

Kipling doctors happy to be part of their new community

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

The Clipper sat down this week to talk with Dr. Suvash Pokhrel, Dr. Muntaha Durrani and Dr. Amir Mohajerani, the three physicians who have come to Kipling to set up their practice over the past year, to learn more about them and find out how they are adjusting to their new community.

Dr. Pokhrel is originally from Nepal but now proudly points out that he is a Canadian citizen. Dr. Pokhrel says that since arriving in Kipling almost a year ago, he has found that the good reports he had heard were accurate.

“Originally, I didn’t have much information about Kipling before coming here. So, I made a call to Dr. Nokam and Dr. Shideh. They both had so many good things to say about the people we would be working with here and I’ve found those things to be true. The people here are excellent. They’re so friendly and they know what we go through and what our challenges are, practicing in this community. They’re also always offering the help that we might need as we start our practice here.”

While being a doctor in Kipling inevitably means treating a variety of people who each have unique needs, Dr. Pokhrel says that he has found practicing medicine in a rural community like this to be very rewarding.

“It would be very hard to be a specialist in Kipling. The scope of practice here includes all domains of care. But I have found that I enjoy that aspect of family



A good team

Since coming to Kipling, Dr. Muntaha Durrani (left), Dr. Amir Mohajerani (center) and Dr. Suvash Pokhrel (right) say that they have found that they enjoy practicing medicine here and have felt welcomed by the community.

medical practice.

As well, I always wanted to practice in a small community where the services that I am providing would be meaningful and impactful. Back in Nepal, after I did my practice for three years, I chose to go to rural and remote communities just to gain experience and see how the health care system worked. Since coming here, I have found that no matter which part of the world you are in, when you work in a rural community, your service has a real, positive impact on people. That is something that gives me great satisfaction.”

Dr. Pokhrel adds that the support which the physicians received from the

Health Foundation and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has been of tremendous help as the physicians established their practice.

“We all would like to thank the Health Foundation for providing housing. That is a big help, because finding housing can be very difficult. So, it is an important benefit for a newcomer who chooses to come and practice here, to know that the Health Foundation has your back. The support that we received from the SHA, especially from people like Trent Trucott, who is always asking what can be done to improve things and listening to our feedback, has also been greatly appreciated. That sup-

port made starting out at the clinic and hospital go very smoothly.”

Dr. Pokhrel adds that he and his colleagues appreciate the support offered to them by Kipling’s mayor.

“We must give a big shout-out to Mayor Pat Jackson. She’s been very helpful and took the time to come out and talk to all of us about the town and the resources here that could help us navigate.”

Dr. Durrani came to Canada from Pakistan, and was encouraged to come to Kipling by Dr. Pokhrel. Since arriving in July, Dr. Durrani says that she has found that teamwork and variety make practicing medicine here a joy.

“Before coming here, I was also in Calgary. So, I talked to Dr. Pokhrel, who had been my colleague there. He highly encouraged me, saying I would enjoy practicing in Kipling. He was so right! Honestly, I am enjoying my practice here so much. The hospital is great, and there is a very cooperative team at the clinic. They help you with each and every thing, and I really like that. If the teamwork is not good, then it can be so hard. But when the team is cooperative, the work is easy, and the flow is good.

“I am also someone who believes that the spice of life is not one thing, it is the spice of everything. That is why Family Medicine is my passion. You don’t work at just one thing. You meet many different people, and your work involves many different things. I’m the type of person who enjoys that.”

Dr. Mohajerani also came to Kipling in July and says that he had the advantage of

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Windthorst’s Annual Great Pumpkin Weigh-in set for Sept. 27

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Awaiting the results

Soon, contenders for the title of ‘Great Pumpkin such as those shown here will be rolling into the Windthorst Recreation Center as the Lions Club will host its annual Weigh-in on Saturday, Sept. 27.

There will once again be several generously sized gourds worthy to be called ‘The Great Pumpkin’ appearing on Saturday, Sept. 27 as the Windthorst & District Lions Club hosts its annual Great Pumpkin Weigh-in.

Bernard Steele (Lions Club member & Pumpkin Grower) says that this year’s event will follow the same format as other years.

“As in past years, the event will be happening at the Windthorst Rec Centre. Cocktails will be at 5:30 p.m. and the Roast Beef Supper catered by Ben Dubois will begin at 6:30 p.m. Our Pumpkin Weigh-in will start at 8 p.m. and we’ll be writing cheques out to the winning people once we have our champion.”

Steele says that the proceeds from this year’s competition will go towards needed upgrades at the local rink.

“We’ll be giving the proceeds to the Windthorst Arena this year. There was some water damage to the bathrooms a few years ago. So, the flooring in the two upstairs bathrooms will be replaced, and there will be some upgrades done to the downstairs bathrooms as well.”

Although he is not certain that there will be any astonishingly gargantuan pumpkins being brought in for consideration by the ten growers taking part in this year’s pumpkin growing competition, Steele says that there are some pumpkins which could well weigh-in just a little bit shy of that.

“I haven’t talked to all of the other growers, and it has been a weird year for growing pumpkins and other vine plants. People have been saying that they didn’t have flowers until late on cucumbers and squash, and there was the same concern with pumpkins. So, I’m not sure that we’ll see any 800 lb. pumpkins this year.

“But I have a pretty good pumpkin growing, and I’m told Dwight Larsen and last year’s champion Samantha Daku do as well. And you never know what any of the growers might have lurking in their pumpkin patch! We certainly could see some that make it to the 500-600 lb. mark and hopefully the weights will be close enough to make it a good competition – because that’s always fun!”

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Province not in favour of NDP plan to notify ER closures

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Emergency room closures in hospitals across Saskatchewan – especially in rural areas – have become something of the ‘norm’ for many months. Short-term closures of these essential services can be unpredictable and have been a great concern for people living near these facilities.

Jared Clarke, the NDP’s Rural and Remote Health Shadow Minister, intends to address that issue through the introduction of legislation this fall that requires formal public notification of all emergency room closures in the province.

“We have all heard the stories of people across this province forced to guess whether the local emergency room is going to be open when they need care,” he said during a media availability at the Legislative Building in Regina on Sept 10. “We heard even last week, a shocking example where folks in the Outlook area were going to their emergency room in town there only to find a piece of paper on the door directing them to go to another hospital in Davidson. They arrived in Davidson only to find another piece of paper telling them that that ER was also closed. An unimaginable situation here, those patients then had to turn around and drive to Saskatoon to get emergency care. This is just unacceptable and dangerous.”

According to their findings, the NDP learned of 134 emergency room closures that totalled 1,325 days between December 2024 to the end of April of this year.

“Most times, people find out through a Facebook post from their municipality,” Clarke explained of the current method of transmitting closure information. “Now, other health alerts exist in this province. If there’s a deadly drug in circulation, we hear about it in the media, and residents can sign up for immediate notifications by text and email. So why isn’t the same system in place for emergency room closures when we know that that can make the difference between life and death for people?”

A smartphone app akin to the Highway Hotline – which provides updated information on highway condi-

tions across the province and disseminated information about road closures during the wildfire season – may be one solution to better alerting citizens.

“We want to ensure that people in this province have the information to decide where they should go in an emergency,” Clarke said. “If your hospital in your community is closed at that moment, people should be able to know so they know whether they should go there or whether they should look to another community to get that care. We are looking at a number of different solutions. We haven’t finalized what the exact legislation is going to look like. We’re consulting with a number of stakeholders and making sure that we get it right.”

Clarke theorized that the answer was the Sask Party “doesn’t want people to know the magnitude of their failure.”

“Their refusal to notify the public is about these hospital closures is political, pure and simple, but hiding the problem is putting people’s lives at risk,” he said. “We want to see Saskatchewan residents know whether their local hospital is open or not. The policy that seems to exist in SHA is that they don’t put that on their website. They don’t inform the community besides putting a piece of paper on the door, so people literally drive up to the hospital and find a piece of paper on the door to know whether their hospital is open or closed today, that needs to change.

Admittedly, Clarke noted the legislation to be introduced once MLAs return to work this fall is ‘a necessary Band-Aid’, larger issues of healthcare recruitment and retention, and keeping hospitals open need to be addressed. The root cause of the temporary emergency room closures is chronic short staffing; and all-too-familiar tale in rural communities where healthcare professionals face burnout on a regular basis.

The legislation Clarke spoke of may take some time in coming to fruition. It would be introduced as a Private Member’s Bill subject to debate and the gauntlet of three readings in the Legislative Assembly. In the meantime, Clarke pointed to a much faster mechanism to solve the problem.

“The government could do something today to fix this issue of people in this province not knowing whether their local emergency room is open or not,” he said. “They don’t need my private member’s bill to fix this problem; they could actually do something today. They could develop an app, they could put it on SHA website again, which they stopped doing. They could fix this now. Our legislation is going to try and force them to do that.”

In an interview with Grasslands News, provincial Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill stressed the importance of the patient experience.

“It’s hard to comment on any piece of legislation without seeing the content of it,” he said when asked for his reaction to proposed bill. “My focus, and I know the focus of Minister (of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health) Lori Carr and our whole team is really about finding solutions that make

a difference for patients regardless of where they live, whether that be in a major center or whether that be in one of our rural communities or communities in the north in the province.”

Cockrill questioned how a piece of legislation would create actual change to that patient experience, highlighting some of the recent changes the Sask Party has made in healthcare.

“When I think about what we are working on doing to preserve services and stabilize services in rural Saskatchewan,” he said, “I think about the virtual physician program, the point of care testing, some of the recruitment efforts that we have underway to make sure that we have both nurse practitioners and physicians in place. That’s, that’s, I guess, you know, I have, we have limited time every day. That’s what I want to spend my time focused on, is solutions like that.”

The Sask Party claims investing in those strategies has avoided more than 2,700 potential service disruptions during the past 17 months.

“The Virtual Physician Program alone has helped to avoid over 3,200 days of potential service disruptions since 2023,” noted a representative from the Saskatchewan Executive Council. “As of August 2025, 463 high-priority healthcare professionals have been hired in 70 rural and remote communities through the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive, which continues to attract critical healthcare professionals to rural Saskatchewan.”

The connection between government and the local municipality level is not without flaws, best illustrated in the loss of local health advisory networks in the wake of SHA amalgamation back in 2017.

“Those were disbanded when the amalgamation happened, they were promised that they were going to be reinstated, but that hasn’t happened yet,” Clarke told Grasslands News. “That is one thing that we hear a lot from especially rural communities is that they don’t have an avenue to actually give feedback into how health care is delivered in their town or in their region. That’s a really important piece, that local voice, because we do know that when the community wraps around health care professionals, when they wrap around their hospital or healthcare facility, that generally, they can improve retention of their doctors. They can retain those nurses and other healthcare professionals to a higher degree. Community engagement is super important. We’ve been calling on government to reinstate those community health advisories for a long time.”

New residency seats announced

Announcements of new residency training seats through the Canadian Residency Match System were made, including two new seats each in Melfort and Nipawin. There is a total of 68 seats offered in the 2026 CaRMS match in Saskatchewan with the newly announced seats set to launch July 1, 2026.

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Fundraiser gears up for 2028 provincial election

Leader Carla Beck attends party fundraiser in Southey

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Carla Beck says she's "proud of but not content with" the results of last year's provincial election in which the opposition New Democrats doubled their representation in the Saskatchewan legislature but fell four seats of forming the government. Speaking to a party fundraiser in Southey on Sunday, Beck said she is gearing up to fight and

win the 2028 election. "Our team is working so hard, and we plan to continue to work even harder until we are the government."

In her sometimes-emotional speech, Beck faulted the Saskatchewan Party for its failure to manage health care, education, the environment and the economy. She was especially angry at the government's failure to respond to the forest fires that ravaged the

North this summer by refusing to call the federal government for help "when our communities were burning to the ground, this government was not prepared for the forest fires, and this issue does not stand alone. This is a government that fails to engage people on the front lines." Asked to respond to the Saskatchewan Party's anticipated \$349 million deficit after the government predicted a \$12-million surplus,

Beck said the NDP knew all along that the budget numbers were "not only not accurate, but not even believable. Their projected surplus has vanished. (The NDP) said at the time their budget wasn't worth the paper it was written on. That's proven to be true."

Beck said that while U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs, threats and trade wars combined with Chinese tariffs on canola are of concern, they are bigger challenges than any one political party can solve. She said it is important for her caucus to put in the hard work and focus "on the things that matter to Saskatchewan people."

Seven members of the NDP caucus were present at the fundraiser. "This is a team that is focused on what matters to Saskatchewan," said Beck. "We are continuing to see signs that people are moving in our direction. Our team is working so hard. We have a team of shadow ministers that continue to raise concerns. They are motivated and focused on the future. We are going to fix health care, fund education. We are going to have to fight like hell to do it, but we need to have fun along the way."



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Party fundraiser
NDP Opposition Leader Carla Beck has her eyes on winning the 2028 provincial election.

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"Our government is very happy to support the addition of new training opportunities for medical residents here in the province," Cockrill said. "Expanding residency seats in Nipawin and other locations in the province aligns with our commitment to improve access to health care in Saskatchewan and we encourage new residents to consider building their practice here in the future."

The training opportunities are a result of a partnership between the provincial government and the U of S College of Medicine, with a goal of medical residents to stay in the communities they practiced in.

The province has also been looking at the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment program over the summer, with changes resulting from those reviews coming soon. Minister Cockrill confirmed that a review of the

SIPPA program has taken place, adding that the changes would generally be two parts – providing more options for practitioners coming to Saskatchewan, then attempting to strengthen those bonds between the new healthcare providers and the communities they serve.

"I've had the opportunity to share some of my initial thoughts with different municipal leaders as well as physician leaders around the province," Cockrill said. "Heard good feedback on some of the changes that we're considering, not ready for a public announcement just yet, I'm just thinking about how we make sure that our program is obviously competitive compared to other assessment programs around the country. We also have to make sure that the SIPPA program works for the communities and the patients that it ultimately serves. I think we're going to see some positive changes."

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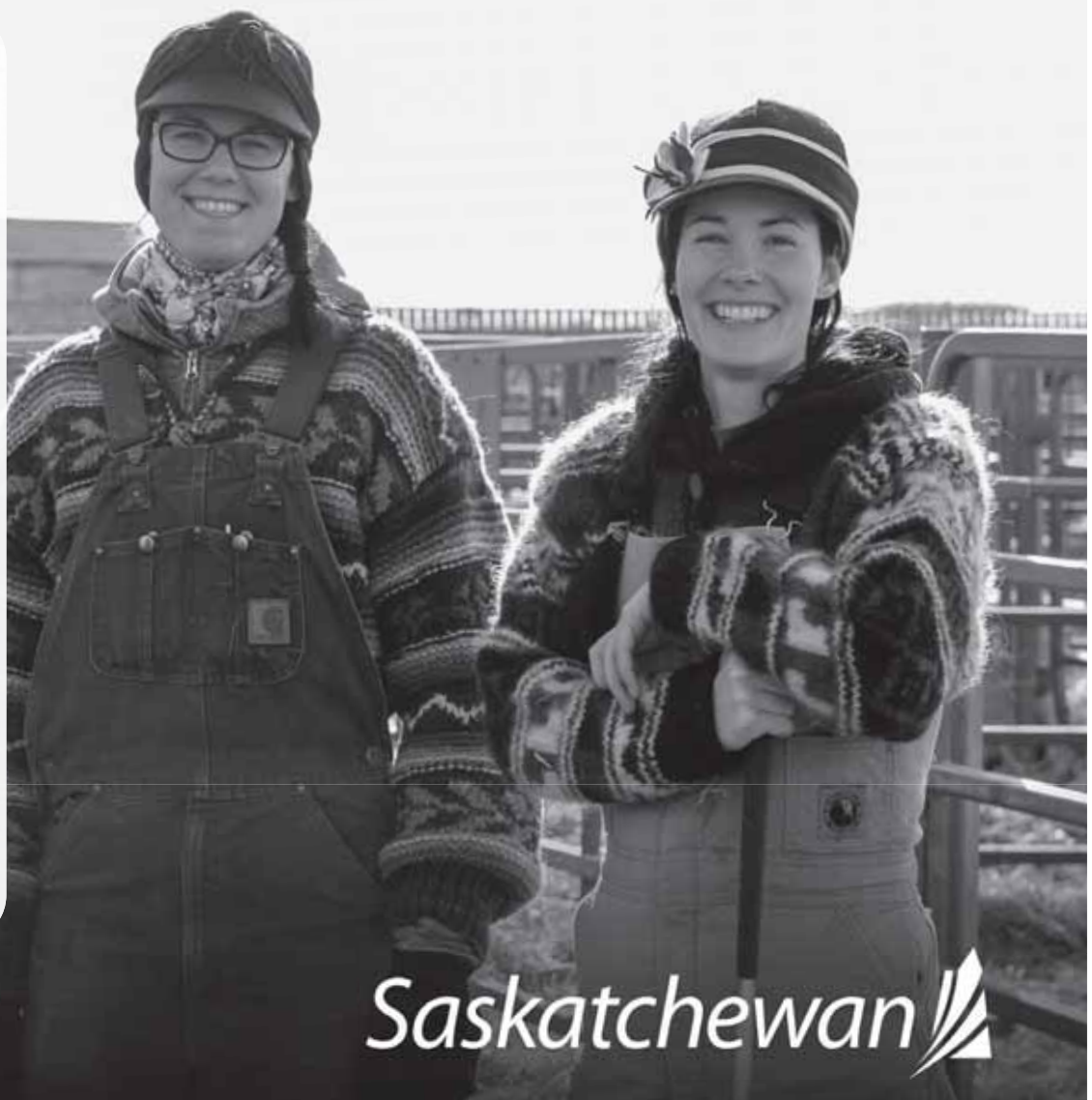
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FAST Auto program launches at Kahkewistahaw

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"When things become easy, then it was meant to be."

That's how Wilfred Whitehawk Jr., Education Coordinator at Kahkewistahaw First Nation, described the FAST (Fundamentals of Automotive Service Technician) Auto program coming to fruition. The 12-week pre-employment program is run through the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, featuring instructor Curtis Brooks.

Whitehawk worked with SIIT to bring the pro-

gram closer to Kahkewistahaw, and in the process a building to offer the automotive program was secured in Broadview.

"We do have a very solid Trust and Lands team here, they always seek opportunities for the Nation," Whitehawk said. "It just so happened that the shop was for sale, so everything that was in the shop came with the shop when it was purchased. There was tools, there was almost everything we needed except a tire machine, but everything else was in there."

The FAST Auto program introduces students

to the basics of automotive repair and offers a work placement component where valuable real-world experience can be gained.

"The program would be troubleshooting, even down to the changing a tire, tire plugs, balancing a tire, oil changes, brakes, and then it opens the door when we put them in that work placement at the end of it," Whitehawk explained. "That's where they can actually put whatever they learned in class, into play; where they can work, get more skills working on the job."

Whitehawk has expe-

rience facilitating FAST Auto along with SIIT colleague Darren Cote, and has seen firsthand the successes it can bring to not only the students, but through bringing more skilled mechanics to the region.

"This course in particular, myself and Darren used to work together prior, years ago," Whitehawk said. "We put this program on in Yorkton and had some pretty good successes that came out of this program. Some of our successes are journeyman mechanics now, and one of the journeyman mechanics is a community member - he lives here, too, on Kahkewistahaw."

Seeing a shortage of mechanics in the area, bringing FAST Auto closer to home seemed like a great solution.

"We felt that this was the perfect time where we could capitalize on the shortage of mechanics, and then we also wanted our community members to see that they have a community mem-

ber who's a journeyman mechanic themselves," Whitehawk said. "That would be the perfect timing, and the perfect relation where we can show our community members that it can be done."

The first intake in the FAST Auto program will see 12 students begin their training on Sept. 15 with the course running until Dec. 5. Future intakes are anticipated, plus Whitehawk is busy organizing an Autobody program that will also make use of the newly obtained shop space.

"That'll be after this, because the shop also can accommodate everything we need for that," he said. "It has a paint shop and everything in there, too. It's a perfect location for our members; it's not so far from the Nation - It's like a five-minute drive - and we will be providing living allowances for them for these three months."

"Our main goal is to see our community members thrive and succeed,"

Whitehawk continued.

To celebrate this new course and the building where students will learn valuable skills, a grand opening is slated for Sept. 26 at 10 a.m., at 902 S Front Street in Broadview.

"We did invite a lot of guests, friends, and dignitaries from the local area," Whitehawk said. "Also, at that time, we will be busy at the shop with the students because they begin Sept. 15. We felt that it would be a perfect time to showcase what they can do, the students will be right into it while we're doing the grand opening."

When asked if the ribbon-cutting ceremony might involve an angle grinder instead of the usual scissors, Whitehawk replied with a laugh, "that's a possibility - we can make that work!"

"We are looking forward to it," he said, reflecting on bringing the FAST Auto program to Broadview. "I think everybody's very excited for it."

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Communities urge residents to take part in 2026 census

By Chris Ashfield

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The next national census is still more than a year away, but communities across Saskatchewan are already encouraging residents to prepare to take part. Local leaders stress that filling out the 2026 Census is one of the most important ways people can ensure their towns, villages, and cities get the funding and recognition they deserve.

Municipalities rely heavily on census data to determine how much support they receive for essential services. Roads, schools, healthcare, emergency response, and recreation programs are all tied to population counts. If residents don't participate, officials say communities risk being underfunded. "The census is more than just a headcount," explained officials with the Town of Whitewood, who recently began promoting census awareness. "It directly impacts the dollars we get for local services. If people don't fill it out, our numbers go down — and so does our funding."

Beyond immediate funding, the census helps communities plan for the future. Accurate population and housing information allows towns and cities to anticipate needs for infrastructure, new housing, and economic development. For growing communities in Saskatchewan, this can mean the difference between keeping up with demand or falling behind. Whether it's planning a new subdivision, upgrading water and sewer systems, or investing in recreation facilities, census data provides the foundation for making sound decisions. Whitewood, for example, is preparing a major recreation park development and has also been working on plans for a new fire hall. Town officials say reliable census numbers strengthen their case when applying for grants and securing provincial or fed-

eral support.

The census also plays a crucial role in giving communities a voice at higher levels of government. Accurate numbers help ensure provincial and federal decision-makers understand the realities of life in Saskatchewan's towns and rural municipalities. "Census data makes sure we're not overlooked," Whitewood officials said. "It's how we demonstrate our needs and advocate for fair treatment." For smaller communities in particular, every completed census form counts. A handful of missed responses in a town of 800 people can mean the loss of tens of thousands of dollars in funding and reduced influence when decisions are being made.

Statistics Canada emphasizes that the census is quick to complete and strictly confidential. The information is used only for statistical purposes and is essential to ensuring fair funding and planning across the country. Community leaders say participation is a responsibility everyone shares. "When everyone fills out their census, everyone benefits," said one Saskatchewan mayor. "It's a simple step that has a huge impact on our communities."

As 2026 approaches, municipalities are expected to ramp up public awareness campaigns. Town offices, community organizations, and local newspapers will play a role in reminding residents why the census matters. In Whitewood, officials are framing it as an investment in the town's future. "Completing your census is one of the simplest but most powerful things you can do," they said. "It helps secure the services and opportunities that make communities strong." For Saskatchewan's towns, villages, and cities alike, the message is clear: the 2026 Census is not just about counting people — it's about making sure every community counts.

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Mixed reaction to Carney's top 5 projects

By Ryan Kiedrowski
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Prime Minister Mark Carney announced the first series of projects that the newly launched Major Projects Office will be focussing its efforts on. The purpose of the MPO is to identify projects that are in the nation's best interest and accelerating their development.

The first set of projects were the LNG Canada Phase 2 in Kitimat, B.C.; the Darlington New Nuclear Project in Bowmanville, ON; the Contrecoeur Terminal Container Project in Contrecoeur, QE; the McIlvanna Bay Foran Copper Mine near Creighton, SK; and the Red Chris Mine expansion in northwest B.C.

"At this moment of transformative change, Canada's new government is focused on delivering major projects to connect our communities, empower Canadian workers, and build Canada's strength," Carney said on Sept. 11. "With the first in a series of new projects, we will build big, build now, and build Canada strong."

The announcement received a lukewarm response at best, with many voices wondering where their cross-country oil pipeline was in the queue.

"We are deeply disappointed that there are no projects announced today related to new pipelines, power generation or rail capacity," said provincial NDP leader, Carla Beck. "Our team has been calling on all levels of government to prioritize all types of trade-enabling infrastructure, and I urge the federal government to ensure there will be urgent progress on these vital projects."

One mining-related announcement was nice, but some were wondering about the rest.

"While we are pleased to see some projects selected, including the Foran Copper Mine in Saskatchewan, I think most Canadians were expecting a more ambitious list of projects given the Prime Minister's promise to build 'at a speed not seen in generations,'" said Saskatchewan Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Jim Reiter, who was also left wanting. "The omission of uranium projects from the list is extremely concerning as there are three projects in Saskatchewan that are ready to move forward in the near term. We have asked the federal government to correct this immediately. The lack of any approved pipeline projects also highlights the uncertainty caused

by the current regulatory system and the reluctance of companies to move forward given that uncertainty."

Grasslands News spoke with the provincial Minister of Energy and Resources, Colleen Young, for her take on the announcement and what this means for the province.

"We are pleased to see that Foran's McIlvanna Bay met the list of designated major projects, and it is a mine that will produce substantial amounts of copper and zinc - both of which we know are on Canada's list of critical minerals," she said. "It's recognition that Saskatchewan is - as you've heard through the Fraser Institute - a world class mining province. We have a world class mining sector and the development of our critical minerals are crucial to achieving what the federal government in which we see as goals of Canada and becoming an energy superpower."

As with Reiter's comments, Young agreed that the announcement was lacklustre.

"Even though it's nice to see that we did have a project on that list, we are disappointed that other much needed Saskatchewan mining and energy projects, which did include our valuable and growing uranium sector, were not on that first list," she said. "Infrastructure projects such as pipelines and ports, they are essential for establishing that economic corridor that we're all looking for that will enhance the supply chains and help us get to global markets."

In an 'honourable mention' addendum to Carney's first Top Five projects, the Port of Churchill was among the early-stage projects that did receive a nod. Young sees the announcement as playing 'catch-up' with projects that ought to have been underway years prior.

"The challenge is, he (Carney) wants to fast track these product projects, but as we know, when you start a brand new project, you know it's going to take years down the road," Young said. "We're already 10, 11 years behind the eight ball in getting our products to international markets. If we're going to speed this up, starting with a brand new project is going to take a while, and it's a much heavier investment. I think that they would have been wise to look at existing opportunities."

In the wake of the MPO announcement, the NDP attempted to place

blame on the Sask Party for not giving the feds a list of provincial projects.

"There is so much more that can be done," Beck said. "Yet, Premier Scott Moe continues to hide the list of projects he did - or did not - provide to the federal government for consideration. Saskatchewan deserves transparency and needs to know what the Sask. Party did to secure game changing, generational infrastructure investment."

However, back in May, Moe did publicize the top 10 changes Ottawa must make - well ahead of the First Ministers Conference in Saskatoon on June 2.

"The projects were laid out as to where we needed to go in order to get market access and what that looked like," Young said. "The priorities that we have a province, in addition to ports and interprovincial economic corridors; there's such things as roads and electricity infrastructure for critical mineral operations. They're going to be a challenge, particularly in the north. We're hoping as we move forward, that's also a discussion that we need to have with our federal counterparts in order to see what investment can be made there. Because getting that uranium out of the north is a challenge unless we have electricity, roads, and rail transportation bumped up as well."

The critical mineral sector in Saskatchewan is seen as a 'core pillar' of the economy; supporting an enormous investment of people and financial gain.

"There's tens of thousands of jobs with billions of dollars investment every year by all of these companies and industries, along with our oil and gas, which has been a very staple for our province," Young said.

When asked if the federal government is on the same page as the province in their Critical Mineral Strategy, Young noted, "we're heading to be on the same page."

"It's what they will allow, where and when as this project list moves forward for the major development to happen," she said. "If it happens all down east, we'll be able to pick up the message from there, as to say that Western Canada is being left out again. But I'm hopeful, in conversations with Minister Hodgson and Minister Carney, as we move forward, that they are on the same path as us in ensuring that all of Canada gets to participate in becoming an energy superpower."



Pheasants released

Grenfell Wildlife Federation partnered with Regina Wildlife Federation to release 160 pheasants into the local natural habitat this fall. This is the second year that the Grenfell group has participated in the pheasant program.

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Build Canada Homes raises more questions than confidence

The federal government's new Build Canada Homes initiative promises \$13 billion to kick-start the construction of affordable housing. Ottawa says the first wave of the program will deliver 4,000 factory-built homes on six federally owned sites in cities such as Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto, Dartmouth, and Longueuil. An additional 700 units are planned through a partnership with the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

At first glance, this sounds ambitious and overdue. But when the numbers are crunched, the math doesn't inspire confidence—it raises serious questions. Dividing \$13 billion by 4,700 homes works out to \$2.765 million per unit. That figure is especially jarring because the land is already owned by Ottawa. No money is needed for lot acquisition, meaning nearly all of the funding is earmarked for construction and administration.

Now consider the real-world cost of building a home. In Saskatchewan, average construction costs range from \$165 to \$275 per square foot. A 1,500-square-foot home could therefore be built for between \$247,500 and \$412,500—a fraction of the cost Ottawa is effectively budgeting per unit. Even accounting for inflation, higher labour costs in big cities, or more complex builds, the gap is impossible to ignore.

If the federal government's \$13 billion were applied at more realistic construction prices, the results could be transformative:

- At \$400,000 per home, about 32,500 homes could be built.

- At \$300,000 per home, closer to Saskatchewan's average, the total jumps to 43,000 homes.

- At \$250,000 per home, achievable in many Prairie communities, more than 52,000 homes could be delivered.

That difference—4,700 versus 52,000 homes—is not a rounding error. It's the difference between making modest progress and making a real dent in Canada's housing shortage. Instead of concentrating a limited number of units in a few major centres, tens of thousands of families across the country could see affordable homes built in their communities.

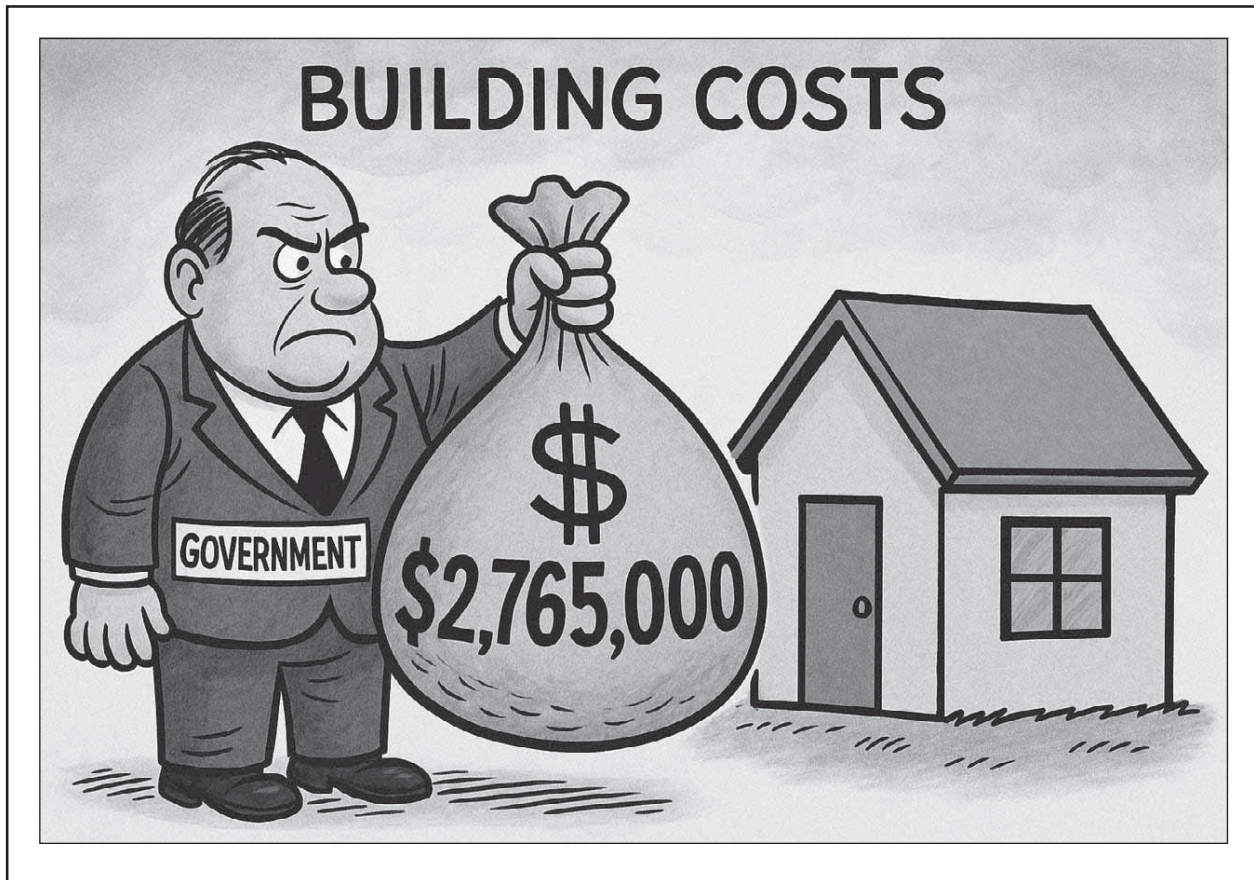
This matters for Saskatchewan. Our province has its own housing pressures, from waitlists in cities to shortages in smaller towns. Communities like Whitewood, Indian Head, Melville, Fort Qu'Appelle, Vibank, and Kipling know firsthand how far construction dollars can go when used efficiently. For the same amount Ottawa plans to spend on just 4,700 homes, Saskatchewan could see thousands of affordable units built—enough to ease rental pressures, reduce wait times, and give families, seniors, and young people a chance at stable housing.

Housing isn't just about shelter. It's the foundation of local economies and community life. Businesses rely on it to attract workers. Schools depend on it to stabilize enrollments. Volunteer organizations, sports teams, and cultural groups all need residents who can put down roots. Without affordable housing, these supports weaken, and the entire community suffers.

Canadians don't need governments to deliver \$2.7-million "affordable" homes. They need every tax dollar stretched to its fullest potential, ensuring that as many units as possible are built. They need policies that reflect regional realities, where costs and needs differ sharply between Toronto and towns like Whitewood.

For now, Build Canada Homes offers more headlines than hope. Until Ottawa delivers practical, efficient, and regionally tailored outcomes, the gap between political promises and people's realities will only grow. Canadians deserve more than announcements—they deserve real homes, in real communities, at costs that make sense.

- Chris Ashfield, Grasslands News



Finding treasures in unexpected places

I've been thinking about treasures recently; those items that one holds so dear, and found treasures as well - the things that mysteriously appear when you least expect them to. For example, I had a friend gift me an old Mamiya C330 TLR camera. It's a beautiful camera harkening back to a simpler time, and one that forces you to slow down to compose the image you want to capture.

For one thing, this camera is one where you peer through a window at the top of the unit, essentially shooting from the hip. All your motions are backwards in getting whatever you're taking a photo of into the proper spot. All the controls are manual, so one must consider several variables in order to create a decent image - shutter speed, aperture, focus, light source - there's a lot going on in taking a photo with one of these old beasts. Oh, and the film is not cheap, and you only have 12 exposures per roll, so one must be meticulous.

Anyway. Onto the 'hidden treasure' portion of this long-winded explanation.

When I first obtained this camera, I noticed it had a film already in it with eight shots fired. What a bonus - I still have four more frames to shoot, plus there's a real mystery as to what is on these previous eight! I knew the camera originally belonged to a professional photographer, so the potential of developing some gorgeous images was real. What fantastic moments of the past had this person managed to capture? Heck, these images might contain historically important scenes in Saskatchewan history rivaling the Everett Baker Collection!

It would be a few weeks before I managed to exhaust the remaining frames on the film and get it processed, all the while daydreaming about what could possibly be on this roll. Then the magical day came when I picked up the processed film, opened the envelope and discovered images of...somebody's cat.

Wow. Really?! Granted, it was a rather nice-looking feline, but a cat? What a disappointment. No grand historical document here, just some cat laying on a chair.

Then there was the plugged bathtub drain incident. I had a century-old home with almost equally as old plumbing, and the bathtub upstairs was constantly slow to drain.

No matter what method I employed - chemicals, a plunger, sewer line snake, cussing like Fred Flintstone - nothing seemed to move the blockage. I had exhausted seemingly every conceivable way to dislodge whatever nasty clog was in that pipe, to no avail. Until one fine day, I had been vigorously jamming a plastic clog remover into the pipe when that magical gurgling sound of moving water was heard, and a weight could be felt at the end of the plastic line.

Again, I was in suspense of what treasure could be revealed - okay, well, maybe that's an exaggeration, I was certain the object would be one nasty plug of hair. The treasure that came forth from the pipe was a Matchbox car half-dissolved from the cacophony of chemicals I had subjected it to over the previous weeks. Again, it wasn't gold, but definitely a surprise, leaving me to wonder how many years this wee car had been lodged in the pipes - 20? 30? Who knows!

Now one final word on treasures - and these are my most precious commodity. No surprise for a word nerd, it's books! Over the years, I've acquired and given away hundreds of books, but there are a few dozen that I will never part with. One of those most prized titles is *The Small Roman Missal for all Sundays and the Principal Feasts of the Year*, first published in 1935. The reason this book in particular is priceless can be explained that its first owner was my Dad - a guy who will forever be my hero. Dad owned this book when he was a boy, evidenced by numerous prayer cards given to him as reward for favourable marks on various religion tests. Each one bears an inscription from a proud teacher, along with the date. Dad's young handwriting is even found on some of the cards, and inside the cover of the book. Seeing the early cursive of a young hand I knew only as an adult is a veritable time machine, reminding me that yes, he was a kid once, too!

Indeed, it's a treasure whose worth far surpasses any precious metal that has ever come from or is yet to be discovered underground. Even holding the small book brings a sense of serenity and comfort. You just can't put a dollar figure on that.

- Ryan Kiedrowski, Grasslands News

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Answers sought in fatal highway shooting

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Weyburn-area residents are being urged to remain vigilant and come forward with information as Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes continues to investigate a suspicious death along Highway 39 northwest of Weyburn.

On Sept. 12, shortly after 8 p.m., police received a report that a passenger in a black Ford Explorer had been seriously injured while the SUV was traveling toward Weyburn near the Richardson Pioneer and Viterra grain terminals. Investigation has since determined the 44-year-old female passenger from Weyburn was struck by a firearm discharge into the vehicle and died at the scene. Her death is being treated as suspicious. The driver, also from the Weyburn area, was not injured and is not considered a suspect. They were the only occupants of the vehicle.

Inspector Ashley St. Germaine of RCMP Major Crimes acknowledged the community's concerns, noting the shooting may have been random. "We understand the current circumstances of this investigation may cause concern, particularly for locals and those who travel on Highway 39," St. Germaine said. "If you were in the area around 8 p.m. Friday night and saw anything unusual — vehicles, people, even possible target practice — please contact investigators."

Family Issues Statement

The woman who died as a result of the shooting was Tanya Myers, and her family issued an appeal last week to anyone who has information about this tragedy.

"Tanya was an amazing energy healer and animal lover, with a special fondness for cats. She was the best mom to her nine cats," the family said in their statement.

"She rarely left home because she had an extensive care routine for her kitties, so this day out of town was rare for her and related to her interest in energy healing and shopping for her cats. We are all in shock and disbelief, and the loss of Tanya leaves a giant gaping hole in our lives and her cats' lives who are all wondering where their mom has gone."

"She did not have anything to do with the way she left us. She kept to herself and looked after her fur babies," the statement continued. "To the person or persons responsible — please grow a conscience and

take responsibility for your actions. Tanya deserves justice and her family deserves answers. The family asks that you please give us and Andrea's family privacy at this difficult time."

Second Vehicle Confirms Gunshot Damage

RCMP confirmed Sept. 16 that a second vehicle was also damaged by gunfire on the evening of Sept. 12. A member of the public reported they had been driving on Highway 39 around 8 p.m. and believed they were behind the Ford Explorer involved in the fatal shooting. The driver recalled hearing two "pops" that sounded like rocks striking the windshield but saw no immediate damage.



Tanya Myers

The following day, the individual discovered a flat tire and reported it to police. On Sept. 15, forensic investigators examined the SUV and determined the tire had been damaged by a gunshot. RCMP say the vehicle was traveling close behind the Ford Explorer, passed it, and continued into Weyburn after the shooting.

The driver was unaware of the fatal incident at the time, did not know the occupants of the Ford Explorer, and did not suffer any injuries. Police are withholding details about which tire was hit, as that information forms part of the ongoing investigation.

Investigation Continues

Earlier in the investigation, RCMP sought information about a white truck and a vehicle pulling a trailer, but both were later identified and ruled out as connected. Police say they continue to receive numerous tips and remain grateful for the public's cooperation.

"We have received many tips from

the public in relation to this investigation and people have come forward who were in the area at the time of this incident," said St. Germaine. "We are appealing to those individuals who may have been out in the area of Highway 39 northwest of Weyburn on Friday, Sept. 12. Maybe you were hunting or target shooting, or perhaps you were with or know someone who was. Perhaps you recall passing a vehicle on that road around 8 p.m. Maybe you have dash cam footage from traveling Highway 39 that night. Please give our investigators a call to assist us in getting answers for the victim's family and community."

Public Assistance Still Needed

RCMP officers may be attending businesses in the Weyburn area to request security footage. Investigators continue to urge residents, farmers, and business owners along Highway 39 into Weyburn and Highway 13 to review surveillance cameras, including doorbell and yard systems, for footage between 7:45 and 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Anyone with information is asked to call 310-RCMP (7267), 911 in an emergency, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

During a media availability on Sept. 16, Supt. Joshua Graham, officer in charge of Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes, explained some of the ongoing efforts RCMP are making in this case.

"There's no new information in terms of identification of the suspect or where the shots came from," he said. "The investigators are still actively working on that, and anything to do with forensic evaluation of the evidence that we've collected that simply takes time, so we have enlisted ballistic experts and firearm experts in relation to the firearm potentially that's been used here. I can confirm the autopsy has been completed, and the victim did die of a gunshot wound, so the investigators are still following up on that aspect of it, but no suspect has been identified."

As to whether or not the gunfire on the vehicles was intentional, Supt. Graham said, "at this time, we just don't know."

"This isn't two separate incidents, based on the new information that we provided," he explained. "It's one incident. We can verify that the two vehicles were traveling in close proximity to them, and it matches up kind of what we've been told through witness evidence as well."

Gene Hauta

It's a Strange World

I'm not sure how often this comes up for discussion. Does a person have the right to be *naked in their own yard* behind a 6.5-foot fence with the ending up on Google Street View? An appeal court in Argentina has decided the answer is yes. This court decision that the man's dignity was "flagrantly violated" by the service and awarded him the equivalent of \$12,500. The man was humiliated when the image of his butt appeared online and in a report covering unusual sights on Street View. The police officer in the small city of Bragado says he is a locally recognized figure and, while his face wasn't visible, Google displayed his street name and house number. The judges ruled his *privacy had been violated*. Google had argued that the man's wall wasn't high enough and another court rejected his claim for damages last year, saying he had been "walking around in inappropriate conditions in the garden of his home."

"California may ban kids from playing hide and seek," said Argus Hamilton, "because the winners could grow up to become effective ICE agents."

A *swarm of jellyfish* forced one of the largest nuclear power plants in Europe, the Gravelines nuclear plant in northern France, to shut down. Gravelines typically supplies electricity to about 5 million homes, but it all shut down after its cooling system's filters were overwhelmed by a massive influx of jellyfish. Three reactors at Gravelines halted automatically when the jellyfish clogged the plant's water intakes. A fourth reactor followed soon after, leaving the entire facility offline. Officially, there was no safety risk to staff, local residents, or the environment. Gravelines draws its cooling water from a canal linked to the North Sea, an area where jellyfish are a familiar sight in warmer months. While screens are in place to prevent marine life from getting sucked in, a large swarm can render them useless. That's partly because *dead jellyfish liquefy into a gel* and slip through.

Under instructions from Donald Trump's administration, Florida officials have *painted over a rainbow crosswalk* in Orlando serving as a memorial to 49 people who were murdered in the deadliest attack against LGBT+ people in US history. An ISIS-inspired gunman's 2016 attack at Pulse nightclub, which at the time was the largest mass shooting in modern American history, was also the deadliest terrorist attack on US soil since Sept. 11, 2001. In a letter to governors last month, Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy instructed states to *eliminate distractions* on public roads. "Taxpayers expect their dollars to fund safe streets, not rainbow crosswalks," he wrote on X at the time. "Political banners have no place on public roads." The crosswalk was approved during the administration of former Governor Rick Scott, a Republican. But Governor Ron DeSantis — whose administration has approved naming roads after Trump and the late right-wing radio host Rush Limbaugh — said "we will not allow our state roads to be commandeered for political purposes."

Two contract firefighters on the front lines of Washington state's largest active wildfire *found themselves in handcuffs* after a surprise visit from federal agents. The exact reasons for the arrests remain murky, with officials tight-lipped and no explanation provided by Border Patrol, ICE, or Homeland Security. Not knowing the reason for the arrest seems no longer important. In fact, not having a reason would be even more infuriating. And these abductions are happening all over the country, and to people of all sorts, including legitimate USA citizens. The policy under the Biden administration was that federal agents would only conduct operations at emergency sites under "exigent circumstances," but the Trump administration appears to have abandoned that.

"A movie date for a Canadian couple married 26 years turned into a big, messy adventure after the wife's *wedding rings ended up at the dump*. Steve Van Ysseldyk and wife Jeannine returned from the theater with a bag of popcorn, but accidentally spilled it in their garden. While cleaning up the spill, Jeannine's rings somehow slid off and allegedly into the popcorn bag, which was then thrown into the compost bin. By the time they realized the mistake, the bin had been collected. Steve must have felt guilt as he resolved to get the rings back, even if it meant digging through trash. The landfill did agree to let him try, and a similarly skeptical worker, who admits he thought Steve had no chance, even helped him by using an excavator. Eventually, Steve recognized sausages that had also been thrown out in the compost bin, and he ended up finding both rings before his wife could even buy a metal detector and come to the site to help.

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Rain storm

Area pounded by sudden hail, flooding

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Residents in the Regina area were taken by surprise last Friday evening when a fierce storm unleashed heavy rain, sudden flash flooding and hail – some hailstones reportedly reaching the size of toonies.

The disturbance arrived with little warning, bringing intense rainfall that quickly overwhelmed streets, underpasses and low-lying neighbourhoods. Water surged across roads, blocked avenues and flooded basements in some homes. At the same time, hail hammered down in parts of the city, damaging vehicles, siding and roofs. Garden plants and landscaping were battered, and many residents reported loud

crashes of hail striking windows.

While Regina bore the brunt of the event, the system tracked southeast across the region, bringing heavy downpours and hail to communities along the Trans-Canada corridor and Highway #1, including the Emerald Park and Pilot Butte areas. Residents in Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Grenfell and Whitewood also reported pounding rain that briefly reduced visibility to near zero, while crops and gardens took a beating from ice pellets. Farther south along Highway #48 and Highway #9, rural residents also saw water pooling in low spots and minor flooding in yards, fields and driveways.

Kyle Ziolkowski, a meteorologist with Environment and Climate Change Canada, said the storms drifted slowly over the area, delivering rain on and off throughout the evening. "Lots of really scattered, isolated, very, very slow-moving thunderstorms popped up late yesterday afternoon and lasted into the evening hours before they kind of finally started to settle down towards midnight," he explained. "They would kind of sit there, move off, and then

another storm would re-develop in behind it."

As of Saturday morning, Environment Canada did not yet have official rain estimates, but Ziolkowski said there were reports of one storm delivering between 75 and 100 millimetres of rain to the White City region, east of Regina. "Just looking at estimated radar accumulations, it could be anywhere up close [to] four or six, and maybe as high as eight inches, or roughly 100 to 200 millimetres of rain in some areas across the region," he said. Environment Canada also received reports of toonie-sized hail in eastern portions of Regina, as well as in Balgownie and Pilot Butte.

Local authorities reminded homeowners to ensure gutters, downspouts and drainage paths are clear, particularly before storms, and to check weather alerts as conditions can change quickly. The forecast calls for more unsettled weather in the coming days, including the possibility of further showers and thunderstorms. Experts warn that conditions favourable for hail or flash flooding may persist, and those in flood-prone zones are encouraged to prepare accordingly.

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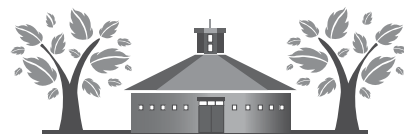
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Indian Head in Bloom: Thanks to Our Volunteers

The Town of Indian Head would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the Adopt-a-Planter program and to the many volunteers who dedicated their time to the Bloom Brigade this summer. From planting and maintaining planters to watering flower beds and caring for the Community Orchard, your efforts helped create a vibrant and welcoming community. These contributions not only enhanced the beauty of our town for residents to enjoy, but also made a positive impression on visitors, supporting Indian Head's reputation as a friendly and attractive destination.

Harvest Hoedown

The Harvest Hoedown Craft Show will be taking place on Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Indian Head. We have over 30 vendors registered, offering a variety of handmade items and the home-based businesses you love. The Royal Purple will be offering soup & sandwich lunch for purchase as well. With raffle prizes, a wide variety of tables to browse, and the chance to connect with neighbors and friends, it's the perfect way to spend a fall day. Funds raised from the show go right back into supporting local organizations, meaning every purchase and every admission helps strengthen our community. Last year's event welcomed 370 shoppers and raised over \$3,000—a true testament to the impact of community spirit and support.

Wildlife Federation Dinner October 25

The Indian Head and District Wildlife Federation invites you to our Annual Fundraising Supper on Saturday, October 25, 2025. For just \$40, you'll enjoy a mouth-watering supper catered by The Wooden Nickel Saloon Indian Head, plus a fun-filled evening of silent and live auctions, raffles, and more. Join fellow wildlife enthusiasts and support local and provincial conservation efforts! For tickets, contact Michael Miller 306-535-7447, also available at Pharmasave.

New Community Meeting Space Now Open!

We're excited to announce that our Community Meeting Space is now available for local groups and organizations to host meetings!

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Wheels for Wellness Shuttle Now Taking Rides

Wheels for Wellness is now accepting ride requests for wellness appointments! You can now call or text 306-660-9677 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to book your ride for your scheduled wellness appointment. If you contact us outside booking hours, just leave a message — our dispatcher will return your call the next morning.

This volunteer-run shuttle is here to help you get to your out-of-town medical and wellness appointments safely and comfortably. Thank you for your support — we look forward to serving Indian Head and the surrounding communities!

Registration Now Open for Skate Club

Skate Indian Head is now taking registrations for the upcoming season! Families can sign up online at www.skateindianhead.uplifterinc.com or by contacting the club directly. Skaters will enjoy a fun and supportive environment while building skills in balance, coordination, and confidence on the ice. From beginners just learning to stand and glide, to more experienced skaters looking to develop technique, Skate Indian Head offers programs for all levels. Don't miss out on a great season of learning, friendship, and fun—register today!

Upcoming Community Events

September 21 – Open Mic at the Gallery
September 23 – IHCBK Kids Club (until November 25)
September 27 – TRC Pancake Breakfast and Flag Raising
October 5 – Pumpkin Decorating Class
October 5 – DomestiKate: A Circus Show by Kate Ryan
October 1-4 – UCW Fall Clothing Sale
October 18 – Harvest Hoedown Craft Show & Sale

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

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RCMP National Memorial Service marks 90 years

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

The second Sunday in September has been a very special day for RCMP members across the country. Since 1935, that day is one of remembrance in honour of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty during the RCMP National Memorial Service.

"The RCMP National Memorial is a solemn occasion to honour and grieve our fallen members while reflecting on the daily sacrifices made by police officers in service to the communities we serve," explained RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme. "Our fallen heroes gave their lives to protect Canadians and we owe them our deepest gratitude and respect. The RCMP will forever remember their courage, service and sacrifice."

In addition to honouring those fallen members, Duheme also told Grasslands News about how the event also serves as a reunion; a time to reconnect with families.

"We meet with the families that come back every year, and it's a special day," he said. "You're torn between the grief because of what happened and why we're here, but also the happiness; where we see the organization as one big family and how we look after each other."

The highlight of the tribute on Sept. 14 was the Memorial Parade at the historic Sleigh Square at the RCMP Academy,

Depot Division, in Regina. The parade included troops of cadets, RCMP officers from across Canada, veterans, the RCMP Pipes and Drums, and the cadet band.

"Every one of the 500-plus cadets from not just the RCMP, but the other agencies that entrust us with training their individuals, they are part of this parade," said Chief Superintendent Mike Lokken, Commanding Officer, Depot Division.

For those new graduates and cadets currently in training at Depot, witnessing the Memorial Service is an important event.

"This is where they come to begin their journey in policing," Supt. Lokken said. "They already have the values of a police officer - that's looked at in the vetting process - but this basically reinforces it and shows them what kind of a family we are."

There were 251 members honoured this year dating back to 1876, with each fallen member's name read during the ceremony.

"This year, we're fortunately not adding anyone to the wall this year," said Corps Sergeant Major, Elaine Maisonneuve. "But we did have a new family that hasn't been here ever before, and their fallen family member was from 51 years ago. We're extremely honored to be able to host them this year and to make sure that they feel part of the RCMP family. There's one lady I

think of particularly who has been here every single year, other than the COVID year - we did actually hold the ceremony. Some families make it an event annually that they come to, and we're really happy to welcome them every year."

Another special tribute this year was to honour police service dogs that lost their lives in the line of duty.

"We had also had another important day yesterday, the unveiling of the 'Hero' by my Side statue," Duheme said. "That's to recognize the wonderful work that all the K9 Unit's done throughout the years in the organization."

The life-sized, bronze statue features a child hugging a service dog and was created by Cremona, AB artist Diane Anderson. It was officially unveiled on Sept. 13 at the RCMP Heritage Centre.

Before the parade concluded, the RCMP's Lead chaplain, George Madden, offered some words of comfort and solace.

"We reflect upon the lives of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty," he said. "For many, the grief remains deep and the emotions are raw, yet we gather seeking the courage to recognize these losses and to look boldly for that flicker of hopeful light that - like the flame of our cenotaph, burns so resiliently in the darkness - we continue to remember those whose lives are immortalized in stone and find consola-

tion in having committed once again to speaking their names, to ensuring their memory remains eternal amongst us standing witness to the losses felt."

He also asked those in attendance to 'be a source of comfort in another's need'.

"May we offer to those around us an attentive ear or words of support in whichever way we are able," Chaplain Madden said. "And finally, when the ceremonies of today have come to an end and silence descends once again on this square, let it be that our hearts and minds have found a deeper peace. Let there be a more profound sense of clarity, knowing, as we all do, that the setting sun always remains the surest promise of a bright tomorrow."



RCMP Memorial
Representing the King - Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, The Honorable Bernadette McIntyre, receives a wreath to lay at the RCMP Cenotaph on behalf of King Charles III as RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme and MP Ruby Sahota look on.

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The leashes were off at Bark Park official opening

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

Several canine residents of Wawota brought their human companions to the official opening of the community's new

Dog Park last Sunday, Sept. 14.

Wawota Mayor Kevin Key noted that the 'Bark Park' demonstrates what can happen when initiative is combined with community spirit.

"With something like this, you need

someone to get the ball rolling, and Betty Wyatt is the one who did that, and kept things going. Without her determination and commitment this wouldn't have happened. But there's been quite a few people in the community who have helped

out because they see the benefit in this, not only for the dogs but for people in Wawota. This is a place where people can spend time with their dogs and each other. So, this park is really a symbol of what Wawota is all about – community."



CONNIE SCHWALM | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Made for man's best friend

Dogs and their people were out at the Wawota Bark Park on Sunday to enjoy a pause in the rain and celebrate the park's official opening.

New Kipling doctors are happy to be part of the community

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visiting the community before following the advice of friends and deciding to relocate here.

"I'm originally from Iran and before coming here, I was in Vancouver. When I came to Saskatchewan, I was first in Moose Jaw, then spent a month and half in Broadview for my assessment. So, I had an advantage because I was in Broadview and was able to visit Kipling before I came here. I also had two friends who had practiced here before, (Dr. Timol and Dr. Nokam). I talked to them, and they said that Kipling was a good choice."

In the two months since starting his practice here, Dr. Mohajerani says that

he has found this to be a good work environment and adds that he appreciates how conscientious his patients are.

"When it comes to practicing in Kipling, I agree with everything that Dr. Durrani said. The clinic here is very well organized, and the team is great. The patients here are also very conscious of their health. In other places I've practiced, you will have patients that don't show up for appointments. But here, every patient shows up, they listen to what you tell them and are willing to follow your directions. That makes treating them and being a good doctor for them much easier."

All three doctors have young families

and while the move to Kipling meant transitioning to a new type of community, Dr. Pokhrel, Dr. Durrani and Dr. Mohajerani all say that the transition has gone well.

"Before coming here, my family and I lived in Calgary for three years," says Dr. Pokhrel

"So, my kids were my biggest concern when we came to Kipling. I worried about whether they would enjoy staying here or not, because they were used to being in Calgary. But that turned out to be no problem. As soon as they started school, they found that they loved their community and their peers. That was a big relief for us and one of the reasons why I feel that this community is so accommodating. This is what I wanted to give my children, and it is something that I could not provide to them in a big city."

"I have a 10-year-old, but he isn't here yet" explains Dr. Mohajerani. "He will start school here when they come in October, after the situation with the house in Vancouver is settled. But he was here in the summertime, and went to the park program and the library, which he en-

joyed. And I know already that one great advantage about Kipling is that the kids can go to the park or pool and this is a very safe community. You don't need to feel concerned."

"Previously, I'd moved from Ottawa to Calgary for my work. And because I have three young children, I initially wondered how well this would go" admits Dr. Durrani.

"I didn't know how the kids would do here, especially from the schooling perspective, because we'd always lived in larger urban communities. I did have a struggle at first with my oldest child, because she missed her friends. But now, she is enjoying it here a lot. And my twins, who are in Grade One, just loved it right from the start! So, there was no need to worry about them!"

"Kipling is such a warm and welcoming place," Dr. Durrani adds. "That made the transition easier for all of us. And I started loving it here very quickly. It is very easy to enjoy my work and my community here. I know that this is the right place for me."

- Wawota community happenings -

By **Myrna Olson**
for Grasslands News

Family and friends attended the Sept. 6th ceremony at the Regina Funeral Home and Cemetery in memory of Audrey Warner. Audrey (Pryce) Warner passed away on July 17th at the age of 94 years.

Last Sunday, members of the Wawota United Church travelled to Maryfield to join their congregation for a combined church service. Noon luncheon followed by the Crossroads meeting.

On Sunday, Sept. 14th there were two special

events held in Wawota. It was the Grand Opening of the Bark Park. This park is east of the forum. It is a spacious area, well fenced, for dog owners to have a safe place to let their dogs run. This was the brainchild of Betty Wyatt who did the groundwork and much of the fund raising for this park. Dog decorated cupcakes and lemonade were served.

The other event was a Come and See Tea at the former Anglican Church. The Museum Committee was on hand to show the

many improvements that had been made. There was a large, interested group in attendance. Coffee and cookies were served.

Congratulations to Owen Corkish of Cottage Grove, Minn who has signed with the Prince Albert Raiders. Owen is the son of Jeff and Laura Corkish and the grandson of Shirley Corkish.

Grandma Shirley travelled to Yorkton last Thursday to watch the P.A. Raiders play the Regina Pats in a preseason game held in Yorkton.

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Terry Fox Run in Kennedy

Despite the persistently threatening skies, 14 people came out to take part in the Terry Fox Run in Kennedy last weekend, raising \$850 for cancer research. Front row, left to right, are, Carla Dovell, Charm Pitura, Jean Sostorics, Gabriel, Sophia and Catherine Moloney. Second row, left to right, are, Joanne Munro, Debbie Owen and Amanda Moloney. Third row, left to right, are, Patsy Bourhis, Gail Barsi and Eoin Moloney. Back row, left to right, are, Sharon Potter and Mona West.

Kipling Annual Fall Fair set for Sept. 27

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

Kipling's Main Street will become a busy marketplace on Saturday, Sept. 27 as the town hosts its' Fall Fair. CAO Brenna Ackerman says that the decision to hold the event was made this past summer.

"The idea of holding a Fall Fair came up during one of our Town Managers Meetings. Kipling has held a Fall Fair in the past, and we thought that it would be a good idea to bring it back again. So, we started looking at possible dates for it. We knew we didn't want to hold it during the summer, since while the kids are off school, families often go away on holidays. And we wanted to pick a time for it when harvest would hopefully be close to complete. So, we decided to hold it on the last Saturday in September, since at the time we didn't see anything happening in nearby communities on that date."

She explains that the Kipling Fall Fair will allow those coming to the downtown marketplace to browse through the goods on offer from a large number of vendors, while at the same time exploring all that Kipling businesses have to offer.

"There will be between 40-50 vendors set up back-to-back down the center of Main Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many of these are local vendors, although we have quite a few coming from further away as well. These vendors will have items ranging from handmade craft items and artwork, to baking and preserves, to 3D

printing. The Kipling and District Arts Council will also be there to sell tickets for the shows coming up this season. And because the vendors will be located down the center of the street, our local businesses will be able to set up their displays and advertisements along the sidewalk."

As well, Ackerman says that there will be various activities taking place throughout the day.

"Our Kipling Fire Department will hold a Pancake Breakfast in the Pocket Park downtown beginning at 7:30 a.m. Both the Credit Union and the Co-op will have kids' activities and games going on during the day. At noon, the Friendship Club will be holding a Hot Dog Sale, and the Thrift Store will be open that day. The Kipling Museum will also be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with tractor-pulled hayrides taking place from 1 to 2 p.m. And there will be a Room Dedication for Mary Balogh at the library at 2 p.m.

"Then in the evening there will be a (19 & over) cabaret featuring live music by 'The Brothers Chester.' The Kipling and District Lions Club will be providing the bar for that and the three Food Trucks which we will have set up at the fair during the day will be beside the Community Center during the cabaret. There will also be a midnight lunch served. Tickets for the cabaret are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and can be purchased at the Kipling Town Office. Doors open at 7 p.m and the music will start at 8 p.m."

Gee Bee Const. expands into Moosomin Acquires Margetts Construction

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

Earlier this month, Kipling-based Gee Bee Construction finalized the acquisition of Margetts Construction in Moosomin. According to Gee Bee President Alan Batters, the move represents a long-planned expansion into a region the company has wanted to serve for years.

"This deal has been about six months in the making," Batters said. "Moosomin has always been on our radar - it's home to many important companies across the mining, industrial and pipeline sectors, and sits along the busy Trans-Canada Highway, bordering Manitoba. Margetts Construction has been a trusted part of the Moosomin community for decades, with strong local ties. By building on that foundation, we can expand the company's reach while bringing Gee Bee's full support and resources."

Batters emphasized that the acquisition strengthens Gee Bee's market presence and opens doors to new opportunities. "Moosomin is a vibrant, growing community," he explained. "With its younger workforce, we expect hiring will be easier here. Having a local base also allows us to pursue projects across the surrounding region."

Importantly, Batters noted that Moosomin customers will continue working with the people they know. "The company name will change, but Keith Margetts will continue to run the division. Where Margetts Construction may have been limited by manpower and equipment in the past,

Keith now has the backing of Gee Bee to take on larger projects. For customers, it's business as usual at the office, but with far greater capabilities behind the scenes."

Former owner Keith Margetts welcomes the change. "My dad, Ralph, started Margetts Construction here in the mid-1990s, and we've mostly worked within 100 kilometers of Moosomin," he said. "With Gee Bee, we'll have access to more equipment and resources, which means we can go after bigger projects. It's exciting to see the company my father built continue to grow as part of something larger."

Margetts added that the benefits extend beyond the business itself.

"The feedback I've heard has been nothing but positive. People see Gee Bee's investment here as a good sign for Moosomin. All of my current employees are staying on, and I expect we'll add more staff in the future. That means more opportunities for local people - and more growth for the community."

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SPORTS

Kipling Sr. Girls VB team strikes tournament gold

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

The Magyars struck gold last weekend, as the Kipling Senior Girls Volleyball Team battled their way to top spot to capture the Gold Medal at the University of Regina Volleyball Tournament.

With 20 teams from as far away as Fox Valley, Tisdale, Humboldt and Rose Valley taking part in the competition, Garth Shoemaker (Head Coach) notes that “the University of Regina Tournament is one of the two biggest in the province” and says that “as far as we know, this is the first time that Kipling School has ever won this tournament.”

Monica Olson (Assistant Coach) observes that victory did not come easily for the Magyars, “Because of the way that it was structured, we played eight games over the course of the tournament. That is a pretty grueling schedule. It’s also important to remember that we didn’t win every game by a huge margin. Three of our games had to go to three sets, and with one of our games on Saturday, we won in the third set by a score of 16-14.”

“One of our players was also injured and couldn’t come with us, which meant that two of our other players had to play different positions to compensate for that. So, when you look at it, everything really had to go right for us to win this, and I’m not sure any of us expected that we would. This was really a hard-fought win.”

However, Shoemaker points out that Kipling was able to overcome the obstacles and claim this first-time victory by prevailing over long-standing provincial champions.

“The Lanigan team that we were up against in the Gold-Medal Final has been the Provincial Champions for the past three years. But our team won in two sets with scores of 25-16 and 25-20. So, they did a wonderful job of pushing through and rising to the challenge.”

Both Shoemaker and Olson say that facing the tougher competition in a tournament like this gives players the opportunity and motivation to improve.

“Teams are classified by school size” explains Olson. “So, one of the reasons we go to tournaments like this is so that we can have the chance to play against teams from larger centers, that are often stronger teams. When you expose yourself to a situation where you’re facing a stronger team, you’ll push yourself to do better.”

“That’s why a tournament like this, where there’s a higher level of competition, will help to elevate your team,” says Shoemaker. “It’s much like working a muscle. The more competition you face – the stronger you’ll become.”

Shoemaker adds that the lessons learned on the volleyball court can help prepare players for the challenges that they will face in the future as well.

“Winning a tournament like this mo-



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Gold medals for Magyars

The Kipling Senior Girls Volleyball team took the gold medal at University of Regina Volleyball Tournament recently. Front row, from left, are, Sasha Walker, Nigella Logrono, Hazel Batters, Natalie Allan, Vherna Repolles and Dawson Shoemaker. Back row, from left, are, Alan Batters (Team Supporter), Monica Olson (Assistant Coach), Taylor Andres, Shayla Byrnell, Madison Shoemaker (Assistant Coach), Susan Long (Assistant Coach) and Garth Shoemaker (Head Coach).



MAGYARS

tivates people. But dealing with challenges is good preparation for the future. We use sport to teach life and help our students learn to deal with adversity and hone skills like resilience, teamwork, leadership and commitment to excellence. That allows them to become stronger adults that are better able to succeed in life.”

As the team looks forward to the season ahead, Shoemaker says that the focus will be on helping players maintain a balanced outlook while celebrating their success.

“We’re hosting our own tournament here in Kipling this weekend. Beyond that, we’ll continue to stress the fundamentals during practice and help to guard against overconfidence. If you don’t work hard during the week leading

up to a tournament, it catches up with you when you get to the tournament. Even though most of our players are experienced enough to know that - it’s our job to keep them rooted in reality and help them maintain their perspective.

“But this Gold Medal shows how hard work can pay off, and our players have worked hard. Some of them have also been doing this for years. Taylor Andres (who is in Grade 12) has been playing volleyball since Grade 4. That’s a lot of hours! Another one of our players, Shayla Byrnell, spent six weeks this past summer playing on the U16 Canadian National Team in Ontario. She is only going into Grade 10 this year. That’s pretty good for a Kipling kid! So, we have hard-working, dedicated and exceptional players on this team.”

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Sports column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

It seems like yesterday, but it happened 35 years ago.

For those of you that think time doesn't go by fast enough, wait a few years and you'll be trying anything to slow the hands of the watch and the pages of the calendar.

The decision was made to go visit a buddy, and he happened to live in Ontario, one of the best places for fishing on the planet.

The dates were set in stone, as it would be difficult to change a train ticket or the plans we had made to fish for some walleye, some smallmouth bass and if we could have some really good luck, some muskies.

It just so happened, that on this exact same trip, in October of 1990, the Cincinnati Reds were in the thick of things in the Major Leagues of baseball, and with every passing day it became more obvious that the Reds, who this scribe has cheered for since childhood, would be playing in the World Series.

The trip was fantastic, right from getting off the train at Red Lake Road and hopping in buddy's truck for a ride to his home on the lake.

I'm not certain if it was road weariness or whether it was the pea-soup thick fog that crept along the sides of the highway, but both passengers in the pickup truck heading to Ojibway Drive saw a monstrous bull elk, standing majestically as the truck roared past in the wee hours of the morning.

On the road to my accommodations for the next eight days or so, we heard on the radio that the Reds would be facing the heavily favoured Oakland A's in the MLB finale.

After a few refreshments, we hit the hay, with big plans for fishing the next day.

So this was how everything was planned. During the day, we'd sit in the boat and take on some of Ontario's most toothy critters – and one particularly nasty storm – and in the evening, we'd huddle up in the living room and watch baseball.

To this day, I cannot think of a single vacation that left me smiling like this one.

The A's were loaded with great players, and their leader, Rickey Henderson, was the main cog in that Oakland machine.

They also had some solid pitching with reliever Dennis Eckersley, the main guy out of the bullpen.

If the A's could get to Eck, they were more than likely going to win the game.

The Reds, under the expert tutelage of Lou Piniella, were also blessed with a great bullpen, with Nasty Boys Rob Dibble, Norm Charlton, and Randy Myers set to take on the A's.

Cincinnati apparently didn't care to be the underdogs, because they took control in game 1 and never relinquished it, knocking Oakland out in four-straight glorious games.

As for highlights, there were plenty.

Billy Hatcher had seven straight hits in the series and the banged up Eric Davis and nerdy looking Chris Sabo were blasting balls out of both team's ballparks.

It was a time of revelry and laughter and even the odd wobbly pop here and there.

The fishing was tremendous and on a day where the water looked just like a mirror, we raised a total of eight muskies and I caught my first one, a fish that was small by musky standards, but still well over 40 inches and probably tipping the Toledo's at around 20 pounds.

The beer was especially tasty that night, as we settled in to watch game 4. We saw Jose Rijo of the Reds give up a run early, but pitch until the Reds were up 2-1 in the ninth and get lifted in favour of Randy Myers who got the last two outs of the series.

As far as vacations go, the game was the icing on the cake.

And while I usually preferred to be at home during the baseball playoffs, being around a life-long friend was pretty darn cool too.

Other than the Oakland A's, there were a whole lot of winners, both on the field and in the boat, and I knew at that point, this would be the vacation that all others would be measured against in the future.

Just so you know, it was still the best one, during my single years, anyway.

Pretty soon it will be World Series time, and I'll think of 1990.

It was just the best.

Mils head into regular season

Winning two of three preseason games

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

The next time the SJHL's Melville Millionaires lace 'em up for a game, they'll be playing for keeps.

The Millionaires played six exhibition games and came away with a four-win, one-loss and one-shootout loss record.

Melville coach Doug Johnson was pleased with how the preseason unfolded for his charges.

"I think all in all, we're happy with our preseason," Johnson told Grasslands News. "We won more than we lost and saw some good things out of our young guys."

Three newcomers who had solid preseasons offensively were Rylan Oatman (4 games, 3g, 5a), Wesley Olson (5 games, 4g, 2a) and Grady Carmichael (5 games, 1g, 4a).

The Millionaires lost quite a bit of offence from last year's club and perhaps some of these guys will be able to step up and contribute offensively on a team that's going to work hard every night.

"Fans can expect to see another team like the past couple of years, except we will be bigger and heavier," explained Johnson. "Maybe we won't be as good of a skating team, but we'll be harder working."

With five blueliners back in the fold with another year of experience, there's no doubt where Johnson believes his team's strength lies.

"Our strength will be in our defence core," Johnson added. "We'll really need to work on finishing our chances."

The Millionaires kick off their season on home ice Friday, Sept. 19, when the Estevan Bruins come to town for a 7 p.m. contest. After a return match in Estevan on the 20th, the Mils will be back on home ice where they'll host the Humboldt Broncos in the first game of a home and home series on Sept. 26.

Melville Millionaires 3 at

Yorkton Terriers 2 (OT, Sept. 13)

It didn't look good early for the Millionaires in this one, as they fell behind 2-0 to the Terriers after the first period.

The Millionaires scored once in the second period and once in the third, before defenceman Louis Nadeau's first goal of the preseason ended it with a Melville victory in extra time.

Grady Carmichael and Wesley Olson each potted a goal for the Millionaires with Olson, Jackson Lee, Shea Fitzgerald, Edward Knittig and Boston Harkness each earning an assist.

Kael Svenson went the distance between the posts for the Millionaires, making 24 saves as the Mils outshot the Terriers 37-26.

Melville was whistled for five of the game's nine minor penalties.

Yorkton Terriers 6 at

Melville Millionaires 5 (Sept. 12)

This was a back and forth contest with the Terriers scoring four times with the man advantage to pick up the win.

Yorkton led 4-2 after 20 minutes with the Millionaires notching three markers in the middle frame to go ahead 5-4 before the Terriers closed it out with a couple of tallies in the third.

Knittig led the way for the Millionaires with three assists while Olson dented the twine twice and Oatman

had a goal and a helper for a two-point outing.

Wesley Golden and Devon Winder rounded out Melville's scoring with singles as Lee, Alex Morrison and Leo Jewitt each chipped in with a helper.

Svenson was in goal for the first two periods and allowed four goals on 22 shots. Connor Doyle gave up two in the third and kicked out 10 of the 12 shots he faced.

The Millionaires, meanwhile, fired 53 shots on the Yorkton goal.

Melville got the gate for nine minors and two fighting majors as well as three game misconducts while the Terriers had two majors, two misconducts and 10 minors.

Waywayseecappo Wolverines 0 at

Melville Millionaires 4 (Sept. 9)

Carter Wingert scored twice and Lee had a goal and a helper as the Millionaires blanked the Wolverines by scoring three times in the first period and once in the second stanza.

Harkness rounded out the scoring with a single with assists coming off the sticks of Jett Fogle, Golden, Oatman, Carmichael and Brodie Hicks.

The Mils outshot the Wolverines 34-22 with Noah Sinagowitz stopping all 16 shots he faced in the first two frames while Svenson made six saves in the third.

The Millionaires were on the hook for six of the game's 11 minor infractions.

SJHL Notebook

By GNG Staff

A Melville Millionaires' team looking to bolster its eighth-ranked offence from a season ago saw a glimmer of hope this preseason as two of its forward prospects finished among the league leaders in exhibition schedule scoring.

With the caveat that the league website excludes data for preseason games played in other provinces, the official leaderboard shows forwards Wesley Olson and Grady Carmichael sitting first and second in the preseason scoring race.

The pair of 18 year olds recorded six points in five games and five points in four games respectively, for a club that finished eighth out of 12 teams with 172 goals scored (3.07 per game) in 2024-25.

Olson, who hails from Chaplin, was the Mils' first round pick (fifth overall) in the 2022 under-15 player draft. He captained the Swift Current Legionnaires under-18 AAA team last season, posting 48 points in 44 regular season games.

Carmichael, from Airdrie, Alta., is listed at six-foot-six and had 38 points in 38 games for his hometown U18 AAA Bisons last season. Melville announced his signing for the upcoming season in January.

Mils Wingert Suspended

Carter Wingert's preseason ended with a visit from the long arm of the SJHL's law.

The 17-year-old Melville forward was issued a one-game suspension Saturday for checking to the head in follow up to an incident the league website shows went unpenalized Sept. 12 against the Yorkton Terriers.

Wingert, who made his junior A debut playing a single game for Melville last season, missed Saturday's preseason finale as a result of the punishment.

The Prince Albert product was the Mils' first-round pick (12th overall) in the 2024 under-16 draft.

He had 14 points in 22 games last season for the Prairie Hockey Academy's under-18 prep team in the Canadian Sports Schools Hockey League.

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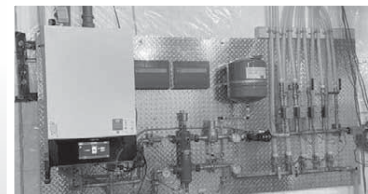
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PJHL Knox drop defensive duel in preseason opener

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

After winning their first Prairie Junior Hockey League championship in April, backstopped by a goal-tending tandem for the Junior B ages, it was fair to wonder how the Fort Knox would fill the void left by departing netminders Zane Winter and Jackson Miller.

Through one preseason game, for whatever that's worth, the answer so far seems to be: Quite capably.

Despite falling 2-1 in a shootout to the hometown Assiniboia Southern Rebels, Knox starter Kale Gorski stopped all 14 shots he faced through 29 minutes 39 seconds of play Sunday and Drew Pereyma allowed one goal on 15 shots in 36:21 along the way.

Fort Qu'Appelle's bid for a repeat will fall to an extent on that duo, who are following in the footsteps of Winter (2.33 goals-against average, .931 save percentage, 18-4 win-loss record during the regular season) and Miller (1.13 GAA, .964 save percentage, three shutouts

in eight playoff appearances).

Gorski, who just turned 18 on Aug. 24, joins the Knox for his PJHL rookie season from the Sask. East Oilers under-18 AA program.

Pereyma joined the Knox in May after being acquired from the Regina Capitals, where he played two seasons and posted 18 wins in 33 appearances, alongside a 3.88 GAA and .891 save percentage.

Another new face in Fort Qu'Appelle, forward Devante Pratt-Fry, was assessed a cross-checking minor in the first period of Sunday's game but was otherwise held off the scoresheet.

Pratt-Fry was also acquired by trade in May, following his rookie season with the Saskatoon Quakers where he registered nine points in 14 games.

The Knox were back on the ice Wednesday for a preseason tilt with the Regina Silver Foxes in Fort Qu'Appelle and will continue their exhibition schedule this weekend with home games Saturday against the Pilot Butte Storm and Sunday against the Capitals.

Wizard of Emerald Park

The Storm made a roster move of their own Sept. 12, granting the conditional release of forward Blaze Gutzke to the Emerald Park Wizards of the Qu'Appelle Valley Highway Hockey League's junior C circuit.

Gutzke, who hails from Francis, was a first overall pick of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's Melville Millionaires in 2020's under-15 draft.

He ultimately played 12 games for the Mills over parts of three seasons and spent the last two seasons with the Storm where he recorded 55 points in 74 combined regular season and playoff games.

Around the League

Other weekend preseason action saw Carlyle product Ty Fehrenbach stop 53 shots for the Martensville Chiefs in a 5-4 overtime loss Sunday to the Saskatoon Royals, and the Saskatoon Quakers record a pair of wins - 3-1 Saturday over the Royals and 3-2 Sunday over the Prince Albert Timberjaks.

Exciting year for Whitewood Skating Club with new additions

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Whitewood Skating Club is gearing up for an exciting new season on the ice, with programs for every age and skill level - from brand-new beginners to experienced skaters.

A major highlight this year is the New to Canada - Learn to Skate with Us! Skating is part of Canadian life - so the Whitewood Skating Club sends a special invitation to kids and adults (the whole family can join in) to join the club. This is beginner friendly, and no skating experience is needed. It's a great way to connect with other families in the community. Skating days, starting Oct. 5 are Tuesday/Thursday at 6:15 to 7 p.m. and Sunday from

2:15 to 3 p.m. Registration is encouraged now.

The club also offers Pre-CanSkate, designed for children ages three to five who are just starting their skating journey. This program helps little ones learn the basics of balance and movement on the ice in a safe, fun, and supportive environment.

Pre-CanSkate Highlights

- Certified Skate Canada coaches
- Small group instruction for personalized attention
- Focus on balance, falling down and getting back up, and moving forward
- Games, music, and play-based learning to keep kids engaged
- Builds confidence and coordination, preparing kids for CanSkate
- Helmets with cages are mandatory for safety.

This is the perfect first

step to give your child the foundation they need for skating, hockey, the first step before entering CanSkate or just enjoying time on the ice.

The 25/26 CanSkate season is offering one, two, and three-day options on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Registration for Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate is open until Sept. 27. Also, if you need skates, possibly the club can help you. They have a 'Skate Bank' with a variety of sizes of skates available. Inquire at whitewoodfsc@gmail.com

"We are so excited to introduce Riley Rogers as our Off-Ice Dance Instructor this season!" club president, Danielle Jones told Grasslands News. "Riley brings a wealth of experience and passion to our skaters, and we are ecstatic to have her join us with her 15 years of dance experience."

Riley holds three certificates through DCTA in



Riley Rodgers

Advanced Jazz, Advanced Tap and Grade 4 Ballet

Fort Knox Hockey Game Schedule

Home/Away Games
SEPTEMBER:
20- Pilot Butte Storm at Fort Knox 4:45
21- EH Regina Caps at Fort Knox 3 pm
27- Pilot Butte Storm at Fort Knox 7 pm

and is the Artistic Director and Lead Instructor at Diva Dance Studio in Grenfell. Dance will be Thursday and Fridays for all levels (CANSkate, Bridging, STARSkate) and if this is not a regular skating day for any skaters, they can still attend off ice. Off-ice is included in the registration fees.

And there's more! In addition to its Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate, Bridging, and STARSkate programs, the Whitewood Skating Club is introducing Synchronized Skating in collaboration with surrounding communities. To kick off this new opportunity, the club will host a free "Try Synchro" event on Sunday, Oct. 5, led by Janis Johnson (coach at the Regina Synchronized Skating Club) and Leanne Sorenson (coach at Wawota Skating Club). The event is open to anyone who wants to skate together, try synchro, and

Pilot Butte Storm Game Schedule

Home/Away Games
Pre-season
SEPTEMBER:
20- Pilot Butte Storm at Fort Knox 4:45
21- Pilot B. Storm at Silver Foxes 5:30
Regular Season
SEPTEMBER:
27- Pilot Butte Storm at Fort Knox 7 pm

learn more about this exciting team sport.

Whitewood Skating Club started the season at the end of August with a week of Summer Skating at their local arena and are continuing into September with their Fall School. Registrations are now open for the winter season.

"This year we truly have something for everyone," said a club spokesperson. "From toddlers taking their first steps on the ice to experienced skaters or skaters exploring synchro, we're building confidence, skills, and community."

For more information or to register for programs, visit the Whitewood Skating Club's Facebook page or contact the club directly. You can email them at whitewoodfsc@gmail.com

Melville Millionaires Jr. A Hockey Game Schedule

Home/Away Games
All Games 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated
Regular Season
SEPTEMBER:
19- Estevan at Melville
20- Melville at Estevan
26- Humboldt at Melville
27- Melville at Humboldt
30- Nipawin at Melville

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Bowling Scores, Standings - Melville Bowl Arena

MONDAY P.M.	3669.	TUESDAY YBC
Sept. 16	Team	Sept. 9
Ladies' High Single, Mary ou Janiskewich 156. Ladies' High Triple, Angela Dobson, 415. Ladies' High Average, Linda Bender, 141.	Pin Heads 7	Girls High Single and Triple, Amzlee Patterson, 127, 328.
Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Gordon Ostlund, 220, 612, 177.	Blame it on Garry 6	Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 136, 395.
Team High Single and Triple, Ostlund, 845, 2492.	New 5	Team High Single, Bowl Kings, 839, Team High Triple Squishmellows, 2407.
Team	Professional Amateurs 5	Team
Ostlund 7	Gutter Girls 1	Bowl Kings 2
Bender 6	MONDAY COMMERCIAL	Squishmellows 2
Stephens 2	Sept. 8	THURSDAY YBC
Dobson 1	Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 292, 651, 217.	Sept. 11
MONDAY PM	Men's High Single, Paul Ward, 311.	Girls High Single and Triple, Emmi Hollinger, 207, 562.
Sept. 8	Pat Brown, 715, 238.	Boys High Single and Triple, Braxton Hollinger, 216, 541.
Ladies' High Single, Linda Bender, 172. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Mary Lou Janiskewich, 433, 144.	Team High Single, Pinheads, 1419.	Team High Single and Triple, Hollinger, 853, 2403.
Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Joe Wu, 240, 584, 194.	Team High Triple, Blame it on Garry, 3603.	Team
Team High Single and Triple, Ostlund, 799, 2254.	Team	Pts.
Team	New 4	Kohlenberg 2.5
Ostlund 3	Pin Heads 3	Hollinger 2
Bender 3	Blame it on Garry 3	Wurts 2
Stephens 1	Professional Amateurs 1	Curylo 1.5
Dobson 1	Gutter Girls 1	ST. HENRY'S
MONDAY COMMERCIAL	ST. HENRY'S	Sept. 13
Sept. 16	Sept. 8	Girls High Single, Ashyah Davies, 126. Girls High Triple, Laura Smidt, 334.
Ladies' High Single, Brittany Boyarski, 257. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 662, 218.	Ladies' High Single, Linda Bender, 259. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 595, 198.	Boys High Single, Remi Scheider, 202. Girls High Triple, Reid Morgan, 517.
Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Ray Kaufman, 253, 724, 239.	Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Ray Kaufman, 236, 639, 213.	Team High Single, The Enders, 871.
Team High Single, Pinheads, 1388.	Team High Single and Triple, A Team, 1288, 3603.	Team High Triple, Bowling Superstars, 2405.
Team High Triple. Blame It On Garv.	Team	Pts.
	A Team 3	Bowling Superstars 3
	Just 4 Fun 3	Bravehearts 2
	Drifters 1	The Enders 2
	CCI 1	Everthings 1

Energy minister tours pair of sustainable energy facilities

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

The provincial Minister of Energy and Resources has been busy touring various facilities this summer, with a recent stop in the southeast to visit a pair of oil and gas companies that mark sustainable energy as a priority.

"Our oil and gas sector is a bedrock of the provincial economy, supporting jobs, families and a massive service and supply industry," Colleen Young said on Sept. 4. "Saskatchewan energy producers have a proven track record of developing and implementing new technologies to reduce emissions and keep production strong into the future. Our province is ready to play a key role in helping Canada realize its potential to be a global energy superpower."

First up on her tour was a trip to Whitecap Resources Inc, whose CO2 Enhanced Oil Recovery project has been in operation for almost 25 years near Weyburn.

"I think in this area of the province, the important thing that I've seen today is the use of CO2 and carbon capture to get more oil out of the ground," Young said. "The technology that's being used, that is very efficient and very high-level - it's really impressive. And to know it is producing 20,000 barrels a day out of this facility is incredible."

Through collecting carbon dioxide emissions from industrial emitters, the EOR project injects the gas underground to enhance oil recovery. Since the project began, over 44 mega tonnes of CO2 have been stored - equal to taking 9,310,647 cars off the road for one year.

"I just was very interested in seeing the amount of work that's being done by Whitecap with regards to CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage), and EOR and how it is reducing emissions," Young said. "Reusing CO2 to be able to get more oil out of the ground and then reducing emissions at the same time; a closed system that's recycling everything

and reusing everything in order to produce more oil, which is what we need to get to market."

Over the course of the nearly quarter-century of operation, the project at Whitecap has also produced over 120 million barrels of oil.

"Whitecap is proud to own and operate one of the world's largest carbon sequestration facilities, right here in Saskatchewan," Whitecap Resources Inc. Senior Vice President of Business Development and IT Dave Mombourquette said. "This project helped pioneer enhanced oil recovery and world-leading best practices for EOR project implementation. It continues to enable low-decline, stable oil production while also reducing emissions. Saskatchewan's foresight in capturing CO2 from Boundary Dam continues to pay dividends as the current main source of CO2 that drives Weyburn's EOR recovery today. The province's attractive energy policies, combined with its skilled workforce, make Saskatchewan an ideal place for us to continue our investment to realize the full potential of the province's vast energy resources."

Next up was a trip to Steel Reef Infrastructure Corporation's Viewfield gas processing facility, including their combined heat and power project, in the Estevan area. Instead of traditional venting or flaring of gas into the atmosphere, Steel Reef collects and processes what would otherwise be burned off, using it to generate electricity. The company has tapped the provincial government's Oil and Gas Processing Investment Incentive a few times to support flare gas capture in Saskatchewan, with Viewfield being Steel Reef's first phase of heat and power processing in the Estevan area.

Now eyeing Phase Two of development, Steel Reef is planning to install additional turbines and electrical substations not only at Viewfield, but also at its facilities in Coleville, North Portal, Steelman, and the Saskatchewan Ethane Extraction Plant. The com-

pany has long-term power purchasing agreements with SaskPower, committing to more than 100 MWs of carbon-efficient power. Average production at each Steel Reef site is estimated at 20 MWs and will be hitting the SaskPower grid by late 2027.

"We were pleased to tour our Viewfield facility alongside the Government of Saskatchewan to highlight the importance of economic growth and shaping a reliable, responsible and sustainable energy future," Steel Reef Infrastructure Corp. Chief Operating Officer Austin Voss said. "This was an opportunity to showcase how we are advancing emissions-to-energy technologies, and how we are investing in electricity generating turbines powered by recovered flare gas. This process reduces emissions and provides electricity from a previously unavailable source. By working with the government and industry peers - and thanks to the dedication of our talented employees - we are strengthening Saskatchewan's energy sector and delivering long-term opportunities for growth and competitiveness."

Emission reduction programs are working in Saskatchewan as the provincial oil and gas sector has cut those emissions from venting and flaring at upstream facilities by 71 per cent between 2015 and 2024.

The Steel Reef tour was a first for the energy minister, who was fascinated by the operation.

"It is an interesting process," she said. "It's a chemical experiment on the go, and watching, how they are able to bring in oil product from the surrounding wells that are here and then separate it out without flaring off methane is amazing."

At Steel Reef, they're able to separate gases including propane, butane, and methane and sell them to other markets, along with reusing gases to heat systems at the plant.

The facility also has a 15 MW generator with a nine MW unit being added soon.

"We'll hook into SaskPower, is the plan eventually to add power to SaskPower," Young said. "They would go to the same size they're currently using, other than the federal government's clean energy regulations that are not allowing them to increase the capacity."

The provincial government has been urging their federal counterparts to support sustainable oil production, with one example being the inclusion of EOR as an eligible use of captured CO2 under the Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Investment Tax Credit.



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Touring the facility

Steel Reef Infrastructure Corp. Chief Operating Officer Austin Voss stands with Saskatchewan's Minister of Energy and Resources Colleen Young during a tour of the company's Viewfield facility near Estevan.

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Fatal rollover near Dysart

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

A single-vehicle rollover on Highway 639 near Dysart claimed the life of a 29-year-old woman from the community on Thursday evening.

Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP say the crash was reported around 6:20 p.m. on Sept. 11. Emergency responders attended the scene, where the driver was declared deceased by EMS. Her family has been notified.

Five passengers, including one adult woman and four children, were transported to hospital. Their injuries are described as non-life-threatening.

RCMP collision reconstruction specialists are assisting local investigators as the cause of the rollover continues to be examined.

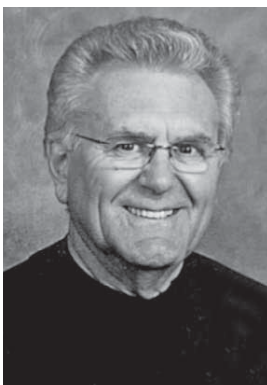
No further details have been released.

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Obituary **Richard David Meyer** July 26, 1936 - Sept. 3, 2025



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Richard David Meyer with his wife by his side on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025 at the Victoria General Hospital at the age of 89.

Richard is survived by the love of his life Lorraine, daughter Melanie, granddaughter Haley (Dylan) and great-granddaughter Olive.

Also, mourning his loss are his sister Dorothy; nieces Kim, Sydney (Petro), Macey and Wylie; nephew Aaron (Bobbi); nieces Sharon (Derek), Karen and her son Tyrese; brother-in law David (Lynn); niece Shannon (Jef) and nephew Garrett (Sherry) and their son Invictus.

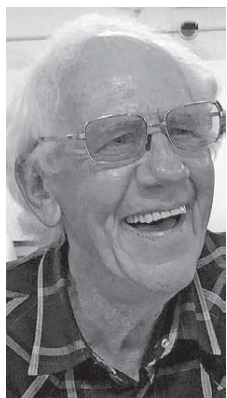
Richard was born in Beaver Flat, SK. After receiving his education, he obtained his Class 1 driver's license and hauled petroleum products for Trapp's Transport in Balcarres. Richard played first base for the Balcarres Braves. He also enjoyed playing hockey and played center for the Balcarres Broncs.

In the fall of 1973, Richard moved his family to Winnipeg. It was there that he became a long haul driver, which took him to various destinations throughout Canada and the USA. Over his 42 year career working in the transportation industry, he was recognized to have driven over 1 million miles.

In retirement, Richard and Lorraine spent close to 20 years at their winter home in Apache Junction, AZ. It was there that Richard became involved in the Golden Vista Men's Billiards Team where he was a part of weekly league play at various resorts in the east valley. He also became a "champ" in tournaments played at Golden Vista.

Richard will be Forever In Our Hearts.

Obituary **Allan Niebergall** March 30, 1943 - Aug. 25, 2025



Allan Niebergall of Kipling, SK, passed away at age of 82 years at RUH in Saskatoon.

Allan was born on March 30, 1943 to Henry and Minnie Niebergall in Broadview, SK.

Allan married Carol in 1979 who was his constant companion.

Allan farmed all his life growing grain and raising cattle. He also worked for the rural telephone company for a few years.

Allan enjoyed wildlife. He waited for the return of the birds in the spring and the arrival of baby foxes who inhabited a den under one of the buildings in the yard.

Allan was a natural born mechanic and could fix almost any older machinery and vehicles, often fixing his own machinery and vehicles as well as those of his sons.

Allan was a storyteller and always had a joke to share. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Allan was predeceased by his parents and brother Gerald. Also predeceased by step-son Cory and step-daughter Jodi.

Allan is survived by his wife Carol; and brothers, Don (Val) and Stan (Bev); step-children, Scott (Kelsey), Kristi (Ron), Glenda (Kevin); daughter Kerri (Trevor); son Kurtis (Ashley); son Shane (Tiffany) and son Sheldon (Krista); and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Life in summer of 2026 at his beloved farm. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

R.I.P. Allan. You are loved and will be greatly missed.

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Grenfell Curling Club hosting Harvest Supper/Comedy Night

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Grenfell Curling Club is inviting the community to come together for a night of food, laughter, and fundraising as it hosts its Harvest Wind Up Supper and Comedy Night on Saturday, Nov. 8. The evening will kick

off with a pierogi and sausage supper before the spotlight turns to comedy, with performances from Saskatchewan comedians Joel Jeffrey and Connor Shran. Both performers are known for their sharp wit and relatable humour, promising a night of laughs for audiences of all ages.

Tickets are \$45 each and are available at Grenfell Family Pharmacy and Westwind Parts & Services. Along with the meal and entertainment, the evening will also feature a silent auction and a 50/50 draw to raise funds in support of the curling club. The event is open to adults and youth, with

minors age 12 and older welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Organizers say the Harvest Wind Up not only provides a chance to enjoy a fun night out but also helps support the Grenfell Curling Club as it continues to provide a hub for recreation and community life.

With good food, good company, and comedy acts that will keep the crowd entertained, the Harvest Wind Up Supper and Comedy Night is shaping up to be a highlight of the fall social calendar in Grenfell.



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Public Notice

Rural Municipality of Wolseley No. 155

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Wolseley No. 155 (RM) intends to adopt **Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 117/25** (OCP) and **Zoning Bylaw No. 118/25** under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*. Once adopted, the new OCP and Zoning Bylaw will replace the existing Bylaw No. 80/08 and Bylaw No. 81/08, respectively.

Intent:

The proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw will establish a policy and regulatory framework for guiding land use, economic, environmental, social and cultural development as well as the delivery of infrastructure, services, and utilities in the RM. The purpose of the new bylaws is to comply with Provincial legislation and to ensure future development aligns with RM priorities.

Affected Land:

All land within the RM boundaries. The OCP also includes inter-municipal policies for collaborating with neighbouring municipalities and other partners in the region.

Public Inspection:

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the RM office during regular office hours Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Public Hearing:

Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider any comments that are received in writing at the office or emailed to rm155@sasktel.net in advance of the hearing.

Issued this 19th day of September, 2025.

Rose Zimmer, Administrator

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 19th day of November, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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NE	05	16	01	2	150196103	\$ 837.57	\$9.37	\$846.94
SE	05	16	01	2	150196237	\$ 718.39	\$9.37	\$727.76
SW	05	16	01	2	150196204	\$ 581.36	\$9.37	\$590.73
NW	17	16	01	2	157278796	\$1,492.28	\$9.37	\$1,501.65
NW	20	16	01	2	157278752	\$1,261.06	\$18.74	\$1,279.80
					157278774			
SW	20	16	01	2	157278729	\$1,088.65	\$9.37	\$1,098.02
SE	30	16	01	2	141643065	\$ 510.96	\$9.37	\$520.33
SW	30	16	01	2	141643122	\$ 535.16	\$9.37	\$544.53
		A	101174116		157286458	\$ 302.69	\$18.74	\$321.43
		B	101174149		157286425			
SE	12	16	02	2	138707477	\$ 888.33	\$9.37	\$897.70
		A	101227654		135566781	\$ 462.58	\$9.37	\$471.95
NW	13	16	03	2	148402830	\$ 786.91	\$9.37	\$796.28
SW	13	16	03	2	148385504	\$ 380.34	\$9.37	\$389.71
NE	14	16	03	2	148402874	\$ 787.32	\$9.37	\$796.69
		B	101230175		148402852	\$ 379.43	\$9.37	\$388.80
SE	23	16	03	2	148402841	\$ 747.35	\$9.37	\$756.72
NE	07	17	02	2	106384316	\$ 910.53	\$9.37	\$919.90
NW	07	17	02	2	107854027	\$1,191.26	\$9.37	\$1,200.63
SW	07	17	02	2	106385711	\$1,285.52	\$9.37	\$1,294.89
		C	102163788		150741873	\$2,881.36	\$18.74	\$2,900.10
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Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.

Chrissy Bodnarchuk, Administrator

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Rural Municipality of Wolseley No. 155
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Part of Section	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Meridian				
NE	10	17	9	2	152617169	\$1,071.55	\$34.42	\$1,105.97
SE	10	17	9	2	152617170	\$803.14	\$34.42	\$837.56
SW	10	17	9	2	152617181	\$1,100.15	\$34.42	\$1,134.57
SW	10	17	10	2	144875627	\$3,225.35	\$34.42	\$3,259.77
NW	21	17	10	2	135557646	\$2,770.73	\$34.42	\$2,805.15
NE	22	18	10	2	107400923	\$1,072.82	\$34.42	\$1,107.24

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Canada Post halts flyer and free newspaper delivery

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) imposed a ban on the delivery of Neighbourhood Mail beginning Monday, Sept. 15 at 12:01 a.m., escalating its standoff with Canada Post. The move, which replaced an earlier overtime ban, halted the delivery of unaddressed mail such as flyers, catalogues, and free community newspapers.

Subscription-based newspapers and all addressed mail — including bills, targeted mail and parcels — continued without interruption.

CUPW national president Jan Simpson said the change in tactics was meant to minimize the impact on Canadians while putting pressure on Canada Post to return to the bargaining table. “Canada Post needs to get back to the table,” she told reporters in Ottawa. “If Canada

Post continues to stall, postal workers will have no choice but to consider stronger actions to move negotiations ahead.”

The dispute stems from contract talks that broke down over the summer. Canada Post’s “final offer” was rejected in August, and the Crown corporation says the union’s counter-proposal hardened positions rather than finding middle ground. Canada Post said the gap between the two sides re-

mains “substantial” and urged CUPW to bring “workable solutions that reflect our current reality.”

The postal service called the flyer ban disappointing, noting it disrupts thousands of businesses and community publishers who rely on the low-cost delivery option. “This latest strike activity will only increase the uncertainty that is having a major impact on the business,” said spokesman Phil Legault. Canada Post confirmed it stopped accepting Neighbourhood Mail at all facilities and is

holding any items already in the system.

Business groups also voiced frustration. Canadian Federation of Independent Business president Dan Kelly said about 20 per cent of members rely on flyers to reach customers. “This is bad news, but even more than the loss of flyers, this inches us closer to an overall strike or lockout, and we are very close to the critical holiday season once again,” he said.

The Retail Council of Canada warned the impact could hit vulnerable populations the hardest,

as seniors and rural residents still depend on flyers for sales information. “Canadians should not be caught in the middle of this dispute,” said Retail Council CEO Kim Furlong.

The labour battle comes as Canada Post struggles with mounting financial losses — more than \$5 billion since 2018 — while CUPW continues to push for higher wages and workplace improvements. Last winter’s strike and lockout dragged on for more than a month before being ended by the federal labour minister, and both sides now acknowledge the risk of another government intervention.

Simpson warned that Ottawa’s repeated use of back-to-work measures in past labour disputes only emboldens employers to avoid bargaining seriously. “I’ve never seen more people on picket lines in my life, and this is because this government is enabling these employers to know they don’t have to come to the table,” she said.

For now, the impact remains limited to flyers and free community newspapers, but with negotiations stalled and the holiday rush looming, both businesses and households are bracing for the possibility of wider disruptions.

Grasslands News publications are currently not affected by the delivery stoppage. Should it be extended to paid publications, alternate delivery methods will be utilized for all subscribers.

Resort Village of Pasqua Lake

PUBLIC NOTICE

Municipal Planning Fees Bylaw

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Pasqua Lake intends to adopt a *Municipal Planning Fees Bylaw* under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

Intent: The bylaw will set fees for development permits, permitted and discretionary uses, zoning bylaw amendments, official community plan amendments, subdivision applications, and other planning-related services.

Affected Area: All lands within the Resort Village of Pasqua Lake.

Reason: The municipal fees bylaw will ensure developers and landowners are responsible for a reasonable portion of the costs associated with the review of their development applications and proposals. The bylaw will also ensure that the financial responsibility associated with development is not borne by tax payers.

Inspection: The proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Resort Village office, 160 Broadway Street West, Fort Qu'Appelle, Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Public Hearing: Council will hold a public hearing on October 21, 2025 at 2:15 pm in Council Chambers, at the Resort Village office. 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 Fort Qu'Appelle.

Caroline MacMurchy,
Chief Administrative Officer



Notice of Call for Nominations

By-Election

TOWN OF FRANCIS

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

Mayor: Town of Francis

Number to be elected: One (1)

Councillors: Town of Francis

Number to be elected: Three (3)

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OR

Email: rm96@sasktel.net

Dated this 19th day of September 2025.

Verna Wiggins,
Returning Officer

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Form H
(Section 66 of the Act)

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Forms may be submitted:

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- b) by registered or ordinary mail to 45A Palliser Way – Yorkton Saskatchewan – S3N 4C5;
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Nomination forms may be obtained from the School Division Office at 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton Saskatchewan or on the website at www.christtheteacher.ca.

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Delmar Zwirsky, Returning Officer

Local Government Election Act, L-30.11 Reg 1
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Notice of Call for Nominations

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	8A	5	V3287	Ext 71	144782275			
	25A	6	V3287	Ext 72	144782286			
	25A	6	V3287	Ext 73	144782309			
	4A	7	V3287	Ext 0	144782310			
	34A	15	V3287	Ext 74	144782321			
	34A	15	V3287	Ext 75	144782354			
	34A	16	V3287	Ext 76	144782365			
	34A	16	V3287	Ext 77	144782376			
	36A	24	V3287	Ext 78	144782387			
	36A	24	V3287	Ext 79	144782398			
	36A	25	V3287	Ext 80	144782400			
	36A	25	V3287	Ext 81	144782411			
	36A	33	V3287	Ext 82	144782444			
	36A	33	V3287	Ext 83	144782455			
	36A	34	V3287	Ext 84	144782466			
	36A	34	V3287	Ext 85	144782477			
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Annual Terry Fox School Runs to take place soon

45th anniversary of Marathon of Hope

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News



Many people took part in the annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept. 14. Thousands of participants in over 650 communities nationwide laced up in honour of the 45th annual Terry Fox Run in support of cancer research, a powerful testament to Terry's enduring legacy, but if you missed it, you are not too late as there are many more ways to support the cause including the Terry Fox School Run coming soon to many more communities.

"Terry set out on his Marathon of Hope with a belief that Canadians would rally together to fund cancer research," said Kirsten Fox, Terry's eldest niece. "Forty-five years later, our family is still deeply moved and inspired to see millions of Canadians running and fundraising in his name."

This year's Terry Fox Run is a signature event in a year-long celebration marking the 45th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. To honour this milestone, the Terry Fox Foundation has launched several exciting initiatives, including a commemorative merchandise collection, the national Ride of Hope, the release

of a new picture book *T is for Terry: An ABC of Courage*, a new documentary *Run Terry Run*, the reissue of the iconic Adidas Orion shoe Terry wore during his journey, and a special hike in Thunder Bay's Sleeping Giant Provincial Park on the day Terry stopped running. The anniversary also welcomes the return of the Terry Fox Run on Confederation Bridge—the largest Terry Fox event—which is back after a decade-long hiatus and will take place on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Earlier this year, the

Terry Fox Foundation debuted a new short film called *Finish It*, featuring a reimagined version of "Courage" by The Tragically Hip. The full version of the song is being released as a special, limited-edition and numbered vinyl. Music fans and supporters can pre-order "Courage (for Terry)" for \$30 at shop.terryfox.org. All proceeds will support cancer research.

"Terry Fox continues to be a beacon of hope and unity for Canadians everywhere and we are deeply moved to be a part of this special project,"

says The Tragically Hip. "The resilience we've seen from our loved ones impacted by cancer, especially our brother Gord, inspired us to get involved to help bring an end to cancer and help continue the work that Terry started 45 years ago."

The Terry Fox School Run will follow on Sept. 25 with more than 10,000 schools participating across Canada this fall. This year, a new app will give fundraisers more ways to reach their goal, allowing them to share a personal QR code, track their progress, share photos and stories, and inspire family and friends. Schools are invited to sign up for the School Run and encourage their student fundraisers to download the app at terryfoxschoolrun.org.

"Terry's story continues to inspire Canadians everywhere to believe in something bigger than

ourselves," says Michael Mazza, Chief Executive Officer of the Terry Fox Foundation. "Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers, donors, and partners, the Terry Fox Foundation and the Terry Fox Research Institute are leaders in advancing cancer research in Canada. Through initiatives like the Marathon of Hope Cancer Centres Network, we are uniting the country's brightest scientific minds to accelerate discoveries and bring hope to families facing cancer."

Starting Sept. 4, all participants and supporters amplify their fundraising efforts with a matching gift opportunity. General donations and peer-to-peer fundraising will be generously matched by PharmaChoice Canada for twice the impact on cancer research, up to \$100,000.

To learn more about the 45th annual Terry

Fox Run, register to participate, donate, or sponsor a participant, please visit terryfox.org/run or call your local school for participation or donation information.

School Runs Include:

School Runs taking place in the Grasslands News area that were registered as of press time include:

- Whitewood – Sept. 25
- Grenfell Elementary – Sept. 25
- Grenfell High School – Sept. 26
- Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School – Sept. 18
- Broadview School – Oct. 1
- Dr. Isman School, Wolseley – Sept. 25
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Childhood antics at Windthorst farm inspiration for book series

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Becoming a children's book author wasn't something Rob Swallow envisioned himself doing, but once the seed was planted, a whole world of imagination opened.

"It kind of sparked from telling these stories to my kids at bedtime," he said. "They're always asking, 'tell us stories about when you were young,' so I reached back into my memory from things that I had experienced back on our farm growing up around Windthorst."

Those memories launched *The Adventures of Boo and the Boy*, based on Swallow's own friendship with the actual Boo of his youth.

The first book of the series draws from a coyote encounter Swallow remembers from when he was about five years old.

"My parents were doing some work, and I was just roaming around," he recalled. "The dog went for a little walk and went up to the barn, and he starts barking like crazy. So, then I peered into the barn, and staring back at me was this coyote with mange."

In the book version of the tale, Boo and the Boy alert the boy's parents, who call a vet to the farm. The coyote recovers and becomes friends with Boo - saved thanks to the heroics of the duo who discovered him.

Swallow utilized a

modern method for illustrating the series, going the route of Artificial Intelligence for a clean and consistent final product.

"I've been experimenting with AI a lot lately, and I used ChatGPT to help me illustrate it," he explained. "I used some old pictures from the farm and old pictures of our dog, then using different prompts, I was able to do the illustrations for the book."

Writing the books has also been a way for Swallow to recapture some of the nostalgia from growing up on the farm.

"Our farm has changed so much now," he said. "My parents retired and then some new people bought it. The yard and pretty much everything's gone, because we had pastureland and stuff. They're all grain farmers so all the trees and the bush is not there anymore. It's a neat way to recapture some of that and to see that vision again, because by giving the prompts, you can almost describe what your yard looked like."

A second adventure titled *Lost in the Bales* recounts another scenario from Swallow's past; something many farm kids young and old can relate to easily.

Dad was doing chores, and I was hopping (round) bales," Swallow said. "Of course, I fell in between the bales, and my imagination started going wild. I didn't know how to get out of the bales, so I was

going to be stuck there forever!"

Boo once again saved the day, finding young Swallow in amongst the round bales.

"Of course, the dog came and found me and stayed with me," he said. "And then he barked when my dad walked by. So, I used that as inspiration for the second book, then added some pieces to it where the imagination of being a kid were used. When you're in the bales, you're dreaming about flying through the air, or being an astronaut, and just fun stuff like that."

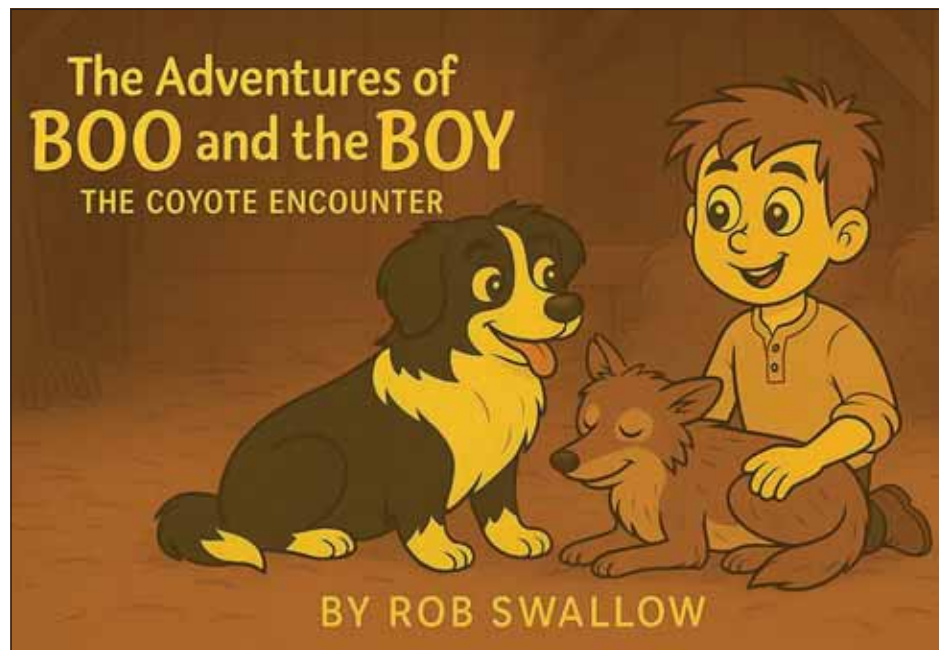
As for future adventures of *Boo and the Boy*, Swallow has been pondering what other childhood memories he can reach to; what situations the thrill-seeking duo might find themselves in next.

"I have been thinking of a few other ones, too,

because I have a few other characters from the old farm days that I might bring to life," he said. "It's just something fun to do, mostly just for enjoyment

and to kind of capture some stuff so that the kids will have it when they're older, too. And hopefully they'll be able to use them as well, tell their kids."

Currently with two books on offer, the series is available in eBook format through Swallow's Etsy store (SwallowDesignStore).



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