

Indian Head Horticultural Society

Exhibits display gardeners' successful season

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Horticultural Show Winners
Junior Gardens
First Prize: Lucie Nichols and Henri Nichols
Second Prize: Emma Pollock
Third Prize: Adelyn Litzenberger
Exhibit Awards
Best Fruit Collection: Gord Howe
Best Vegetable in the Show: Dave Gehl
Best Dahlia in the Show: Gord Howe
Best Glad in the Show: Joan Nuttall
Best Rose in the Show: Kathy Robb
Best Lily in the Show: Joanne Tuleta
Best Floral Arrangement in the Show: Sharon Hearn
People's Choice Award Floral Arrangement: Kathy Robb
Aggregate Awards
Most Successful Exhibitor in Juniors: Lucie Nichols
Most Successful Exhibitor in Beginners: Marie Shultz
Most Successful Exhibitor in Fruit: Gord Howe
Most Successful Exhibitor in Cut Flowers: Laurel Hollick
Most Successful Exhibitor in Vegetables: Dave Gehl
Runner Up in the Vegetable Class: Shirley Wass
Most Successful Exhibitor in Flower Arranging: Laurel Hollick
Most Successful Exhibitor in House Plants: Shirley Wass
Most Successful Exhibitor in Baking and Preserves: Shirley Wass
Most Successful Exhibitor in Arts and Crafts: Shirley Wass
Most Successful Exhibitor in Hanging Baskets & Planters: Shelly Radcliffe
Grand Aggregate Awards
Grand Champion of the Show: Shirley Wass
Runner Up Grand Champion: Gord Howe

Brilliantly colored flowers with perfectly formed blossoms filled multiple tables at Indian Head Horticultural Society's annual Garden Show on Aug. 10. Prizes were awarded for numerous categories and winners of the Landscaping and Home Gardens competition were announced on Sunday afternoon.

The show was held inside the Heritage Club hall and opened to the public, after adjudicator Ruth Duryba completed her examination of the entries. Along with viewing the floral arrangements, visitors browsed several tables laid with fresh produce, stunning photographs and handcrafts, and mouthwatering baked goods.

New opportunities for junior participants were included at this year's show, along with a category for honey. The entries for honey were notable for their varying shades of amber and their subtle differences in flavour, depending on the types of flowers from which bees had gathered nectar. Exhibitor Joanne Tuleta took second and third place prizes for the category. Tuleta eagerly offered samples of the honey she had harvested to fellow exhibitor Gord Howe and other visitors at the show. Along with several exhibits of produce and flowers at the garden show, Howe had entered an intriguing jar of crystalized honey that was extracted from a hive in 1974.

"Our judge seemed very pleased; she enjoyed judging some of our new sections," commented Kathy Robb, society president. "We had five new exhibitors; the arts and crafts, as well as the home baking and preserves, were popular categories."



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Nature's sugar
Gord Howe (right) samples honey harvested by beekeeper Joanne Tuleta (left) at Indian Head Horticultural Society's annual Garden Show on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Landscaping and Home Gardens
Town: 1st Roberta Saint & Cliff Knutson, 2nd Betty Laverdiere, 3rd Shelly Radcliffe
Multi-dwelling Properties: 1st Otterloo Square
Garden: 1st Shelly Radcliffe, 2nd Myrna Hastings, 3rd June Cook
Flower Beds: 1st Roberta Saint & Cliff

Knutson, 2nd Marilyn Norman, 3rd Sharon Hearn
Planters & Containers: 1st Sharon Hearn, 2nd Shirley Wass, 3rd Roberta Saint & Cliff Knutson
Hanging Basket(s): 1st Shirley Wass, 2nd Meagan McEwen, 3rd Roberta Saint & Cliff Knutson.

Scrap metal collection site could be moved to a better location

By Sarah Pacio
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Indian Head town council held a brief regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Aug. 11.
Last fall, Indian Head Curling Club began a fundraiser of collecting scrap metal for recycling and the community response has been overwhelming. The large green recycling bin outside the Curling Rink is quickly filled with donations, often overflowing before the next pick-up can be arranged. Since it is in a residential area, some concerns have been expressed regarding the unsightliness of the collection. Council discussed alternatives and agreed the bin could instead be placed at the Town Shop on Water Street.
A commercial property owner submitted a request



for angle parking on the 600 block of Dewdney Street, near Grand Avenue. Some angle parking spaces are available at the west end of that block. However, councillors noted that traffic congestion and proximity to the four-way stop at Dewdney Street and Grand Avenue could impede safety, so the proposal was declined.
Town officials are concerned for the safety of pedes-

trians accessing businesses on Highway #56. Following a recommendation from the Ministry of Highways, the town applied for a Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant to install a lighted crosswalk. Council anticipated the expense of \$23,210 would be fully covered by the SGI grant, but funding was only approved for a portion. The town inquired whether the Ministry of Highways would cover the remaining cost but was informed that the government would only supply half, leaving the town with an expense of \$6,270. Since the crosswalk is important for safety and the cost could be offset by savings from another project, council approved the expense.
Council approved an updated list for Committees of Council, assigning Councillor Tim Klein to the Sunbeam Lodge board. He will replace Pieter Cruson who was granted a temporary leave of absence from council until October.

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Regina’s Urgent Care Centre a model for more facilities across Sask.

By Ryan Kiedrowski
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The first of its kind Urgent Care Centre in Regina has been in operation for more than a year, with over 41,000 patients having received care thus far. That number is more than double what was first anticipated, illustrating the need for the UCC not only in the Queen City, but as a model for other centres in Saskatchewan.

“Urgent care is something that’s relatively new in Saskatchewan, but it is just showing some really good signs at the one facility we have now,” said provincial Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill. “I mean, 41,000 patients seen in Regina – and we know that’s not just people that live in the city, that’s people from surrounding communities as well – that’s really exciting to see. It’s just giving people another point of access for care.”

The Regina UCC location is a blend of medical professionals including family physicians, emergency department physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, psychiatric nurses, laboratory and xray technicians. This mix allows the UCC to address a wide range of needs that patients may encounter.

“It’s all about providing patients quicker access to care,” Cockrill commented. “What we really are focusing on is making sure that patients are getting the right level of care in the right place at the right time.”

Some of the non-life-threatening emergency services provided at the UCC include treating moderate illness like infections; intravenous therapy; onsite point of care testing and satellite lab services; treating minor injuries (burns, broken bones, stitches), assessing eye injuries, abdominal pain, and shortness of breath; heart telemetry assessment with an electrocardiogram, and diagnostic imaging. Services for mental health and addictions are also provided at the UCC, things such as screening and assessment, counselling, prescriptions, connecting to resources, and providing referrals.

More Urgent Care Centres being constructed

The Regina UCC is the first of what



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Health care alternative

Regina’s Urgent Care Centre on Albert Street is the first of its kind. It has been operating for more than a year and has seen over 41,000 patients.

will be many such facilities across the province. Ground has been broken for a UCC in Saskatoon, and plans are to have additional locations in Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, plus second locations in both Saskatoon and Regina.

“It’s a priority for every patient in the province to be attached to a primary care provider by 2028,” Cockrill said. “We’re working aggressively on that, but then also providing when you have an emergency or a situation where you can’t wait for an appointment with your primary care provider, what are the right options for you? Is it the emergency room? Is it the Urgent Care Centre?”

Saskatoon’s first UCC will be near St. Paul’s Hospital, taking some of the capacity pressure off that facility’s emergency department.

“We’re getting very close to being 25 per cent complete at that Urgent Care Centre, which is on the west side, and kind of a unique setup because it’s a very specific partnership with Ahtahkakoop Cree Developments,” explained Cockrill. “Really a first-of-its-kind partnership in Saskatchewan in the healthcare world.”

He also noted that not all UCCs will be the same as needs particular to each community will be researched.

“We are doing some pre-engagement, and as well with the second sites for Saskatoon and Regina, we’re doing pre engagement with the physician communities in those respective areas of the province, understanding what the specific needs are and what the right solution looks like,” Cockrill said. “It’s probably going to look different in North Battleford and Prince Albert and Moose

Jaw than what we see in Regina with the first Urgent Care Centre, and that’s okay, because the needs in those communities are different. I live in the Battlefords, what my community needs is going to look a little bit different than what’s on Albert Street (Regina), so it’s important that we’re engaging with physicians, which we’ve been doing now for a couple of months, hearing from them, what they’re seeing, talking to other folks in the Saskatchewan Health Authority and in the community, and making sure that whatever site we pick, whatever kind of model of care we go with for urgent care in those communities, fits with what the community has already. It complements what the community has, but it’s also providing another level of service for residents.”

Communities outside the cities gaining UCC facilities will also notice changes, including physician recruitment.

“I actually think that having more opportunities for areas of practice in the province is a way that we can continue to be more competitive from a recruitment process perspective,” Cockrill said. “The physicians that I’ve had the opportunity to meet with and talk to, I’m noticing more and more that physicians are looking to have a varied practice in the province, so doing a little bit of this, a little bit of that, being able to keep their skills up in certain areas. I think the opportunity that we have with Urgent Care Centres around the province is for family physicians, obviously, to continue having a patient panel and being able to see patients from a primary care perspective, but then also being able to keep more acute skills up by working in the Urgent Care Centre, not necessarily a full emergency room experience for them, but being able to see patients at a higher level of acuity and make sure that we have those skills built up in our community. Overall, that’s helpful in terms of ensuring that acute services – whether it be in small communities like the southeast or in our major centres, that we have more practitioners that can do that type of work.”

Sask. leads nation in job growth with 22,200 new full-time positions

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Saskatchewan’s economy continues to outpace the rest of the country, with new Statistics Canada data showing the province added 22,200 full-time jobs in July compared to the same month last year. The growth helped keep Saskatchewan’s unemployment rate at 5.0 per cent – the lowest among all provinces and well below the national average of 6.9 per cent.

While several other provinces posted only modest gains or declines in employment, Saskatchewan led the nation in job creation.

“Saskatchewan continues to see unprecedented job creation with a record low unemployment rate and over 22,200 full-time jobs added since last July,” Deputy Premier and Immigration and Career Training Minister Jim Reiter said. “Today’s labour market numbers continue to demonstrate that Saskatchewan is leading the nation with our strong economy, and our government is committed to ensuring this growth continues.”

Employment Milestones

July 2025 marked all-time highs for the month among residents aged 15 and over:

- Labour force: 665,300
- Full-time employment: 532,800
- Male employment: 336,400
- Female employment: 292,400

Year-over-year, full-time employment rose 4.3 per cent. Jobs held by women saw the strongest growth, increasing by 13,300 positions (4.8 per cent), while male employment rose by 4,300 jobs (1.3 per cent).

Regional and Sector Gains

Both Saskatoon and Regina recorded notable job growth. Saskatoon added 4,300 jobs – a 2.1 per cent increase – while Regina gained 5,600 jobs, up 3.8 per cent compared to July 2024.

- Industry gains were led by:
- Healthcare and social assistance: +9,800 jobs (10.3%)
 - Construction: +6,500 jobs (14.7%)

- Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing: +3,500 jobs (13.1%)

Strategic Growth Plans

The province credits its momentum to two major initiatives: *Building the Workforce for a Growing Economy – The Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy*, which outlines steps to meet future labour demands, and *Securing the Next Decade of Growth – Saskatchewan’s Investment Attraction Strategy*, aimed at boosting investment and meeting the Growth Plan target of \$16 billion in private capital investment annually.



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Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment

Changes to SIPPA coming to attract more physicians

By Ryan Kiedrowski

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The province has been leaning heavily on foreign doctors coming into the province, assessed through the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment program. Implemented in 2011, SIPPA seeks to ensure internationally trained physicians that want to practice in Saskatchewan possess the skills and knowledge to do so. Under a SIPPA contract, physicians are required to serve a minimum of three years in an underserved rural community, but retention has been a looming issue.

“The SIPPA program has been very significant in terms of bringing new doctors into the province and what we’ve noticed over the last few years is we’ve had a lower retention rate of keeping those doctors after their return of service,” said provincial Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill. “Any time the government is investing in a program, we want to evaluate its success and obviously make that better. We’ve undertaken a review of the SIPPA program over the last couple of months. Very soon, we’re going to be announcing some changes to the SIPPA program.”

Changes will be twofold in providing more options for practitioners coming to the province.

“Then number two, trying to strengthen those bonds between the new practitioners and the communities that they come to serve,” Cockrill said. “It’s really important that we are intentional both at a provincial government level, at the Saskatchewan Health Authority level, but then also at the local municipality level to really strengthen those bonds when new practitioners come to our province.”

While Cockrill held on to details of how that will roll out for the time being, he emphasized the importance of making a lasting impression on new physicians to the province.

“I didn’t grow up in Saskatchewan, I had the opportunity to move here,” Cock-

rill said. “I find Saskatchewan to be an incredibly welcoming place, and really, my desire is that the healthcare professionals that we recruit to this province feel that as well and recognize just the incredible quality of life that we have in places like Moosomin, like The Battlefords, like Estevan, like Prince Albert, like Saskatoon and Regina. That’s what we want practitioners to feel; really trying to find ways through some of the changes that we can strengthen those bonds very early-on between community and practitioner, so that those practitioners that didn’t grow up in Saskatchewan see the opportunity to make a life here.”

Part of that strategy will see individual communities playing a larger role as well.

“My desire is for communities to have a larger role in engaging with health care professionals,” Cockrill said. “Nobody tells the story about how nice it is to live in a place like Broadview or Kipling like the people who live in Broadview or Kipling. In my community, The Battlefords, I am an evangelist for The Battlefords. I think we really want to strengthen the bonds between communities, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and practitioners that we may be recruiting.”

The need for that more local focus is something Cockrill believes has been identified from when regional health authorities merged into the singular SHA.

“I’ve identified that as an area that we need to work on, between myself and the Ministry of Health, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and then groups like SARM and SUMA as well as individual municipalities to say, ‘okay, we have a single health authority and there’s reasons for that, because really we are a single health network that we’re trying to make work across the province. There is real value in having individual communities speak to why people should come and live and work there. We’ve been improving our community engagement through the Saskatchewan Health Authority. We still have some work to do there, but I think we’re on the right track overall.”



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Crescent moon

A crescent moon shines bright above the Saskatchewan skies, clearly showing the rough surface of the moon. The upcoming full moon on Sept. 7 will be a corn/harvest moon .

Court to reserve decision on application to halt Saskatchewan coal-plant life extensions

By GNG Staff

Grasslands News

A judge in the Court of King’s Bench has reserved their decision following oral arguments in a legal challenge aimed at stopping Saskatchewan’s plan to extend the lifespan of its coal-fired power plants.

Representatives for the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES), Citizens for Public Justice, and three private individuals—including a 12 year old—have requested a judicial review of the province’s decision to keep conventional coal power plants operating beyond the federally mandated 2030 shutdown deadline. The applicants argue that the move was made without proper public consultation, undermines federal law, and poses potential risks to Canadian rights under the Charter.

The case focuses on plans to continue operating SaskPower facilities at Shand and Boundary Dam near Estevan and Poplar River near Coronach. The

plaintiffs say the decision was announced internally—via a letter to SaskPower employees on June 18—rather than via public channels, raising questions about transparency and procedural fairness.

In court, applicants said they are demanding accountability, pointing out that no generation scenarios during two years of consultations included continuing coal beyond 2030. They under-

scored that Saskatchewan is out of step with other provinces, which are complying with federal regulations to phase out coal generation.

No timeline was offered for when the reserved judgment is expected. The next steps will depend on how the court rules—potentially allowing the extension to proceed, or requiring the government to halt further action while the review continues.

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Red Market Barn is a ‘good fit’ for Sask. Open Farm Days

By **Connie Schwalm**
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Last weekend, ‘Saskatchewan Open Farm Days’, a two-day event created by Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan, provided an opportunity for people to tour host farms and other venues connected with the agriculture industry, learn more about the food that is produced in this province, and connect with those who work to provide that food.

As Ashley Stone (Coordinator, Open Farm Days - Farm & Food Care Sk.) explains, “We started Open Farm Days last year and had over 3,000 people across the province go and visit some of the 34 host farms that were taking part. And we had nothing but positive feedback about this opportunity for people to check out local producers and experiences involving agriculture and gain a better understanding about the food that is grown and produced in Saskatchewan.”

Stone says that there are various reasons why people decide to take part in an event like this.

“We have three audiences we’ve identified that are coming out to Open Farm Days. The first one is the grandparents who want to take their grandkids out to the farm. They’ve moved away from the farm themselves, but the want to share these stories and hands on experiences with their grandkids. The second group are young families who want their kids to learn a bit more about where their food comes from and have that experience of being on the farm. And we have a lot of newcomers to the area, who see everything growing around

them but don’t know what it is or have that connection to the land or to producers. So, they’re able to go out and learn more about what’s growing and connect with the people behind it.”

As well, Stone points out that having a wide variety of host farms and other venues taking part in ‘Open Farm Days’ reflects the diversity that exists in Saskatchewan Agriculture.

“This year, we had 35 host farms, with a lot of new hosts taking part. These included orchards, modern dairies and a modern grain farm. We had several historic sites telling their story through Open Farm Days including Seager Wheeler Farm near Saskatoon (which told the story of wheat in Saskatchewan), the Western Development Museums in Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, and the Heritage Elevator in Val Marie which featured flour milling on site and hosted a live music performance.

“We also had several markets that signed up to be a part of the event this year including the Farmer’s Markets in Saskatoon and Swift Current and the Red Market Barn near Moose Mountain Provincial Park. These markets provide a consistent, ongoing space where consumers can connect with producers and buy locally produced food. And they allow farmers to connect directly with consumers and sell to them both at the market and outside of it. So, they are a great addition to Open Farm Days’.”

Harold Johnston and his late wife Brenda began the Red Market Barn in 2013. Johnson says that helping people to establish the connections with the farm that have often been lost is important.

“The organizers of Sas-



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Buying local

Customers at markets like the Red Market Barn can connect directly with local producers and enjoy locally produced food.

katchewan Open Farm Days reached out and asked if we would like to participate, and I thought it was an interesting idea. My dad was raised on a farm and so was I. When we grew up, you had chores to do (like picking eggs, feeding chickens or helping clean the barn). Those chores meant that you were helping to keep the farm running, you were a real part of it. But the next generation was a bit removed from that, and now you have a situation where both parents are working, and the kids have no connection to a farm at all.

“So, I think that something like this, which gives people a chance to experience something of what life on a farm is like and learn more about the people in this province who are growing food, is huge. Quite often people simply think of their food as coming from the grocery store. They might drive by acres and acres of farmland and not have any idea what it takes to go from planting to harvest, or how that is connected to the food that ends up on their plate.”

He points out that while some vendors travel a significant distance to come to the Red Market Barn, most are local people whose home-based business is often tied to the farm, or part of the rural way of life that grew up around it.

“We have vendors coming from different places in Saskatchewan and some from Manitoba. I think the vendor traveling the furthest right now comes here from Swift

Current. But most of our vendors are local – from southeastern Saskatchewan. Some were farmers and are now retired. Others are still on the farm, and the products that they bring here (whether it’s garden produce or handcrafted items they’ve made) are produced on

their farm.

“We have a honey producer that sells honey to some of their customers in 20L pails because those folks have replaced sugar with honey in their food. There is a church group coming from Wawota that brings a huge assortment of pies and countless jars

of jams and jellies here. And we have people coming in and buying cases of canned goods, because they remember the pickles and jams that their grandmothers and mothers made and they want that good stuff in their lives. But they don’t have the time to make it themselves, so they come here to buy it. All of that is part of the story – part of the community that grew up around farms.”

Ultimately, Johnston says that unique experience that exists at the Red Market Barn makes it a good fit for an event like ‘Open Farm Days’.

“This is Saskatchewan local people coming together. You look at the picnic tables by the barn on Sunday – and they’re full. People sit down beside somebody they’ve never met, and before they know it, they’ve found a common thread and are talking and having a great visit. So, they start out as strangers and leave as friends. And maybe that’s what something like ‘Open Farm Days’ is really all about.”



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Part of the story

The Red Market Barn was one of the host venues taking part in Sask. Open Farm Days last weekend, an event designed to share the story of Saskatchewan Agriculture.

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Trade conflicts have major impact on Canada

“China’s anti-dumping duties at a rate of 78.5 per cent came as a surprise and a shock,” one trader from RBC Dominion Securities commented.

“This is huge. Who will pay a 75 per cent deposit to bring Canadian canola to China? It is like telling Canada that we don’t need your canola, thank you very much,” said one Singapore-based oilseed trader.

China, the world’s largest importer of canola - also known as rapeseed - sources nearly all its supplies of the product from Canada. The steep duties would likely all but end imports if they are maintained.

China’s anti-dumping probe launched in September 2024 had found that Canada’s agricultural sector - particularly the canola industry - had benefited from “substantial” government subsidies and preferential policies.

China has until September, when the investigation formally ends, to make a final decision on the duties, though it has the option of extending that deadline by six months. A final ruling could result in a different rate, or overturn Tuesday’s decision. China also launched an anti-dumping investigation into pea starch imported from Canada. Canada is a top exporter of peas with Saskatchewan and Alberta as the largest producers; China, the U.S., India and Bangladesh are among the top buyers.

Last year, Canada was surpassed by Russia as the top exporter of peas to China. Russia’s market share in the 2023-24 agricultural season climbed to 49.1 per cent, as Canada’s fell to 44.6 per cent of China’s pea imports, from a dominant position of about 95 per cent in previous years.

This recent announcement is a fresh escalation in the year-long trade dispute that began with Ottawa’s imposition of tariffs on Chinese electric vehicle imports last August and implies a shift from the conciliatory tone struck in June when China Premier Li Qiang said there were no deep-seated conflicts of interest between the countries during a phone call with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney.

Is this move by China a negotiating tactic? Or will we see this implemented and that will be it?

We have criticized and formed opinions about Trump ever since the American President slapped tariffs onto Canada (and other countries) and now there is additional pressure on Canada’s government to sort through trade frictions with China.

Canada is now in a trade conflict with the world’s two largest economies.

Prime Minister Mark Carney was put out to the public as the best person to deal with Trump and to get results. There have not been any glorious results seen yet. Carney continues to meet with Canadian premiers. A smart move as the impact of the tariffs needs to be constantly assessed and Carney can’t continue to do all the work on his own.

James Moore, a former federal cabinet minister and a columnist stated, “All ideas need to be heard so the good ideas can be weeded out from the bad through central debate when Parliament resumes next month.

“Drop the unrealistic belligerence of the dollar-for-dollar trade warfare angle and tack towards a lowering of temperatures between our countries – for now.

“Stand-up significant business leadership, diplomatic capacity and governmental horsepower to genuinely build out export markets beyond the United States for Canadian-made products, resources and services.

“Canada is blessed with incredible leaders of enor-



mous capacity who know how to engage successfully in markets around the world. Let’s tap into some of that talent and re-imagine what our diplomatic strategy looks like in this moment.

“For decades, our diplomatic focus has been insufficient in its mandate to exploit global markets. We need to create Canadian jobs and prosperity through global sales, and we need to redirect the footprint of Canada abroad with this new agenda.

“We genuinely need to do all that we can to find bal- last in diversified global alternative markets so as not to be held hostage by the whim of the current presi- dent.

“Continue to firmly, clearly and tirelessly advocate for the virtues of the North American trading alliance that has created more wealth than any other economic partnership in human history.

“From the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement to the North American Free Trade Agreement, to the Canada U.S. Mexico Agreement, the evidence is everywhere of the success and stability of the North American economic alignment to protect our collective and individ- ual interests. And we must never tire of reminding Americans that the North American trading alliance has been – and must continue to be – the critical coun- terbalance to the rise of China and their too-often de- fiance of rules-based, good faith, reciprocal trade with their trading partners.”

Moore concluded by stating, “The tariff reality – in a mild or severe form – is here for years to come. Much of what happens may be beyond our control, but what is within our control needs to be pursued ferociously by our political leaders.”

Of course, canola is just one market area under at- tack at present. It has a varying effect on various areas of our country but all of Canada needs to work hard in Canadian sovereignty to unify our country and gain the knowledge and respect in world matters and gover- nance that is taking place.

Premier Scott Moe has stated in response to China’s announcement, “I would say that our federal govern- ment cannot sacrifice a \$43 billion canola industry, 200,000 jobs in that industry that is largely based, in fairness, in Western Canada to protect a fledging elec-

tric vehicle industry largely based on eastern Canada.”

Imposed tariffs (duties) influence a huge percentage of Canadian needs for personal and business life.

“The U.S. is becoming a less stable partner for Can- ada – politically, economically and diplomatically,” columnist Gerry Chidiac commented. His theory is, “Military failures - from Vietnam to Iraq to Afghani- stan - have further undermined American confidence and credibility. The U.S. role in supplying arms to con- flict zones, including the ongoing assault on Gaza, has provoked international outrage. As a close particularly in the Indo-Pacific and among Commonwealth and EU allies...

“It also means investing in domestic resilience: en- ergy, critical infrastructure, manufacturing and cy- ber-security, G7 ally, Canada risks being implicated by association.

“Canada must also consider what a post-American world might look like. As Washington’s dominance fades, middle powers like ours will need to recalibrate. That means expanding trade and security partnerships beyond the United States, particularly in the Indo-Pa- cific and among Commonwealth and EU allies. It also means investing in domestic resilience: energy, criti- cal infrastructure, manufacturing and cybersecurity...

“Some empires decline gradually, others collapse. Britain adjusted to its reduced status post-Second World War. France’s fall in the 18th century was cha- otic and violent. Canada weathered both. The question now is whether we have the foresight and resolve to manage the next imperial transition.

The answer lies in sober analysis, not nostalgia. Canada’s prosperity cannot be permanently tethered to a single partner, especially one in turmoil. It’s time to build new bridges and reinforce our own.”

The people in our country deserve, and should be demanding, the right to chart their own course.

“Canadians should take note. Sovereignty is not lost in one dramatic act. It erodes incrementally: through treaties we don’t read, agreements we don’t question, and decisions made without our consent,” Chidiac writes.

Canadians have the right to be worried at present.
- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

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Drone spraying not yet approved for Canadian crop producers

By Shaynee Modien
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With the advancement of new technology, Keep it Clean is cautioning producers that there is still a significant way to go in the world of spray drones.

Keep it Clean, a joint initiative involving the Canola Council of Canada, Cereals Canada, Pulse Canada, and the Prairie Oat Growers Association, is in its ninth year of partnership. Recently, they developed messaging for crop producers who may be considering using drones for crop spraying.

Keep it Clean emphasizes that drone technology has not advanced far enough to allow for regulated spraying. According to their statement, “pesticide application by spray drones is currently not permitted, and drones cannot legally be used to apply pesticides on field crops in Canada.”

Krista Zuzak, MSc, Director of Crop Protection and Production at Cereals Canada, was contacted to verify this information. In a discussion about current spray applications, which include the use of planes and helicopters, it was confirmed that drones are still not legally allowed for crop spraying using pesticides. While

some producers are considering using drones to spray small, inaccessible areas and for targeted applications, Zuzak noted that the use of drones with any kind of pesticide is currently not approved and is considered illegal. This could lead to enforcement actions.

Zuzak points out that following the product label is the law and off-label pesticide use, including mode of application, can compromise market access. Producers should keep in mind that their crops may be rejected if they are not following pesticide label directions.

The Keep it Clean website also reminds users that “spray drones are considered aircraft and must meet applicable criteria for pesticide application,” which they currently do not. For further information, producers and the public can visit keepitclean.ca to learn more about acceptable pesticide use.

Keep it Clean provides growers and crop advisers with resources for growing market-ready crops, including timely updates on potential market risks and resources for on-farm practices to ensure crops meet domestic and export standards. The initiative is funded in part through the AgriMarketing Program under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Saskatchewan posts second-highest building permit growth in Canada

Provincial News
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan’s construction sector continues to surge, with new Statistics Canada figures showing the province recorded the second-highest year-over-year growth in building permits among Canadian provinces.

Seasonally adjusted data for June 2025 reveals the value of building permits issued in Saskatchewan was up 37.4 per cent compared to June 2024. The province also saw a month-over-month gain of 13.4 per cent from May to June this year.

“As our economy grows and more people choose to live, work and raise a family in Saskatchewan, our construction sector will continue to see strong gains,” Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kading said. “Today’s numbers demonstrate that our government’s commitment to creating opportunities for our residents and ensuring all industries achieve success is paying off.”

Building permit values – an important economic indicator tied to both residential and non-residential construction – reflect anticipated demand for raw materials and labour in the months ahead.

The latest Statistics Canada GDP report also underscored the province’s economic strength. Saskatchewan’s real GDP reached a record \$80.5 billion in 2024, an

increase of \$2.6 billion or 3.4 per cent over the previous year. That growth rate ranked second among provinces and outpaced the national average of 1.6 per cent.

Investment levels are also on the rise. Private capital investment in Saskatchewan jumped 17.3 per cent last year to \$14.7 billion, leading all provinces. Forecasts for 2025 predict another 10.1 per cent increase to \$16.2 billion – the second-highest projected growth rate in the country.

The provincial government credits some of this momentum to its *Securing the Next Decade of Growth – Saskatchewan’s Investment Attraction Strategy*, introduced last year. Coupled with the InvestSK.ca trade and investment portal, the strategy is designed to attract new business, drive economic development, and build resilient communities across the province.





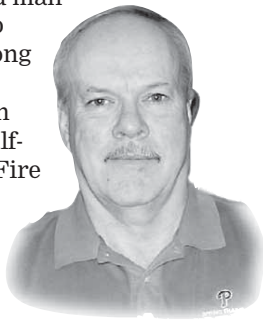
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Gene Hauta It’s a Strange World

An unnamed 80-year-old man told police he was “going to work” when he made a wrong turn and ended up *driving down the Spanish Steps* in Rome. The car got stuck halfway down, and the Italian Fire Brigade had to use a crane to lift it off the staircase. The historic steps, built in the 18th century, were closed to the public while archeologists inspected them for damage. “He’s a fraction of the age of the steps,” noted Mike Straw, “but then again the steps aren’t driving.”



A Calgary mother and father who pleaded guilty to manslaughter after leaving their toddler sitting in a *diaper of scalding hot water* have each been sentenced to six years in prison. “Their actions indicate a wanton disregard for the safety of Gabriel,” said Justice Glen Poelman at the sentencing of Michael Sinclair and Sonya Pasqua. Sinclair was given roughly 3 1/2 years credit for time already served in custody, while Pasqua received about 1 1/2 years credit. The unfortunate incident happened in 2021, and I saw no rationale for how that child could have been left to die.

Chocolate fans will soon feel a bigger pinch at the checkout. Hershey, the Pennsylvania-based chocolate giant, has confirmed that it is hiking prices of its candies by a “low double-digit percentage, a move tied to *surging cocoa costs* rather than tariffs or trade disputes.” The price spike comes against the backdrop of a cocoa crunch gripping the global market. Cocoa prices have risen 73 per cent over the past five years. Experts point to a slew of challenges in top-growing regions like Ghana and Ivory Coast: unpredictable weather linked to climate change, diseases such as Black pod rot, and chronic underinvestment in local farms. The result has been lower yields and higher costs for chocolate makers. Swiss chocolate maker Lindt, citing similar problems, also raised prices last year and expects to do so again this year

A *good Samaritan was killed* while trying to help someone else. A 54-year-old man saw a boater caught in the hydraulics of a dam at Missouri’s Elk River, so he jumped in to help. Instead, he was caught in the current himself, and was pulled through the dam. A bystander downstream performed CPR on the man when he resurfaced, but he didn’t make it. The original boater was rescued by firefighters.

A *77-year-old slice of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip’s wedding cake* has fetched nearly \$3,700 at auction, but it will soon be flambéed and eaten by a determined royal fan. The fruit cake, originally served at the couple’s 1947 Buckingham Palace reception, had been stored in a drawer for decades by the family of Chief Petty Officer F. Lownes, who received it as a memento but never ate it.

In Bristol, Conn., firefighters had to rescue a man who got *stuck in the chimney* of a Connecticut parks building while trying to retrieve his dog from a bathroom when the doors automatically locked for the night. They had to remove parts of the chimney and building, causing \$5,000 to \$10,000 worth of damage. It’s not clear how the dog got stuck in the bathroom or how long the man was in the chimney.

Chase Childers, 38, is a Georgia man who is being remembered for his heroism after he *drowned while rescuing a family* of five swimmers caught in a rip current off Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Childers, who had previously played minor league baseball in the Baltimore Orioles’ organization and served as a police officer, died after helping the family reach safety. The incident highlights the dangers of rip currents and the risks rescuers face, even those with experience and training.

Five-year-old sisters, Mish and Lucy, are European brown bears living in the Wildwood Devon wildlife park in England. The two 400-pounders escaped, triggering an evacuation of the area. But the pair knew what they wanted, heading directly for their keepers’ food store, where they *ate “a week’s worth of honey.”* After their snack, Misha went back to their enclosure, and Lucy was eventually enticed back with a bell — and more food. Then the “sugar rush” hit, resulting in the two charging around for a good few hours, climbing trees and jumping in the pond. Then they crashed, sleeping for hours.

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SK rules out forest access bans amid wildfire season

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan’s government says it has no plans to follow Nova Scotia’s example of banning public access to forests, even as the province continues to battle one of its most challenging wildfire seasons in recent years. Earlier this summer, Nova Scotia implemented sweeping restrictions prohibiting people from hiking, camping, fishing, or entering wooded areas, with fines of up to \$25,000 for violations. The measures were aimed at reducing the risk of human-caused wildfires during a period of extreme fire danger. Premier Scott Moe said Saskatchewan will not be

adopting similar rules. Speaking to reporters Tuesday, Moe stressed that the province’s geography and way of life make such bans impractical. “No, no, I don’t know how you do that here with respect to people walking in the bush that we have,” Moe said. “I was in La Loche yesterday and people live in the bush. And they’re going to walk in the bush.” Instead, Saskatchewan will continue to rely on targeted fire safety restrictions, such as bans on open burning and certain off-road vehicle use during high-risk periods. Moe said the province’s approach focuses on mitigating fire risk without cutting off public access to rural and forested areas where many residents live, work, and spend their free time.

Opposition Leader Carla Beck also said blanket bans are not the answer, pointing instead to the importance of public education. She argued that increasing awareness about fire safety and prevention can help reduce human-caused wildfires without imposing heavy-handed penalties. With rain in the forecast for parts of northern Saskatchewan, officials remain cautiously optimistic about fire conditions improving in some areas. For now, the province’s wildfire strategy will continue to balance safety measures with the realities of rural life—leaving forest access open while urging the public to remain vigilant.

Chinese tariffs on canola deal a heavy blow to SK farmers

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan’s agricultural heartland is facing a new threat as China announces a sweeping 75.8 per cent preliminary anti-dumping duty on Canadian canola seed, effectively blocking a crucial market for the province’s farmers. China is also already imposing 100 per cent tariffs on Canadian canola meal and oil, alongside high duties on peas, seafood, and pork. The Canola Council of Canada warned that “the Chinese market is effectively closed to the Canadian canola industry,” with almost C\$5 billion in canola exports at risk. Futures prices

for canola plunged by as much as 6.5 per cent, signaling a developing supply glut and financial stress for farmers. Premier Scott Moe has urged immediate federal intervention, stressing the personal and economic pain these tariffs will inflict on local farmers. Farmer Dale Leftwich of SaskOilSeeds described the tariffs as a “steep” blow that could drive down price points and trade volumes. The move is the latest escalation in trade tensions that began after Canada imposed tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, steel, and aluminum, prompting a series of retaliatory duties from Beijing. Canada’s new Agriculture Minister, Heath MacDonald, has highlighted the

urgency of resolving trade disputes with both China and the U.S., noting that tariffs have already disrupted exports of canola, wheat, pork, and other key commodities. With China also investigating pea starch imports and continuing duties across all canola products, Saskatchewan producers are now scrambling to find alternative markets. The stakes for the province are high. Canola is a cornerstone of farm income, and the loss of Chinese buyers could de-

stabilize farm finances across Saskatchewan. A sudden oversupply threatens to depress domestic and global canola prices even further, adding to the economic strain. Farmers and industry leaders are calling on the federal government to move quickly to open new trade channels or provide compensation to cushion the blow, while Ottawa works to address the dispute with Beijing and protect one of Saskatchewan’s most important industries.

Melville/Ituna RCMP Weekly Report

Melville / Ituna Detachment
Cpl Dave Kisters - Melville Detachment

Reporting period: August 6 – August 12, 2025

Melville and Ituna detachment responded to 70 occurrences over the past week.

Traffic

During this time, Melville and Ituna Detachments responded to 22 reported traffic occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in six Charges and 10 Warnings.

Break, Enter and Theft/Mischief

During this reporting period, Melville and Ituna RCMP have received several complaints of break and enters and thefts in the area. Police responded to a complaint of a theft at a rural location in the RM of Tullymet. The complainant noticed several items missing and believed the theft occurred sometime in the past week. Police also responded to a theft complaint on the 400 block of 3rd Avenue West in Melville. The complainant told police that their storage lockers were broken into. While on scene, the property owner noticed that their snow blower and several power tools

were taken. Police also responded to complaint of break, enter and theft at a rural property near Waldron. Suspects entered the complainant’s unlocked garage, and stole food, alcohol and fuel. Police continue to investigate these matters, however, do not believe that they are related. Police are asking the public to ensure that they lock their property when they leave, and have a reliable person check on their property should they be away for an extended period. Police received a complaint of mischief to a vehicle while parked at a business on the 100 block of the Service Road in Melville. The complainant told police that their vehicle was parked at the business to have work done. While it was there, an unknown person attempted to syphon fuel and drilled a hole in the gas tank. Police continue to investigate. If you have information related to these investigations, call your local detachment or submit information anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or you can submit a tip online using the P3 App - <https://www.p3tips.com/206> or at ww.saskcrimestoppers.com where you can also view other unsolved crimes.

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Small town publisher launches \$8 billion class action lawsuit

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

In a headline-grabbing move that feels more David vs. Goliath than journalistic action, the *Crowsnest Pass Herald* – a weekly newspaper serving a tight-knit community nestled amid Alberta’s Rockies – is leading a sweeping class-action lawsuit against tech behemoths Google and Meta (formerly Facebook). The suit, which began as a fight for fair ad revenue, seeks a staggering \$8 billion in combined damages and could reshape digital advertising in Canada and beyond.

The lawsuit was filed by Sotos Class Actions on behalf of the Herald, with publisher Lisa Sygutek serving as representative plaintiff. It alleges that Google and Meta violated Canada’s Competition Act by colluding to manipulate digital display advertising auctions – “water-falling” ad pricing and whittling away at header-bidding systems – and intentionally excluding publishers from fair competition.

“I may be a tiny little newspaper,” said Sygutek, “but this matters.”

Google’s “waterfall” ad auction reportedly prioritized its own tools over potentially higher bids, disadvantaging independent publishers like the Herald. Header bidding – a system empowering publishers to solicit bids from multiple sources simultaneously – once boosted revenue by nearly 80 per cent, but Google allegedly undermined this through limits and data suppression via an internal “Jedi” campaign. Meanwhile, Meta supposedly abandoned header bidding in 2018 in exchange for preferential treatment by Google, deepening the squeeze on publishers.

Originally seeking CA\$1 billion in damages, the Herald later amended its claim to \$8 billion – \$4 billion for conspiracy/bid-rigging and another \$4 billion for misrepresentation by Google.

The case was brought under the Federal Court of Canada. In February 2024, Chief Justice Paul Crampton approved a litigation funding agreement (LFA) between Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) Canada Investments Ltd. and the plaintiff, allowing external financing to cover the millions of dollars in legal costs in exchange for a capped return of up to 10 per cent, reclaimable only after reimbursements. The Court deemed it fair and essential for access to justice, while retaining discretion for rare circumstances where returns might exceed the threshold.

At the same time, initial motions saw some legal peeling back: conspiracy and bid-rigging claims were struck, while jurisdiction and misrepresentation allegations remain alive as the case moves toward a certification hearing.

While the Herald’s fight may seem like a small-town battle, it is part of a much larger, coordinated push by publishers and regulators around the world



Taking in the giants
Grasslands News publisher Chris Ashfield (right) with fellow newspaper publisher Lisa Sygutek, who has launched an \$8 billion class-action lawsuit against the tech giants on behalf of Canadian newspapers.

to challenge Big Tech’s dominance over the digital advertising economy.

Australia is seeing parallel action, with two major class-action lawsuits filed in early 2025. Law firm Piper Alderman, backed by litigation funder Woodsford, is representing outlets such as QNews and the Riverine Grazier, claiming Google’s ad tech practices cut publisher ad revenue to a fraction of its potential. Another suit, filed by Maurice Blackburn, alleges similar anti-competitive conduct, aiming to recover hundreds of millions for Australian media.

In the United Kingdom, the Ad Tech Collective Action – representing a broad group of British publishers – has been certified for trial. It accuses Google of abusing its dominant position in the ad tech market and seeks up to £13.6 billion in damages. The case follows years of complaints to the UK’s Competition and Markets Authority about Google’s control over the buy-and-sell sides of the ad supply chain.

Across Europe, Geradin Partners is leading a \$2.1 billion opt-out class action on behalf of more than 30 media companies from multiple countries. The claim builds on findings from the European

Commission that Google allegedly leveraged its dominance in ad tech to block rivals and limit publisher revenue growth.

In the United States, the legal front is multi-pronged. The U.S. Department of Justice, joined by several states, filed a landmark antitrust lawsuit in 2023 alleging Google illegally maintained monopolies in multiple ad tech markets. That case, which could result in structural remedies, is running alongside the Texas v. Google litigation, which is set for trial in March 2025. Meanwhile, ad tech competitor OpenX recently filed its own suit accusing Google of manipulating auctions and pressuring publishers to avoid rivals – filing its case just after a U.S. federal court found Google had indeed monopolized the ad tech stack.

Even Canada’s own Competition Bureau is taking action separate from the Herald’s case. In late 2024, it filed a formal application with the Competition Tribunal seeking to force Google to divest key ad tech products such as DoubleClick and AdX, while also asking for fines of up to 3 per cent of the company’s global revenue.

For Sygutek, the parallels are clear: publishers in Canada, Australia, the UK,

Europe, and the U.S. are confronting the same structural disadvantage. “It’s not about the money,” she has said in multiple interviews and editorials. “It’s about keeping local news in our communities and giving independents a voice.”

She emphasized that newspapers are “the diary of a community” and local media must hold government to account, a sentiment that turns the case into both a legal and existential fight for journalism’s future.

The Herald’s own circumstances reflect the wider crisis that is seen right across the country. For the Crowsnest Pass, a century-old paper with deep ties to the community, it has seen staffing drop by half in recent years. Like many small-town outlets, it has faced shrinking advertising revenues, a collapse of traditional classifieds, and reduced audience reach following Meta’s 2023 decision to block news content from Facebook and Instagram in Canada in response to the federal Online News Act.

In Canada, the case breaks precedent. If successful, it would dwarf any previous antitrust settlement and signal a seismic shift in how digital ad revenue may one day be shared or regulated.

The outcome remains uncertain. Google and Meta have denied wrongdoing and mounted robust defenses. Proving complex ad-tech manipulation requires technical evidence and expert testimony. Still, if the case moves to certification and succeeds, it could open doors for hundreds of Canadian publishers to seek redress or push for structural reforms.

For Grasslands News publisher Chris Ashfield, he said he is watching the class-action lawsuit closely, noting that should it be successful, it will have huge financial implications for every community newspaper across the country.

“I have personally known Lisa Sygutek for years and her love, dedication and commitment towards both community newspapers and fair justice is unmeasurable. She is fighting not only for herself but for the entire industry and every community that is served by a local newspaper,” said Ashfield. “Should this lawsuit be successful, it will not only force the tech giants to redo how they do business, but it will also provide a huge injunction of money into the industry. This will allow local newspapers to hire more reporters, increase and improve coverage, continue to record the history of our communities and ensure democracy from small towns to large cities is well protected.”

Even if the suit doesn’t win in court, it has already achieved one victory: spotlighting the power imbalance between global tech platforms and grassroots journalism. It emphasizes that independent newspapers are not willing to quietly vanish—and that sometimes, David must swing a legal slingshot to be heard.

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Indian Head area real estate seeing a surge

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The residential real estate market in rural Saskatchewan is experiencing unprecedented activity, with the town of Indian Head emerging as one of the standout performers in a province-wide surge. Affordable prices, lifestyle appeal and a shortage of available homes are combining to create a strong seller's market, particularly for acreages and small-town properties.

Provincially, July 2025 saw a record-setting 1,851 residential sales, an 11 per cent increase from the same month last year and more than 30 per cent higher than the 10-year average for July.

Inventory remains tight, with more than 1,000 of the 5,214 new listings in July already under conditional offer, leaving just 4,174 active listings heading into August. The benchmark price for a home in Saskatchewan reached a record \$372,700, up eight per cent from a year earlier.

While cities like Regina and Saskatoon have garnered much of the market spotlight, rural centres are showing equally strong gains, with year-over-year price growth in many smaller communities ranging from 10 to nearly 17 per cent. Indian Head, located 69 kilometres east of Regina along the Trans-Canada Highway, is one of several towns seeing multiple-offer situations and quick sales on well-priced homes. Acreage proper-

ties within minutes of town, particularly those offering five or more acres, usable outbuildings and solid infrastructure, are in especially high demand.

Local realtors say many Indian Head listings are selling in under 10 days, often attracting buyers from Regina, Moose Jaw and other larger centres who are seeking a quieter pace of life while maintaining commuting access. The town's combination of historic character, strong community amenities and proximity to Katepwa Lake adds to its appeal. Families, retirees and remote workers are among those driving demand, drawn by the lower cost of living, quality of life and the availability of spacious properties.

Industry experts caution that sup-

ply continues to lag behind demand in rural Saskatchewan, despite increased housing starts in some urban centres. "To preserve our affordability, we need to build more – and faster," said Chris Guérette, CEO of the Saskatchewan Realtors Association.

With record-setting sales and prices, Indian Head's housing market mirrors the larger provincial trend: a thriving rural real estate scene that shows no signs of cooling. Sellers with well-maintained, move-in-ready homes – especially those offering desirable features like acreage and outbuildings – are well-positioned to benefit in the current climate, while buyers face an increasingly competitive market.

Saskatchewan government can't ignore its debt problem

By Gage Haubrich
Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Bluster spun up by staffers won't help the Saskatchewan government dig out of its debt hole.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation took our Debt Clock around the province, raising the alarm about the province's increasing debt.

The Debt Clock is a digital jumbo screen bolted to the side of a cube truck that shows the debt rolling up in real time.

It's a big, bright reminder to provincial politicians that the debt is a problem that must be dealt with.

In response to the tour, the provincial government told media that Saskatchewan "maintains the second lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in Canada and remains a national leader in economic growth."

That statement is the bureaucratic

equivalent of sticking your head in the sand. That's because every other province in the country is also racking up debt. If all your friends decided to max out their credit cards on VIP tickets to Craven, that doesn't make it a good idea for you to follow suit.

Saskatchewan isn't doing as bad as other provinces, but the provincial debt is still growing and it's costing taxpayers more every year.

Every minute, the provincial debt increases by about \$3,300. Every day, it jumps up by almost \$5 million.

The provincial debt will be about \$23.5 billion by the end of the year, or more than \$18,000 per Saskatchewanian.

The money the government borrows isn't free. Every dollar borrowed must be paid back plus interest.

And every year the government fails to pay back debt it gets one step closer to going broke. And that's something that

Saskatchewan has been through before.

In the 1990s, former premier Roy Romanow hiked the gas tax, provincial sales tax and business taxes while his government closed 52 hospitals. And it happened because the government had piled on so much debt, year after year, that the province had essentially gone bankrupt.

Taxpayers are stuck paying the interest charges on the debt every year. Since the government has been consistently spending too much, it keeps adding to the debt and the interest bill keeps increasing.

When Premier Scott Moe first took over in 2018, debt interest charges cost taxpayers about \$414 million per year. This year, debt interest will cost taxpayers \$878 million, or more than \$700 per person.

And every year the government increases the debt, more money is wasted on these interest charges instead of being spent on services.

Other province's debt problems are bigger than Saskatchewan's, but that doesn't mean we should ignore the problem. It means we should use this opportunity to pay down the debt faster and stop wasting hundreds of millions of dollars on interest charges.

And it can be done. Alberta previously paid off all its debt in 2004. And former premier Brad Wall paid off about 40 per cent of Saskatchewan's debt in a single year. At the time, Wall said his goal was to pay back the debt to completely to stop wasting money on interest payments.

"I'd like Saskatchewan to have a debt clock with exactly one digit – zero," Wall said.

Saskatchewan can start to get its Debt Clock ticking down by controlling its spending and not blowing its budget every year. The government blew past its planned spending by \$970 million in 2024. The government spent more than it said it was going to in nine out of 11 of its main departments. But the government also took in \$994 million more in revenue than projected.

If the government hadn't blown its budget on almost every line item, it could have reduced the debt by almost a billion dollars and saved taxpayers millions on debt interest payments.

Saskatchewan can't afford to let the debt go any higher. The government needs to stop blowing its budget and pay back the debt to get the province closer to a Debt Clock with one digit, not 11.

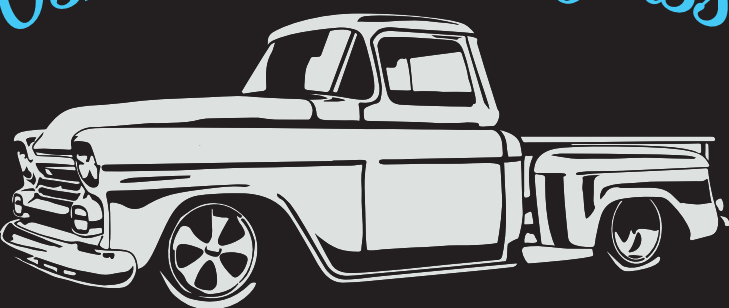
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New in Town: A Serial Novel - Installment 11

By Allison Kydd
Grasslands News

(*The story so far: Retired farmers Murray and Betty Mackay and Elmer and Susan Schultz have been good friends for many years. The women also take a keen interest in their neighbours. Besides Sandra Devine, still the “new woman in town” after more than six months in residence, there’s the Rev. Andrew Macmillan, who’s both handsome and divorced; local librarian Millicent Harrison, who’s widowed and lonely; and Winnie Tyson, an octogenarian who prides herself on speaking her mind. Meanwhile, Murray and Elmer meet for coffee most days with a gang of “very old guys” at the restaurant near the highway. There, the “old guys” spend most of their time joshing in order to avoid taking anything too seriously. They also count on getting service with a smile from waitress Tracey Carr, who puts on a brave face in spite of considering herself unlucky in love.

Both the Schultzes and the Mackays have adult children. In fact, Trevor Schultz and his family have

recently moved back to town with hopes of rehabilitating the old family farm. As the Schultzes consider how they can help their son and family complete the transition from the city, the Mackays turn their attention to their own offspring. In particular, they decide to invite Samantha, their granddaughter, to spend time with them during her summer holidays.

Murray Mackay was as excited as Betty when they learned Samantha had accepted their invitation – or at least her mother had accepted on her behalf. Murray just had a different way of showing his excitement. While Betty couldn’t wait to share the information with Susan, her husband of over fifty years said little but cherished a secret wish it would be the beginning of better relations with Meaghan, their daughter – especially between Meaghan and Betty.

Unfortunately, the phone call from Meaghan had come when Betty was out. If she had been home, the improved relations might have begun on the spot. Or perhaps not. Perhaps it was best that it happened the way it did.

“Dad! It’s so nice to hear your voice. How are you?”

“Even better now. Good to hear you too.”

“So what’s new?”

“Too bad your mother’s not here. She’ll be sorry she missed you.”

There was a slight hesitation before his daughter responded, but thankfully no sarcasm – for a change.

“Tell her I said hello.”

“Sure thing.”

“So, are you sure about this invitation? I mean, it’s a long time since you’ve had a young person kicking around the house.”

“Oh, I think we can handle it. It’s only two weeks. Your mother will be so pleased. She needs a pick me up right now.”

“What do you mean? She’s not sick is she?”

“Oh, no. Just at loose ends, I think.” Murray had suddenly felt disloyal talking about his wife behind her back, even if it was only to their daughter.

“Besides, we don’t see nearly enough of you,” he added.

“Well, you won’t see me right away. Greg’s going to deliver her. He always has air miles he can use. He’ll travel with her as far as Regina and then go on to Saskatoon. Some kind of meeting –.”

“Greg” – that was new. In the past, she had always called him “Gregory.” No problem. They could get used to the change, especially as they wouldn’t be seeing much of him anymore. They had always thought “Gregory” sounded too formal anyway.

“That’s good of him,” Murray said aloud.

“Well, as you remember, he’s a good guy. Always has

been.”

If Betty had been on the phone she might not have been able to resist commenting. Since Meaghan thought “Greg” was such a good guy, why hadn’t she been able to stay married to him? Murray, however, knew better than to comment.

“Sure. I remember that.”

Meaghan continued: “I suppose she could fly on her own, but we thought we’d make it easy on her. She’s a bit of a worrier. I’ll drive out and pick her up – thought the road trip might be fun, kind of a vacation for me as well—if you still think you can manage the two weeks, that is.”

“That sounds just right. And your mother will feel the same.”

“It seems we have a plan.”

“Is there anything else we should know? She doesn’t have any allergies or anything, does she?”

“Can be a fussy eater when the mood takes her, but it’s probably best you don’t cater too much to her whims.”

“Are you kidding? Your mother – both of us – let us spoil her for a bit.”

Meaghan laughed. “Well, okay. Whatever works. I’ll phone back when we have the flight number. Talk soon. Love you, dad.”

“Love you too.”

Betty was sorry she had missed the call, but she was there when Greg called with the information about the flight. Talking to him felt a bit awkward, she told Murray. No surprise, since it was the first time they had spoken since the divorce. Fortunately, the call was also brief, so less time for things to go wrong. Apparently Gregory – Greg – would only have an hour’s stopover before he went on to his meeting in Saskatoon.

Murray wondered what kind of meeting it was. He remembered Meaghan saying something about “district managers,” whatever that meant.

“He didn’t say,” said Betty. “But he’s the boss, so it could be anything.”

Murray could guess what she was thinking. It was another reason for regret, since Greg’s position

had promised stability and a life of comparative ease for their daughter. Which made it even harder that Meaghan had given it all up – for what? A life that challenged the status quo? A life on the fringes of society? At least that was how Betty perceived it.

It wasn’t the first time Murray had wondered whether he should have been doing more to smooth things out between Betty and their daughter. The thing was – the problems between them had begun long before the divorce and the change of lifestyle. Not that the new lifestyle wasn’t a sticking point. It was. Neither he nor Betty had a problem with it in principle; it was simply a whole different story when one’s own family was involved.

For one thing, they didn’t know what was appropriate, what one could say and not say. In fact, because she was by nature more forthcoming than Murray, Betty had almost immediately said things Meaghan found unforgivable.

And the estrangement continued, since both mother and daughter had always been quick to resent and slow to forgive – not that these qualities made Murray love either of them any less. They just made his life more complicated, as he just wanted them both to be happy.

He also knew their daughter’s change in status – from wife to single woman and then to single woman embarked on a new kind of relationship meant Betty had lost forever the kind of relationship she dreamed of having with her daughter.

No doubt it was those lost dreams that prompted Betty to say what she had – whatever it was that their daughter could not forgive. He and Meaghan had maintained a relationship through e-mail, but as far as he knew there had been no communication at all between his wife and his daughter for two or three years. No communication that is other than the obligatory exchange of Christmas cards with a simple “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year” scrawled

at the bottom.

Though he felt both were at fault, it would have helped if Meaghan hadn’t sprung it on her parents the way she had. It was the way she had always done things, jumped in with both feet and refused to consider the consequences. She’d done the same when she announced the family was moving to Toronto. Samantha was just a baby at the time. In the long run, though it meant losing the opportunity to watch their granddaughter grow up, that had been easier to deal with.

This time, within a few weeks of telling them she and Gregory were getting a divorce, Meaghan announced she was in a new relationship. Then, that her new partner was moving in, so they shouldn’t be surprised if someone new answered the phone.

Even her indulgent father felt she was rushing it. If she had taken things more slowly – well, a lot of things might have been different. But there was no point fretting. The situation was what it was. Left on his own he could have dealt with it, but he didn’t have just his own feelings to consider, and Murray knew where his first loyalty lay.

At bedtime on the day Greg called to give them the flight information, Betty didn’t turn to her crossword as usual when they had settled in for the night. She seemed to have something on her mind.

“I wonder if she’ll bring the girlfriend when she comes to pick up Samantha,” she said.

Murray reached over and took her hand. He’d been wondering the same thing. Obviously, they’d just have to deal with whatever happened, and he would certainly do his level best to keep things civil. After all, Betty’s happiness depended on it, and he’d do just about anything for the sake of Betty’s happiness.

Besides, they’d have had their two weeks with Samantha, and that was all to the good.

(To be continued.)

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Ready to hit
Nash Wandy is poised and waiting for the pitch. Wandy and the Yorkton Cardinals will be heading to the 2025 Western Canada Championships in Chilliwack, B.C. August 15 to 17.

Wandy to represent Sask. at WCB Championships

Submitted
Grasslands News

The Yorkton Cardinals' 13U AAA squad is headed to the Western Canada Championships, and Melville's Nash Wandy will be among those representing Saskatchewan. Nash Wandy, a standout shortstop and pitcher from Melville, will represent Saskatchewan at the 2025 Western Canada Championships after the Yorkton Cardinals finished as finalists at the provincial tournament in Saskatoon over the August long weekend.

The Cardinals came out swinging in their opening game on Friday, Aug. 1, defeating the Saskatoon Pelicans 14-9. They kept the momentum going Saturday morning with a 12-7 victory over the Sask Five Giants, setting up a winner-take-all match against the undefeated Saskatoon Sturgeon.

With the score tight, the Cardinals broke the game open thanks to an explosive stretch of three consecutive home runs – one of them off Wandy's bat – that helped secure an 8-6 win and a trip to the playoffs.

On Sunday, Yorkton downed the Swift Current 57's 5-3 in the semifinals, with

Wandy delivering a strong performance on the mound to earn the win. The Cardinals then narrowly fell to the Moose Jaw Canucks 11-10 in a thrilling championship matchup. Both Moose Jaw and Yorkton earned berths to the Western Canada Championships, taking place August 15-17 in Chilliwack, B.C. They will be joined by the top two 13U AAA teams from Manitoba, Alberta and B.C.

Wandy, who is in his fourth season of AAA baseball with Yorkton, has been a cornerstone for the Cardinals this year, blasting 12 home runs. His most memorable came against the Sturgeon in the decisive round-robin game, when Yorkton's third, fourth, and fifth batters launched back-to-back-to-back home runs – with Wandy delivering the final blow in the sequence.

In addition to Westerns, Wandy has been selected for the prestigious 13U Team Sask Selects program. He is one of just 48 players invited to the final Selects Camp in Saskatoon from August 22-24.

To help offset travel costs to Chilliwack, the Cardinals are accepting donations. Anyone interested can contact team manager Riley Rice at 1-639-540-0410 or Coach Mark Schendel at 1-306-621-7561.

New Hockey Sask. strategic plan emphasizes fun

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

Hockey Saskatchewan has unveiled its strategic plan for the next three seasons, continuing the organization's recent emphasis on fun and skill development for the game's youngest players.

In announcing the new plan's launch Aug. 7, the provincial body said in a news release it will set the stage for Phase 2 of Hockey Saskatchewan's 'Where Fun Wins' initiative.

Launched last August, 'Where Fun Wins' currently focuses on the province's under-7, U9 and U11 players, "emphasizing an age-appropriate ice structure" in

a bid to "create a more balanced hockey community" and "encourage a positive experience that will keep players engaged in the sport for many years to come."

For U7 players that means a season of cross-ice hockey, with mandatory shift changes every two minutes, no scorekeeping, and no tournament or exhibition games permitted until after December 1 each year.

The playing surface expands to half-ice for U9 players, which Hockey Saskatchewan says doubles individual player puck touches, triples the number of shots on goal and quintuples the number of passes successfully received compared with having the same players

skate on a full ice surface. Tournaments can be played starting December 1 each year with league games permitted as of January 1. Scorekeeping and penalties are introduced for the first time, but individual statistics are not to be kept.

Players graduate to full-ice hockey for U11 with a focus on growing and reinforcing skills learned at the younger age groups, introducing team concepts, and a recommendation to retain a 3-to-1 ratio of practices to games.

U7 and U9 teams are also subject to limits on games played each season to prevent player burnout.

In his report at Hockey Saskatchewan's annual general meeting Aug. 5, general manager Kelly McClintock said

the organization is looking forward to growing the program to include the U13 age group as well.

"Why this initiative is critical for the game is that the average minor hockey player in this province only participates for a little less than six years so that says that if they begin at U7 they leave the game by U11," McClintock said. "We want kids to have fun and learn skills to participate while being in a welcoming environment that will encourage them to make hockey their sport of choice and to stay in the game longer and then ultimately choose to place their children in the game because of the experience they had."

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Kunitz reflects on Melville years, NHL career

Family long at the forefront for Millionaires' alum

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

Chris Kunitz made his share of memories during a playing career that ended in 2019 after 15 seasons in the National Hockey League but, to this day, some of the most vivid still start and end with family.

Like the day of his first NHL game, freshly called up from the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim's minor league team in Cincinnati for a January 2004 game against the hometown Vancouver Canucks.

"One of the PR people came up to me 'Hey, do you need tickets? Parents are coming or anything?' And I'm like 'I don't even know if I'm playing tonight.'

"So then the coach (Mike Babcock) walks by and my number's up on the board ... and the PR person's like 'Is he in tonight or what?' and he looks at me and he's like 'What, you don't want to play?' And I was like 'No, I do, I just didn't want have to ask,'" Kunitz recalled, laughing at the memory in a recent phone interview with Grasslands News.

Or like the first of his four Stanley Cup victories, while with the Ducks in 2007.

"The first one is always crazy because, I think to sum it up, my mom and dad and my fiancée are on the ice with us. And to see my dad's eyes kind of well up – because he played hockey even though he didn't play at a high level – but he's been chasing that Stanley Cup, and for him to see it up close and personal, even though your kid's playing (in the) NHL, you never expect to share those moments."

There was the April 2009 day his first child, son Zachary, was born mere hours before Kunitz and the Pittsburgh Penguins were to face the Philadelphia Flyers in a playoff game.

"Leading up to it, I wasn't sure [if I would play]," Kunitz told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review after the game. "I just waited to see how my wife felt and to talk it over, make sure the baby was okay and all that kind of stuff."

And then there was his 2017 Cup win with the

Pittsburgh Penguins, a quiet post-game moment amongst the Kunitz family serving as the lead in Josh Yohe's story for "The Athletic" after Kunitz announced his retirement two years later.

"Later in life I get to (celebrate a championship) with my son and two daughters and we're playing around on the ice and just having family time, so they all have different kind of meanings and I've just been very lucky that we got to experience (those wins) at different age levels and in different facets of life," Kunitz told Grasslands.

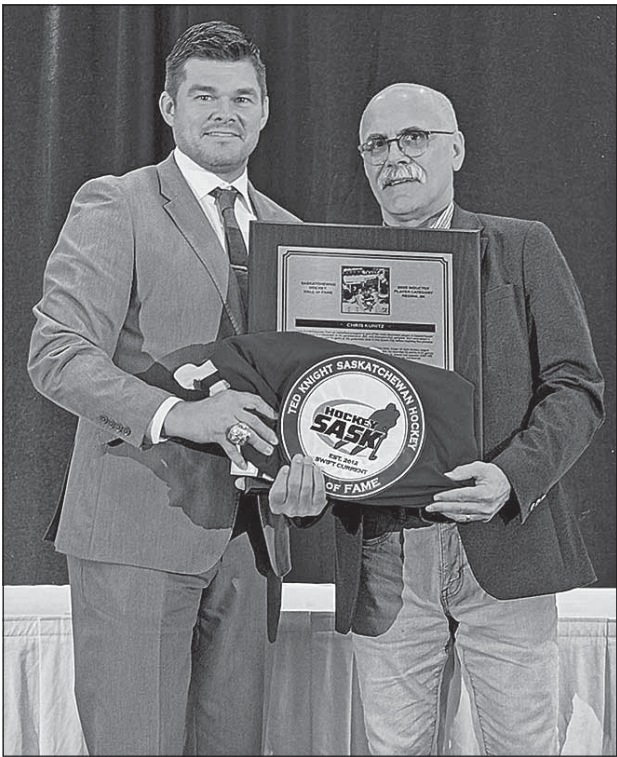
About to enter his seventh season as a player development coach with the Chicago Blackhawks, Kunitz played two seasons with the Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League before embarking on a four-year college career at Ferris State University.

He parlayed that experience into his first professional contract and, eventually, a playing career he wrapped up with 1,022 regular season games, 619 points, four Stanley Cups and an Olympic gold medal to his name.

He spoke with Grasslands News Aug. 8 on a number of other topics as well following his July 26 induction into the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame at a banquet in Regina. Portions of this interview have been edited for length and clarity.

BB: What is the first thing or two that comes to mind when you think back to your time in Melville?

CK: I think it starts with the billet families, the people that put you up in small-town Saskatchewan and they become part of your family so I think that's one thing that we always had a connection with, either myself or my parents throughout the years. Tim and Kim Ziola and their daughters, one of them came to the Hall of Fame induction so that was really nice. I haven't kept up with them as much lately but they've always been in contact with my parents and been able to coordinate certain things, so those bonds that you make when you're living with people for maybe



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Inducted

Chris Kunitz, left, is presented with his Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame induction plaque by Hockey Saskatchewan general manager Kelly McClintock at a banquet July 26 in Regina.

a short amount of time really have an influence on you and everybody's life going forward, which is an amazing thing when you think about young kids growing up and living with another family.

BB: Did you ever find motivation in being passed over at the NHL draft, or by anyone who wasn't sure if you could play at the next level, or was your drive more intrinsic?

CK: Because you were never put on the radar you didn't have to worry about being drafted, so I think to me it was just like... I got to go out and I had to prove it to my teammates rather than prove it to anybody else. I didn't really think there was any naysayers so to speak because I never had to come across them. I never really felt like I had to be a certain person. I just slowly kept growing and... it was just 'We're going to live this as long as we can, and if it's two years or four years or five years or 10 years or 15 years that's when we'll figure it out.'

BB: What do you remember from either or both of the two Stanley Cup-winning goals you assisted on (in 2009 and 2017, both with Pittsburgh)?

CK: Both of them are just run-of-the-mill kind of

with [Matt] Cullen .. and [Conor] Sheary I believe. Then as the game kind of popped through [head coach Mike Sullivan] moved us from Cullen to with Crosby and .. so it was all encompassing of how a career, you go down and get to climb up. I think one of my comments at the end of the game was that eventually everyone on the team has to pull their weight for you to have some success and win, and it just happened to be my day that day having two goals and an assist in a crazy Game 7.

BB: What's something most people don't know, or maybe misunderstand about Crosby?

CK: I think at first people probably don't understand how hard and meticulous he works at his game but also for the organization and the league. When you're behind the scenes, he's thinking about what it looks like for the league, what it looks like for him, and when you see someone like that and how diligent they are in what they do every day and go out and work with a purpose, that's always something that stuck with us and was the main catalyst of why our team was so good, because if you were trying to keep up with him you were working extremely hard before practice or

after practice and always doing extra things. It was fun because it wasn't work at the time, but he was putting in for the purpose of getting better always and never trying to level off, so I think that drove most of us to try and keep up with him.

BB: For everything else you've accomplished in your career, what makes your Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame induction so special to you?

CK: I think it means a lot because the message is good. It's authentic. Like not everybody has to be that first-round draft pick that goes on to have success, and I probably played more like the average person than I did of being a superstar ... so I think that was kind of the important part in the message, that it can be somebody who works hard and gets there later and still has success.

CORRECTION

A story in our Aug. 8 edition inadvertently omitted the two games Kunitz played for the Atlanta Thrashers during the 2005-06 season, listing him as having played for four NHL teams rather than five.



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As part of the launch for 'Where Fun Wins,' Hockey Saskatchewan produced a series of videos narrated by Kennedy product and Canadian women's Olympic team alumna Colleen Sostorics.

Strategic objectives in Hockey Sask.'s new strategic plan include growing the game through new programming, removal of barriers, and increased registrations. The organization also aims to promote positive experiences, provide organizational support for the game and celebrating hockey, in addition to ensuring ongoing financial stability and good

governance.

Hockey Saskatchewan also added wellness to its previous core values of fun, safety, respect, community and inclusion.

"This new plan signals a continued evolution for Hockey Saskatchewan," McClintock said in a news release. "It reflects the values that unite our community and lays out a path to ensure we're growing the game responsibly, supporting our members and delivering a consistent, positive experience across the province."

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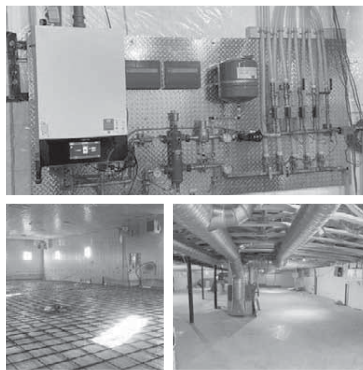
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Local minor hockey registrations dropped slightly last year

Hockey Sask. AGM also shows financial profit, 88 suspensions for discrimination

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

Minor hockey registrations fell just under two per cent year over year in 2024-25 across 15 local associations, while province-wide registrations remained almost identical to the previous season.

The data was among the reports presented Aug. 5 at Hockey Saskatchewan's annual general meeting, which was held virtually via Zoom.

Fewer players registered last season with associations in Cupar (down from 75 to 56), Fort Qu'Appelle (down from 90 to 79), Grenfell (down from 68 to 52), Indian Head (down from 148 to 137), Kipling (down from 96 to 71), Melville (down from 302 to 288) and Whitewood (down from 79 to 76) compared to 2023-24 figures.

Increases were seen in Balcarres (up from 111 to 123), Montmartre (up from 45 to 55), Neudorf (up from 16 to 18), the Prairie Storm Minor Hockey Association (up from 651 to 663), the Quad Town Minor Hockey Association (up from 106 to 107), Wapella (up from 13 to 14), Wawota (up from 74 to 91) and Wolseley (up from 24 to 32).

Across Saskatchewan, minor hockey registrations grew by 48 (0.2 per cent) to 26,119. That figure continued a gentle upward trend since the 2019-20 season, driven by growth among female players, whose ranks have grown 47 per cent since that time.

A total of 3,897 female players registered to play minor hockey in Saskatchewan last season, up from 2,652 in the last season before the COVID-19 pandemic.

At all age levels 257 teams entered provincial championship tournaments, down 11 from the previous year, while the overall number of senior hockey teams continued to increase. There were 143 registered senior teams in Saskatchewan last season, up from 138 the year before and up from 103 in 2019-20.

Profit shown

The audited financial statement for the year was also presented, showing Hockey Saskatchewan recorded a \$296,001 profit for the past season.

That bottom line however owed primarily to approximately \$353,000 earned in interest on its existing bank balance as well as unexpected growth in the organization's investment portfolio.

An executive summary of the statement noted a cumulative cost overrun of \$36,420 on cost of goods sold and the Officials Green Arm Band initiative, as well as additional expenses over budget for the new Where Fun Wins initiative.

Hockey Sask. also spent an unexpected \$22,000 to provide a 50 per cent subsidy of travel costs to the Regina Pat Canadians and Saskatoon Stars under-18 AAA clubs, after Hockey Canada withdrew its support for teams traveling to the Telus Cup and Esso Cup national championships.

The provincial body further came in \$48,300 under budget on expected revenue from Hockey Canada's "Ultimate 50/50" fundraiser during the most recent world junior hockey championship due to a change in the way the national organization chose to distribute those funds.

And Hockey Saskatchewan additionally paid out an extra \$98,824 in salaries and benefits in 2024-25, up 15 per cent compared with the previous year.

Board Members Elected

Edward Watson will continue as Hockey Saskatchewan board chair for the upcoming season, with Sarah MacNaught serving as vice-chair and Lebre's Ryan Hoffman continuing the two-year term he was elected to in 2024.

New board members elected to three-year terms were Chris Morrison of Saltcoats and Dale Measner of Regina.

Respect in Sport

Members also heard that Hockey Sas-

katchewan received 163 complaints of discrimination under Hockey Canada rule 11.4 in 2024-25, levying 88 suspensions as a result to 84 players and four coaches.

Sixty-three other complaints meanwhile were found to be unsubstantiated.

The Hockey Canada rulebook states that "any player who engages in taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds will be assessed a gross misconduct penalty."

Rule 11.4 further defines discriminatory grounds as covering race, national or ethnic origin, skin colour, language spoken, religion, faith, beliefs, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital or family status, genetic characteristics and disabilities.

Of the 88 suspensions issued under this rule in Saskatchewan last season, 57 pertained to discrimination or maltreatment on sexual or gender-based

grounds. Thirteen suspensions were levied for disability-related discrimination, 10 for racial or ethnic discrimination, five were doled out for marital or family status maltreatment and three more for discrimination related to genetic characteristics.

Hockey Saskatchewan noted in its AGM booklet that all suspensions were at least five games in length, increasing to six games if the offence occurred in the final 10 minutes of a game.

Among all 163 complaints, over half (82) involved players or coaches in the under-18 age group. Four complaints were received from U11 hockey and one from U9.

"While national standards are still developing, we must continue to promote respectful, inclusive environments and speak out against maltreatment at every level," board chair Edward Watson's report stated at the provincial meeting.

Hubbs joins PJHL as VP of discipline

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

The Prairie Junior Hockey League has introduced Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame inductee Al Hubbs as its vice-president of discipline for the 2025-26 season.

Hubbs, who was inducted into the provincial shrine July 26 in Regina, joins Saskatchewan's junior B circuit after a hockey career that has included prominent volunteer and board positions at the community, provincial and national levels.

A former president of both Indian Head Minor Hockey and Hockey Saskatchewan (then known as the Saskatchewan Hockey Association), Hubbs also spent six years on the board of directors for Hockey Canada. There he served on governance, human resources and appeal review committees.

Closer to home Hubbs also served for a time as Indian Head referee-in-chief, chair of the discipline committee for the Moose Jaw Minor Hockey Association and vice-president of discipline for the Saskatchewan Male Under-18 AAA Hockey League.

"Any time you can add good people to your executive as a league, your credibility increases, your profile increases and somebody like Al definitely brings that," PJHL president Lane Wallace told Grasslands News in a phone interview Monday.

Wallace said the league began accepting applications for the post in May and is looking forward to having Hubbs in the fold for its next board meeting



AL HUBBS

later this month.

The role figures to keep Hubbs busy enough, as the PJHL website lists 86 suspensions that were served during the 2024-25 season – an average of one suspension every two-and-a-half games.

That number, however, is also down 21 per cent from the 109 suspensions that were served a decade prior during the 2014-15 campaign.

Additionally, only 22 of those suspensions were assessed for physical infractions like interference, boarding, checking from behind, slew footing, head contact, kneeing, cross-checking, charging or intent to injure.

Most of the remaining timeouts were handed down for accumulations of misconducts or game misconducts, or participating in a second fight during the same stoppage of play, though five suspensions totalling 20 games were also issued for abusive behaviour under Hockey Canada rules 11.2, 11.4 and 11.5.

"The game's cleaned up from what it used to be," said Wallace. "The league's evolved as hockey has evolved, though certainly at times abuse of

officials has been a focus of the league. Over the years we've seen the pool of officials, particularly in the southern part of the province, has become limited so, as a result, anything we can do to assist in recruitment or making their lives easier by enforcing any kind of abuse of officials is certainly a mandate of the league. It's been tough at times to schedule referees."

The 2025-26 PJHL season kicks off Sept. 26, with the Fort Knox beginning their defence of the club's first league championship the next night on home ice against the Pilot Butte Storm in the season-opener for both squads.

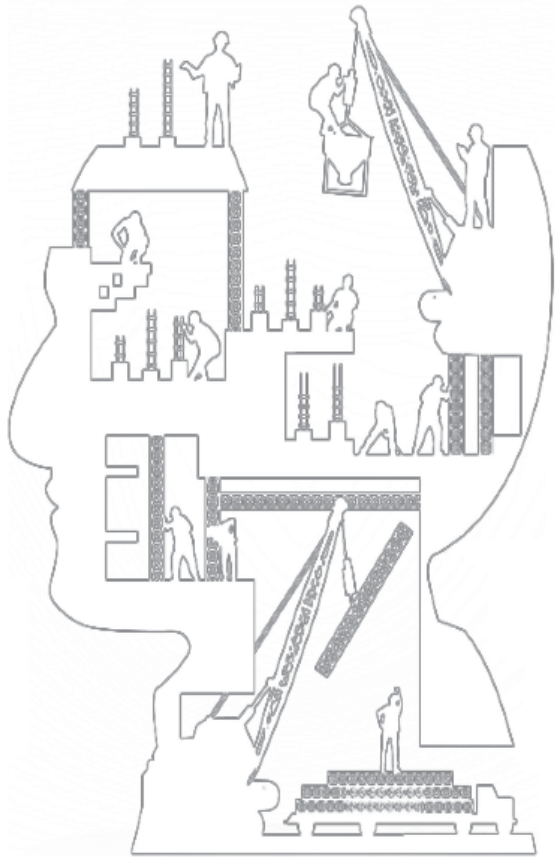
Each team will play 42 games this season for the first time since 2009-10, up from the 40-game slate that has been in place for all but two of the past 15 seasons, as the league welcomes the expansion Moosomin Steelhawks to the Bill Johnston Division.

The Storm will greet their home fans for the first time Oct. 4 when they welcome the Regina Silver Foxes to the Pilot Butte Recreation Centre, and Moosomin will play its first home game Oct. 10 against the Assiniboia Southern Rebels.

The regular season is scheduled to wrap up Feb. 15 and, following league playoffs, the Saskatoon Royals will host the Central Canada Cup regional championship tournament (formerly known as the Keystone Cup) in April.

Fort Qu'Appelle will play four times while the Storm and Steelhawks will play twice each during an exhibition schedule that runs Sept. 7-21.

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Obituary

Elaine Edel
April 9, 1945 – July 27, 2025

Elaine Edel passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2025, 11:15 a.m., at St. Peter's Hospital, Melville, at the age of 80 years.

Elaine was born on April 9, 1945, in the Municipality of Boulton, NE Sec. 23-23-27 of Manitoba, nine miles north-east of Inglis, MB. She was the third child born of six to William and Mary Wolchuk. Elaine was baptized at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Lennard, MB. She attended Hudson School a quarter mile west from the family farm until she went to high school in Inglis. Elaine left the farm in 1961 and moved to Winnipeg, MB, to study for a career in nursing. She graduated and started her career in Winnipeg from 1963 to 1966. That's when Elaine met Rudy; they got married in 1967 and moved to Melville, SK. She worked as an LPN at St. Paul Lutheran Home until 1971 when she was expecting her daughter, Kim.

Elaine liked country music and used to sing and play guitar along with Rudy and her father, Bill. She liked to play cards a lot; her favourite card game was bid whist. She would always say, "You always need a good partner for the game."

Elaine was an excellent cook like her mother. She liked to travel and go camping on weekends to Good Spirit Lake with her husband and daughter, which the family did a lot in summer, with friends and relatives meeting at Good Spirit Lake. Elaine also liked to go to Dauphin's Ukrainian Festival and meet up with her sister Shirley and her family, along with her Uncle Jim and Aunt Betty.

Elaine worked with her mother at various jobs in Melville after the birth of Kim. She stopped working in nursing in 1972 and later moved on to work with her mother cooking at the Waverley and King George hotels in their restaurants, as well as Kentucky Fried Chicken on 3rd Ave. W. in Melville.

Elaine always opened her home to family and friends regardless of what holiday or weekend it was. When people visited Elaine's home, nobody ever left hungry. She was known for being an excellent mother and homemaker.

Elaine and Rudy sold their home in Melville in 2007 and moved to Caronport, SK, to be closer to their only child, Kim, who was married to Brad.

Elaine leaves to cherish and celebrate memories: her sisters, Emily and family (Regina) and Lillian and family (Sudbury and London, ON); two brothers, Wallie and family (Melville) and David and his wife of Winnipeg, MB; son-in-law Brad (Caronport, SK); and many nieces and nephews from BC to New York, USA. She was predeceased by her husband, Rudy, in February 2020, and her daughter, Kim, in March 2024; sister Shirley Fron and family; mother Mary on April 18, 1995; and father Bill in September 2003.

Elaine's funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, at Matthews Funeral Home, Melville, with the Rev. Dr. Jonathon Pettinger officiating. Pianist Amanda Beuhler led the congregation in the singing of the hymns. Jeff Marcynuk read scripture passages and Chelsea Wolchuk read a poem she wrote for her aunt. Interment followed in Melville City Cemetery with Wallie Wolchuk and Emily Marcynuk acting as urn bearers.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



Classified and Obituary Deadline
Tuesdays at 12 noon

Obituary

Vincent Fredlund
Oct. 22, 1945 – Aug. 1, 2025

Vince was born to Rubert and Lois (Holmberg) Fredlund on Oct. 22, 1945. He grew up on a farm 10 miles north of Whitewood, Sask. and was the youngest boy with six siblings. He went to Lunby School and took High School in Whitewood, SK.

Farming was his passion. He started farming with his dad at age 17. A few years later he was introduced to working with heavy equipment, clearing bush for farmland with the Howard Brothers.

On Oct. 24, 1970, Vince made the best decision of his life in marrying Mary Ann Heinrich! They had two sons, Aaron (1971) and Bruce (1973). In March 1978, they adopted two girls, Crystal (1975) and Jill (1976). Oak Haven, the family farm had something for everyone to do. We planted different grain crops, had purebred Salers herd, raised Airedale dogs, had big gardens and a variety of fruit trees. We also showed cattle at Brandon Ag – Ex and Regina Exhibition and 4H.

As empty nesters, we sold the farm. For seven years we raised purebred Boer goats to keep our valley home quarter neat and tidy. We also started spending our winters in BC, 15 in Kelowna and five in Osoyoos.

In 2007, Vince used his heavy equipment experience to work at Fort Hills mine in Fort McMurray, AB until Petro Can sold out to Sun Core. He then took back his job at the RM of Willowdale operating grader and mower.

At the age of 17, his relationship with God became real to him after the passing of his mother. He became active in the church. He loved to lead worship and sing solos at weddings and funerals. Through his whole life he relied on God. God gave him the tenacity to endure 21 years of "after effects" from severe internal radiation burns which finally took his life.

He will be remembered for his bright smile and quick wit. He loved sharing stories of funny experiences and the many mishaps his dad had. He also leaves us a large bank of wonderful memories that family and friends can draw from.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Ann; Aaron, Chase and Faith; Bruce (Erin), Caius, Warner and Holden; Crystal, Kelli and Blake; Jill (Mark), Tallin, Kashis, Kiro, Adriel and Leah; Miles (Pascal) and Quillo; his siblings: Sonia (Bill), Milton, Joanne (Wayne) and Alden and many nieces and nephews. Waiting for him on the other side is his granddaughter Gracie, grandson Anthony and many others.

As per his wishes, we will have a gathering in his honor at a later date. His interment will be in the Swedish Evangelical Mission Church, Stockholm, Sask. Charitable donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse Canada, 20 Hopewell Way NE, Calgary, AB T3J 5H5.

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Council discusses infrastructure/staff changes

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Grenfell town council held a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Aug. 7.

Pool Tenders

In June, the town tendered a request for proposals to install a new PVC liner at the outdoor swim-

ming pool on Lake St. Several bids were received and opened at last week's council meeting. However, council postponed further discussion of the bids since the staff was investigating a problem with the pool's circulation and filtration system. Tabling the discussion would also allow time for

administration to compile the extensive information from multiple bids into a spreadsheet for review, as directed by council.

Sidewalk Replacement

Krueger's Concrete replaced a 50-foot section of sidewalk in front of the newly constructed pharmacy building at 900

Desmond St., for a cost of \$7,550 plus taxes.

Council discussed whether to cover the entire expense or share the cost with the pharmacy since there was already a sidewalk at that location.

Mayor Steininger recommended the town cover the full cost, since the pharmacy would not benefit from any commercial incentive policy. Earlier this year, council removed a policy that was instated in 2021 and related to new businesses and expansions.

Council replaced it with an incentive specific to commercial lots purchased from the municipality, but the pharmacy property was privately purchased.

Other councillors agreed that covering the full expense for the sidewalk would demonstrate the town's support for the local business expansion and approved a motion to that effect with the major-

ity in favor.

Communities in Bloom

Council reviewed correspondence indicating that Communities in Bloom judges will visit Grenfell on Aug. 14. The town is participating in three categories for this year's competition: Community Appearance, Heritage Conservation and Landscape. Councillor Les McGhie agreed to meet the judges on behalf

of council.

Office Staff

Council accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Jenna Parker from the Assistant Administrator position. Jennifer Tait, who was hired as the office clerk a few months ago, has taken her place and the town will seek to hire a new clerk.



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Sidewalk repairs

Council approved replacement of a 50-foot sidewalk section in front of the new pharmacy building on Desmond St., demonstrating its support of local business expansion.

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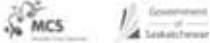
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Broadview/Moosomin detachments kept busy

Broadview/Moosomin Detachment
Sgt. Damien Grouchy

Reporting period:
Aug. 1 to Aug. 7

The annual Moosomin fireworks show was here and gone, from all accounts it was a great weekend. During the weekend we had increased visibility to ensure visitors at the lake had a safe weekend.

I requested four motorcycle units to attend over the weekend. They pat-

trolled Highway #1, Highway #8 and made patrols at the lake. The following are the stats the motorcycle unit generated over the weekend.

Tickets : 292 some highlights included:

- 3 AGRA charges
- 1 ATV
- 5 cell phone
- 14 seat belts
- 25 speed for more than 35 KM over limit
- 200 speeding charges on Highway #1 through Moosomin
- 30 various V.E.R. charges

Warnings : 104

Impaired drivers:

- 3 - 72 hour suspension alcohol
- 3 - 60 day suspension via drug
- 1 - 72 hour suspension via drug

Calls for Service

- 911 Act: Members received 7, 911 Act complaints. All calls were found to not be an emergency.
- Assault: Members responded to an assault that occurred on Sakimay FN; members spoke with the victim at the hospital but the victim would not disclose what had happened.
- Assault: Member received a complaint of an assault that occurred in Dauphin, Manitoba; upon further investigation members learned there was an open investigation in Dauphin; the complainant was advised to liaise with the RCMP Detachment investigating the matter.
- Domestic Dispute: Members received a complaint regarding a possible domestic dispute at a residence in Grenfell. Members followed up and concluded it was a verbal altercation.
- Assault with a weapon: Members responded to a complaint of an assault at a residence located on the Kahkewistahaw FN; mem-

bers attended and learned the suspect threw a TV, closet door and a DVD player at their partner. The suspect was arrested and charged.

- Break and Enter: members were dispatched to a break and enter to a residence located in Broadview; members attended and subsequently arrested 4 adults. Members continue their investigation.
- Sudden Death: Members responded to, two sudden death's this past week in the Moosomin/Broadview Detachment area. Both were non-suspicious.
- Mischief/Assault: Members received numerous complaints of two individuals fighting at a business on Main Street in Moosomin and multiple complaints from the Hospital. The accused caused damage to the building and assaulted staff members. The accused was arrested and charged. The accused has been remanded awaiting further court appearances.
- Mental Health Act: Members responded to multiple Mental Health related complaints during this past week.
- Impaired Operation: Members received a complaint regarding arguing at a business located in Whitewood. It was suspected that the individuals were intoxicated.

Members made patrols but they were not located.

- Missing Person: A youth was reported missing to the Broadview RCMP Detachment; upon further investigation members located the youth in Regina.
- Obstruction: Members were called to an intoxicated female outside of a business located on Front Street in Broadview. Members attended and the intoxicated female was arrested. Another male was obstructing members in the execution of their duties and he was subsequently arrested as well.

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- If you have information about any of the above incidents or have a crime to report, please contact Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361 or Broadview RCMP 306-696-5200 or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
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- Protect your online accounts
- Recognize spoofing

For a full list of steps to take in protecting yourself and to become familiar with past and present frauds/scams visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website.

Mental Health

As we all work together to end the stigma surrounding mental illness, now more than ever, every action counts. Whether you take the time to listen to a loved one, encourage a friend to ask for help, or educate yourself about mental health challenges. Be the solution. Be kind. Educate yourself. Listen and ask. Talk about it. Let's change the way we view mental illness. If you or someone you know is struggling, Reach out. If you or someone you know is in crisis or has thoughts of self harm, take action.

- Call 9-1-1
- Go to the nearest hospital or emergency department
- Call Crisis Services Canada at 1-833-456-4566.

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The Rural Municipality of Chester No. 125
2025 Municipal By-Election

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to the *Local Government Elections Act* for the office(s) of:

Councilor Division 6: RM of Chester No. 125

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office(s) will take place and that the following person is elected by acclamation:

Derrick Gorniak

Dated at Glenavon, SK this 8th day of August, 2025.
Brittany Knoll, Returning Officer



RESORT VILLAGE OF PASQUA LAKE

Public Notice – Resort Village of Pasqua Lake

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Pasqua Lake (Resort Village) intends to consider the adoption of two bylaws under The Planning and Development Act, 2007. The Resort Village will establish a new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Intent

The proposed Official Community Plan bylaw will establish municipal land use policies, goals, and objectives for the Resort Village.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw will:

- implement land use regulations;
- establish zoning districts;
- prescribe permitted and discretionary uses within each zoning district;
- establish a development permit process;
- prescribe a process for appeals; and
- provide a provision for amendments.

Affected Land

The proposed bylaws will affect all land within the incorporated area of the Resort Village.

Reason

The Official Community Plan will provide the Resort Village with direction on development decisions and municipal goals. The Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development within the Resort Village.

Public Inspection

Any person may inspect the proposed bylaws at the Resort Village office during normal office hours. Copies of the bylaws are available at cost.

Public Hearing

Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 15th, 2025 at 1:15 pm. The public hearing will be held at the Resort Village office, 160 Broadway Street West in Fort Qu'Appelle. Any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws is welcome to attend or to submit comments prior to the meeting. Council will consider all comments received.

Issued at the Resort Village of Pasqua Lake August 12, 2025

Caroline MacMurchy,
Chief Administrative Officer

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL 2025
Village of Killaly

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Village of Killaly for the year 2025 has been prepared and is now open for inspection in the Office of the Assessor of the Municipality located at the Village of Killaly Municipal Office, 56 Railway Avenue, Killaly, Saskatchewan from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays from August 14, 2025 to October 15, 2025. The assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to discuss their notice of assessment may contact the Assessor at the Village of Killaly Municipal Office. Any person who wishes to appeal their assessment must file their notice of appeal in writing accompanied by a \$200.00 appeal fee, payable to the Village of Killaly by October 15, 2025 to:

Noelle Hoskins, Secretary
Board of Revision
c/o Village of Killaly
P.O. Box 69
Killaly, SK. S0A 1X0

Dated this 14th day of August 2025.
Audrey Ulmer, Assessor

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST
TOWN OF FORT QU'APPELLE
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 October 15, 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	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN 1867 EXT 0	156072494	\$2,407.33	\$434.00	\$2,841.33
LOT 12-BLK/PAR 6-PLAN 1867 EXT 0	149955418	\$1,535.51	\$434.00	\$1,969.51
LOT 24-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN 1867 EXT 0	126931574	\$3,308.07	\$19.00	\$3,327.07
LOT 1-BLK/PAR 7-PLAN AN4277 EXT 0	145187927	\$7,948.26	\$434.00	\$8,382.26
LOT 12-BLK/PAR 30-PLAN 66R27897 EXT 0	146531101	\$1,565.99	\$434.00	\$1,999.99
LOT 21-BLK/PAR 40-PLAN AN4277 EXT 0	156288796	\$4,895.92	\$434.00	\$5,329.92
LOT 9-BLK/PAR 10-PLAN AO2561 EXT 0	147167297	\$4,504.14	\$434.00	\$4,938.14

* Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable..

Dated this 11th day of August, 2025.

Don McLeod, Chief Administrative Officer

Unconfirmed tornado sighted near Gray, Sask.

Five confirmed twisters touch down in local area this summer; six last year

By Brad Brown
Grasslands News

A landspout tornado that reportedly touched down near Gray last week, if confirmed, would make for the 18th of the summer in Saskatchewan.

Jordan Blodgett posted a photo to social media platform X of a funnel cloud nearing the ground near the hamlet on the evening of Aug. 5, with Environment and Climate Change Canada telling media the next day that it was investigating the unconfirmed report.

The potential tornado cropped up as part of a storm system that offi-

cially dropped 19.1 millimetres (about eight-tenths of an inch) on Regina that day according to federal government data.

Of the 17 tornadoes confirmed in Saskatchewan so far this year by the University of Western Ontario's Northern Tornadoes Project, 10 touched down June 19 – including one south of Vibank and two east of Kronau.

Based on damage to a home, farm vehicles, trees and crops along the tornado's nearly 10-kilometre path, researchers rated the strongest of the twisters as an EF2 with a maximum wind speed of 185 kilometres per hour and a

width of up to 680 metres.

The day's weather shenanigans also brought EF1 tornadoes to rural areas north of Dysart and northwest of Melville, both causing tree and property damage along their paths.

Another twister was confirmed to have touched down near Stockholm on June 29, that one damaging a number of trees in the area.

UWO's research confirmed 19 tornadoes in Saskatchewan in 2024, including three near Langbank and three near Melville, after reporting just one in all of 2023.



JORDAN BLODGETT | GRASSLANDS NEWS

RM OF EDENWOLD No. 158

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Amend the Zoning Bylaw

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

Bylaw No. 2025-16 - Zoning Map Change: - To re-zone 4 hectares (10 acres) in Parcel B, Plan 102384165 from CR1 – Country Residential 1 to AR – Agricultural Resource & to rezone 2.02 hectares (5 acres) in proposed Parcel C from AR - Agricultural Resource to CR1 - Country Residential 1 in the NW ¼ 34-16-17 W2M for a new residential yard site.

Intent: To make the appropriate Zoning Bylaw amendment to accommodate the subdivision of a new residential yard site (Parcel C) and the rezoning and consolidation of the existing Parcel B back into the quarter section.

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

Public Hearing: Council will hold a public hearing to receive submissions, written or verbal, on the proposed bylaw at **10 a.m. (local time) on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025**, in the Council Chambers of the RM of Edenwold No. 158, 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan. Written submissions will be presented to Council and can be sent by mail or email. For further information please contact Jessica McCartney, Planner at 306-540-5600 or planning@edenwold-sk.ca. Dated this 30th day of July, 2025, at Emerald Park, in the Province of Sask.

Shauna Bzdel, Chief Administrative Officer

RM OF EDENWOLD No. 158

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Close Road

Pursuant to Section 13 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Council of the RM of Edenwold No. 158 gives notice to consider adopting a proposed bylaw to close a municipal road.

Bylaw No. 2025-17 – A Bylaw to Provide for the Closure of a Municipal Road: - To close the municipal road located east of NE 07-18-18-W2 (Range Road 2185).

Intent: To close a municipal road for the purpose of deterring vandalism and trespassing on the adjacent private properties.

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

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Shauna Bzdel, Chief Administrative Officer

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*Bonus price adjustments of \$500 available on select in-stock 2024 KONA N Line trims only, on lease, finance and cash purchase from July 3, 2024 to July 30, 2024. Price adjustments are applied before taxes. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. Model inventory for which the price adjustments are applicable may vary from dealer to dealer and from region to region. See your local Hyundai dealer for further details and applicable model inventory. (†)Offers available for a limited time and subject to change or cancellation without notice. Vehicle colour is subject to availability. Delivery and Destination charge includes freight, P.D.I. and a full tank of gas. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited, dealer order may be required. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. No vehicle trade-in required. Visit www.hyundaicanada.com or see dealer for complete details. The Hyundai name, logos, product names, feature names, images and slogans are trademarks owned or licensed by Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. All other trademarks and trade names are the property of their respective owners.

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