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Rebels hockey coach reflects on first-rate season

By Ashley Scarfe
Grasslands News

U11 Quad Town Rebels 2 coach Evan Wild reflects on this year's hockey season with pride and gratitude as the season comes to a close.

Both U11 Quad Town teams vied for first and second spots in their division throughout the season, with Quad Town Rebels 2 finally taking the top spot in the championship round against the Montmartre Ice Dogs, leading to an undefeated playoff run and the title of U11 Mainline Minor Hockey League champions for 2024-2025. Quad Town Rebels 1 faced the Balcarres Broncos in the final round, competing for third place position, and swept the series with 6-2 and 9-3 wins.

"We kicked off the season with a tournament in Assiniboia in mid-November, even before playing any league or exhibition games," Wild reflects. "The idea was to help the kids get to know each other better and build that team bond early on. Playing in a tournament before any other games made for an interesting experience as the kids were just learning to play together. For all the first-year players, it was their first time playing full ice games with icings, offsides, and no pre-determined shift duration. We had a strong showing and ended up taking home second place. I knew then that we had a great group of talented kids, and with the right development and leadership, we could have a fantastic year."

Wild says it was a successful regular season with 12 wins and two ties in 16 games for a total of 26 points. Wild says at the team's home tournament in Odessa in mid-February, the team faced stiff competition against Assiniboia and the more aggressive style of play seemed to cause a shift in the team going forward into the rest of the season.

"I remember kids coming off the ice against tough opponents in our tournament, complaining about how aggressive or rough the other team was – something our team lacked at the time," Wild says. "After that tournament, it was like a light switch went off in them, and they stepped up their game, increased their drive to forecheck, sped up their backchecking, and developed a willingness to play a bit more physical and not be so timid."

At the end of the regular season, Quad Town Rebels 1 finished in first place with 27 points, while Quad Town Rebels 2 trailed behind by one point in second place.

"Heading into the playoffs, the atmosphere was buzzing with a mix of excitement and nerves," Wild recalls. "We were riding high on a five-game win streak but had to face the Balcarres Broncos in the first round – the team that handed us our only two regular season losses. Despite that, our coaches were confident in our kids' abilities and worked hard to boost their self-confidence."

Wild says the focus going into the playoffs was creating a positive team environment on and off the bench.



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U11 teams end season

The Quad Town Rebels U11 teams ended their hockey season in first and third place. Despite being rivals on the ice, the two teams supported each other in their individual games leading both teams to be tough competition against rivals towns.

They ended up sweeping Balcarres with 6-0 and 5-2 wins. The two Quad Town Rebels' teams found their toughest competition, however, was a little closer to home.

"The tight race between the two Rebels teams all season long highlights a couple of things," Wild says.

"First, that Quad Town's use of impartial evaluators to assess players and split teams worked very well. It's not an easy task and is never perfect, especially since evaluations happen before kids get any practice or skating time. Second, our organization has a fantastic group of young, talented athletes. This is thanks to our organization's approach to player development, including power skating sessions, a core group of dedicated coaches over the years, the kids' willingness to learn and improve, and having many multi-sport athletes, which is key to developing well-rounded players."

Wild partially attributes the team's league win to the unified and like-minded coaching staff of Bryon Gaetz, Christopher Wild, and Curtis Longley, and their team approach to coaching.

Both Quad Town teams ended the regular season with the fewest goals against. Wild says this highlights

the talent of the team's goalies and defense.

Wild continues, "Quad Town Rebels 1 had a powerhouse offense with a substantial league-leading goal differential of +137, while Quad Town Rebels 2 were next in line at +89."

Despite their rivalry on the ice, the Quad Town teams always came together to support and uplift one another during the season.

"We even had a combined team chant before each Quad Town vs. Quad Town game to remind the kids that while they might be opponents on the ice, they're still part of the Quad Town family," Wild says. "These kids might be on different teams this season, but they could be playing together next season, be on the same team in another sport, or even be in the same class at school. That's why it's so important to foster a supportive environment and not create a divide. They're just kids and friends off the ice, so why shouldn't they be friends and support each other on the ice too?"

Wild says, for him, it comes down to three golden rules: Respecting your teammates, opponents, officials and yourself, trying your hardest and having fun.

"More than the wins, I hope the kids remember all the fun times in the dressing rooms and the goofing around at tournaments," Wild says. "I also hope they absorbed the lessons we, as coaches, tried to instill in them throughout the season, which can be applied to all aspects of their lives."

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- Coach Evan Wild

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Saskatchewan woman earns World's Greatest Horseman title

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

From herd and fence work, to reining and steer stopping, Erin Taormino showed that she can do it all astride a horse named Hazardous Material. The young woman demonstrated her skill to become the World's Greatest Horseman champion in Fort Worth, Texas earlier this month.

Taormino grew up on a grain farm outside Grenfell, Sask., and several relatives, including her parents Dave and Wendy Schlamp, still live in that area. She has ridden horses her whole life but notes that her interest in horse training and equine shows was fostered by John and Tom King of Diamond K Ranch in Corning.

After high school, Taormino participated in an all-around competition in Alberta and then the Quarter Horse Congress, where she became acquainted with other riders from Texas. This led to an opportunity for her to spend four years working with Ron Ralls, who has earned the World's Greatest Horseman title twice and was inducted to the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Hall of Fame. She then spent an additional five years working for multimillion dollar rider Todd Bergen.

After completing an apprenticeship, Taormino and her husband Anthony began their own business in 2015 at Lipan, Texas near Fort Worth. The couple trains horses to compete in various events at shows like the ones hosted by the NRCHA. Taormino acknowledged that there are challenges but said she truly enjoys the work and often has to pull herself away from the barn.

"I couldn't ask for a better 'office' job," she commented. "I get to be outside and ride some incredible animals and I truly crave to train, I crave to ride. It's not easy,

it can be mentally grueling and it's very physically demanding, but you get out of it what you put into it."

In addition to training horses for clients, Taormino also competes in many events herself, like the annual Celebration of Champions hosted by the NRCHA in Fort Worth. This show lasts for two weeks and includes a competition for the prestigious title of World's Greatest Horseman.

"With the World's Greatest Horseman, you're only allowed to enter one horse and it has to be one that can do four events: we have to cut, rein, go down the fence and we have to steer stop," Taormino explained. "This was the third year I've entered World's Greatest, the second year I've made the finals. I made the finals last year on the same horse."

Following the preliminary events, Taormino and her horse Hazardous Material (nicknamed Skeeter) were among the top 15 competitors who advanced to the finals. On March 1, these elite equestrians competed in a second round of all four events. Taormino and her horse achieved the highest combined score of 884.5, making history as the first woman to earn the World's Greatest Horseman title. Her parents were visiting from Saskatchewan and Taormino felt that their attendance made the experience even more special. She also gave credit to the horse that made the achievement possible.

"It was just really amazing. It's something that you think about and dream about," shared Taormino. "The type of horse we have to have is a pretty amazing individual – especially for the four events. It can seem so hard and such a process, everything has to line up. So, to see all that come together – it's amazing, it's incredible, it's a little bit surreal. You can't really wrap your head around it for a minute because it's something that we work so hard for and when it finally



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World's best

Erin Taormino, astride Hazardous Material, became the first woman to win the World's Greatest Horseman title in Fort Worth, TX.

comes together, you think 'Wow! I made it!'"

Not only did Taormino win the coveted title this year, Parker Ralston won the World's Greatest Youth Horseman championship while riding a mare that Taormino had trained.

With the completion of the 2025 world championship event, Hazardous Material will enjoy a well-earned rest while

Taormino takes some younger horses to the Stallion Stakes derby in Las Vegas. Then she will continue training for next year's Celebration of Champions – enjoying the privilege of doing a job that she loves.

"To get to train horses for a living, to train the calibre of horses that I get to train is pretty amazing, it's really rewarding," Taormino acknowledged.

First Nations and Métis communities to receive \$120.6 million through 2024-25 gaming payments

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Saskatchewan's First Nations and Métis organizations will receive an additional \$12.5 million, bringing the total to \$120.6 million in gaming payments for the 2024-25 fiscal year. This increase is attributed to higher-than-expected profits from Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority

casinos, SaskGaming casinos and the PlayNow.com online gaming platform.

"These additional contributions to First Nations and Métis organizations will further empower the economic, social, educational and cultural initiatives in communities throughout Saskatchewan," Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis, and Northern Affairs Eric Schmalz said.

The Ministry of Gov-

ernment Relations is responsible for distributing the allocated casino gaming profits to the First Nations Trust, Community Development Corporations, and the Clarence Campeau Development Fund, in accordance with the 2002 Gaming Framework Agreement and the Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation Act. Gaming payments related to the Gold Horse Casino have been held in trust until urban reserve status is established and a community development corporation is created, as required under the Gaming Framework Agreement.

In the 2024-25 Provincial Budget, the Government of Saskatchewan budgeted \$255.2 million in targeted funding for First Nations and Métis organizations, programs and supports.

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Theatre to provide perspective on depression and gratitude

'Every Brilliant Thing' performance at Grand Theatre on March 28

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

In recent years, initiatives like Bell Let's Talk Day have sought to remove stigma surrounding mental health issues. A production called "Every Brilliant Thing" that will be presented at

the Grand Theatre this month is using performing arts to achieve a similar goal.

From March 17 to April 17, Saskatoon-based Burnt Thicket Theatre will present "Every Brilliant Thing" in partnership with the Organization of Saskatchewan

Arts Councils (OSAC) at 19 communities across the province. The play was written by Duncan Miller and Jonny Donahoe and provides a poignant and sometimes humorous perspective on depression and gratitude. It has been described as "a deep dive into emotional well-being through wit, wisdom and hilarity."

The show begins with a daughter who responds to her mother's depression by creating a list of every brilliant thing that is worth living for. The play shows the impact of this simple step in coping with a difficult situation. "Every Brilliant Thing" is a solo performance and the production in Indian Head will feature actress Elizabeth Nepjuk from Saskatoon. She fills the role held by Jenna-Lee Hyde and Sarah Robertson in Burnt Thicket Theatre's previous tours of the play.

The production is widely acclaimed following performances in theatres and high schools across western Canada.



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Blood moon

A pink ring around the moon appeared as it broke through the clouds above the Treaty 4 monument in Fort Qu'Appelle on Mar. 14. The total lunar eclipse that took place that night wasn't visible in the valley because of overcast skies but the moon appeared red-orange when the earth's shadow fell on the lunar surface creating a rare "blood moon." The next lunar eclipse in September won't be seen in the Northern Hemisphere.

Peigan bows out of race

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Todd Peigan will not be the Liberal Party candidate in the Regina-Qu'Appelle constituency but is endorsing Mark Carney for Prime Minister. Carney is expected to call a general election next week when he returns from Europe.

The former high-profile chief of Pasqua First Nation, who it is believed would have been a serious contender, said he arrived at his decision after considering the offer.

"I have spent 32 years in politics, and I have told the party that I really don't want to make the necessary commitment to serve as a Member of Parliament. I have more pressing family concerns."

If Carney calls the election in May, it would not have given Peigan the necessary time needed to wage a campaign against the incumbent conservative Andrew Scheer.

So far neither the Liberals nor the New Democrats have a candidate to oppose Scheer in the Regina-Qu'Appelle constituency.

It is recognized for its relevance as it addresses the topic of mental health.

"In a time when so many face mental health challenges, we're grateful to bring back this perceptive, whimsical narrative that speaks with realism and hope," said director Stephen Waldschmidt. "The storyteller's list of every brilliant thing

touches people around the world with an invitation to cultivate joy and shares the conviction that, while things may not always get brilliant, they will get better – even when facing mental health challenges."

"Every Brilliant Thing" will be performed at the Grand Theatre in Indian Head on March

28. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the door or in advance from Pharmasave or The Gallery Coffee House. Due to discussions within the play regarding severe depression, it is recommended for audiences ages 14 and older.

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Local projects see funding in Budget

Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

Several infrastructure projects including improvements to highways, funding for the construction of a new long term care facility and renovations to a local school were announced as part of the 2005-26 Budget on Wednesday in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Highways Construction

The government announced that \$777 million will be invested in safety, strategic partnerships and improvements to key transportation corridors to deliver on the growing needs of Saskatchewan families and communities. This includes more than 1,000 kilometres of improvements to provincial highways.

Some of the improvements being made to strategic transportation corridors includes investing \$43.8 million to continue multi-year projects that increase safety and improve traffic flow. One of those projects is the installation of passing lanes for Highway 10 between Fort Qu'Appelle and Melville. Previous years saw the installation of passing lanes on Highway between Balgonie and Fort Qu'Appelle as well as from Melville to Yorkton.

Other roadway work being planned will be more than 200 kilometres of repaving, including Highway 8 north of Moosomin (24

km) and Highway 16 east of Yorkton (24 km). Highway 33 from Fillmore to Francis (19 km) will also be repaved.

An additional 245 kms of medium treatments, like micro surfacing will also be done on Highway 1 west of Moosomin to around Wapella with a stretch of Highway 48 from Highway 9 to east of Windthorst scheduled to see light paving work done.

Culverts on Highway 9 at Whitewood as well as on Highway 10 at Fort Qu'Appelle will also be replaced and bridge replacements are planned for by Grenfell and Fort Qu'Appelle.

Since 2008, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$13.8 billion in transportation infrastructure, improving more than 21,800 kilometres of highways across the province.

Health Care Projects

Funding from this year's budget will invest in capital projects throughout the province to deliver essential infrastructure for Saskatchewan families and communities.

The 2025-26 Budget includes the largest investment in health capital at \$656.9 million, an increase of just over \$140.0 million compared to the previous year. This record investment will help deliver a number of ongoing major projects, including new hospital construction proj-

ects in Weyburn (\$24.4 million) and Prince Albert (\$322.4 million) as well as funding for several long-term care (LTC) facilities. These facilities include \$10.0 million for construction of the Grenfell LTC project; \$33.8 million for construction of the La Ronge long-term care (LTC) project; and \$40.0 million to complete design and begin construction on the Regina LTC specialized beds project.

Education Projects

This year's budget invests \$191.3 million in school infrastructure, including:

- \$140 million to support ongoing projects, including 21 new or consolidated schools and three major renovations in Balgonie, Regina and Swift Current;
- \$28.5 million for the Relocatable Classroom Program to support enrolment growth;
- \$15.3 million for minor capital renewal projects that allow school divisions to address structural repairs and renovations to prolong the life of schools across the province; and
- \$7.5 million in funding to begin preplanning for one new replacement school and four new schools.

The 2025-26 Budget also invests \$41.0 million in Saskatchewan's post-secondary infrastructure, including:

- \$24.6 million for maintenance and upgrades to

help meet the needs of students and staff;

- \$7.0 million to support new domestic health care training programs (occupational therapy and speech-language pathology);
- \$5.6 million for further expansion in health care training programs;
- \$2.0 million for planning work for the new Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Joseph A. Remai Saskatoon Campus;
- \$1.0 million for the Carlton Trail College Trades Building Expansion; and
- \$720,000 for planning future initiatives.

For more details on the provincial budget see the stories on pages 8 and 9 of this week's edition.

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Settlement reached for survivors of Indian Hospitals

By Carol Baldwin

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Ottawa has reached a proposed settlement agreement with Indigenous survivors of the segregated health facilities known as "Indian hospitals" to provide individual compensation ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000. Tens of thousands of First Nations, Inuit and Métis patients, including children, were admitted to the overcrowded, poorly staffed and unsanitary institutions. Survivors speak of physical and sexual abuse from hospital staff, along with forcible confinement to beds without a medical reason and being subject to medical experiments. Two such hospitals operated in Saskatchewan at Fort Qu'Appelle and in North Battleford.

A deal announced on Thursday, March 6, aims to resolve a \$1.1 billion class-action lawsuit on behalf of former patients from a decades-long segregated health-care system that was plagued by widespread mistreatment and abuse. This agreement proposes an uncapped amount of compensation for survivors, with individual payments varying based on the level of verbal, physical, or sexual abuse they experienced. Compensation will also be available for the immediate family members of the survivors. The agreement covers 33 federally operated Indian hospitals that were in operation from January 1936 until December 1981.

A foundation will be created to administer an additional \$150 million healing fund for survivors to access money for the revitalization of their Indigenous languages, education and wellness. The foundation would also manage a separate \$235.5-million research and commemoration fund to pre-

serve the history of the institutions and to help local burial sites associated with them. As with the residential schools, the government would not fund repatriation in the case of a death, and many were buried on the hospital grounds.

The Federal Court of Canada will decide whether to approve the proposed settlement agreement during hearings scheduled for June 10 and 11. Class members will have an opportunity to review the proposed Settlement Agreement and provide their comments to the Court. Survivors are encouraged to provide their feedback in advance. The Court is tasked with determining whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the plaintiffs' best interests. If approved by the Court, compensation and other benefits will be available to eligible class members.

On January 30, 2018, two Canadian law firms filed the \$1.1B class-action lawsuit on behalf of former 'Indian hospital' patients. The lawsuit focused on 29 segregated hospitals operated across the country by the federal government between 1945 and the early 1980s and on alleged "horrific treatment." Researchers say thousands of Indigenous patients may have been admitted to the institutions during that four-decade span.

The statement of claim stated that facilities were overcrowded and inadequately staffed, and Indigenous patients were unable to leave on their own accord and were "forcibly detained, isolated, and, at times, restrained to their beds." It also alleged that "systemic failures created a toxic environment in which physical and sexual abuse was rampant." In January 2020, a judge certified the class-action lawsuit, allowing it to

move forward. Since then, the Government of Canada and counsel for the plaintiffs have been engaged in discussions to resolve this litigation outside the courts.

On 18 September 2024, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) formally apologized for the experiences of Indigenous peoples in Canada's health systems acknowledging both the specific harms done to Indigenous peoples in Indian hospitals and the medical experimentation that was done to Indigenous children and adults, which were present at Indian hospitals and in residential schools.

Indian hospitals were notoriously sub-standard facilities operated by the federal government, starting in the 1930s, to separate Indigenous people from the rest of the Canadian population and to stop the spread of tuberculosis. In 1945, the Indian Health Services became part of the newly created Department of National Health and Welfare. A particularly strong wave of tuberculosis started in 1952. Tuberculosis spread easily through First Nations and Inuit communities, including in Residential Schools, where healthy children were routinely exposed to infected children, and poor sanitary and ventilation conditions contributed to the spread. Settler medical professionals believed the "Indian TB," as they called it, was a strain that posed a threat to the settler population, misunderstanding at the time the process of immunity through exposure the settlers had, and the Indigenous populations' lack of resistance to the disease brought unknowingly by settler carriers.

Indigenous patients had no choice but to stay in the hospitals, regardless of the treatment they received. The Indian Act

was amended in 1953 to include the Indian Health Regulations that made it a crime for Indigenous people to refuse to see a doctor, to refuse to go to hospital, and to leave a hospital before discharge. The RCMP arrested patients and forcibly returned them to the hospital or sent them to jail. (<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/indian-hospitals-in-canada>)

The hospitals themselves, Indigenous health expert Yvonne Boyer said, are just one piece of the puzzle. The bigger issue is the deeply entrenched theory that Indigenous people are "inferior" and incapable of making their own health decisions, a notion Boyer said permeates Canadian legislation and policies to this day. As an Ottawa-based lawyer whose aunt spent a decade in a tuberculosis sanatorium in Fort Qu'Appelle, Boyer believes there should be a complete structural overhaul of the health system. She feels there should be immediate changes to ensure there are more Indigenous people in positions of power and training to ensure all health-care providers understand the needs of First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities.

Dawn Martin-Hill, one of the founders of McMaster University's Indigenous studies program, said systemic racism has led Indigenous people today to distrust modern, western health care. The lingering effects of the 'Indian hospitals' and tuberculosis sanatoriums is that health care was something to be feared, rather than something that could heal.

The federal government says it hopes to continue increasing First Nations' control of the health-care system and improve integration with provincial systems.

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OPINION

"For the cause that needs assistance; for the wrong that needs resistance; the future in the distance and the good that we can do."

Will rural and urban amalgamations in Saskatchewan become reality?

By Jan Derwores
Guest column

When a problem is presented and discussed it is imperative to discuss solutions. Options are being presented that may provide a solution to the issue facing rural and urban amalgamations in Saskatchewan.

The New Guardians is a grassroots organization that has been formulated by the people to assist in education and proactive support in the development of good municipal government.

The New Guardians may be found online at livingstreams.ca/the-new-guardians and they will be able to give guidance and support for any municipality that reaches out.

"An opportunity to stop the negative outcome at the beginning doesn't come very often. The new guardians want you to be able to stand up and speak out to save municipalities in Saskatchewan. It is time to stand up before the end of your municipality," is information found on its website.

"Get involved in The New Guardians, no matter where you reside. The issues we face seems to face no borders, the attack on your rights and freedoms is coming from all sides. It is time to stand up and be a New Guardian of your community."

The biggest threat of amalgamations looking to consolidate power into very few hands while removing the ability of the people to have direct input is the removal of transparency over municipal decision-making. The potential pitfalls outweigh any potential gains.

Allowing non-elected non-government organizations, known as NGOs, the ability to govern and dictate policy will only lead to negative outcomes. Our current elected representatives' councillors, mayors, reeves, along with their administration staff need to pay attention to what is being proposed by glossy pamphlets, sophisticated marketing schemes and proposals written in such a way that sound too good to be true.

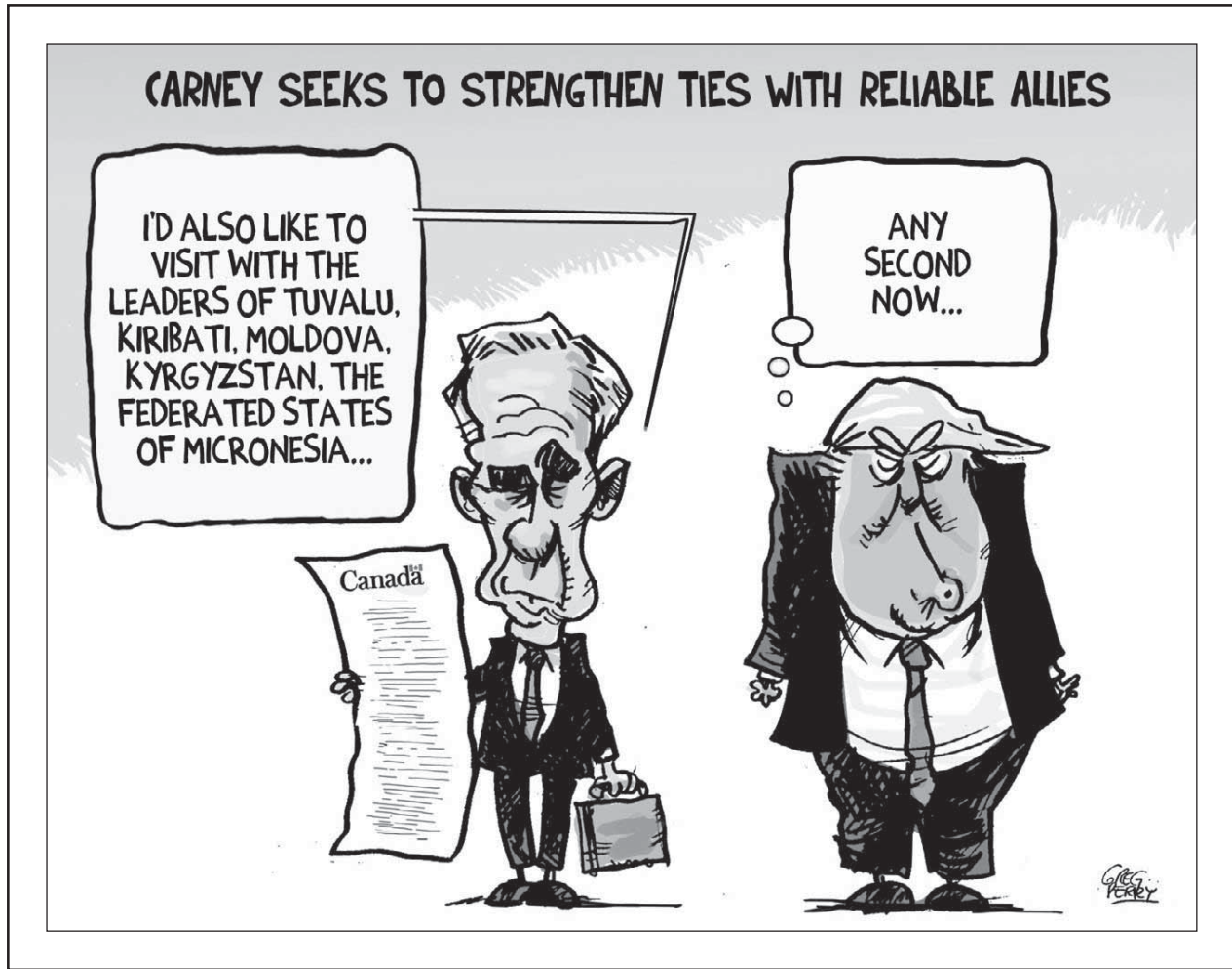
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)-Partners for Climate Protection (PCP)-International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI) and their corporate partners

have begun campaigning in every territory and province in Canada in an effort to lure municipalities into climate action plans that will demand continuous investment in expensive technology infrastructure and compliance monitoring.

The smaller entities that get lured into these "free-mium" initiatives suddenly find costly climate action plans require resources they don't have. It began as free, but didn't stay that way for long. The worst part is there is no accountability on the part of these agencies who now have their tentacles deeply embedded in the everyday workings of municipalities in order to push their climate action plan targets.

While administrators and elected representatives may stress over the fact that they may have fallen prey to a green marketing scheme, and may feel they have invested too much time and money to change course, that is far from the truth. The New Guardians are available to step up and provide information and guidance.

The larger the municipality, for example if rural and urban amalgamation in Saskatchewan becomes a reality, the less likely residents will have the ability to



speak out and be heard. Local decision-making will become a thing of the past.

The New Guardians is encouraging residents to act by calling on councils to uphold financial accountability and reject costly global climate agendas. There have been instances where both residents and councils have demonstrated that there is a growing concern over the financial burden and ideological motivations behind such initiatives.

More people are beginning to speak out and deliver fact-based presentations challenging the narrative of a climate emergency and exposing the financial risks associated with net-zero policies.

There is no benefit in allowing external global orga-

nizations to dictate municipal policy, especially while they are trying to push ideological global climate programs and mandates.

Using funding to hire expensive consulting firms is not a fiscally prudent strategy. Consulting firms provide guidelines but rarely provide guidance. A municipality may end up worse off for having utilized these high-priced consultants and not implementing the recommendations with prudence and oversight.

- This is the fifth installment of a series of educational and proactive articles and is an initiative of the people to support and develop good municipal government. The opportunity to become involved and speak up is now.

Letter to Editor: Abernethy Co-op

Dear Editor,

I have just completed, well sort of completed, one of the best roast beef suppers I have ever had and felt the necessity to present my appreciation and accolades to the Abernethy Co-op for their Friday lunch special. Desert sits temptingly before me but my gastral capacities have suggested I delay that introduction so my plugged digestive tract can provide enough room that I can enjoy this culinary apparition to the utmost.

Unlike traditional families that have frequented the community for generations, I am a recent migrant. Taking possession of a four-acre oasis, an old-time farmstead, in the middle of big time, capitalist farming and my appreciation of this Co-op, its warmth and diversity has grown tremendously since my arrival.

Abernethy, like a lot of small Sask. towns, heralds back to much larger rural populations and communities that boasted incredible varieties of thriving commercial enterprises. As the rural population dwindled and those commercial outlets dwindled with them local Cooperatives often formed to fill the gaps created.

This Abernethy Co-op remains independent. No

amalgamation with larger more capitalist orientated Co-ops looking to push the smaller guy out due to inefficiencies beyond the local control. Abernethy's local Co-op board was far seeing enough to maintain their fuel sales progressing from fuel delivery to a key lock system keeping its farming community supplied with fuel and the resulting willing local financial support ensures the Co-op stayed viable. The Abernethy Co-op thus provides a surprising number of necessities needed in a rural general store setting for comfortable living within easy driving distance. It pays taxes supporting the local municipalities and employs a number of local residences that are more than happy to find work in the immediate community. If your interested in the happenings of the day it even provides a coffee corner, not just for consumption of special lunches but as a meeting place for perusal and dissection of local or international issues of interest.

But at this point you will have to excuse me. My delicious pudding and wonderful sauce beckon my taste buds with a growing enthusiasm that can no longer be ignored. I might add a scoop of Co-op ice cream to this mouth-watering dining experience. Until next time.

- Greg Chatterton
By Abernethy

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Grenfell

Car Wash under new management

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Grenfell Car Wash is under new management. Jeff and Michelle Martinuk are excited for the opportunity to meet customers and continue providing service to the community.

The car wash is located at 1074 Desmond Street in Grenfell and the Martinuks took ownership of the business on March 1. They purchased the business from local resident Mike Zorn, who said he will miss having friendly conversations with community members at the car wash.

"I would like to thank the community of Grenfell, surrounding areas, and the area First Nations' for their support and patronage over the last 22 years!" Zorn stated. "This is a good place to do business, and I appreciate the support I have received over the years. I feel this town is also very good to work with as a business owner!"

The Martinuks have lived in Grenfell for about eight years. Michelle grew up in Kipling but, after they were married, the couple lived near Regina for some time. They moved to Grenfell in 2017



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New owners

Jeff and Michelle Martinuk are the new owners of Grenfell Car Wash. The couple took over the business on March 1.

when Jeff took a teaching position at the high school. Last year, Jeff transitioned to a job as Public Works Superintendent for the Town of Grenfell. When the opportunity came to take over the car wash, the couple felt the timing was just right.

Jeff noted there have been some challenges to overcome during the first weeks of ownership, such as a malfunctioning overhead door, yet he is grateful for the positive support they have received from

the community.

"Relationships are really important to us, and customer service," Jeff stated. "I'm a people-person; I like getting to meet the public and hearing people's stories. We very much look forward to meeting and building relationships with everyone that pops by and providing a service that people are happy with and want to come back to regularly."

As they navigate their new role as business owners, Jeff and Michelle are also looking forward to the future opportunities the business will provide for their three young children.

"Michelle grew up on a farm and I grew up having responsibility in my parents' small business," Jeff explained. "We both feel very strongly about raising kids with work ethic and being involved in things that give responsibility and learning how to manage money. We think those are very important life skills and we want to have our family be a part

of that whole operation."

The Martinuks appreciate the investments Zorn made to the car wash and are already considering how they might further enhance the business. Grenfell Car Wash is a self-service, wand wash facility with three bays. This includes an enclosed bay for passenger vehicles and a larger one for heavy equipment. There is also a large outdoor, pull through bay for semi-trucks.

The car wash is coin or card operated and the new owners are working to implement a fleet card system to assist other businesses accessing the car wash. They hope to install asphalt paving around the car wash and possibly enclose the large outdoor bay so that it could be used in winter.

Grenfell Car Wash is open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. A Facebook page has been created to inform customers of service updates and promotional events.

Gene Hauta

It's a Strange World

In Davenport, Fla., Christian MacDonald called his drug dealer, Robert Rafael Cruceta Pimentel, asking to meet for a buy. Pimentel allegedly agreed, but apparently tipped off a third man. When MacDonald got into Pimentel's car to make their deal, the third man got into the back seat, put a gun to MacDonald's head, and demanded both his money and the pot.

MacDonald didn't know Harold Sepulveda-Cruz's gun was fake, but he knew the 9mm he had was real, and **fired 10 rounds into the back seat**, killing Cruz. MacDonald called 911 to report the robbery and shooting. Polk County Sheriff's deputies arrested Pimentel for murder. MacDonald was legally carrying his gun, and was not arrested. Like Randy Cassingham, I do not understand why Pimentel is charged with murder.

When a woman witnessed a man trying to steal an older woman's purse in a grocery store's parking lot in St. Clair Shores, Mich, the witness **beat the robber with her own purse** and a shopping bag, chasing him off. He fled into the driver's seat of a nearby SUV. The owner of that vehicle was sitting in the passenger seat, and alertly plucked the keys out of the ignition. As the carjacker demanded the passenger's money, while threatening to shoot him, the passenger again showed calmness, grabbing the only possible weapon, which happened to be a metal fork. The robber was stabbed in the face. The wounded man ran for his life again, running to a drug store a mile away and went directly into a restroom. Between the employees and the police who arrived on the scene, they pieced together the incident and the police waited for the man to emerge. Eddie Leon Gaines, 60, was charged with unarmed robbery, carjacking, and unlawful imprisonment. He could face life in prison.

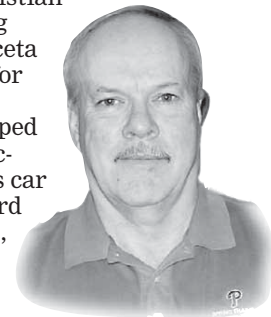
Colombian police apprehended a 40-year-old man attempting to smuggle several bags of cocaine but his hiding spot was not very clever. When challenged, he was found to have 220 grams of cocaine in several **small bags under his toupee**. Police termed his attire as topped by a 'narco wig.'

This is how petty our world is getting. The lieutenant governor of Texas has a beef with the name of one of the country's most popular steak cuts. Lt. Gov Dan Patrick called for **renaming the New York strip steak** the Texas strip, arguing: "Liberal New York shouldn't get the credit for our hard-working ranchers." The Republican said he recently met with the Texas Cattle Feeders and Cattle Raisers and asked them why they called the cut a New York strip, "because New York has mostly dairy cows." My source quipped, "If the Empire State decides to retaliate, the most popular variant of poker might soon be known as New York Hold 'Em."

Apparently, **train robberies are a thing again**. The bandits sneak aboard freight trains heading out of the Port of Los Angeles, and once they get to lonely areas in the Mojave Desert, they cut an air brake hose, causing an emergency stop, and a "human conveyor belt" of thieves unloads cargo into a waiting truck. There have been "at least 10" such incidents, mostly targeting Nike sneakers, with the total value approaching \$2 million. Allegedly, there were at least 65,000 cargo thefts from trains in 2024, up 40 percent from the previous year, with a total take of more than \$100 million. Nike found a way to counter the thefts. They are now scattering trackers in shoe shipments, leading police right to their trucks.

City workers in Munich found **QR code stickers slapped on over 1,000 graves** in three different cemeteries. When scanned, the code revealed the name on the grave and its location in the cemetery, which is actually information that anyone standing in front of a particular grave already knew. Bernd Hoerauf, who oversees the management of Munich's cemeteries, estimates it will cost around 500,000 euros (US\$519,000) to remove the 1x2-inch stickers and adhesive without damaging the grave markers. Upon further digging, it was found that a gardening company responsible for maintaining the cemeteries had placed the stickers to keep track of which headstones they had maintained.

The Volusia County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office were called to a vandalism in progress, and actually arrived in time to catch the culprit. Urged on by a 16-year-old friend, an 18-year-old was **throwing eggs at and spray-painting a car** in a fit of rage to get revenge on an ex-boyfriend. There was just one little problem since the vehicle was not her boyfriend's car, but rather an innocent neighbor's. The young woman was charged with criminal mischief, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, possession of alcohol under age 21, and DUI; the 16-year-old was charged with possessing more than 20 grams of marijuana. "An expensive lesson," stated Randy Cassingham, "and that's not even counting the eggs."



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Saskatchewan Budget described as a priority of the people

By Provincial
Grasslands News

Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Jim Reiter tabled the Saskatchewan's 2025-26 Provincial Budget on Wednesday, delivering what the government describes as priorities of Saskatchewan people - affordability, health care, education, safer communities and responsible financial management - while addressing the challenges of a growing province.

The province is predicting a balanced budget in 2025-26 with a surplus of \$12 million.

Affordability

In the 2025-26 Budget, the Government of Saskatchewan continues to take action to ensure the province remains the most affordable place in Canada to live, work, raise a family and start a business.

The budget reduces income taxes for every resident, family and small business in the province. It also helps make life more affordable for seniors, families with children, persons with disabilities, caregivers, new graduates,

first-time homebuyers and people renovating their homes.

The taxation changes introduced in the 2025-26 Budget, including the initiatives in The Saskatchewan Affordability Act, provide over \$250 million in tax savings this year. This is in addition to the more than \$2 billion in affordability measures in each and every budget.

The affordability measures in the 2025-26 Budget include those that help make life more affordable and those that support our growing province. Among the measures are:

- Raising the basic personal exemption, spousal and equivalent-to-spousal exemption, dependent child exemption and the seniors supplement by \$500 a year, for the next four years - over and above the impact of indexation - for the largest personal income tax reduction in the province since 2008;

- Increasing monthly income assistance benefits by two per cent for Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) and Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability

(SAID) clients;

- Increasing the Disability Tax Credit and Caregiver Tax Credit by 25 per cent;

- Doubling the Active Families Benefit refundable tax credit from \$150 to \$300 per child and doubling the income threshold to qualify to \$120,000 to make children's sports, arts, cultural and recreational activities more affordable for more Saskatchewan families;

- Reinstating the Home Renovation Tax Credit, which will allow homeowners to save up to \$420 annually in home renovation expenses, while seniors undertaking home renovations can save up to \$525;

- Increasing the Graduate Retention Program benefit by 20 per cent to a maximum of \$24,000; and

- Permanently maintaining the small business tax rate at one per cent, benefiting more than 35,000 small businesses in Saskatchewan and saving them over \$50 million in corporate income taxes annually.

Property owners will also receive relief in this year's budget. All education property tax mill rates

will be reduced to absorb the increase in property assessment values and ensure this assessment year is revenue neutral for the province in each property class. This change will save property owners in the province more than \$100 million annually.

This is in addition to the Government of Saskatchewan extending the carbon tax exemption on home heating, which is expected to save the average Saskatchewan family approximately \$480 in 2025.

Health Care

The 2025-26 Budget delivers better patient access and safer, more responsive care for Saskatchewan residents.

Over the last two years, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested \$15.7 billion in health care in the province. In the 2025-26 Budget:

- The Ministry of Health receives a record \$8.1 billion, an increase of \$485 million, or 6.4 per cent;

- The Saskatchewan Health Authority receives an increase of \$261 million, or 5.6 per cent, for a record \$4.9 billion budget; and

- The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency receives \$279 million, an increase of \$30 million, or 12.2 per cent. This funding will pro-

vide better access to acute care programs and services to improve patient outcomes, such as:

- Reducing surgical wait times as part of an ambitious plan to perform 450,000 procedures over four years; and

- Realigning services at Saskatoon City Hospital to address inpatient capacity pressures by opening more than 100 beds.

Mental health and addictions programs and services receive \$624 million - 7.7 per cent of the overall Health budget - to deliver critical support and investments in Saskatchewan, including an increase of \$20 million for targeted initiatives. This includes continued progress on the multi-year Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan, and expanded access to mental health and addictions services and care by delivering on the commitment to add 500 addictions treatment spaces across the province, doubling the public health system's capacity.

To ensure the professionals are in place to provide health care services, this year's budget accelerates the hiring of health care professionals through the Health Human Resources Action Plan.

The 25-26 Budget also invests in steady and significant progress on multiple infrastructure projects.

Due to the positive response to the Regina Urgent Care Centre, planning is underway for additional urgent care centres in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and North Battleford, as well as second urgent care centres in Regina and Saskatoon.

The budget also provides new capital funding for the expansion of Complex Needs Emergency Shelters in new communities, building on the pilot projects in Regina and Saskatoon.

Overall, health capital funding will increase by \$140 million, for a total of \$657 million - the highest ever capital budget to deliver major health infrastructure projects.

Education

Kindergarten to Grade 12

The 2025-26 Budget delivers increased opportunities and supports for kindergarten to Grade 12 students, parents and teachers across Saskatchewan.

Over the last two years, more than \$5 billion has been invested in kindergarten to Grade 12 education. In this year's budget, the Ministry of Education receives \$3.5 billion, an increase of \$184 million, or 5.5 per cent, over the previous year. That includes an increase of \$186 million, or 8.4 per cent, in school operating funding for a total of \$2.4 billion. The 2025-26 Budget also includes an increase of \$130 million to fund the new teacher collective agreement and address growing student enrollment and the challenges facing today's classrooms.

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Building on the success of last year's pilot project in eight Saskatchewan schools, the budget provides funding for 50 additional specialized support classrooms throughout the province. The specialized classrooms help reduce interruptions by providing additional supports to students who need them.

Student literacy is another area of emphasis in the 2025-26 Budget. Learning to read is one of the most valuable skills developed during childhood and sets the foundation for lifelong academic success. For this reason, this year's budget provides additional funding to improve kindergarten to Grade 3 reading levels in Saskatchewan.

The budget delivers on the challenges of student enrolment growth by investing in new schools with a \$191 million school capital budget. This includes ongoing funding for the 21 new or consolidated schools and three major renovations underway across Saskatchewan, as well as funding to begin planning for one new replacement school and preplanning for four new schools in the Saskatoon area.

Post-Secondary

The 2025-26 Budget also supports students as they advance into post-secondary education. It provides opportunities that will allow students to pursue post-secondary education close to home while focusing on programs that meet the needs of Saskatchewan's labour force and provincial economy.

The Ministry of Advanced Education receives

\$788 million in this year's budget, with \$1.6 billion invested in post-secondary education over the past two years. As part of their budget, universities, technical schools, Indigenous institutions and regional colleges will receive \$718 million in operating and capital funding.

Health care training is a key priority as part of the province's Health Human Resources Action Plan. New and expanded programs will help build a stronger health care workforce to meet the needs of Saskatchewan residents, including training seats in areas of critical need. This includes supporting:

- 60 new training seats this year - more than 900 training seats overall - for nurse practitioners, registered psychiatric nurses and medical radiologic technologists; and

- Four new training programs that will be ready to accept students in fall 2025 (physician assistant) and fall 2026 (speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy).

The 2025-26 Budget also delivers work on strategies to address veterinary services in rural and urban communities. This includes working toward an expansion of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in the future.

To help ensure predictable and stable funding for the province's post-secondary institutions, the 2025-26 Budget extends the current multi-year funding agreement for an additional year. The extension will allow government and post-sec-

ondary institutions time to work through the potential impacts of the federal government's reduction of foreign student visas, before engaging in another multi-year funding agreement.

Community Safety

The 2025-26 Budget delivers safer communities across the province by enhancing the presence of law enforcement in Saskatchewan.

Over the last two years, \$2 billion has been invested into community safety. For the upcoming fiscal year, the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety will receive \$798 million, including \$119 million for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, while the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General will receive \$271 million.

Increases to the Municipal Police Grant Program will help frontline officers respond to more calls for service, while increased funding for the RCMP will support operations in the province and the RCMP First Nations Policing Program. The budget also includes funding for previous commitments for approximately 100 new municipal police officers, 14 new Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods personnel and funding for the Saskatchewan Police College to train more officers in the province.

This enhanced law enforcement presence extends to the border with the United States. The Saskatchewan Border Security Plan was introduced in January 2025 to mobilize Provincial Protective Services officers to work in

partnership with provincial policing services and federal agencies to boost law enforcement near the border.

To complement the increased presence of law enforcement personnel, the 2025-26 Budget includes funding to improve safety for correctional staff, offenders and the public, as well as address capacity concerns at correctional facilities.

Additional investments will be made in interpersonal violence programs and services, including second-stage housing. The budget also delivers funding to create a more accessible court system for municipal bylaw offences and ensuring cases are complete and ready to move to trial more quickly.

Delivering More for You

The 2025-26 Budget delivers on the priorities of affordability, health care, education, community safety and fiscal responsibility. However, it delivers more than that. Some of the other important initiatives in this year's budget include:

- A record \$362 million in municipal revenue sharing, an increase of \$22 million, or 6.3 per cent, from 2024-25.

- New funding to start multi-year repair and renovation projects for 285 Saskatchewan Housing Corporation-owned units in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert.

- Funding for expanded homelessness services developed through the Provincial Approach to Homelessness. This includes investments in the Rental Development Program to partner with third-party organizations to develop new supportive housing units for people who need additional sup-

port to live independently.

- Over the past two years, funding from the Ministry of Social Services has created 120 new emergency shelter spaces, 155 new supportive housing spaces, new street outreach services and an expanded income assistance mobile workforce serving clients on-site at more than 30 community-based organization locations.

- A grant to the Food Banks of Saskatchewan to fulfill the Government of Saskatchewan's two-year commitment to help families and food banks with high food costs.

- A \$20 million increase across government in funding for community-based organizations.

- The creation of a new Saskatchewan Young Entrepreneur Bursary, which is an annual grant of \$285,000 for a maximum of 57 bursaries distributed to support youth entrepreneurship in the province.

- The creation of a new Small and Medium Enterprise Investment Tax Credit, a 45 per cent non-refundable tax credit for individuals or corporations that invest in the equity of an eligible Saskatchewan small and medium size enterprise.

- Introduction of the Low Productivity and Reactivation Oil Well Program to encourage industry to make new capital investments in low-producing and inactive horizontal oil wells.

- Investment in capital projects that will improve our provincial transportation system, including:

- Passing lanes for Highway 10 between Fort Qu'Appelle and Melville, and Highway 17 north of Lloydminster;

- Highway 39 twinning at Weyburn;

- Ongoing corridor improvements on Highway 5 east of Saskatoon; and

- Improvements of more than 1,000 kilometres of provincial highways.

Fiscal Responsibility

The surplus forecast for the 2025-26 Budget leaves Saskatchewan in one of the strongest financial positions among provinces.

The surplus is driven by forecast revenues of \$21.1 billion, an increase of \$1.2 billion, or 6 per cent, compared to last year. Total expense is projected to be \$21.0 billion, which is an increase of \$909 million, or 4.5 per cent, from the 2024-25 Budget.

Non-Renewable Resources revenue accounts for 12.8 per cent of total expense in this year's budget.

Another sign of Saskatchewan's strong financial position is the province's net debt position, which remains the second lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio among Canadian provinces at 14.6 per cent.

The Government of Saskatchewan's prudent financial management is also reflected in the province's credit ratings. Saskatchewan currently maintains the second-best credit rating among the provinces when the ratings from the three major agencies - Moody's Investors Service, Morningstar DBRS and S&P Global - are considered.

Saskatchewan's strong financial position in this year's budget is buoyed by the provincial economy's solid performance in 2024. Building upon this momentum, the Saskatchewan economy is expected to continue to grow in 2025 with real GDP projected to grow by 1.8 per cent according to the average private-sector forecast.



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Single vehicle rollover

Emergency personnel from Whitewood responded to a rollover east of Whitewood in the early morning hours of March 14 involving a half-ton truck and enclosed trailer. The driver and passenger were not injured.

Above normal runoff expected

Submitted
Grasslands News

Last week, the Water Security Agency (WSA) released the Spring Runoff Report for 2025.

A normal to above normal runoff is forecast for most of central and southern Saskatchewan due to an above normal snowpack.

Runoff across most of the north and parts of

southeast is expected to be below normal due to dry fall conditions and a below normal snowpack in these areas.

Most major water reservoirs in southern Saskatchewan are at or above normal levels for this time of year and are expected to be near normal levels following the spring runoff.

“Over the winter, we have seen moisture conditions improve in parts of

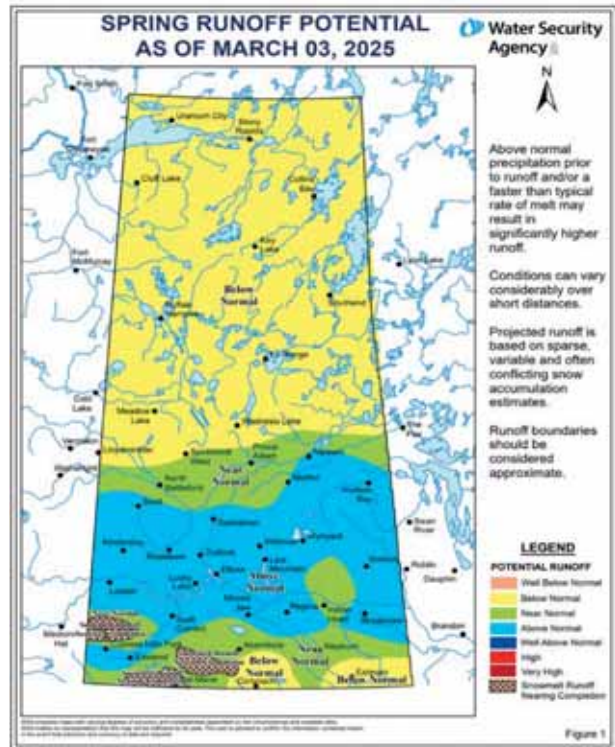
the province with higher than forecasted snowpack particularly across the south-central area of the province,” Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency Daryl Harrison said. “This, combined with overwinter operating plans at reservoirs designed to retain water supplies, means water supply conditions have improved over last year.”

Snowfall throughout the remainder of the spring, and the melt rate, can significantly impact spring runoff. Long-range forecasts predict normal precipitation and near normal temperatures across Saskatchewan from March to May.

Runoff has already started across parts of the southwest including the Maple Creek area in the Big Stick Basin, in the Old Wives Basin and in lower portions of the Frenchman River Basin.

WSA will continue to monitor conditions and report on them as they develop.

Residents are encouraged to monitor local ice and water conditions and take precautions as they can change rapidly during the spring melt, leading to weakening ice and rapidly moving water.



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Second Corny Curling Funspiel raises money for MS

By Ashley Scarfe
Grasslands News

The second annual Caitlyn's Crusaders Corny Curling Funspiel took place at the Kronau Curling Club on Sunday, March 16. The event was organized by Caitlyn Stenberg to raise money for MS Canada, a cause she has been passionate about since her diagnosis with the disease in 2018.

Canada has an estimated 90,000 people living with Multiple Sclerosis, with 75% of those being women. In recent years, Saskatchewan has been recognized as a hotspot, with MS affecting an average of one in every 300 people.

Stenberg says her journey with Mul-

iple Sclerosis has been full of twists and turns she would never have foreseen when she was first diagnosed.

"I thought, 'I've got to quit my job. How am I gonna pay my bills? What am I gonna do? I'm gonna be in a wheelchair in six months,'" Stenberg recalls. "But then I started researching after I, you know, started getting out of that slump."

Stenberg continues, "After my diagnosis, I laid around for six or seven months feeling bad for myself. Then I came across the MS Walk."

It was then that Stenberg dedicated her energy to raising money for the cause. She started with a bake sale, followed by a guaranteed prize draw with items donated by local businesses. Five years ago,

Stenberg partnered with the Pilot Butte Rodeo for the Caitlyn's Crusaders Bronc Match.

"Everything's donation-based," Stenberg says. "I have all the stock donated because rodeo's a very big part of my world, much like curling is."

Last year, the funspiel raised just over \$2,800. This year, they raised \$1,600. Stenberg isn't worried about the drop in donations compared to last year.

"This year we had four teams, and last year we had six," she explains. "We did it in January, and with Jelly Roll happening today, I think that's been a pretty big draw for people."

Four teams of four participated in this year's event. Teams were encouraged to dress up and create fun team names: The Booze Brothers, Chase the Ace, Blarney Stoners, and the Lone Wolf.

"I was the Lone Wolf team because, as of eight o'clock this morning with the game starting at 10, I had myself as the only teammate," Stenberg says. "I was prepared to curl by myself, but I am much happier now that I've got a couple of people to curl with."

The funspiel was followed by a roast beef dinner at Reunion Diner. Partial proceeds from supper ticket sales were also donated to MS research. Stenberg says the support she has received from the community in Kronau has been an important part of her battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

"The community here is awesome," Stenberg says. "I grew up out here. We moved here in 1999 when I was in Grade Three. Even though the community has

grown quite a bit, there are still a lot of the regular people who have lived here since then. So they've watched me grow from Grade Three to a 33-year-old woman."

Stenberg says that every year, she sets the goal of raising \$10,000. Last year, after raising \$13,000, she was invited to participate in the MS Walk of Champions for Team Canada in New York City. Since her diagnosis, Stenberg says she has raised around \$50,000.

"Every year I've just pushed more and more. Now the goal I set for myself each year is that \$10,000 mark."

From pushing donation limits to coming up with innovative ideas to raise funds for MS research, Stenberg says her ultimate goal is to have fun and give back to those who donate their money, time, and energy to the cause.

"That's one thing that I found," Stenberg says. "Everybody is asking for a donation to something, and everything is worthy of that donation. I've got a vast group of people in my circle, but it's still a challenge to make it worth their while to want to give to you every three or four months. So coming up with new ideas consistently—it's a little challenging, but it's coming along."

Caitlyn's Crusaders Corny Curling Funspiel wrapped up on Sunday with the Booze Brothers winning best costume, Chase the Ace winning best team name, George Galloway winning the best draw of the day, and Christie Waechter winning worst draw.



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Curling for charity

On Sunday, March 16, Kronau Curling Club hosted Caitlyn's Crusaders Corny Curling Funspiel, raising \$1,600 for MS Canada. Four teams participated with Booze Brothers taking best costume and Chase the Ace taking the best team name.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF PILOT BUTTE

Notice of Intent to Restructure

Pursuant to the Municipalities Act, public notice is hereby given that the Town of Pilot Butte intends to restructure by adding the following lands (annexation area) from the RM of Edenwold No. 158.

The lands to be included in the Annexation Area and added to the Town of Pilot Butte are the following:

Road: NE 34-17-18-5
Plan No. 76R43694

LSD 15-34-17-18-2 Ext 81
Parcel No. 111578373

LSD 16-34-17-18-2 Ext 82
Parcel No. 163517384

LSD 16-34-17-18-2 Ext 83
Parcel No. 163517395

*The complete proposal may be viewed at the Pilot Butte Town Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held on May 12, 2025 at the Pilot Butte Town Office Council Chambers located at 222 Diamond Place to discuss the proposed annexation. Any persons who wish to object to the proposed restructuring may file a written objection to the administrator of the Town of Pilot Butte, stating clearly their reason for their opposition, which must be received by May 2, 2025.

Mailing address: Allen Mullen, CAO
222 Diamond Place, Box 253
Pilot Butte, SK S0G 3Z0

Dated this 21st of March, 2025, at the Town of Pilot Butte, Saskatchewan.

Allen Mullen, Administrator



RM OF EDENWOLD No. 158

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, the Council of the RM of Edenwold No. 158 gives notice to amend Zoning Bylaw 2019-20 as follows:

Bylaw No. 2025-05 - Zoning Map Change: - To rezone 0.99 acres in proposed Parcel B to be subdivided from Lot 24, Block 1, Plan 101185354 in Bridlewood Estates (shown on the map below) from CR2 – Country Residential 2 to CS – Community Service.

Intent: To make the appropriate Zoning Bylaw amendment to accommodate the subdivision of an existing communal water system.

Public Inspection: Any person may inspect the bylaw online at www.rmedenwold.ca or at the RM of Edenwold No. 158's office, 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

Public Hearing: Council will hold a public hearing to receive submissions, written or verbal, on the proposed bylaw at 11 a.m. (local time) on **Tuesday, April 8th, 2025**, in the Council Chambers of the RM of Edenwold No. 158, 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan. Written submissions will be presented to Council and can be sent by mail or email. For further information please contact Paige Boha, Manager of Planning and Development at 306-347-2967 or planning@edenwold-sk.ca.

Dated this 28th day of February 2025, at Emerald Park, in the Province of Sask.

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Truck vs. semi accident

A semi and pickup truck collided at the intersection of Highway #48 and Highway #35 between Vibank and Odessa on Wednesday, March 12. The accident happened around 10 a.m. with initial reports on local Facebook pages cautioning drivers to avoid the area if possible. According to social media reports, traffic was reduced to one lane around 11 a.m. and the road was cleared by noon. Debris remained scattered beside the highway.

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Vibank Centennial Hall's future remains under discussion

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

A new community hall in Vibank remains at least a year or two away, and will depend to some extent on residents' sentiments.

In the meantime, village council's focus is on dismantling the existing structure to make way for whatever might come next.

"It's not saveable," chief administrative officer Heath Duncan told Grasslands News. "We've exhausted all avenues there. There's nobody able to do anything that's going to restore what's there. So what's there is going to be torn down. That's not really up for debate anymore."

Duncan added that council would like to

work the teardown of the Vibank Centennial Hall into this fiscal year's budget and proceed from there.

Built in 1967, the hall was condemned in November 2023 after sagging was noticed in the north-facing roof of the building.

An engineer's report at the time found the building to have "significant and widespread damage to the north arch rib roof structure" which caused "significant and concerning deflections" (sagging or flexing of the wood) throughout the roof on the

north side of the hall.

While council deliberates on this year's budget, Duncan added that a town hall meeting is likely the next step in order to assess what the community ultimately wants and how it will be paid for.

"We need to get a town hall together and discuss what needs to be done moving forward," said Duncan. "And I'd like to get that community discussion going sooner than later. What do they want, when do they want it, and how are we going to fund it?"

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SPORTS

Dates set for Mils vs. Terriers quarter-finals

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

The SJHL first-round playoff match-ups have all been set, with the Melville Millionaires facing off with their arch rivals, the Yorkton Terriers.

The Millionaires came up just one win short of holding home ice advantage over the Terriers, meaning they finished in fifth overall, while the Terriers hung on to fourth spot.

That means that Melville and Yorkton will be filling their rinks for the next while, as the Millionaires and Terriers hook up for a best of seven quarter-final series.

Melville's bench boss Doug Johnson and his charges will have their hands full with the offensively gifted Terriers.

"To win, we need to outwork them and out-defend them," Johnson told The Advance. "We have to

be more physical and play with a pace that makes them uncomfortable."

Staying disciplined is one of the keys for the Millionaires if they hope to get to the next round.

"The Terriers will whine and complain to the refs to try to get calls," Johnson added. "They will dive and flop all over, so we will have to keep our composure and discipline."

The Terriers and Millionaires split the season series 4-4, however, Yorkton had to forfeit two games because of a roster error, but Johnson thinks that they'll provide a tough match-up for the Terriers.

"We don't care what they try to do to us," Johnson admitted. "We have beaten everyone and we can beat everyone. We just have to play our game and stick to our identity."

"The players will decide who wins. Anything

can happen and we will need to work to make our luck."

Two key members of the Terriers that the Millionaires will have to keep tabs on are Jaron Desnoyers and David Coyle.

"Desnoyers is a key," said Johnson. "You can never shut those top players down, you just have to limit their chances by defending well and taking time and space away."

Melville Millionaires 1 at Yorkton Terriers 0 (March 15)

This was a close checking contest throughout, with Alex Morrison's second period, shorthanded goal standing up as the only score of the last regular season scheduled game of the campaign.

Brodie Hicks was credited with the only assist on Morrison's third tally of the season.

Ben Laurette got the start in goal for the vis-



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Pressure from behind the net

Melville Millionaires' forward Preston Baerwald eludes a Yorkton Terriers' checker and prepares to attempt a wrap-around in SJHL action in Melville on March 14. These same two teams hook up for the first round of playoffs beginning in Yorkton on March 21.

itors and stopped all 29 shots he faced to earn the shutout as Millionaires' skaters fired 38 shots at the Terriers' cage.

The Millionaires got

the gate for eight of the game's 15 minor penalties.

Yorkton Terriers 6 at Melville Millionaires 3 (March 14)

This game had a bit of everything, but some mysterious penalty calls in the third period sent it off the rails for the home side.

Leading 3-2 in the third, the Millionaires were called for three-straight minors - including a phantom delay of game call - as well as two misconducts, and the Terriers made them pay, scoring the tying and go-ahead goal on the powerplay.

Up until that point, it was a tight game, with the Millionaires leading 2-1 after the first period and the game all square at 2-2 after 40 minutes of play.

Nick Genette got the start between the pipes and was quite busy, kicking out 37 of the 42 shots he faced while his team-

mates tested the Yorkton netminder 36 times.

Scoring for the Millionaires were Jadon Iyogun with his 21st, Jackson Lee with number five on the season and Edward Knittig with his eighth.

Jett Fogle, Gaborik Carlson, Simon Parini, Preston Baerwald and Raine Hodge each collected one assist for the home side.

The Millionaires were the more penalized team in this one, getting whistled for seven of the game's 12 minor infractions as well as two of three misconducts.

Finishing in fifth spot means the Millionaires will start their playoffs on the road, with the Terriers hosting on March 21 and 23 before coming back to the friendly confines of the CNCC for games three and four on March 25 and 26. All games start at 7 p.m.

Provincial A Senior Finals

Round Lake Bears advance to A finals

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Round Lake Bears are just one series and two wins away from clenching a Provincial A championship title in senior men's hockey.

The Round Lake Bears advanced to the final round on Sunday after winning game three of their series against the Lumsden Monarchs at a game in Ochapowace First Nation. The team will now face off against the Kenaston Blizzards in a battle for the provincial title after Kenaston won their spot with a Monday night victory against Kyle.

Round Lake's road to the finals began with a match against the Balcarres Broncs in the first round, which saw the Bears win game one of the series 4-1 and game two 5-2. In the quarter-final round, Round Lake faced off against the Wynyard Monarchs. In that series, the Bears won game one 7-6, lost game two 4-1 and won game

three 4-3. The semi-finals series against the Lumsden Monarchs also went to a third and deciding game after Lumsden won game one 3-0 and Round Lake clenched a 3-2 win in game two. Game three of the series ended in a 3-1 win for the Bears.

Kenaston made their way to the finals after a first-round victory over the Hafford Hawks, who they defeated 5-3 in game one and 4-2 in game two of the series. Up against the Loreburn 19ers in the next round, that quarter-final series went to three games with Loreburn winning game one 6-4, Kenaston taking game two 4-3 and then finding back-to-back success with a 7-5 win in game three. Kenaston then faced the Kyle Elks in the semi-finals which was a clean sweep for the Blizzards who won game one 2-1 and game two 4-1.

Game one of the final round between Round Lake and Kenaston will be played on March 23 at 6 p.m. in Kenaston with game two scheduled for March 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Ochapowace. If necessary, game three will be March 30 Location and time to be decided.



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Free admission to largest bonspiel under one roof in Canada

Whitewood Farmers & Friends happens March 27-30

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

That time of year is upon us, and it is time to start thinking about the eighth edition of the Whitewood Farmers & Friends Curling Bonspiel. This 'biggest bonspiel in Canada all under one roof' will be taking place next week from March 27 to March 30 at the Whitewood Community Centre where this year, along with the main draw of 64 teams, the bonspiel will have an additional six U15 and six U18 teams battling it out in the Richardson Pioneer Junior event for a total of 76 teams and over 300 curlers.

"We are excited to bring back all the favorites," Chad Kelly, who is on the organizing committee, stated and curlers and spectators won't be disappointed as the committee has the many fun-packed days of events again this year with even more added. There's plenty of activities including Envelope raffles and Blind Calcutta, plus way more.

Curling action begins Thursday evening with a 6 p.m. draw in the A and B events for the 64 teams and once again Whitewood's own Shaya Istace will be hitting the stage with entertainment on Thursday night.

Friday draws will begin at 1 p.m. and

on Friday evening Richardsons again will be buying wings for the entire Bonspiel. They are also sponsors of the Junior event at the bonspiel and are a longtime and appreciated sponsor. Friday evening will also include the fundraiser auction with auctioneer Rhett Parks and longtime sponsor Whitewood Livestock. Rhett is the auctioneer for the Calcutta as well, and both these events are big contributors to the proceeds of the bonspiel. (Check out Facebook Farmers & Friends Bonspiel). And 'Back by popular demand!' is Friday night entertainment provided by Whitewood Farmers & Friends very own Fun Bags! Plan to join the fun Friday night and see what all the excitement is about!

The rocks start rolling on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. And in case you need a pick me up for the opening draw on Saturday, Scott Mannle and Mannle Farms have you covered with the Mimosa mornings on Saturday morning. Vaderstad happy hour (singles turn into doubles for 64 minutes) are on the schedule for Saturday afternoon thanks to the bonspiel's friends at Vaderstad. This year a Caesar bar has been added to the agenda on Saturday afternoon (Co-op Ag Division based out of Broadview will be hosting the Caesar bar where you buy the shot, and they will take care of the rest. Then on Sat-

urday night, from Weyburn, one of Saskatchewan's hottest party bands 'Switch' will keep things rolling. The entertainment sponsors are once again SECON Group of Companies! Jant Transport will keep you well fed with their sponsorship of the pulled pork late lunch.

Other activities over the weekend include the draw to the button challenge. This progressive draw has seen the pot build up over the last few years and will be over \$4000 if you cover the pin this year. Mark and Jennalee Beutler of Scissors Creek Cattle Co. have upped the ante this year sponsoring \$1,000 for whoever is closest to the pin. Delmar Mayor and JK Metals, an event sponsor since the beginning of the bonspiel, will again be buying a round of drinks for all 256 curlers in the main spiel! And don't forget the \$2,000 door prize! All 64 teams will be entered for a chance to walk away with \$2,000 in hard cash courtesy of Collin and Lisa Istace from Laurie's Plumbing & Heating.

The weekend will wrap up with the Vaderstad Championship Sunday with draws beginning at 10 a.m. and the final game played at 4:45 p.m. Don't miss the top teams battling it out for some great prizes.

The kitchen this year will be run by Sourdough by Shontelle and Redneck

Essentials. "We have a great homemade menu planned, with sourdough baking, Redneck Essentials special barbecue sauce, homemade burgers, lasagna supper, brisket supper, pancake breakfast plus much more!! For those who stay up late for the entertainment, delicious nachos, poutines and snacks are on the menu! We are excited to share our passion for good homemade cooking with you!"

Last year, the bonspiel raised over \$114,000 bringing the total since the bonspiel began in 2016 to \$720,000. Proceeds are donated back to Whitewood community projects and other to communities somehow involved in the bonspiel as sponsors, participants or volunteers. The 2024 donations from the Farmers & Friends Bonspiel proceeds included the communities of Bangor, Bird's Point, Broadview, Esterhazy, Forrest (MB), Grayson, Grenfell, Ituna, Langenburg, McAuley (MB), Melville, Moosomin, Rocanville, Wapella, Whitewood and Yorkton.

As always, this weekend is free to attend for all spectators and the hard-working committee that organizes this event every year would like to openly invite all communities to come out and see why this has "turned into the biggest bonspiel under one roof in all of Canada."

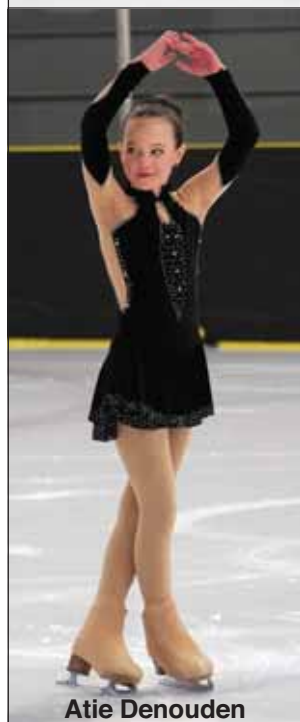
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Opening Act

Sports column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

The MLB is gearing up for another season and Canadians are all wondering what's going to happen with the Toronto Blue Jays?

While not an expert on baseball, it looks to this scribe like the Blue Jays could get off to a good start, but the question that remains is where can they go from there?

Once the envy of the Major Leagues, the Blue Jays' roster just ain't what it used to be, even a few short years ago.

The team already had three pitchers over 30 years of age, so it's a bit puzzling as to why they'd pick up Max Scherzer, who is older than all of them, and is already having a tough spring with a thumb issue.

Perhaps if he can get healthy and remain healthy, he's a guy you can deal at the trade deadline for some assets, but how much is the 40-year-old going to have in the tank in late July or August?

The Jays also have Jose Berrios, Kevin Gausman and Chris Bassitt and all of them are on the high side of 30 and if there's interest in them, the Blue Jays' brass will have to listen to any and all offers.

Bowden Francis should get a lot of looks as he's one of the guys who could be a key for the rotation for years to come.

Francis and Yariel Rodriguez might be the only guys in the rotation that won't get a short leash, mostly because of their age.

Even without closer Jordan Romano, the bullpen looks decent, maybe even tougher than the starters, so it will be interesting to see if these guys enter games earlier than they have in the past, in an attempt to save some of the older arms a little bit of strain.

I don't think anyone envies the Jays as far as pitching goes, but at least they might move a few guys to start the overhaul.

Hitting wise, the Jays are hoping for a big season from Vladimir Guerrero, even though he could be changing teams at some point in the upcoming season.

Vladdy is a solid hitter and he hits with power, launching 30 round trippers last year, but since the Jays' management team of Ross Atkins and Mark Shapiro couldn't come up with a decent enough offer to sign him, it looks like his days in T.O. are numbered.

Had they done it last year, or the year prior, they'd be looking at a competitive wage, much lower than a suitor is going to have to pay now.

How these two clowns are still at the helm of the Blue Jays, I'll never know.

All they do is pick up players off the scrap heap and expect them to be more than mediocre, while they let their top players walk.

Bo Bichette is more than likely in his final season with the Blue Jays, as well.

He only played about half the season last year, and he never really got things going like he has in the past.

Four years ago, Bichette and Guerrero looked like locks to lead the Jays to the promised land and now, both of them are probably going to be on their way out of Toronto later in the season.

That's one of the big knocks on the Jays. They can get their guys to the bigs, but they never seem to reach their potential.

I don't know what the Jays are going to get out of George Springer, another player who is pretty long in the tooth, or Daulton Varsho, who is a great defensive outfielder if nothing else.

Springer has been declining for several years now and if he can hit about .220, I suppose you'd have to be happy with that,

If I had any advice for fans of the Jays, it would be to look out for a rocky ride this season.

Is this team good enough to make the post season?

Sure, they are, but everything will have to go right.

As it stands, it looks like a rebuild is in the offing for this ball club.

Fans should hope that they don't let Atkins or Shapiro get their fingerprints on this rebuild, rather, those two should be the first to go.

Knox takes two-game lead in PJHL playoffs vs. Capitals

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

The Fort Knox are leading 2-0 in the Bill Johnston Final against the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals in the Prairie Junior Hockey League (PJHL) playoffs. The Knox are a possible two games away from playing in the PJHL Final against either the Dellsie Chiefs or the Saskatoon Westleys from the Bob Dybvig division.

Game 1: Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals 3 at Fort Knox 5

Fort Knox won 5-3 in the first game of the Bill Johnston Final against the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals on March 15, 2025.

Fort Knox took the early lead in the first period with two goals from River Banks. The Capitals got one goal in the first from Nolan Pankratz making it a 2-1 game for the Knox. In the second the Capitals tied it up with a goal from Sean Brochu, which was followed by a hat trick from River Banks and goals from Liam Cody and Shaden Duliak to make it a 5-2 game. In the third Dylan Schoenroth scored for the Capitals making it 5-3.

Game winning goalie' Zane Winter saw 27 shots on net while Capitals' goalie Luca Stadnyk saw 40 shots through 58:15 of play time.

There was a total of 38-minutes of penalties handed out during the game with one 10-minute misconduct going to Jack Bechard of the Capitals.

Game 2: Fort Knox 7 at Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals 1

Fort Knox beat the Extreme Hockey Regina



ALAN HUSTAK | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Battle for the puck

Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals' defenceman Ty Lanford #27 battles for the puck against Fort Knox forward Shaden Duliak #21 in the corner. The Knox won the game 5-3 at the Prairie Co-op Rexentre in Fort Qu'Appelle on Saturday, March 15.

Capitals 7-1 in game two of the Bill Johnston Final on March 17, 2025.

Fort Knox scored five times in the first period with goals coming from Shaden Duliak, Spencer Copeland with two back-to-back, Cooper Buhay and Liam Cody. The Capitals only goal came in the second period on the powerplay from Tyson Kistner making it a 5-1 game. Fort Knox scored two more goals in the third period with scorers being Marc Belanger and River Banks ending the game 7-1.

Game winning goalie' Zane Winter saw 42 shots on net while Capitals' goalie Keegen Dansereau saw 43 shots on net with 39 saves in 55 min of play time while starting goalie' Luca Stadnyk saw six shots on net and made three saves in 5 min. of play.

There was a total of 46-minutes of penalties during the game with one 10-minute misconduct going to Tadem Anardi, and one 10-minute team game misconduct going to Fort Knox.

Upcoming Games

Fort Knox faced off in game three against the Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals on March 19 after press time. The results of that game will appear in the next issue.

Game four of the series is on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Al Richie Arena.

If necessary, game five will be at the Fort Qu'Appelle Prairie Co-op Rexentre with a 5 p.m. start time while game 6 will be at Al Richie Arena on March 25.

Bowling Scores, Standings - Melville Bowl Arena

MONDAY P.M.

March 17

Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Shaleen Kruger 206, 519, 205.	
Men's High Single and Triple, Doug Brewer, 238, 637. Men's High Average, Gordon Ostlund, 182.	
Team High Single and Triple, Brewer, 852, 2420.	
Team	Pts.
Dobson	67
Brewer	61
Stuckey	40.5
Gelowitz	39.5

MONDAY COMMERCIAL

ROLL-OFFS

March 17

Ladies' High Single and Triple, Brittany Boyarski, 311, 689. Ladies' High Average, Brandy Lechner, 230.	
Men's High Single and Triple, Paul Ward, 263, 670. Men's High Average, Destin Kohlenberg, 216.	
Team High Single and Triple, Blame it on Garry, 1333, 3807.	
A Side	Pts.
Pin Heads	3679
Blind Chickens	3517
Gutter Girls	3722
B Side	Pts.
Blame it on Garry	3807
Professional Amateurs	3418

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March 11

Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Pat Brown 256, 625, 180.	
Men's High Single, Lawrencece	

Kosedy, 257. Men's High Triple, Chris Cheveldae, 671. Men's High Average, Mike Hickie, 202.

Team High Single and Triple, Drifters, 1320, 3775.

Team	Pts.
Drifters	65
CCJ	58.5
Just 4 Fun	48.5
A Team	32

TUESDAY YBC

March 11

Girls High Single, Lindsay Unterschute, 137. Girls High Triple, Amzlee Patterso, 352.	
Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 177, 456.	
Team High Single and Triple, Bowl Kings, 880, 2590.	
Team	Pts.
Bowl Kings	65
Squishmellows	39

THURSDAY YBC

March 13

Girls High Single and Triple, Emmi Hollinger, 222, 490.	
Boys High Single and Triple, Blaine Dobson, 222, 548.	
Team High Single, Nameless, 852. Team High Triple, Cobras, 2496.	
Team	Pts.
Cobras	61
Nameless	56
Hollinger	56
Head Pins	35

SATURDAY YBC

March 15

Girls High Single and Triple, Laura Smidt, 158, 383.

Boys High Single and Triple, Remi Scheider, 215, 551.

Team High Single and Triple,

Bravehearts, 862, 2492.

Team	Pts.
Bravehearts	78.5
The Enders	51.5
Bowling Superstars	44
Everythings	30



Assessment Notice Village of Sedley

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Sedley for the year of 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9 a.m to 4 p.m on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from March 19, 2025 up to and including May 20, 2025.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Village of Sedley, 121 Broadway Street, P.O. Box 130, Sedley, SK, S0G 4K0, by the 20th day of May, 2025.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2025.

Laura M. Ward, Assessor
Village of Sedley

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White City goalie receives Top Goaltender Award

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

goaltender Liam Ernst.

The game marked the final regular-season start of the year for Ernst, who grew up in White City, played his final three years of AA minor hockey in Melville and March 7 was named the 2024-25 recipient of the MJHL's Ed Belfour Top Goaltender Award.

"It's definitely a great honour to get that award and just being recognized across the league with that honour it is huge, and just

to kind of reflect to myself on all the work that I've put in," Ernst said in a phone interview a few hours before taking the ice against the last-place Freeze.

"But that the other end of that though is that, although the awards are nice and it's a great thing to get, the end goal is to get that championship and just day in and day out help my team win and help move toward the goal of winning another championship here in Winkler."

The Flyers enter the MJHL playoffs as the top seed with 46 wins and 96 points in 58 games, four wins and nine points ahead of the second-place Steinbach Pistons.

Winkler also heads into playoffs as the defending MJHL champion, having won the league title last season for the first time since 1998.

That was Ernst's first year with the Flyers, during which he appeared in 22 regular-season games behind starter Malachi Klassen who committed for this season to the NCAA Division I's Holy Cross Crusaders.

This season, Ernst led the league with a 1.64 goals-against average, .934 save percentage and eight shutouts in 38 appearances for Winkler. His 30 wins ranked second only behind the 33 for Christian Green of the Steinbach Pistons, who played in seven more games than Ernst this season.

"I've always had the mindset where you want to strive for the top spot, strive to be better, try to earn more and although I was in that backup role last year, knowing that I was kind of going to be in that role still didn't stop me from trying to push and be as best as possible and grab some games here or there that I maybe would not have seen if I was not pushing myself," Ernst said of his experience backing up Klassen.

It was an attitude that prevailed into the current hockey season and, so far, has paid off handsomely.

"It wasn't like my training or thought process was completely different," Ernst continued. "Coming into the offseason just working hard, trying to grow my game, getting stronger in different areas and putting myself in the best position



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Top league goalie

Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Winkler Flyers' goalie was named the 2024-25 recipient of the MJHL's Ed Belfour Top Goaltender Award.

possible to be at my best for every game, it worked out and it just came down to trusting myself and believing in myself to earn the trust of the coaching staff."

First-year Flyers' head coach Matt Melo told Grasslands News that trust was earned very quickly once the season began, both on and off the ice.

"Everything everybody else said about him was true," Melo told Grasslands News. "I've had nothing

but incredible interactions with him. He just quietly goes about his business with a quiet confidence. He holds himself to a high standard and holds himself accountable. He'll come into the room and apologize when he's not as at his best. And he treats the people around him with incredible care, whether it's ... teammates, the coaching staff, his girlfriend, his parents or individuals in the community.

"He's a man of incredible character that we're incredibly proud of."

Winkler (48-8-3-1) opens its best-of-seven first-round playoff series at home tonight against the Niverville Nighthawks (35-20-2-1), with Game 2 scheduled for Sunday in Niverville and Game 3 for Tuesday back in Winkler.

And at the forefront of whatever success may follow, as it has all season, will be Ernst.



STEPHEN SCRIVER | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Shot at the net

Carter Phythian (#8) watches his shot hit the net in the last second of the first period in Wolseley's 4-2 series-clinching win over the Regina River Rats.

ASSESSMENT ROLL

Town of Broadview

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Broadview for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, from March 21, 2025 to May 21, 2025.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required. All fees must be submitted to the local assessor at the Town of Broadview.

All person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment or classification with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, is required to file a notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$200.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with: The Assessor, Town of Broadview, P.O. Box 430 – 609 Main Street, Broadview SK S0G 0K0, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revision.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2025.

Chantelle Outhwaite,
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The CN Family Curling Bonspiel committee would like to thank all the curlers for participating in the 2025 bonspiel held March 14, 15 & 16th at the Melville Curling Club Remax Centre. Thanks to the staff and volunteers, and our generous sponsors:

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Odessa-Kendal Conservation & Development Area Authority

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Odessa Community Centre
Senior Citizens Room
Odessa, Sask | 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RM of Cana No. 214

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Cana No. 214 intends to amend the Conditions of Approval for Development Permit No. 2022-06 issued for Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion on the NE 4-23-6 W2 and Parcel A, Plan 101670904.

INTENT: The proposed amendment will remove Condition No. 3 which states "Septic outfall infrastructure shall be enclosed" and replace it with "Septic outfall infrastructure located on municipal property shall be enclosed" to allow existing septic outfall infrastructure located on private property, which includes an open discharge line, to remain as-is.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on April 8, 2025 at 10 a.m. at the RM Office at 110-5th Avenue East, Melville, Saskatchewan, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed amendment. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing, or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at the RM of Cana No. 214 this 21st day of March, 2025.

Kali Apps, Administrator

Notice of Preparation of ASSESSMENT ROLL 2025 Village of McLean

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of McLean for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the Assessor, 127 Main Street, McLean, SK. Tuesday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13, 2025 to May 13, 2025.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Village of McLean, Box 56, McLean, SK S0G 3E0, by the 13th day of May 2025. Any Appeals will be sent to Western Municipal Consulting as the Board of Revisions. A \$250 fee is required at time of appeal.

Dated this 13th day of March 2025

Melody Temrick
Assessor

Sports Column

President's Trophy not worth the risk for Jets

By Bruce Penton
Sports Columnist

Canadian hockey fans, particularly those on the Prairies, can only hope the Winnipeg Jets fade slightly down the stretch of the long, 82-game grind that is the National Hockey League's regular season.

Why? Because the President's Trophy Curse awaits.

Not since 2012-13 — a dozen years ago — has the team finishing first overall in the NHL regular-season standings gone on to win the Stanley Cup, the shiny bauble that Jets' fans are hoping captain Adam Lowry carries around the ice in celebration on some warm night in June.

So, say Jets' fans, take it away, Washington. It's all yours. Please.

The Jets and Capitals have been the 1-2 teams for most of the NHL season and while most of the attention with Washington has centred around Alex Ovechkin's pursuit of Wayne Gretzky's all-time goal-scoring record, the fact that coach Spencer Carbery's overachieving Capitals have dominated the Eastern Conference has been somewhat overlooked.

Winnipeg hasn't been so lucky in flying under the radar. The Scott Arniel-coached Jets got off to an historically quick start (14-1 in November) and have slowed only slightly. In mid-March, the Jets were the best team in the Western Conference in almost every statistical category: Wins (46 in 67 games), points (96, 10 better than runner-up Dallas), goal differential in the entire NHL (plus 80, 11 better than runner-up Washington). As well, goalie Connor Hellebuyck was the league's dominant netminder, posting a 39-9 record in the Jets' first 67 games, leading the league with a 1.97 goals-against average and a .926 save percentage. His name has circulated prominently in Most Valuable Player conversations, but unfortunately, goaltenders rarely win.

But back to the President's Trophy: In 2022-23, Boston Bruins set a record for most points in a season (135), but

were beaten in the first round of the playoffs. Last year, the New York Rangers were No. 1 during the regular season, but lost in the conference final to Florida. Seven President's Trophy winners since 2000 have been sidelined in Round 1. If the season ended after 67 games, the Jets would find themselves playing Vancouver Canucks in the first round and then likely either Dallas or Colorado in the second round. Both the Stars and Avalanche loaded up at the trade deadline, are definite Stanley Cup contenders, and would be tough to beat.

In 37 years, the President's Trophy winner has gone on to win the Stanley Cup only eight times. Does the chase down the stretch for the President's Trophy lead to exhaustion for the winner, rendering weaker their playoff hopes? Or is it just dumb (bad) luck? Is home-ice advantage through every round worth the extra effort to finish first overall? Hockey analyst Pierre McGuire says teams like Cup contenders Florida and Colorado are "pacing themselves," realizing it's more important to be playing their best at the right time rather than win a "fabricated trophy."

Ask any Jet which piece of silverware they'd prefer to win and it's no contest. Let the Caps have the President's Trophy. The curse is real.

• Matt Miller on Bluesky.app: "If you're a former first-round pick that has failed to live up to expectations, the Cowboys want you."

• Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfsen, on the long-time Bruin being traded to Florida: "Brad Marchand gonna put the rat back into Boca RATon."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on the NCAA basketball tournament: "Maybe they should consider a name change. At this point they could get sued by Trump's DOJ for using the term 'March Madness'."

• A note from fark.com, after a 14-foot alligator took over a green on a golf course: "Golf does not allow taking naps on the green even if you are 14 feet long."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

ASSESSMENT ROLL 2025 Village of Lipton

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Lipton for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday starting March 18 to May 18, 2025, for a total of 60 days with respect to the full assessment year.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against their assessment is required to file their notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Loretta Young, Box 251, Earl Grey, Saskatchewan, S0G 1J0 no later than May 18, 2025.

Dated 17th day of March 2025.

Wanda McLeod
Assessor, Village of Lipton

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT ROLL Resort Village of B-Say-Tah

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of B-Say-Tah for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm and 12:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. March 21, 2025, to May 20, 2025.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal their assessment is required to file their notice of appeal by May 20, 2025, to the Secretary of the Board of Revision at the address below. The appeal fee of \$100 must be provided and payable to the Resort Village of B-Say-Tah. Forward appeal packages to:

Nicolle Hoskins, Secretary of the Board of Revision
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Schneider savours fifth Brier experience in B.C.

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

What happens in Las Vegas in supposed to stay in Vegas.

Catlin Schneider apparently didn't get the memo.

The RM of Edenwold resident said it was a chance conversation during a bachelor party in Nevada's largest city that led to him joining Reid Carruthers' Manitoba rink for the 2024-25 curling season.

And amidst a season full of roster changes, Schneider and Carruthers held tight, eventually piloting their team to the playoffs at the national men's curling championship, which wrapped up March 9 in Kelowna, B.C.

"We just kind of started chatting and they were looking for a guy to fill a position and someone to increase their sweeping ability and I guess I checked a lot of the boxes," Schneider said in a phone interview with Grasslands News.

What followed was a Manitoba provincial championship and then four straight wins to open the Brier, culminating in a 6-2 round-robin win-loss record.

With Schneider playing second, the Carruthers rink went on to oust Saskatchewan skip Mike McEwen in the playoffs before dropping a 6-5 quarterfinal decision to eventual champion Brad Jacobs of Alberta.

In that game, Carruthers trailed 5-2 going into the eighth end before scoring a single and then stealing two points in the ninth, forcing Jacobs to make his own shot for the win in the 10th.

"We played well but we weren't quite as sharp as we had been all week," Schneider said. "We missed a couple line calls early and because of it we gave up a deuce (in the fifth end). I think the rock was thrown good enough to make the shot.

"Overall, there were just a few scenarios where we were not quite as good as we'd expect to be. And the Jacobs rink, they played well. Brad made a lot of very, very good shots. We had a couple opportunities to make some in-off doubles to force them or put pressure on Brad and we didn't quite make them."

This year's Brier was Schneider's fifth, following the 2024 event in which he skipped British Columbia at nationals in Regina, finishing with a 4-4 win-loss

record and missing playoffs.

Beyond Carruthers, who helped Jeff Stoughton's team to nationals and world championships in 2011, the team also included 2019 Brier champion B.J. Neufeld at third and lead Connor Njegovan.

"It was a big positional change for me going down to second... but I'd say the overall change is that we hadn't had this much experience on a team before," said Schneider. "Like we got third one year with Matt Dunstone but we were all pretty young then, and then we made the top four with the Colton Flasch team but again we were still pretty young.

"This year, Reid's won it, BJ's won it, and so you can lean on that experience which was kind of nice. That was the biggest difference for me."

The Jacobs' rink went on to win this year's Brier, making a hit on Jacobs' final shot to score three points in the 10th end against Dunstone's Manitoba team for a 5-3 win.

With that win, Jacobs – now a two-time Brier champion – will represent Canada at the world men's curling championship in April at Moose Jaw.

And as for Schneider's future with Carruthers? Time will tell.

"I think we'll take a week or two to figure it out," he said. "Everyone's got a little bit of life to catch up on and then after that we'll reconvene and have that conversation. But the Olympic trials are next year and we're very close to a direct position ... so that might have some influence on how we go forward."



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Rock on target

Catlin Schneider delivers one of his skip rocks during the 2024 national men's curling championship tournament in Regina.

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www.stpaulsmelville.ca

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Sunday, March 23:
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No Sunday School

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Corner 6th Ave. E. & Main St.
Church Office 306-728-5764;
306-720-0589

March 23: 10:30 a.m.
Worship with Eucharist

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5th Ave. E. & King St.
Rev. Brian Mee, 306-335-7611
website: firstunitedmelville.org

Thursday, March 20: Free Community Supper at Good Shep.
Sunday, March 23:
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800 Prince Edward St.
(Melville Comm. Works)
Ph. 306-728-2347
Pastor Tim Oehler

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March 20: 5 p.m. MACC Supper
March 21: 7:00 p.m. Youth
March 23: 10:30 a.m. Worship Followed by Annual Meeting
March 24: 9 a.m. Council Meets 3:40 p.m. Confirmation
March 25: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Day

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Sunday, March 23:
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
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473 - 8th Ave. W.
Office Ph. 306-728-5022
Pastor Jon Pettinger
Associate Pastor: Jesse Darby

Sunday:
Connections at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service at 11 a.m.
Online services can be found at:
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729 Main St. - Office
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Father Melchor Samonte

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday, March 23:
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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(Lutheran Church - Canada)
502 - 4th Ave. W. - Church Office
Ph. 306-728-5689
Email: zlcpcastor@myaccess.ca
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Sunday, March 23:
11:00 a.m. Divine Service
Church of the Lutheran Hour heard Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on 940 CJGX Radio, Yorkton

Whitewood & Area Churches Welcome You

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Thursday - Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
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Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group - 7 p.m.
Rev. Dr. James R. Graham

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Tomy Mandapathil

Saturday, March 22:
5:00 p.m. Mass Service

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 23:
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Rev. Cheryl Johnson

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, WAPELLA

Sunday, March 23:
No Service

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Sunday, March 23:
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
202 Bay Ave. S.,
Phone - 306-551-6213
Hall Contact - 306-331-6720

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102 Nelson Ave. - 306-736-2237
email: kwpc@sasktel.net

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Pastor: Father Jose-ph Villamartin
306-538-2163
Saturday, March 22:
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400 3rd St. South, Kipling
306-736-2447, Doris
306-424-2604, George
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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102 Nelson Ave.
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Sunday Worship in person 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Devon Pattemore
Lay Person/Service Leader
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bkbernat@gmail.com

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309 3rd. St. South, Kipling
306-736-2421
parklandagc@sasktel.net

Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School
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Wednesday: 10 a.m. Mom's Group


Kipling Interdenominational Lenten Services

All Services are at 7:00 p.m.
March 23: No Service
March 30: Calvary Baptist Church
April 6: Christ Lutheran Church
April 13: United Church/
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NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Form H
(Section 66 of the Act)

CHRIST THE TEACHER R.C.S.S.D. NO. 212 SCHOOL DIVISION ELECTIONS

Public notice is hereby given that nomination of candidates for the office of:

BOARD MEMBER: CHRIST THE TEACHER ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 212

	Number to be Elected
➤ Melville – City at Large.....	1
➤ Sub-division No. 2 (Geographic area surrounding Melville).....	1

Nominations for the above two (2) positions will be received by Delmar Zwirsky – Returning Officer for Christ the Teacher RCSSD No.212.

Nominations will be received during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) commencing on the **5th day of March 2025** to the **25th day of March 2025** and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the **26th day of March 2025** (Close of Nominations).

Forms may be submitted:

- a) personally by the candidate or by an agent (must also provide an 'Appointment of Candidate's Agent' form) to the Returning Officer's Office, 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton, Saskatchewan;
- b) by registered or ordinary mail to 45A Palliser Way – Yorkton Saskatchewan – S3N 4C5;
- c) by fax at (306)783-4992;
- d) by e-mail to Delmar.Zwirsky@cttes.ca

Nomination forms may be obtained from the School Division Office at 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton Saskatchewan or on the website at www.christtheteacher.ca.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2025
Delmar Zwirsky, Returning Officer

Local Government Election Act, L-30.11 Reg 1
Form H Section 66 of the Act
Notice of Call for Nominations

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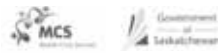
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Barristers & Solicitors
401 - 1916 Dewdney Ave.
Regina, Sask. S4R 1G9

Solicitors for the Estate of Lawrence Gordon Haylock

Notice to Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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All claims against the above estate, duly verified by statutory declaration and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before the 22nd day of April, 2025.

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Assessment Roll Village of Glenavon

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Village of Glenavon for 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on the following days:

March 21st, 2025 to May 23rd, 2025, inclusive

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required. All fees must be submitted to the local assessor at the **Village of Glenavon**.

All appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, which can be sent electronically to: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca, or via post/mail to:

The Village of Glenavon,

P.O. Box 327, Glenavon, SK S0G 1Y0,

and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revision.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the **Village of Glenavon, P.O. Box 327, Glenavon SK S0G1Y0.**

A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$50.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be submitted by May 23rd, 2025.

Dated this 21st day of March 2025.

Brittany Knoll, Assessor

Cribbage games end March 29

By Judy Hershmillier
Grasslands News

Parks and Rec Board

The Balcarres Parks and Recreation Board is accepting applications under the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program, and the date to hand in applications to the Balcarres Town Office is Friday, March 21.

Balcarres Golden Age

Coffee time takes place Tues. mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. Chair yoga/exercise time takes place with Florence on Mondays starting at 10 a.m. until the end of April. Florence hosts a video class that is designed for seniors, and is very helpful for mobility and balance and may be done sitting or standing. To register contact Florence at 306-640-9413.

The Sewing Club gathers every second Tuesday of the month. Most members come and enjoy coffee with friends, and then begin sewing. They bring their lunch and make a fun day of it. They have completed wonderful work, making pillowcases to donate to cancer patients of all ages, and have started working on neonatal quilts as well.

Birthdays are celebrated the third Wednesday afternoon of the month.

Games day has continued through the winter

with cribbage bringing out the best card skills of those in attendance. There will be no cribbage games on March 22 as the Centre is rented. The last cribbage day for the season will be March 29.

Sympathy extended

Sincere sympathy is extended to the following:

To the family of Robert (Bob) Keys who recently passed away. Bob was a former resident of Balcarres and owned and operated RW Keys Insurance with his wife Jean for many years. After retirement he and Jean retired to Katepwa Beach and then to Regina.

To Jacqueline, Cheryl and Sheila Aldous on the sudden passing of son and brother, Scott Aldous, age 51, who was involved in a tragic car accident. Scott is survived by his wife Heather and daughter Drue in Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia where they lived.

To Bonnie and Wade

Dubiel and family on the passing of Bonnie's sister, Sheila Huber, wife of Bob Huber of Lipton, as well as to extended members of the Onrait family.

To Lori Tanner and family of Abernethy on the passing of Dave Tan-

ner.

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Hockey playoffs and games are continuing at the Balcarres Centennial Arena. Good luck to all the teams in the days to come and safe travels as you compete.

Assessment Roll

Village of Kendal

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Kendal for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Thursdays from March 18th to May 20th, 2025.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

RM of Edenwold Board of Revision Secretary, as appointed by the Village of Kendal, Village of Kendal, 115 Main Street, Box 97, Kendal, Saskatchewan, S0G 2P0.

Dated this 18 day of March 2025.

Leticia Gould
Assessor



Notice of Advance Voting By-Election RM of Lajord No. 128

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Council has made provision for advance voting for the benefit of qualified voters who have reason to believe that they will be necessarily absent from their places of residence on election day.

Advance voting will take place on Thursday, April 10, 2025 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the RM Office located at 4 Railway Avenue, Lajord, Saskatchewan.

Voting will be for the offices of:

- Councillor for Division #3

Dated at Lajord, SK this 17th day of March, 2025.

Lynette Herauf, Returning Officer

Notice of Poll By-Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

1. A vote will be held for the by-election of:
 - Councillor for Division 3
2. The vote will take place on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the polling place listed below:
 - Gray Memorial Hall in Gray, Saskatchewan
3. I will declare the results of the voting at the Municipal Office on the 17th of April, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Dated at Lajord, SK this 17th day of March, 2025.

Lynette Herauf, Returning Officer

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

Any person who wishes to appeal their assessment is required to file their Notice of Appeal with: The Secretary of the Board of Revision, Jeannie Devers, 222 Diamond Place, Box 253, Pilot Butte Sk. S0G 3Z0 by **May 6, 2025**. A fee of \$300.00 must accompany each appeal and will be refunded if your appeal is successful.

A person may also view their assessment by going to the **SAMA** website @ www.sama.sk.ca and then clicking on the **MySAMA & SAMAVIEW Login** and following the prompts.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2025.

Dagmar Crumley
Assessor

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Fundraiser in support of new Ronald McDonald Houses

Kipling and District Lions Club

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News



The Kipling and District Lions Club is inviting the community to join with them in an effort to provide comfort, support and resources for families with a child who is receiving medical care.

Early next month, the club will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser that Laurie Dube (Kipling Lions Club member) explains is part of a much larger effort to support the

two new Ronald McDonald Houses being built in the province.

“The Saskatchewan Lions Foundation is fundraising for Ronald McDonald House, to support the construction of the two new facilities being built in Regina and Prince Albert.

Our Lions Club District 5SKS goal is to raise \$200,000 and a Matching Grant from the Lions Club International Foundation will mean that

a total of \$400,000 will go specifically to help fund kitchen equipment, laundry equipment, a Mother’s Room and some recreational equipment at these Ronald McDonald Houses.”

The Kipling and District Lions Club pancake breakfast fundraiser to support Ronald McDonald

House in Saskatchewan will take place on Sunday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A breakfast of pancakes, sausages and fruit will be available for \$10 per plate and a receipt will be issued for any donation over \$20 that is received.



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Town of Balgonie

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT BYLAW NO. 472/2025

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Balgonie intends to adopt a Bylaw, under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 374/2014, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT:
The proposed Bylaw will reduce the rear yard setback for single detached, duplex, triplex, and multiple unit dwellings from 6.0 metres to (19.69 feet) to 5.0 metres (16.4 feet).

REASON:
The reason for the amendment is to allow for smaller rear yards and a more compact form of development in the R2-Residential Multiple Dwelling District.

PUBLIC INSPECTION:
Any person may inspect the Bylaw at the Town of Balgonie Municipal Office Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at a cost at the Municipal Office.

PUBLIC HEARING:
Council will hold a public hearing to receive submissions on the proposed Bylaw on April 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Balgonie Multiplex – small hall. Council will also consider written submissions received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Municipal Office before the hearing. For further information, please contact the Municipal Office at 306-771-2284.

Issued at the Town of Balgonie, this 14th day of March, 2025.
Karen Craigie, CAO/Administrator

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The proposed Bylaw will rezone Lot 11, Blk/Par 46-Plan 102435375 from Residential Multiple Dwelling (R2) District to a Residential Multiple Dwelling Contract Zone (R2-CZ). The Bylaw will list the permitted and discretionary land uses and establish the site development regulations specific to the contract zone. The subject property is shown in a bold, red outline on the map below. >>

REASON:
The reason for the Bylaw amendment is to accommodate a development proposal for residential development on the subject property.

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Concert highlights women's contribution to arts

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

atre on March 7, sharing a variety of musical genres with the audience. Performers included Eileen Laverty, Fiyin Obayan, Nafsi Rose and Annette Campagne.

Eileen Laverty, who has performed with Kenny Rogers, Tom Cochrane and others, shared songs that blended a folk and Celtic style.

Singer-songwriter Fiyin Obayan was born in Nigeria and raised in Saskatchewan. Gospel, jazz and R&B music influenced the compositions she shared with the audience at Indian Head.

Canadian singer-songwriter Annette Campagne spent many years performing acoustic pop music. Now she has shifted to share an ambient style with her audiences.

Nafsi Rose, an Afro-Indigenous musician from Piapot First Nation, was scheduled to perform at the concert as well. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she could not attend and Amy Nelson performed instead.

Four talented musicians performed at the Grand Theatre in Indian Head on March 7, providing the audience with a beautiful representation of the positive contributions that women have made to Canadian arts.

March 8 is designated as International Women's Day and SaskMusic arranged a concert series to recognize this day, with performances held in six communities during the month of March.

Funding from FACTOR Canada and Creative Saskatchewan helped to ensure the concert series not only highlighted women in the music industry but also benefited local community members.

Each concert featured female musicians and ticket proceeds supported a charity that assists women. The concert in Indian Head provided support for Qu'Appelle Haven Safe Shelter.

Four women performed at the Grand The-



Amy Nelson



Annette Campagne



Eileen Laverty



Fiyin Obayan

Four female musicians performed at the Grand Theatre in Indian Head on March 7. The event was part of a concert series organized by SaskMusic in recognition of International Women's Day.

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Organizers felt the program was well attended and hope to present another concert for Women's Day in 2026.

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Super League Champions

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Congratulations to this year's Super League curling Champions. Left to right, are, Todd Hollinger, Bryce Hollinger, Jordan Hollinger and Kelly Hollinger. The league ran from the middle of November to the middle of March. There were eight teams in the league and look forward to seeing everyone back again next year. Sponsors were Fairland Seeds (Tim Beres), Royal Drug Mart, Pearl Creek Meats, and Ottenbreit's Meats.

Senior Curling wraps up



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League Champions

Senior Curling League wrapped up on Monday, March 17. League Champions winning the George Meko Memorial Trophy is the Tom Haas rink. Pictured (from the left) lead Wendy Haas, second Ron Yuzik, third Rob Haas and skip Tom Haas.



A side winner

A side winner of the George Abel Memorial Trophy is the Art Broda rink. Pictured (from the left) lead Darlene Exner, second Morris Douhaniuk, third Don Gobel and skip Art Broda.

B side winner

B side winner of the Max Ziola Memorial Trophy is the Brian Schultz rink. Pictured (from the left) lead Murray Schuster, second Joan Schuster, third Wilmer Kolybaba and skip Brian Schultz.



57th CN Family Curling bonspiel



A Event



B Event



C Event

Event Winners

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The 57th CN Family Curling Bonspiel was held March 14, 15, and 16. Top photo: Presenting the trophy to the A event winners is retired CN employee Art Broda to (from the left) skip Don Goebel, third Craig Straker, second Dustin Chesney and lead Darlene Exner. Middle photo: The B event winner in the CN Family Curling Bonspiel was the Straker rink. Sharon Parker presented the trophy to skip Hunter Chesney, third Colby Straker, second Isaac Hollinger and lead Garret Sagan. Bottom photo: Art Broda is presenting the trophy to the Melville CN Family Curling Bonspiel C event winners (from the left) skip Lindsey Pringle, third Kyle Haywood, second Chad Lechner and lead Sharon Parker.

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Public Notice - Zoning

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the City of Melville intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 4-2013, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT: The proposed bylaw no. 02-2025 is a zoning map amendment to rezone the lands from R1 Residential District to C1 Central Commercial District.

AFFECTED LAND: The proposed bylaw will affect the land legally described as Lots 17-20, Block 72, Plan V664, 1075 Queen Street.

REASON: Due to the property frontage on a main arterial street and previous support by city council in 2013 to establish the lots for commercial use; this rezoning application to (C1) Central Commercial will allow for a restaurant development as a permitted use among a wider range of potential development opportunities for the property.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaws at the City of Melville office located at 430 Main Street in Melville, SK during regular office hours. Copies of the bylaw are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 7 at 6:05 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers located at 430 Main Street in Melville, SK. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Public Works and Planning Services Department before April 1, 2025.

Issued at the City of Melville this 21st day of March 2025.

Dawn Oehler | Planning Manager | City of Melville

