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Gutzke honoured for life of service to rural Saskatchewan

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

What exactly did Ernie Gutzke do to earn this year's Lieutenant Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan? To hear him tell it, not much. Others seem to happily disagree.

"People keep on telling me 'You deserve it and you've done a lot in the RM' and maybe I never took notice but I guess some others did," Gutzke told Grasslands News after receiving the honour from Saskatchewan Lt. Gov. Bernadette McIntyre earlier this month during the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities' annual convention in Saskatoon.

"I never ever thought I'd receive that award. Thank God when they phoned me (to let me know), I was sitting down."

The award was established in 1995 and has been presented annually since to one rural municipality reeve, councillor or administrator for contributions to rural Saskatchewan.

For Gutzke, that list is an extensive one, starting with this year being his 38th consecutive as a member of RM of Francis council.

He also spent over 31 years as a member of the Odessa and District Volunteer Fire Department, receiving the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal for those efforts in 2016. A Quad Town Forum profile marking the occasion noted he'd additionally served on his local church board, as a door-to-door campaign coordinator for the Red Cross, community bingo caller and even Santa Claus.

"It's a healthier community when there's volunteers," Gutzke, now 83 years young, said at the time. "You get together and visit and do things, and hey, more hands make it easy."

Gutzke's volunteerism has further extended over the years to donating his time at the Odessa Community Arena, Thunder on the Prairies truck and tractor pulls, and on the Odessa Co-op board of directors.

In her letter nominating Gutzke for the Lieutenant Governor's Award, administrator Shala Kanasevich wrote that Gutzke "has become the heartbeat of our community, infusing it with a sense of unity, empathy and shared purpose. His actions speak to his character and a profound understanding of the interconnectedness of our lives and the importance of uplifting others."

Previous area recipients of the award include councillor and reeve Harold Morrell (RM of South Qu'Appelle) in 1996, and administrator Kevin Ritchie (RM of Bratt's Lake) in 2022.

"Rural Saskatchewan is more than just a place on the map. It's home," Gutzke told convention-goers in accepting this year's award. "It's where neighbours look out for others, where challenges are met and where service is just not a duty but a way of life."

"Over the years, I had the privilege of working alongside dedicated individuals who shared a common goal, to strengthen our communities and support our families. I am proud to serve and I will continue to do so in gratitude and determination."

Lieutenant Governor award

Ernie Gutzke, right, is feted by Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre on March 11 at the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities' annual convention in Saskatoon.

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Federal election called; election day April 28

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

Canadians are set to go to the polls on April 28, 2025, as the 2025 Federal Election has been called.

Prime Minister Mark Carney dissolved parliament on March 23, 2025, nine days after he was sworn in as Prime Minister. The election is six months early from its fixed date.

The Liberal government is looking for their fourth term this election, as the Conservative Party and their leader Pierre Poilievre look to form government for the first time since the 2011 election.

In a press conference outside of Rideau Hall on March 23, Carney laid out his reasoning for calling an early election.

"We've done a lot in the nine days to put in place many of the foundations," said Carney. "But what's important is that the government has a mandate from the Canadian people to finish the job, to finish the job of building that Canadian economy, to finish the job of diversifying our trading partners, and to have a strong mandate to stand up to (U.S. President) Donald Trump and the Americans and negotiate the best deal for Canadians."

Poilievre said that the Liberals are

asking for a fourth term, after swapping Justin Trudeau for Carney. "After the lost Liberal decade, the question is whether Canadians can afford a fourth term of out-of-touch Liberals, inflating housing and food costs, unleashing crime, ruining immigration, hiking taxes, blocking resource jobs and making our economy weak and reliant on the U.S.," said Poilievre. "Or is it time to put Canada First, for a change, with a new Conservative government that will axe taxes, build homes, cut waste, lock-up criminals, secure our borders and unleash our resources to bring home our jobs and stand up to Trump from a position of strength."

"I will protect Canada. And I will always put our country first," said Poilievre.

Local ridings

As of press time in ridings covered by Grasslands News, there are nine people in the running for spots in parliament.

In Regina-Qu'Appelle incumbent Andrew Scheer is running again for the Conservatives, Kendrea Anderson will represent the Green Party, and Dionne Fehler is running for the People's Party of Canada (PPC).

In Yorkton-Melville incumbent Cathay Wagantall will be running for the Conservatives, Valerie Brooks will be running for the Green Party, and Alec Guggenmos will be running as a Libertarian.

In Souris-Moose Mountain former Sask Party MLA Steven Bonk will be running for the Conservatives in place of Robert Kitchen, Remi Rheault will be running for the Green Party, and Hannah Raketti will be running for the PPC.

Candidates have until April 7, 2025, and the full list of confirmed candidates will be released April 9.

Riding lines have changed since the 2021 election. If you plan on voting in the upcoming federal election go to elections.ca to view your updated riding.



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Conexus Credit Union warns against online selling fraud

Submitted
Grasslands News

Conexus Credit Union is issuing a warning for Saskatchewan residents selling items online. The last few months have seen a spike in fraud cases originating from scammers victimizing people in online marketplaces.

"We want to remind Saskatchewan residents to stay vigilant when selling items online," says Mark Millham, Conexus' Chief Risk and Compliance Officer. "We are seeing more fraudsters attempting to obtain banking credentials through online marketplaces. The strongest way to protect yourself against this scam is to set up autodeposit for Interac e-Transfer® and to enable digital banking alerts."

"The autodeposit feature helps protect you against financial loss as legitimate e-transfers are processed automatically."

Digital marketplaces are more popular than ever. Unfortunately, this

popularity also attracts fraudsters. These fraudsters are targeting people regardless of their financial institution.

How do these scams work?

Fraudsters use online trickery and social engineering to defraud their victims. A fraudster may respond to an online post, expressing interest in the item. They will then suggest purchasing items via e-transfer. The fraudster sends an email mimicking the e-transfer emails everyone recognizes. There will be slight differences in the email that are difficult to discern without close inspection.

More recently, fraudsters are also sending fake e-transfers through social media messaging platforms.

Protect yourself against this scam with autodeposit

The strongest way to protect yourself against this scam is to set up autodeposit for Interac e-Transfer®. Without the

possibility of fake e-transfer emails, legitimate e-transfers are processed automatically, reducing the risk of clicking on a fraudulent link or providing online banking credentials to bad actors.

More tips to buy and sell safely online

In addition to enabling autodeposit, here are some more tips to protect yourself when buying and selling online:

- Safeguard your banking credentials: Never enter your banking credentials anywhere except the Conexus Digital Banking Platform. Download the app or bookmark conexus.ca. Do not input your information into any link someone has sent you.

- Set up alerts: Real-time alerts through text message or push notification are a great way to continuously monitor account activity and stop fraud in its tracks.

- Be hypervigilant: Fraudsters are hunting for your banking credentials. They will manipulate so victims lower their guard. Watch out for pressure tactics, attempts to circumvent transaction processes, and avoid clicking links. Prompts for e-transfers never come through direct messages in social media platforms.

Conexus members who believe they may have been the victim of fraud or who encounter any fraudulent activity should contact Conexus and report the incident.



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Ag reps say canola tariffs an urgent, immediate concern

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

It is currently impossible to say the word “tariff” and avoid being drawn into a discussion of the volatile situation impacting trade between Canada and the US. However, both Daryl Harrison (Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture) and SARM President Bill Huber say that the tariffs being imposed by China on canola and other key exports are an immediate concern in this province.

As Harrison explains, the Chinese tariff is a response to a decision made by the Federal Government last summer.

“A Canadian tariff on Chinese electric vehicles coming into this country was imposed by the Federal Government in August. At that time, both the Trade & Export Development Minister and my predecessor wrote to the Federal Government, warning of the possible repercussions of imposing this tariff on electric vehicles.

“Obviously those warnings didn’t change their minds, and now our reality is that as of March 20, we have a 100% tariff on Canola seed, oil and meal, as well as on peas (which is also a very important crop in Saskatchewan). There are also lesser but still very impactful tariffs that China has put on pork and seafood products from Canada.”

Harrison goes on to say that an urgent meeting was recently held between government officials and various stakeholder groups to discuss the Chinese tariff situation.

“We held talks immediately following the SARM Convention in Saskatoon last week, with representatives from SARM, Producer Groups and Agricultural Equipment Manufacturing Groups. It was not surprising to me that the main concern for everyone at that meeting was canola and what impact the Chinese tariffs will have on producers and the canola industry.

“It’s particularly telling that even manufacturers were most concerned about the Chinese tariffs. If producers aren’t able to sell product and generate income, they’re not buying equipment. They’re not even kicking tires. From a manufacturer’s standpoint, that’s the equivalent of hitting a brick wall. If there are no sales, then there is nothing to manufacture. This really demonstrates the importance of canola in this province.”

SARM president Bill Huber attended that meeting and agrees that, “The 100% tariff that China has placed on canola is the number one issue right now. That’s the tariff that is going to impact us the hardest and soonest.”

Huber notes that the

agriculture industry has faced increased pressure over the past few years that has already compromised the profitability of canola production.

“One thing that we shouldn’t forget is that we have some of the best Agricultural Producers in the world here in Saskatchewan. They are the most modernized and mechanized producers around the globe. We’re also good business stewards and stewards of the land. And canola is what they used to call our ‘Cinderella crop’. It’s the most expensive crop to grow but can also be your highest revenue source in a year.

“But agriculture the past couple of years has faced pressure due to drought and conflicts around the globe. Canola prices have dropped from the 2022-23 crop year to today. Meanwhile the cost of inputs has gone up.”

Now, with the added pressure of the Chinese tariff, Huber says that producers may be forced to reduce canola production.

“Producers generally plan their crop rotations around three basic commodities – oilseeds, cereal crops and pulse crops – which are the three types of crops grown the most in Saskatchewan. Those rotations can’t be changed overnight.

“A lot of our producers have already purchased canola seed and fertilizer for the year. They did their soil tests last fall. So, they know what nutrients they need to put into the ground with the seed – and these products are already in the bin – ready for the start of spring seeding.

“Now when things change because of these tariffs and we see a \$2 drop in the price of canola already, producers are somewhat hesitant to seed the number of acres they’re committed to. I’m not saying that acres will be withdrawn from their seeding plan. Some will go ahead because the seed and fertilizer are already purchased and ready to go. But there is certainly the potential for producers to pull a lot of those acres back and switch to another crop.”

Huber goes on to say that along with a decrease in canola production, the province could potentially see the loss of canola crushing capacity, something which may prove difficult to regain later on.

“The really discouraging thing is that this has already slowed down crush at the main Canola Crushing Plant in Yorkton. Crush plants have no capacity to store meal and oil. So, that product has to move continuously as the crush goes on. If that gets backed up, the crush has to slow down, and we risk losing a lot of jobs.

“Once you lose a crush plant or even see reduced staff at that facility, sometimes it’s hard to get them

back and ramped up to full capacity when things change. And our producers will face financial constraints not only because of the price drop, but because of the lost opportunity to deliver on product that’s already been priced.”

Harrison points out that the potential losses in the canola industry will be felt throughout the province.

“There is sense of urgency here that cannot be emphasized strongly enough, because there is a cloud hanging over our agricultural producers and the entire canola industry. There are 55,000 jobs in Saskatchewan directly related to canola and canola processing (which includes those working at Canola Crushing facilities as well as seed suppliers and those companies which sell crop inputs). So, damage to or loss of the canola

industry will have an economic impact on the entire province.”

Huber stresses that the unavoidable delay caused by the federal election will mean that immediate action will be needed to address this situation.

“As it is now, we will be halfway through seeding by the time a new Federal Government is elected and sworn in. Once the

new government is sworn in, there will be an urgent need for the Prime Minister and/or the Federal Agriculture Minister to talk to Chinese officials and explain to them how critical this situation is. The new Federal Government also needs to remove the tariff that’s been put in place on electric vehicles coming into this country, so that we can get back to

having normal and efficient trade with China.”

Harrison says that the province will continue to do all it can in the interim and will be ready to work with the new Federal Government to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

“The timing is bad. I have been reassured that at the ambassador level, these relationships and

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The town staff will still continue reading meters every three (3) months. This is the best way to be sure that readings are accurate each month.

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Upcoming **Recycling** Date: Wednesday, April 2 and April 16.
Upcoming **Garbage** Date: Wednesday, April 9 and April 23.

TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

Whitewood Town Council and staff strive to improve the quality of life for the people who live and work in our community. We welcome your comments, questions and feedback.
The Town office is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have an event you want advertised please email the town office with your dates.
March 26th, April 2nd & April 9th: United Church Noon Lenten Services
At the Whitewood Public Library: March 25th Kids Club, March 24th - 10:30-11:30 a.m. Storytime, March 27th Community Sewing Group
Soccer Registration – Contact:
whitewoodsoccerassociation@gmail.com
Minor Ball is open for registration – Contact:
whitewoodminorball@gmail.com
March 27-31 – Farmer’s & Friends Bonspiel
April 3 – Public Meeting at the Whitewood Curling Lounge to Review the 2025 Budget
June 21st – Whitewood Fire Department Golf Tournament
July 19th – Whitewood Legion Golf Tournament

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Abandoned house fire is deemed suspicious

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

A fire at an abandoned house on the Ochapowace First Nation is being deemed as suspicious by fire investigators.

The fire was reported at 7:20 p.m. on Mar. 25 when a neighbour noticed smoke coming from a mobile trailer home next to theirs. Firefighters from Whitewood, who had been assisting with a bonspiel set-up at the local arena right next door to the fire hall, were able to quickly respond.

Once on scene firefighters entered the

house and were able to locate a fire in a bedroom and had it extinguished within minutes. Holes were then cut into the ceiling and a thermal imaging camera was used to ensure the fire was out.

While the house had been abandoned, damage from the fire was mostly contained to the one bedroom with some smoke damage caused to some other areas.

Broadview RCMP also attended the scene, and it was determined the fire appeared to be intentionally started as the house had no power. Whitewood Fire Department is working with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency in investigating the fire.



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House fire
Firefighters with Whitewood Fire Department enter an abandoned house on the Ochapowace First Nation on Tuesday evening to extinguish a fire that is believed to have been intentionally started.

5G expanded to nearly 100 rural cell sites

Submitted
Grasslands News

SaskTel announced earlier this week that it recently expanded its 5G network to Good Spirit Lake, Moose Mountain Provincial Park, and nearly 100 other cell sites serving rural communities and highway corridors. This latest expansion is part of SaskTel's ongoing initiative to deliver next-gen-

eration and hyper-fast wireless connectivity to Saskatchewan residents and businesses.

"SaskTel's 5G network is delivering for the people of Saskatchewan by transforming how they connect, work, and access vital services," said Jeremy Harrison, Minister Responsible for SaskTel. "This cutting-edge technology goes beyond faster data speeds—it empowers individuals, businesses, and industries with the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world. Whether it's expanding access to remote healthcare, supporting online learning, or driving innovation in agriculture and transportation, 5G is delivering for our province's economic growth and future prosperity."

Some of the areas that have recently been upgraded to SaskTel 5G service include:

- Good Spirit Lake
- Kenosee Lake (East)
- Moose Mountain Provincial Park
- Wawota
- White Bear (Southwest)
- Willowbrook (Southwest)
- Highway 247 intersection with Highway 201

Currently, SaskTel's 5G network can deliver data speeds of up to 1.2 Gigabits per second (Gbps), and as it matures the network will pro-

vide significantly faster speeds. Other future benefits of 5G will include massive network capacity and ultra-low latency, all of which will enable new use cases for emerging wireless technologies that will be the foundation that next-generation innovations will be built upon.

"We are thrilled to expand our advanced 5G network to more hometowns across Saskatchewan," said Charlene Gavel, SaskTel President and CEO. "As Saskatchewan's homegrown communications leader, SaskTel is committed to delivering high-quality communications solutions that allow our customers to connect to what matters most to them, no matter where they live in our province."

The continued expansion of its 5G and fibre networks is a direct result of SaskTel's commitment to ensure Saskatchewan residents have access to the digital tools and technologies needed to compete and succeed in the modern world.

In order to connect to its 5G network, SaskTel customers need to be within a 5G coverage area, have a 5G capable device that is certified for use on the SaskTel 5G network, and subscribe to a 5G compatible wireless plan.

Canola tariffs

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negotiations will continue. And we're working on the trade and export side to establish relationships with provinces in China. But there's only so much we can do, and at the Federal Government level, things are at a standstill. That is extremely concerning.

"But the reality is that no matter who forms the next Federal Government, there will be a delay in establishing the cabinet as there will be a lot of new faces around that cabinet table. So, it will be a tough job for them to get fully up to speed on our current situation. But we will continue to do all we can and be ready work hard with whoever the new Prime Minister and Federal Agriculture Minister is to have this tariff removed."

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No further work planned for troubled highway spots

By Elaine Ashfield

Grasslands News

Less than half a year after Highway #9 both north and south of Whitewood were repaved, motorists have already had to deal with the return of a problematic frost boil in the Qu'Appelle Valley and are also questioning why a section through Whitewood was not included in the 36.8 kilometer stretch of work done last year.

Last summer, 18.8 kilometers of Highway #9 from Whitewood north to the Qu'Appelle River was repaved at a cost of \$7.9 million, along with 14.8 kilometers of Highway #9 from the Pipestone Valley creek to the Richardson Pioneer terminal just south of Whitewood. The cost of that work was an additional \$3.1 million. Left untouched was a 2.4 kilometer stretch through Whitewood from the Richardson Pioneer terminal to Highway #1.

Earlier this winter, a large frost boil that had been problematic for over a decade returned on Highway #9 north on the south side of the Qu'Appelle Valley. The heaving in the highway has meant drivers must slow down significantly or risk damaging their vehicle. While two

small red diamond shaped signs mark the spot (which motorists say are often covered by snow or salt), there has been no reduced speed limit sign at the troubled spot over the past winter, meaning drivers are often caught off guard and hit the spot at highway speed.

According to Dan Palmer, Senior Communications Consultant with the Ministry of Highways, the government in late 2024 completed the installation of a subsurface drain near Highway #9 north of Whitewood in the Qu'Appelle Valley and there currently is no immediate plan to do any additional work at the spot.

"The drain is to lower the water level at this location to dry out the material under the driving surface (also called a roadbed) to help prevent further frost heaves," Palmer told Grasslands News in an email. "The ministry intends to monitor the effectiveness of the drain. Regular maintenance will occur on the highway, as needed."

Palmer also addressed a question regarding the 2.4-kilometer section of Highway #9 through Whitewood that was not repaved last summer when work was being done both north and south of town. While many motorists find the roadway rough, Palmer stated that the condition of the highway did not warrant that section to receive new pavement.

"It was determined the segment of Highway #9 through Whitewood didn't require work as part of the project. However, the ministry will look at doing work there in future construction seasons and continue with regular maintenance," said

Palmer.

Whitewood mayor Chris Ashfield said that the highway is rough to drive, and that council feels that it would have been better to repave it at the same time they were in the area doing paving both north and south of town. Now he expects it will likely be years before improvements will be made to that section through town.

"For anyone driving on Highway #9 between Highway #1 and the Richardson

Pioneer terminal, they know the road is rough and needs new pavement. It's just unfortunate that the only spot the Ministry of Highways didn't repave between the Qu'Appelle Valley and the Pipestone Valley was the small 2.4-kilometer stretch that passes through town. To me, it would have been more cost effective to do it at the time then it will be to have to tender that small section in the future," said Ashfield.

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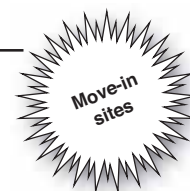
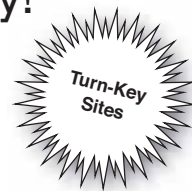
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OPINION

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

The gloves are off between Liberals and Conservatives in upcoming election

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

The Conservative Party is arguably better prepared than the Liberals to fight the April 28th federal election that the Prime Minister called on Sunday. But their leader Pierre Poilievre has blown a 20-point lead in the polls and is now suffocating on the political vitriol that he has been spewing for the past three years.

Liberals still don't have a full slate of 343 candidates but at the same time the Conservatives don't appear to have a team ready to govern.

It is shaping up to be one of the most bizarre, sobering and crucial elections in modern history. The race is between an experienced political gadfly and an untested political novice who has had political leadership thrust upon him.

Mark Carney not only has to deal with the madman in the White House whose goal is to destroy Canada as a nation. At the same time Carney has to fight an election campaign hoping to capitalize on the Liberal party's astonishing rebound in the polls. He also must win his own election in the Ottawa riding of Nepean which bounced the Liberal incumbent out of the running to make way for the untested Prime Minister.

Still, since Carney became leader, the Liberals appear to have gained ground in every province except Saskatchewan. Here in the heartland of Conservative territory Cathey Wagantall, (Yorkton-Melville), Steven Bonk (Souris-Moose Mountain) and Andrew Scheer (Regina-Qu'Appelle) who are all more popular than their leader will almost certainly be re-elected, but any hopes of them becoming cabinet ministers in a Conservative government have vanished.

Poilievre and his cohorts have proven themselves to be adept in disparaging the country, mouthing catchy campaign slogans like "axe the tax," opposing most of the country's social programs, threatening journalists with lawsuits and banning reporters from the campaign plane, but little else.

Mark Carney, politically untested as he is, is familiar in the corridors of power in both Europe and North America. The only practical business experience on Polievre's CV is as a bill collector for Telus. He was first elected to Parliament when he was 25-years old, served as a junior minister in Stephen Harper's cabinet and has been ferocious in opposition. But since Justin Trudeau's resignation and Trump's re-election the political landscape in Canada has unmistakably shifted.

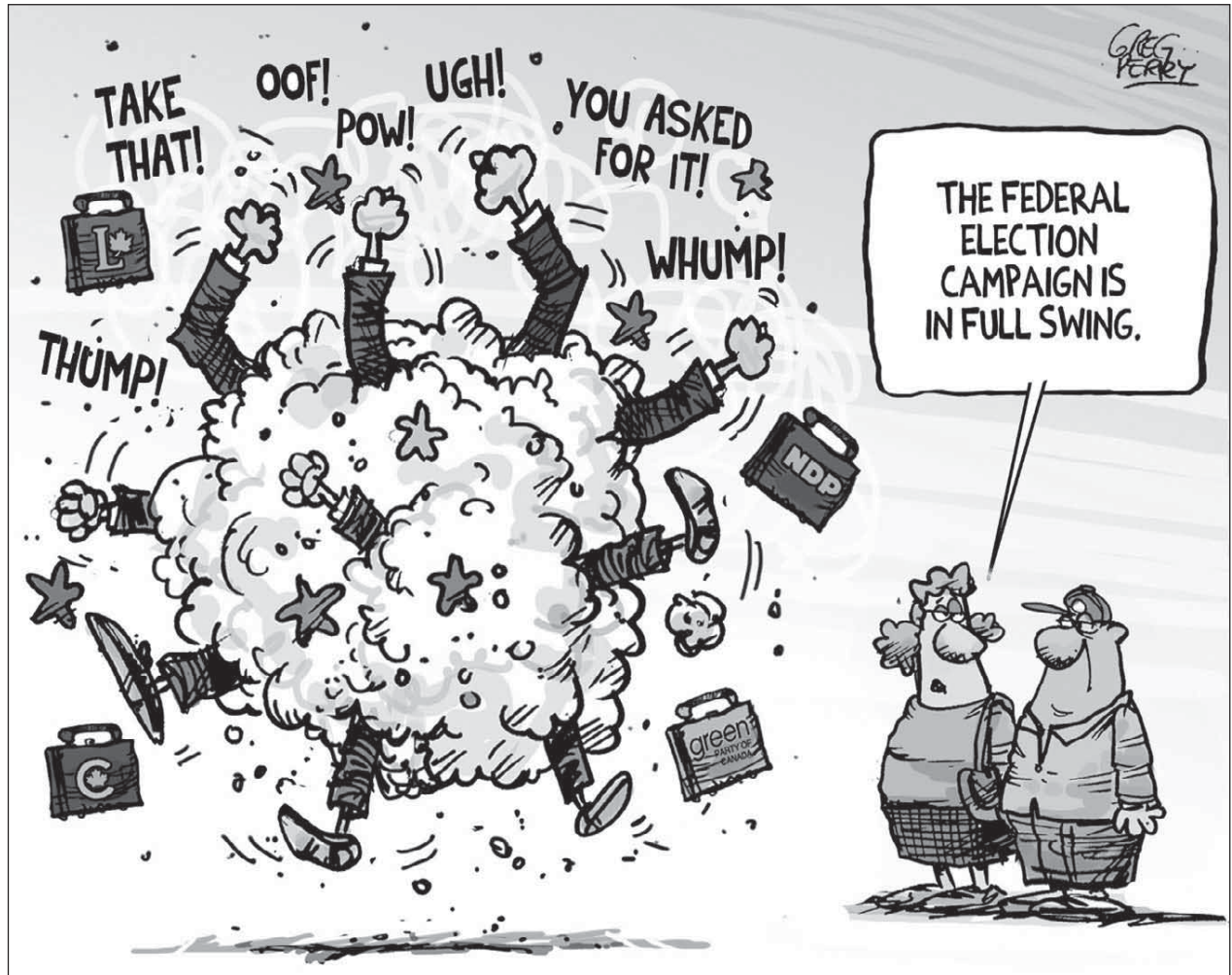
The ballot question now is who can best deal with the existential threat to the survival of the country.

The Liberal slogan is "Canada Strong." After complaining for so many years how bad Canada is the Conservatives are running on a theme of "Canada First."

Polls do not predict the future. The Liberals are in no position to take the favourable winds for granted. Political storms are unpredictable and can erupt at any time and blow an election campaign off course.

The election is now Carney's to lose.

But if the trend in his favour continues Canadians seem to be prepared to take a dramatic step into the unknown.



Letter to Editor: 51st state, eh!

Dear Editor,

The very suggestion is the old corporate real estate scam of low-balling a coveted property with the intent of scooping it up cheap and making huge profits. To suggest our Prime Minister is a governor does not just eliminate the value of our head of state it suggests internationally our government is insignificant in comparison to the strengths of our Make America Great Again (MAGA) neighbors. There is no generosity in Trumps suggestion that we become a subservient acquisition of his regime.

40 million Canadians getting representation as one US state would give us only two senators and around 57 representatives in the lower house of congress based on population plus one governor to rule the entire country while suddenly increasing the population of the USA by 12 per cent. So, this is a staggeringly insulting, intentional suggestion. The idea of Canada becoming 1 single state is a smoking-dream-deal for a trumped-up real estate investor who has gone bankrupt several times.

More palatable would be a suggestion of a power sharing agreement, an offer of multiple Canadian states. If based on population alone compared to the US it would mean representation in congress of 16 senators still 57 Representatives but 8 governors all elected by Canadians. If based on 10 provinces and 3 territories becoming states then that would mean 26 senators and 13 governors. Consider that the acquisition of Canada would more than double the land mass of the USA, then if the Canadian land mass was divided into equivalent sized states, we would have more than 50 states and a majority of the senate seats with the voting ability to set a new path for the USA despite the current regime.

Let's not forget that Canada is not the only acquisition Trump has his greedy eyes set on. There is also Greenland, Panama and the Gaza strip he has consistently admitted to coveting. While trying to black mail Ukraine into giving up their natural resources. These

are not offers where equal value would be exchanged or human rights considered. These are threatened cold-hearted real estate and natural resource acquisitions complete with ethnic cleansing.

I have no problems rubbing shoulders with Greenlanders, Palestinians, Panamanians or Ukrainians and I don't think that many people in the western world do. They're not much different than us. Most of them, that aren't psychopaths, love their families and just want to live in peace with enough prosperity to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads.

So, a more palatable deal to make a much greater USA would be to offer Canada 50 states, Greenland 10, Gaza five, Panama seven and include Ukraine with another 50 states making 122 states with full representation in the US congress. That would solve a lot of existing world problem like tariffs and the intentional slaughter in two existing nasty wars.

- Greg Chatterton
Abernethy, SK

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Whitewood adjusts property mill rate factor for upcoming budget

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

Unlike some municipal centers, most Whitewood residents should not see their taxes change greatly this year.

Taxpayers never want to see an increase in their taxes, but they also do not want to see cuts in their communities due to lack of funding. Those are issues Whitewood town council tried to balance when they approved the tax mill rates for 2025 at their Mar. 18 council meeting.

The term "mill rate" can be described as the amount of tax that is paid per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Municipalities and school administrators use the mill rate to calculate the amount of property tax that is required from each property to raise the revenue necessary to operate the municipality and schools for the current year.

The mill rate has two components, the municipal portion and the education portion.

The provincial government lowered the education mill rate (school tax) this year with the residential set at 4.27 (decreased from 4.54) and commercial is 6.37 (decreased from 6.86). Municipalities

such as the town of Whitewood see no revenue from the school taxes but are merely a collector of the taxes that are then submitted to the government of Saskatchewan.

Municipal taxes collected by the town, on the other hand, are what constitutes revenue to operate the community. The municipal portion for taxation from the Town of Whitewood was approved at the council meeting to remain at 10.5 per cent municipal mill rate, but a bylaw was also passed setting a new mill rate factor for the current year of taxation. Mill rate factors essentially adjust the mill rate, with the result that the effective mill rate for a specific property classification may be higher or lower than other property classifications.

2025 was an assessment year and Whitewood found a substantial decrease in many of the assessments on residential properties but also saw an increase in some commercial property assessed values.

If all tax rates remained unchanged from the previous year(s), this would mean that the revenue for the town would see an overall decrease as ratepayers whose assessments decreased would pay less

taxes. Unfortunately, as the economy puts more pressure on all individuals, it also puts pressure on the municipalities to keep revenues in lines with expenses needed to operate the town.

As a necessity to keep revenue for the Town of Whitewood at a viable rate while trying to keep taxes within the usual rate that the taxpayers have been paying, council decided on a mill rate factor being introduced this year. The bylaw for the mill rate factor states properties within the Commercial/Industrial Class shall have a factor of 1.4 (down from 1.5) applied to the mill rate (10.5 for the year 2025). Properties within the Residential Class shall have a factor of 1.3 (up from 1.0) times applied to the mill rate. Properties not included in the local

property class mentioned shall be subject to a mill rate factor of 1.0.

"Council decided to go with a mill rate factor this year instead of adjusting the actual mill rate itself. This allows us to adjust rates for individual categories, such as residential or commercial, compared to a broad adjustment across all property classes," Mayor Chris Ashfield told Grasslands News. "Because commercial saw an increase in their assessment, we lowered the commercial mill rate factor. At the same time, most residential properties saw a decrease in their assessment, so we increased the residential mill rate factor. At the end of the day, our goal was to try and have most property owners paying close to what they had been in previous years."

Gene Hauta

It's a Strange World

Rick Edwards, the *Police Chief* of Richmond, Va., was *pulled over for speeding*, 61 mph in a 35 zone. The stop was executed by one of his own officers, whom the Chief ordered to write a citation. Edwards said he had "no good reason" for speeding, and pleaded no contest to reckless driving, the automatic charge since he was going 20 mph more than the speed limit. He received the standard penalty for a first-time offender, which was an eight-hour online class, and about \$90 in court costs. Full credit to the Chief, who even informed reporters during his crime briefing. Randy Cassingham offered, "No one is above the law", a motto of respectable leaders."



Police in the Far North region of New Zealand were stressed out trying to figure out who owns an item that fell off a truck, blocking the road. The *'litter' was actually a house!* Police had no immediate info about who dropped the house, and why the driver never noticed his loss. A contractor was brought in to widen the road so traffic could get by while someone figures out how to move the house without damaging it further.

A Good Samaritan, who picked up a stray dog, searched unsuccessfully for its owner, and, in despair of doing the right thing, took the dog to a shelter. Owner Cheyenne Campbell had let the rescue dog out of the house, and Emma just never returned. By the biggest coincidence, Campbell worked at the shelter and was thrilled when a *'nervous, timid' Emma recognized her voice.* They both enjoyed the reunion.

Americans can take murder hornets off the list of things to worry about in 2025. Federal officials say the invasive *species has been eradicated* from the US, five years after the first specimens were found in Washington state. There have been no confirmed detections of the hornet in three years. The species, native to northern Asia, is known for destroying entire beehives within hours to feed their young, decapitating all the bees in the process. In Japan, they kill around 50 people a year.

Polish border guards discovered *over 100 kg of cocaine on the bottom of the Baltic Sea* while conducting operations to protect critical infrastructure. Seven people were detained in the case involving drugs which the border guard said could reach a black-market value of up to 60 million zlotys (\$15 million). Baltic Sea nations are on high alert for any incidents involving underwater critical infrastructure and NATO has said it will boost its presence in the area after several incidents in which such infrastructure has suffered suspicious damage.

French thieves used a stolen card to buy a lottery ticket that turned out to be worth \$523,000. They never tried to cash in the ticket and are now among France's *most famous fugitives.* The man, whose card was stolen, has offered to split the jackpot, but he would also like his wallet returned. By the time the victim reported the loss of his bank cards, and before they could be cancelled, one credit card had been used at a local shop. The vendor told him two apparently homeless men had bought the winning scratch-off lottery ticket. "They were so totally happy that they forgot their cigarettes and their belongings and walked out like crazy people."

A carwash in Manila, Ark., called police after finding someone had packed up three puppies in a cardboard box and left it in a wash bay. Officer Ronald Amick responded, and proved to be sharp-eyed, as he spotted *a handy piece of evidence*, a shipping label attached to the box with the recipient's name and address. Jeremy Roberts, 20, was soon charged with three counts of animal cruelty.

In Tennessee, an unfortunate incident *left seven dogs dead*, with a local deputy accused of gunning them down while responding to a call. Connor Brackin, who is now described as a former deputy with the McNairy County Sheriff's Office, showed up at a residence in Bethel Springs to investigate a possible animal welfare issue. Brackin reported finding dogs, all in ill health, being kept in trailers. It is still not clear why he found it necessary to kill seven dogs, although Brackin says he was cleared by his supervisor to put the surviving animals down. The dogs' owner, Kevin Dismuke, refutes that his dogs were malnourished or otherwise in bad condition. Brackin was charged with aggravated cruelty to animals and reckless endangerment, both felonies.

In all these uncertain times, authorities are suggesting that people should *check on the welfare of the elderly.* I'm usually up by 7:30 or maybe 8:00. Bring donuts.

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

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A. Hailey's 1960's novel anticipates 51st state

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Life imitates art in the plot of a gripping political novel written more than 60 years ago that centred on an Act of Union between the Canada and the United States.

Arthur Hailey's book, *In High Places* was published in 1961 when the threat of a nuclear war with the Soviet Union loomed large. The invented characters grapple with the central question of how to maintain Canadian sovereignty in an interdependent relationship with the United States when both countries are threatened by the prospect of World War III.

Like President Trump, who harbours the delusional notion of Canada becoming the 51st state, the President

in Hailey's story, Tyler Lexington "a president with paw like fingers," makes the case that U.S. "national security" and "the hope of a better world," depends on the merger of the two nations. And, just as Trump recently humiliated Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, the book's fictional Canadian Prime Minister

James Howden, is dressed down in the oval office by a U.S. Admiral when Howden seeks assurances that in the event of union the United States would not "take everything," and plunder Canada's raw materials in exchange for U.S. military protection.

There is a bit of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a chunk of U.S. Admiral Hyman D. Rickover, the father of the U.S. nuclear navy and fictional characters made up of recognizable bits of former Prime Ministers Lester Bowles Pearson and John Diefenbaker.

In a withering, stage-managed take down that remains topical today the Americans in the book argue that Canadians sold their birthright to corporate interests then went searching for it with talk about a dis-

tinctive Canadianism.

"Canadians wanted an American standard of living overnight. You chose to ignore that American standards took a century of sweat and belt tightening to build. So, you opened up your raw wealth that you might have husbanded instead and you let the Americans move in, de-

velop your birthright, take the risks, and run the show. That way you bought your standard of living - then you sneered at the things we had in common," thunders a U.S. Presidential aid. "Far from paying a price it would be an act of amazing generosity to a greedy, vacillating country which has made a national pastime of timidity, fence straddling and hypocrisy. You talk of building Canada, but why bother, America built it for you and we'll probably have to do it again."

In the heated exchange Prime Minister Howden observes that "American diplomacy comes in two ways - either contemplating rape or ready to receive it. There is seldom any in between."

Sound familiar?

In the book the fictional Prime Minister argues that even Canadian vacilla-

tion is better than the "blundering, naïve ineptness of United States diplomacy with a crude belief in the dollar as an answer to all problems. America, with its insufferably virtuous air of always being right, its refusal to believe that other concepts, alien systems of government might sometimes have their virtues."

When Arthur Hailey, a Canadian author and playwright died 20 years ago, acclaimed critics like Robert Fulford dismissed the plot of *In High Places* as "unbelievable." No one on either side of the border could imagine that the harsh world of politics and politicians that Hailey created could ever exist.

But then who in their right mind could ever imagine the likes of someone like Donald Trump in the White House?

James Edgar

The Sky This Month

By James Edgar
for Grasslands News

The Moon begins the month as a waxing crescent just a half degree north of the Pleiades (M45), aka The Seven Sisters. And, big Jupiter is not far behind, as the gas giant is 6 degrees south of the Moon on April 2nd. The first-quarter Moon on April 5th is 2 degrees north of Mars. By the 12th, the Moon is full, the smallest in 2025, as it is at apogee the following day (406,295 km distant). Also on April 12th, the bright star Spica is a mere 0.3 degrees away, occulted in the Southern Hemisphere. On the evening of April 16, Antares is 0.4 degrees north of the Moon, also a Southern Hemisphere occultation. Last quarter is on April 21st. By April 24th, Venus is 2 degrees north of the crescent Moon, while Saturn is 2 degrees south - could be a good early morning photo op. Also on that morning, Mercury is 4 degrees south, hugging the horizon - use binoculars from a location with a clear eastern horizon. Even Neptune gets in the picture, if you have a very good telescope! All four planets are clustered together in the morning twilight. New Moon is on April 27th; with the Moon at perigee of 357,118 km, causing large

tides in coastal areas. By April 29th, the Moon is back among the stars of the Pleiades (M45). Jupiter is 5 degrees south on April 30th.

Mercury comes into view early in the month, but considered a poor apparition for northern viewers, as the speedy planet is too close to the horizon. It's a great apparition for viewers in the Southern Hemisphere. The Moon glides by on the morning of April 24th.

Venus is now the Morning Star, rising shortly after 5 a.m. It, too, is plagued by the shallow ecliptic angle in the early days of April, remaining visible for only an hour or so. It might be fun to see if you can track it into the daytime sky - it can be done. Later in the month, it reaches 41 degrees elongation from the Sun, beginning to round the curve of its orbit away from us. The brightest planet is joined by the Moon on April 24th and Saturn on April 28th.

Mars, still hanging around the Gemini twins, gradually slides eastward into Cancer, The Crab. The first-quarter Moon shares the scene on April 5th. The Red Planet reaches aphelion on the 17th, the furthest from us in its orbit, and not a very good telescopic target.

Jupiter remains close to the Hyades in Taurus, The Bull, making for good evening views. The Moon is 6 degrees north on April 2nd, and again on April 30th.

Saturn comes out from behind the Sun early in the month, but viewing suffers from a shallow ecliptic angle. Saturn's rings will be backlit as the Sun is behind the planet from our viewpoint. The crescent Moon and Venus are clustered with Saturn on April 25th

Uranus is gradually dropping southward on the ecliptic following sunset. Too close to the Sun for viewing late in the month.

Neptune is among the stars of Pisces, The Fish, but, again, suffering from the low ecliptic angle. Even telescopes might not be enough to see the distant planet.

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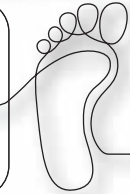


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The Bay's first retail outlet was in Fort Qu'Appelle

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

The Fort Times celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, we will explore and document the role the paper has played in the progress of our community through a series of stories from our archives.

With the news that the Hudson Bay Company is liquidating its assets, it is fitting to recall that 50 years ago this month that The Times reported that the NDP Government of Saskatchewan had acquired one of the Bay's first retail outlets that opened in Fort Qu'Appelle in 1897.

Designed by the company's chief factor Archibald McDonald, it was built of fieldstone and brick by stone masons from Ontario, Robert Webster and his son Clifford.

When it opened in what was then still the Northwest Territory, it was described as, "The finest store west of Winnipeg." It prospered as the only supply centre for homesteaders who settled in and around the valley until 1911 when the railroad was built through Fort Qu'Appelle and it became cheaper to shop in Regina.

In 1917, McDonald's son bought the store from the Bay and turned it into the Pioneer General Store which occupied the premises for the next 58 years.

When the province bought it through the Qu'Appelle Implementation Public

Land Purchase program, the government had hoped to restore the building as a museum as a project to commemorate the province's 75th anniversary in 1980.

The idea never got off the ground.

Funding for the project slipped between the cracks of two provincial government departments. Work stopped in 1979 because of what the ministry called "budgeting problems." The province then offered to sell the property to the town of Fort Qu'Appelle for \$1.00 for use as a library on the condition that the old chief factor's office on the second floor remain intact.

The town couldn't afford the necessary repairs and the old store remained empty and became a "public hazard" on Broadway Street.

"Fort Qu'Appelle residents are becoming upset with the lack of any visible signs of repair being carried out on the store," Mayor Don Cockwill wrote to the government in 1980 and threatened to have the building demolished.

In 1983 the province declared it a heritage property and put the building up for sale. Local developer Jim Chaplin bought it in 1984 on the condition that he would preserve its woodwork, grand double staircase, original tin ceiling and other distinctive architectural features.

Since 2018 it has housed the Second Chance thrift shop.



First Bay store

The Hudson Bay's first retail store opened in Fort Qu'Appelle in 1897. The building which housed the Bay still stands today and is home to the Second Chance thrift shop.

Government of Saskatchewan introduces PST on vapour products

Provincial News
Grasslands News

The Government of Saskatchewan earlier this week introduced amendments to The Provincial Sales Tax Act, 2025 to remove the provincial sales tax (PST) exemption on vapour products. Effective June 1, 2025, the provincial sales tax rate of six per cent will apply to all vapour products in addition to the existing vapour products

tax.

"Today's amendment exemplifies our government's commitment to fair tax administration," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Jim Reiter said. "Shortly, equivalent taxation will apply to all vapour and tobacco products sold in Saskatchewan. This will help discourage the use of these products, especially among youth, who are at risk of long-term, negative health impacts."

Initially announced as part of the 2025-26 Budget, the PST on vapour products is anticipated to increase PST revenues by \$3 million annually. However, the benefits are expected to reach far beyond tax revenue.

Nicotine exposure is known to harm healthy brain development in youth and young adults, which can lead to problems with learning, memory and mood and can increase the risk of addiction to other sub-

stances.

"We applaud the Saskatchewan Government for its recent announcement that a provincial sales tax will be added to all vapour products," Lung Saskatchewan President and CEO Erin Kaun said. "Increased taxation is one of the most effective strategies in reducing consumption, particularly among youth. We look forward to continuing to work with the government to support a healthier Saskatchewan."

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Council Meeting

The next Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Council Meeting is Thursday, April 10th and April 24th at 7 p.m. at the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Municipal Building. All meetings are open to the public. Come and see your council in action.

Garbage and Recycle Rate Change Bylaw No. 04-2025

Council has passed Bylaw No. 04-2025 to establish and regulate collection and disposal of waste and recycling. The new rate for garbage collection is \$20.25 per quarter. The new rate for recycling is \$28.50 per quarter. A Landfill Fee of \$25.00 has been instituted to offset the cost of using the North Valley Waste Management facility.

A letter will accompany the next water billing at the beginning of April.

E-transfer Payment

Reminder to residents that when making an e-transfer payment to the Town Office, please specify your civic address and what payment you are making (i.e. Water, Taxes, Business License, etc.).

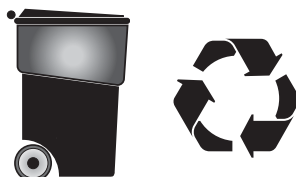
Garbage & Recycling

Garbage and recycling dates for April are as follows:

Area A Garbage – April 11 & 25
Area B Garbage – April 4 & 19
Area A Recycle – April 4 & 19
Area B Recycle – April 11 & 25

Well Done Residents!

The Town of Fort Qu'Appelle is very pleased with the response to the new pick-up schedule for household waste and recycling. Thank you all for your understanding and patience as we work out this new schedule together.



Campground Reservation Site

Are you ready for some fun in the sun?! The Fort Qu'Appelle Campground will open the reservation site on March 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. until April 11, 2025, at 4 p.m. to book your seasonal site.

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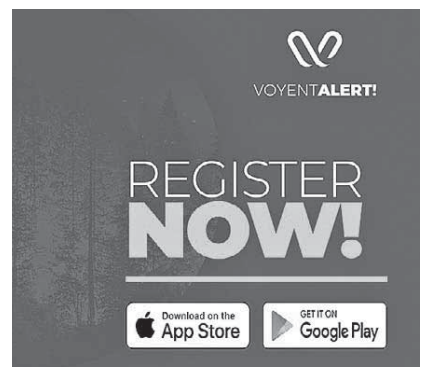
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MLA says budget delivers for Saskatchewan

By Ryan Kiedrowski

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark says last week's budget is one that delivered for the province on a number of fronts—including saving people money, adding new programs, and balancing the budget.

"I was very impressed," he said. "The government managed to deliver a balanced budget that manages to bring in some new programs—things like that small and medium enterprise tax credit. That's a totally new initiative that's going to help develop our communities. It delivers tax cuts. There are tax cuts in there that are going to affect every individual, every family, every business.

"For individuals, there's a \$500 a year increase in the basic exemption for the next four years. So every year, a \$500 increase in the exemption on top of the indexation for inflation that is already in there."

"For small businesses it will keep that tax rate at one per cent.

"So it's saving money for individuals, it's adding new programs, and it's a balanced budget in a time when there's a lot of uncertainty around the world, and this is showing the strength and stability of Saskatchewan's fiscal situation, and showing strength and stability in the midst of instability around the world.

"I think managing to bring in some new programs and bring in record funding for municipal revenue sharing, record funding for education, record funding for health care, at the same time as tax cuts and balancing the budget—I think that can only be termed a success in the budgeting process."

The Municipal Revenue Share is a uniquely Saskatchewan program, as Weedmark pointed out.

"There have been steady increase in revenue sharing, especially over the last few years. And that revenue sharing is not something that every province has—it's something that no other province has," he says. "In other provinces, municipal groups are lobbying their governments for something like what we have in Saskatchewan.

"In Saskatchewan, we can provide municipalities with a strong, stable, predictable source of funding that in many provinces they simply don't have. So in addition to their tax base, they have this funding as well."

Weedmark says while posting record education funding in the budget, the education property tax mill rate is going down.

"In education we have record education funding, while at the same time reducing the education property tax mill rate so that all of the weight isn't on home owners and property owners," he says.

"So all in all, this is a budget that manages to deliver on the priorities of Saskatchewan people and bring in brand new things like the new young entrepreneur bursary, which is something that's never existed before. There is also the small and medium enterprise investment tax credit, which sounds like people's eyes should glaze over when they hear it, but that's a program that basically encourages people to invest in very small enterprises—brand new enterprises starting up, or enterprises that are just in their first expansion stage, and I anticipate that that is going to have a huge impact in rural Saskatchewan by rewarding people for investing in local companies that help build their communities.

"So you are managing to bring all of these new programs in. And there is new spending in health. In

our riding, for instance, we're seeing \$10 million for the Grenfell care home on top of \$10 million last year.

"You're seeing funding for paving Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville, which links one of the fastest growing communities in rural Saskatchewan with the world's largest potash mine," Weedmark said. "It's a very busy road and a very needed project."

"So you are managing to see all of that spending in these areas—record health care spending, record education spending, reduced taxes in the greater personal tax exemption and in the reduction in the education property tax mill rate, and in the decision to permanently keep the small business tax rate at one per cent. So you're seeing all of that—new spending, tax savings, and coming out to a balanced budget. So all in all, I think that's pretty phenomenal."

Another area of record funding came in agriculture with \$625 million promised for the industry.

"Our agriculture industry is extremely important in this province," Weedmark says. "Some of that is for Crop Insurance to ensure that our farmers, who are doing a world class job of producing food and helping feed the world, are supported. The support for agriculture in this budget just helps them do that."

Supporting small business

Weedmark is no stranger to the world of small business. In addition to being a small business owner, he is also the president of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce. He says there are some important measures in the budget to support small and medium sized business, and encourage young people to get into business.

"I have so much respect for every small busi-

ness owner. I didn't start the business from scratch, but I started with nothing," he said. "I borrowed everything I needed to buy that business, and I needed to make a success of it to pay for it.

"I didn't inherit the business, I started with nothing, built a business, and I can tell you that takes a lot of work no matter what," he said. "I really respect everyone who takes the risk and puts in the work to build and grow a small business.

"I think some of these measures in the budget, keeping that tax rate at one per cent, that small and medium enterprise investment tax credit, and even that young entrepreneur bursary, all of those help businesses grow and expand and help them understand that what they are doing is appreciated.

"That \$5,000 youth bursary, it's not an insignificant amount for a brand new person starting in a business, but it also shows them that the province is behind them and believes in what they are doing.

"In the case of Moosomin, the Chamber of Commerce is leveraging that \$5,000 bursary and they're trying to build programs around it," he said. "As we speak right

now, in the high school in Moosomin is a group of individuals who are speaking to the Grade 10 students about entrepreneurship and about why they might want to consider entrepreneurship. It's something that a lot of kids might not consider and might not hear a lot about in the school system.

"The \$5,000 bursary is one thing, but you have communities that are taking that and building around that to improve services for people who are just starting out. In Moosomin there are plans to get a mentorship program going, to try to encourage young people to get into business and give them support once they are into business.

"That \$5,000 bursary, that was the catalyst for that, and that is now being leveraged and it is going to make a big difference for a lot of young entrepreneurs," Weedmark said. "You have to respect and you have to support those people who are willing to take a risk and go into business."

Strong financial position

Weedmark says tabling a budget with a surplus

"I'll call it a balanced budget, because that's ob-

viously a very small surplus when you're talking about a \$21 billion budget," Weedmark said.

"But I think it's a real achievement. To have record spending in revenue sharing, record spending in health, record spending in education, some great new programs coming out of this budget, and at the same time, be reducing taxes, reducing personal taxes, business taxes, and bringing down the education mill rate, and balancing the budget, to me, that's a slam dunk. And it puts us in a strong fiscal position so that if things develop with the tariffs, we are in a very, very strong position to start with. That's where we want to be.

"This budget puts Saskatchewan in one of the strongest financial positions among provinces, but all of that is possible only because of the strong state of the provincial economy, and that is thanks to the resourcefulness, the resilience, the drive of Saskatchewan people," Weedmark says. "I'm so proud of the people of our province and proud of our government for producing a balanced budget that will keep this province on a strong, steady footing."

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Workshop promotes dementia-friendly community

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Municipal leaders are seeking to make Broadview a dementia friendly community. Mayor Colleen Umpher-ville explained that the topic was discussed at a meeting she attended in Moosomin, and it led her to consider the implications for the Town of Broadview.

“It’s really about making your community aware, reducing the stigma and increasing the support for people that are dealing with dementia,” the mayor stated.

According to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, an estimated 771,939 people in Canada currently live with dementia and this could increase to nearly 1 million by the year 2030. There are more than 25 different causes for dementia, with Alzheimer’s disease being the most common.

Mayor Umpher-ville acknowledged that it is difficult to estimate the number of individuals in Broadview who are living with dementia, but she noted there are two senior care homes located in the town. Moreover, she believes it is important to provide a safe environment for them so that they can remain active in the community.

“Isolation happens with the one that is suffering, plus the caregiver, and it’s a difficult path,” Umpher-ville said. “If we don’t break the stigma, then people that are dealing with it isolate themselves instead of getting out to community events.”

Education is an important first step, so community members are invited to attend a free information session about dementia on April 8 at 2 p.m. in the Broad-view Library.

Lori Tulloch will facilitate the session, sharing the knowledge she has gained through her experiences as a nurse caring for patients with dementia. Local residents may also be acquainted with Tulloch through her role on the Reopen Broadview Hospital Committee.

The meeting on April 8 will provide information about signs that may indicate dementia onset, or the ABC’s of dementia. The presenter will also discuss steps that can be taken to promote safety or provide assistance for individuals with dementia who are living in the community. This could include improved signage or lighting in local business, as well as providing community members and business owners with strategies for helping a senior who is lost.

The Alzheimer Society notes that “family and friends provide more than 580 million hours of care to people living with dementia” each year, so Tulloch may also comment on various means of providing support to these caregivers.

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Another death at CTK

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Six weeks after a quadruple homicide shook the community, police were called to investigate the death of another member of Carry the Kettle Nakoda First Nation.

Shortly before 3 a.m. on Friday, March 21, File Hills First Nations Police Service received a report of a medical emergency at Carry the Kettle. EMS submitted a request for assistance with an adult male who was in cardiac arrest. Emergency personnel transported the man to Indian Head Hospital where he died. Officers determined that the death was suspicious and notified Saskatchewan RCMP. The Major Crimes unit began an investigation in collaboration with Regina Police Service and other RCMP teams.

On Monday morning (March 24), the RCMP announced that a teenager from Regina had been arrested and charged with one count of manslaughter in relation to the death of 31-year-old Drew Jack from Carry the Kettle. The accused, who cannot be identified as per the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was scheduled to make his first court appearance in Regina on March 24.



Vibank Dance Expressions 2025 recital

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Vibank Dance Expressions held its annual recital Saturday at Francis Community Hall featuring 24 performances from 24 dancers across the ballet, contemporary, hip-hop, jazz, lyrical and tap genres, and concluding with all dancers on stage for the grand finale seen here. The local group has won multiple awards at competitions in Ogema and Weyburn already, and will close its season in April with two more competitions at Regina and Weyburn.

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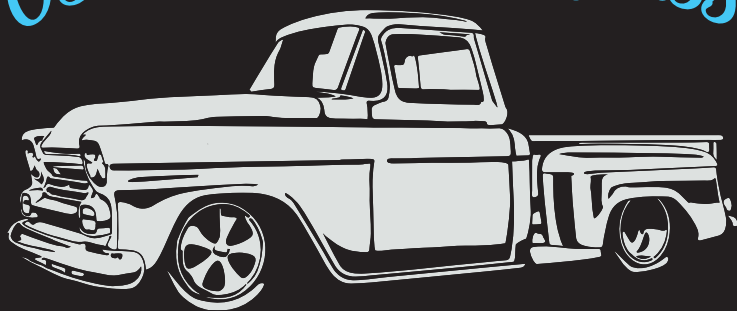
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Small business confidence plummets to all-time low

As U.S.-Canada trade war ramps up

Submitted
Grasslands News

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)'s Business Barometer® long-term index plummeted to an all-time low in March. In Saskatchewan, the index dropped 26 points to 28.6, reaching a lower mark than during the 2020 pandemic, the 2008 financial crisis, or in the wake of 9/11.

"Small business owners are feeling extremely pessimistic about the stability of their operations for the next few months or even beyond. It's hard to make any decisions for the long-, medium- or short-term when so much can change within a matter of hours," said Brianna Solberg, CFIB's director for the Prairies and Northern Canada. "No one knows when the tariff war will end, and

businesses are worried the worst is yet to come."

The shortage of skilled labour continues to be the number one factor limiting sales or production growth for half (50 per cent) of Saskatchewan small businesses.

To recoup the losses caused by tariffs and the ongoing financial struggles, small businesses plan to raise prices by an average of 3.7 per cent, an increase from 3.0% in February – the largest month-over-month spike in price increase intentions since the pandemic.

Meanwhile, the number of Saskatchewan small firms impacted by insufficient demand continues to steadily trend upwards, reaching 47 per cent in March (up from 43 per cent in February).

Confidence levels have fallen across all sectors, with hospitality (17.0), manufacturing (18.6), transportation (21.0), and agriculture (21.3) at the bottom of the scale. As

of March 20, agriculture businesses, in addition to U.S. tariffs, are also facing 100% tariffs from China on canola oil, peas and oil cakes as well as 25 per cent tariffs on pork and aquatic products such as lobsters.

"Chinese tariffs are coming at the worst possible time given the ongoing uncertainty in our trading relationship with the United States," Solberg added.

"If these abysmal confidence levels don't send a strong warning signal to policymakers that businesses urgently need all the help they can get, I'm not sure what will," said Solberg. "Now is the time to show strong support for small firms by taking proactive measures. CFIB will continue to call on governments to reduce tax and regulatory burdens, while also breaking down interprovincial trade barriers to help boost economic activity and productivity during these turbulent times."

Saskatchewan government continues to pile debt onto Saskatchewanians

Provincial News
Grasslands News

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on the Saskatchewan government to cut spending and stop borrowing money after increasing the debt by \$2.4 billion in Budget 2025.

"It's irresponsible for the government to continue to borrow more money and pile debt onto taxpayers," said Gage Haubrich, CTF Prairie Director. "Taxpayers can't afford to keep having the government waste millions of dollars on debt interest payments every year."

The government is increasing the debt by \$2.4 billion compared to last year's budget. By the end of the year, the debt will be \$23.5 billion.

Interest payments on the debt will cost taxpayers \$878.4 million this year, working out to \$705 per Saskatchewanian. Debt interest payments will cost taxpayers

more than \$2.4 million per month.

The government is spending \$909 million more this year, compared to last year's budget. The government is also taking in \$1.2 billion more in taxes. The budget increases spending in all departments but one.

Tariffs could decrease the government's revenue by \$1.4 billion, according to the budget.

"The government is increasing the debt by more than \$6.5 million every single day," said Haubrich. "If tariffs hit Saskatchewan hard, taxpayers will be stuck paying higher debt interest payments to cover even more government loans."

The Saskatchewan Party says that one of its guiding principles is the "steady, gradual reduction in government spending and taxation while maintaining a firm commitment to balanced budgets."

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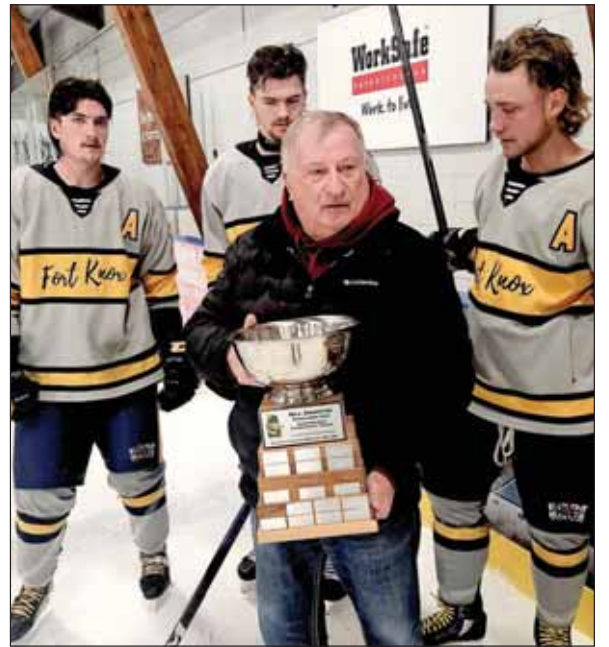
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Fort Knox makes history

The Fort Knox of the Prairie Junior Hockey League is having a historic season after earning a spot to the league championship for the first time in the team's 29-year history. PHJL management representative Dale Lewgood (top right) holds the Bill Johnson Division Challenge cup that was presented to Fort Knox this year. Members of the team (top left) believe that holding or even touching the trophy could jinx their chances of winning the provincial championship. The Knox were to find out Wednesday night who they would face in the PJHL finals.

Mils and Terriers battle

First Round of SJHL Playoffs

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

The CN Community Centre was rocking as the Melville Millionaires earned their first win in the playoffs on home ice March 25.

More than 1,500 were in attendance for the exciting game that featured spectacular goaltending and the Millionaires' smothering defence.

Yorkton Terriers 2 at

Melville Millionaires 5 (March 25)

Goaltender Ben Laurette made 38 saves and Gaborik Carlson lit the lamp twice as the Millionaires halved the Terriers first round playoff series lead to 2-1.

Brendan Olson, Simon Parini and Raiden Zacharias each notched a single goal for the Millionaires with assists coming from Brodie Hicks, Boston Harkness, Will Forsberg, Matt Kjemhus and Parini.

The Millionaires, who led 1-0 after the

first period and 4-1 after two, outshot the Terriers 42-40.

The Millionaires were whistled for nine of the game's 16 minors while each club was assessed a 10-minute misconduct.

Melville Millionaires 5 at

Yorkton Terriers 6 (Overtime, March 23)

If the Melville Millionaires' SJHL season comes to an end after this series, they'll look back on game 2 on March 23 as a key turning point.

The Millionaires held the lead more than once in this contest, going ahead 5-4 late in the final frame, but the Terriers roared back, knotting the game at 5-5 with just four ticks left on the game clock.

They put the game away in the first overtime, scoring their third powerplay marker of the contest.

"We definitely should have come away with a win," Johnson admitted. "Again,

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Slap shot

Melville Millionaires captain Matt Kjemhus unleashes a shot from the point on a powerplay, during game three action at Melville's CN Community Centre, March 25. The Mils scored the game's first four goals and coasted to a 5-2 home ice triumph.

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Mustangs stampede Wheat Kings in first two games

By Braedyn Wozniak
Grasslands News

Yellowgrass Wheat Kings 2 at Wolseley Mustangs 5 (March 21)

The Wolseley Mustangs kicked off the best-of-five Jr. C finals with a 5-2 win at home over the Yellowgrass Wheat Kings Friday, March 21st.

Wolseley and Yellowgrass have met in the playoffs each of the last three seasons, with the Wheat Kings eliminating the Mustangs in each series on their way to three straight QVJHL titles.

Bennett Godfried started the scoring for the Mustangs with a wrist-shot from the point which beat Wheat Kings' goaltender Logan Salamondra just under the glove.

From there on it was the Owen Ross show, as the young power forward scored an unassisted beauty flying down the right wall, then banged in a rebound to give the Mustangs a 3-0 lead.

The Wheat Kings would stop the bleeding with a top corner snipe off the rush from Kael Dillon with 19 seconds left, bringing the score to 3-1 heading in to the 2nd.

Yellowgrass wasn't done there, as Bryck Kemp buried a powerplay goal one-minute into the 2nd to close the gap to one.

But Wolseley quickly answered with a Connor Webster powerplay goal of their own, assisted by Dylan Johanson and Carter Phythian.

Owen Ross then topped off his best night as a Mustang with a breakaway dagger to get the hat-trick and ice the game for the Mustangs.

Wolseley goaltender Spencer Phythian shut down any hopes of a 3rd period Yellowgrass comeback, shutting the door in a scoreless third period.

The Mustangs are looking to claim back the Jr. C throne as their last championship came in 2019. This is their 6th finals appearance in the last seven years, winning two titles in that span. (Wolseley was up two games to none on Regina in the 2020 finals before Covid-19 ended the season).

Wolseley Mustangs 3 at Yellowgrass Wheat Kings 1 (March 22)

Wolseley Mustangs are one win away from the QVJHL Jr. C title after a 3-1 win in Yellowgrass on Saturday, March 22nd.

In an all-important game two, Will Noble sniped a short side beauty off a pass

from Lachlan Pollock 50 seconds in to give the Mustangs the early lead.

The Wheat Kings brought the physicality early and often, determined to make a statement and avoid falling down 2-0 in the series.

However, they simply couldn't break QVJHL Goaltender of the Year Spencer "Spongey" Phythian, who turned away a barrage of shots to keep the lead.

Yellowgrass continued to apply the pressure in the 2nd, and nearly tied the game with a rebound shot that came in after the net was knocked off. The goal was waved off.

On an ensuing Yellowgrass powerplay, a turnover at the blueline and an impressive individual effort from Mustangs Captain Jackson Baran to get the puck on net led to Will Noble's 2nd of the game on a

rebound.

The game flipped with the 2-0 lead, as the Mustangs applied the pressure in the last 10-minutes of the 2nd.

In what started as a quiet 3rd period, things got interesting near the end. A 5-on-3 powerplay goal by Kael Dillon brought the Wheat Kings within one with eight minutes left to play.

But Will Noble, in what was a career night for the Mustangs' rookie, would extend the lead just one minute later with a beautiful breakaway move to complete the hat-trick, and secure the victory.

The Mustangs will look to bring it home Friday, March 28th in Wolseley. Game 4 will be played Saturday in Yellowgrass, if needed.



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GOAL

Wolseley Mustang's Bennet Godfried (#7) celebrates his opening goal in game one against the Yellowgrass Wheat Kings. The Mustangs won the game 5-2 at home on Friday, March 21.

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it was a defensive zone draw late in the game that killed us."

The Millionaires didn't have much in the way of answers for the Terriers' powerplay, that was three-for-four on the night.

"Yorkton's ability to draw penalties hurt us," added the Millionaires' bench boss. "We also lost some defensive assignments on the penalty kill."

The Millionaires held leads of 3-1 and 4-2 in the contest, but couldn't put the Terriers away, despite their solid play.

"All in all, it was a game that I was mostly happy with, but breakdowns and some poor decisions and performances cost us."

The Millionaires led 4-2 after the first period and the game was knotted at 4-4 as the teams headed to the third.

Alex Morrison, Preston Baerwald and Carlson, who missed game 1 due to illness, led the Millionaires' attack with a goal and an assist each.

Jadon Iyogun and Noah Belles-Isles rounded out Melville's scoring with singles as Kjemhus and Harkness each had a pair of assists.

Louis Nadeau, Jackson Lee and Parini each chipped in with a set-up point.

Nick Genette got the start in goal for the Millionaires and turned aside 23 of the 29 shots he faced as Melville skaters tested Terriers' goalie Ethan Farrow 31 times.

The Millionaires were the more penalized of the two competing squads, drawing five of seven minors and one of two 10 minute misconducts.

Melville Millionaires 1 at Yorkton Terriers 4 (March 21)

In the first game of the series, the Mil-

lionaires came out flat, and couldn't find enough offense to stay with the Terriers.

"In game 1, we didn't show up and we weren't able to capitalize on the few chances we got," Johnson said. "We had some guys who had a really good game, but not enough guys going, to win."

This game was tied 1-1 after the first period, with the Terriers going ahead 3-1 after 40 minutes of play.

Parini scored the Millionaires' lone goal, a powerplay marker, with assists going to Iyogun and Harkness.

The Terriers outshot the Millionaires 33-19 with Laurette taking the loss between the pipes for the Mills.

The Terriers led the penalty parade in this contest, getting whistled for eight of the 14 minor infractions called.

The Millionaires have made a number of uncharacteristic mistakes in the first two games of the series and if they're to get back into it, they'll have to clean up their act, especially in their own end.

"Obviously, our structure, awareness and play off defensive zone draws has killed us, in both games," explained Johnson.

The game plan for now, is a simple one.

"We just need to win now. We have to either find a way or make one."

The Mills and Terriers were back at the CNCC on March 26 and are slated to go at it in game five at Yorkton on March 28 with the teams returning to Melville if a game six is needed on March 29.

If a seventh game is required, it will go April 1 in Yorkton.

Start time for all games is 7 p.m.

SJHL names Millionaires' Iyogun Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

The Melville Millionaires' Jadon Iyogun was named the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's (SJHL) Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year.

Throughout the season, the Tennessee State NCAA Division I commit has racked up only 2-minutes of penalties out of the 51 games he has played. Iyogun also has three short handed goals.

The bio on the SJHL website says "Given the volume of minutes and the importance of his role with the Mills, the

fact he only had two penalty minutes all campaign while playing for a hard-nosed coach like Doug Johnson is nothing short of remarkable. How often does a star player have more short-handed goals (three) than penalty minutes? It's hard to imagine it happens very often. To go a step further, nobody has had more short-handed goals over the last two seasons combined than Iyogun's eight, so the fact he has very rarely been in the box himself has paid enormous dividends for Melville."

Iyogun also has had 27 assists and 48 points throughout the 24-25 season.

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Sports column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

The official first day of spring has come and gone, and while for many, spring is a season of new growth and renewal, for others, it can signal a sense of finality.

Tuning into one of the multitude of sports channels on television, there was a short feature on Patrick Maroon, who had just decided, or at least admitted, that this, his 14th National Hockey League season, would be his last.

Watching the short interview, you could see that Maroon, known for his toughness, was turning into a bit of a puddle as the emotions hit him.

You could sense him almost wincing as the questions about his feelings about a successful career for a role player like himself were asked and answered, and he sounded a bit choked up as he searched for the words.

During his years in the NHL, Maroon was what would be considered a good teammate.

He played the game the right way and when one of his teammates needed someone to stand up for him, Maroon could always be counted on.

As I watched the report on Maroon, it made me think of all the other players who are in the final days of playing a sport that they'd been playing since they were toddlers.

Many, many youngsters have played their last games as a U-18 player this spring and while some might play some senior or recreational hockey in the future, the days of their parents doting on their every move has come to an end for the most part.

And if you think it's difficult for players to turn the game off after 13 years of playing, try being a hockey parent.

The hockey parents who have basically been relegated to the roles of chauffeur, chef, psychologist, agent and schedule keeper for all those years, have made a number of friends that they wouldn't have made had it not been for circumstances that revolved around hockey.

It often involved packing up the car or truck or SUV or van as the kids were still in school on a Friday, so when the hockey player in the family got home, everyone would be ready to go.

They'd have planned their meals, their stops and their meet-ups with other parents who were also in charge of a player or two.

They'd get to the hotel, get their room keys and spend some family time together before socializing with some other parents.

They'd do it a couple of nights a week and more on the weekends and now, in the spring when the grass is beginning to poke through drifts of dirty, graying snow, they've done it for the last time as well.

Minor hockey is a gargantuan commitment, for both the parents and the players.

It means many things to many people.

For some, their sleep patterns are altered and the family vehicles suffer more wear and tear as players need to get to games and practices.

When your truck is chugging gas like it's going out of style and every third meal comes from a restaurant, you know that there have to be sky high expenses for the family – and this doesn't even count the cost of hockey sticks, skates, and all the other equipment associated with Canada's game.

In -35 Celsius Saskatchewan, some days you're warming your vehicle up longer than you're driving it, but it still has to get done.

And for many, these patterns have happened every year, where kids play with their friends and parents hang out with their winter-rink friends, and they do it a lot.

Then one day, it's over.

There are no more lunches to make, hotel rooms to book or bags to pack, and you don't get to ease into it.

It's just gone.

For many, it's the end of an era, and the players will go on to university or technical school or employment, while the parents will get a chance to sit back and catch their breath, but it will never be the same for any of them.

I'm sure many a hockey mom or dad has shed a tear after all the time they put in for their son or daughter has reached its end.

And it's a pretty good bet that Patty Maroon will have to wipe away a tear or two, knowing that he'll never pass by this way again.

Sure, it's sad, but at least we're all closer to spring!

Anyone else ready for baseball?

Youth curling sees growth in Whitewood

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

As many communities see their curling numbers dwindling, Whitewood curling club has been seeing a resurgence in their numbers, especially with the youth curlers.

This year the Whitewood curling club saw 25 kids participate in their junior curling league, which was open to kids aged seven and older. Junior curling was held every Monday night throughout the season and cost only \$50 to register.

The participation numbers this year were a record number for the junior league in Whitewood. Youth curling registration saw their highest numbers for the current curling rink, which was built in 2000 after a 1999

fire destroyed the previous skating and curling rink.

Chad Kelly, the president of the Whitewood Curling Club, believes that the growth Whitewood has been experiencing in youth curling has to do with a several factors, including the cost and the success of the 76-team Farmer's and Friends Bonspiel, which is being held this weekend in Whitewood and includes 64 adult teams and 12 junior teams.

"I honestly believe the kids are having a ton of fun and it's very reasonably priced compared to other winter sports," said Kelly. "The Bonspiel has a big part to do with it as well. Curling is a lot more well known in our area because of its success."

Coaching the youth curling this year was Carla Bartlam and Oshowa and Ricayla Gawryluk.

The season wrapped up on March 17 with a kid's versus parents' game.



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Junior curlers

The Whitewood junior curling club saw record numbers this year with 25 kids participating in the league throughout the season. This year was the most participants that the junior curling club has seen in over 25-years.

Round Lake Bears win first game in A-final

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Round Lake Bears are just one win away from winning the Provincial A senior men's title after the team doubled up 8-4 over the Kenaston Blizzards in Kenaston on Mar. 23 to take a one game lead.

Game two in the best-of-three series will take place on Saturday, Mar. 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex in Ochapowace. If necessary, game three will be played back in Kenaston on Mar. 30 at 6 p.m.

Round Lake has found mostly success in the Provincial A series this season, losing only twice in nine games so far over four series. The Bears' run for the title began after they defeated the Balcarres Broncs in two games straight in the first round. The team then went to game three against the Wynyard Monarchs in the quarter finals, winning games one and three. In the semi-finals against the Lumsden Monarchs, it was Round Lake who was against the ropes when Lumsden took a one game lead but a win by the Bears in game two forced the third and deciding game, which ended in victory for Round Lake.

Bowling Scores, Standings - Melville Bowl Arena

MONDAY P.M.		Men's High Single and Triple,		Team		Pts.	
March 24		Isaac Hollinger, 364, 802. Men's High Average, Destin Kohlenberg, 216.		308. Boys High Triple, Zachary Dobson, 650.			
Ladies' High Single and Triple, MaryLou Janiskevich, 214, 561. Ladies' High Average, Shaleen Kruger, 205.		Team High Single and Triple, Gutter Girls, 1325, 3865.		Drifters 66		Team High Single, Headpins, 980.	
Men's High Single and Triple, Jow Wu, 236, 647. Men's High Average, Gordon Ostlund, 182.		A Side		CCJ 59.5		Team High Triple, Nameless, 2667.	
Team High Single and Triple, Brewer, 959, 2693.		Pin Heads 7316		Just 4 Fun 51.5		Team	
Team		Blind Chickens 7067		A Team 35		Pts.	
Dobson 67		Gutter Girls 7587		TUESDAY YBC			
Brewer 65		B Side		March 18			
Stuckey 44.5		Blame it on Garry 7462		March 18			
Gelowitz 39.5		Professional Amateurs 7177		March 18			
MONDAY COMMERCIAL ROLL-OFFS		ST. HENRY'S		March 18			
March 24		March 18		March 18			
Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 258, 712, 230.		Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Pat Brown 197, 537, 180.		Girls High Single, Lindsay Unterschute, 135. Girls High Triple, Amzlee Patterso, 324.		Nameless 59	
		Men's High Single, Lawrence Kosedy, 230. Men's High Triple and Average, Mike Hickie, 598, 201.		Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 165, 411.		Head Pins 36	
		Team High Single, A Team, 1246. Team High Triple, Just 4 Fun, 3639.		Team High Single and Triple, Bowl Kings, 882, 2434.		SATURDAY YBC	
				Team		March 22	
				Bowl Kings 68		Girls High Single and Triple, Laura Smidt, 96, 231.	
				Squishmellows 40		Boys High Single and Triple, Remi Scheider, 255, 559.	
				THURSDAY YBC		Team High Single and Triple, Bravehearts, 994, 2839.	
				March 20		Team	
				Girls High Single and Triple, Emmi Hollinger, 242, 585.		Bravehearts 81.5	
				Boys High Single, Blaine Dobson,		The Enders 54.5	
				Everythings 31.5		Bowling Superstars 45	

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Water issues a concern at Indian Head's water plant

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Indian Head town council held its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on March 24. The session included a public hearing, delegation and budget discussion.

Public Hearing –

Multi-plex Development

Metis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is interested in constructing a multi-plex to provide senior housing in Indian Head. Delegates met with council in February to discuss the proposed development and a preferred location on Water Street.

MN-S had not yet purchased the properties but the two lots where they hoped to build would need to be rezoned from R1 (single dwelling) to R2 (multi-unit dwell-

ing) to accommodate the proposed development. Council directed town administration to begin the process of amending the zoning bylaw. This included scheduling a public hearing for March 24.

One of the properties that MN-S was interested in developing on Water Street sold to another developer following MN-S's meeting with council last month.

CAO Cam Thauberger informed council that MN-S is exploring alternative locations in Indian Head for the proposed development.

Council proceeded with the public hearing on Monday evening as it had already been advertised. However, no one attended the meeting and the bylaw amendment for Water Street was not passed due to the change in MN-S's plans.

Delegation – Water Plant

Council met with Conrad Schreiner, the town's Public Works Foreman, and Marc Gauthier from Municipal Utilities to discuss a recurring issue at Indian Head's water plant.

Schreiner observed a decrease in water flow while conducting the regular backwash routine. The flow indicators on the filters show only 250 gallons per minute rather than the appropriate 450 gallons per minute. There also appears to be a buildup of material on the filters.

Water samples, turbidity and general function are still satisfactory for producing water for the community; however, there is potential for future problems if the situation is not addressed.

The town consulted Gauthier, who is familiar with the town's infrastruc-

ture system. He noted that it is a recurring problem: records indicate that filters at the Indian Head water plant have required cleaning or replacement every three to four years. He said this is very unusual since municipalities typically only replace filters when they wear out after 12 to 15 years.

Gauthier told council there appears to be a gradual buildup within the system's lateral lines, and he believes it is caused by insufficient pressure. Indian Head's system relies only on tank pressure for backwashing and this provides a maximum of 22 psi, while water plants in most other municipalities operate with a pump that produces 50 to 60 psi.

He recommended that a variable speed pump be installed at Indian Head's water plant to increase the flow and ensure lines and filters are consistently cleared. Gauthier advised council that it could take a minimum of eight weeks for delivery of the pump but only three days to install it, with no disruption to water service for residents.

Council discussed the information provided by Schreiner and Gauthier. Councillors noted that there are sufficient funds in reserves and stated that installing a pump could save money over time since the filters would not need servicing as frequently, so they approved the purchase of the neces-

sary equipment.

Provincial and Municipal Budgets

Mayor Steven Cole, Councillor Pieter Cruson and CAO Cam Thauberger attended the provincial budget announcement at the Legislature on March 19. They shared highlights with council and noted that they spoke with MLA Kevin Weedmark regarding positive implications for the community, such as new tax incentives for businesses and increases to the Municipal Revenue Sharing grant.

Council will meet on April 2 to discuss various aspects of the municipal budget, including potential equipment costs, staff wages, and mill rates.

Wildlife club presents awards

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Broadview Wildlife Club held its annual supper and awards night on March 15. The following awards were presented to members:

Men's Typical Whitetail Deer – 153 5/8, Mark Klein.

Men's Non-Typical Whitetail Deer – 177 4/8, Rudy Quibell.

Ladies' Typical Whitetail Deer, Black Powder – 136 1/8,

Tanya Richter.

Ladies' Typical Whitetail Deer, Archery – 144 5/8, Tiffany Kemp.

Most Even Whitetail Deer, Difference of 2 7/8 – 131 6/8, Art Kohler.

Jr. Boys' Typical Whitetail Deer – 133 1/8, Hunter Hebert.

Jr. Girls' Typical Whitetail Deer – 147 4/8, Kaylee Klein.

Jr. Girls' Typical Whitetail Deer, Crossbow – 143 6/8, Ali Yanyk.

Men's Elk – 245 7/8, Ben Saleski.

Men's Bear – 19",

Ethen Krawetz.

Men's Moose – 139 5/8, Rudy Quibell.

Ladies' Moose – 135, Tiffany Kemp.

Ladies' Mule Deer – 151 3/8, Emily Quibell.

Jr. Boys' Mule Deer – 126, Hunter Hebert.

Jr. Girls' Mule Deer – 109 7/8, Kaylee Klein.

Summer Southern Walleye – 8" 7.8 lbs., Steven Adams.

Youth Summer Southern Walleye – 23" 6.5 lbs., Kruz Hebert.

Youth Winter Walleye – 20.5", Ava Raiwet.

Sask. NDP says budget not focused on future

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan NDP say that the recently released provincial budget is not focused on the future.

Matt Love, Sask NDP Shadow Minister for Education, spoke with Grasslands News about the Sask Party's 2025 budget.

"It's completely denying a number of the realities that we face in the province and as a country today," said Love. "There's nothing in this provincial budget to respond to the Trade War started by Donald Trump. There are no measures to protect workers, AG producers, small businesses, industry. There's nothing at all to respond to this, this trade war that we're in."

Love said that the NDP has been clear that the province needs a Team Sask and a Team Canada approach to the tariffs. "We've offered to work together with the government, work with parties, other leaders and provinces and the federal government to make sure that we have that elbows up approach to defending our sovereignty, to defending our way of life," said Love.

Love said that they would have addressed the tariffs in the budget and plan around them.

"We would have had a plan to make

sure that Saskatchewan industry, business and workers are protected," said Love. "We've seen other provinces bring forward contingency plans for if and when tariffs are imposed to make sure that supports are in place. And again, Premier Moe and the Sask Party came forward with nothing, no plan at all. It's hard to take it seriously, but they've come forward with a budget that pretends the last three months of threats from the American president are not happening."

Education and health care are also underfunded.

Love said that the Sask Party plans to spend less on education and healthcare in 2025.

"There's a lot of talk from the finance minister today about his plans, but the bottom line is that in their own budget document they indicate that they plan to spend less on those two key areas this year compared to what they actually spent last year. We think this is the wrong approach," said Love.

Love said that the NDP know that there are challenges in classrooms, emergency rooms are full, and that they are listening to healthcare workers.

"It's a budget that doesn't focus on the future that we can have and that the Saskatchewan people deserve," said Love.

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Town of Grenfell

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The council of the Town of Grenfell has prepared a special assessment roll for the following local improvement(s):

Number	Scope of Work	Location
Project No. 1	Paving	Anderson Street North
Project No. 2	Paving	Black Avenue South
Project No. 3	Paving	Alice Street North

and proposes to levy a part of the cost of this local improvement against the lands which benefited.

The special assessment roll is open for inspection at the office of the assessor of the municipality during regular hours until 4:30 p.m., on 28th Day of April, 2025 at the Town Office located at 800 Desmond Street, Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

Any person who desires to appeal a proposed special assessment must submit an appeal in writing, stating the grounds of the appeal, at the office of the assessor during regular office hours not later than 4:30 p.m., on 28th Day of April, 2025 at the Town Office located at 800 Desmond Street, Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

The Board of Revision will sit to hear any appeals of proposed special assessments received by the time and date indicated above at 4:30 p.m., on 28th Day of April, 2025 at the Town Office located at 800 Desmond Street, Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

Dated at Grenfell, Saskatchewan, this 28th day of March, 2025.

DeAnne Robblee,
Assessor

Sports Column

Underdog Jays show potential

By Bruce Penton
Sports Columnist

Toronto Blue Jays have gone eight full seasons without winning a playoff series and every baseball expert posting pre-season prognostications says that number will likely be nine when the 162-season comes to a close Sept. 28.

In fact, the oddsmakers in Las Vegas predict the Blue Jays will finish fifth in the five-team American League East, perhaps the toughest division in baseball. All this despite an outstanding spring training season, in which they led the A.L. in wins.

But you never know. Maybe outfielder Addison Barger will carry his impressive spring training stats into the regular season or maybe he'll be sent down to Buffalo. Maybe 41-year-old Max Scherzer will find his 2013-18 magic and post a 20-7 record or something similar. His colleagues in the starting pitcher rotation include veterans with talented arms — Chris Bassitt, Kevin Gausman, Jose Berrios and last year's breakout star, Bowden Francis, who posted an 8-5 record with a 3.30 ERA. Potentially, that group could thrive, especially if the offence packs a bit more punch than it did last year.

Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., who has reportedly cut off negotiations on a contract extension and could become a free agent, or a trading chip, could have a monster year, especially if he's intent on impressing potential suitors for his free-agent talents. Guerrero, Jr., batted .323 last year with 30 home runs, and with free-agent slugger Anthony Santander batting either before him in the lineup, or following him, pitchers will have to think twice about pitching around the Jays' two big bangers.

Other solid bats for the Blue Jays belong to Bo Bichette, who suffered through an injury-plagued season last year, and free-agent signee Andres Gimenez. Bichette played only 81 games and batted a lowly .225 in 2024, but he's a career .290 hitter and if he's healthy for 162 games, another season around .300 can be expected. Gimenez is expected to start at second base after four seasons with Cleveland Guardians.

Santander, who crushed 44 homers for Baltimore last year, will patrol the outfield with George Springer and Daulton Varsho, both of whom are coming off so-so seasons in 2024, but still carrying potent bats. Springer has averaged 23 home runs a season during his 11-year career while Varsho, who has played only three full seasons, has averaged 21 homers when he's played a full year.

Surprise contributors to the Jays could be infielder Will Wagner, who batted .305 in 24 games for the Jays after being acquired last July from Houston for pitcher Yusei Kikuch, and Barger, who batted only .197 last year but has enjoyed a tremendous spring, hitting .370 in his first 14 games.

"The floor was raised because of our own guys' expectations after the way things went last season," manager John Schneider told Rob Longley of the Toronto Sun. "And then having guys like Max (Scherzer), (Anthony Santander), (Andrés) Giménez come in ... you add those personalities and you kind of see guys feeding off each other."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, lamenting

Sports Column
By Bruce Penton



Mitch Marner's lack of joy in the public forum: "Often in post-game or off-day interviews, he appears as though he's on the witness stand for a trial of something he's perceived to have done wrong."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "With the NFL reporting no injuries on the tush push in 2024, critics within the league will have to come up with another reason to ban the play. An inability to stop Jalen Hurts can't be one of them."

• Globe and Mail columnist Cathal Kelly, on the Leafs' problems: "The Leafs don't need more centres. They need more therapists."

• Another one from Cathal Kelly: "The Leafs aren't a bad team. They're a bad marriage. Every April, they break up. And every summer, despite being warned by all their friends, they get back together."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "RIP George Foreman, only 76. Not a boxing fan but he was one of the greatest. Wonder how many millennials think of him as the grill man?"

• Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfson: "The Dallas Mavericks announced a season-ticket increase for next year. That should go over well. 'Hey, we traded away the most popular player in history. How do we top that?' Just watch."

• Another one from Rolfson: "Giannis Antetokounmpo just joined the 20,000 career point club and can now access the VIP lounge at the Milwaukee international airport."

• Headline at fark.com, after Sandro Mamukelashvili of the San Antonio Spurs scored 34 points in 19 minutes: "Spurs player sets record in 19 minutes. I think the record is how many times announcers mispronounced his name."

• Another fark.com offering: "Ref accidentally helps Leafs win, vows to get back to screwing them over in the playoffs."

• Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com website, suggesting the new owners of the Boston Celtics may have overpaid with their \$6.1 billion purchase of the team, going on to quote comedian Steve Martin: "I love money. I love everything about it. I bought some pretty good stuff. Got me a \$300 pair of socks. Got a fur sink. An electric dog polisher. A gasoline powered turtle-neck sweater. And, of course, I bought some dumb stuff, too."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

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NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL

Municipal Election

Resort Village of the District of Katepwa

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for an advance poll for electors who:

1. are physically disabled;
2. have been appointed as election officials; or
3. anticipate being unable to vote on the day of election.

Voting will take place on **Friday, April 11, 2025** between the hours of **11:00 a.m.** and **2:00 p.m.** at **The District of Katepwa Office, 41 Elm Street, Katepwa Beach for Ward 3.**

Andrea Ehrmantraut, Returning Officer



NOTICE OF POLL

Municipal Election

Resort Village of the District of Katepwa

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office of:

Councillor: Resort Village of the District of Katepwa **Ward No. 3 Katepwa South**
Number to be Elected: 1

Voting will take place on:

Saturday, April 26, 2025
between the hours of **9 a.m.** and **8 p.m.**
at the **Katepwa Centre located at 41 Elm Street, Katepwa Beach, SK**

I will declare the result of the election at the Municipal Office by Monday, April 28, 2025 by the hour of 10 a.m. Dated at Katepwa Beach this 4th day of April 2025.

Andrea Ehrmantraut, Returning Officer



ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

Town of Grenfell

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Grenfell for 2025 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, March 28th, 2025 to May 26th, 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, Town of Grenfell, Box 1120, Grenfell, SK S0G 2B0, by the 26th day of May 2025.

Dated this 28th March, 2025.

DeAnne Robblee, Assessor

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

Village of Neudorf

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Neudorf for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the assessor located at 102 Main Street, Neudorf, Saskatchewan from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 27, 2025 to May 26, 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 in writing, accompanied by a \$100.00 appeal fee by May 26, 2025 to:

The Secretary of the Board of Revision
c/o **Nicolle Hoskins, Municipal Western Consulting**
P.O. Box 149, Meota, Saskatchewan S0M 1X0

Dated this 26th day of March, 2025.

Linda Jansen, Assessor

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR FURTHER NOMINATIONS

The Rural Municipality of Chester No. 125

By-Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office of:

Councillor for Division 6 - RM of Chester #125 will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Office during normal office hours until Wednesday April 2nd, 2025 at 4 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office at 104 Main St., Glenavon, SK.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2025.

Brittany Knoll, Returning Officer

West coast roots duo to perform at QVCA April 11



Warren Murffit and Kate Main

SUBMITTED | GRASSLANDS NEWS

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Not only does Warren Murffit play the guitar, the Vancouver roots singer and songwriter also makes them. He's a luthier and furniture maker who grew up listening to country music.

"I listened to Ian Tyson, and knew music was for me. I got serious about performing about 25 years ago. I'm a musician who builds guitars and I have done that for a number of years."

Murffit also teamed up with vocalist Kate Main and the duo will be performing at the Qu'Appelle Centre for the Arts on Friday, April 11.

"We both have other projects on the side, but we got together about 16 years ago because we're both song writers."

Together they honed

their harmonies by playing their original compositions for audiences large and small. Their music plumbs the depths of bluegrass, country and swing.

Main is originally from Toronto where she worked as a costume designer in theatre before moving west.

"My parents had a hobby farm near Dundas so I spent most of my summers in rural Ontario where I was exposed to country music," she told Grasslands News.

"I didn't have a music community until I moved to Vancouver. I play bass, and met Warren through the local music scene. The more we played, the more we jammed, the more we played in front of crowds, the more we play," she said.

The duo has recorded three albums together.

Main said she has driven across Canada so many times and remembers Saskatchewan because of a speeding ticket she got driving across the

prairie.

"I love driving, it is the best way to see Canada," she said. "I love to meet people, talk to people."

It is the fourth Home Roots tour she and Murffit have done together, but the first in Saskatchewan. "You are never guaranteed an audience, but for those who show up, it will be a fun night for sure."

Murffit and Main play the Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Mainline Music festival in Wolseley

Submitted
Grasslands News

The Wolseley Town Hall/Opera House will be buzzing with music during the Mainline Music Festival that begins on April 6.

This year's event welcomes two adjudicators to Wolseley. Dr Ron de Jager from Caronport will give performers feedback on their entries in spoken word, voice, musical theatre, brass, percussion and choral.

Dr. de Jager has a varied background in the field of performance, including performances in the areas of solo recitals, opera, oratorio, musical theatre, ballet and film. As a professor at Briercrest College, he enjoys teaching private voice, vocal pedagogy, vocal master class, musical theatre workshop and acting.

The schedule for Sunday, April 6 is as follows: 10:30 a.m. Spoken Word 1:15 p.m. Voice 2:15 p.m. Voice and Musical Theatre 3:30 p.m. Musical Theatre 6:30 p.m. Musical Theatre and Brass.

Presentations on Monday, April 7 will include: 9:15 a.m. Ensemble, Per-



Audrey Watson

cussion, Voice 12:45 p.m. Dr. Isman School Classes 2:30 p.m. Musical Theatre and Voice.

Piano will take place on Tuesday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 9, with adjudicator Audrey Watson from Rosthern.

Watson is a Saskatchewan native, who studied piano with many of the province's top piano instructors as both a young person and adult. Currently pausing from piano teaching to pursue traveling, playing piano for her church, and studying the violin, Audrey will surely bring a wealth of musical insights to our local piano students.

Piano competitions will



Ron de Jager

begin on Tuesday, April 8, with sessions starting at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Piano will wrap up on Wednesday, April 9, with sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Audrey will be conducting a workshop for all piano participants at 2 p.m.

The festival will conclude with the finale program on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. This will be a concert featuring selected performers, and awards ceremony.

The public is welcome to attend all sessions of competition and the Festival Finale; entry is by donation.

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Office Ph. 306-728-2551
Office Hours: Mondays
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Clergy: Deacon Kevin Prouten
www.stpaulsmelville.ca

Sunday, March 30:
*11:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School
*9:00 a.m. Worship at Christ Neud
*11:00 a.m. Worship at Trinity Lemberg

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH
Corner 6th Ave. E. & Main St.
Church Office 306-728-5764;
306-720-0589

March 30: No Service

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
5th Ave. E. & King St.
Rev. Brian Mee, 306-335-7611
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Sunday, March 30:
11 a.m. Worship with Rev. Brian Mee

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(Melville Comm. Works)
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Pastor Tim Oehler

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10:00 a.m. Coffee and Welcome
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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258 - 10th Ave. W.
Ph. 306-728-3971
Pastor Ronald Shumba
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March 30: 10:30 a.m. Worship
March 31: 3:40 p.m. Confirmation
April 3: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
April 4: 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

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Sunday, April 6:
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Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday, March 30:
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Sunday, March 30:
No Service

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Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group - 7 p.m.

Rev. Dr. James R. Graham

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Father Tomy Mandapathil
Saturday, March 29:
5:00 p.m. Mass Service

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 30:
No Worship Service

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, WAPELLA

Sunday, March 30:
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WHITEWOOD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 30:
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418 First St., Kipling
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306-538-2163
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Mass 9:00 a.m.

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306-424-2604, George
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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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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Thursday: 9 a.m.- 12 noon
Coffee with Pastor
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Mom's Group

Kipling Interdenominational Lenten Services

All Services are at 7:00 p.m.
March 30: Calvary Baptist Church
April 6: Christ Lutheran Church
April 13: United Church/
Bekevar Presbyterian Church
Good Friday, April 18:
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Obituary Roger Allen Caughlin

Oct. 3, 1947 - March 18, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Roger Allen Caughlin announces his sudden passing on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, following extensive surgery.

Roger was the firstborn child of Allen and Jenny Caughlin, on Oct. 3, 1947. He was born in Tisdale, Sask. This is where he attended school, graduating from Grade 12 in 1965. During his time at home, he was expected to do many chores with the crops, the animals and keeping the wood box full. Milk cows needed to be milked twice a day, so a strong work ethic was instilled.

His academic standing was good and he was off to the University of Saskatchewan where he achieved his Bachelor of Education. His first teaching job was in Indian Head. It became his forever home. He was warmly welcomed by people here and he embraced the community. He taught his entire career in this community and drove the school bus. He continued with the school bus for 20 years after his retirement. He created close and lasting bonds with his students, inside and outside of the classroom. He planned and chaperoned mountain ski trips, canoe trips in Northern Saskatchewan and tours in Europe with Grade 11 and 12 students.

He has served on so many boards over the years, particularly in his retirement. Most significantly, the Indian Head Housing Authority, Council of St. Andrew's United Church and chairman of the Condo Board at Sun View Place.

Roger loved good food: preparing it, serving it and most of all eating it. He often said he "lived to eat" – the richer and sweeter the food, the better he liked it.

He also had an appreciation for farming, nurtured by working with local farmers around Indian Head and working on his brother's farm in Tisdale. Till the end of his life, he was always curious to know how things were going on the farm.

He had a very wide circle of friends and he loved to be able to do errands for them and to entertain them in his home with food and drinks. He found reward for himself in helping other people.

He loved to travel, most particularly his annual trip to Hawaii with a group of very close friends. Skiing in the Canadian Rockies was a favourite and he was proud of the fact that he got to ski for free after the age of 75 years. He loved time spent at the family cabin at Greenwater Lake, also with so many friends. Most recently, in November, he joined a group of 22 family members to spend a week at a resort near Cancun, Mexico. It was a most special time, particularly in light of the fact that it was his last big trip. The photo we have used here was taken at that time.

Less meaningful, but also important to Roger were his love of new, high end and shiny cars, gadgets and gizmos of any kind.

Roger is survived by his sister Marilyn Caughlin and George Peters; his brother Jim Caughlin and Glenda; and his aunt Josephine Kulyk. He had six nieces and nephews: Rebecca Whaley (Andrew MacKenzie), Daniel Whaley (Kristy), Lisa Mitchell (Paul), Cori Ellen Caughlin (Sebastian Chlebek), Robert Caughlin (Amy) and Paul Caughlin (Linda) Also important to him were his 15 grand-nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

The Celebration of his life will be held in St. Andrew's United Church, Indian Head, Sask. on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Don Jewitt.

Online condolences may be made at www.tubmanfh.com



Obituary Lucy Klus (nee Sass)

Sept. 10, 1939 - March 6, 2025

Lucy (nee Sass) Klus passed away peacefully with family by her side on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at St. Peter's Hospital in Melville, SK at the age of 85.

Lucy was born on Sept. 10, 1939 on the Sass family farm in the Willowbrook area, to Michael and Annie (nee Petrowsky) Sass. She was the second oldest of 10 children.

Lucy attended Halech School near Goodeve until the family moved to the Jedburgh area. She continued her education at the Folkstone school in the Beaverville area until she completed grade eight. Lucy moved to Melville where she worked as a nanny and later waitressed at a café.

Lucy found the love of her life when she met Melvin. They were united in marriage on Oct. 21, 1961 at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Goodeve, SK. Melvin and Lucy moved onto the Klus family farm in Goodeve, where they raised their three children, Debbie born in 1962, Connie in 1964 and Lisa in 1977. Lucy and Melvin remained on the farm until Melvin's health declined and they moved to Melville.

Lucy was blessed with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She never passed up an opportunity to play cards, build a puzzle or join a family camping trip. Grandchildren never went home without homemade food or some canned goods. Lucy loved attending their baptisms, dance recitals, skating carnivals, weddings and any other opportunity she had to spend time with family.

Lucy loved gardening and spent many hours maintaining her yard and flower beds and always maintained a spotless home. She was a great cook always baking and making everyone's favourites; perogies, cabbage rolls and her favourite angel food cake with raspberries from the garden. Lucy was an active member in her church and actively served with the ladies in the church and hall. Lucy loved volunteering with the Thrift Shop and developed many long-lasting friendships and always enjoyed coffee with her friends at Nellie's.

Lucy was a very hard worker and was passionate about the farm even after moving to Melville. She would visit and stay at the farm regularly for seeding, harvest or anytime she could lend a hand. She took pride in cooking meals during harvest and often delivering them to the field.

Lucy was predeceased by her husband, Melvin Klus; parents, Michael and Annie (nee Petrowsky) Sass; in-laws John and Maria (nee Marady) Klus; brother Victor Sass, sister-in-laws Audrey Sass and Angeline Sass; and brother-in-law Curley Yagelniski.

She leaves to mourn her passing her three children: Debbie (Craig) Sawchuk, Connie (Darrell) Rathgeber, Lisa (Derek) Bell; grandchildren, Amanda (Derek) Mucha, Travis Sawchuk (Caitlyn Powell), Tyler Sawchuk (Andrea Revet), Daniel (Taylor) Rathgeber, Kaitlyn (Carter) Berg, Hannah Bell; great-grandchildren Madison and Makena Mucha, Emily, Sophie, Charlotte and Sam Sawchuk and Elsie Berg; her sisters Julia (William) Zenkewich, Rose (George) Spelay, Iris (James) Beblow, Grace (Lovern) Yagelniski, Gloria (Gordon) Rhinas, Christine Yagelniski; brothers Howard (Joan) Sass, Joe Sass; sister-in-law Nettie Sass and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and family friends.

Requiem Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. from St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melville with Rev. Fr. Basil Malowany as the Celebrant.

Arrangements were by Bailey's Funeral Home, Melville.



Obituary Hilda Piller

March 23, 1927 - March 14, 2025

Hilda Piller of Melville, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully Friday, March 14, 2025, at St. Paul Lutheran Home in Melville, SK. She was 97 years old.

Hilda was predeceased by her parents, Bernard and Hertha Biberdorf; her husband, Edwin (Ed) Piller; daughter Terri Hodges; grandson Travis Hodges; sisters Wilma Olson, Helmy (Ken) Lyons; brother Hugo Biberdorf; sister-in-law Ruth Biberdorf; in-laws Evelyn (George) Krieger, Ruby (Gordon) Schweitzer, Alfred (Hazel) Piller, Tom (Anita) Piller and Jerry (Elfrieda) Piller; and sister-in-law Jackie Piller

She leaves to mourn: her daughter, Janie (Mike) Hogan; son Phil (Kathy) Piller; son-in-law John Hodges; grandchildren Jayton (Rachel) Hodges, Brianna Hodges, Daniel (Rahwa) Hogan, Erin (Justin) Hogan, Thomas Piller and Taylor (Laura) Piller; great-grandchildren Reese, Belle, Lincoln, Elijah and Hugo; brothers Werner (Laura) Biberdorf and Oswald Biberdorf; sister-in-law Hertha Biberdorf; brothers-in-law Marvin Olson and Don (Yvette) Piller; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Hilda was born on March 23, 1927, in the small German colony of Annette, Russia (now Ukraine). She and her parents immigrated to Canada in 1929 and settled on a farm near Frobisher, SK. There she was raised with five siblings. Following high school, Hilda attended nursing college in Winnipeg, MB, where she earned her LPN diploma. It was while working at the Neudorf Hospital that she met the love of her life, a teacher, Ed Piller, and they were married in 1952. In 1958, they moved to Melville. They had three children (Terri, Janie and Phil) and seven grandchildren (Jayton, Brianna, Travis, Thomas, Daniel, Taylor and Erin).

Hilda loved the busy job of raising her family, while also enjoying favourite activities such as gardening, reading, crocheting and, of course, baking. Mom loved her sweets!! She was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Eventually, Hilda returned to work part-time as an LPN at St. Paul Lutheran Home, where she enjoyed working for many years until her retirement.

Hilda and Ed's greatest joys were time spent with family and friends. There were many happy years of camping, fishing and entertaining at their cabin at Crooked Lake, which had eventually become their home. Mom loved cooking meals for everyone who came to visit. They also enjoyed many winter getaways to Arizona.

In 2000, Hilda suffered the sudden loss of her dear husband, Ed. Returning to live in Melville, her life revolved around spending precious time with her family. During these years, she was blessed with five beautiful great-grandchildren (Reese, Belle, Lincoln, Elijah and Hugo).

Mom will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for her selfless, gentle nature, sense of humour and sweet smile that she displayed until her last days.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Pastor Dawn and to the staff at St. Paul Lutheran Home. Their support, compassion and professional care of Hilda was a great source of comfort.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



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Obituary

Frank Allan Malach
Feb. 21, 1945 - March 17, 2025



With great sadness, the family announces the passing of Frank Malach, with his wife at his side, at their home on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Frank was born on the family farm Feb. 21, 1945 to Samuel and Katherine Malach at Candiak, SK. He was married to the love of his life, Beatrice, for 56 years.

The greatest joy of Frank's life were his children and grandchildren: son Russell (Patti) and their children Bradly and Tyler; daughter Melinda (Troy) Temple and their children Keegan and Cooper; son Wade; son Matthew (Aimee) and their children Brady and Bridget.

Frank was predeceased by his infant son Samuel; his parents Samuel and Katherine; and siblings Louie, Mary and Doreen.

Frank enjoyed visiting with family and friends, phone calls and messages from those near and far. Watching curling and the Toronto Blue Jays was a favorite pastime for Frank and Beatrice; and keeping up with the grandkids' activities.

As per Franks wishes there will not be a funeral service. Donations in Frank's memory may be made to the St. Elizabeth's Cemetery Fund of Killaly, SK or to the Heart and Stroke foundation.

Beatrice and the children would like to thank all those for the messages and support during this difficult time.

Arrangements entrusted to Conley Funeral Home, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK. 1-306-332-0555.

Memoriam



KOLODZIEJAK - Adeline, April 2, 2015.

A decade has passed since we said goodbye to a special woman whose smile lit up the room while her laugh filled it.

While time has passed, there has not been a day we don't think of her, miss her and cherish past memories. We know she is that bright light that shines down on us.

"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy."

-Inuit Proverb

-Love your family.

Memoriam



WAGNER - Margaret, April 1929 - March 2018.

Your laughter echoed, your love embraced. In every corner your grace was traced.

Now the heavens hold you near, Your memory cherished ever dear. *Love you Mom!*

-Brent, Charlotte, John and families.

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NOTICE Tetlock Conservation and Development Area Authority ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Tetlock Conservation and Development Area Authority will be held Friday, April 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at the Land and Sky Grains office.

Cassandra Andrews,
Secretary Treasurer

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Maintenance Operator

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- Strong communication skills and the ability to work within a team as well as independently
- Posses a pleasant demeanor for any public interactions, Speak and write fluent English

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

VILLAGE OF ODESSA

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Odessa for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the Office of the Assessor from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays from March 20th 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 :

Kristen Tokaryk Board of Revisions Secretary
Village of Odessa, 406 First Ave., Odessa Saskatchewan
P.O. Box 91, S0G 3S0

Dated this 20th day of March 2025.

Leticia Gould,
Assessor

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST TOWN OF BALCARRES

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land described in the following list are fully paid before the 27th day of May, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Roll Number	Property Description Lot Block Plan	Title Number	Total Arrears	Advert. Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
00000058	11 4 62567 25 4 101255879	134645430, 134645452	\$4,122.95	\$31.06	\$4,154.01
00000229	1-3 20 H546	142122653, 142122709, 142122697	\$4,666.67	\$46.59	\$4,713.26
00000369	2 1 P2633	153179499	\$5,842.60	\$15.53	\$5,858.13
00000398	18-19 2 P2633	155785584, 155785607	\$3,478.85	\$31.06	\$3,509.91

Dated this 28th Day of March, 2025.

Mark Hartman, Treasurer

Land for Sale by Public Tender Under the Tax Enforcement Act - Town of Balcarres

Under the provisions of the Tax Enforcement Act, the Town of Balcarres offers for sale the following property:

Property Type: Residential
Civic Address: 108 Lily Street
Legal Description: Lot 16 Blk/Par 1 Plan P2633
Zoning: R – Residential District

Property Type: Residential
Civic Address: 111 Lipton Street
Legal Description: Lot 21 Blk/Par 1 Plan 62567
Zoning: R – Residential District

Property Type: Residential
Civic Address: 212 Earl Street
Legal Description: Lot 7 Blk/Par 19 Plan H546
Zoning: R – Residential District

A tender must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “Property Tender” addressed to the Town of Balcarres, Box 130, Balcarres, SK S0G 0C0. Tender packages are available by request through the Municipal Office or on the municipal website www.townofbalcarres.ca. Tenders must be received by Monday, April 14, at 4:00PM.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Town of Balcarres for 10% of the tendered price.

Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.

In accordance with the Tax Enforcement Act, bidders who are either a member of Town Council or an official with the Town of Balcarres must identify on the front of the sealed bid that they are employed by the municipality.

The successful bidder will have 30 days to provide the balance of cash to complete the purchase. Should the successful bidder not finalize the agreement for sale within the required time, the deposit will be forfeited. The deposit cheques received from unsuccessful bidders will be returned.

The property is being sold “as is”. There are no representations or warranties expressed or implied, including without limitation as to fitness of the land for any particular purpose.

All legal costs, title transfer fees and applicable taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser and are in addition to the bid price.

For more information, please contact the Town of Balcarres at 306-334-2566 or email the office at balcarrestown@sasktel.net.

Dated the 28 day of March, 2025

Mark Hartman, Administrator
Town of Balcarres

Equipment Operator

Full Time OR Seasonal Full Time

Rural Municipality of Kingsley No. 124

The Rural Municipality of Kingsley No.124 is currently looking for the right candidate to join their team and is accepting applications for the position of an Equipment Operator, with other general duties and responsibilities.

Duties to commence as early as May 15, 2025, however start date can be very flexible. The position is for full time employment, with the option to be seasonal full time.

The successful applicant will work under the supervision of a Foreman & must work well independently and with other colleagues.

Applicants must hold a valid driver's license.

Holding a Class 1A or 3A license & being mechanically inclined are two definite assets for this position.

Experience with heavy equipment & road construction are assets, but not mandatory. The R.M. is willing to train the right individual & provide training programs as needed.

Duties will include grading, operating other heavy equipment, and various other labor-intensive tasks. Other duties may include mowing, culvert installations and assisting with general maintenance within the municipality.

The municipality offers competitive wages, a great benefits package including: family health & dental benefits, pension plan, short & long term disability, monthly cell phone allowance & annual boot allowance.

The municipality will base the successful applicants wage on experience.

Submit written applications stating experience & two references to:

Holly Heikkila, Administrator
R.M. of Kingsley No. 124

Box 239, Kipling, SK S0G 2S0
Fax: (306) 736-2798

e-mail: rm124@sasktel.net or In person: 603 Main St. Kipling, SK

Application deadline will be 4:00p.m. on Monday, April 7th, 2025. However, the R.M. of Kingsley No. 124 may extend the deadline until such time that they have found the perfect candidate for this position.

The R.M. of Kingsley No. 124 would like to thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Knox gold winners take home \$15,000

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Fort Knox weren't the only winners in the series against the Regina Capitals. Eugene and Caron Frank, a retired couple from Fort Qu'Appelle, took home the \$15,000 Golden Nugget in the team's fundraising draw.

This year's lottery was a scaled down version of the old Gold Rush draw with only 400 instead of 2,900 tickets being sold. The Franks are long-time supporters of the team. They plan to use their windfall to help their grandchildren. Whitney Maurer from Lemberg took home \$9,285 as the winner's share of the 50-50 draw.



Golden Nugget
Fort Knox director Tyrel Getz presents a cheque for \$15,000 to Eugene and Caron Frank.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SEASONAL FULL TIME

The Rural Municipality of Chester No. 125

The Rural Municipality of Chester No. 125 is seeking applicants for a Full Time Seasonal Employee. Duties to begin as early as April 2025, however the start date can be flexible. This position is for seasonal employment. Students are encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will be required to operate various pieces of equipment, mowing, fencing and any other labor intensive tasks required. The successful applicant will be expected to work under the supervision and direction of the foreman, must be willing to work well with others, as well as independently.

The successful applicant must hold a valid driver's license. Having a Class 1A license would definitely be an asset but is not mandatory.

The wage will be based on experience. Resumes can be submitted along with 2 references to:

The R.M. of Chester No. 125
c/o Brittany Knoll
Box 180, Glenavon, SK S0G 1Y0
Email: rmc125@sasktel.net or

Drop off in person at 104 Main Street, Glenavon SK

The deadline for applications will be 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

The RM of Chester may extend the deadline for applications depending on the number of applications received.

The RM of Chester would like to thank all those who applied, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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:

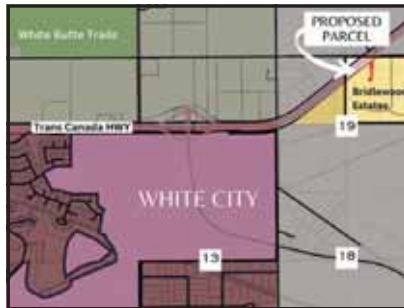
Bylaw No. 2025-05 - Zoning Map Change: - To rezone 0.99 acres in proposed Parcel B to be subdivided from Lot 24, Block 1, Plan 101185354 in Bridlewood Estates (shown on the map below) from CR2 – Country Residential 2 to CS – Community Service.

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.

Shauna Bzdel, Chief Administrative Officer



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SUMMER STUDENTS

Office Clerk

The District of Katepwa is seeking an ambitious and self-motivated student for our summer office clerk position!

Position: May 5 to August 22, 2025
Hours of Work: 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wage: \$18.00 per hour
Position Available: 1

Work Duties: The Office Clerk will be responsible for assisting in general office duties such as answering phones, electronic and paper filing, receipting payments, preparing summer and fall newsletters, photocopying, maintaining the District website and Facebook page, greeting clients in the office and other duties as assigned.

Applicant: Familiarity with technology and various computer platforms (Microsoft Office, Canva, Mailchimp). Attention to detail. Friendly, reliable and open communication. Ability to work individually and collaboratively.

Maintenance Labourer

The District of Katepwa is seeking ambitious and self-motivated students for our summer maintenance positions!

Position: May 5 to August 22, 2025
Hours of Work: 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wage: \$19.00 per hour
Position Available: 2-3

Work Duties: Waste collection, grass cutting, heavy lifting involved for various duties (50 lbs), weed and tree trimming, and other duties as assigned.

Applicant: Must have a valid driver's license and be comfortable operating a riding lawnmower.

Applications for both positions will be accepted:
 Until Friday, April 18, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. and must include education, training, work experience, and 2 work references.

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District of Katepwa
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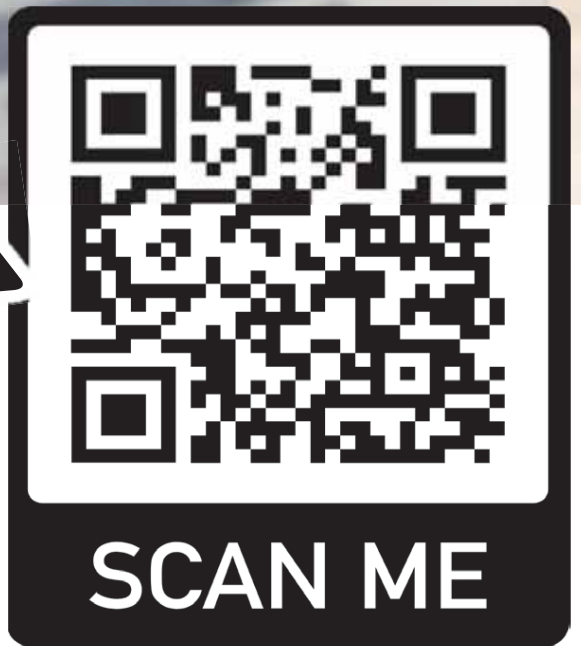
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