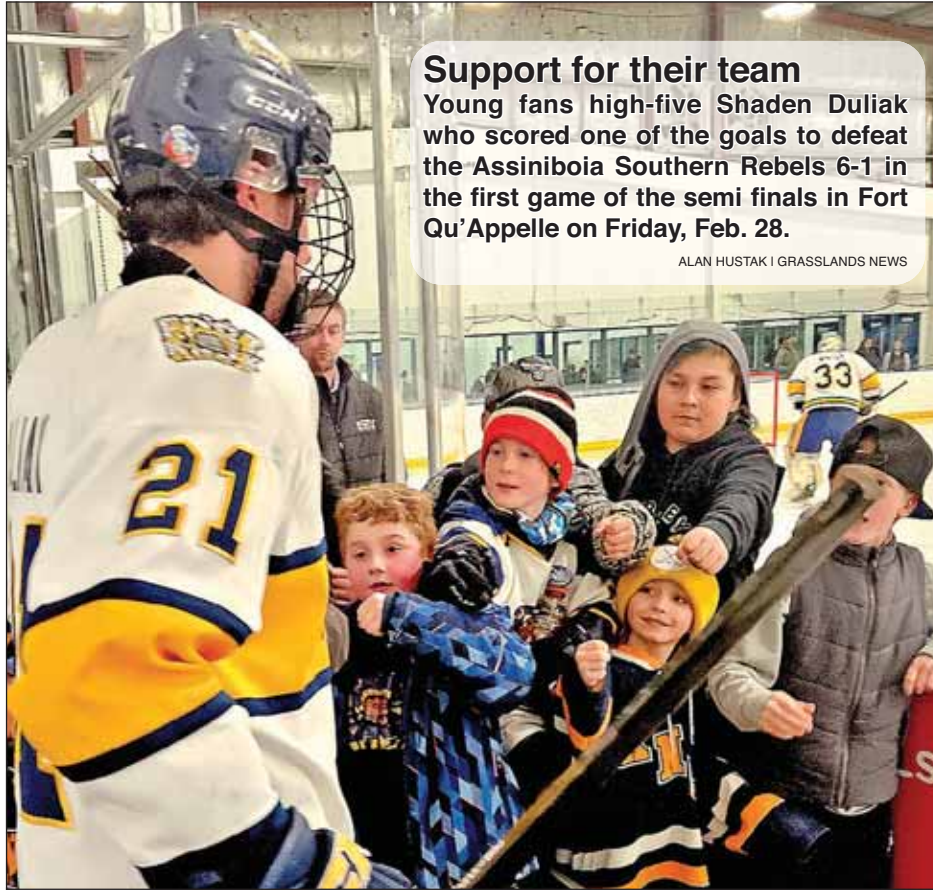
There were a total of 36-minutes of penalties handed out throughout the game.

Fort Knox' goalie Zane Winter saw 33 shots on goal. Rebels' goalie Daxton Tichit saw 35 shots with 32 saves and starting goalie Matthew Stephens saw 3 shots and zero saves.

Game 1: Pilot Butte Storm 7 at Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals 5

The Pilot Butte Storm played on March 1 in the first game of their series against the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals where they won 7-5.

Pilot Butte Storm took a 2-1 lead in the first period with goals from Kayden Reeder and Austin Kozakewich. The Capitals' lone goal of the period was Owen Fraser. In the second period the score tied up 4-4 with Capitals' score makers being Dylan Schoenroth on the powerplay, Jack Bechard, and Tyson Kistner with a short-handed goal. Storm' score makers were Tristan Grohs and Peyton Kostiuk with a powerplay goal. In the third period the Storm took the



Support for their team
Young fans high-five Shaden Duliak who scored one of the goals to defeat the Assiniboia Southern Rebels 6-1 in the first game of the semi finals in Fort Qu'Appelle on Friday, Feb. 28.

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lead again with a powerplay goal from Austin Kozakewich. The Capitals tied it up with a goal from Nolan Pankratz. The Storm came back with goals from Tate Olson and an empty net goal from Jaxon Skiftun.

There were a total of 52-minutes of penalties handed out throughout the game, with two 10-minute misconducts going to Wyatt Hanson-Gnyp of the Storm and Ty Langford of the Capitals.

Winning goalie Kellen Bojic saw 30 shots and Capitals' goalie Keegen Dansereau saw 45 shots.

Game 2: Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals 2 at Pilot Butte Storm 1 (OT)

The Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals tied up the series when the Pilot Butte Storm hosted them on March 2.

The only scoring during the game was in the first period with powerplay goals from Tyler Council for the Storm and Jack Bechard for the Capitals. Game

winning goal goes to Dylan Schoenroth, two minutes into the first overtime period.

There were a total of 22-minutes of penalties handed out during the game.

Game winning goalie Drew Pereyma saw 24 shots on net for the Capitals while Kellen Bojic saw 37 shots.

Game 2: Fort Knox 7 at Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels 2

Fort Knox gained a 2-0 lead in their second game against the Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels on March 2 where they beat the Rebels 7-2.

Score makers in the first period were Leland Cody and Liam Cody for Fort Knox. In the second period Fort Knox scored four times with goal makers being Cooper Buhay, Liam Cody, and Marc Belanger with two. In the third period the Rebels picked up a powerplay goal from Zach Svenson and a goal from Riley Moberg. Belanger picked up a hat trick

in the third.

Penalties were high with 192-minutes of penalties handed out with 14 10-minute misconducts and game misconducts handed out throughout the game.

Fort Knox goalie Zane Winter saw 23 shots and Matthew Stephens saw 34 shots.

Game 3: Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels 0 at Fort Knox 6

Fort Knox continued to dominate in their series against the Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels on March 4 as goalie Jackson Miller earns a 6-0 shutout at home.

Goals were scored by Landon Kaban, Shaden Duliak with two, Castor Berezuk, Tanner Wiens, and Marc Belanger.

Miller saved an impressive 29 shots for Fort Knox while Rebels' goalie Daxton Tichit made 26 saves out of 32 shots.

There was a total of 28-minutes of penalties handed out throughout the game.

Game 3: Pilot Butte Storm 2 at Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals 4

The Pilot Butte Storm lost their second in a row against the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals on March 4, losing 4-2.

The Capitals took the early lead in the first period with goals from Luka Borne and Dylan Schoenroth. Kayden Reeder managed to get a powerplay goal at the end of the period for the Storm. In the second period Tyler Council tied it up for the Storm, 2-2. In the third period the Capitals took the lead again with goals from Borne and Jack Bechard, winning the game 4-2 for the Capitals.

Game winning goalie Drew Pereyma saw 25 shots on net while Storm goalie Kellen Bojic saw 35.

Upcoming Games

Game 4 of the series between the Pilot Butte Storm and the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals was on March 5 after press time. Results of that game and the series will be in the March 14 issue. Game 5 of the series is scheduled for March 7 with the storm playing in Regina.

Game 4 of the series between the Fort Knox and the Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels is on March 6. Results of that game and the series will be in the March 14 issue. If Fort Knox losses on March 6 they play on March 8 at home.



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MCS senior girls' basketball team takes second in Melfort

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The Melville senior girls' basketball team traveled to Melfort this past weekend to compete in an eight-team tournament, featuring both 4A and 5A teams. The girls kicked off the tournament with a 54-38 victory over Humboldt. This marked the third time the two teams had faced each other, with MCS now boasting a 3-0 record against the Mohawks. The game started slowly for the Cobras, but they

eventually pulled ahead by stepping up their defense, which forced several Humboldt turnovers and allowed for transition points for Melville.

This victory advanced the Cobras to the semifinals, where they faced the home team, Melfort. Melfort proved to be a scrappy opponent, keeping the game close throughout the first three quarters. However, MCS maintained their composure, despite the energetic home crowd, and pulled away in the final moments to secure a 45-32 win.

The gold medal game was a rematch against the consensus second-ranked team in the 4A category, the Meadow Lake Spartans. This was the second time the Cobras had faced last year's provincial gold medalists, having previously met earlier in the season in Moose Jaw. In that earlier matchup, the game was tightly contested, with MCS holding a two-point lead at halftime but trailing by three with only 30 seconds left. Ultimately, the Spartans came out on top, winning 42-37.

Saturday night's game had many similarities to the earlier contest, with MCS once again holding a narrow lead at various points. Scoring was challenging for both teams as both defenses were playing at an exceptionally high level. The turning point came midway through the fourth quarter when the Spartans capitalized on their perimeter shooting, while the Cobras struggled to do the same at the other end. Meadow Lake seized the momentum in the closing minutes, with the game

still only a two-point difference at the four-minute mark, and surged to a 41-28 victory.

MCS and the Cobra girls' basketball team would like to extend their gratitude and recognize the generous donation that helped the team purchase much-needed new uniforms. Jonathan and Rosalie Yanush, on behalf of Yanush Enterprises, made a \$2,155.44 do-

nation, enabling the team to purchase the replacements without using SRG funds.

"Our team and school cannot thank the Yanush family enough for their unsolicited and very generous contribution. The increasing costs associated with the school's various club programs – whether athletic or otherwise – and unmatched funding, has placed significant pressure

on our SRG to find money to keep these programs feasible. The majority of the funds for which our extra-curricular programs rely on are primarily sourced from fundraising efforts. To have someone reach out to us saying they wanted to help our school and program is an act of generosity that we are extremely grateful for."



Donation for uniforms

Cobras Captain Olivia Mikolas accepts a cheque for over \$2,155 for new uniforms from Jonathan and Rosalie Yanush from Yanush Enterprises.

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Silver medal

The MCS Sr. Girls Basketball team took the silver medal losing to the Meadow Lake Spartans in the final last weekend. Front row, left to right, are, Michaela Sojila, Amelia Gayle, Jahm Ciano, Sarah Powell and Delaney Alspach. Back row, left to right, are, Doug Martinook, Anna Dubreuil, Ahmelia Brown, Daynielle Morrison, Ariel Buzash, Olivia Mikolas, Jorryn Kreklewich and Dan Alspach.

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University of Regina women's curling team left it all on the ice

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News



TESA SILVERSIDES

As Connor Bedard once said after powering the Regina Pats to a comeback win over the Western Hockey League-leading Winnipeg Ice, "to be the best you have to beat the best."

The University of Regina Cougars women's curling team did exactly that at the USports national championship last week.

They just needed to beat a few more of the rest as well to reap the rewards.

The Regina rink, with White City's Tessa Silversides playing second, saw its bid for a Canadian title end Feb. 27 with a 5-4 loss to the Thompson Rivers

Wolfpack.

With the loss the Cougars' win-loss record dropped to 3-4, eliminating them from playoff contention.

A win, conversely,

would have placed Regina in the top four of the eight-team tournament by virtue of a tiebreaker with the Dalhousie Tigers, whom the Cougars defeated 7-6 in their second game of the tournament.

Dalhousie went on to win the national championship with a 6-5 win Feb. 28 over Thompson Rivers.

Regina opened its Canadian title bid Feb. 24 with an 8-2 win over the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns, then followed that with the win over Dalhousie before losing 4-2 to the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks.

The Cougars picked up their final win of the event Feb. 26 by beating the McMaster Marauders 6-4 before dropping three straight decisions

to St. Francis Xavier, the Guelph Gryphons and Thompson Rivers.

Against the Wolfpack, Regina traded single points with its opponents for the first two ends before Thompson Rivers stole singles in the third and fourth to take a 3-1

lead.

Regina replied with a single point in the fifth end, but the Wolfpack scored two in the sixth and led 5-2 with two ends to play.

The Cougars scored a single in the seventh and stole another point in the

eighth but still trailed by one and weren't able to force the extra end.

In recent years Silversides had competed with her sister Mya and skip Elizabeth Kessel on rinks that competed at under-18 and under-21 national championships.

Doig battles elements to savour second Scotties

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

Neither rain nor sleet nor snow nor hail was going to keep Deanna Doig from joining her Saskatchewan teammates at this year's national women's curling championship in Thunder Bay, ON.

And once she arrived Feb. 14 at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, on the day of Team Saskatchewan's first game, Doig showed few signs of rust.

Playing lead for Nancy Martin's rink out of Saskatoon's Nutana Curling Club, the 52 year old from Emerald Park arrived in Thunder Bay late on the morning of Feb. 14 then curled that night in a 10-6 Saskatchewan win over four-time national medalist Krista McCarville and her Northern Ontario rink.

Doig told Grasslands News in an interview that her arrival was delayed because of snowstorms that affected travel throughout much of Ontario in the days leading up to the Scotties.

The logistical headache began about 72 hours before Saskatchewan's first game when she learned her flight from Regina to Toronto had been cancelled.

While Balgonie's Colleen Ackerman, who served as the Martin rink's alternate, had her flight to

Thunder Bay re-booked for the day before the Scotties opened, Doig wasn't initially able to find transportation that would get her to Thunder Bay in time for Saskatchewan's first game.

A second cancellation eventually resulted in a flight from Toronto to Sault Ste. Marie, an overnight stay, and a puddle jumper flight from Sault to Thunder Bay that landed just before noon on the day of Saskatchewan's first game.

"There was a lot of stress and anxiety," said Doig. "Just in that you're trying to deal with delays in travel and that fear of not making it to the first game. That would have been devastating really."

"I didn't sleep great really that first night in Toronto just knowing there was the possibility I might not get out, but once I got to the Sault I did feel quite a bit better."

"I went out for a meal myself and had a pretty good night's sleep there and actually felt pretty prepared for Friday when I got in at noon. I even had a few tears roll down my face because it just means so much to be at the Scotties."

This year's national tournament was Doig's second, after having previously competed there in 2017 as the third for Penny Barker's Moose Jaw rink.

Following the win over Northern Ontario, Saskatchewan beat Prince Edward Island 8-6 the next night, before falling 6-5 to Corryn Brown of B.C. in the afternoon draw Feb. 16. Saskatchewan improved to 3-1 the next morning with a 7-5 win over New Brunswick, then dropped its next two games to Rachel Homan's Team Canada (9-6) and Alberta's Kayla Skrlík (10-5).

That left Saskatchewan needing a pair of wins and some help in order to make playoffs.

They got the former, beating Nunavut 7-4 and Alberta's Selena Sturmey 9-8 on Feb. 19.

The help never came however, as Skrlík won each of her final two games to pull ahead of Saskatchewan and advance to the playoffs.

Still, Doig said the positives far outweighed the negatives over the course of the tournament.

"They were two very different experience and I'm just really grateful for this second opportunity to go to the Scotties," she said. "I honestly never thought I'd get the chance to go to another one so this one is probably a more memorable experience."

"We played our hearts out and we didn't leave anything out there to be questioned."

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Gross Misconduct

The Melville Millionaires are the hottest team in the SJHL, and the smart money says that not many fans saw it coming.

The Mills started off the season quite well, proving to be one of the more dynamic clubs in the league, with an enviable mix of offence and defence.

The team was clicking along quite nicely until the Christmas break came along.

That was when a couple of Melville's top players – one, the entire league's leading point-getter and the other, the Millionaires' top goal scorer – decided to leave the team in search of greener pastures.

We've all seen players leave teams in the past, perhaps going home to await a trade or something similar, but to just leave, and go to a team in another league where the Millionaires didn't get any sort of compensation?

That hadn't happened before as far as I can recall.

The Millionaires stumbled out of the second half gate, dropping four games in a row.

They were close in play with the opposition, but they couldn't generate enough scoring chances and when they did, they lacked finish, but they still looked like a Doug Johnson coached team most nights.

They worked and they battled and for the most part, the fans stuck by them.

On January 21, the Millionaires took on the mighty Flin Flon Bombers and while they were shut out, there was definitely a spark of some sort.

I recall walking to my vehicle after the contest that night and thinking to myself, this team looks like they're going to be okay.

And by okay, I meant that they looked as if could recover some of their early season momentum and at least get back into the playoff race.

As of March 3, that was the last game this team lost.

Fans got to watch different players emerge as offensive threats, as new line mates gained some of the season's earlier momentum back while the defence tightened up and the goaltending turned into the brick wall Melville fans have been watching for the last month.

It's one thing to be "okay", but it's another altogether to turn into the league's juggernaut.

This version of the Melville Millionaires, the 2024-2025, 2.0 version of the team, can play the game any way the oppositions wants.

They can play that wide open offensive style or an extremely tight checking brand of hockey, depending on what the situation requires.

The defence, always a stronger part of this team, has begun moving the puck better, making great passes and just taking off and carrying it as well.

The gap control most nights is as tight as a drum, with opposition players shocked to not have any time at all to move the puck.

Fans have also seen the emergence of a solid and productive powerplay and a downright dangerous penalty kill.

The question is, how did they get to here?

It almost seems like somewhere inside these guys, they've found a well of strength and tenaciousness that even they didn't know they had.

And the fans are noticing.

It seems like every game there are a few more butts in seats at the old CN Community Centre and now that the Millionaires have clinched a playoff spot, fans will have a chance to see Melville Millionaires playoff hockey.

I'm not certain whether the Millionaires themselves have a team or two picked out that they'd enjoy meeting in the post season, but I'm willing to wager that there's not one team that wants to look across the ice and see the Blue and White of the Melville Millionaires, when the games mean win or go home.

The way this team has played in important, close games coming down the stretch has been nothing short of awesome.

Maybe this year, the boys have a shot at a couple of rounds of playoffs.

Maybe they've got a chance of making it to the final if they can stay healthy and keep playing that nasty defensive style, mixed with some high-octane offence.

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Mils winning streak continues

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

The Melville Millionaires needed a shootout to keep their winning streak alive and they got one to remember against the Humboldt Broncos.

Humboldt Broncos 2 at Melville Millionaires 3 (SO, March 1)

The Millionaires and Broncos, deadlocked at 2-2 following regulation and a terrific end-to-end overtime period, went to the showdown and each of the Millionaires' three shooters beat Broncos netminder Dazza Mitchell as the streak went to 11 consecutive victories.

Millionaires' goalie Ben Laurette was solid all night and spectacular at times as the Broncos outshot the Mils by a 35-31 count.

Brendan Olson opened the scoring for the Millionaires, going top shelf on Mitchell for his ninth snipe of the season. Jackson Lee and Simon Parini both assisted on the lone goal of the first period.

The Broncos got on the scoreboard in the second period as the teams headed to the final frame with the score knotted at 1-1.

Alex Morrison put the Millionaires ahead early in the third period with his second goal of the campaign, a shorthanded effort. William Forsberg drew the assist.

The Broncos scored on a deke shortly after, and then the goaltenders took over, keeping the game tied until the shootout, where Raine Hodge, Forsberg and Jadon Iyogun all scored while just one member of the Red Wings was able to beat Laurette.

The Millionaires were called for six of the match-up's nine minor penalties.

Melville Millionaires 5 at Weyburn Red Wings 2 (Feb. 28)

The visiting Millionaires tallied once in the first period and added two more in the second to take a 3-0 lead into the third, where both clubs scored a couple more

goals each to give Melville the important road triumph.

Noah Belle-Isles (2), Gaborik Carlson (8) and Simon Parini (18) each scored and had an assist for the road warrior Millionaires, with Forsberg (6) and Hodge (5) also denting the twine.

Jett Fogle, Olson, Iyogun and captain Matt Kjemhus each collected a helper.

Nick Genette, the SJHL Rookie of the Month for January, got the start between the pipes for Melville and did not disappoint, kicking out 25 Red Wings' shots with Millionaires' skaters testing Weyburn goaltender Angelo Zol 27 times.

The Red Wings were called for four of seven minor penalties while the Millionaires were on the hook for a five-minute major and a pair of game misconducts.

The weekend games leave the Millionaires just a single point back of the Yorkton Terriers and two points behind the Red Wings in the SJHL overall standings.

The Millionaires faced off at home against the Nipawin Hawks on Feb. 4 and they'll follow that up with a home and home series with the Weyburn Red Wings, starting with the Wings hosting the Mils on Feb. 7, with the Millionaires welcoming the Red Wings to Melville on Feb. 8.

Both games get underway at 7 p.m.

Ice chips

The Millionaires have a few players banged up after the weekend, most notably forwards Raiden Zacharias and Simon Parini who are dealing with upper body issues.

Both players could be ready for the season's final weekend, March 14 and 15, but it's too early to know for sure.

Jett Fogle and Wesley Golden were out against the Nipawin Hawks but both could be ready to return to the Millionaires' line-up by the weekend set with Weyburn.

Round Lake and Balcarres still in the race

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Round Lake Bears have advanced to the semi-finals of Senior A Provincials while in the Qu'Appelle Valley Highway Hockey League (QVHHL) the Balcarres Broncos will be heading into at least game four of their senior league semi-finals.

The Round Lake Bears defeated Wynyard in game three of the quarterfinals to advance to the semi finals against the Lumsden Monarchs. Game one of the best-of-three series will be on Mar. 8 in Ochapowace at 8 p.m. with game two in Lumsden on Mar. 15 at 8 p.m. If necessary, game three will be played on Mar. 16 in Ochapowace at 6 p.m.

The winner of the semi-finals will go on to

face either Kenaston or Kyle for the Provincial A title.

In the QVHHL, the Balcarres Broncos won game two of their best-of-five series against the Lumsden Monarchs in overtime, tying the series up at one game a piece.

Justin Bernhardt had two goals and one assist during the night for Balcarres, including the overtime goal. Other Broncos' points came from Marshall Wilton, Riley Kane and Mitch Lipon.

Game three of the series was on Wednesday

night after press time with game four scheduled for Mar. 7 in Balcarres at 8 p.m., if necessary, game five will be played Mar. 12 in Lumsden.

The winner of the series will face the Raymore Rockets in the league final.

WSC to present year-end gala

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

It has been a busy year for the Whitewood Skating Club including the recently largest for this year sponsored regional competition, but the club says "The Show Must Go On..."

Each STARSkater will perform their solo and the CanSkaters will show off their skills in group numbers on Sunday, March 16 starting at 2:00 p.m. at Whitewood Community Centre.

The year-end performance has been a tradition for many years and there has never been a presentation that did not

provide enjoyment for those attending as well as excitement for the skaters.

Admission is only \$5.00 to see the many accomplishments the skaters have worked hard on all year through classes and for many, in competitions. From the cutest little youngsters who began their year on skates to the older, more accomplished skaters who have put years into their training, the event is a special day for the skaters, their families and friends as they perform before a crowd in our community.

The afternoon includes desserts, a 50/50 draw and there will also be flowers available to show your appreciation.

Bowling Scores, Standings - Melville Bowl Arena

MONDAY P.M. March 3		ST. HENRY'S Feb. 25		SATURDAY YBC March 1	
Ladies' High Single, Linda Bender, 222. Ladies' High Triple, and Average, Shaleen Kruger 569, 206.	Men's High Single and Triple, Joe WU, 321, 805. Men's High Average, Gordon Ostlund, 182.	Team High Single and Triple, Brewer, 959, 2585.	Team Dobson 59 Brewer 54 Stuckey 40.5 Gelowitz 38.5	Ladies' High Single and Triple, Angela Morgan, 2005, 586. Ladies' High Average, Pat Brown 179.	Men's High Single and Average, Mike Hickie, 285, 203. Men's High Triple, Lawrence Kosedy, 655.
Team High Single and Triple, Just 4 Fun, 1317, 3748.	Team Fun, 1317, 3748.	Team High Single and Triple, Laura Smidt, 90, 260.	Team Dobson 59 Brewer 54 Stuckey 40.5 Gelowitz 38.5	Team High Single and Triple, Just 4 Fun, 1317, 3748.	Team Fun, 1317, 3748.
MONDAY COMMERCIAL March 3		TUESDAY YBC Feb. 25		SATURDAY YBC March 1	
Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 330, 858, 231.	Men's High Single, Zander Hollinger, 234. Men's High Triple, Lucas LLitzenberger, 600. Men's High Average, Destin Kohlenberg, 217.	Girls High Single and Triple, Amzlee Patterso, 128, 364.	Team Pin Heads 74.5 Gutter Girls 57.5 Blind Chickens 57 Blame it on Garry 47.5 Professional Amateurs 47.5	Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 166, 406.	Team High Single and Triple, Squishmellows, 880, 2505.
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				Team High Single and Triple, Emmi Hollinger, 164, 487.	Team High Single and Triple, Bryden Wiegiers, 278, 684.

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Obituary

Leonard Kardash
May 26, 1933 – Feb. 23, 2025

Leonard Kardash of Grenfell, Sask. passed away on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025 at the age of 91 years.

Leonard Kardash lived a long and happy life in Grenfell, Sask. He was born on May 26, 1933 and he passed away on the evening of Feb. 23, 2025 safe and sound in his home with family. He loved his family with his whole heart and soul.

Leonard played guitar and harmonica, liked to sing, and was in a band with his brothers and friends. His "Rooster Song" brought many smiles. His bright personality lit up every room and community event he attended. Cribbage and hola were his favourite card games, often playing late into the night. He was an honest hard worker, a craftsman, and a giver.

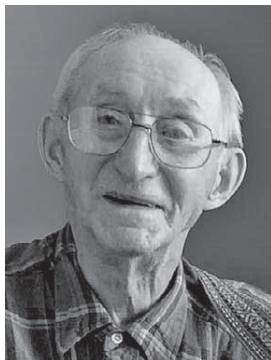
His memory lives on through his wife, Marlene; son Michael (Audrey) Kardash; daughter Brenda (Adam with children Jasper, Selah, Ty) Morris; and son Kevin (Jaimee) Kardash; sisters Janet (Columb) Cryan and Rose Pastuch; brother-in-law Erwin (Pat) Schmidt; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his siblings: Annie, Katherine, Alex, John, Bill, Harry, Mary; and parents Michael and Rose.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church (Assiniboia Ave., Grenfell, SK), officiated by Father Warren Dungen. The interment was held in Grenfell Town Cemetery.

"The more we get together, the happier we'll be."

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations on Leonard's behalf can be made to St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Box 788, Grenfell, SK, S0G 2B0.

Online condolences may be made at www.tubmanfh.com



Obituary

Stanley Eldin Wickberg
Oct. 7, 1959 – Feb. 10, 2025

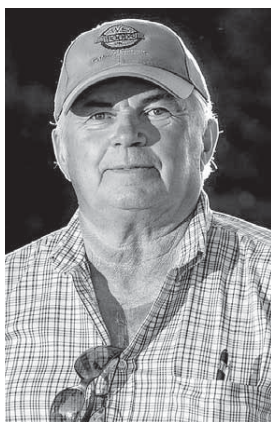
Stan was born on Oct. 7, 1959 in Esterhazy, Sask. to Gordon and Shirley Wickberg. Growing up on the farm, he was the third of seven children. Following high school, Stan went off to the oil patch in Alberta. He eventually settled in the Homeglen District where he farmed, raised his family, and operated several successful businesses. Stan had five daughters, two with his first wife, and three with the love of his life, Yvonne "Bonnie" MacTavish.

Stan is survived by his wife Bonnie; children, Nicole Wickberg; April (Jamie) McDonald and their children, Maria, Laura and Luke; Sarah Adcock and her children, Amelia and Natalie; Tina (James) Dykstra and their children, Payton, Jocelyn and Erin; Karin (Adam) Richardson and their children, Mackenzie, Serena, Stanley and Maverick. He is also survived by his mother Shirley Wickberg; his brother and sisters, Lynn Heikkila (Alvin Nixon), Don (Pamela) Wickberg, Diane (Don) Raeburn, Dorothy (Perry) Dunn, Susan (Karl) Kryger and Louise (Rich) Middleton; and many nieces and nephews, other relatives, and close friends. Stan was predeceased by his father Gordon Wickberg; and his brother-in-law Ronald Bresch.

Stan left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him and leaves behind a void that can never be filled.

A funeral service in Celebration of Stan's Life was held in, Rimbey, Alta. on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025.

If desired, memorial donations in Stan's memory may be made directly to your local 4-H Club.



Obituary

Colleen Jane Olson
Sept. 4, 1949 – Feb. 26, 2025

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Colleen Jane Olson (nee Sawchen). Colleen died peacefully at the Balcarres Integrated Care Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, with family present.

Colleen is survived by her husband of 42 years, Allan; her daughter Shannon (Brad); step-sons Greg (Michelle) and Ryan (Tanya); grandchildren Kayla, Samantha, Linden, Brandon and Sydney; as well as many cousins and extended family.

She is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Doris Sawchen.

Colleen grew up in Wynyard, SK. She went to the University of Saskatchewan, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education. She later earned her Master of Education at the University of Regina. Colleen lived in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK and worked as a teacher for many years before she went on to work for the Saskatchewan Department of Education. She was truly one of the smartest people we have ever known.

Colleen loved to travel; she and Allan traveled to many places together. She was a gardener and a good cook. She was always very active and golfed for many years. She was extremely well-read, took part in book clubs and played Mahjong with her girlfriends. She will be missed deeply by friends and family. Colleen spent the last few years of her life in a battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Balcarres Integrated Care Centre for the wonderful care and compassion they provided.

A small celebration of life with immediate family will be held in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Balcarres Integrated Care Centre.

Arrangements entrusted to Conley Funeral Home, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK.



Memoriam

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Balcarres Lions Hall sees addition of stage

By Judy Hershmillier
Grasslands News

Many townspeople have been watching the construction work that has been taking place as the addition for a stage is being built onto the Lions Town Hall.

The project is spearheaded by the Balcarres and District Lions and the Community Foundation which oversees the land rental and work.

The cement foundation was put in for the addition

before the snow arrived back in November of 2024. Work on the walls and roof began last month, with plans for a large stage and space on each side for rooms which will provide space for storage, costumes, plays, music festivals as well as many other uses.

The addition budget is approx. \$400,000. When the hall was originally built, there were plans to build a stage at a later date, and a wall header was incorporated into

the main wall to accommodate the stage. This is located where the present day screen for viewing slides, videos, etc is situated.

A crane was in town Feb. 25 to lift the rafters to the roof area.

Plans are to complete the exterior, and then continue the interior work and design later in the year when the hall is not rented for activities. The Annual Lions Supper and Auction is slated for April 10, with weddings, cabarets and other functions keeping the facility busy all summer.



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Lions Hall addition

Recently a crane was in the process of lifting the rafters to the new sound stage wing of the Balcarres Town Hall.

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

Village of Vibank

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• Roll may be viewed at the Office and a person may also view their assessment by going to the SAMA website@ www.sama.sk.ca/sama/ and clicking on the MySama & SamaView Login and following the prompts.

• Email requests, regular mail send out, and phone requests can be directed to the Office at 306-762-2130 or village.of.vibank@sasktel.net

• Question kindly call the office at 306-762-2130

• A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of The Municipalities Act has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2025

Heath Duncan - Assessor

Sympathy extended

Sincere sympathy to the Townsend family and friends on the passing of Gordon Townsend of Regina. Gordon and his late wife Myrna lived in Bal-

carres many years before retiring to Regina.

Sympathy is also extended to the Huber and Onrait families and friends on the passing of Sheila Huber.

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Deadlines approaching for removal of ice fishing shacks

Shelters must be removed by March 15 and 31

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structures and any associated debris before these deadlines.

Failure to remove shelters by the deadlines can result in hefty fines and the confiscation of the structures and their contents. Abandoned shelters pose unnecessary risks to everyone who enjoys Saskatchewan lakes in the summer and to the wildlife who call our lakes home. Anglers are encouraged to properly dispose of waste and debris when dismantling shelters to help preserve Saskatchewan lakes.

Ice fishing shelters must be marked on the outside in legible letters of at least 2.5 cm high, displaying the owner's complete name, address



As winter winds down, the Government of Saskatchewan is reminding anglers to remove their ice fishing shelters from provincial waterways before warming temperatures create unsafe ice conditions.

Shelters must be taken off the ice by March 15 in all areas south of Highway 16 and by March 31 in northern regions of Saskatchewan.

Spring weather can be unpredictable, and deteriorating ice conditions can make it dangerous to retrieve shelters later in the season. It is the responsibility of all anglers to ensure they remove their

and phone number. Shelters cannot be left on the shore.

Be extremely cautious when travelling on ice, as thickness and strength can vary. Signs of unsafe ice include slush, pres-

sure ridges and thermal cracks.

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Dated this 3rd day of March 2025
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Documentary to feature Grand Theatre

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Seats at the Grand Theatre in Indian Head were filled last Friday afternoon with residents who were eager to participate in the filming of a brief documentary. SaskTel Max TV plans to feature the historic theatre in a short segment of its local on demand coverage.

A few months ago, Jenn Litzenberger learned that SaskTel invites Saskatchewan residents to submit suggestions for local content and she applied on behalf of the theatre. Arrangements were made for a suitable date to film the 10- to 12-minute documentary, and community members were invited to participate with free admission to the theatre from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 28. Several local residents attended, along with some students from the nearby elementary school.

While cameramen gathered footage, the audience enjoyed free popcorn and watched a public domain reel of "Steamboat Willie" (a classic Mickey Mouse cartoon) and a Christmas movie featuring Indian Head's Stage Left Players. Local musician Erin Lamb provided live entertainment in addition to the movie screenings. The production crew also interviewed a few people about the history of the theatre and current programming at the venue.

Indian Head's theatre was established as an opera house in 1904 and had several owners over the past 120 years. During that time, a screen and other equipment was added for showing movies, but the stage was retained to accommodate live performances. The theatre has been community owned since 2014 and operations are overseen by a volunteer board of directors. Movies are shown at the theatre on weekends, along with a regular schedule of concerts and other live shows.

Many improvements have been made to the theatre building in recent years. The board is currently fundraising for further renovations to the main entrance, lobby and auditorium that would be partially funded by a grant from the federal government. A weekly Chase the Ace lottery is in progress, along with a movie poster auction that is being conducted online. For more information about the theatre or to support the fundraising initiatives, visit www.grandtheatre1904.com.

An air date has not yet been set for the documentary on SaskTel Max TV, but Litzenberger is optimistic that the segment could increase support for the historic venue.

"I think it will be a nice feature for the theatre and maybe get some more attention because we still have people that don't know we're open or that we show movies," she commented.

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Fort Qu'Appelle Winterfest

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

The Winter Festival in Fort Qu'Appelle was a weekend of family fun and frivolity with a program of outdoor activities that offered something for everyone.

The festival kicked off before the hockey game at the Prairie Co-op Centre on Friday evening with a flag rais-



Grass dancer Robbie Starr was one of the performers on the winter festival's main stage.

ing celebration and a fireworks display. About 300 people watched the Polar Bear jump from the sidelines on Saturday.

"This is pretty neat. A lot of work went into it," said Sharon Pletz who came from White City with five children as she walked through the ice palace, the centerpiece for the mid-winter revelry. "It is a great outing for the family," added her partner, Dustin Zimmer. "It is something that is fun to do."

Children were impressed with the petting zoo, especially with the white llamas. There was face painting and bouncy castles for the kids and stick hockey for youngsters at the Old Fort where emcee Ryan Shordee kept a program of entertainment going on the festival main stage.

"Thank God we didn't have to freeze to death. It is so nice to be out in the mild weather again after the weeks of brutal cold we've had," said Michelle Redmond. "It was great to see the community come out of hibernation."

There was a pancake breakfast at the Legion, a trade show at the Anglican Church Hall, an uphill snow drag race and about 30 "drifters" did donuts with their cars on an icy racetrack through snow drifts on the lake.

While the overall attendance wasn't as big as in previous years, co-chair Megan Main Parfitt said she was happy with the way things turned out. "A good stream of people came."



Canadian pride

MLA's Brad Crassweller and Travis Keisig pay homage to the Canadian flag during the singing of the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies of Fort Qu'Appelle's Winter Festival. MP Andrew Scheer couldn't attend as planned.

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Puck dropping

Winterfest co-chair Megan Main-Parfitt drops the puck at the opening ceremonies of Winterfest during the first P.J.H.L. playoff game of the semi-finals.

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Sleigh ride fun

Miranda Argent and her daughters, Bailey, 4 and Scarlett, 2, slide down the run in the ice palace.

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Petting zoo

Winter princess Isabelle Vollman, 8, enjoyed feeding the animals in the petting zoo at the Winterfest in Fort Qu'Appelle.

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