



## Former city fire chief proud of past 19 years

By Jacob Miller  
Grasslands News

Former Melville Fire Chief Tyrone Mogenson sees a bright future for the Melville fire department after being chief for 19 years. Mogenson left the City in February 2025.

Mogenson came to Melville in 2006 to replace the then Fire Chief Rodger Nordick. Since then, Mogenson has spent 19 years in Melville out of his 34 years of being in the service.

"I spent over half my fire service career with the City of Melville," said Mogenson. "If somebody said back in 1990 when I joined the fire service 'one day you'd be a fire chief in Melville', first off, I would've said where is Melville and secondly I would've told them they were crazy because that didn't interest me. I was a water sprayer, door kicker, and we were fighting fires. But as you know, training happens and as the world evolves, sometimes life throws curves at you."

Mogenson said that he has enjoyed his time with the Melville Fire department and worked with a good crew.

**"It's been an honour for me to serve the people of Melville, the district and area."**

- Tyrone Mogenson

has been fantastic," said Mogenson. "They got a good crew down there, they worked hard. We covered a lot of stuff, did a lot of good things over the years, had some bad calls together, but that's part of what we do. But I've met some fantastic people over the years."

### Firefighting legacy

"At the end of the day the legacy lives on here in Melville," Mogenson added, alluding to the Fire School located in Melville.

Mogenson said that the conception of the fire school started in 2007 and was up and running in 2008 and took 18 months of work and research with Suncrest College, formerly Parkland.

"We got guys in St. Albert, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, deputy chief in La Ronge, and a fire chief in Carrot River. Those are just some of the places that we've got firefighters that have spread out that came through our hall. So, the legacy carries on regarding training and just training some good people," said Mogenson.

Throughout his fire service career, he has done training for firefighters at lots of mines as well, including McLean Lake, MacArthur, Cigar Lake, Esterhazy and Belle Plaine.

### Bright future for Melville department

Mogenson said that he thinks that he left the department in a good place.

"Done a lot of good things here, upgraded some stuff in the hall, got some new trucks in there, upgraded some equipment. There's a new fire hall in the works



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### Roof damage

The weight of recent snow fall has made the roof of the building, on the corner of Queen Street and 3rd Ave W, collapse. The building has been empty for over 10 years, but used to home Trendz around 2014; in 1937-45 it was home to Walters' Garage (Third Ave) and Ferns Garage (Queen Street), and in 1982 was home to Jay's Florist and Ford Body Parts.

in next several years and a new fire truck in the works in the next year or two, so things are moving forward," said Mogenson.

"The legacy carries on with the reputation of the City of Melville Fire and Rescue. I don't see that dying."

Mogenson also highlighted the creation of the fireman's ball, that Melville recently hosted the Saskatchewan Building Officials Conference, and are hosting the upcoming Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighters Association Spring Fire School in May 2025.

Mogenson added that the association and Melville Fire Brigade are in good places as well, and that they

raised a good amount of money for their medical side of things.

"It wasn't all me; it was a team effort, over the years lots of good people helped out," said Mogenson. "I think objectively when I started in 2006 to now, 19 years later, I leave it in a better spot."

Mogenson said that he isn't sure what's next for him and his career, but that the door for fire service still hasn't shut completely.

"It's been a good career for me. It's been an honour for me to serve the people of Melville and the district and area."

## Liberals parachute candidate in Melville-Yorkton

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Luke Guimond, a political staffer from Ottawa, has been parachuted into the Yorkton-Melville constituency to run for the Liberals against Cathay Wagantall. Even though Guimond works for Culture Minister Steven Guilbeault, he has deep roots in the province and has advanced Saskatchewan's interests behind the scenes on Parliament Hill.

Guimond grew up and went to school in Regina where his father works as a computer programmer and where his mother is a civil servant. His grandparents still live in Esterhazy.

Influenced by former Saskatchewan Liberal MP Ralph Goodale, now Canada's High Commissioner to London, Guimond, 30, studied political science at the Universities of Regina and Ottawa. Easily conversant in French and English he worked as field organizer for the Liberals in Regina-Lewvan in the 2015 election. He agreed to be a candi-

date because he says "Saskatchewan has been without a Liberal in government for six years, and it shows. When we had Ralph Goodale in cabinet, we saw incredible investment in this province. When Saskatchewan sends Liberals to Ottawa they perform."

Now that Prime Minister Mark Carney appears to be ahead in the polls, Guimond says the province deserves better than 14 conservative MPs in opposition.

"I have a great deal of respect for Cathay Wagantall. She has been a good public servant. But we have fundamentally different views on how to make Canada a better country. I think it is time for voters in Yorkton-Melville to choose a new form of leadership. I have faith in Mark Carney to defend Canada's interests against the threats from Donald Trump. I have faith in his leadership for the province and for the country."

Wagantall has represented Yorkton-Melville since 2015. She swept the polls in the last election with 75 per cent of the vote.



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## Saskatchewan Firefighters Calendar

# Six local area firefighters vie for calendar spot



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Elmer Jove  
Carlyle



Eric Krechowiecki  
Fort Qu'Appelle



Collin Lemieux  
Kennedy



Ian Stecyk  
Grayson

## Online voting is now open; selection night will be April 19 at Conexus Art Centre in Regina

By Jacob Miller  
Grasslands News

The 23rd edition of the Saskatchewan Fire Fighters Calendar is fast approaching.

Selection night is scheduled April 12, 2025, and there are six local firefighters vying for a spot in the calendar's legendary pages.

Firefighters from the Grasslands News publishing area include Kennedy

firefighter Collin Lemieux, Windthorst firefighter Derek Bachert, Carlyle firefighter Elmer Jove, Grayson firefighter Ian Stecyk, Grayson and Neudorf firefighter Jamie Campbell, and Fort Qu'Appelle firefighter Eric Krechowiecki.

The six firefighters are facing off against 10 other firefighters from across the province to be a part of the 2026 calendar.

People can vote for their favourite

firefighters on the Saskatchewan Fire Fighters' Calendar website.

The calendar is a fundraiser for the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, with 100 per cent of the funds raised going to the foundation.

People can vote online for their favourite firefighters at [saskfirefighter-calendar.com](http://saskfirefighter-calendar.com), with the minimum cost \$20 or 40 votes. Video profiles of the firefighters are also available on the website.

Over the past 22 editions, the calendar has raised and donated \$975,507 and has featured over 260 firefighters from 58 communities.

Tickets are also on sale for the selection night on April 12, 2025. Audience members will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite fire fighter there as well. Tickets are \$55 for regular and \$75 for VIP. The selection night takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina.

# Saskatchewan is first province to be carbon tax free

By Provincial  
Grasslands News

Effective April 1, Saskatchewan became the first province in Canada to be carbon tax free.

The Government of Saskatchewan paused the industrial carbon tax rate under its Output-Based Performance Standards (OBPS) Program, a decision that will provide immediate financial relief to families, farms, businesses

and industry. The carbon tax rate rider will be removed from all Saskatchewan bills. This will save hundreds of dollars a year for Saskatchewan families and businesses.

"Today, we are making Saskatchewan the first carbon tax free province in Canada," Premier Scott Moe said. "In taking the lead on the removal of this harmful tax, we hope all federal leaders will support our position and allow the

provinces to regulate in this area without imposing the federal backstop."

"Saskatchewan led on the removal of the carbon tax on home heating last year, saving families in our province over \$400 on their household Saskatchewan bills," Minister of Crown Investments Corporation Jeremy Harrison said. "Now we are leading again as the first prov-

ince in Canada to remove the industrial carbon tax on electricity generation, delivering further savings for Saskatchewan families, businesses and industries on their Saskatchewan bills."

In the face of the ongoing tariff threats and the rising cost of living, Saskatchewan is taking decisive steps to protect Saskatchewan businesses and residents from economic uncer-

tainty and unnecessary taxation.

"Now more than ever, the world needs our clean and sustainable, food, fuel and fertilizer," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "This is not the time to risk undermining our economic growth and prosperity. Pausing the industrial carbon tax will allow industries to grow and operate sustainably while maintaining our economic competitiveness during these uncertain times."

Saskatchewan is home to some of the most sustainable products on the planet and has the food, fuel, fertilizer and crit-

ical minerals the world needs. By eliminating industrial carbon costs which are often passed directly on to consumers – the province is acting to protect affordability and economic competitiveness.

This decision will foster an economic environment where industries can feel confident to make investments, increase production, and protect the jobs and families they support.

While the industrial carbon tax rate is paused, the Government of Saskatchewan will continue to engage with industry on the future of Saskatchewan's OBPS system.

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# Hockey player finds support during his cancer diagnosis

## Communities rally behind Montmartre teen

By Ashley Scarfe  
Grasslands News

It all started with a cough and a chest x-ray.

In February, Craig and Wendy Weichel received news no parent should ever hear: their son, Carson, had lymphoma. On March 4, Carson's official diagnosis was Stage 2 Hodgkin Lymphoma, a cancer of abnormal white blood cells that infiltrates and affects lymph nodes.

The family from the Montmartre area did not expect the news, but they have banded together with their community to help Carson in his cancer battle. Integral to their fight has been the strong

hockey community surrounding them, a community Carson himself has had to take a small step back from in the last couple of months.

Since the age of four, Carson has played hockey, first with the Montmartre Ice Dogs for U7 to U11 and then with the Quad Town Rebels for U13. His U15 year was with the Milestone Flyers.

"On the day we got called to the doctor, Carson was supposed to be playing his first playoff game in Wawota." The Weichels say in a joint statement, "As we were leaving for the game, we got the call to come to Regina as soon as we could.

Carson was able to play in one round of Provincials with his team. He did not get to play any playoff games. We watched the games from the hospital on LiveBarn. We were able to surprise his team in Radville when we came home. Carson cannot play contact sports right now, as well as club volleyball, as he has a PICC line."

Not just benched from hockey, Carson had to watch from the sidelines as his volleyball team, the Wheatland Attack, won bronze at the Sask Cup 2. In his honour, they wore purple socks. Being benched, however, couldn't stop Carson from participating in any way he could.

"Carson was able to attend the events in Montmartre and Odessa," the Weichels say. "In Montmartre, you could find him in the canteen helping make wings and calling orders. At Odessa, he did the puck drop and enjoyed visiting with his teammates in the locker rooms."

The Weichels say the support of the community has been immense. From 50/50 raffles, wing nights, donations, and the Carson Weichel Alumni Night in Odessa, the community has raised money for the family to help with travel expenses associated with Carson's care.

"Our community has been very supportive, as well as our hockey community," the Weichels say. "Not only teams that Carson played on, but also teams he played against. His brother's team and former team, his sister's team and opponent, and his cousin's teams have all supported our family. Hockey is a tight-knit family, and we couldn't be more grateful for how

# RCMP warn of new phone scam

By Brad Brown  
Grasslands News

Home is where the heart is, and it's also apparently where the fraud is attempting to be.

White Butte RCMP in Emerald Park are warning residents to be vigilant of a phone scam making the rounds in recent weeks, with the perpetrators attempting to prey on family ties in a variety of ways.

Police said in a March 26 news release that the foundation of the scam involves a phone call informing the recipient that a loved one has been involved in an emergent situation – potentially having been arrested involved in a motor vehicle crash.

RCMP said the caller may additionally allow the victim to speak to their relative, "falsely replicating the voice of the victim's family member," or falsely represent themselves as a lawyer.

Potential victims are then instructed to transfer money to the caller in order to pay for legal fees that don't actually exist.

Police tips to avoid being victimized include hanging up immediately, never providing any per-

sonal information to the caller and never agreeing to meet with someone who's asked for money by phone.

RCMP also advise that scammers can sometimes spoof telephone numbers to make it appear as though they're calling from a trusted source, and will often use fast-talking or high-pressure tactics in an effort to intimidate their victims.

Anyone who believes they may have been a victim, or attempted victim, of this sort of fraud is encouraged to contact their local RCMP detachment, phone 310-RCMP, or report the call to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre either by phone at 1-888-495-8501 or online at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.



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## Battling cancer

14-year-old Carson Weichel has been feeling the love of the hockey community since his recent cancer diagnosis. Weichel was diagnosed with Stage 2 Hodgkin Lymphoma, a cancer of abnormal white blood cells that infiltrate and affect lymph nodes. Various fundraisers and 50/50s have helped the family raise money for travel expenses incurred in his ongoing treatment plan.

they have wrapped their support around us."

On March 23, the Odessa Community Arena hosted The Carson Weichel Night, where his former team, the Quad Town Rebels faced off against his current team, the Milestone Flyers. Proceeds raised went to support the Weichel family.

"The night was amazing!" the Weichels say. "Carson had chemother-

apy the Friday before the Alumni game, so we weren't sure if he would make it. He did! He also dropped the puck at the start of the game."

Carson's first chemotherapy session was March 7, while he was still in the hospital after his diagnosis. He continues to do chemotherapy in Regina and will be heading to Saskatoon at the end of April for a PET

scan to check on the status of his cancer. While his treatments will continue for the next six to eight months, the family remains optimistic and extends their gratitude, yet again, to the community around them.

"They have stood by us and supported us from the beginning of the diagnosis," the Weichels say. "We felt so much love and support."



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The Liberals clawed back Saskatchewan's health care transfers because the provincial government allows innovative delivery of diagnostic procedures - even though Quebec and Ontario have similar models without having their transfers clawed back. It's a total double standard. The NDP supported the Liberals on all these measures, propping up Trudeau.

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# Gas prices drop with removal of carbon tax

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

"Not sure we've ever seen prices in Canada drop 15c/L overnight," says petroleum analyst GasBuddy, while at the same time, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe was touting Tuesday as "Carbon Tax Freedom Day." The consumer carbon tax was axed by the prime minister and the Saskatchewan province's industrial carbon pricing system was also set to end Tuesday.

## Consumer carbon tax ended April 1, 2025

Gasoline prices began dropping on Tuesday morning when the consumer carbon tax was axed. One of Liberal Leader Mark Carney's first actions as the new prime minister after replacing Pierre Trudeau (following his resignation) was to sign a directive for the fuel charge to be removed on April 1, thus eliminating the unpopular consumer carbon price. Carney stated the consumer carbon tax was "becoming too devisive" as a means of charging Canadians for their greenhouse gas emissions. Carney initially supported the carbon tax, but reversed course while campaigning for Liberal Party leadership.

The levy had been added in 2019 to the sale price of carbon-emitting products by fuel type. Canada's carbon levy had previously been set at \$80 per tonne, which has increased annually. Most recently that worked out to 17.6 cents per litre of gasoline and natural gas was 15.25 cents per cubic metre. (The average Canadian home uses about 2,500 cubic metres of natural gas a year.)

"The pace (of price reduction) is going to vary province to province, city to city, station to station," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at price tracking website GasBuddy.com.

"There are some complexities behind the scenes that may cause some stations to have to wait to pass it along."

For instance, some retailers may still need to reprogram their software to account for the decrease.

"I would expect that most stations would have the price adjusted today (Tuesday) and at latest tomorrow," said De Haan.

De Haan is expecting relief in the order of 15 cents a litre at the pumps, accounting for other factors that affect the price.

"Gas prices move for many different reasons all at the same time," he said, pointing to spring refinery maintenance

and increased demand as the weather warms.

A refinery fire in northern California in February has pinched the market all along the west coasts of Canada and the U.S., said De Haan.

De Haan is expecting the cost of diesel to come down by more than 20 cents a litre, which should have positive ripple effects on the overall economy as it lowers costs for truck drivers, farmers and other users of that fuel.

For natural gas, homeowners may still see charges appear on upcoming bills for fuel used before Tuesday.

## Carbon Tax Rebates

Carbon rebate payments will also be dropped along with consumer carbon pricing, with the last cheques and payments going out to Canadians starting April 22. Those who file their 2024 tax returns before Wednesday, April 2 will be paid starting April 22 and for those filing after that date, the rebate will be sent after their returns are assessed.

"The average household got about \$1,000 to \$2,000 depending where you live, so for most people it will be roughly a wash in terms of the net cost," University of Ottawa law and economics professor Stewart Elgie said. "With no consumer carbon revenues, there won't be a consumer carbon rebate."

## Sask ends industrial carbon pricing system

The Saskatchewan province's industrial carbon pricing system was also set to end Tuesday.

In Saskatchewan, the industrial carbon tax pricing system is known as the Output-Based Performance Standards (OBPS) program and taxes large industrial emitters.

"The people of the province, our governments have been very vocal from the start, being opposed to the carbon tax. So, we were thrilled to have the opportunity to do what we did last week," Saskatchewan Finance Minister Jim Reiter said on Monday.

The province's decision doesn't end the ability for the federal government to implement its own industrial carbon pricing or "backstop."

The decision is bringing criticism regarding the effect this will have on the budget. Saskatchewan Finance Minister Jim Reiter replied, "The fact is that on any given day commodity prices rise and fall. It all has an impact on the budget. So, we're not going to rewrite the budget every time something like that happens," Reiter said.

# Sask. NDP bringing forward motion demanding a new budget

Submitted  
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan NDP intends to introduce an emergency motion in the Legislature Monday after the Sask. Party blew a massive hole in its own budget mere hours before voting to pass it.

On Thursday, just hours before an initial vote on the budget, the Sask. Party cut \$432 million in expected revenue by cancelling their carbon tax slush fund - a decision that the Saskatchewan NDP supports.

The budget had a meager surplus of just \$12 million before the reve-

nue was cut and the Sask. Party insists that it will remain balanced.

"That's Sask. Party math for you," Shadow Finance Minister Trent Wotherspoon said. "Only they would think that subtracting \$432 million from 12 leads to a balanced budget."

"I think the Finance Minister needs to get out a calculator or ask a classmate for some help."

The motion would intend to send the Finance Minister back to the drawing board to draft a new budget with a new fiscal forecast.

"The Minister needs to come clean with the peo-

ple of Saskatchewan on where he intends to cut," Wotherspoon said. "This budget was already a failure when it was introduced - it has no plan to address the Trump trade war and actually cuts healthcare at a time when we can't afford to - now, with the massive hole in it, it's pure fantasy."

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# Serenity Greenhouse is under new management

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Like many other gardeners, Nancy Wozniak finds the atmosphere in a greenhouse to be soothing and perhaps even therapeutic. This beneficial impact of nurturing plants motivated her to become the new proprietor of a business near Grenfell.

Serenity Gardens & Greenhouse, located on Highway 47 about 3 miles south of the Trans Canada, was operated by Keith and Michelle Berrecloth for the last 20 years. Wozniak entered the greenhouse as a customer about five years ago. Quickly recognizing the positive environment, she soon sought employment at Serenity Gardens. She has enjoyed the opportunity to increase her knowledge of horticulture under the Berrecloths, and her enthusiasm for gardening has continued to grow, along with her skills.

"Everyone who knows me, knows how passionate I am about flowers, so my work with them is always transforming into more than just working at the greenhouse," Wozniak said. "I would plan out and go plant up friends' flowerpots and beds just to see them smile and because I love doing that. Last year, it also transformed into a couple friends asking me to do their wedding flowers and

bouquets for them, which totally caught me by surprise. It was not anything I had ever done before but I took the challenge head on and had so much fun with it."

She added that working in the tropical environment of the greenhouse was beneficial for her mental health. It provided her something to look forward to during winter and was a soothing place to work in spring.



Nancy Wozniak

"This was the place I always went to; I'd come here and work with the plants and it would calm me right down, so it's something I didn't want to lose from my life," Wozniak explained. "I had time where I couldn't be here; I dealt with cancer, so I had to go for surgeries and treatments. After each chemo treatment this was the first place I wanted to be."

She was aware that the Berrecloths wished to sell

the business for some time and she thought it would be wonderful prospect to own the greenhouse, but was initially hesitant to purchase a business. She recognized the need for a business partner to assist with operations at the greenhouse. Her brother's return to the area from living abroad, along with her own improved health and a shift in perspective, gave her the confidence to pursue the new role of business owner.

"I finally decided that I can do this. I get to decide what I can do, not cancer or not having a partner," Wozniak shared. "I knew it would be challenging but I didn't let that stop me this time like I had in the past."

In March, ownership formally transferred to Wozniak, who is honouring the previous owners while signifying the new start by operating the business under the name Serenity 2.0 Greenhouse. The Berrecloths will continue to provide assistance and guidance over the coming months while Wozniak transitions to her new role.

The greenhouse staff includes one other full-time employee, along with four to five seasonal employees, and several others who are assisting with preparations for opening day. While winter makes its departure, Wozniak has already begun accepting product

shipments, working with her team to transplant seedlings and prepare them for customers who will visit the five greenhouses at the establishment. There are petunias for popular hanging baskets, as well as numerous colours of lisianthus, geraniums, begonias and other flowers. Shipments of vegetable plants, trees and shrubs will be delivered later in April.

Wozniak notes that, along with high quality plants, Serenity 2.0 Greenhouse offers customers support with garden design

through a staging area near the check-out counter.

"We will help customers pick out plants and organize them to fit in their pot and we help them make arrangements. They can take pictures so that when they take the plants home, they can plant it exactly that way," Wozniak explained. "It gives them a chance to see what it will look like before they take it home, so they know that they're purchasing exactly what they want. We can plan out flowerbeds that way, too."

Serenity 2.0 Greenhouse

will open on May 1, with regular hours Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For inquiries or to place a special order, call 306-736-8671.

The greenhouse only remains open as long as supplies last, so customers are encouraged to shop early for the best selection. This is particularly noteworthy since the greenhouse will also be supplying plants to another location in Kipling, and to Co-op stores in Fort Qu'Appelle and Melville this spring.

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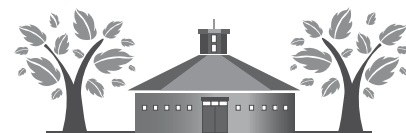
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From March 31 to April 17, 2025, people across Canada can cast daily votes to help determine the winners, who will receive a share of \$65,000 in cash prizes to support vital preservation projects. With its selection as a finalist, The Grand Theatre is calling on supporters far and wide to vote daily at [www.nextgreatsave.ca](http://www.nextgreatsave.ca) from March 31 to April 17. Every vote helps keep this historic landmark alive and thriving for future generations.

For The Grand Theatre, winning would help fund much-needed accessibility renovations, ensuring that everyone in the community—no matter their age or mobility—can continue to experience the magic of the Theatre for years to come.

### Wellness Shuttle Service - Town Hall Meeting April 6

A group of enthusiastic volunteers is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on April 6, 2025, to explore the potential need for a Wellness Shuttle Service in our community.

A Wellness Shuttle provides safe, affordable, on-demand transportation for people of all ages who need a ride to medical or wellness appointments outside of town. This meeting will offer information about how such a service could work, give residents a chance to ask questions, and gather input on community interest and needs.

Al Sutherland from Gravelbourg will be sharing insights from their experience with a similar service. Your voice matters – please join us to learn more and share your thoughts! The Town Hall meeting is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Indian Head, SK.

### Join us for Lunch with the Mayor

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Mayor's Luncheon, where you'll have the opportunity to hear about Council's plans for growth and development in 2025. This event will be a great chance to network with other like-minded individuals and groups in the area. We value your input and contributions to our community, and we hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations.

The Mayor's Luncheon will be held at the Town Hall on Thursday, April 10 at 12 noon. We encourage you to bring a friend or colleague who may also be interested in learning about our initiatives. Please register your spot by calling 306-695-2742 or email [indianheadcdc@sasktel.net](mailto:indianheadcdc@sasktel.net).

### Veteran Memorial Banner Project

The 691 Hawk Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets in partnership with the Indian Head Museum are proud to have launched the "Veterans Banner Program in 2024".

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The objective of the program is to engage the community in honoring local veterans, both past and present. To learn more about the project, and to apply for a memorial banner, visit the 691 Hawk website.

### Easter Food Hampers Available for Those in Need

Easter food hampers are available for individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity. The deadline to apply for an Easter hamper is April 7, with pick up dates for April 15 & 16.

Monthly food hampers are also available for individuals and families in the Indian Head District. To request a food hamper, please call 306-695-3425 ext. 0.

### Upcoming Community Events

April 2 to 10 – UCW Spring Clothing Sale  
April 3 – Dessert & Voting Party at the Heritage Club  
April 4 – Grand Theatre Free Movie & Voting Party  
April 6 – Wellness Shuttle Town Hall Meeting  
April 10 – Mayor's Luncheon  
April 12 – McCall Field Benefit Concert  
with Brayden King  
April 13 – Curling Club Cribbage Tournament  
April 24 – Indian Head Hospital Foundation AGM

Do you have a great community event coming up? Let us know about it! You can have your event featured on our Community Events webpage by emailing your details and poster to [indianheadcdc@sasktel.net](mailto:indianheadcdc@sasktel.net). Don't forget to schedule your community event on our sign at least one week before your event date.

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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.”

## Just what and who are we voting for in this federal election?

Election 2025 is going to be a tough one for many voters to decide for what political party or candidate is best suited for our next Prime Minister. It appears to have turned into a two-way race – in more ways than one. Two main candidates have emerged and two main concerns that are in regards to our country’s sovereignty are on the table.

Do we vote for candidate, Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre, that is trying to create a change from what has been experienced with the Liberals leading the country for the past 10 years? Poilievre feels the Liberals past records of spending and disregard for the very people that life in the country has hurt as a unified nation. He feels Canada First, and we can survive the Trump pressures of tariffs and threats to our sovereignty and says the federal election can’t just be about Donald Trump.

Or do we vote for Liberal Leader Mark Carney who continues to stress the need for Canada to fundamentally reimagine its economy in response to Trump’s steady stream of levies and threats of annexation?

The discontent within Canada that forced Pierre Trudeau to resign, followed by the invasive threats by our neighbouring president is making this an election to choose between ‘survival to remain a sovereign nation’ when we, as Canadians, should be deciding on matters of importance within our country that are a fight for our ‘survival within a sovereign nation.’

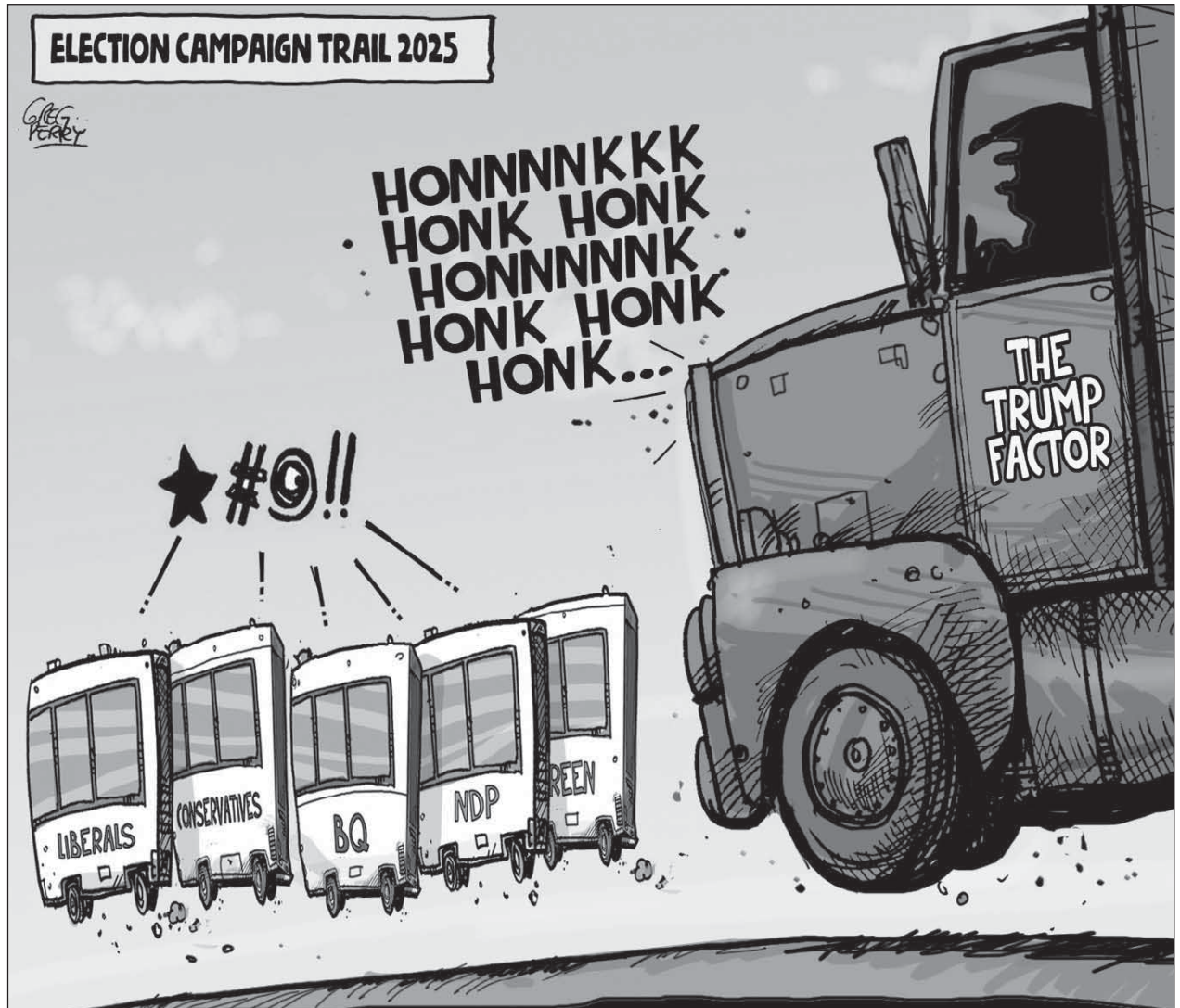
How did we ever get to this situation where a non-elected (by the voters) Prime Minister takes over for the acting (also not ruling by a majority vote) Prime Minister that is forced to resign? As new acting Prime Minister, Carney will make decisions right now to design an endgame that is needed for us to win against our neighbours who used to be our best ally and now are our biggest threat. It is playing out like a movie. But it is being played out as much more serious as we fight to save our nation’s very existence.

Will a first-time politician (Mark Carney) or a seasoned Member of Parliament (Pierre Poilievre) be your vote? History may determine your choice.

There is not a great deal of history on Poilievre. The voters’ choice for him may have to rely on the faith of knowledge through experience or the platform of the present-day reports. Poilievre was born and raised in Calgary, obtaining a bachelor’s degree in international relations, who worked under Stockwell Day and has been an MP for Nepean – Carlton (now Carleton) since 2004. Poilievre ran in the 2022 Conservative Party leadership election, winning a landslide on the first ballot. Described as a populist, he has primarily focused on economic issues, especially the cost of living in Canada and arguing for the repeal of the federal carbon tax.

There appears to be much more history on Mark Carney who served as the governor of the Bank of Canada and the Bank of England. One columnist stated, “If you think Canada was generally well governed and had the right priorities, then Carney is an excellent fit for you.... He shares pretty much all of Trudeau’s ideological enthusiasms ... For instance, although he’s moved to zero out of the unpopular consumer carbon tax, he’s still carbon tax. Although the levy won’t be directly in your face, the impact on energy costs will be the same.”

Carney is passionate about climate change. Just four years ago, he spearheaded the formation of



GFANZ (the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero). And he was a major proponent of the consumer carbon tax.

Another column (published by Troy Media) commented the present “Prime Minister Mark Carney, during the height of the 2022 Freedom Convoy protests, crossed a dangerous line: he redefined dissent as sedition (inciting people to rebel and is a crime in Canada). That response—sharp, sweeping and dismissive—tells us a great deal about how he views opposition and what kind of leadership he brings to the country today.

“In a sharply worded opinion piece in the Globe in Mail three years ago, Carney argued that Canadians protesting COVID-19 mandates were part of an “insurrection.” He described their actions as “anarchy.” He wrote that people who donated to the protest—many of them ordinary Canadians frustrated by prolonged restrictions—should be “identified and punished to the full force of the law.” Foreign donors, he said, were interfering in Canadian democracy and should be thoroughly exposed.

“He showed little interest in understanding why so many Canadians—from truck drivers to small-business owners to parents and seniors—had reached a breaking point. Instead, he treated them as criminals and enemies of public order and demanded a crack-down. That’s not leadership. It reflects a streak of authoritarian thinking—a preference for state control over public dialogue, for punishment over persuasion.

“If Carney views protests against government overreach as sedition, what other forms of dissent might he shut down? Will criticism of climate policy be labelled denialism? Will parents questioning school curricula be branded extremists? Will journalists or whistleblowers who challenge official narratives be dismissed as foreign agents?”

“Canadians should be wary of leaders who demand obedience rather than dialogue—especially those who cloak an authoritarian leadership style in the language of peace, order and good government. That phrase, after all, is the foundation of our Constitution—not a blank cheque for state control, but a promise that government exists to serve all citizens, not silence them.”

It has been stated that Carney’s personal ideology determine his actions. He was a prominent public voice during his time as governor of the Bank of England in the lead-up to the United Kingdom’s 2016 Brexit referendum and became an advocate for what was dubbed “Project Fear.”

Is this election destined to be determined by “Canadian Fear” from the threats from United States President Trump?

It’s a tough decision to decide what’s more important – the threat of losing our sovereignty if the right candidate who becomes the Prime Minister can’t end the bullying in the playground (Trump threatening Canada’s sovereignty) or is it more important to place our decision in the candidate that will work on the issues within our sovereign nation that include things such as the economy, housing, health, trade and cross our fingers that Trump’s threats are just that – threats that will diminish or lessen over time?

This will be an election that will go down in history as one of the most confusing, while at the same time, one of the most interesting, I am sure.

This is one election where the voters’ interest and our choice to make history by casting our ballot is one of the most important as well.

Sovereignty and democracy may well be affected by the outcome. Every vote is important.

So, Canada – get interested and get out and vote!  
- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

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# Weekly RCMP reports, incidents

## Fort Qu'Appelle Detachment S/Sgt. Larry E. Kurtenbach

Reporting period: March 17 to March 31

Fort Qu'Appelle detachment area had 90 occurrences over the past week.

### Mischief/Theft/Intoxicated

Of those calls here are some of the more interesting ones.

There were absolutely no calls for assault related complaints. That may be a first. We did have one complaint of Criminal Harassment, but it was deemed to be unfounded.

A call was made about someone being unlawfully in a dwelling house. It appears that it was related to a domestic break up and the dealings between spouses in regard to property. This is a civil matter and cannot be dealt with under the criminal code as both parties have a financial interest in the shared belongings.

RCMP received a call of a theft of snow machines. A visit to the scene yielded no evidence of theft. The vehicle details were out on our information system in case they are located in future.

There were 13 liquor act files, mischiefs and some family law matters.

We had two calls in regard to wellbeing checks, everyone was found safe.

Members were very active in the area related to traffic and multiple stops and charges were made for a host of offences. Four stops were for insurance with one charge, one was intersection related, fourteen stops were for speed. Nine were for both moving and non-moving violations.

Two drivers were stopped and investigated for driving while impaired; neither resulted in charges.

Six investigations were made into collisions with vehicles. No injuries were reported.

Members assisted with three calls related to the mental health of others. No one was harmed, and folks got the help they needed.

My personal favorite, the animal calls have come back. We had a complaint of a dog being left on a doorstep.

## Broadview and Moosomin Detachment Sgt. Damien Grouchy

Reporting period: March 21 to March 28

Broadview and Moosomin detachments area had 69 occurrences over the past week.

### Traffic

There were 31 Provincial offences including traffic and collisions, one Impaired operation of a motor vehicle, two person crimes and five property crimes.

### Some of the Calls for Service

• **911:** Members responded to six 911 complaints in the Moosomin/Broadview area during this time period; all six were deemed non-emergencies.

• **Traffic Complaint:** Members received a complaint of an individual who allegedly drives in Moosomin without a license. Members did not locate the suspect

but will continue to monitor.

• **Hit and Run:** Members received a complaint of a hit and run that occurred at a business situated on the east access road. The caller reported their semi-trailer had been struck by another vehicle which caused some damage to the load. Unfortunately, the caller did not see the suspect vehicle.

• **Alarms:** Members responded to two alarm complaints at various business/residence's in the Moosomin/Broadview detachment area. All incidents were determined to be false alarms.

• **Missing Person:** Members responded to a report of a person who was missing from the Town of Moosomin. After investigating the matter members tracked down the individual and confirmed they were safe.

• **Suspicious Person:** Members responded to a complaint of a male laying in the ditch on Highway #1 east of Moosomin. Members attended and spoke with the individual who advised they were hitch hiking to Quebec and they were just resting. Members advised subject to be careful when laying close to the highway. The individual continued on their way.

• **Mental Health:** Members responded to 12 Mental Health related complaint's in the Moosomin/Broadview area during this time period.

• **Assault:** Members responded to a domestic assault at a residence located in the RM of Moosomin. Members attended and an adult male was subsequently arrested and charged with assault.

• **Assault:** Members responded to a complaint of assault that occurred at a residence located on the Kahkewistahaw FN. Moosomin/Broadview RCMP continue their investigation.

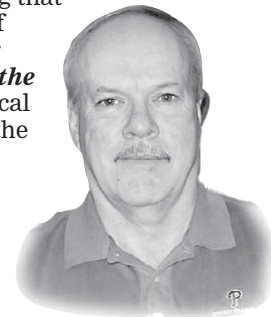
• **Wellbeing Check:** Members were called to conduct a wellbeing check on a female at a residence located on the Kahkewistahaw FN as the caller believed there was a possible domestic situation. Members attended and confirmed all parties were OK and safe.

### Joke of the Week

This Joke was from a member of the public!  
What do you get when you cross a police officer and a skunk?  
Law and Odor!

## Gene Hauta It's a Strange World

Some experts are saying that the next Prime Minister of Canada will be *whichever leader can get closest to the middle* of Canadian political sentiment, "setting aside the activism and polarization of the Trudeau years for a government that moves to consensus positions on contentious files and focuses on threats to Canadian sovereignty."



One source stated, "Our new prime minister has world-class economic credentials but zero political experience, and the leader of the opposition is a master of political rhetoric but has very little experience running anything. Canadians, who are watching events more closely than at any time in our history, will have to pick one of them as our champion."

In a sad development, Hudson's Bay Company has started a full liquidation of all of its 96 stores, putting 9,000 jobs on the chopping block. The *oldest company in Canada* includes 80 Bay stores, three Saks Fifth Avenue stores and 13 Saks Off 5th stores, and nearly half a billion dollars worth of inventory. The once highly respected Bay, founded in 1670, owes a total of \$950 million to nearly 1,900 creditors — including landlords, fashion brands, banks, and Canadian governments.

Delta Air Lines opened an investigation after the pilot of a flight that landed in Paris announced that police were boarding his plane because it was *carrying an extra passenger*. A woman somehow got through security screening (without a ticket?) and avoided identity and boarding pass checks before boarding a flight that left the United States. Subsequent discussions identified that a woman had been hopping from one lavatory to another throughout the flight, without ever going to a seat.

Former prime minister Jean *Chrétien told Trump to 'stop this nonsense'*. Chrétien said Canada will remain "the best country in the world." He thanked Trump for uniting Canadians "as never before" and joked that he should receive the Order of Canada. "We are going to be living very difficult times but I'm confident, I'm very confident that the next prime minister will work with the premiers, the leaders of all the political parties in the House of Commons and allies around the world to stand together to meet the challenges that Mr. Trump is creating for the whole world."

Wildlife photographer Mervyn Segueira, 74, took some photos in Burlington that have gone viral: a bald eagle attacking a Canada goose. The attack was just a demonstration of *"how nature works,"* Segueira said. "But we're living in a slightly polarized world just now, so some people looked at it differently." If you believe the reports, the American symbol attacked several times, but the goose continued to fight back "until the eagle apparently just gave up and flew away." American Mike Straw of the excellent This is True noted, "May the parallels continue."

A flight from Portugal's capital to Sao Miguel Island in the Azores ended up grounded for four days after more than *130 hamsters broke out* of their holding containers and overtook the plane. The 132 hamsters, as well as some ferrets and caged birds, were all bound for a pet store in the archipelago. When it was discovered the rodents were swarming throughout the cargo area, every single one of the hamsters had to be captured before the plane could take off again, due to the possibility that they could chew through the plane's electrical wires. The flight returned to Lisbon, without passengers.

We have probably all questioned some of the environmental regulations put on us. President Trump doesn't fool around. He's bringing back plastic, incandescent *lightbulbs*, and *less efficient toilets*. He has ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to roll back standards for lightbulbs and water-using appliances to the ones that were in place during his first presidential term. Trump has previously criticized energy-efficient lightbulbs and toilets. In 2019, he complained that low-flow toilets forced Americans to flush "10 times, 15 times as opposed to once."

It was actually Republican President George HW Bush who first introduced high-efficiency toilet standards in 1992, but then-President Biden embraced new standards during his term, including capping water usage for appliances. Under Biden, the Department of Energy also implemented a plan to begin phasing out energy-inefficient lightbulbs by 2028, but Trump said he plans to bring back "common sense standards on LIGHTBULBS."

'Danish Viking blood is boiling.' Danes are boycotting US goods with fervor as others in Europe are also doing. In Canada, we like our hockey references. "Elbows up!"

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# Liberals name paper candidate against Scheer

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Rahima Main, a recent arrival from Pakistan who has worked for the Minister of Indigenous Services has been acclaimed as the Liberal Party candidate in Regina Qu'Appelle to run against Conservative incumbent Andrew Scheer.

Although Main's profile states that she promises "open communication," party organizers in Ottawa wouldn't allow Grasslands News to speak with her unless the paper submitted questions in advance. That's against this newspaper's policy.

The Liberals had hoped to field former Pasqua First Nations Chief Todd Peigan as a high-profile Liberal candidate to run against Scheer in the April 28th election. But Peigan, who supports Mark Carney for prime minister bowed out and the Liberals were left scrambling to find a paper candidate for the ballot.

Main came to Regina with her parents nine years ago, studied political science at the University of Regina and

has worked as an events co-ordinator for Regina Bash, a non-profit com-

munity fundraiser. She also co-ordinated a Latin themed event which the party states reinforced her belief in unity and diversity.

After she became a Canadian citizen she joined the Liberals in 2023 and has toured the province in an attempt to get a deeper understanding of regional disparities and a better grasp of the disconnect between Saskatchewan residents and their federal government. She has no campaign office or contact information. Organizers insist, however that Main is not a sacrificial lamb. A media

release describes her as someone who believes "that advocacy should not be a privilege, but a right—every community deserves acknowledgment, action, and representation beyond just election cycles."

The prepared statement says Rahima "vows to work with all levels of government to bring more opportunities to Regina and build up our community. She is especially committed to fighting for the rights of Indigenous communities that continue to face systemic discrimination across Canada. Above all,

Rahima promises "transparency and a strong, compassionate voice for every constituent she serves."

The New Democrats have not yet named a candidate in the riding. Dionne Fehler is running for the People's Party of Canada and Kendrea Anderson is the Green Party Candidate.

Scheer, a former leader of the Conservative Party and former Speaker of the House of Commons has represented Regina-Qu'Appelle since he was first elected in 2004. He won the seat in the last election with 62 per cent of the vote.



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## Fire at landfill

Firefighters responded to a fire at the Whitewood Landfill on the morning of March 28 after a garbage packer started on fire. Firefighters from the Whitewood Fire department were able to quickly extinguish the fire using water and foam. The operator was not injured in the fire.



Rahima Main

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# FinS participants invited by MLA to visit Legislature

School class noticed after story published in local newspaper

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

The Grade 3/4 class at James Hamblin School in Qu'Appelle is gaining insight to Saskatchewan habitats and conservation efforts through hands-on learning and field trips.

In January, a staff member from the fish hatchery in Fort Qu'Appelle delivered a container of trout eggs to James Hamblin School so that students could participate in the Fish in Schools (FinS) program facilitated by the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF). Students will monitor the eggs in a large aquarium,

until the trout reach the fry stage. Then they will release the fish into a provincially stocked waterbody. This is the second year that teacher Jenna Winter and her Grade 3/4 class have raised fish in cooperation with the Indian Head branch of the SWF.

A previous article in the *Indian Head-Wolseley News* described the students' participation in the FinS program. The Ministry of Environment read the story in the newspaper's Jan. 31 issue and invited the class to visit the legislature.

On Monday afternoon, the students arrived at the Legislature Building in

Regina. They were accompanied by their teacher Jenna Winter, Principal Stacy Sandberg, PVSD Superintendent Derek Smith, Fisheries Director for Indian Head and District Wildlife Federation Mark Nerland and a few parent chaperones. The group engaged in a guided tour of the Legislature building, watched the assembly in session and met with their local MLA to learn about government's role in environmental policies and other aspects of Saskatchewan life.

As students followed the tour guide through the halls, they were awed by the building's grandeur and impressive architecture. They passed through galleries filled with portraits of former premiers, house speakers and Indigenous leaders, and the guide directed their attention to notable individuals from Saskatchewan's history.

The group was then given instructions regarding proper etiquette and led to their seats in the gallery. The students sat politely on the straight-backed benches and observed the procedures taking place below them.

Brad Crassweller, MLA for White City-Qu'Appelle, introduced the class as guests of the assembly and the Minister of Environment Travis Keisig



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## Visiting the Legislature

The Grade 3/4 class from James Hamblin School visited the Legislature building and met with MLA Brad Crassweller on March 31.

explained their involvement with the FinS program. Jared Clarke, the Shadow Minister for Environment, added greetings from the opposition. Clarke stated that, as a former teacher, he had also been involved with FinS and he commended the James Hamblin staff for providing this valuable educational experience for the students. The assembly responded to these introductions with a strong "Hear! Hear!"

After listening to the MLAs present petitions and statements, and engage in debate regarding budget and other issues of concern, the students were escorted to the Qu'Appelle Gallery. Surrounded by portraits of former Lieutenant Governors, they met with MLA

Crassweller. He shared some of his own interests – including fishing – and explained how he became a politician. He stated that building relationships is important in government and also in the life of students. The MLA expressed

an interest in visiting the school to see the trout before the students release the fish in the spring. This was met with enthusiasm from the class, affirming Crassweller's view regarding the importance of relationship building.



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# Municipalities issue tenders and RFI for various projects

By Brad Brown  
Grasslands News

A trio of local municipalities had five active tenders and one request for information issued as of Monday morning,

covering everything from paving to weed control to evaluation of a local fire department.

## RM of Edenwold

Three years after opening its fire hall, the RM of Edenwold is seeking a

comprehensive evaluation of the department's operations to help guide the department into the future.

That evaluation will assess overall fire department performance, identification of strengths, and recommendations for improvement "based on best practices, recommendations, and legal requirements for today and into the future."

A final report is to include analysis of the department's administration, operations, training, infrastructure, and health and safety. That report is to address findings from reviews of existing documentation, interviews with fire department members, physical inspections of the existing fire hall and related infrastructure, and existing community hazards.

The successful proponent will also present these findings to RM council at a date to be determined.

Bids are being accepted until April 16 and the ten-

der is to be awarded at the regular meeting of council April 22.

The RM is also seeking a contractor to complete approximately 1.6 kilometres of asphalt paving on three roads in the Bridlewood Estates subdivision immediately east of White City town limits.

That tender is to close April 15, with work to be completed by Sept. 30.

## RM of Francis

The RM of Francis has issued a "request for

information" to address both short-term and long-term weed control in the municipality.

Interested proponents are asked, in part, to submit one-year, three-year and five-year weed management plans that also include proposals for site testing as needed to help track weed activity throughout the RM.

Applications for council's consideration are being accepted until Wednesday.

## Rocanville

Earthworks, curb replacement and paving are all in the works for Rocanville's community hall.

The town has issued a trio of tenders for that work, with bids closing April 8 and tenders to be awarded April 15.

The earthworks and curb replacement are to be finished by July 21, with the paving work in the hall parking lot to be completed as of Nov. 1.

# Online campsite reservations open April 7

By Provincial  
Grasslands News

Campers are one step closer to an amazing summer as Saskatchewan Provincial Parks online reservations open at 7 a.m. CST on April 7 for seasonal campsites and April 8 to 15 for nightly campsites, Camp-Easy yurts, group campsites, day use facilities and swimming lessons.

This season, two Camp-Easy yurts have been added to Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park. In addition, 63 seasonal sites have been added across Buffalo Pound, Candle Lake, Crooked Lake, Great Blue Heron, Makwa and Meadow Lake Provincial Parks.

New events will debut this year including Festival in the Forest at Meadow Lake, Prairie Day at Buffalo Pound and new guided hiking events such as Hike the Heights at Cypress Hills and Into the Pines at Candle Lake. Returning favourites include

Canada Day and Summer Cinema in parks around the province and Back in the Boreal at Meadow Lake, Trade Days at Fort Carlton, Cannington Fair at Cannington Manor and Cabin Fever Art Festival at Moose Mountain.

Campers are encouraged to set-up or log-in to their online account on the Sask Parks reservation website in advance, so they can quickly identify their favourite campsites and start planning their trip ahead of reservation launch day.

Campers are reminded there is a queuing system in place and they need to refresh the page at 7 a.m. CST to be placed in the queue or pushed through to make a reservation on launch days.

Campers can purchase an annual, weekly or daily entry permit online or in the park upon arrival. A full list of fees is available on the Sask Parks reservation website.

The complete reservation schedule for 2025 is as

follows:

Seasonal campsites:

- April 7: All parks with seasonal camp sites available.

Nightly, day-use facilities, Camp-Easy yurt and group campsites:

- April 8: Candle Lake, Good Spirit Lake, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan Land-ing;

- April 9: Break;

- April 10: Buffalo Pound, Bronson Forest, Duck Mountain, Moose Mountain, Porcupine Hills;

- April 11: Danielson, Great Blue Heron, Greenwater Lake, Rowan's Ravine, The Battlefords;

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# AG NEWS



## Saskatchewan still a holdout for extension of childcare funding

By Carol Baldwin

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

“Scott Moe said the province is only just starting to negotiate this renewal. This just sounds like a delay tactic,” says Sue Delaney, chapter chair of Child Care Now Saskatchewan. “Moe claims to be working on this in good faith and wants the program to succeed. But given his track record 4 years into this program, how can we take him at his word?”

Saskatchewan has fallen way behind on key pieces in the current agreement, including a wage grid for staff, new space targets, and a proper funding model for centres. “It’s frankly insulting to hear Moe say that he wants to hear from operators when we have heard from many who are either routinely ignored or been told they’re on their own if they’re struggling,” says Delaney.

Child Care Now Saskatchewan launched an open letter on March 12th

urging Scott Moe to move beyond words into action and renew the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, better known as the \$10/day plan. Over 20 childcare centres from all over the province had already signed from Prince Albert to Oxbow, along with 2 municipalities and several other advocates.

In the letter, Child Care Now Saskatchewan pointed out the federal government’s \$10/day childcare agreement was a “game-changer,” making childcare more affordable for families, boosting women’s participation in the workforce, and strengthening the economy. The provincial government, the letter continues, “has dragged its feet on negotiations while refusing to support child care operators at risk of closure due to inequitable funding models.” Child Care Now Saskatchewan is encouraging other organizations to sign on to their open letter. For more details, visit [saskatchewan.childcarenow.ca](http://saskatchewan.childcarenow.ca).

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Child Care Now Saskatchewan is a provincial chapter of Child Care Now, with members representing childcare workers, operators, and other community groups advocating for high-quality, affordable, publicly funded childcare. Child Care Now’s core beliefs encompass childcare as a cornerstone of progressive policy for children and families; sees access to a childcare system with services for young and school-age children supported by public funds as a right to children and families; embraces decent work, wages, and working conditions for those working in childcare; and sees Canadians as deserving of a comprehensive and affordable child care system that is high quality, inclusive, and non-profit. Founded in 1982, Child Care Now continues to work with provincial and territorial child care organizations and a broad range of other groups, including unions, anti-poverty or-

ganizations, employers, municipalities, and those advocating for human and women’s rights.

“It’s scary right now in the sector. We don’t know if we’re going to have jobs and we don’t know if we’re going to have childcare spaces that are affordable for families in Saskatchewan,” Cara Warner of the Southeast Saskatchewan

Directors Association said on Monday, March 24. Warner said the federal election will likely delay a decision until at least late April, but urged the province to sign the deal to provide workers with certainty and then work the specifics out later.

On Monday, during question period, Education Minister Everett

Hindley defended the government’s decision not to sign on to the program extension yet, saying the province is continuing to negotiate the terms.

Warner admitted that the current program is not perfect, but without continued funding, “there’s no way to continue on and fix the model that we do have.”

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# Second annual Melville Comp School job fair

By Jacob Miller  
Grasslands News

Students in Melville and area had the chance to explore multiple different job opportunities and career paths at the second annual Melville Comprehensive Job Fair.

The MCS Job Fair was held March 26, and featured 37 booths from local and regional businesses.

Event organizer MCS Principal Darren Wandy said the event was great for the students and businesses.

"We have a lot of kids who don't know what they want to do when they graduate. They don't know where to go, they don't know who to talk to," said Wandy.

"But that also applies to the vendors who are here today, they might not know they can get certain programming or get students to go to Suncrest College or Sask Polytechnic and get people trained specifically for their roles and their businesses."

Wandy added that it was a networking event that brought students, industry and education together to talk as one.

"Coming out of the event a business can say,

this is a great place, this kid now knows that this is what we are looking for, so when they want to come work at my business, they can go to an education institute, take specific courses, and then come back and there's jobs in our community," said Wandy.

This year the school invited other schools in the area to bring their students to see the career options available.

"We had a lot of schools from the surrounding areas come here as well. So, I put the invitation out there, and we had our students, and then we had a lot of other schools come this way as well. We're really happy with the turnout," said Wandy.

Wandy said the businesses also enjoyed the event.

"For the RCMP for example they got to get interest out there and then the recruiter can come back, or Sask Polytechnic or Suncrest can look at what they offer at their campuses," said Wandy.

"It's getting their word out there. They're invested in the community, and they want to get people to come back and work for them. So, it's an



investment for coming here today, it's an investment for the employees as well."

Looking forward, Wandy said he would like to fill the gym with vendors next year.

Wandy also thanked the main sponsors for the event, The City of Melville, Prairie Co-op and Restorex Melville.

"All the vendors as well, they don't have to come to Melville, they don't have to spend money in Melville, our school, but they see an investment in it," said Wandy.

"Some of our speakers today said that if they would have had these choices when they were growing up maybe they could have been on a different pathway, or they didn't know and they took a longer pathway to get where they are.

We can make things easier for kids and I think in the long run it would be a good investment for everybody involved."



JACOB MILLER | GRASSLANDS NEWS

## Job Fair

Students from MCS and Melville area had the chance to chat with local industries and education institutes to see what is available as a career in their future at the MCS 2nd Annual Job Fair on March 26, 2025. It was also a chance for businesses to network with education institutes.

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The Saskatchewan Anglers Guide is an essential reference for regulations and practices, helping anglers make sure that they stay on the right side of the law while enjoying this popular activity. The guide also includes a listing of waterbodies with specific catch limits and special regulations, plus important information on catch-and-release practices and preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Printed copies of the guide will be available in early May, at Government of Saskatchewan field offices, most provincial park offices and selected retail outlets.

"The new Anglers Guide is one sign of spring in Saskatchewan that so many of us look forward to," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "It is also an important way that anglers can make sure

they are up to date on the rules and regulations before heading out to experience our world-class fishing opportunities."

Please note - season opening dates vary depending on the location. The new angling season opens May 5 in the southern management zone, May 15 in the central management zone and May 25 in the northern management zone.

Anglers 16 and older must purchase a licence to fish in Saskatchewan, except for Saskatchewan seniors aged 65 and older. Saskatchewan and Canadian resident Armed Forces veterans who were honourably discharged are eligible for free angling licences, subject to verification. Angling licences are available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be stored to your digital device.

Residents and visitors may fish without a licence in provincial waterbodies outside of national parks during the two Free Fishing Weekends: July 12-13, 2025, and February 14-16, 2026. All other regulations still apply during those weekends, including possession limits and reduced limits on some waterbodies.

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### Junior Event winners

The Melville team of Trinitie Beres (skip), Mitchel Huber (third), Cassidy Beres (second) and Bailey Simpson (lead) won the Junior Event at the Whitewood Farmers and Friends 76-team bonspiel in Whitewood, held Mar. 27-30.

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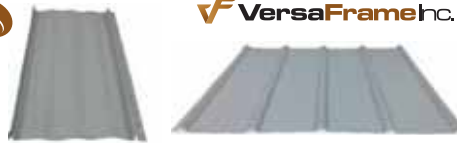
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# SPORTS

## Barracudas sink teeth into championship gold

By Brad Brown  
Grasslands News

Kaell Klisowsky and Regan Keisig got the party started for the Balcarres Barracudas on a rainy October evening in 2018.

March 23 in Saskatoon they did it again.

Leading 2-0 in the second period of the Saskatchewan Female Hockey League's Under-18 A provincial championship game, Keisig set up Klisowsky for what turned out to be the game-winning goal in a 3-2 triumph over the Saskatoon Comet Rush.

It was a fitting conclusion to a shared minor hockey journey that saw the duo also score the first two goals in their team's history, a 5-2 loss to Swift Current in the U13 division on Oct. 12, 2018.

Klisowsky, from Dysart, and Keisig (Balcarres) were among seven Barracudas who played in that inaugural game as well as last Sunday's championship win.

"It was a pretty good group of girls and you couldn't ask for any better commitment, like even at practices on minus-40 (degree) days," head coach Chris Petrichuk told Grasslands News in a phone interview. "They knew what they wanted at the beginning of the season and luckily finished it up."



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### Provincial Gold

The Balcarres Barracudas won the Hockey Saskatchewan Under-18 female A provincial championship March 23 with a 3-2 win over the Saskatoon Comet Rush.

The win also capped an undefeated season for Balcarres, which led the 25-team league with a 19-0-1 win-loss-tie record, then ran the table in playoffs. The Barracudas swept the Southeast Gold Wings, Regina Rebels White and Moose Jaw Mavericks in two games apiece en route to the final where they opened with a 4-0 win on home ice March 21.

Saskatoon made a late-game push scoring twice in the third period of the series' finale and held a power play for most of the final minute but couldn't complete the comeback.

"Complete excitement for the girls," Petrichuk said of the scene at the final buzzer. "It was like an exhale of 'Yes, we did it.' It was pretty surreal actually."

In beating the Rush, the Barracudas also held a team with four of the league's top 10 regular-season scorers to two goals over two games.

"They had one line, whereas we had three lines that could score. And we forecheck very well," said Petrichuk. "We're pretty relentless on the forecheck, so if you play most of the

game in their zone it makes it a little bit easier right? You just have to accommodate for the odd rush against too, which overall it frustrates other teams."

Team manager Candace Keisig said this year's roster included players from Balcarres, Dysart, Grayson, Grenfell, Indian Head, Ituna, Katepwa, Kelliher, Melville, Saltcoats and Vibank. Nine will graduate this year, including the group of seven who started together in 2018.

Most of the group was also part of last year's team that lost the championship series to the East Central Fillies.

"This is our third time we've been in the provincial final in the last four years so it was time for us to finish the job," Keisig said.

It's all a far cry from that U13 debut season when the team managed one win and two ties in 21 games.

"It's a long time coming, let's put it that way," said Petrichuk.

The U13 Barracudas could not replicate their elders' success, winning Game 1 of their own provincial final 2-0 on March 23 in Macklin before losing 3-0 Sunday in Balcarres and then falling 1-0 in the mini-game tiebreaker to decide the U13 B provincial champion.

## Millionaires' playoff hopes end, Terriers advance to semi-final

By Darcy Gross  
Grasslands News

The Melville Millionaires were ousted from the SJHL playoffs by the Yorkton Terriers in a series that was close, despite only lasting five games.

There wasn't a lot of difference in the two longtime Highway 10 rivals, but the Millionaires struggled to generate offense and at the end of the day, that spelled the end of their campaign.

"We just couldn't score," said Millionaires' bench boss Doug Johnson. "I thought we defended well, got good goaltending, our penalty kill was solid, and we could move the puck on the powerplay, but we could never find the back of the net."

"We created enough chances, but we had no finish."

### Melville Millionaires 1 at Yorkton Terriers 2 (OT, March 28)

The Terriers scored their only goal in regulation time when Vinay Juneke took a long stretch pass and beat Millionaires' goalie Ben Laurette with a backhand deke late in the first period.

After the first frame, the Millionaires dominated the shots on goal tally for next the few frames with both clubs having a number of good scoring opportunities, but neither were able to beat the opposing netminder.

Late in the third period, the Millionaires drew even when Preston Baerwald tipped a Raine Hodge point shot past Callum Creig in the Terriers' net.

Boston Harkness earned the second assist on the goal that sent the contest to extra time.

It was Tait Schofer, a Terriers' forward with a number of Melville connections, who finished off the Millionaires, scoring in a goal mouth scramble at 15:15 of overtime after both clubs had a bunch of chances to end it.

The Mills outshot the Terriers 38-27 with Yorkton on the hook for two of the game's three minor penalties.

### Yorkton Terriers 2 at Melville Millionaires 1 (March 26)

The Terriers scored once in the first-second period and added another just past the midway point of the third to put the Millionaires behind the 8-ball, while the Millionaires failed to break the goose-egg, despite some great scoring chances early in the first.

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# Wolseley Mustangs gallop away with QVJHL title

By Braedyn Wozniak  
Grasslands News

The Wolseley Mustangs re-claimed the QVJHL Title from the defending champion Yellowgrass Wheat Kings with a 4-1 game 3 victory Friday, March 28th.

A packed crowd in Wolseley saw the hometown Mustangs complete the series' sweep against their Yellowgrass rivals and hoist the Jr. C Provincial trophy and banner for the first time since 2019.

Carter Phythian opened the scoring with a screaming one-timer from the point on the powerplay, on a feed from his defence partner Lachlan Pollock.

Yellowgrass answered soon after with a goal of their own, and the desperate Wheat Kings applied the pressure the rest of the 1st period. Mustang netminder Spencer Phythian made an abundance of brilliant saves to keep the score knotted at one apiece.

With time winding down, local captain Jackson Baran picked a Wheat Kings defender's pocket at the Mustangs' blueline and buried the go-ahead goal on the breakaway with a mere half-second on the clock.

Baran would pick up the 2nd period where he left off, sniping one high glove after a beautiful pass from rookie standout Will Noble to extend the lead to two.

Soon after, Baran would again find himself alone on goal with a chance for the hat-trick, but instead chose to slide it back-door to Cooper Ell for an easy backdoor tap in and making the final score 4-1, as a scoreless 3rd period would ensue.

After entering the post-season as the 3-seed, the Mustangs flipped a switch in the postseason, going the entire playoffs un-defeated, winning all eight games on route to the title.



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## Junior "C" Champions

The Wolseley Mustangs celebrate after defeating the Yellowgrass Wheat Kings 4-1 in game three on Friday, March 28 in Wolseley (top photo). Eric Bruce, Carter Phythian, Jackson Baran and Spencer Phythian, the Mustangs' 3rd and 4th year players, hoist the trophy (bottom photo).



## Selects Football to host Melville camp June 6

By Jacob Miller  
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan Selects Football Club are hosting a camp in Melville for players and coaches.

Part of their new Rural Camp Series, Selects Football are hosting football camps across the province for players in rural communities. The camp in Melville, scheduled for June 8, 2025, is not only a skill development camp for players, but also for coaches.

"A bit of a twist on the conventional football camp," said Matt Sheridan, director of community outreach. "We want to help those playing football develop their skill set, but also those who are coaching learn a little bit

more about the game, because we believe that better coaches make better players."

The camp is open to anyone who is interested in playing or currently plays football, and anyone who is interested in coaching.

The camp will start at 9 a.m. and will feature two field sessions from 10 a.m. till 12 p.m. and a third till 3 p.m. that day. The coach's portion of the camp will feature presentations from 9 till 10 a.m., and some questions and answers before a 30-minute whiteboard session to wrap things up.

The camp features on and off player development where players will receive a full day of practice from Selects

Football's group of experienced coaches who will run through a skills camp. Coaches have experience from CFL, USports and Junior Football.

The coaching portion of the camp will have coaches receiving classroom teaching points from some of the finest coaches in Saskatchewan.

Cost will be \$105 per player and \$50 per coach. The coach's fee will be waived if they bring four players to the camp.

"We have quite a number of players that come from the east central or southeast central region, particularly from Yorkton," said Sheridan. "I had spoke to local coaches and the decision was made to hold the camp in Melville this year. We're appeal-

ing to anyone in Melville area that are interested in learning more about football, or any coaches who are interested in learning some more about some fundamentals skills or drills."

Those interested in the camp can sign up at [selectsfootball.com](http://selectsfootball.com).

## Mils' graduating players will be missed

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At 17:51 of the final frame, Jadon Iyogun snapped a wrist shot past Creig on a terrific setup from Hodge, halving the Terriers' lead to 2-1.

Millionaires' captain Matt Kjemhus had the other assist on the goal.

While the Millionaires were able to get some pressure on Creig in the game's dying seconds, they couldn't get another puck past him.

Ben Laurette was terrific between the pipes for the Millionaires who outshot the Terriers 33-25.

The Terriers were the more penalized of the two clubs, getting the gate for six of the match-up's nine minor penalties.

The Millionaires lose four players due to aging out; captain and defenceman Matt Kjemhus, and forwards Gaborik Carlson, Raine Hodge and Will Forsberg.

"Those four guys were great people first, and big pieces to our team and more importantly, to our locker room," coach Johnson told Grasslands News. "Obviously, Kjemhus, being a three-year guy, has seen a lot of change and was a huge presence on and off the ice."

The physical defender supplied a spark for the team when they needed it most.

"He was just a tremendous young man and a warrior for the team, dragging guys into the fight," Johnson added.

The speedy Gaborik Carlson also bids farewell to Melville.

"Gaborik (Carlson), coming at the deadline last year, was a huge add, bringing speed and tenacity," admitted Johnson. "This year he improved his offensive game and became a quiet leader in the locker room."

Will Forsberg and Raine Hodge joined the Millionaires this year, and helped fill needs after some key players departed.

"Hodge is as skilled as anyone I've coached, and a person that players gravitated towards," Johnson explained. "He was a phenomenal young man off the ice that all the elementary school kids adored."

"Forsy helped solidify our centre position and played big minutes for us with a great skill level – a very smart player."

Losing a playoff series is always tough, but when it comes to junior hockey, ending a career can be a bitter pill to swallow.

"All of them will be missed, and I really feel for them having their junior careers end."

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# Storm, Asbjornhus cherish provincial championships

By Brad Brown  
Grasslands News

The Prairie Storm under-18 AA hockey team's loss turned out to be the association's single-A club's gain.

Declining to try out for AA puck this season due to outside interests, that decision eventually led to Cole Oswald score the game-winning goal unassisted 10:09 into overtime to win the Hockey Regina U18 A league championship on March 26.

Saturday, he did it again, burying the game winner just over six minutes into the second overtime period as the Storm beat the Meadow Lake Stampeders for the Hockey Saskatchewan U18 A provincial championship.

"It definitely is surreal," Storm head coach Danny Mallow said Tuesday afternoon. "What those guys accomplished and what we accomplished as a team was unprecedented, winning the league championship and provincial championship all within about 72 hours. It took a couple days for it to settle in but it's a major ac-

complishment for those players and for us as coaches, and we put in a ton of time on the ice and away from the rink to make it happen."

The Storm won the provincial final opener 5-3 on March 22 at Meadow Lake before dropping the return match 5-2 on home ice.

That triggered Hockey Saskatchewan overtime rules which consisted of a 10-minute overtime period (most goals wins) followed by a pair of 20-minute sudden-death overtime frames.

Oswald also scored Saturday's opening goal, with Dyson Kee registering a goal and an assist in regulation time.

"Cole was the face of the Prairie Storm," said Mallow. "He's everything the Prairie Storm would want to be in an athlete. He's a good student, he represents the association well, he led by example throughout the year, he's never afraid to speak up, and he's a workhorse."

"If he could have played all 104 minutes Saturday he would have. He has the heart of a lion, that kid."

Mallow also praised goalie Chase Kee

not just for the pucks he stopped – 67 or 68 by Mallow's count – but also his situational awareness, slowing the game down with multiple stoppages in the first overtime after Meadow Lake scored three times in the third period.

Kronau's Jacob Steranko opened the scoring in the league final March 24, with an assist from Sedley's Gavin Dueck, to kick off a 7-2 Prairie Storm win over the Regina Falcons.

The Storm knocked off the Regina Mustangs in the quarterfinals and Cupar-Southey in the semifinals to reach the league final.

Provincials saw the Storm knock off the Yorkton Terriers and Swift Current Broncos en route to the final. The Storm won the series opener 5-3 in Meadow Lake on March 22.

"Chase is a smart, smart kid ... and he knows how momentum works," said Mallow, who helped the Storm as a graduating player to the 2003 provincial championship. "He's a stalwart back there and he definitely did that on purpose. He has the ability to have a good feel for the hockey

game, and it was especially valuable in the first overtime with the long change."

## Asbjornhus Cellies Win

Melville product Eric Asbjornhus is also celebrating a provincial championship after helping the Kenaston Blizzards to a Hockey Saskatchewan Senior A victory over the Round Lake Bears.

Playing out of Ochapowace First Nation, the Bears won the best-of-three series opener 8-4 on March 23 in Kenaston before falling 7-5 at home on Saturday.


The third and deciding game was then played Sunday in Kenaston, with the hometown team taking an 8-3 decision over a Round Lake club boasting a roster that included former NHLers Ryan Stanton and Brady Keeper.

"Once you see those guys start to pass the puck around, as a penalty killer you're just hoping to get your stick on something," said Asbjornhus. "It was one of the craziest atmospheres I've ever been a part of."

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# Rec volunteer award presented to Ray Giroux

at Farmer's and Friends Bonspiel

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

A Whitewood recreation volunteer was recognized for their contributions to the community during the opening ceremonies at the Farmer's and Friends Bonspiel March 28 when they were presented the annual Whitewood Recreation Lifetime Achievement Award.

The sixth time the award has been presented, this year's recipient was Ray Giroux. Previous winners include Everrette Thompson (2018), Dennis Scott (2019), Shirley Kodman (2020), Russ Hamilton (2023) and Boyd Metzler (2024).

During the presentation, Farmer's and Friends Bonspiel chairperson Chad Kelly described Giroux as someone who has grown sports in the community through dedication, pride and passion.

"I've had the privilege to sit alongside our

nominee on a few different boards and have witnessed first-hand the commitment and passion that he has for not only our current programming in town and other sports, but also towards other groups and organizations within our community," said Kelly.

"This year's recipient is no stranger to our town and he wears a heart of Whitewood on his sleeve."

Many of the accomplishments that helped Giroux earn the award included playing through the Whitewood minor hockey system and later for the Orioles and the old-timers team, the Nighthawks. He has been heavily involved in coaching minor hockey and ball and helping kids perform at their highest levels. Outside of sports, he volunteered his time with numerous community groups such as being a firefighter, Crossroads Snow Diggers, church board, being handy-van volunteer driver, involved

with the drama club, swimming pool and ambulance and he is the past president of the Whitewood Legion.

He is often putting his carpentry skills to work and donating his time and efforts for events such as the Tankards that were hosted in Whitewood, the Farmers and Friends Bonspiel, the skating club, the hospital and the care home.

"I thanked Ray the other day for all his help this year in helping set up the (bonspiel) ice and all the setups, and he simply said, 'Chad, we all do our part to make this event what it is.'

He is truly a community hero and someone that I admire and look up to," said Kelly.

Ray Giroux accepted the award to a standing ovation and simply thanked the committee and the crowd for the recognition.

The selection committee of past recipients.



**Achievement Award**  
Ray Giroux (center) is presented the Whitewood Recreation Lifetime Achievement Award by members of the Farmers and Friends Bonspiel committee, including (from left) Jennalee Beutler, Warren Delmage, Chad Kelly, Braden Restau, Jason Krupski and Scott Mannle.

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# Theatre is finalist in Next Great Save competition

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The National Trust for Canada has announced the 12 finalists for the 2025 Next Great Save and the list includes the Grand Theatre in Indian Head.

The national competition empowers communities to protect, adapt, renew and improve historic places. Each finalist will compete for public votes and the chance to win up to \$65,000 in cash prizes to address urgent restoration and renewal needs.

Historic places tell the story of Canada's past while shaping its future. However, many heritage

sites face severe threats due to development pressures, extreme weather and funding challenges. Over a generation, Canada lost more than 20 per cent of its pre-1920 historic places, with many more at risk.

Created in 1973, the National Trust for Canada is the leading national charity dedicated to the conservation and promotion of Canada's historic sites.

The Next Great Save competition organized by the National Trust raises awareness about heritage conservation and provides direct funding to support the resilience of sites, ensuring they remain vibrant for future generations.

"The high number of applicants for this year's competition reflects the increasing need for heritage conservation fund-

ing," said Dr. Patricia Kell, CEO of the National Trust for Canada.

From a historic theatre to a 19th-century ranch, this year's finalists are all cultural landmarks in Canada's rich history. The finalists have proposed innovative projects to transform historic places to better serve their modern communities, including initiatives to advance belonging, public engagement, and climate adaptation.

The Grand Theatre was constructed in 1904 and is currently raising funds for major renovations to its lobby, including improvements to the front entrance, concession and washrooms.

Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Ecclesiastical Insurance, the first-place winner will receive a \$50,000 cash prize, while the second and third place winners will receive \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively, based on voting by

the public.

Each finalist will lead a grassroots campaign to make a case for their project and mobilize their communities in support of its unique history.

Members of the public can vote once a day starting March 31 at 1 p.m. EST at [www.nextgreatsave.ca](http://www.nextgreatsave.ca).

Voting will close on April 17 at 1 p.m. EST and the winner and two runners-up will be announced the same day.

# Kash for kittens fundraiser

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Rebel Cat Rescue, the not-for-profit charity whose mission is to rid the streets of stray cats has launched a 50-50 fundraiser to help finance its efforts.

The organization is based in Yorkton but serves a number of communities including Melville, Balcarres and Fort Qu'Appelle.

It's estimated that about 200 strays in and around Fort Qu'Appelle have been trapped and relocated since it began operations three years ago.

"We fix them up, get them healthy and find homes for them. Every cat we rescue and take care of costs us about \$300 to spay, neuter and feed," says Charmain Wowk, the organization's vice president.

"We're selling 50,000 tickets and hope to raise about \$25,000."

Wowk says a female cat can have a litter of 12 kittens a year.

"If you run the math, you can see those kit-



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## 50-50 Fundraiser

Rebel Cat Rescue's Charmain Wowk with a one-eyed stray called Latte.

tens can reproduce and the town could be overwhelmed if we don't manage the problem."

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**April 3:** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
**April 4:** 7:00 p.m. Youth Group  
**April 6:** 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
**April 7:** 3:40 p.m. Confirmation  
**April 8:** 9:30 a.m. Ladies Day  
**April 10:** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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**Sunday, April 6:**  
11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
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**Sunday, April 13:**  
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473 - 8th Ave. W.  
Office Ph. 306-728-5022  
Pastor Jon Pettinger  
Associate Pastor: Jesse Darby

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502 - 4th Ave. W. - Church Office  
Ph. 306-728-5689  
Email: [zlcpcastor@myaccess.ca](mailto:zlcpcastor@myaccess.ca)  
[www.zionlutheranmelville.com](http://www.zionlutheranmelville.com)

**Sunday, April 6:**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
*Church of the Lutheran Hour heard Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on 940 CJGX Radio, Yorkton*

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**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday - Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Kids Club - 3:30 p.m.

**EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY**  
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Group - 7 p.m.  
Rev. Dr. James R. Graham

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Father Tomy Mandapathil

**Sunday, April 6:**  
9:00 a.m. Mass Service

**ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 6:**  
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, WAPELLA**

**Sunday, April 6:**  
12:00 noon Communion Service with Potluck to Follow

**WHITEWOOD UNITED CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 6:**  
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Hall Contact - 306-331-6720

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email: [pipestoneparish@sasktel.net](mailto:pipestoneparish@sasktel.net)

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at 9:30 a.m. Minister will vary\*

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Pastor: Father Jose-ph Villamartin  
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**Saturday, April 5:**  
Mass 6:30 p.m.

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

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in person 11:30 a.m.  
Rev. Devon Pattimore  
Lay Person/Service Leader  
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[bkbenat@gmail.com](mailto:bkbenat@gmail.com)

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[parklandagc@sasktel.net](mailto:parklandagc@sasktel.net)

**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
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**Wednesday:** 10 a.m. Mom's Group

### Kipling Interdenominational Lenten Services

All Services are at 7:00 p.m.  
**April 6:** Christ Lutheran Church  
**April 13:** United Church/  
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**Good Friday, April 18:**  
11:00 a.m. Service  
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## Obituary Barbara Gail Cheveldae

June 22, 1962 - March 26, 2025

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Gail Cheveldae (Huska) on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the Yorkton Regional Health Centre. We say goodbye to a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend.



Barb was born on June 22, 1962, in Grandview, MB, to William and Rose (nee Chubey) Huska, and she grew up on the family farm in the area. While attending school in Grandview and Melville, Barb's love of music was evident. She was involved in the music programs, playing the clarinet and enjoyed playing the keyboard. She was also a majorette and loved twirling baton.

Barb was a great cribbage player, and if you dared to play a game with her, you usually lost. Many hours were spent playing crib with Dad, Mom and her family.

Barb married Dan on June 22, 1985, in Grandview, MB. They lived in Melville, SK, where they had two charming boys, Jeremy and Chris.

In the summer, Barb enjoyed looking after her garden and a beautiful variety of flowers and plants around the yard. In the winter, she enjoyed bowling. Barb took much pleasure in reading and doing puzzles of all kinds.

Barb's big heart really showed in all the ways she spoiled and spent time with her two beautiful granddaughters, Kensley and Everley.

Barb was predeceased by her grandparents, Peter and Hannah Huska and Mike and Molly Chubey; her in-laws, John and Eleanor Cheveldae; her father, William Huska; brothers-in-law Barry Hubenig and Sid Klynstra; numerous aunts and uncles; her cousin, Kenny Lukey, and nephew Brian Hamel; and her beloved cat, Serena.

Barb is survived by her husband of 39 years, Dan; her son, Jeremy (Lynette) and granddaughters Kensley and Everley; her son, Christopher; mother Rose Huska; siblings Lorna (Glen) Turner, Murray (Cathy) Huska, Sandy Klynstra, Jan Huska, Terri (Murray) Fox and Barry (Julie) Huska; sister-in-law Valdeen (Larry) Mathies; brothers-in-law Dave (Dalyce) Cheveldae and Tim (Mary) Cheveldae; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the doctors and nurses in Melville and Yorkton for the kind and caring attention Barb was blessed with in her last days.

Barb's funeral service was held Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Matthews Funeral Home, Melville, with the Rev. Brian Mee officiating. Interment will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Lung Association of Saskatchewan or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



## Obituary Bruce Henderson

Bruce Henderson of Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., passed away on Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, courage, and service.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Jim and Jean Henderson, infant sister Linda, his brother, Robert James "Rob" Henderson, father-in-law Bill Wogsberg, brother-in-law Larry Tiegen and sister-in-law Marilyn Wogsberg.



He is survived by his beloved wife, Lavinia; his son, Kyle (Marilynne) Braun; his cherished grandson, Gaige; nephews, Jesse and Ryan Henderson; and great-niece, Antha (Justin) Brown and their son Brodie, mother-in-law La Verla Wogsberg, brother-in-law Bill Wogsberg, sisters-in-law Laura (Randy) Schlaht, Roberta (Mike) Chambers, Denise (Doug) Webber, their children and grandchildren, and Aunts Davona Henderson and Juantia Carr, and many cousins.

Bruce had a remarkable career as an oilfield consultant in western Canada and Montana, where his expertise and dedication earned him the respect of colleagues and clients alike. His work and volunteering often took him to incredible heights – both literally and figuratively – including flying as a volunteer pilot for Hope Air, where he flew children and adults in need of medical care to treatment facilities and doctor appointments.

An active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fort Qu'Appelle, Bruce's faith was central to his life. He also found great joy in his hobbies, including riding his Harley and flying his plane. Bruce particularly enjoyed spending time with his grandson, Gaige, teaching him how to love the water, ride a dirt bike, run a skid-steer and other equipment – a bond that earned him the affectionate nickname "Grandpa Danger."

Bruce's personality shone through in everything he did – his warmth, generosity, and sharp sense of humor are unforgettable. Whether soaring through the skies, riding his motorcycle, or lending a hand to family, friends or in his community, Bruce exemplified what it means to live a life of purpose and compassion.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2025 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK. A wake will be held at Camp Lutherland, 214 Pasqua Lake Road, Pasqua Lake, SK at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in his memory to Hope Air <https://hopeair.ca/2024-bruce-henderson/> or Our Savior Lutheran Church, Box 1519, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK S0G 1S0. Interment is to be held later at Lomond Cemetery, Lomond, Alberta.

Bruce will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, greatest uncle in the world, a man of faith, a hero to many, and a friend to all. His impact will be felt for generations to come.

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

## Obituary Emilia Novak

March 20, 1939 - March 23, 2025

Emilia Novak of Melville, passed away at the age of 86 years, with family at her side, on Sunday, March 23, 2025.

Emilia (Rusitch) was born on March 20, 1939, the youngest daughter of Joseph and Annie Rusitch of the Waldron, SK, area. She attended school in Waldron.

Emilia married Jim Novak on June 17, 1957, at St. Mary's Church in Grayson, SK. After they married, they farmed for 36 years in the Waldron district. Due to Jim's declining health (multiple sclerosis), they sold their farm in 1993 and moved to Melville, SK, to retire.

Emilia can be described as a caring, loyal and loving person with the softest heart, treating everyone with kindness, compassion and grace. She was a true Christian role model who was looked up to and with whom many resonated.

Emilia loved the farm life and worked alongside Jim as an equal, raising seven children. Between farming and tending to the home, she spent her time caring for the children and supporting their activities/sports. She drove the tractor, combine, half ton, was always milking the cows and caring for and feeding the chickens and pigs. Emilia's love of gardening and providing for her family was represented by her large garden and all the canning and pickling she did. She worked hard, was always busy but always found the time to cook amazing meals and bake tons of sweet treats for her family. Christmas was an especially favourite time for Emilia, always hosting the family for Christmas Eve, cooking an amazing meal and enjoying seeing everyone together.

Emilia was predeceased by her loving husband, James Novak; her parents, Joseph and Annie Rusitch; sisters Frieda (Mike Polowitz) and Hilda Selensky; and brothers Emil Rusitch and John (Ardelle) Rusitch. She is survived by her loving children, Debbie (Robert), Murray, Danny, Lucy (Darcy), Carol (Vaughn), Darren (Dodi) and Michelle (Keith); numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law Larry Selensky.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Emilia on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church, Melville, with the Rev. Fr. Melchor Samonte celebrating and Deacon Dave Hudy assisting. The music was led by Len and Anna Gadica. The cross bearer was Shelby MacDonald, and the readings were by Dodi Novak and Robert Riess. The eulogy was presented by Murray Novak. Interment took place in St. Henry's Parish Cemetery with Murray Novak, Ryan Riess, Jason Riess, Adam Mountney, Riley Mountney, Carter Novak and Mason Novak acting as pallbearers.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



## Assessment Roll Notice RESORT VILLAGE OF FORT SAN

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Resort Village of Fort San for 2025 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from April 4, 2025, to June 5, 2025.

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

A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$50.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be filed with the Secretary Board of Revisions, Nicolle Hoskins, Resort Village of Fort San, Box 1730, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK S0G 1S0, by the 5th day of June 2025 at 1 p.m.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2025

Amy Railton,  
Assessor



## Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll RM of Lajord No. 128

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 for the year 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days:

Friday, April 4, 2025 to Tuesday, June 3, 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 a notice of appeal accompanied by the appeal fee to:

Aileen Swenson, Secretary  
Board of Revision  
P.O. Box 36  
Lajord, SK S0G 2V0  
By the 3rd of June, 2025.

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Lynette Herauf, Assessor

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# Obituary Marion Elizabeth Yuhasz

March 10, 1938 – March 23, 2025

On Sunday, March 23, 2025, Marion Elizabeth Yuhasz, beloved wife of the late Joseph Andrew Yuhasz, passed away in Deer View Lodge, Wawota, Sask. at the age of 87 years. Formerly a long-time resident of the Langbank community, then retiring to Kennedy where she enjoyed the company and friendship of this fantastic community.



Marion was predeceased by her parents, Michael and Rose Szucs; son Joe; siblings: eldest sister Rose (Louis) Firkaly, Michael (in infancy), Chris (Steve) Meszaros, Frank (Terry) Szucs, Andy (Brenda) Szucs, George Szucs and Billy Szucs (in infancy) and brother-in-law Gerald Stratton.

Left to mourn Marion's passing are her late sons Joe's child, Tyler (Danielle) and children Lennon and Jack; son Doug (Lila) and their family, Melissa (Ben) Hingston, children Grady and Everly; Katelin (Will) Rathje, children Beckett and Bostyn; son Anthony (Jodi), children Brody (Candace) and children Blake, Weston, Rowynn; Ryan (Maddy) and child Emerson; son Terry (Lorene) and their family, Vanessa (TJ) and Matthew; sister Helen Stratton; brother Louis Szucs (Christianne Stevens) and sister-in-law Margaret Szucs.

Marion was a hard working farm gal that loved community events, volunteering at local dances and curling and still had time for family and friends. She worked at the Langbank Co-op for several years. She loved and was very talented at quilt making. She and Dad loved their trip to Hungary and the Silver Broom in 1980 in Moncton, New Brunswick.

She loved the many road trips with George and Margaret Szucs, exploring all over the east and southern US in their motorhome. Her greatest joy and pride were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be lovingly missed.

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(Love Never Ends)

A celebration of life will take place in the Kennedy Friendship Centre, Kennedy, Sask. on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with officiant Rev. Barbara Wilkins. The interment will take place at a later date in St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memoriam may be sent to Deer View Lodge, with cheques made out to 'DVL Resident Comfort Fund', P.O. Box 240, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0.

Online memories and condolences are welcomed by the family at [www.tubmanfh.com](http://www.tubmanfh.com)

Arrangements in care of Tubman Cremation & Funeral Services.



## Memoriam

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## Assessment Roll

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Monday to Thursday  
April 4, 2025 – June 5, 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 discuss their notice of assessment may do so by contacting the assessor at the R.M. of Kingsley No. 124, Box 239, Kipling, SK S0G 2S0. Any person who wishes to appeal against their assessment is required to file their notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25 appeal fee, with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. Box 149 Meota, SK S0M 1X0 by the 5th day of June, 2025.

Dated at Kipling, Saskatchewan this 4th day of April, 2025.

Holly Heikkila,  
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## Another blast

An RCMP constable directs traffic away from the scene of the accident on Highway 10.

# Another Blast of winter

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Traffic on Highway 10 was disrupted during last Friday's heavy snow fall when a semi-trailer jackknifed halfway up the hill heading out of Fort Qu'Appelle to Regina.

The road was closed for about two hours while the

truck was removed from the accident scene.

About 20 cm of snow fell which brought out the plows and shovels throughout the valley which only days before had been welcoming the melting spring sun.

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## Assessment Roll

Rural Municipality of Chester No. 125

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Chester No. 125 for 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days:

**Monday to Thursday, April 4th, 2025 to June 6th, 2025.**

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

All fees must be submitted to the local assessor at the RM of Chester No. 125. All appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, which can be sent electronically to: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca, or via post/mail to:

**RM of Chester No. 125,**

**P.O. Box 180, Glenavon, SK S0G 1Y0,**

**and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revision**

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the RM of Chester No. 125, P.O. Box 180, Glenavon, SK S0G 1Y0. A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$50.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be submitted by the June 6th, 2025.

Dated at Glenavon, Saskatchewan this 4th, day of April 2025.

Brittany Knoll, Assessor

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217

### Notice of Discretionary Use Application

Pursuant to Section 2.8(2)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw, Bylaw 2002-02, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lipton, No. 217 gives notice that a Discretionary Use Application has been received and the details are as follows:

**Intent:** Upgrade the capacity of the Lipton Bullet storage site by adding an additional 60MT anhydrous ammonia bullet directly south of the existing tank within the fenced area. This will increase the storage from 30,000 USWG to 60,000 USWG.

**Affected Land:** NW-12-23-14-W2

Public Hearing: Council will discuss the above noted application at 8:00 a.m. on April 15th, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the R.M. of Lipton No.217, 226 Main St. Lipton, Saskatchewan. Any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed discretionary use is encouraged to submit written comments prior to the meeting. Written submissions may be sent by email to rm.217@sasktel.net or dropped off at the RM office during regular office hours. For further information please call Ronda Heisler, Administrator at (306) 336-2244.

Dated at the Village of Lipton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 31st day of March, 2025.

Ronda Heisler,  
Administrator

## ASSESSMENT NOTICE

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERNETHY NO. 186

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Abernethy No. 186 for the year 2025 has been prepared and is now open for inspection in the office of the assessor located at the RM of Abernethy No. 186 Office, 201 Main Street, Abernethy, SK on the following days: Monday to Friday, April 4, 2025 to June 5, 2025 from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm.

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

Any person wishing to appeal against their assessment is required to file their notice of appeal by June 5, 2025 in writing to the address below. The appeal fee of \$100 per parcel must be provided and payable to the RM of Abernethy No. 186:

**Nicolle Hoskins, Board of Revision Secretary  
Western Municipal Consulting Ltd.  
P.O. Box 149, Meota, SK S0M 1X0**

Dated at Abernethy, Saskatchewan, this 4th day of April, 2025.

Karissa Lingelbach, Assessor



Town of  
Fort Qu'Appelle

## Assessment Roll Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the assessment roll for the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle for 2025 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Assessor of the Municipality from April 2nd, 2025 to June 1st, 2025, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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 in writing accompanied by the required fee, as determined by the amount of the assessed value of the property by June 1st, 2025, to:

**Western Municipal Consulting**

**P.O. Box 149**

**Meota, SK S0M 1X0**

Dated this 2nd day of April 2025.

Don McLeod, RMA  
Assessor



### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SECOND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Election for Board Trustees

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division No. 212  
Melville at Large Subdivision &  
Geographic Area Surrounding Melville

Public Notice is hereby given that in accordance with sections 78 (1) of *The Local Government Elections Act, 2015*, the number of candidates for the Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division No. 212 – Melville at Large Subdivision and Geographic Area Surrounding Melville (Subdivision #2) Election is less than the number of vacancies, and therefore, a second Call for Nominations is hereby issued.

Nominations of candidates for the office of:

**Board Member: Christ the Teacher Catholic Separate School Division No. 212**

**City of Melville at Large Subdivision**

**Number to be elected – One (1)**

**Geographic Area Surrounding Melville (Subdivision #2)**

**Number to be elected - One (1)**

will be received by Delmar Zwirsky, during regular business hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, commencing on Friday, March 28 to Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Forms may be submitted:

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

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division Office – 45 A Palliser Way Yorkton, SK and on the Division website at [www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca).

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025  
Delmar Zwirsky Returning Officer



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**Town of Fort Qu'Appelle**

**P.O. Box 309 – 136 Company Avenue South**

**Fort Qu'Appelle, SK S0G 1S0**

**E-mail: [forttown@sasktel.net](mailto:forttown@sasktel.net) or Fax 306-332-5087**

# Thirty quilters meet in Grenfell for retreat

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

The banquet room at Grenfell's Legacy Inn buzzed with friendly chatter and the hum of sewing machines last weekend during the "Sew Much Winter" quilting retreat held from March 28 to 30.

Similar to an old-fashioned quilting bee, the retreat provided an oppor-

tunity to focus on sewing projects while socializing with friends.

Janelle Oshowy of Grenfell, Barb Ferrier of Yorkton and Shirley Kelly of Moosomin organized the retreat, which saw 30 quilters join from around the region and as far as Saskatoon.

Some participants were new to the hobby, while others were more

experienced and had attended similar retreats at the former Circle Square Ranch Camp, southwest of Grenfell.

Ferrier said last week that she was looking forward to meeting new folks at the retreat, as well as spending time with old friends.

"Quilting is one of those hobbies that gives you, rather than zaps you,

it gives you good energy," she told Grasslands News.

"By far, it is one of the communities that I have found to be one of the happiest and very, very welcoming. It doesn't seem to matter what level you're at you could be an expert, or you could be a complete beginner – everybody is welcome."

Meals and accommodations were provided at the venue so that more attention could be given to the various sewing projects that participants brought with them.

Throughout the week-end, the proprietors of Shirley's Sewing Room in Moosomin and the Wooden Spool in Yorkton also provided demonstrations or offered useful products for sale.

"You don't have to think about cooking or cleaning; all you have to do is come and have fun and quilt, it's wonderful!" Ferrier said.



## Quilt Retreat

Thirty quilters recently gathered for a retreat at Legacy Inn in Grenfell to work on textile projects and learn from interesting sewing demonstrations.

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# Open Bonspiel winners



## A Event - Team Haas

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Winners of the A Event, sponsored by Fairland Seeds and presented by Tim Beres, were Team Haas with Skip - Tom Haas, Third - Robb Haas, Second - Troy Ludwar, and Lead - Gerry Hoedel.



## B Event - Team Fuches

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Winners of the B Event, sponsored by Richardson Pioneer and presented by Robin Hahn, were Team Fuches with Lead - Kritina Just, Second - Bev Fuches, Third - Patsy Kuspira, and Skip - Joan McCusker.



## C Event - Team Hershmillier

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Winners of the C Event, sponsored by OK Tire and presented by Larry Peterson, were Team Hershmillier with Lead - Leonard Puchala, Second - Jared Shwaga, Third - Ray Sharp, and Skip - Aron Hershmillier.



## D event - Team Shultz

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Winners of the D Event, sponsored by Melville Curling Club and presented by Larry Peterson, were Team Shultz with Skip - Brad Shultz, Third - Bernard Gerhardt, Second - Cathy Gerhardt, and Lead - Heidi Shultz.

# Co-Ed League winners



## League Champs - Team Schultz

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Co-Ed League winner, presented by Larry Peterson, were Team Schultz, with Skip - Brad Schultz, Third - Vern Nixon, Second Emily Allen, and Lead - Heidi Schultz.



## A Side - Team Kreklewich

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Winners of the A Side event were Team Kreklewich with Lead - Bev Kreklewich, Second - Trinity Beres, Third - Kali Churko, and Skip - Len Grant.



## B Side - Team Peterson

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