

## Tornado season brings tense skies and close calls

By Staff  
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan's wide-open skies have once again reminded residents of both their beauty and their danger, as a wave of tornadoes swept through parts of the province over the past several weeks.

Environment Canada has confirmed at least seven tornadoes touched down across southern Saskatchewan in June, marking one of the busiest starts to storm season in recent years. Thankfully, no serious injuries have been reported, but the severe weather has left behind damaged buildings, flattened crops, and plenty of nervous residents.

"It came out of nowhere," said Rachel Turner, a farmer near Willowbend, describing to media the twister that ripped through her property on June 18. "The sky turned this eerie green, the wind picked up, and within minutes, we could see it forming over the

fields. We got to the basement just in time."

Turner's barn sustained significant damage, and several trees on her property were uprooted. Similar scenes played out near Assiniboia, Weyburn, and Estevan, where funnel clouds developed rapidly during powerful afternoon thunderstorms. And this past Sunday, another storm system produced several funnel clouds between Whitewood and Stockholm.

Meteorologists say this summer's active tornado season is being fueled by a combination of warm, moist air from the United States colliding with cooler northern air — a classic recipe for severe thunderstorms and rotating supercells.

"This pattern creates ideal conditions for tornado development, especially across the Prairies where there's little to slow down those storm systems," explained Environment Canada meteorologist Liam Pe-



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### Car and bales burned

Whitewood Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire northeast of town last Sunday morning. The fire was just the first of three that firefighters responded to in the vicinity after a pile of clothes and several bales were also started on fire. All three fires are believed to be started by the same person(s).

ters. "We're urging all residents to stay weather-aware, especially on hot, humid days when watches and warnings are issued."

Despite the damage, many residents across the province have been quick to share dramatic photos and videos of the storms on social media. One video, filmed near Moose Jaw, shows a large, rope-like tornado twisting across open farmland, leaving a trail of dust and debris in its wake. Another widely circulated image captures a towering funnel cloud silhouetted against a glowing sunset near Swift Current. And this past Sunday, a video posted by a Whitewood resident north of town clearly showed rotating clouds and numerous funnel clouds forming around each other, one eventually dropping down below the treetops. There were however no reports of any of the funnels touching down or causing damage. Numerous other photos of the funnels were also posted by Stockholm and Esterhazy area residents.

While some are drawn to the beauty and awe of the storms, officials are reminding people to prioritize safety.

- SEE FUNNEL CLOUDS, 10

## Vehicle and bales lit on fire by unknown arsonist

Firefighters respond to three times in an hour

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The sounds of sirens echoed throughout Whitewood on Sunday morning when firefighters responded to a rash of fires in a matter of less than two hours, all believed to be deliberately set by an arsonist.

The fires began shortly after 8 a.m. when Whitewood Fire Department was dispatched to a vehicle fire north of town, approximately seven kilometres east of Highway 9 on the 601 Grid. When firefighters arrived on scene, an abandoned car parked on the side of the road was found fully engulfed in flames. The fire was quickly extinguished but the vehicle was a complete loss.

The operator of the vehicle arrived on scene as the fire was being extinguished and said that they had had a flat tire the night before and the jack broke while attempting to change it. They had left the vehicle and come back in the morning to retrieve it but arrived to find the fire department there and vehicle burned.

About 20 minutes after arriving on scene, a motorist stopped to inform firefighters that there was a pile of clothes burning on the edge of a grid road approximately two kilometres to the south.

A crew was sent to investigate the fire and extinguish it before it spread down the ditch and into a nearby bush. Then at 9:20 a.m., as firefighters were leaving the scene, another motorist stopped to report that there were several bales on fire beside the road approximately 2.5 kilometres to the north. Firefighters immediately responded and found three round bales on fire which they were able to extinguish before it spread to the nearby trees and pastures.

"Once the third call came in, we knew we were dealing with an arsonist who was driving around the grid roads and lighting fires," said Whitewood Fire Chief Bernard Brûlé. "While the vehicle couldn't be saved, we were fortunate we were able to contain the other two fires so quickly. Had it been any drier out, and with the winds, they could have quickly spread and become large wildfires."

All three fires are believed to be connected and likely started by the same person(s). Both the fire department and Broadview RCMP are investigating.

Anyone with information about these fires is asked to contact the Broadview RCMP, call 310-RCMP or they can submit an anonymous tip online through Crimestoppers or by calling 1-800-222-8477.



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### Twin funnels

In this screenshot from a video post by Brittney Raiwet, two funnel clouds are seen forming north of Whitewood.

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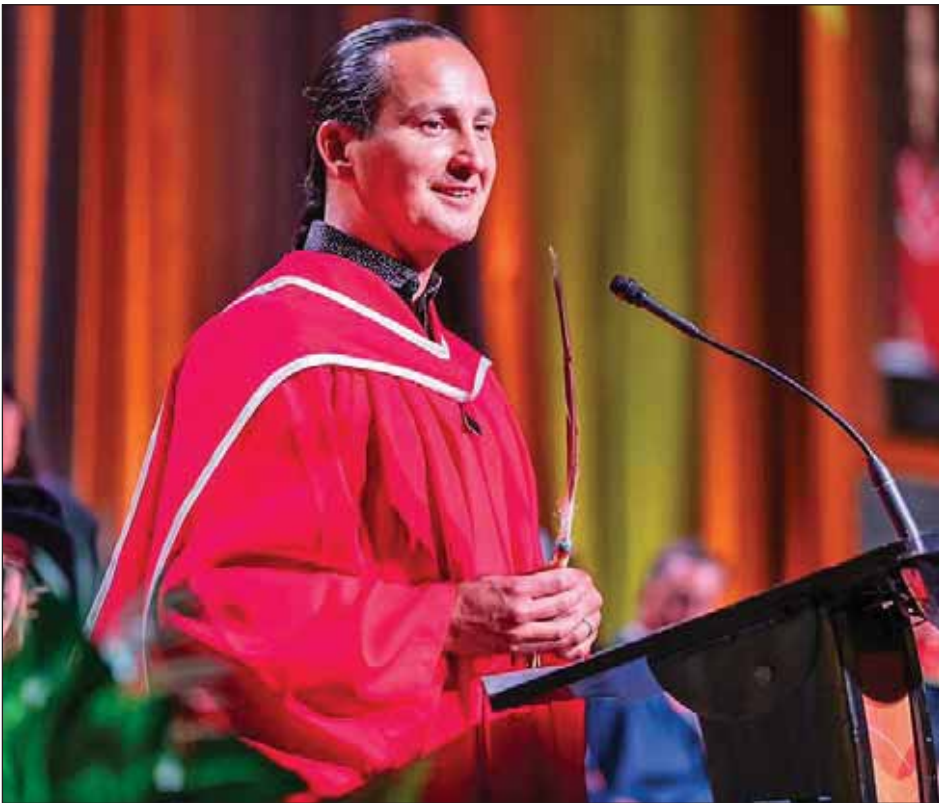
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Cadmus Delorme, former chief of Cowessess First Nation, has been appointed chancellor for the University of Regina.

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## Former Cowessess chief appointed U of R chancellor

By Sarah Pacio  
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The University of Regina has appointed Cadmus Delorme, former chief of Cowessess First Nation, as its tenth chancellor. His term officially began on July 1 and he will serve as chancellor for three years.

Delorme's association with the University of Regina began with his own education. After graduating from high school at the Cowessess Community Education Centre, he attended the U of R and received a Bachelor of Administration through the First Nations University of Canada in 2013. He completed further degrees at other educational institutions and then Cowessess First Nation elected Delorme as their chief in 2016. He continued in that role until 2023.

Delorme was appointed to the University of Regina Board in January 2020 and served as Chair of the Human Resources Committee and Interim Vice-Chair of the Board. In 2023, he became chair of the Board of Governors at the university. His recent appointment as chancellor was announced on June 16.

"Cadmus' deep ties to our institution, combined with his expertise in governance and profound commitment to education and reconciliation, make him an inspired – and inspiring – choice to serve as Chancellor," said Dr. Jeff Keshen, President

and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Regina.

Delorme is looking forward to his new role with the university.

"Education is foundational to building resilient, inclusive communities. I am honored to serve as the tenth Chancellor of the University of Regina," he said in a statement from the U of R. "I look forward to empowering and advancing the University's continued commitment to reconciliation, innovation, and academic excellence."

Shortly before Delorme's appointment as chancellor for U of R was publicized, Athabasca University (AU) announced it was bestowing an honorary doctorate degree on him. The Alberta-based school presented him with an Honorary Doctor of Laws, recognizing his role as an advocate for Indigenous involvement in education and his leadership in Truth and Reconciliation efforts. This distinction also acknowledged Delo-

rme's involvement with ground-breaking efforts to restore Cowessess' jurisdiction over child welfare services for its members. While chief, Delorme also led the Cowessess community as they began healing from the discovery of unmarked graves near a former residential school in 2021. His commitment to Truth and Reconciliation continued to the national level when he was selected to chair the Government of Canada's Residential School Documents Advisory Committee in 2023.

"Cadmus Delorme has devoted his life to growing access, opportunity and community by reducing barriers to post-secondary education for Indigenous students, and fostering authentic respect and collaboration through mutual understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. His is a voice that is truly national and truly influential," AU staff wrote last month in a press release about the school's honorary degree recipients.

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# SK farmers grapple with tariffs amid trade wars

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In the dusty fields of rural Saskatchewan, where golden canola sways in the prairie wind, the mood is far from calm. For generations, farmers here have weathered storms – literal and economic – but the most recent challenge is testing their resilience in a way few anticipated: tariffs.

As global trade tensions between Canada, China, and the United States escalate, Saskatchewan's agricultural producers are caught in the crossfire. The result: plummeting crop prices, rising input costs, and a growing sense of unease in farmyards across the province.

## A Market Collapsing in Real Time

"We're not just watching prices drop – we're watching our livelihood disappear," says Jason McLaren, a third-generation canola and wheat farmer near Yorkton. "I lost over \$100,000 in value on stored canola this past month. That's my kids' education, my retirement, and next year's crop inputs – all gone."

McLaren isn't alone. Saskatchewan is Canada's agricultural powerhouse, producing over 50 per cent of the country's grain, oilseeds, and pulses. Much of that product – canola, lentils, peas, and wheat – has traditionally been exported to major markets like China and the United States. But those doors are now closing fast.

In March, China responded to Canadian tariffs on electric vehicles and steel by slapping 100 per cent tariffs on Canadian canola oil and meal, and 25 per cent tariffs on pork and peas. Meanwhile, the United States, under President Trump's renewed protectionist push, imposed blanket tariffs on all Canadian imports – including agricultural goods and potash, a major Saskatchewan export used in fertilizer production.

## Prices Tumble, Costs Climb

Since the tariffs were announced, the price of canola has dropped by over \$100 per tonne, falling from \$500 to just above \$400 – a 20 per cent hit to already thin mar-

gins. Grain elevators across the province are filled with unsold stock, and the market uncertainty has sent a ripple effect through every part of the farming economy.

"A lot of farmers were holding off on selling, hoping prices would rebound. Now they're sitting on millions of dollars in product they can't move," says Bill Prybylski, president of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS).

Worse still, many Saskatchewan farmers have taken on debt over the last few years to invest in land and equipment. The increased cost of farm inputs – like fertilizer, fuel, and machinery – has only made things harder. Much of that equipment, often imported from the United States or manufactured with steel and aluminum now subject to tariffs, is becoming prohibitively expensive.

At a recent farm expo in Saskatoon, dealers reported a 40 per cent drop in machinery orders compared to 2024.

"Tariffs on machinery parts are delaying orders and pushing prices up. Farmers are fixing what they can instead of upgrading, but eventually, that catches up to you," says Trent Halvorsen, a dealership owner in Swift Current.

## Livestock at Risk

The livestock sector is facing its own crisis. The beef and pork industries rely heavily on cross-border trade and integration with U.S. processors. But with U.S. importers now subject to tariffs, demand has slowed and prices have become volatile.

"This has immediate consequences for ranchers," warns Ryder Lee of the Saskatchewan Cattle Association. "We're already seeing market disruptions, and it's only been a few months. If this continues, some producers won't make it through the year."

## Government Response: Too Little, Too Late?

In response, the federal and provincial governments have made changes to Agri-Stability, a risk management program designed to help farmers during income drops. The compensation rate has increased from 80 per

cent to 90 per cent, and payment caps have doubled – but for many farmers, that's not enough.

"These programs are full of red tape and the support arrives too late," McLaren says. "I need money now to pay bills, not in six months when the growing season is over."

Calls are growing for the government to offer interest-free advance payments and to broker trade agreements with new markets. But for now, many farmers are left fending for themselves in an increasingly uncertain global economy.

## Long-Term Impact

Beyond the immediate financial hit, there are deeper concerns. Saskatchewan's agricultural economy is tightly woven into the fabric of small towns and rural communities. If farmers pull back spending, local businesses – from feed stores to hardware shops – suffer as well.

"This is more than just a farm issue," says Elaine Peters, mayor of a small town south of Regina. "When our farmers hurt, our entire community feels it. We've already seen two implement dealerships cut staff. What happens if things don't turn around?"

Some producers are exploring new markets, looking to Europe, India, and the Middle East. Others are investing in value-added processing or forming co-ops to try to weather the storm together. But these solutions take time – and time is running out for many.

## A Pivotal Year

As Saskatchewan's 2025 harvest approaches, uncertainty hangs in the air. Farmers are forced to make tough decisions – what to plant, what to sell, what to hold, and what to risk.

"We're used to risk," says McLaren, gazing across his field. "But tariffs? That's politics. That's not a drought or a hailstorm. That's someone else's fight, and we're the ones paying the price."

For the farmers of Saskatchewan, the next few months will be critical – not just for their bottom lines, but for the future of agriculture in Canada's breadbasket.

# SaskExpress brings summer tour to provincial parks

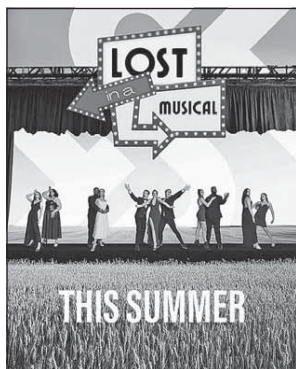
By Nicole Goldsworthy

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Numerous provincial parks will host the popular performance group SaskExpress in July as part of their summer tour.

SaskExpress's new production, *Lost in a Musical*, will be featured during a five-park tour across Saskatchewan.

Lakegoers are invited to join the SaskExpress cast for a free "Workshop in the Park" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. before each performance. Participants will



have the chance to learn a song and dance to perform with the cast during the evening show, which runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The tour dates and locations are as follows:

- July 4 — Duck Mountain Provincial Park
- July 5 — Greenwater Lake Provincial Park
- July 6 — Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park
- July 11 — Great Blue Heron Provincial Park
- July 12 — Good Spirit Lake Provincial Park
- July 13 — Pike Lake Provincial Park

SaskExpress, originally founded as Saskatchewan Express in 1980 by Carol Gay Bell, is a well-known musical theatre group based in Saskatchewan.

"Our performers come from all parts of Saskatchewan—from the smallest communities to major centres. Many former SaskExpress performers have gone on to professional careers in entertainment around the world, including Broadway, cruise ships, touring shows, stage productions, as well as appearances in films, television and recordings," according to SaskExpress. "SaskExpress is proud to be a musical ambassador for this province and has performed across Saskatchewan, throughout Canada, and in the United States."

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# New provincial and federal laws go into effect July 1

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Several media reports and online information sites have provided Canadians about new laws that were to become effective July 1, 2025. Some of this information may be correct and some is not correct.

New laws and programs taking effect in Saskatchewan on or around July 1, 2025, include the Small and Medium Enterprise Investment Tax Credit, which provides a 45% non-refundable tax credit for qualifying investments in eligible Saskatchewan SMEs, primarily in food and beverage manufacturing or machinery and transportation equipment manufacturing sectors. Additionally, the Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit (SLITC) has updated benefit amounts for the 2025-2026 benefit year, with increased child components and a maximum annual benefit of \$1,196 for families earning less than \$38,590.

Other key changes and initiatives announced in the 2025-2026 Saskatchewan Budget with relevant dates:

#### • Taxation of Vapour Products:

Provincial Sales Tax (PST) is now applied to all vapour liquids, products, and devices, effective June 1, 2025.

#### • Oil Well Program:

The Low Productivity and Reactivation Oil Well Program offers incentives for drilling new horizontal sections on existing low-productivity, suspended, or inactive

wells from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2029.

#### • Saskatchewan First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit:

The maximum benefit for this credit has increased by 50%, from \$1,050 to \$1,575.

#### • Disability Tax Credit and Caregiver Tax Credit:

These credits and their supplements (for children under 18) have increased by 25%.

#### • Small Business Tax Rate:

This rate will remain permanently at 1%, benefiting over 35,000 small businesses annually.

#### • Labour Standards Act Changes:

Amendments include changes to how employers can schedule work, notify employees of group termi-

nations, and request sick notes, alongside extensions to leave provisions.

#### • Low-Income Tax Credit (SLITC):

The benefit for the 2025-2026 benefit year will see increases in the child component and maximum annual benefits for families earning less than \$38,590.

#### • Payroll Deductions:

While not a "new law," adjustments to income tax rates for various income brackets will take effect for payroll deductions starting July 1, 2025, for incomes up to \$57,375, \$57,375 to \$114,750, and higher income levels.

The government is moving forward with the proposal to deliver tax relief for Canadians by reducing the lowest mar-

ginal personal income tax rate from 15 per cent to 14 per cent, effective July 1, 2025. The maximum tax savings will be \$420 per person and \$840 per couple in 2026. As a result of this measure, hardworking Canadians will save over \$27 billion over five years, starting in 2025-26.

Income is reported and tax is calculated on an annual basis. To reflect a one-percentage-point cut in the lowest tax rate coming into effect halfway through the year, the full-year tax rate for 2025 will be 14.5 per cent and the full-year rate for 2026 and future tax years will be 14 per cent. The rate applied to most non-refundable tax credits will continue to be the same as the low-

est personal income tax rate.

The Canada Revenue Agency will update its source deduction tables for the July to December 2025 period so that pay administrators are able to reduce tax withholdings as of July 1. This means that, effective July 1, individuals with employment income and other income subject to source deductions could have tax withheld at 14 per cent.

#### Check reliable resources

What is not correct, is the information being shared stating there are new driving laws regarding fines and retesting for driving licenses of seniors and elderly drivers.

This is false; no changes

to driving laws were introduced in Parliament and while one territory will increase traffic fines, federal and provincial transportation authorities said no further regulations were coming effective July 1, 2025. Under the updated framework, all drivers aged 75 and older will face a streamlined, yet stricter process for license renewal. While previous requirements varied by province, the federal alignment now introduces standardized assessments across the board. These changes aim to remove inconsistencies while ensuring that aging doesn't automatically disqualify someone from driving — but that capability is verified fairly.



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**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the Fort San Village Office at 120 Broadway Street W., Fort Qu'Appelle, SK. Any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed application is welcome to attend or to submit comments prior to the meeting. Council will consider all comments received.

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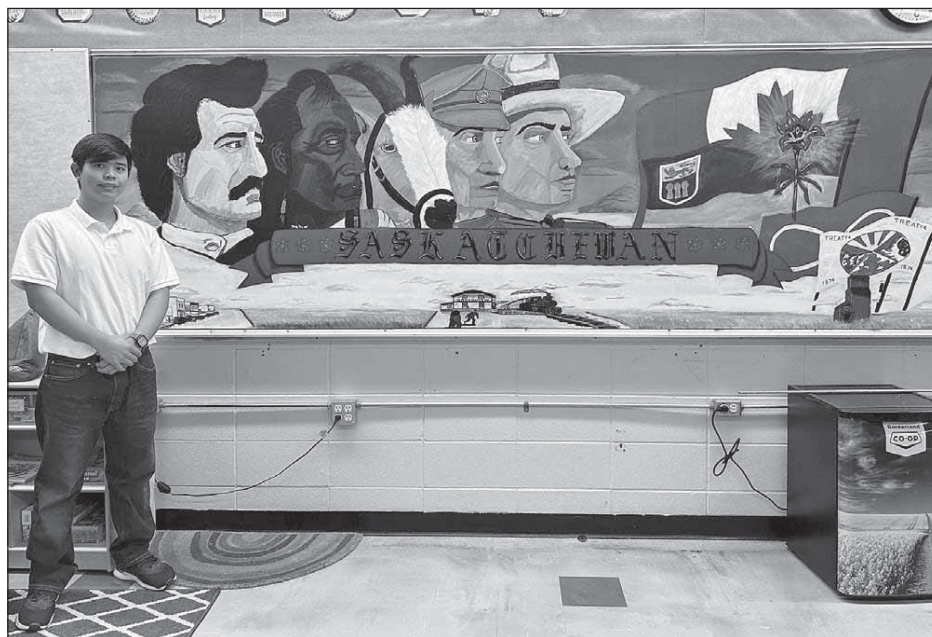
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# Student paints mural at school

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For his final project in Visual Art 30, Kenneth Natanauan was tasked with painting a mural in the mindfulness room at Broadview School using the skills he learned and developed over the semester. He was given the theme "Prairies & Saskatchewan" and the SCC donated funds to purchase supplies for the project.

Kenneth drew a sketch to scale, worked with his teacher to make some adjustments, and then used the old school projector to transfer his sketch to its place on the wall. Included in his mural are important figures he has learned about in his Social Studies classes, along with Ser-

geant Bill (the goat that went to war from Broadview) and a few other

Broadview landmarks. Kenneth is a very talented artist and staff are so impressed by the amount of effort he puts forth in everything he does.

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## NDP wants PST on used vehicles to be scrapped

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The Saskatchewan NDP is calling on the Sask.

Party government to eliminate SGI's mandatory inspections for used vehicles purchased outside the province calling it outdated, expensive, and an unnecessary obstacle to interprovincial trade.

"If a vehicle is insured and deemed roadworthy in another province, that should be enough to get it on the road here," said Hugh Gordon, NDP Shadow Minister for SGI. "It makes no sense that a driver who finds a great deal on a vehicle in Medicine Hat or Brandon should face extra costs and red tape just to bring it home."

Under current rules, SGI requires most used vehicles bought outside of Saskatchewan to undergo a mechanical inspection before they can be registered in the province. However, used vehicles purchased within Saskatchewan do not face the same requirement.

The Saskatchewan NDP is calling for the removal of out-of-province inspection requirements for used vehicles that had valid insurance in their province at the time of sale.

"So, you can buy a 20-year-old junker in Saskatchewan, take the bill of sale into SGI and get insurance, no problem," said Gordon. "But buy a 2024 pickup truck across the border in Alberta, and you're forced to pay hundreds for an inspection. It's ridiculous."

A 2025 report from the Macdonald-Laurier Institute estimated that removing trade barriers between Saskatchewan and Alberta—similar to agreements adopted by other provinces—could boost Canada's GDP by up to \$18.1 billion.

"This is about fairness, affordability, and common sense," Breckner added.

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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."

## Saskatchewan blew the boom. Here's how it can fix it

By Gage Haubrich  
Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Saskatchewan keeps blowing its resource windfalls like there's no tomorrow. Just like you wouldn't count on a one-time bonus to pay your monthly bills, the province shouldn't build its budget on volatile resource revenues. It's time to break the cycle and start saving by setting up a heritage fund (a savings account for the province built from oil, potash and other non-renewable resource revenues).

Here's how it works: when resource prices spike, the province sets aside some of the windfall in a fund instead of spending it all. That money grows over time and generates interest income, creating a reliable cushion for future spending or tax relief without relying on short-term booms. These revenues help pay for highways, hospitals and schools, but when governments build budgets on temporary resource windfalls, it leads to instability: cuts one year, overspending the next.

This isn't a new idea. In fact, Saskatchewan had a chance to do this more than a decade ago.

Saskatchewan had a shot at billions in savings but blew the windfall. It's not too late to build a heritage fund and end the boom-and-bust cycle

Back in 2013, the province commissioned a report from former University of Saskatchewan president Peter MacKinnon, who recommended creating a heritage fund that "allows for one-time resource revenues to become a lasting source of wealth, while stabilizing government use of these volatile revenues."

The government ignored the advice. And it's been missing out ever since.

Had Saskatchewan followed that recommendation and begun setting aside resource revenues or used them to pay down debt, the province would be in a far stronger position today. Even setting aside debt repayment, a heritage fund launched in 2013 would be worth about \$4.2 billion today and generate roughly \$210 million in annual interest.

That interest income alone could allow the government to cut the 15-cent-per-litre fuel tax by six cents without losing revenue. For someone filling up a mini-van weekly, that's about \$230 a year in savings.

Resource revenues are volatile. Oil and potash prices are driven by global markets and weather, things the province can't control. One year, prices soar. The next, they collapse. That's why building a budget around them is risky.

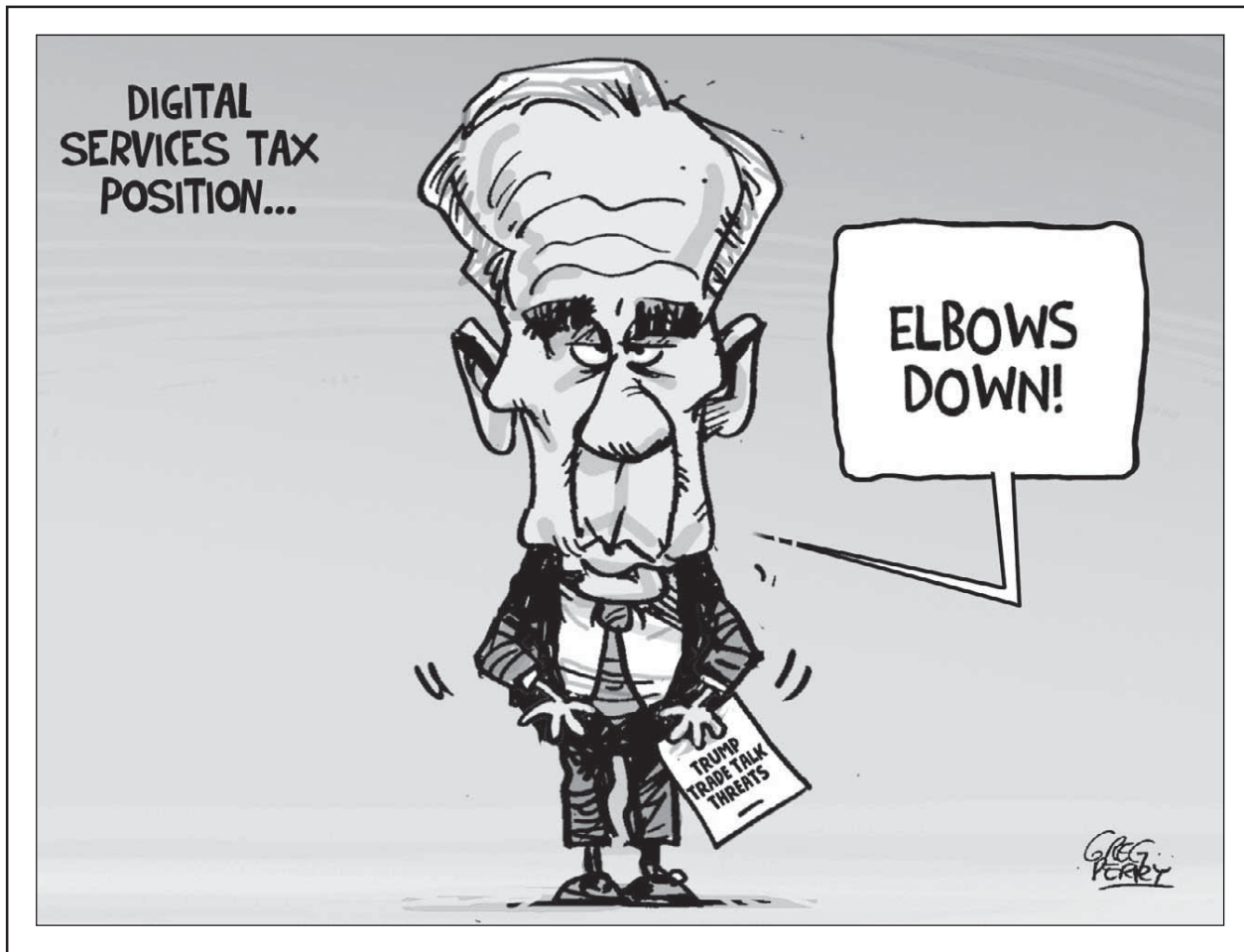
In 2023, the Saskatchewan government forecasted a \$1-billion surplus in its budget. By year-end, that surplus had dropped to just \$182 million. According to the province's own report, "significant decreases in non-renewable resources revenue combined with higher crop insurance payments" caused the shortfall.

The lesson is clear: you can't run a stable government on unstable income.

A smarter approach would be to cap how much of the annual budget comes from resource revenues—say, 13 per cent, the average over the last decade. Any revenue above that threshold could be automatically saved in a heritage fund. That would give Saskatchewan both stability and long-term financial security.

Other places are already doing this and reaping the rewards.

Last year, eligible Alaskans received \$1,704 each in dividends from their state's heritage fund. Norway's



fund, now worth more than \$2.5 trillion, generates enough income to cover about 20 per cent of the national budget annually.

It pays to save.

If Saskatchewan had used its windfalls wisely since 2013, either by building a fund or paying down debt, its current debt wouldn't be projected to hit \$23.5 billion by the end of this year. It would be closer to \$1.6 billion.

Twelve years ago, the province was told to prepare for the future. It didn't listen. That mistake has already cost billions.

The government has another chance now. It must take it.

- Gage Haubrich is the Prairie director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

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# Museum and car club host Canada Day activities

## Grenfell, Sask.

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Vintage vehicles lined the lawn in front of Grenfell Museum last Tuesday afternoon for the 1-47 Cruisers Car Club's 13th annual show.

The club typically hosts its Show & Shine on Desmond Street, the second Sunday of June. However, unfavourable weather last month prompted the group to postpone the event. This resulted in an opportunity to collaborate with Grenfell Museum and hold the car show on Canada Day.

The museum grounds were filled with vehicles shining in the hot sun. Many visitors stopped to see the show and tour the museum on their way to the other community events organized on the holiday. There was

no registration fee for the car show but the club collected donations for Stars, acknowledging the life-saving assistance that the air ambulance provided for one of its members a few years ago.

After strolling along the lines of cars, visitors were invited to explore the museum and annex that will continue to be open every weekend in July and August from 12 to 4 p.m. In addition to regularly welcoming visitors, the museum is also holding a raffle this summer. First prize is valued at \$800 and consists of a BBQ meal prepared by Pit Master Dr. Nick Perry for 20 guests at Grenfell Museum grounds in September. A second prize includes a Harvest Wheelbarrow filled with fresh produce and canned goods. The draw will be held on Aug. 16 and tickets can still be purchased at Grenfell Town Office, Grenfell Family Pharmacy, Field & Flower or CR Trenz.



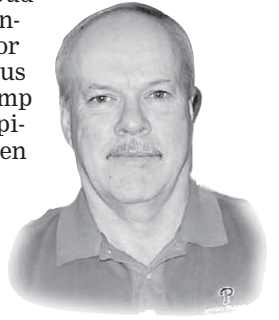
### Vintage vehicles

1-47 Cruisers Car Club held a show at Grenfell Museum on Canada Day, Tuesday, July 1.

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## It's a Strange World



Five members of the Proud Boys are apparently not content with being pardoned for what many see as treasonous acts Jan. 6, 2021, when Trump supporters stormed the Capitol building in what was seen as an insurrection or coup.

Now the Proud Boys, who were ordered by Trump "to stand down, but stand by," want the government to pay them \$100 million over their Jan. 6 prosecutions. Enrique Tarrío, Zachary Rehl, Ethan Nordean, Joseph Biggs, and Dominic Pezzola were all convicted for their roles in the breach. A weird twist: President Trump pardoned the men, but now his administration may have to defend the original prosecutions. "A settlement would suggest that the violence of Jan. 6 was entirely justified," said Matthew Dallek of George Washington University. "It would say to the country that these Proud Boys who were convicted in a court of law, in a fair trial, were wrongfully prosecuted and victims. It just turns the entire day on its head."

\* "Elon is embarked on his next quest," added Argus Hamilton. "He's learned that colonizing Mars is the only way for man to escape government fraud and waste." Now, that he has had a nasty and public split with Trump, it might be his only chance. He garnered praise when he said the Trump's "big, beautiful bill" was "a disgusting abomination." Did he not criticize the bill because it did not cut enough?

Authorities made an arrest in the theft of two *irreplaceable instruments* owned by members of the rock band *Heart* that were stolen from a venue in New Jersey. Surveillance video in Atlantic City led police to a 57-year-old Pleasantville man. He was actually able to sell one of the instruments, and no one is sure what happened to the other. The man has been charged with burglary and theft.

British Airways issued a Pilot Advisory suggesting pilots should "pause before execution and cognitively consider what the required action is" before taking it. Four days later, a mishap occurred upon takeoff of a flight from London-Gatwick Airport to Vancouver. While "Safety is always our highest priority and our pilots brought the aircraft to a safe stop," the airline said, the *Boeing 777's brakes caught fire*, and the resulting runway closure caused 23 other flight departures to be canceled. An investigation by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch determined the cause of the incident was the co-pilot mixing up his left and right hands!

A Florida man managed to fly free on dozens of flights by *pretending to be a flight attendant*, a scheme that has now landed him a federal conviction and the prospect of up to three decades in prison. Tiron Alexander, 35, was found guilty of wire fraud and unlawfully entering secure airport areas under false pretenses. It appeared that he exploited an airline program meant for employees over a period spanning from 2018 to 2024. He managed to board 34 flights for free by submitting false information to an airline employee flight booking system. Alexander claimed to work as a flight attendant for seven different airlines, using about 30 fabricated badge numbers and falsified hire dates to back up the ruse.

A delivery driver has *won \$50 million in a lawsuit* after being seriously burned when a Starbucks drink spilled in his lap at a California drive-thru. A jury ruled for Michael Garcia, who underwent skin grafts and other procedures on his genitals after the hot tea spilled. Garcia blamed his injuries on Starbucks, saying that an employee didn't wedge the scalding-hot tea firmly enough into a takeout tray. Starbucks said it sympathized with Garcia but planned to appeal. "We disagree with the jury's decision that we were at fault for this incident and believe the damages awarded to be excessive," said the coffee giant.

The body of a 28-year-old woman was discovered on Maine's highest mountain, which she'd set out to hike with her father. Esther Keiderling's *body was discovered in a boulder area* about 1,000 feet from where the body of her father, 58-year-old Tim Keiderling, was found earlier. They are believed to have succumbed to exposure. Temperatures on the peak had fallen to the low 30s, and there is no cell service in the area. Esther had expressed reservations about the Abol Trail, but thought they could manage the 8-12-hour hike.

Over the winter, a 28-year-old camper, Tiffany Slaton survived almost three weeks alone in a cabin, eating nothing but leeks. A snow plow finally cleared a path that brought the property owner to her door in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range. The owner kept the cabin unlocked in the rare event someone became stranded and needed to take shelter. That exact scenario played out with Slaton. My question is, "Who keeps a three-week-supply of leeks on hand?"

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**Kub Car races**

Grenfell Library facilitated Kub Car races at the GRP on Canada Day, Tuesday, July 2. A selection of some of the race cars are hand-made (inset picture).

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# Kub Car Races held at GRP

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

A miniature speedway drew a small crowd beside the pool at the Grenfell Recreational Park (GRP) on Tuesday afternoon. Children and their families were excited to see how fast their wooden Kub Cars would go down the track.

This spring, Grenfell Library facilitated a Kub Car program for 27 children. Participants worked with volunteers and library staff to design, sand and paint their wooden cars during the month of May. Initially, race day was scheduled for June 8 during the 1-47 Cruisers Car Club show, but that was postponed due to inclement weather. Instead, the library called the young racers to the GRP during the community's Canada Day celebrations. Children eagerly awaited their turn to race, holding the small wooden models with pride. Cheers accompanied each race down the track that was bor-

rowed from Grenfell Apostolic Church.

In addition to prizes for the fastest races, a panel of five judges from the community selected winners for special categories. Noah Erbach received an award for the Highest Quality car. Carson's hot dog car was judged the Funniest. Kayla Eagle's car was awarded the Most Artistic; Hunter received an award for Best Design, and Sonakshi received an award for Best Paint Job. Visitors to the library booth at the GRP were also encouraged to vote for the Crowd Favorite but the winner was not revealed until after Grasslands News press time.

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# Breast cancer screening expanded to women 45 and over

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An important change in breast cancer screening eligibility has now taken effect in Saskatchewan. Women aged 45 and older can now access screening mammograms. This change aims to improve early detection of breast cancer and is part of a phased strategy to gradually lower the age for screening to 40 over the next 12 months.

“Screening mammograms are one of the best ways to catch breast cancer early, when it’s most treatable,” said Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill.

With this new phase, even more women will have the opportunity for early detection, further contributing to the approximately 75 per cent of breast cancers diagnosed in the early stages through the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency’s Screening Program for Breast Cancer, now called

BreastCheck.

“Starting breast screening at age 45 is a powerful step in taking control of your health,” said Karen Efthimiou, Vice President of Population Health, Quality and Research at the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. “Early detection means more treatment options and better outcomes. It saves lives. Don’t wait for symptoms — be proactive and get screened.”

“Providing screening mammography to eligible individuals starting at age 45 is a meaningful step toward making early breast cancer detection more accessible and inclusive,” said Bryan Witt, Vice President, Provincial Clinical and Support Services, Saskatchewan Health Authority. “Behind every screening is someone’s mother, sister, daughter or friend — and early detection can make all the difference in improving outcomes and saving lives.”

A breast screening

mammogram is a low-dose x-ray of the breast that plays an important role in finding breast cancer early. Most healthy women should have a screening mammogram every two years. A health-care provider’s referral is not required to book an appointment.

To be eligible, women must be of the appropriate age at the time of booking, and:

- have no breast symptoms, such as lumps, bloody nipple discharge or skin changes;
- do not have breast implants;
- not be in active follow-up for breast cancer; and
- have been breast cancer-free for the last five years.

Women who qualify can schedule their mammogram at any of the eight designated screening locations throughout Saskatchewan. Additionally, the Mobile Mammography Unit continues to

serve rural and remote areas throughout Saskatchewan every year.

Recently, breast screening sites in Regina and Saskatoon enhanced their breast screening capacity by adding an additional mammography machine at each location. The new machines, funded through over \$2 million raised by the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan, will help ensure timely breast screening as more of the population becomes eligible.

Screening mammograms are designed for healthy women, while diagnostic mammograms are for those with breast

symptoms.

Women who experience breast symptoms or concerns at any age, or who would like to know more about their risk for breast cancer, should speak with a health-care provider or go to a walk-in clinic to

discuss next steps.

For information regarding screening appointments, locations and operating hours, individuals can call BreastCheck toll-free 1-855-584-8228. To learn more, visit [saskcancer.ca/BreastCheck](http://saskcancer.ca/BreastCheck).



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## July 1 fireworks

Hundreds of people lined the beach at Bird’s Point on Round Lake to watch the Canada Day fireworks display on Tuesday night. It was one of many firework displays over the weekend and July 1 holiday.

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**Yorkton, Sask.**

# Amazing Race event sees 7 teams race across town

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Teams were racing throughout Whitewood on June 28 as they competed in an Amazing Race event as part of the June ParticipACTION Community Challenge, which gives the town a chance to win a \$100,000 grant for the community.

Seven teams of three to five people were entered into the competition which saw them receive clues that they would have to use to figure out where in the community they would have to go to receive their next clue. Having to travel by foot, teams would have to complete tasks at each station in order to receive their next clue.

The teams started at the Whitewood Commu-

nity Centre where they did a warmup together and then were given their first clue, which led them to the town's walking trails on the south side of town. There they were sent to the Whitewood Evangelical Missionary Church where they had to do a tire flip relay with the Whitewood Figure Skating Club. Their next clue led them to the town's horseshoe pits where they had to get a ringer or 10 points to move on.

The next clue sent the groups to the Southeast Regional Library where they had to complete a puzzle before receiving their next clue, which led them to the fire hall. Once at the fire hall they had to work as a team to rescue a 175-pound rescue dummy from a room filled with

training smoke and then use a water line to knock down several flames on a burning house prop. The participants then made their way to pickleball to rally back and forth six times and target practice in putting the ball through a tire four times as a team. The museum was the next location where they were given clues on how to sort the flags (it revealed the flag garden order). The last stop was the rink, where they had to jump on the mat.

The first team to land on the mat and win the Amazing Race consisted of Jakob Domres, Nadelle Murphy, and Olivia Galbraith. Each person received a prize donated by local businesses and also enjoyed a free community barbecue to wrap up the morning.



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## Fighting fire

One of the stops in the Amazing Race in Whitewood was the fire hall where teams had to knock down fire targets on a burning house prop. The event saw seven teams competing in the event.



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## Amazing winners

The team winning the amazing race consisted of (l-r) Jakob Domres, Nadelle Murphy and Olivia Galbraith.

## Funnel clouds spotted in area

- continued from front page

"Watching storms can be fascinating, but tornadoes are unpredictable and extremely dangerous," said Saskatchewan Public Safety spokesperson Alex Desrosiers. "If you see a funnel cloud

forming or receive a warning, get indoors immediately — ideally to a basement or safe interior room."

Tornado season on the Prairies typically runs from late May through August, with July often bringing the most active weather. In 2023, Saskatchewan recorded 15 confirmed tornadoes. So far this year, storm trackers expect that number to be similar or slightly higher.

For now, residents are keeping an eye on the skies and their emergency kits close at hand. And while the storms may bring destruction, they also serve as a reminder of the raw power and drama of Saskatchewan's summer weather.

"It's part of living here," Turner added. "You respect the sky — and you stay ready."



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### GRENFELL RESIDENTS PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 2025

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Grenfell Community Hall

Grenfell does not want the Care Home that Council and Government are forcing upon residents. Grenfell wants the Care Home that was promised to residents over 25 years ago and funds were raised for that Care Home.

Media has been misrepresenting the wishes of residents.

Resident do not want to see their community destroyed by questionable actions of elected officials.

Support those individuals fighting for a Care Home that meets the wishes of residents by attending this meeting.

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# Grenfell celebrates Canada Day

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

July 1 was a day filled with festivities in Grenfell.

The traditional parade began at 11 a.m. with Grenfell Legion members seated on the first float leading the procession through town. Other trucks and golf carts were decorated with red and white balloons and streamers in honour of Canada Day. There were also antique cars in the parade, including a red

Fargo fire engine maintained by Grenfell Museum. MP Steven Bonk walked along, handing candy and small Canada flags to spectators that lined the parade route. A group of children, who had participated in a program sponsored by Grenfell Library Board, rode bicycles decorated with flags and streamers. Elcapo Light-horse 4-H Club members also joined the parade, along with Grenfell Snow-drifters Snowmobile Club, Grenfell Lions Club and other local organizations

and businesses.

Throughout the day, a ball tournament at the diamonds and other family-friendly activities kept community members busy at the Grenfell Recreational Park (GRP). Visitors and residents were encouraged to purchase a \$2 bracelet from the Snack Shack that provided unlimited access to the outdoor swimming pool and mini golf course for the day. There was an inflatable laser tag game set up behind the mini golf course, and a face painting booth beside the pool. Grenfell Fire Department facilitated a water hose challenge, too. Grenfell Library held Kub Car races at the GRP and 1-47 Cruisers Car Club hosted a Show & Shine outside Grenfell Museum. Those activities had been postponed from June 8 due to poor weather.

Several community organizations hosted food fundraisers on Canada Day. There was a pancake breakfast at the Curling Rink and a chili lunch at the Legion Hall. A lunch-time BBQ was hosted by the library at the GRP and the Lions Club held a BBQ in the evening. Grenfell Friendship Club also proceeded with its pie sale that was originally planned to coincide with the 1-47 Cruisers Car Show in June.



## Canada Day parade

Grenfell hosted its annual Canada Day festivities with a parade in the morning, followed by an afternoon of family-friendly activities at the Grenfell Regional Park.

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# SPORTS

## Bull Bash to see one of highest payouts

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The 5th Annual Pipestone Bull Bash, where you will see top bull riders from Bull Riders of Canada (BRC), will take place at the Whitewood Rodeo Grounds on Friday, July 11th, 2025 starting at 7:00 PM CST.

What's even more exciting is that some of the top bull riders are from this area and while there are many more events to compete in, these local riders are starting 2025 with some pretty successful rides to increase their points, and their winnings, to continue to show their ratings are going to be pretty impressive again this year.

The 2024 year-end standing finals from BRC show the top bull rider was Holden Atkinson from Black Diamond, AB winning \$32,954.00 and earning 7245 points. Second and third place riders were both from Brazil with 6705 and 6275 points earned and \$30,129.21 and \$36,433.00 money won. In fourth place was Trinity Bear of Whitewood, SK, with the most money won totaling \$40,588.34 but falling short in points earned at 6100.

Kaden Piper of Stoughton placed 6th with a total of 4495 points and Lucas Ozirney of Grenfell with a total of 3160 points. Other area riders last year included Braxton Rowe of Wolseley (placing in 21st spot), Jesse Ozirney of Grenfell (placing in 31st spot), Jaden Ozirney of Grenfell (placing in 34th spot).

The current standings at press time this week for 2025 shows a bull rider from Quebec in 1st spot with 6165 points and winning \$28,410.50. Local rider, Lucas Ozirney from Grenfell sits in 5th spot at present with 1990 points and winnings totaling \$4,620.00. Kaden Piper from Stoughton sits in 19th spot and Jesse Ozirney from Grenfell is in 44th spot.

According to Bull Riders of Canada's web site, the format at the Pipestone Bull Bash will consist of 24 Contestants Long Round; 8 Contestants Short Round (Event Formats are subject to change based on entry numbers. Pipestone Bull Bash pay-out is \$10,000. The only other pay-outs shown by BRC at \$10,000 or more in the approximately 26 rodeos listed to date in 2025 are at Edgerton, AB., Chestermere, AB., Grunthal, MB. (at \$12,000) and Prince Albert, SK., also at \$10,000.

Described as Added Money at these events include \$10,000.00 DOUBLE POINTS for BRC Standings! Payout is Top 4 Long Round; Top 4 Short Round; Top 4 Average.

The Announcer at this year's 5th annual rodeo will be Joe Braniff; Sound: No Bull Music; Entertainer / Rodeo Clown: Scott Byrne; Judges: Dallas Turner and Derek Glen; Safety Man: Kevin Smith; Chute Boss: Stuart Lambert; Bullfighters: Caleb Bedford and Cassidy Cairns with Stock: Lazy S Bucking Bulls, Rafter KO/Rafter WJ/Johnson Bucking Bulls and Stevens Bucking Bulls.

There will be a Beer Gardens from 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. with a DJ in the beer gardens following the event and concessions will be provided by Whitewood Rodeo Committee. Admission is \$15.00 with 5 & Under free.

A portion of the proceeds will be going towards local infrastructure & events. Over \$35,000 has been donated from the past Bull Bash proceeds.



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### Bull Bash returning

The 5th Annual Pipestone Bull Bash will be taking place in Whitewood on July 11 where the top bull riders from across Canada will compete for a \$10,000 pay-out. Bull riding begins at 7 p.m. at the Whitewood rodeo grounds, located at the east entrance to town.

## July 12-13 is free fishing weekend

By Provincial  
Grasslands News

The Ministry of Environment invites everyone to enjoy Saskatchewan's beautiful lakes and rivers by trying out recreational fishing - no licence needed - during the province's annual summer Free Fishing Weekend July 12 and 13. Grab your gear, gather your family and friends and have fun!

"Saskatchewan is renowned for its world-class sportfishing, and we encourage everyone to

enjoy a truly remarkable experience," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "Free Fishing Weekend is the ideal time to discover the province's incredible fishing opportunities and enjoy the outdoors."

During Free Fishing Weekend, anglers can cast a line without a licence on any public waters open to sport fishing. However, there are a few important things to keep in mind: the event does not apply within national parks, a valid licence is required to take fish out of the

province, and all other fishing regulations, including possession limits, remain in effect.

2025 marks the 36th year of Free Fishing Weekend, which began in 1989 to increase public awareness about the diverse angling opportunities in the province. A winter Free Fishing Weekend was added in 2015.

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## Sports column – Darcy Gross

# Gross Misconduct

Well, how do you like the Saskatchewan Roughriders now?

After a victory over the BC Lions, which was hailed as a defensive masterpiece by the media, the Roughies now boast a record of 4-0.

The defence did have a solid game, but it was also a case of the Lions shooting themselves in the foot a lot, especially when they had opportunities to get back into the game that was played in Regina on the weekend.

I didn't get to watch the whole game, but early on the Lions seemed to be making a lot of positive plays on offence, and they didn't seem to be having any more success moving the ball than the Roughriders had.

Then came the back-breaker.

A lot of the time, one of those plays that can shift the momentum from one squad to another will come late in a game, but in this match-up, it came in the form of a first half pick-off by the Green and White, that was returned all the way back for a touchdown.

One could call that play a 14 point swing, because it looked as if the Lions – who at the time held a small lead – were once again deep in the Riders' end and threatening to score.

Riders' defensive back Tevaughan Campbell made that pick late in the second quarter and returned it 89 yards without a Lion laying a paw on him, and it really seemed like a turning point in the game.

It may have been a tad early to be a game-changer, but the play inspired the defence that seemed to play closer in coverage than they have all season long.

And they kept it up for four quarters, never letting up with soft coverage, like they have done earlier this season.

There were a number of other key moments, like the BC team getting points taken off the scoreboard because of a penalty and a few other penalty calls that went the Riders' way.

Jake Maier, subbing in at quarterback for the injured Trevor Harris, looked competent without being flashy, for the most part.

He didn't throw any balls up for grabs and when it looked like the window for a play to be made was small, he was cautious with the way he threw, knowing it would take a spectacular effort by a Roughriders' receiver to make a play, but there was no way he was going to be picked off like his BC Lions' counterpart.

It's what's known in football circles as good ball management, and Maier, with 13 of 23 passing for 170 yards, kept it simple all game, and still had enough plays to make the Lions think twice about going after the young pivot.

Power runner AJ Ouellette also looked strong, carrying the ball 23 times for 139 yards, and average of six yards per gallop.

When you can get your top runner making plays like Ouellette made all game, it inspires a team to play better, and the Riders certainly did that.

To this scribe, it looked like the first game of the season where the game plan, more simple than usual because of the backup quarterback situation, was executed to an absolute tee.

The Roughriders knew that they needed to have a strong game controlling the clock and hanging onto the ball and they took care of business in a way fans haven't seen so far this season.

You can bet your bottom dollar that those same fans are waiting to see what happens with the Riders in two weeks, as they'll have the week off with a bye in the upcoming schedule.

If they can come off their league imposed week off and look as competitive and solid as they were against the Lions, they're going to be tough to beat as the season moves into the dog days of summer.

As we all know, four games does not a season make, and head coach Corey Mace likely doesn't want to watch his team go on any prolonged losing streaks as the season moves on.

Last season, it seemed like the Riders had it figured out early, and then slipped on about seven banana peels before righting the ship to earn a playoff berth.

Riders fans aren't looking for this sort of drama this time around.

They're just looking for wins.

# Toews' return to NHL a bonus for Jets

By Bruce Penton

Sports Columnist

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By Bruce Penton



Winnipeg now has two golden boys.

The hockey gods may have kicked Winnipeg Jets in the gut with a second-round playoff ouster, but the team was blessed with a nice consolation prize in late June when future Hall of Famer Jonathan Toews announced he would sign a one-year deal with the Jets.

For Toews, a 12-time 20-goal scorer, it's a true homecoming, for the 37-year-old veteran who played 15 seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks, is a Winnipegger by birth. He grew up in the suburb of St. Vital, bypassed the Western Hockey League to play two seasons at the University of North Dakota, and was chosen third overall in the 2006 draft by the Blackhawks.

Three Stanley Cups, a Conn Smythe trophy and 417 goals (counting playoffs) later, Toews was not only the Blackhawks captain and leader, but a Windy City icon.

Then COVID-19 hit, and it hit Toews harder than most. He missed two full seasons, 2023-24 and '24-'25 due to his battle with long-COVID, but he never contemplated retirement. When he told the hockey world a few months ago he planned to return to the game, teams lined up to sign the true free agent. The Hawks, in the middle of a youth-oriented rebuild, weren't among the bidders.

But general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff and the Jets' brass were indeed interested. They valued his leadership skills, his defensive prowess and still feel he can be a threat to score and set up linemates with his savvy offensive skills. And he came cheap, too, signing a \$2 million contract loaded with incentives that could bolster his income by another \$5.5 million or so.

"We are excited to add a proven winner like Jonathan Toews to the Winnipeg Jets," Cheveldayoff told The Athletic. "It will be a unique opportunity for Jonathan to play

for his hometown team. His talent, drive, and experience will be a great complement to our club."

Toews says he still has some "high level hockey left" and issued a release where he conveyed his thrill of coming home.

"I'm grateful to be making my return to the NHL with the Winnipeg Jets," Toews said. "It's very special to come home and play in front of my family and friends in Manitoba. The Jets have been on the rise over the last few seasons and I'm eager to join the group and help however I can."

Toews gives the Jets additional strength down the middle. Mark Scheifele, Toews and Adam Lowry form a talented threesome and the fact that Winnipeg didn't have to lose a rostered player to add Toews is a bonus. It's like an early Christmas gift for the Jets, who would have always been the front-runner for Toews' services given his love for his hometown. Fifteen teams spoke with Toews' agent about the veteran centre, according to The Athletic, including Montreal, Toronto and Colorado.

Just one question: Is there room atop the Manitoba Legislative Building beside the Golden Boy for a statue of a St. Vital-born hockey star?

- From Super 70s Sports, on Twitter: "Tom Brady: "Monitored his health with a strict exercise and nutrition plan and advanced medical testing. Ken Stabler: Woke up that morning so figured he was probably OK. Advantage: Stabler."
- Headline at fark.com: "Chris

Simms claims that no NFL franchise thinks Brock Purdy is a Top 10 quarterback. And if anyone would know about quarterbacks being outside the top 10, it's definitely Chris Simms."

- Globe and Mail columnist Cathal Kelly, on the lengthy contract awarded defenceman Morgan Rielly "that lasts until he's about 80: "Toronto should rehire Kyle Dubas so they can fire him again for agreeing to that."

- Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: "Green Bay's Jordan Love made a horrible first pitch at a Brewers' game. Must have been a Packers' receiver behind home plate."

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, after a 'fan' heckled Arizona's Ketel Marte about the death of his mother, who died a couple of years ago in a car accident: "If you're scoring at home, chalk this one up as a strikeout for humanity."

- Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfson, on bad TV ratings in south Florida during the Stanley Cup final: "Alligator wrestling got more views than the Panthers did!"

- Another one from Rolfson, after Canada beat Honduras 6-0 in soccer's Gold Cup: "Six-nothing? Who was in net for Honduras? Carlos Skinner?"

- Former MLB player and broadcaster Joe Garagiola: "I went through baseball as a player to be named later."

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Victoria's Secret model Emily Ratajkowski once wowed Lakers fans at a game, then had a photo spread in Esquire as Woman of the Year. She went from Staples Center to a stapled centre."

- A stinky pun from RJ Currie: "Flatulence during a recent World Darts Championship game had competitors reduced to rasps by shouting accusations at each other. Otherwise known as putting the fart before the hoarse."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

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04-Jul	Neudorf	Ochapowace	8 p.m.

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11	Tues July 8	Braves	Pirates	Windthorst 6:45
12	Mon July 14	Pirates	Cowboys	Optimist 8:30
13	Fri July 18	Bucs	Pirates	Windthorst 6:45
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Echo Ridge Ladies

# Canada Day "Canada Ball" Round

Submitted  
Grasslands News

The Echo Ridge ladies from Fort Qu'Appelle celebrated Canada Day with a "Canada Ball" special round that saw 64 ladies including invited guests take part.

The group started the day with a pancake breakfast put on by the Social Com-

mittee and ladies all dressed in Canada red and playing with a Canada golf ball. The golf game was a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with the team with the lowest score winning. Only eight Canada balls made it back to the clubhouse, the rest ending up in either the bush or the water.

The winning team consisted of Wendy Stilborn, Darlene Exner, Donna Laverdiere and Iona Gladus. A fashion show followed the great event.



**Pancakes**

Sheila Pinches and Shelley Lichwald serving pancakes.

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**Canadian pride**

Left to Right; Denise Gendur, Cathy Williams, Pat Urzada, and Eileen Lewis and her granddaughter holding the Canada Ball

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# Rider Nation rolls over Lions

## Roughriders Dominate 37-18 in Regina

By GNG Staff  
Grasslands News

In a commanding display at Mosaic Stadium on June 28, the red-and-green-clad Saskatchewan Roughriders (4-0) flexed their West Division dominance, routing the BC Lions 37-18 in Week 4 of the CFL regular season.

Bold from the start, Saskatchewan struck first with A.J. Ouellette's nine-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter, but the spark came earlier in the second, when Trevor Harris connected on a 15-yard TD pass to Keon Hatcher Sr. before BC kicker Boris Lauther cut the lead with a 45-yard field goal. A 34-yard and 48-yard field goal by Lauther had the Lions keeping pace, but momentum shifted—and stayed—with an 89-yard pick-six by Tyrice Campbell, slamming the door on BC's comeback hopes.

In the third quarter, Saskatchewan controlled the tempo. After Ouellette's touchdown, Zoo saw Jake Maier confidently lead the offense, finding receiver Dhel Duncan Busby for a 42-yard scoring strike late in the fourth. An impressive

special teams effort by JJ Couch also contributed with two 70+ yard punts that forced singles, reflecting the Riders' dominance in field position.

**Key Highlights**

- Roughriders' dynamic duo: Ouellette's 139 yards on 23 carries (6.0 avg.) and one TD, paired with Duncan Busby's 2 receptions for 40 yards and a touchdown, powered the Riders' balanced attack.
- Turnovers spell BC's downfall: Lions quarterback Jeremiah Masoli threw three interceptions, including the game-changing defensive touchdown, crippling BC's rhythm.
- Penalty and execution woes: According to BC Lions' "Game Takes", the team's slump continued due to "key turnovers, penalties and a few breakdowns in execution."
- Coaching reaction: BC head coach Buck Pierce described the night as a tough reality check, noting the team must regroup quickly ahead of a road trip to Montreal.

**What It Means**

This result cements Saskatchewan's perfect start (4-0) and holds them atop the West; meanwhile,

BC drops to 1-3 amid growing questions about consistency and discipline.

For Regina's Riders, the victory keeps home momentum rolling; the game's theme, the 'kiskis-kâciwan Game', was also a celebration of Indigenous culture, highlighted by Indigenous helmet logos and a post-game field experience for fans.

As the season gears on, Saskatchewan looks like a legitimate Western contender, blending a physical run game, opportunistic defense, and electrifying special teams. Their balance and discipline could make them serious Grey Cup contenders if sustained.

On the flip side, BC's season hangs in the balance. They'll need to correct costly errors and sharpen up—particularly limiting turnovers—to salvage what remains. With a bounce-back chance next week in Montreal, the Lions will look to avoid further circuit damage on the road.

Saturday's game delivered a clear statement: Saskatchewan remains a force in the West, while BC must rethink and reset if they want to stay competitive.

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# Lebret Art Show set for July 13th and 14th

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Shelly Cochrane's painting of *Gondola's in Venice* will be raffled at the annual art exhibition and sale sponsored by the Qu'Appelle Valley Artists Association at Sacred Heart Church in Lebret later this month.

"My husband and I were touring in Italy and I took a photograph and painted the scene when we got back," she told Grasslands News. Cochrane says she has been interested in art all her life, "as a child I would colour and draw." But she credits an art teacher at Bert Fox High school with being a mentor.

"One of my favourite memories was of Mr. Stephenson's art class. He took one of my paintings and showed it to all of the other teachers. That had a profound impact on me."

Cochrane is largely self taught. She works with water colours. "It's a different medium to work with, that's for sure. But I really enjoy the effects, I really enjoy working with watercolours."

Cochrane is one of more than 30 members of the Qu'Appelle Valley Artists Association who will exhibit their works in the show and sale on July 13 and 14th at Sacred Heart Church in Lebret which usually attracts about 600 visitors.

Admission is \$2.00.



ALAN HUSTAK | GRASSLANDS NEWS

**Feature art piece**  
Shelly Cochrane's watercolour named *Gondola's in Venice* is being used to promote this year's Lebret Art Show July 13th & 14th.

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9:00 a.m. Worship at St. Paul's  
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\*9 a.m. Lay Service at Christ, Neud  
\*11 a.m. Lay Service at Trinity, Lemb

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

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

**Sunday, July 6:**  
10 a.m. Worship Service  
w/ Rev. Brian Mee

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(A Church with a Caring Heart)  
800 Prince Edward St.  
(Melville Comm. Works)  
Ph. 306-728-2347  
Pastor Tim Oehler

**Sundays:**  
9:55 a.m. Pre-service Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Coffee and Welcome  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
www.melvilliverchurch.org  
Facebook @melvilliverchurch  
Recorded messages posted online

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
258 - 10th Ave. W.  
Ph. 306-728-3971  
Pastor Ronald Shumba  
facebook.com/gslcmelville  
July 2 - July 15: Office Closed  
July 6: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Corner of 3rd Ave. E. & Manitoba St.  
Fr. Basil Malowany  
basilmalowany@gmail.com  
306-540-5102  
Saturday, July 5:  
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, July 12:  
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

**MELVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
473 - 8th Ave. W.  
Office Ph. 306-728-5022  
Pastor Jon Pettinger  
Associate Pastor: Jesse Darby  
Sunday during Summer Months:  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Church Office Ph. 306-728-5001  
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### Melville Churches Welcome You

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502 - 4th Ave. W. - Church Office  
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www.zionlutheranmelville.com

**Sunday, July 6:**  
No Information Available  
Church of the Lutheran Hour heard Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on 940 CJGX Radio, Yorkton

### Whitewood & Area Churches Welcome You

**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

**ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Tomy Mandapathil  
Sunday, July 6:  
9:00 a.m. Mass Service

**ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, July 6:  
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, WAPELLA**  
Summer Services as follows:  
Sunday, July 13:  
10 a.m. Lay Service  
Sunday, Aug. 10:  
10 a.m. Lay Service

**WHITEWOOD UNITED CHURCH**  
\*No Services until September

### Fort Qu'Appelle Churches Welcome You

**VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH** Fort Qu'Appelle  
Sunday service 10:30 a.m.  
Service is also available on YouTube and will be livestreamed  
306-900-0600  
Fort Qu'Appelle - valleyalliance.ca

**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
202 Bay Ave. S.,  
Phone - 306-551-6213  
Hall Contact - 306-331-6720

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
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### Kipling Churches Welcome You

**KIPLING CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
417 3rd Street South  
Office: 306-736-8268

\*Sunday Services 10 a.m.\*  
email: pipestoneparish@sasktel.net

**KIPLING UNITED CHURCH**  
102 Nelson Ave. - 306-736-2237  
email: kwpc@sasktel.net

\*Next Regular Service is Sept. 7\*

**KIPLING PEOPLE'S CHURCH**  
701 3rd Street - 306-736-8992  
Website: kiplingpeopleschurch.com  
Pastors: Kevin & Merodee Hassler  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship and Children's Ministry

**ST. ANNE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
418 First St., Kipling  
Priest: Father Joseph Villamartin  
306-538-2163

**Saturday, July 5:**  
Mass 6:30 p.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
400 3rd St. South, Kipling  
306-736-2447, Doris  
306-424-2604, George  
\*Worship Service 11:00 a.m.\*

**BEKEVAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
102 Nelson Ave.  
(in Kipling United Church)  
Sunday Worship in person 11:30 a.m.  
Rev. Devon Pattimore  
Lay Person/Service Leader  
306-736-2479  
bkbernat@gmail.com

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

Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
Thursday: 9 a.m. - 12 noon  
Coffee with Pastor  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Mom's Group

### Kipling Interdenominational Summer Services

All Services are at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, July 6:  
Service at Christ Lutheran Church

### Indian Head Church Welcomes You

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
801 Buxton St. - Indian Head, SK  
306-695-3838

\*Sunday Services 11 a.m.\*  
\*Family Play Group - Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon  
\*Living with Cancer Support Group 2nd Tuesday of the Month



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116 Main Street

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## Memoriam



1945 - 2024

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## Coming Event

THE QU'APPELLE VALLEY Art Guild is having its annual Show and Sale at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Lebrét on **Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$2 admission, door prize is a \$300 painting, refreshments available. There are 30 members at the show so there is a nice variety of mediums, sizes and subjects.

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## Classified and Obituary

**Deadline Tuesdays at 12 noon**

## Dale's Painting

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## Royal Canadian Legion

Indian Head Branch No. 114

**General Meeting 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.**

President - Matt Smith

Contact Don Ford 306-530-3222 and Myrna Scott 306-727-3733

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### Indian Head Library

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# 1-844-GNG-NEWS

# Montmartre pool grand opening celebrated



## Pool construction

Saskatoon-based company Paradise Pools continued work on the new swimming pool at Kemoca Regional Park as the Montmartre community held a grand opening for the \$3.5 million facility June 28. Park authority board chair Ken Weichel told Grasslands News he expected the pool to open to the public within “about” a week of the opening after weather caused a last-minute delay in finishing the construction.

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## Car Show

Dean Young of Vibank brought his 1927 Durant – complete with original engine, transmission, paint, body, chassis, glass, interior, and hardwood spoke wheels – to Montmartre on June 28 for a car show that was held in conjunction with the grand opening for Kemoca Regional Park’s new swimming pool.

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## Farmers' Market

Keller's Bee Happy Honey from Francis was among the vendors who took part in an outdoor market which was held at Kemoca Regional Park in conjunction with a grand opening ceremony for the park's new swimming pool.


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## Beach Volleyball

Beach volleyball and slo-pitch tournaments were among the attractions as Kemoca Regional Park held a grand opening ceremony for its new swimming pool June 28 at Montmartre.

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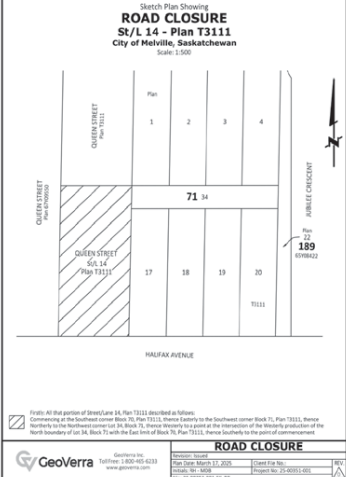
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## Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Council of the City of Melville will consider adopting a bylaw under *The Municipalities Act* to provide for the closing of a Municipal Road or Street.

**INTENT:** The proposed bylaw, subject to the consent of the Minister of Highways will close and transfer the municipal road or street portion described as: All that portion of Street/Lane 14, Plan T3111 described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner Block 70, Plan T3111, thence Easterly to the Southwest corner Block 71, Plan T3111, thence Northerly to the Northwest corner Lot 34, Block 71, thence Westerly to a point at the intersection of the Westerly production of the North boundary of Lot 34, Block 71 with the East limit of Block 70, Plan T3111, thence Southerly to the point of commencement shown on the Road Closure Sketch Plan dated March 17, 2025 to the adjacent land owners.




**REASON:** The reason is to allow the City to close and transfer portions of an undeveloped road plan to the adjacent land owners to consolidate with the existing parcels.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION:** Any person may inspect the bylaw online at melville.ca, or by contacting the City Office located at 430 Main St., Melville, SK S0A 2P0 between the hours of 9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays. The office can also be reached by phone at (306)-728-6840. Copies of the proposed bylaws are available at the City office at cost.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council will hold a public hearing on July 14, 2025 from 6:05 p.m. at the City Council Chambers for verbal submissions. Written submissions to Council pertaining to this bylaw are also permitted. Written submissions must be received by July 7, 2025 by 4 p.m. either by email or delivered to the City Office.

Issued at the The City of Melville this July 4, 2025.

Dawn Oehler | Planning Manager | City of Melville



## NOTICE

**The Tax Enforcement Act**  
**ZAHIED KASSAM**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the **Town of Pilot Butte** intends to be registered as owner under the above Act of the land described as **CONDO PLAN 102151066 EXT 0 – 45, Title No. 145994642.**

The municipality claims title to the land by virtue of an interest based on the tax lien registered against the existing title to the land in the Land Titles Registry as Interest Number 198289355 and you are required to **TAKE NOTICE** that unless you contest the claim of the municipality or redeem the land pursuant to the provisions of the above Act within six months from the service of this notice on you and, subject to the further provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act, a certificate of title will be issued to the applicant and you will thereafter be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to, or in respect of, the land.

The amount required to redeem the land may be ascertained on application to the Clerk, Treasurer or Administrator of the municipality. For any questions about the tax enforcement process please contact Taxservice at 1-877-734-3113.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2025.

Allen Mullen, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Town of Pilot Butte

## TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

### RM of Silverwood #123

*Province of Saskatchewan*

Notice is hereby given under The Tax Enforcement Act that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 4th day of August, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY								
Part of Lot	Lot	Blk	Plan	Meridian	Title No.	Total Arrears	Advertising Cost	Total Arrears & Advertising
Part of Section	Sec	Twp	Range					
	1-5	4	T688401	1-5	151014361 151014372 151014383 151014394 151014417	\$300.97	\$84.11	\$385.08
	6-12	4	T688401	6-12	151014428 151014439 151014440 151014451 151014462 151014473 151014484	\$117.86	\$84.11	\$201.97

Dated this 4th day of July, 2025  
 Jennalee Beutler, Treasurer

# Fatal collision on Highway #10

Submitted  
Grasslands News

On June 30, 2025, around 11:30 p.m. White Butte and Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Highway #10 approximately 34 kilometers southwest of Fort Qu'Appelle.

A semi truck traveling towards Regina and hauling hay and a pickup truck traveling northeast collided in the roadway.

The lone driver of the pickup truck, a 45-year-old man from the Regina area, died at the scene. The lone adult male driver of the semi did not report any injuries to police.

Both detachments continue to investigate with the assistance of RCMP Collision Reconstruction. Highway #10 was blocked for several hours through the night while investigators were on scene; it has since re-opened. EMS and fire services from the RM of McLean provided response at the scene, as did STARS.

# Carlyle RCMP ask public to report sightings of Darías Obey

Submitted  
Grasslands News

Around 5:30 a.m. on June 28, 2025, Carlyle RCMP responded to a report of an injured adult male who had walked to a residence on White Bear First Nation seeking assistance. Investigators believe he was the victim of a serious assault. He was

transported to hospital with what were described as serious injuries. We do not have an update on his condition.

As a result of continued investigation by Carlyle RCMP, 21-year-old Darías Obey from White Bear First Nation is charged with one count, aggravated assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest and Carlyle RCMP are actively working to locate him.

Darías Obey is described as approximately 6'4" and 210 lbs. He has black hair and brown eyes.

We are working on obtaining a photo of him.

If you see Darías Obey, do not approach him. Contact Carlyle RCMP by dialling 310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com

## RM of Willowdale No. 153 is currently accepting applications for the position of Seasonal Mower Operator/ Labourer

Duties include mowing, mulching and sign installation. The successful candidate may also be required to carry out other duties including culvert installation, equipment repairs and maintenance, shop work, road maintenance as well as other duties as assigned.

Applicant must be organized, motivated and able to take direction.

A valid driver's license is required.

There is opportunity to accommodate summer student for position.

Please forward resume complete with expected wages, and references to:

**RM of Willowdale No. 153**  
**P.O. Box 58, Whitewood, SK S0G 5C0**  
**Email: rm153@sasktel.net**

*The RM wishes to thank all applicants for their interest however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.*

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## Employment Opportunity Town man/Water Operator TOWN OF FRANCIS

**Town man** - The Town of Francis is seeking an employee to perform the duties of Town man & hall caretaker.

Town man job entails, but is not limited to, grass cutting, blowing snow, grading, repairs on town equipment, supervision of summer staff, repairs to water lines, assisting in water breaks etc. On Call for emergencies on weekends & nights. Hall Caretaker part of job includes, but is not limited to, cleaning hall & performing repairs & maintenance.

**Water operator** - The successful applicant must be a certified class 1 water operator or be prepared to take courses necessary to achieve this. Class 2 will be required in the future. Classes are taken through ATAP or Sk.Polytech. Applicant will be in charge of the Towns water, sewer & the lagoon. Daily water tests must be completed.

Requirements are: Grade 12 and a valid Class 5 driver's license with a clean abstract. A Criminal Record Check will be necessary for the successful applicant.

Please submit resume with cover letter indicating wage requirements to: town.francis@sasktel.net or by mail to Box 128, Francis, Sask. S0G 1V0  
Applicant Deadline – until position is filled.



## Town of Broadview Public Works Maintenance & Equipment Operator Full-time Position

The Town of Broadview is accepting applications for the position of Full-time Public Works Maintenance and Equipment Operator. This is a permanent full-time position.

Applicants must possess a minimum Grade 12/GEO, valid Class 5 Driver's License and be willing to acquire any certification necessary. Willing and able to learn and become part of the water treatment plant personnel.

Job duties:

Here are some of the main activities and tasks that public works maintenance operator and related workers have to perform, and some of the physical demands they involve:

- Operate street cleaning equipment such as street sweepers or other vehicles equipped with rotating brushes to remove sand, litter and trash;
- Operate snowplows or trucks fitted with plow blades to remove snow from streets, highways, parking lots and similar areas;
- Operate sewer maintenance equipment such as sewer jet cleaners to maintain and repair sewer systems;
- Operate trucks equipped with apparatuses for spreading sand, salt or abrasives on roadways;
- Operate chainsaws and other clearing equipment to fell trees and cut back vegetation;
- Operate riding mowers to maintain Town owned property and private custom work. Check, lubricate, refuel and clean equipment and report any malfunctions to supervisor.

Individuals that are self-motivated are encouraged to apply. Previous experience in operating and maintenance; large equipment also preferred.

We will accept resumes until we have filled the position:

Submit resumes and references to:

**Town of Broadview**  
**P.O. Box 430,**  
**Broadview, Saskatchewan S0G 0K0**  
**Phone 306-696-2533**  
**Fax 306-696-3573**  
**email: town.of.broadview@sasktel.net**

*The Town of Broadview would like to thank all who apply, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TOWN OF BALTARRES PUBLIC WORKS LABOURER FULL-TIME POSITION

**Wage:** \$25/hr or based on experience

**Start Date:** Immediately

The Town of Balcarres invites applicants for the position of Public Works Laborer, available immediately. This full-time permanent position will assist the public works team in providing services to the Town of 600+ residents for transportation, utility distribution, infrastructure maintenance, and seasonal employees during assigned hours.

**Some of your tasks might include:**

- Manual labor, mostly outdoors
- Street maintenance, including but not limited to gravelling, grading, patching, crack sealing, painting street lines, hydrants, and curbs, oiling, snow removal, sanding, sweeping streets, and de-icing walks
- Traffic Control, including but not limited to the maintenance of street signs, traffic control signs and traffic signals
- Drainage, including but not limited to clearing debris and blockages from catch basins, and removing weeds and debris from ditches.
- Maintain sewage lagoon, pumphouse and lift stations in the sewage system.
- Maintain curb stops, valves and fire hydrants in co-operation with the Fire Department and Water Treatment Plant
- Sidewalk repairs
- Park lot and Town yard maintenance.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Valid Class 5 Drivers License or above

High school diploma or equivalent

Experience operating powered mobile equipment

Criminal Record check and driving abstract will be required

**Preference will be given to applicants with:**

Certification in Water Treatment and Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Treatment (or willingness to become certified)

Certification on heavy equipment an asset

Confined space training, ground disturbance training

Certification in Power Mobile Equipment would be as asset

Pesticide Application License (or willingness to become licensed)

Local residency or willingness to relocate

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# Whitewood museum set to celebrate 45th anniversary

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The official opening of the Whitewood Historical Museum took place July 19, 1980. Invitations were sent out for the program where a King and Queen were to be present, followed by the serving of coffee, tea and cookies.

Forty-five years later, the museum will be celebrating its anniversary with an invitation for everyone to attend a BBQ Party at the Whitewood Museum on July 10, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Borderland Coop is sponsoring the event.

Information shown in "Whitewood and Area," the history book from 1892 to 1992 of Whitewood shares that it was Feb 28, 1978 that the then mayor, Fred Hack, met with the Board that had been organized where he donated \$3500, and asked that a letter be sent to the Council requesting a matching sum.

Two years prior to the museum's official opening, the Whitewood Historical Museum Association was incorporated under the Societies Act on May 25, 1978. Harold Davis, Betty Cox, Jessie Howard, Wanda Eifler and Grace Roberts were to be directors for one year.

In March of 1979, interested citizens heard Mayor Hack outline his thoughts regarding the museum building. Mrs. Grace Roberts was nominated as chairman, Wanda Eifler as sec/treasurer. Harold Davis and Mayor Hack were to choose a site within the park. On May 8, 1979 a special meeting with Board members, Mayor Dunand, Amy Reynolds of the Parks and Recreation Board as well as Nelson Bryska from the Dept. of Culture and Youth of Regina met to discuss and help the board make plans for the Museum building, including inspecting the site, approving it and the decision was made that a steel building with fluorescent lighting would be most suitable.

A June 1, 1979 Board meeting made the decision that Lois Davis, Betty Cox and Wilf Clarkson would be the membership committee - memberships to be \$2.00 per year or \$10 for a life membership.

Mayor Dunand, Al McEwen and Cecil Coleman would be the Finance Com-

mittee while Greg Stillwell, Harold Davis, Lloyd McIntyre and Tom Keeler were to be the building committee.

By October 1979, Council had granted the matching \$3,500 and \$1000 had been raised at a membership drive. Broadview School Division #18 also agreed to the offer to move a Kindergarten School from its present site.

By April 25, 1980 the contract for the Museum Building was complete with painting and finishing still to be done. A financial statement showed the building was paid for.

The Kindergarten building was moved to the location in the park in 1983 and discussion began in 1984 of a new building to represent the agricultural interests on which the town is founded. This building opened June 26, 1986 with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture in attendance.

A new extension was finished during the summer of 1990 and the museum committee to this day continues to work on displays and cataloguing of items donated to the Whitewood Museum that fill the museum consisting of the Agriculture Building, School House and Main Building.

Some major renovations including redesigning of exhibits continue as well as fundraisers to help support planned projects. Their Mission Statement is: To preserve the history and historical artifacts of Whitewood and district with special emphasis on our ethnic diversity.

The Whitewood Historical Museum is located at 603 North Railway. It is dedicated to the memory of our early pioneers and the ethnic diversity of our community. Today, it consists of 5 buildings - a main building with artifacts, historical displays, a second building of ethnic items, service clubs and sports displays, the Forest Farm School with school, household, military and military displays, an agricultural building with our farming history, and a lean-to with displays on early modes of transportation and early Whitewood businesses. With thousands of period artifacts, touring the various buildings and surrounding grounds is a must for any history buff.

The museum is open seven days a week May - August.

Whitewood Museum also serves as the location for Information for travelers passing through the community and is open during the summer months for personal viewings or tours.

The comment in "Whitewood and Area" history book printed in 1992 is undoubtedly still an invitation for today, "The museum would like to thank all those who have supported the museum in the past and would invite you to visit the museum and continue your much needed support in the future. Remember ... if you like what we're doing, help us to do more!"



**Art Walk**  
"Painted Pathways and Precious Places" Art Walk was another ParticipAction Community Challenge event where many rave reviews were heard about the local art on display at three venues along Lalonde Street.

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