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Fourth Annual Threads and Treads a success

Vibank quilters showcase work

THREADS AND TREADS | GRASSLANDS NEWS

The 4th annual Threads and Treads Quilt and Car Show may be over, but planning for next year has already begun. Around 665 people attended this year's event, where 141 quilts and four bags were displayed. 23 quilts and 73 stuffies were donated for the Sew a Little Love Project, which will be donated to the Montmartre RCMP and Vibank and Odessa first responders with the intention they be handed out to children on traumatic calls.

By Ashley Scarfe
Grasslands News

Last weekend, the Village of Vibank celebrated its fourth annual Threads and Treads Quilt and Car Show. It was a jam-packed day for the community with events kicking off with a pancake breakfast in the morning, a bike parade and kids' activities in the afternoon, and the Blaze and Badge Benefit Supper followed by a cabaret in the evening.

The highlights of the day, however, were the Show and Shine on Blenkhorn Street and the Quilt Show at the Vibank Co-operative Community Centre.

Amanda Moser, one of the organizers for the threads portion of the day, says the event was a success.

"I'm pretty tired, but it's a combination of tired and energized," Moser says. "We are still getting lots of messages and feedback. It's a lot of unwinding and physical rest from the day itself, and mentally just finishing up all the stuff we have to do to wrap up everything."

Moser says attendance was slightly higher this year over last year, with around 665 people passing through the doors. With 141 quilts and four bags on display, plus five store vendors and 34 craft vendors with booths of odds and ends for sale, there was something for everyone inside the rink.

"The town was just alive all day–there were so many things going on," Moser says. "The kids really seemed to enjoy the outdoor activities and some of the vendors. Everyone, whether they were from Vibank or out of town, really seemed to have fun. We got lots of comments on Vibank as a whole, from people from out of town who just commented on how friendly everyone was, how welcome they felt, and how the community spirit was very much alive. It was great to see all the groups working together. That part is very rewarding, and we are very grateful to the community and how everyone came together to pull off the many different elements that were part of the day."

Moser says due to limited space inside the rink, the quilt part of the show probably will not grow beyond where it is now, as every inch of space that can be dedicated to showcasing the quilts is already in use during the event.

"Never did we think it would look like this," Moser says. "The first year to the second year was a huge jump, and we made a lot of changes. Then we just kind of tweaked it each year, whether it was a new idea we had, or more volunteers in the community, or people continuing to get behind it. People travel from very far to attend, see the quilts, and be part of the show. We get great feedback from the stores that travel. Two of them are from Manitoba, and they all say they cannot wait to be a part of this particular day."

While venue space is limited, the village has embraced the event. Moser says the community has given it new life beyond the scope of its original vision.

"Everyone from the community just seems to be smiling and excited," Moser says. "People really step up to help pull the day off and be a part of what it has become. It has really become a unique event, and there are so many moving parts to it. I know it started as just a quilt and car show, but there are many moving elements, and it has helped make it what it is today."

Beyond the community, guests to the village seemed to resonate with the show as well.

"One guest was scouting for art exhibits and travelled all the way to Vibank to find artists from the quilters in our show," Moser says. "He found some really wonderful pieces he resonated with. There was a lady who had never been to Vibank before, and she said when she walked in she felt like she was getting a hug from her grandma when she was looking at all the quilts. It's a very unique event. I think that's what makes it so special to the town and the community of Vibank."

Four kids submitted quilts for the show this year–three in the 11-18 age group and one in the ten-and-under age group. While two were local submissions, one was from Regina, and the other came from Fleming. According to Moser, these youth submissions showcase the interest peaking in the community from kids and adults alike who wish to learn to sew.

"One thing our community has expressed this year is how many people want to learn how to sew," Moser says. "We have quite a few barriers when it comes to that. I know the school wants to continue that process, and we are trying to figure out how to make that work."

Moser says more sew days are being planned for next year's Sew a Little Love Project, where participants create stuffies and blankets for emergency responders to hand out to children during traumatic calls. At this year's quilt show, 23 quilts and 73 stuffies were donated for the project. They will be given to the Vibank and Odessa first responders, as well as the Montmartre RCMP. Monetary donations to Sew a Little Love will be used to buy batting for the quilts.

"We received a lot of fabric donations, so we were able to make the tops for the quilts, but the batting is very expensive," Moser says. "So, we are going to use the monetary donations to buy the batting so we can finish some of the quilts we have already started and donate them for next year."

While this year's event has wrapped, Moser says the planning committee will soon start planning next year's fifth installment.

"We are already working on next year's event," Moser reveals. "Literally the next day we were hashing out things to tweak and ideas for next year. If you give us a week to rest, we are going to come up with some really great ideas for next year. We definitely will have more planned outside for the kids. We would like to do some things for the quilt show. We just have to put our heads together and decide on that."

Money raised from the event will be donated within the community.

The RM of Edenwold shares in honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the painful legacy of Residential Schools for Survivors, lost children and families.

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Woodworker faces closure amid childcare funding uncertainty

By Ashley Scarfe
Grasslands News

In Cupar, nestled in a downtown building, lies Kustom Kitties Canada, a woodworking company with humble beginnings and big dreams. Started in 2018 by owner and chief toymaker Quinn Nikulak, Kustom Kitties originally made cat furniture. That all changed in 2021 when Nikulak's son was born 12 weeks premature. With the pandemic still raging and the stress of his child being stuck in NICU, Nikulak began making toys as a coping mechanism – and never looked back.

For the last four years, Kustom Kitties has been working with daycares and childcare centres across the province, creating handmade wood toys, furniture, and unique learning items. Nikulak's business has grown, expanding to a full-size shop with employees under his charge. While Nikulak's business and bills have expanded, he says he remains dedicated to his humble roots.

"We operate under a code of ethics at Kustom Kitties Canada, which might be the worst decision I ever made," Nikulak jokes. "We can't compete with the billionaires. So, our code of ethics Number One – that we fulfill above all else – is: no fortune made on the backs of children was ever just. If I can afford to sell something for less, I'm going to sell it for less. It's my civic duty to improve the world for children. Improving the world for children isn't about making money."

While Nikulak says he enjoys making toys and specialty items, 80 percent of his revenue comes from his work with daycares and early learning centres around the province. Recently, he has noticed a drop in sales in this area, as childcare centres have come to a spending standstill while negotiations between both the Saskatchewan and federal government have entered a state of limbo.

Without a deal being signed and with no significant revenue flowing in, Nikulak fears his business has entered a state of jeopardy – and, in six weeks, he may be forced to close his doors forever.

"A lot of facilities don't even know if they are going to have funds," Nikulak says. "That's a big thing. Another big thing is that the funding model is inequitable. Some daycares that have been around for a long time are still being subsidized at the same rate they were years ago. So even with inflation and minimum wage going up, those daycares have to scrape by. They don't have money for improvements or to replace furniture, because they are literally just trying to keep the employees paid. When daycares and early learning centres are in that rough of a position, they aren't going to prioritize replacing a broken shelf. They are just going to decide they can't do anything about it and work around it. Long story short: because no one knows what's going on right now, everybody is just in a holding pattern. But the thing is, you still have expenses – even if you are in a holding pattern."

Recently, the Government of Saskatchewan has stated that since the Early Learning and Childcare Agreement was launched in 2021, Saskatchewan has created over 23,000 childcare spaces with a goal of 28,000 new spaces by March 2026. Beyond the end of March, the future remains a mystery.

For Saskatchewan residents like Nikulak, who is both a parent of two small children and a business owner catering to the daycare industry, the uncertainty of the future is especially challenging.

"The main thing I would say is large, multinational corporations are not being hurt by this," Nikulak says. "Ikea is not being hurt. The local people like the contractors, the electricians, the plumbers, and the toy makers; we are the ones being hurt. Failure to get this deal signed is just hurting Saskatchewan. Failure to have equitable funding is just hurting Saskatchewan."

Beyond the future of Kustom Kitties Canada, Nikulak says the town of Cupar may lose the first new business it's had in years as his funds dry up. He says he worries not just for his future, but the future of his employees as well.

"I can't be the best dad I can be when I am constantly worrying about finances," Nikulak says. "I know it's a fact for a lot of people. It eats up who we are when we have to constantly worry due to reasons outside of our control. There's nothing I can do about it."

Neither Saskatchewan nor Alberta has signed the 2026-2031 federal childcare agreement, making them the only two Canadian provinces not to do so.

To keep up to date on the current state of Kustom Kitties Canada, visit their website: kustomkitties.ca

Woodworking shop struggles ASHLEY SCARFE I GRASSLANDS NEWS

Quinn Nikulak, owner of Kustom Kitties Canada, works on creating paddlewheels in his shop in Cupar. The paddlewheels are part of a daycare playstructure order the company is diligently building for delivery. Nikulak says he fears these may be some of the last orders his shop will create as daycare funding dries up in the wake of the stalled childcare agreement between the federal and provincial government.

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Report from the Legislature

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Saskatchewan has more people calling our province home than ever before. One of the many reasons families are settling here is due to our strong employment opportunities. Saskatchewan continues to see record growth with 16,500 full-time jobs added year-over-year in August combined with the lowest unemployment rate amongst all provinces at 4.7 per cent. In August, another record was set with 534,300 people working full-time jobs in our province. Also, as mentioned by the Statistics Canada, employment is up over 10% in health care and social services compared to this time last year.

To complement our growing population and strong job market, housing starts in Saskatchewan saw a 49.8 per cent increase in the first eight months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. This puts Saskatchewan first among the provinces for year-to-date growth.

Our strong finances are a pillar of our economic strength. Saskatchewan continues to maintain the second-lowest net-debt-to-GDP while also holding the highest credit rating among all provinces. Ensuring every dollar counts goes a long way in developing new programs and grants like the new School Playground Equipment Grant.

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For more information or assistance, please feel free to reach out to our constituency offices. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Chinese canola tariff still overshadowing harvest

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Despite a cool, wet, and smoky growing season, most canola producers in this province are pleased with what they've seen in the field this year. In fact, the wildfire smoke that lingered throughout much of the province through the summer extended the blooming period – in some cases, even doubled according to some producers in the area. Still, one large cloud continues to trouble the entire industry, and that is the 100 per cent tariffs placed on Canadian canola by the Chinese.

A recent Angus Reid poll noted that of the 4,330 Canadians they talked to, 57 per cent (2,468 people) would support dissolving the current retaliatory tariff Canada has on Chinese electric vehicles if that meant the restriction on our canola would be lifted. Those opposed made up 24 per cent of respondents (1,039 people), with the remaining 19 per cent (822 people) not sure of their position.

"I would say it's encouraging when you see that the vast majority of Canadians would support ending the EV tariffs that we have on China to open up the markets and take away the tariffs that are so punitive for our canola producers in our broader canola industry, and for our western provinces," said Trent Wotherspoon, the NDP's shadow Agriculture Minister for the Opposition. "This is a call we've been making from Day One here, that the province and the Feds need to be working in tandem to end those tariffs that producers are paying and recognizing that our producers, and our canola and agriculture industry are really paying a disproportionate hit here - one that's completely unacceptable and totally disproportionate for those Chinese EV tariffs."

Earlier this month, Premier Scott Moe – along with Prime Minister Mark Carney and federal Agriculture Minister Kody Blois – travelled to China and met with their officials in an effort to fix the issue. While the Premier returned bolstered that progress had been made, Wotherspoon was not convinced enough has been done.

"The premier of this province was late to the game recognizing what a serious hardship this was going to be as a disproportionate hit on our producers and Canada's economy, and certainly our economy here in Saskatchewan," he said. "Slow to react and weak on that front, and now he's walked away as well from having a strong, principled position that we need to end the Chinese EV tariffs that have caused these unfair duties and taxes to be imposed on our producers."

Wotherspoon would rather see a stronger approach to the situation instead of quiet negotiations behind the scenes.

"We just need to take a strong, principled position that's in the interests of Canada and our producers, and to end those unfair punitive tariffs that have been placed on our agricultural producers and on our ag industry," he told Grasslands News. "We have to eliminate them. Right now, we have producers who are grinding hard to get that crop off in the fields all across Saskatchewan. At the same time, prices are getting beat up. They deserve market access. They're not looking for some sort of subsidy or bailout because they've lost market access to China and are paying this disproportionate price. They're looking for market access, and they're looking for those tariffs and duties to be scrapped."

The idea sounds simple enough, but according to the provincial Minister of Trade and Export Development, effective negotiations are more intricate than they appear.

"Unfortunately, it isn't that easy," Warren Kaeding said when asked if the situation could be righted by removing the EV tariff. "The other misnomer I would say that a lot of people don't understand, it's not just EV tariffs. It's their steel and aluminum involved in this. Then there's, ultimately, the Americans and the Europeans involved in this. If people would remember, the tariffs we put on the EVs were at the bequest of the US and Europe to support their automotive sector."

Making a big change in one region impacts all involved to different degrees, as Kaeding explained.

"There's a lot of implications," he said. "If you make a significant and dramatic change with one partner, it affects your relationship with other partners. And right now, the US is still our biggest trading partner. China is second, but the US is still our biggest one, so we have to nurture that relationship; or certainly understand if you make one decision, what are the consequences, or even the unintended consequences from your other trading partners."

Unlike other regions trying to negotiate amongst the tariff roadblocks, Saskatchewan has shown a more reserved approach – one that Kaeding noted is crucial in dealing with certain trading partners.

"Particularly with Asia and all our Asian customers, they build their trade on relationships," he said. "They need to make sure that they're comfortable with the people that they're doing business with. So, it's not just a contractual agreement, it's ultimately a long-term agreement, and you need to build that trust and familiarity with each other. That's why you never come back from the first mission with an MOU or something solid in your hand. What you've done is create an opportunity to re-engage."

Through a series of interactions, an agreement is forged and Kaeding is confident that China will return as Canada's largest international buyer of canola.

"I expect we will have them back as a customer," he confirmed. "If history is teaching us any lessons it's that there is a way to get through this. It's just a matter of engagement, and Premier (Moe) set the table, and now it's up to the federal government to make sure that they go to the table."

But China still needs to buy canola products from somebody, and since August, Australia has been the answer. In all, the Chinese have bought up some 540,000 tons of canola – about eight per cent of the country's total canola imports in 2024.

Those purchases from a new trading partner are cause for concern, but some in the industry see the Aussie connection as simply a temporary means to an end.

"To open the market to Australia is something we haven't seen in a number of years," said Kyle Jeworski, head of Bunge Canada. "There was a lot of issues in the past that the Chinese have stated against the quality of the Aussie seed, but in the end, I think what we would like to see is an open and fair trade. We are fine competing with the Aussies for that market, but right now - with the market closed to us - that's a difficult situation."

Kaeding also alluded to the Australian canola option being short term for China, but the shift does present some opportunities for Saskatchewan to court other markets.

"Australia got shut out of that market a number of years ago for their own internal trade reasons, and China has this huge crush industry that they need to maintain," he said. "They need to find a secondary source of canola to fit into that market, and Australia is going to provide some of that. However, Australia was also selling to other countries in the world, that if they're going to be moving all their sales over to China, that provides other opportunities now for other canola exporters - as in Western Canada - to move into the markets that probably will be vacated by the Australians."

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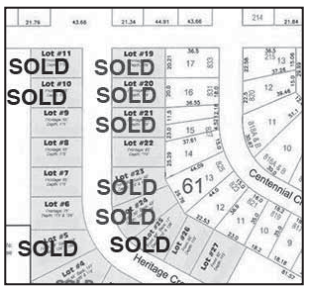

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September 30 honors Truth and Reconciliation Day

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

This year marks Canada's fifth National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, originally and still colloquially known as Orange Shirt Day. It is a Canadian day of memorial to recognize the atrocities and multi-generational effects of the Canadian Indian residential school system. It occurs every year on Sept. 30.

The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

This federal statutory holiday was created through legislative amendments made by Parliament.

Residential Schools

There were 140 federally run residential schools in Canada that operated between 1867 and 1996. Survivors advocated for recognition and reparations and demanded accountability for the intergenerational impacts of harm caused. Their efforts culminated in:

• the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement

• apologies by the government

• the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

• the creation of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission ran from 2008 to 2015 and provided those directly or indirectly affected by the legacy of the residential school's policy with an opportunity to share their stories and experiences. The Commission released its final report detailing 94 calls to action. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a direct response to Call to Action 80, which called for a federal statutory day of commemoration.

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, located at the University of Manitoba, has become the permanent archive for the statements, documents and other materials the Commission gathered. Its library and collections, as well as its National Student Memorial Register, are the foundation for ongoing learning and research.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) issued a call for proposals from institutions wishing to host the permanent centre and archive for its records. The University, which had submitted a proposal along with a wide range of partner organizations, was chosen as host.

The TRC subsequently stated that the University of Manitoba was selected as host because it had demonstrated a strong commitment to human rights research and promotion, and to Aboriginal peoples and governance. Its proposal stressed the highest standard of digital preservation, meaningful Survivor and community engagement, world-class archival experience and facilities, expertise in privacy and access, and financial stability.

Orange Shirt Day

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on Sept. 30.

Orange Shirt Day is a commemorative day led by Indigenous communities to raise awareness about the intergenerational impacts of residential schools on children, families, and communities. It honours Indigenous children who were lost in the residential school system. The orange shirt has become a symbol of hope, reconciliation and a commitment to a better future.

The orange shirt symbolizes the loss of culture, freedom, and self-esteem that many Indigenous children experienced. This day reminds us that "Every Child Matters".

On Sept. 30, the Government of Canada encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

Illuminating Parliament Hill

To commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day, and to honour the Survivors, their families, and communities, the Peace Tower and the Senate Building will be illuminated in orange throughout the evening of September 30.

Provincial regulations for Truth and Reconciliation Day

Sept. 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) is not a statutory holiday in Saskatchewan under provincial law, but it is a statutory holiday for federally regulated workers. Provincially regulated employers are not required to observe it as a holiday, though they may choose to do so through their own policies or collective bargaining agreements.

For Federal Employees:

• Federally regulated workers, such as those in banking, federal government offices, and postal services, are entitled to a paid day off on September 30.

For Provincial Employees in Saskatchewan:

• The Saskatchewan Employment Act does not list September 30 as a public or statutory holiday.

• Employers in Saskatchewan are not legally obligated to give their employees the day off, though some may offer it.

• The Saskatchewan government encourages reflection and observes the day by lowering flags to half-mast on government buildings.

• The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour supports making the day a provincial statutory holiday to further the process of reconciliation.

Saskatchewan recognizes Truth and Reconciliation Day is an important day for reflection, commemorating residential school survivors, and encouraging learning and engagement with reconciliation efforts.

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Response to Trump claims

Local pharmacist says Tylenol safe

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

US President Donald Trump made waves last week with claims that autism is linked to childhood vaccines and the use of Tylenol for pregnant women and children.

"I want to say it like it is, don't take Tylenol. Don't take it," Trump said. "Fight like hell not to take it. There may be a point where you have to, and that you'll have to work out with yourself, so don't take Tylenol."

While most people shook their heads about Trumps views on Tylenol, some took him seriously. The confusing message on whether Tylenol is a safe way to treat pain urged many to consult their doctors or pharmacists.

"It's tough as a health care professional to navigate your patients through what to do when there's so much misinformation out there," said Warren Delmage, president of Legacy Pharmacies. His advice is to ask questions from people with the proper background. "One hundred per cent, every time talk to your health care professional. Your pharmacist is one of your most accessible health care professionals you can have. And those people are very knowledgeable. They know what they're doing."

Another highly important point is the proper use of medications – reading the label and abiding by the recommended dosage.

"The biggest thing with it is you want to make sure that you're using the recommended dosages for the shortest duration that you can," Delmage confirmed. "That's the rule for all medication - use the recommended dose and don't use it longer than you need to, especially for acute pain."

Consulting with a pharmacist may also alert to possible interactions between medications, even if the daily regime includes vitamins or herbal teas, it is important to consult with the professionals and give them all the information possible.

Quill Lakes Watershed and Water Security still at odds

$1.7 million in funding hasn't found solution

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Quill Lakes Watershed Association warns it may shut down after failing to secure provincial funding for flood solutions. Chair Ian McNichol says the QLWA and Saskatchewan's Water Security Agency can't agree on next steps, despite years of collaboration to manage the rising saline lakes.

The Quill Lakes, which have no natural outlet, have been rising since 2005. Significant rain and rising levels occurred in 2010, followed by the flood of 2011 that hit much of southern Saskatchewan and parts of Manitoba.

By 2018, the lakes had risen seven metres, flooded agricultural land, roads and highways, and put a major railway at risk.

Losses between 2012 and 2018 were pegged at $253 million. The WSA asked QLWA to design a mitigation project but later rejected proposals, calling the most recent $100-million diversion study too costly with limited benefit.

WSA executive Krystal Tendler said numerous options — diversions, upland storage, irrigation, water removal — have been studied with no "silver bullet" found. She noted lake levels have dropped 1.2 metres from their peak after several dry years, allowing some farmland to be reclaimed.

McNichol argues waiting for levels to recede isn't a solution. "We want a long-term fix, so this doesn't hit future generations," he said. He also raised concerns over a $7 million land purchase requirement for a diversion project.

The association has spent $1.7 million over 10 years on studies, mostly funded by local municipal levies. McNichol said human landscape changes, not just farm drainage, worsened flooding. He worries the province is delaying action until the problem appears solved.

QLWA and WSA were scheduled to meet Sept. 18 to decide how to proceed.

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Canada's fall budget: A balancing act in uncertain times

As Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne gets ready to table the fall budget on Nov. 4 — the first under Prime Minister Mark Carney — Canadians have every right to feel uneasy. Ottawa is once again promising to "cut costs" while at the same time spending billions more. After years of red ink, rising interest rates, and higher taxes, many Canadians are asking: when will the government finally stop borrowing on our tab?

Ottawa is expected to follow a "dual-track" strategy, reducing spending while making targeted investments in infrastructure and defence to shield the economy from external shocks. Billions of dollars have already been committed in these areas since the spring election, resulting in what experts call a substantial deficit. The 2023–24 shortfall hit nearly $62 billion, far higher than the $40 billion we were told to expect. More and more of our tax dollars are being eaten up just to pay interest on the debt. That's money not going to hospitals, housing, or schools — it's just keeping the credit card from maxing out.

The choice to delay the fiscal update until fall signals that the government either needed more time to gather data or saw major shifts in economic conditions that required a reset. A major reset that has not been seen since the end of World War II is being predicted. Because the Liberals govern in a minority, they must secure the support of at least one opposition party for the budget to pass.

Families across Canada have had to tighten their belts because of inflation, higher mortgage payments, and rising grocery bills. Government should do the same. Yet Ottawa seems addicted to announcing new programs while failing to get existing spending under control. "Efficiency reviews" and vague cost-cutting promises won't cut it. Canadians deserve to know which departments will be trimmed, which programs will be scaled back, and when we can actually expect the budget to get back to balance.

This doesn't mean gutting the essentials. Health care, education, Indigenous reconciliation, and affordable housing must remain priorities. But there's a lot of discretionary spending that delivers little benefit — and that's where cuts should start. Big-ticket projects like defence purchases and infrastructure upgrades are necessary, but taxpayers have been burned too many times by cost overruns and endless delays. If Ottawa can't manage those projects properly, they risk becoming black holes for our money.

The answer isn't punishing households and small businesses with massive new taxes, either. Closing tax loopholes and making sure multinational corporations pay their fair share makes sense, but soaking ordinary Canadians when they're already stretched to the limit is a recipe for political disaster — and economic pain.

The risk of doing nothing is clear. If U.S. tariffs escalate, if interest rates climb further, if spending continues to grow unchecked, the country could be staring down deficits for years to come — leaving our kids and grandkids to pay the bill. A government that talks about "cost-cutting" but keeps borrowing more will lose the trust of voters fast.

This is Mark Carney's first real test as Prime Minister, and he has a chance to show Canadians that he gets it. That he understands the kitchen-table reality of families choosing between paying for groceries and renewing their mortgage. A credible, disciplined budget would prove Ottawa can live within its means — just like the rest of us have to. More borrowing without a plan isn't leadership. It's passing the buck — and Canadians are running out of patience.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

Break out the plaid shirts, it's fall!

There's something I've been trying to ignore over the past few weeks, but t's become all too apparent that the inevitable will happen even if I try not to acknowledge its existence.

That four-letter 'F' word - Fall.

Yes, there's absolutely no doubt that fall is here, and no matter how much I am opposed to the cooler season, it doesn't care about my feelings! The thing is, I can handle cold temperatures. I just do not like them. If it were summer all the time, I'd be a happy guy. Heck, if we even had a summer this year it would make me downright jolly, but with all the rain and cooler temperatures, it seemed like an extended spring with maybe one day of summer.

And it was on a Tuesday.

Alas, the time for griping and whining; pining for the summer heat has passed. Chasing summer can be a dream for another, what, nine months away? Oh boy.

Perhaps a distraction is in order, to focus on the positive things this season has to offer. Like thick flannel shirts, three-day beards, and watching those migratory birds make their annual trek south. Oh, and don't forget those fall - and fowl – suppers! Not only are they important to the social fabric of small-town life, but all those extra pounds gained from over-eating will keep a guy warm through the coming winter!

There's a certain smell to the air in the fall, too. Growing up on the farm, this time of year was a veritable cornucopia for the senses – the cool, slightly damp mornings; the smell of grain dust in the air; leaves turning all sorts of colours; the gentle hum of the grain dryer interspersed with the random firing of an air cannon to keep those $@^# geese off the field; the feel of the barley... actually, scratch that – I don't think there's anyone out there who gets nostalgic over itchy barley. Especially when hauling grain in an old truck that only blows heat from the vent and the windows don't seal. That makes taking a load from the combine on the run all the more exhilarating!

I suppose my only beef with the autumn season is that it does lead into a much colder, darker time in those -40ºC days where the sun only waves to us. But that's fodder for a future editorial.

At any rate, as the calendar flips to October, there is a reminder to enjoy the remaining warm days that we do have and enjoy them. Besides, it's not going to be scorching hot, and the bugs are becoming sleepier. There's still time for a few more hikes to enjoy the beauty of this land, and an excuse to run some film through the old cameras.

That also might be a good plan to wear off some of the fall – and fowl – suppers!

Ryan Kiedrowski, Grasslands News

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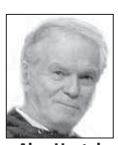
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Lithium project bolstered by provincial tax incentive

By Ryan Kiedrowski
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A lithium conversion pilot program in southeast Saskatchewan got a big boost recently after the announcement of Project Aurora receiving $4.27 million in transferable royalty and freehold production tax credits. The catalyst is the Saskatchewan Critical Minerals Innovation Incentive, which is administered by the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

"This is an important and exciting step forward for Saskatchewan," said Energy and Resources Minister Colleen Young. "By approving this project under the SCMII, we're opening the door to new technology that will lead to new investment, good jobs, and a larger role in the clean energy economy. Project Aurora will help strengthen Saskatchewan's position as a reliable supplier of the critical minerals the world needs and underscores our province's status as one of the best places in the world to invest in responsible resource development."

Project Aurora is a joint initiative between Vancouver-based EMP Metals Corp and Saltworks Technologies Inc of Richmond, BC.

"EMP is a public company, so we live on equity financing because we're not in cash flow yet, so it's a great way for our shareholders to avoid dilution," said EMP Metals CEO Karl Kottmeier during an interview with Grasslands News. "I like to focus on the quality of the jurisdiction you're working in as part of my narrative to shareholders. Saskatchewan is the best place I've ever worked in in 30 years in the extractive industries by far."

There are three areas in the southeast Project Aurora will be active in – Mansur, Viewfield, and Tyvan. EMP being an exploration and development company focused on direct lithium extraction that currently holds more than 205,000 net acres of subsurface dispositions and strategic wellbores in southern Saskatchewan. A pair of major features in the Duperow formation where the lithium extraction will be taking place is the low concentrations of H2S and the shallow drilling depth to reach the concentrations.

"Both of those things are extremely important, because that contamination and impurity is all something that needs to be brought out in your recovery process on your way to producing commercial grade lithium," Kottmeier said, also crediting the positive attitude toward production in the area. "The willingness of local people, the expertise of local people, the pre-existing understanding of what you know a drill rig on your farm is going to look like and what's going to happen, incredible professionalism of the people that we've contracted and that we employ in-province is unbelievable. You've been blessed with great geology right at the surface level for growing things and the sub service level for extracting things - from oil and gas, to lithium, to potash, to uranium - Saskatchewan pretty much has it all. I just want to see this attitude of participation and support continue, and I hope the average person in Saskatchewan understands how difficult it is elsewhere."

The SCMII has a project-specific cap of $5 million and can be used in conjunction with other grant programs available in the province. Costs incurred going forward from April 1, 2024, are recognized, but in the case of helium and lithium projects, that start date is pushed back to Jan. 1, 2018.

"Saskatchewan is clearly focused on harnessing its critical minerals, entrepreneurship, and innovation capacity," Saltworks Technologies CEO Benjamin Sparrow said. "We are thrilled to be collaborating with EMP Metals and Team Saskatchewan to demonstrate next generation lithium extraction technologies that will help unlock new opportunities for current and future generations."

The partnership between Saltworks and EMP to get Project Aurora moving has been a textbook example of teamwork.

"Saltworks helped us out initially with our pilot plant," Kottmeier explained, describing the company as 'tremendously responsive'. "They saw very quickly that the brine in Saskatchewan is the best quality brine in the world. It may be a little lower grade than some places in South America, but it's at a reasonable altitude, excellent infrastructure around it, and all those things reduce your potential capital costs and operating costs as you go forward, but the brine cleanliness itself makes it easy for a company like, or easier for a company like Saltworks to take a look at how they put together a flow sheet on production, and they can see really good economics because of all the things you don't have to do."

It's been a summer of paperwork for the companies, and now with all the required permits in hand, construction can begin.

"We are full forward on building our building, which Saltworks, will then upon completion populate with our demonstration plant and get that up and running as soon as possible," Kottmeier said. "We're really excited about getting that building built and this demo plant up and running."

In terms of local jobs that Project Aurora will bring to the area, pinpointing an exact figure is difficult. However, many different trades will be required throughout the construction process and also after completion. The demonstration plant alone is budgeted for $10 million, but Kottmeier estimates when full construction begins, that number could exceed $150 million spent in the area.

This is somewhat of a calm before the storm as Kottmeier admitted lithium prices internationally have been depressed in the recent past, "but we're starting to see them tick back up again."

"The good thing is, the understanding and ongoing expansion of adoption of lithium as a battery metal is absolutely 100 per cent guaranteed," he said, highlighting battery storage as an area in particular that will be driving a future boom.

"Battery storage is probably one of the biggest things that people don't really see the necessity of," Kottmeier said, listing everyday items that people utilize without thinking of what is inside those batteries providing the power source. "That intermittent power must be stored, and the best place to store it is with big battery banks. The requirement for lithium is not abating, it gets crazy towards 2035, and you step out five or 10 years, the demand is going to be even more than it is today."

In response, the provincial government wants to increase Saskatchewan's portion of national mineral exploration to 15 per cent by 2030, double the number of critical minerals produced, and enhance outputs of potash, uranium, and helium. Establishing Saskatchewan as a hub for rare earth elements is another target the growth plan is striving to achieve.

Indeed, the former groans of Saskatchewan being a 'have not' province have changed to cheers of 'have lots.'

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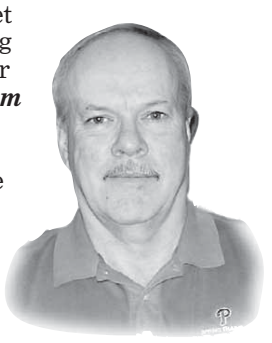

An American Airlines jet made an emergency landing at Dulles airport in DC after ***smoke started coming from a passenger's device*** mid-flight. The smoking device was quickly handled before the plane was anywhere close to real danger. Two similar incidents on international flights over the past year suggest that it's a growing concern in the industry.

Rachel Maddox bought raw milk at a natural food store. In her lawsuit, she says she wasn't aware it could be dangerous. She also says she asked about it being labeled ***"Feed for Calves — Not for Human Consumption"***, and claims she was told "that was a technical requirement to sell 'farm milk'." Boy, someone was a little naïve, wasn't she? After months in which her family members consumed raw milk, her young child got sick, and then she did. She was told she'd gotten campylobacter (Campylobacter bacteria are a common cause of diarrheal illness) while taking care of the toddler. The defendants in the case include the natural food store, and Keely Farms Dairy of New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Florida law says "Milk that is in final package form for beverage use shall have been pasteurized." Labelling doesn't count?

A homeowner in Houston ***fatally shot two men*** posing as police officers at his door late at night. The homeowner was very suspicious about the two masked men with no warrant, police car, or lights. When the homeowner wisely refused entry, the two men fired through the door, at which point the homeowner fired back. Both men, believed to be in their 20s, were killed. The homeowner was unharmed. No charges have been filed, though the investigation is continuing. Police said the men had bulletproof vests and wore bogus badges around the necks.

A 12-year-old Lethbridge boy has been charged with attempted murder after repeatedly ***stabbing his seven-year-old brother***. The accused initially told investigators that an unknown intruder had initiated the attack. However, police determined that account was not true. The accused, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault. Attempted murder charges are difficult to prove because prosecutors must demonstrate intent to kill.

A fisherman on a birthday trip in Florida suffered serious injuries to his leg while posing with a large shark for a photo after he and his friends caught the animal. "***We caught a lemon shark***. ... We just took the hook out," 48-year-old Shawn Meuse said. "We're getting ready to release him back in the water, and he turned around and bit me." The world averages 65 documented shark attacks (six fatal) annually.

A late-night childhood prank in Houston turned tragic when an 11-year-old boy was fatally shot after ringing a doorbell and running away. It turned out that after previous annoying incidents, Gonzalo Leon Jr., 42, waited in the shadows outside his home and ambushed the kids, shooting Julian Guzman multiple times, including in the back. Several children were playing the game known as 'doorbell ditch' or ***'ding dong ditch'***. I realize how annoying this could be and I still feel shame for playing "Knock down ginger" a few times 60-some years ago. Kids should know that a perpetrator could be charged with mischief.

Only three countries in the world have ***not adopted the metric system*** ...Liberia, Myanmar, and the USA! Considering that there are approximately 195 recognized countries, based on the 193 member states and two non-member observer states of the United Nations, that seems really odd. The number of countries is not absolute and can vary depending on the criteria for 'country,' with some regions like Taiwan or Kosovo lacking widespread international recognition.

Thousands of volunteers gathered at a festival in Texas to put together a ***record-breaking ice cream treat*** measuring nearly a mile long. Attendees at the Spirit of Texas Festival in Wolf Pen Creek marveled at the 4,549-foot and 3.36-inch long ice cream sundae which broke the Guinness World Record for the longest ice-cream dessert. The sundae was made using 500 gallons of H-E-B Texan Tackle Crackle ice-cream.

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."— Albert Einstein

And that has been the basis of this corner for 35 years... so I'll keep reading, and hope you do, too...

62-year-old man from RM of Francis charged following cattle theft

Submitted
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On September 4, 2025, Fillmore RCMP received a report of missing cattle on an acreage near Sedley, SK.

Investigation was conducted by Fillmore RCMP, Saskatchewan RCMP's Livestock Investigator and Livestock Services of Saskatchewan. It was determined six cattle were stolen, and they were later safely recovered at a nearby rural property.

As a result of further investigation, an adult male was arrested.

62-year-old Scott Cunningham from the RM of Francis, SK is charged with:

• one count, fraudulently take/hold/keep/purchase/sell cattle found astray, Section 338(2), Criminal Code; and

• one count, theft of cattle over $5000, Section 338(1), Criminal Code.

"With the current average value of cattle of over $3000, any loss is significant," says Garth Woods, Operations Manager at Livestock Services of Saskatchewan. "This recent file provides a good example of how knowledge, relationships and timely actions can serve the industry well.

The producer who suffered the loss was proactive in searching for his livestock, which led to a Livestock Services report from a trusted neighbour. Livestock Services, the RCMP and Crown Prosecutor were quick to collaborate which led to these charges.

The Animal Production Act and the Criminal Code of Canada both provided the means for regulatory and enforcement personnel to effectively proceed on this file."

Livestock investigator Cpl. Owen Third stated, "Saskatchewan RCMP recognizes that cattle theft is a problem. That's why we have a livestock investigator, who provides specialized assistance to detachments on livestock-related investigations or issues and works closely with Livestock Services of Saskatchewan. This investigation is an example of our ongoing partnership and continued work to thoroughly investigate instances of livestock theft in our jurisdiction."

Scott Cunningham is scheduled to appear in Weyburn Provincial Court on November 20, 2025.

Half of Sask nurses consider leaving

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

A new survey of Saskatchewan nurses suggests widespread concerns about staffing levels and the future of the profession.

The survey, conducted by Praxis Analytics for the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), found that 53.4 per cent of nurses have seriously considered leaving the profession in the past year. It also reported that 82.4 per cent of nurses said patients had been put at risk due to short staffing, while nearly 96 per cent said staffing shortages have led to longer wait times.

The survey highlighted other impacts of inadequate staffing, including reduced standards of care (93.5 per cent), delayed or cancelled procedures (91.8 per cent), and unnecessary hospital admissions (89.5 per cent). Nearly 79 per cent of respondents said they had witnessed avoidable deterioration in patients' health.

The Saskatchewan Party government has previously said it is working to recruit and retain health care professionals, including through international recruitment initiatives, expanded training seats for nurses, and incentives to attract staff to rural and remote communities.

The Saskatchewan Union of Nurses represents more than 10,000 registered nurses across the province.

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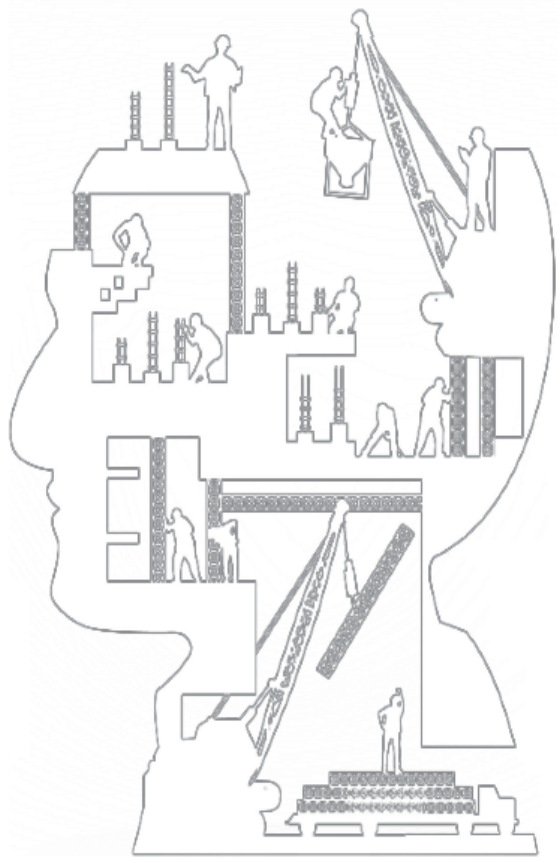

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Ron Loos to hold album release party for 'Ordinary Shine'

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Back in the early 1990s, Ron Loos was living the rock and roll dream. He was the frontman for The Toasters (the Regina-based rock band – not the New York ska group!), and they were on the verge of 'making it big'.

But just as The Toasters were about to climb to that next level, things came to a sudden halt, and those dreams began to spiral downward. A story all too common for many bands, personal vices took hold and halted their career before it could truly launch.

Music has always been a large part of life for Loos, he had been actively building a catalogue of music shortly after obtaining his first guitar.

"I've been making music my entire life, since I was 10 years old," he said, adding that the creativity evaporated during the dark days before sobriety. "Prior to sobering up, I was not even playing music anymore. I was just completely lost."

Not only did this sudden stop mean the end of the Toasters, but Loos knew something had to change.

"I was 29 years old. I hit the end of alcoholism and drug addiction, got arrested, went to treatment and sobered up at that time," he explained over a cup of coffee. "Right after that was one of the most creative periods in my life in terms of writing music."

In those early years of recovery, Loos would not only gain his life back but also write music with an entirely new perspective, in somewhat of a catharsis that paralleled what he was experiencing.

"Having my recovery as a theme in that music, it's there," he said. "That's just what's coming out of me."

As life rolled out, those songs were shelved until 2023 when Loos began working with some friends to ultimately create a full-length album filled with his material. Through the following year, he released singles from the album into the digital realm – a far different method than back in the Toasters era.

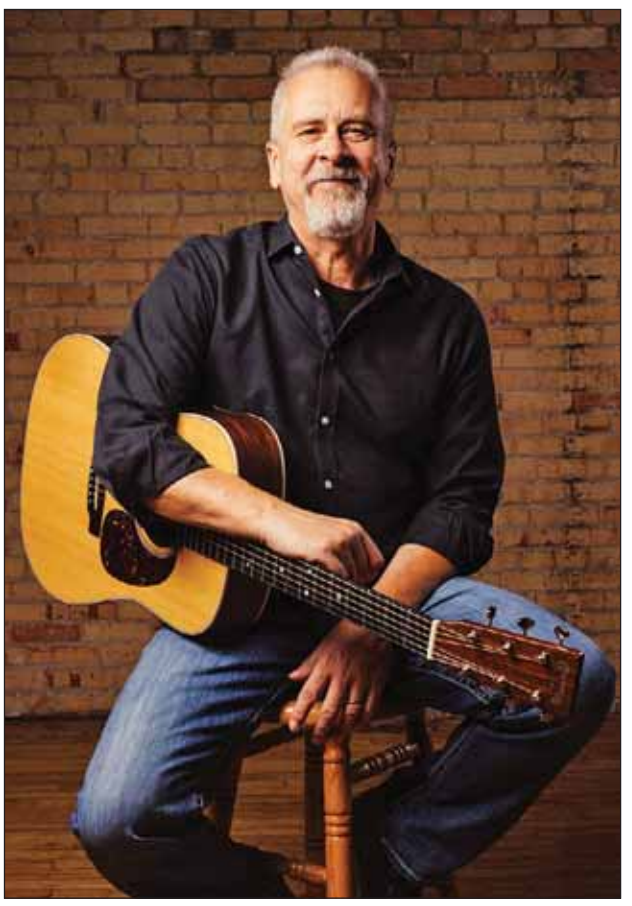
"The last time I released music was back with the Toasters 30-plus years ago," he said. "We released a couple of cassettes, and we'd get a couple hundred of them made, give out to our friends. We had a little bit of local Saskatchewan airplay, but it didn't really go anywhere. Whereas today this digital world, you release it and it's everywhere on Earth instantly, right? But there's also two million other people doing that as well!"

By releasing one song at a time, Loos uses the streaming algorithm to his benefit; gaining a more sustained buzz around his music rather than simply releasing the entire album and have it fade into obscurity.

"I've released seven songs so far - every month or six weeks, you release a song, and the Spotify algorithm starts to pick up on that," he explained.

Now with the album *Ordinary Shine* ready to be released into the world in its totality, a launch party will happen at The Exchange in Regina on Saturday, Sept. 27. Joining Loos onstage will be Andrew Gordon and Kara Golemba, whose talents were also featured prominently throughout the album.

"At this point in my life, I'm not trying to become famous, I have no zero expectations," Loos said. "I'm releasing it to the world. I'm trying to let people know about it. But whatever happens, happens, right? I'm making the album on my own schedule, for my own purposes, my own authenticity. That's a nice position to be in, right? I don't have to fight to try to get anywhere or meet any timeline."



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Shine on

Regina-based singer songwriter Ron Loos will be launching his album 'Ordinary Shine' at The Exchange this weekend.

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Francis residents raise money for Cancer

Residents in Francis raised $5,385 this year for their annual Terry Fox Run event. Around 45 participants joined organizer Lali Klein at the Francis Rink for the start of the walk that wound around the town. Although Terry started his Marathon of Hope 45 years ago, he was never able to finish his run. In Francis, his memory is alive and well as the community has donated more than $55,000 to cancer research over the last 15 years.

RCMP remind riders about ATV safety

Saskatchewan RCMP
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan RCMP reminds public of the importance of safety while operating all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

While ATVs are a popular mode of transportation in many areas of Saskatchewan, they can also be dangerous if used incorrectly.

Cst. Michael Murray of Dillon RCMP has seen multiple ATV collisions throughout his career, including fatalities involving young children. "How do we prevent tragedy like that in the future?" he asks.

If you are planning to operate an ATV:

• Always wearing a helmet and protective eyewear.

• Always driving at a speed safe for current weather and ground conditions.

• Never carry a passenger your ATV is not equipped for.

• Never drive impaired by alcohol and drugs.

• Check local bylaws before heading out – some municipalities prohibit driving ATVs on roads, ditches, and medians.

• Remember, to drive on public land, you must be 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license. Youth between the ages of 12 and 15 can operate an ATV on public land and may cross roads if they have passed an approved ATV training course, or if they're supervised by someone who has held a driver's license continuously for the last 365 days. The supervising rider can be riding a different ATV or be on the same ATV as the youth.

• Have a ride plan. Let someone know where you are going and when you are expected to be back.

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WORKSAFE SASKATCHEWAN:

You have the right to be safe on the job

In 2024, Saskatchewan recorded its lowest Total injury rate in history at 3.91 injuries per 100 workers, down from 3.95 per 100 workers in 2023. Since the WorkSafe Saskatchewan partnership between the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board and the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety was established in 2002, the province's Total injury rate has dropped by more than 65 per cent.

The province's recent record-low injury rates show how far we've come, but serious injuries and fatalities remain a challenge across the province. As a result, WorkSafe Saskatchewan wants all workers to be aware of their rights on the job. That includes the right to work in a safe environment.

All workers in Saskatchewan are covered by three important rights that are intended to keep them safe on the job. Those rights are protected under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act.*

The right to know

If you are employed in Saskatchewan, you have the right to know about any safety hazards in your workplace. A hazard is anything that might cause an injury or illness. This knowledge is important in protecting yourself and your co-workers.

As a worker, you have the right to receive the training, information and supervision needed to do your job safely. Your employer should tell you how to stay safe before you start your job and before work begins on a new project.

Safety information can be given online, in writing or in person. The information and training may come from a supervisor, co-worker or someone outside of your workplace, but your employer must pay for all training that is part of your job.

Clear communication is also included in the right to know. Your employer needs to give you the information you require to do your job safely in a way that you can understand. Ask questions whenever any safety instructions aren't clear.

If you don't know or are unsure how to do a task safely, this right ensures you can ask questions. Always ask for information or training when you are given a new task, tool or material to do your work.

The right to participate

Each worker has the opportunity and freedom to get involved in their workplace's health and safety activities. You have the right to share your concerns and ideas about how to make your workplace safer. If you see an unsafe situation on the job, this right gives you a chance to help rectify the situation, preventing injuries to you and your co-workers.

There are several ways for workers to exercise their right to participate, including:

- Report your concerns to your supervisor or manager about any health and safety issues that could cause harm to you or your co-workers.
- Make suggestions to your supervisor or occupational health committee about how to make your workplace safer.
- Join your occupational health committee if your workplace requires one.
- Act as an occupational health and safety representative for your workplace, if given the opportunity.

The right to refuse

Every workplace has hazards, most of which are not likely to cause serious injuries or fatalities. This right applies to those hazards which are considered unusually dangerous to yourself or others. An unusual danger or hazard could include:

- A danger that would normally stop work, like operating a forklift that has a flat tire.
- Something that is not normal for the job, like repairing a roof in bad weather with dangerous winds.
- A situation you haven't been properly trained for, or where you don't have the right equipment or experience to do the work safely. For example, cleaning windows on a tall building without any training or fall protection equipment.

Using your right to refuse is serious and should not be taken lightly, but as a last resort when the first two rights have failed to protect your health and safety in the workplace.

However, you should also not be afraid to speak up when you believe your work is unusually dangerous. If you or the people around you are at risk, you can say no. You absolutely cannot be disciplined or fired for exercising your right to refuse, as the right to refuse is protected under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

There are several steps to take when opting to refuse unsafe work, in this order:

1. Stop performing the task. Tell your supervisor what you think is unusually dangerous about the task.
2. Talk to your workplace occupational health committee if you and your supervisor can't reach a solution.
3. If the matter is still not resolved, contact the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety's Occupational Health and Safety Branch at 1.800.567.7233. An occupational health officer will provide their decision in writing to you and your employer.
4. If you don't agree with the occupational health officer's decision, you have a right to appeal.

Each year in Saskatchewan, approximately 21,000 workers are injured on the job. Working together, we can make Saskatchewan a safer place to work.

For more information on the three rights, including videos and other resources for workers and employers, visit the WorkSafe Saskatchewan website at worksafesask.ca/know-your-rights-at-work.

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SPORTS

Forging ahead

JACOB MILLER I GRASSLANDS NEWS

Melville Cobras' Ian Schicker plows through the Broadview Bandits defence during their home game in Melville on Sept. 18. The Cobras moved onto 2-0 after a 33-0 victory against the now 0-2 Bandits.

High School Football Roundup

Melville, Lemberg teams unbeaten

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The North Valley High School Eagles went into Week 4 of their Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association six-man football season looking to keep a particularly dominant undefeated streak alive.

Tuesday's match against St. Brieux closed the team's home schedule and followed three consecutive games that saw the Lemberg school hang at least 70 points on their opponents.

Those results included victories of 70-0 over Southey, 72-14 over Viscount and 75-6 again over Southey.

Win or lose, Lemberg's next game is a strong contender to determine first place in the Eagles' 1A conference when they head north to face Carrot River, which also opened the season 3-0, albeit with a lesser points differential.

That game is scheduled for Oct. 3 while the Eagles are slated to close their regular season Oct. 9 on the road in St. Brieux.

Defence a Four-letter Word

They say defence wins championships, but when the students forget it in their lockers at the end of the day it also makes for an awful lot of fun in the stands.

So it went for the Fort Qu'Appelle Bisons and Vanier Vikings on Friday in Moose Jaw where both teams shot out the lights in an 84-61 win for the home team.

The last three minutes of the first half alone saw the teams combine for five touchdowns.

"I knew our offence was good. We've been putting up lots of points all year, but we have just got to learn a way to stop the ball," Bisons' head coach Craig Geisler told the Moose Jaw Independent after the game.

The loss dropped Fort Qu'Appelle's win-loss record in its 4A nine-man conference to 0-2 after a season-opening defeat at the hands of the Shaunavon Shadows.

The Indian Head Broncs are also looking for their first win of the season after falling 36-0 to Lumsden in their own season opener Sept. 12.

Indian Head's next game is slated for Friday afternoon at home against Shaunavon, while Fort Qu'Appelle will look for its first win Oct. 3 when the Bisons host Lumsden.

Playing in an adjacent 4A nine-man conference, the Melville Cobras improved to 2-0 on the young season with a 33-0-win Sept. 18 over the visiting Broadview Bandits.

Results from their Week 3 game in Esterhazy were not available at press time.

Griffins Win Again

And Balgonie's Greenall Griffins improved to 2-1 in the 5A 12-man South Rural League with a 27-7 road win Sept. 19 over Moose Jaw's A.E. Peacock Tornadoes.

Greenall had opened the season Aug. 29 in Regina with a 28-14 loss to Moose Jaw's Central Cyclones and a 14-13 road win over Weyburn on Sept. 13.

Next up for the Griffins is a trip this evening to Yorkton for a date with the 2-2 Raider Gridders.

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SJHL Mils and Bruins split home openers

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

The Melville Millionaires opened their season with a two-game set with the Estevan Bruins that saw each club win at home.

Melville Millionaires 3 at Estevan Bruins 5 (Sept. 20)

The Bruins came out hard in this game, scoring the game's first four goals and hanging on to win despite a furious third period comeback attempt by the Millionaires in this Bunge Division face-off.

The home side scored once in each of the first two period and then tacked on a couple of powerplay markers in the third before the Millionaires got their own offence in gear, scoring three times in five minutes, yet still coming up short.

The Bruins added an empty net tally with only two seconds left on the game clock to close it out.

Leo Jewitt notched his second and third goals of the season to lead the Millionaires, as Devin Winder dented the twine with his second marker of the campaign.

Wesley Olson, Boston Harkness, Riley Craigen, Edward Knitting and Ryder Marks were each credited with a single assist.

Connor Doyle got the start in goal for the Millionaires and was saddled with the loss, stopping 14 of the 18 shots he faced before being replaced by Noah Sinagowitz, who stopped all 13 shots he faced in the match-up.

Each squad had 32 shots on their opposition net.

The Millionaires were the more penalized team on this night, taking eight of the fourteen minor penalties called.

Estevan Bruins 3 at Melville Millionaires 5 (Sept. 19)

This was an up and down game for the Millionaires who scored twice in the first to take a 2-0 lead, with the Bruins roaring back with two goals in the second and another only 33 seconds into the third frame before the Millionaires roared back to life with three goal in just more than five minutes.

Jewitt opened the scoring for the home side with a tip-in on a Wesley Golden point shot. Edward Knittig also got an assist.

Knittig had a hand in setting up the game's second goal, as Boston Harkness scored his first of the season by slamming home a rebound to give Melville a 2-0 advantage.

After three Bruins markers the Millionaires' offence came back to life, with Harkness notching his second of the season on a harmless looking shot from the point.

Yibin Yoo got the lone assist.

Just over a minute later the Millionaires went in front to stay as Jackson Lee fired an absolute rocket from the point that went just under the crossbar.

Rylan Oatman and Ty Janz collected the assists on the eventual game winner.

At 12:01 of the final stanza the Millionaires got a little insurance as Devon Winder ripped a wrist shot past the Bruins' netminder on the stick side.

The Millionaires outshot the Bruins 49-31 with Kael Svenson picking up the victory in the Melville crease.

The home side got the gate for five of seven minors called in the game.

Official attendance for the Millionaires home opener was 1,055.

The Millionaires are back on CN Community Centre ice on Sept. 26 as they hook up with the Humboldt Broncos for the first game of a two-night home and home series.

On Sept. 30, Doug Johnson's former team, the Nipawin Hawks, are visiting the Millionaires.

Game time for all games in 7 p.m.

DARCY GROSS I GRASSLANDS NEWS

Turning up-ice

Melville MIllionaires' defenceman Louis Nadeau starts skating out of his own end during the Mils' home opener against the Estevan Bruins on Sept. 19. The Millionaires trailed early in the third but rallied for a 5-3 triumph in front of more than 1,000 fans.

SJHL Notebook
By GNG Staff

With the first games of any new hockey season come several other firsts as well.

On Sept. 19, the opening night of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's 2025-26 schedule, that list included Melville Millionaires' forward Leo Jewitt with the first goal of the year. Jewitt kicked off the league's scoring race 3 minutes 31 seconds into the first period of the team's 5-3 win over the visiting Estevan Bruins.

(While Nipawin Hawks' forward Finley Radloff scored just 1:04 into his own team's season opener, that game had a 7:30 p.m. start time compared with 7 p.m. for the Melville-Estevan tilt.)

The first fight of the season belongs to Nipawin's Will Whitter and Jake DeMone of the Melfort Mustangs, who got the flippers off in the second period of their season opener.

Thierry Laliberte of the Yorkton Terriers was awarded the first penalty shot of the year, in overtime no less, against the Weyburn Red Wings but was stopped by Red Wings' goalie Ty Matonovich.

And Humboldt Broncos' goalie Charlie Tritt recorded the league's first shutout with 30 saves in a 3-0 win over the Warman Wolverines.

More firsts followed Saturday including the first regular-season game for the La Ronge Ice Wolves at their new home – the Jonas Roberts Memorial Community Centre, the first goal in Warman Wolverines history (Owen Parks), the first SJHL win for new Battlefords North Stars' head coach Connor Logan, and the first five-point game of the season (Gavin Granger – Battlefords).

Granger posted a goal and four assists, along with a third-period fight, for an unusually prolific Gordie Howe hat trick in a 6-3 win over the Kindersley Klippers.

Sports column – Darcy Gross
Gross Misconduct

The CFL is making some pretty drastic rule changes, and there are a lot of peoples, players and fans alike, who aren't going to embrace them.

For starters, the field will no longer be 110 yards long, it'll be the same length as fields in the NFL, 100 yards, with no 55 yard line.

Everything else about the actual field of play will be the same, however, they're finally going to move those pesky field goal posts to the back of the end zone, which will now be 15 yards deep instead of 20.

The field will retain its 65 yard width, meaning there's still plenty of room to make plays, but you just know that some folks are going to be asking when the league is going to go to four downs, which isn't going to happen over the next couple of years while the new CFL changes are implemented.

The league is also going to change the scoring for a rouge.

A team will no longer score a single point for a missed field-goal attempt that goes wide of the goalposts or when a punt or kickoff goes through or rolls out the back, or sides, of an end zone without being touched.

If a punt, field goal or kickoff settles in the end zone, and the returner fails to take it out or takes a knee, one point will still be awarded.

A couple of other tweaks include teams having benches on both sides of the field, to eliminate a 325 pound guard from having to run 60 yards to make a substitution, and an automatic 35 second play clock, which this scribe loves.

It's such a simple change and it's going to keep the pace of the game up and keep the excitement level up as well.

It's a lot to unpack, for CFL fans who have to be thinking that the league is somehow attempting to Americanize the Canadian game, but if you give it some thought, you'll see it's all about entertainment.

Moving the goal posts to the back of a 15 yard end zone opens up the field for more plays across the middle, for starters.

When is the last time that you saw a CFL game with a great pass over the middle into the end zone for a major score?

Making that type of scenario more possible, while at the same time making field goals more difficult, could very well lead to more offensive plays and more gambles from 20 yards and in.

And the fact that a team can no longer kick or punt a ball through the end zone and score a single point should put a smile on the faces of those who hated the fact that a team would be rewarded for having a sixty km per hour wind at their backs or for missing a field goal.

I can't be the only one who always hated that rule and who is looking forward to the change.

The good news is that each team will still have 12 men on the field – unless it's the Grey Cup and the Roughriders need an extra guy to block a field goal.

Every player in the backfield can be in motion at the same time, just like it was before, so that's the same.

Basically, the league is going to shorten the field and open it up in the end zones, two initiatives that could increase the number of touchdowns while making field goals more difficult, which again makes for more offensive plays as opposed to being the two downs and punt league.

It seems like a lot of of changes, but it really isn't.

There's a reason that these moves have been embraced by the league's governors and they've been passed with a unanimous vote, and that reason is, they're good ideas!

The changes are going to be fully implemented by the 2027 season and it's going to change the way folks watch, coach and play Canadian football, and if those who run the scholastic sports programs are smart, they'll get on board as well.

Sports is an industry where getting viewers is the more important aspect of running a league, and these moves should make the game more interesting, so it seems like a win-win.

There are people who aren't going to like it, but they may as well get used to it, because it's likely never going to go back to the old ways.

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PJHL Storm add Silver Foxes captain ahead of new season

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The Pilot Butte Storm have made a pair of moves to bolster their roster ahead of puck drop on the start of the 2025-26 Prairie Junior Hockey League season.

Pilot Butte made separate deals with the Regina Capitals (Sept. 15) and Regina Silver Foxes (Sept. 19) to acquire goaltender Keegan Dansereau and forward Jett Lamb respectively.

Dansereau, 19, enters his third full PJHL season after splitting last year between the Capitals and Prince Albert Timberjaks. He brings a 4.36 goals-against average and .900 save percentage in 32 career regular season games to the Storm.

Lamb, also born in 2005, heads into his third PJHL season after captaining the Silver Foxes in 2024-25. There he recorded 35 points in 39 regular season games.

Both players were acquired in exchange for cash though the Silver Foxes will also receive future considerations as part of the deal for Lamb.

Season Opening

The silly season is over, and the real games are about to begin.

Three games will kick off the new PJHL schedule, with the Timberjaks, Capitals, Silver Foxes and all three Saskatoon teams in action.

Pilot Butte and the Fort Knox will get their own seasons underway Saturday when the 2023-champion Storm and 2025-champion Knox square off in Fort Qu'Appelle. Game time is 7 p.m. at the Prairie Co-op Rexentre.

The Knox won two of their four exhibition games while the Storm finished 0-2.

The Storm's home opener is scheduled for Oct. 4 against the Silver Foxes.

Swan Song

Former Melville Millionaires' defenceman Cohen Swan laid claim to the first suspension of the 25-26 PJHL season with a one-gamer levied Sept. 17 after a fight the previous evening against Caden Stumpf of the Timberjaks.

The Timberjaks featured heavily on the remainder of the league's pre-season suspension list with four of their players suspended seven games in all for violations including removing a helmet during a fight, instigating a fight, head contact and intent to injure.

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Seniors champion

The Echo Ridge Senior Men's Golf Club wrapped-up their 2025 season on Thursday, Sept. 18 with a Championship Tournament, dinner and awards at Echo Ridge Golf Course. This year's winner for the Seniors Championship Low Gross was Gary Faubert (left), while Garnet Leib won Low Net.

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Gold medal

Addison Hamilton, Whitewood School competed at Districts for senior girls golfers on Thursday, Sept. 18 at Deer Valley Golf Course where she earned a Gold Medal and will now represent Whitewood school at the SHSAA Provincial Golf Championships in Kenosee this weekend.

CFL to shorten football field in historic move

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The Canadian Football League is making one of the most dramatic changes in its history by shortening the field, a move that will alter how the game looks and is played. Beginning in 2027, the traditional 110-yard playing surface will be reduced to 100 yards, with end zones shrinking from 20 to 15 yards and the goalposts shifted from the goal line to the back of the end zone. The announcement, unveiled by the league last week, is part of a broader package of changes designed to increase scoring and modernize the CFL while keeping its distinct identity.

League officials say the shorter field will encourage more aggressive play and reduce the reliance on long field goals. Moving the uprights back is expected to discourage conservative decisions and increase touchdown attempts, with the CFL projecting roughly 60 additional touchdowns each season once the changes are fully in place. Adjustments to how singles, or rouges, are awarded will also reshape the game. Under the new rules, a single point will not be awarded on punts or missed field goals that sail out of bounds in the end zone, or if a returner chooses not to run the ball out. The league says the change is meant to encourage more active returns and reduce easy points.

The rollout will happen in stages, with some rule changes to timing and single-point restrictions taking effect sooner, while the shortened field and goalpost relocation will be phased in by 2027.

Officials say the plan balances the need to modernize with the importance of giving players, coaches, and stadium operators time to adapt.

Roughriders' head coach Corey Mace was pragmatic when asked about the changes. "It'll mean adjusting how we use our receivers and how we defend in the red zone," he said. "The field's going to be a little tighter, but that just makes execution more important. At the end of the day, it's still football, and it's still the Canadian game."

Special teams could be among the hardest hit. Regina-born kicker Brett Lauther acknowledged that the Rouge restrictions will change strategy. "You won't just be able to boot it through the back and steal a point anymore," he said. "It'll put more onus on us to place kicks smartly and for return teams to be ready to run it out."

Reaction from fans across the province has been mixed. Traditionalists lament the loss of the iconic 110-yard field and deep end zones that defined the Canadian game for more than a century, while others welcome the move as a necessary evolution to keep the CFL competitive in a crowded sports market. Still, many believe the shorter field and new rules will make contests more dynamic, with fewer lulls and more dramatic finishes.

By the time the changes are fully in place for the 2027 season, the CFL expects scoring margins to widen slightly and offensive strategies to adapt. The league says attendance and viewership are already showing signs of growth in anticipation of the new rules. For Saskatchewan, where Rider Nation prides itself on tradition but also packs Mosaic Stadium week after week, the shift is a reminder that even in a league defined by its history, change is sometimes the key to survival.

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Fort Knox Hockey
Game Schedule

Home/Away Games
SEPTEMBER:
27– Pilot Butte Storm at Fort Knox 7 pm
OCTOBER:
03– Fort Kno at ExH Regina Caps 7:45
04– ExH Regina Caps at Fort Knox 7 pm

Pilot Butte Storm
Game Schedule

Home/Away Games
Regular Season
SEPTEMBER:
27– Pilot Butte Storm at Fort Knox 7 pm
OCTOBER:
01– Pilot Butte Storm at Rebels 7:30
04– Silver Foxes at PB Storm 7:45

Melville Millionaires Jr. A Hockey
Game Schedule

Home/Away Games
All Games 7 p.m.
unless otherwise stated
Regular Season
SEPTEMBER:
26– Humboldt at Melville
27– Melville at Humboldt
30– Nipawin at Melville
OCTOBER:
03– Melville at Weyburn
04– Weyburn at Meville 6 p.m.

Bowling Scores, Standings - Melville Bowl Arena

MONDAY P.M.
Sept. 22

Ladies' High Single and Triple, Angela Dobson, 200, 502. Ladies' High Average, Mary Lou Janiskewich, 149.

Men's High Single, Gordon Ostlund, 176. Men's High Triple and Average, Joe Wu, 541, 197.

Team High Single and Triple, Dobson 856, 2394.

Team	Pts.
Ostlund	10
Bender	7
Dobson	4.5
Stephens	2.5

MONDAY COMMERCIAL
Sept. 22

Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Brittany Boyarski, 272, 765, 230.

Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Destin Kohlenberg, 288, 684, 221.

Team High Single, Pinheads, 1325. Team High Triple, Professional Amateurs, 3767.

Team	Pts.
Blame it on Garry	10
Pin Heads	8
Professional Amateurs	8
Gutter Girls	5
New	5

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Sept. 16

Ladies' High Single, Linda Bender, 208. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Sherri Kaufman, 519.

Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Gordon Ostlund, 265, 634, 195.

Team High Single and Triple, Just 4 Fun, 1317, 3807.

Team	Pts.
Just 4 Fun	7
Drifters	5
A Team	3
CCj	1

TUESDAY YBC
Sept. 16

Girls High Single and Triple, Amzlee Patterson, 138, 380,

Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 168, 431.

Team High Single and Triple, Squishmellows, 934, 2597.

Team	Pts.
Squishmellows	6
Bowl Kings	2

THURSDAY YBC
Sept. 18

Girls High Single and Triple, Emmi Hollinger, 195, 535.

Boys High Single and Triple, Zachary Hollinger, 195, 535.

Team High Single and Triple, Wurts, 881, 2485.

Team	Pts.
Kohlenberg	5.5
Wurts	4
Hollinger	3
Curylo	3.5

SATURDAY YBC
Sept. 20

Girls High Single and Triple, Laura Smidt, 124, 322.

Boys High Single, Reid Morgan, 200. Boys High Triple, Rowan Morgan,, 483.

Team High Single, Bravehearts, 873, 2473.

Team	Pts.
Bravehearts	6
Everythings	4
Bowling Superstars	3
The Enders	3

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Kipling Senior Girls win tournament at home

By Connie Schwalm
Grasslands News

The Kipling School Senior Girls Volleyball Team hosted their home tournament last weekend. Twelve teams (Kipling Magyars, Indian Head Broncs, Redvers Rams, Whitewood Tigers, Moosomin Marquis, Esterhazy Warriors, Arcola Cougars, Winston Wildcats (Watrous), Lampman Grizzlies, Montmartre Eagles, North Valley Eagles (Lemberg) and the Regina Harvest City Reapers) took part in the two-day tournament.

Throughout the tournament the Magyars demonstrated their strength on the court and came out ahead of the Winston Wildcats in the third set of the final match for the win.

Broadview also hosted senior girls' volleyball matches on Sept. 22 which saw four teams from Broadview, Whitewood and Kipling play games.

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Broadview games
Senior volleyball teams from Broadview, Whitewood and Kipling competed in games in Broadview on Sept. 22.

CONNIE SCHWALM I GRASSLANDS NEWS

Getting the shot
It takes precise timing, strength and teamwork to make a shot like this happen, qualities which the Kipling Magyars consistently demonstrated during their home tournament last weekend.

Trio of locals tabbed for WHL Cup

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Three local products have been named to Team Saskatchewan for the upcoming 2025 WHL Cup tournament.

The province's 20-man roster for the annual under-16 hockey showcase was announced Sept. 17 and includes White City's Braden Nowoselski and Melville Millionaires' draft pick Carter Wiggins, while the coaching staff will include Vibank product Jack Flaman.

Nowoselski is a Saskatoon Blades' draft pick (second round, 43rd overall in 2025) who has helped his hometown Prairie Storm teams to a pair of provincial championships in the last three seasons.

With the U15 AA Storm last season, the left-shot defenceman had 49 points in 26 regular season games and 17 more through 10 playoff contests en route to the Hockey Saskatchewan title.

Two seasons prior he had 16 points in 11 post-season games, including the primary assist on Matthew Boekelder's double-overtime winner in the U13 AA championship game.

Wiggins was picked in the second round, 20th overall, of this year's Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League draft for 2010-born players.

The right-shot forward finished the 2024-25 season with 52 points in 28 regular season games, adding eight more in five playoff appearances.

And Flaman joins the team behind the bench after a playing career that included 168 games in the Western Hockey League, 53 in the SJHL and five seasons of university hockey with the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville, N.S.

The WHL Cup is scheduled for Oct. 22-26 in Red Deer, with Saskatchewan set to compete against teams from British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba.

Saskatchewan has won the event once in 11 tries, beating Manitoba for the gold medal in 2019.

Two Whitewood players on Pats

Four local players were listed on rosters posted online by WHL clubs the morning of opening night (Sept. 19) for the 2025-26 season.

Among them were 2007-born defenceman Reese Hamilton and 2007-born left winger Connor Bear, both from Whitewood and both suiting up for the Regina Pats alongside 2005-born over-age goalie Kelton Pyne of White City.

Bear was plus-1 with a shot on goal in Regina's season-opening 4-3 loss to the Swift Current Broncos while Hamilton had an assist in Saturday's 5-2 loss to the Medicine Hat Tigers.

Pyne did not dress for either game.

Poll meanwhile was a combined minus-1 and had two shots on goal during the Saskatoon Blades' home-and-home set with the Prince Albert Raiders, each team winning once.

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Obituary

Jean Gulash
Oct. 26, 1933 – Sept. 15, 2025

Jean Gulash (nee Kopan) was born to Nick and Ann Kopan (nee Rusnak) on Oct. 26, 1933. She passed peacefully on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, after a short convalescence, allowing time with family and friends to support her.

Jean started school in Insinger, moving with her family to Yorkton, where she completed high school. Upon graduation, she went on to complete her training at Yorkton Union Hospital as a Registered Nurse. She enjoyed her career as a nurse working in numerous hospitals and finally St. Paul Lutheran Home in Melville until retirement.

Jean married the love of her life, Ray Gulash, on June 14, 1958, at a small family wedding in Yorkton, SK. They made their home both in Melville and the family farm nearby where they loved and raised their four children.

Jean was an active member of All Saints' Anglican Church in Melville. She was very involved in the church, serving on the vestry, the ACW, as well as the Diocese of Qu'Appelle in many roles. She loved her church community and had many friends who spent time in the study of the bible, volunteering as needed to support others and planning the annual Church Bizarre and Bake Sale.

Jean is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Ray Gulash, her children, Kent (Gayleen), Gwen (Jim), Lyle (Wanda), and David (Roxane), as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law, Josh Mason, brother and sister-in-law Ken and Lynne Gulash, and many nephews, nieces, and extended family. She was predeceased by her parents, Nick and Ann Kopan, her sister, Vivian Mason, father- and mother-in-law Joseph and Helen Gulash, and sister- and brother-in-law Genevieve and Ernest Samborski.

Everyone who knew Jean was gifted with the presence of a person filled with kindness, caring, support, encouragement, conviction, compassion, and faith. She was a wonderful friend to all.

Donations in memory of Jean Gulash can be made to the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation.

Jean's funeral service was held Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at Matthews Funeral Home with Dave Hudy presiding. Interment followed in the Melville City Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.

MATTHEWS Funeral Home

Obituary

Joyce Diana Kydd
Feb. 6, 1927 – Sept. 15, 2025

Joyce Diana Kydd passed away on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, in her 99th year in Southeast Integrated Care Centre, Moosomin, SK, with family members at her side. She was born to Alexander and Jessie Marten Feb. 6, 1927, in Wapella, SK.

Joyce is survived by daughters Barbara Vennard, Whitewood; Allison Kydd (Kevin Whittingham), Indian Head; Janet (Leslie) Blackstock, Whitewood; Elizabeth (Myron) Shymko, Calgary; sons Hughie (Myrna) Kydd, Saskatoon; and Thomas Kydd, Saskatoon; grandchildren Greg (Esther) Vennard, and children Jordyn and Dylan; Shane (Shiela Waynert) Vennard and three daughters, Chelsea, daughter Addilynn, and Christine and Carrie; Diana (Chris Hurley) Kydd; Joy Yiannakoulias and children Scarlet Fire (Jesse) Powell, Kaeylarae Schmal with daughters Lyla and Clove Scarlet, Arie Schmal and Erasmus Schmal; Niko (Katie Davidman) Yiannakoulias and daughter Willow; Bobby (Ada Kalinowski) Yiannakoulias; Kate (Dan) Grunert, Clayton Blackstock; Zachary (Stephanie) Lawson and daughter Samantha; Cleo Lawson and sons Jacob and Ethan; Valerie Kydd, Bruce (Stefanie) Kydd.

Joyce was predeceased by her parents, Alexander and Jessie Marten; her husband, William (Bill); son Robert; daughter Frances; sisters and brothers-in-law Winnifred (Bill) Kerr, Madge (George) Bennett and Florence (Jack) Wilmot; brothers Lionel Marten, Guy and Ralph Marten, Cyril (Doreen) (Viola) Marten; Bill's family, Marjorie (Bill) Surridge, Ila (Johnnie) Miller, Tanyss (George) Nixon, Charles (Anna) Kydd and Jim (Mabel) Kydd.

Joyce was the last of her and her husband's generations, leaving behind many nieces, nephews and friends. She was loved and will be missed by many.

Joyce's funeral service was held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Whitewood, with the Rev. Cheryl Johnson officiating. Ruth Towill was the musician, Ewen Armstrong attended the guest book, and the eulogy was presented by Allison Kydd. Interment took place in the Whitewood Cemetery with Greg Vennard acting as urn bearer.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Whitewood and Melville.

MATTHEWS Funeral Home

Obituary

Joyce Hilton
June 3, 1942 – Sept. 14, 2025

Joyce Hilton (née Loftus), passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025 in Golden Prairie Home in Indian Head at the age of 83 years.

Joyce was born on June 3, 1942 in Lestock, SK. She grew up in East Coulee and Calgary, AB where she met her husband Ron Hilton. They married on June 27, 1964.

Ron and Joyce's first two daughters were born in Calgary and their third daughter after they moved to Edmonton. The family later moved to Olds, AB where Joyce pursued her Bachelor of Arts degree at Athabasca University and offered all of us an inspiring example of lifelong learning. They eventually moved to Swift Current and Joyce went on to study at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in Saskatoon and was ordained as an Anglican priest. Joyce served her first parish in Rosetown/Kyle and then at St. James Anglican Church in Regina.

Joyce's life was marked by devoted service to both her family and her faith. She took great joy in planning family meals, was an accomplished knitter who created treasured pieces, and was an avid reader who particularly looked forward to reading the annual Giller Prize finalists.

After retiring, Ron and Joyce moved to Indian Head, SK. Joyce was diagnosed with dementia in 2015 and moved into Golden Prairie Home in 2019.

She is survived by her sisters Alanna and Lynn; sister-in-law Brenda; daughters: Robin and partner Steve, Jennifer and partner Greg and Jillian and partner Greg; grandchildren: Chloe, Sophie, Daphne and Graeme; and several nieces and nephews. Joyce was predeceased by her husband Ron; sister Val; brother John; mother Gertie and father John.

Funeral service will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral in Regina, SK on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11:00 a.m. with the Very Reverend Father Mike Sinclair. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, 20 Eglington Ave. West, 16th floor, Toronto, ON M4R 1K8.

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Obituary

Dorothy Marie Topinka
Aug 30, 1945 – Sept. 12, 2025

On Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, Dorothy Marie Topinka passed away peacefully, with family by her side, at the age of 80 years.

Marie was born Aug. 30, 1945, and raised in Whitewood, SK. She married James (Jimmy) on March 15, 1962, living and raising their family in Whitewood until they moved to Regina in 1998, where she lived until her passing.

Marie was predeceased by her husband, James Topinka; her parents, Russell and Gladys Armstrong; parents-in-law Frank and Helen Topinka; grandson Kyle Redman; numerous aunts, uncles, sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins. She is survived by her children, Lucille (Lawrence) Boutin, Audrey (Garth) Fisk, Patricia (Philip) Friday, Brenda (Dean) Redman, Stella Cappis, Darla (Cory) Cook, Russell (Tammy) Topinka and their families.

A family graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Whitewood and Melville.

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Obituary

Delores Joy (Dufrat) Zimmer
1942 – 2025

Delores was born Aug. 8, 1942 and passed away Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 at the age of 83. She is survived by her loving husband Wayne Zimmer of 59 years.

Delores was born and raised in Angusville, MB, she worked briefly in Russell, MB and Regina, SK. She moved to Vancouver in 1965 and lived and worked in the Lower Mainland until 2005. Delores grew up as an outdoorsman and worked with her father on the farm rather than indoors with her mother and sisters. Delores loved camping and trout fishing throughout BC. When she got married, she became an excellent cook and baker and taught herself old-country dishes including cabbage rolls and perogies.

She was predeceased by her parents Bert and Nettie (Senko) Dufrat, her brother Emil and sister Bernice. She is survived by her sister Marjorie, in-laws Mary Dufrat, Bernice Mackowetsky, Ken, Malcolm and Mary Jane, Malvin and Elsie Zimmer; as well as many nieces and nephews.

We wish to thank the staff at Parkview Place in Enderby for their compassionate care during Delores' final days.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, 11a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Enderby, Father Anthony Ackerman celebrant.

Share condolences and memories of Delores through her obituary at www.fischersfuneralservices.com

Memoriam

HALYK – Edith, Sept. 27, 1991.
Mom and Grandma, even though you are not with us
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Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Councillor Brian Hardy and the Deboy's crew for their outstanding work and attention to detail during the recent road reconstruction. The project was completed with such care and efficiency that we experienced no inconvenience throughout the process.
–Lavern and Jan

I would like to thank my children and grandchildren for putting on an 80th birthday party at the Seniors Hall in Melville on Sept. 20, 2025. Thanks also to Jim and Janice for helping and also to other relatives, friends and co-workers (now and years ago) for coming and making it a beautiful day. Thank you everyone!
–Irene Shaw

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

Village of Lipton

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to The Local Government Election Act for the office of:

Council – Village of Lipton

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office will take place, and the following people are elected to Council by acclamation:

Glendon Lewis

Dated at Lipton, Saskatchewan this 19th day of September 2025.

Wanda Mcleod
Returning Officer

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 T*he 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

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Local students chosen for Sask. Youth Council

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

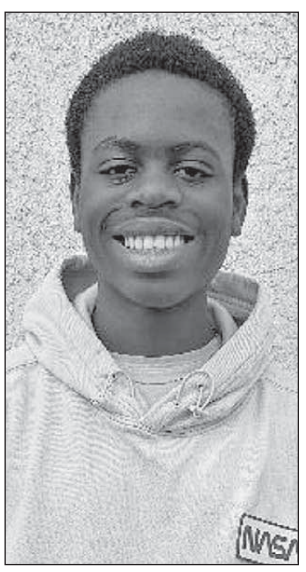
Three students from southeast Saskatchewan have been selected to serve on the province's 2025-26 Youth Council.

Education Minister Everett Hindley announced the 12-member council this week, saying the students are outstanding leaders whose perspectives will play an important role in shaping a responsive and positive education system.

Representing local school divisions are Alexander Frostad of Esterhazy High School in the Good Spirit School Division, Emma Windecker of Milestone School in the Prairie Valley School Division, and Jason Agomuoh of Sacred Heart High School in the Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division.

Frostad

Windecker



Agomuoh

Frostad is a Grade 12 student who enjoys golfing in the summer and playing hockey in the winter. He said he is excited to be a member of the Youth Council and is interested in learning more about government and policy on a big scale. He plans to pursue politics and law in post-secondary studies and as a career.

Windecker, also in Grade 12, tutors fellow students, assists with the junior choir and participates in multiple school clubs. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family at the lake, taking part in drama productions and trying new recipes in the kitchen. She said she looks forward to working with her peers across the province through her role on the council.

Agomuoh is a Grade 12 student who stays active by playing soccer, basketball, badminton and track and field. He also enjoys listening to music, studying the sciences and reading philosophy.

He said he is proud to represent his school and looks forward to sharing new ideas to help improve the school community for everyone.

The Youth Council was created in 2019 to provide a platform for students to share their ideas directly with the Ministry of Education. Members will meet with ministry officials throughout the school year to discuss curriculum, policy and student well-being.

Council members began their term earlier this month with an orientation in Saskatoon, which included discussions on the Provincial Education Plan.

Frostad, Windecker and Agomuoh join nine other students from across the province in representing the voices of young people in Saskatchewan schools.

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Town of Fort Qu'Appelle

Where as a poll is not required pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act* for the office of:

Councillor – Town of Fort Qu'Appelle

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

Councillor – Kory McNabb

Dated at the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle, this 18th day of September 2025.

Don. R. McLeod,
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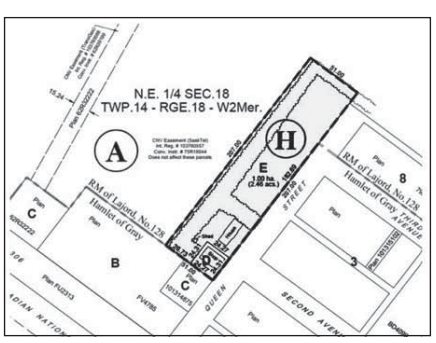
Public Notice

RM of Lajord No. 128
Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2022-13, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT: To amend the Zoning Bylaw by:
1. Rezone all those portions of Proposed Parcels D and E, in the Hamlet of Gray, as per the Plan of Proposed Subdivision by 20/20 Geomatics dated July 8th, 2025, from Agricultural District (A) to Hamlet District (H) as shown below.
2. Delete and replace the Zoning District Maps in Section 15.0 Zoning Districts Maps.



AFFECTED LANDS: NE 18-14-18 W2 (Parcel D & E) within the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128.

REASON: To add parcels to the Hamlet of Gray boundaries as hamlet property.

PUBLIC INSPECTION:
Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a Public Hearing on October 14, 2025, at 8 a.m. at the RM Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Municipal Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128, this 16th day of September 2025.

Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Form H
(Section 66 of the Act)
CHRIST THE TEACHER R.C.S.S.D. NO. 212
SCHOOL DIVISION ELECTIONS

Public notice is hereby given that nomination of candidates for the office of:

BOARD MEMBER: CHRIST THE TEACHER ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 212

	Number to be Elected
➢ **Melville – City at Large**	**1**
➢ **Sub-division No. 2 (Geographic area surrounding Melville)**	**1**

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Forms may be submitted:
a) personally by the candidate or by an agent (must also provide an 'Appointment of Candidate's Agent' form) to the Returning Officer's Office, 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton, Saskatchewan;
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c) by fax at (306)783-4992;
d) by e-mail to Delmar.Zwirsky@cttcs.ca

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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Village of Lipton

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The tenders will then be opened on October 29, 2025, at 7:00 pm the Council Chambers at the Village of Lipton Municipal Office, 201 Main Street, Lipton, SK.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS:

Property #1
Roll Number: 19
Assessment ID / Alt. #: 505001600
Legal Land Description (LLD): Lot 19 Blk 1 Plan 62666 Ext 0
Civic Address: 115 Ceylon Street
Zoning: Residential
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $3,400.00 and improvements (building) $40,500.00 for a total assessed value of $43,900.00.
Other Property information: SAMA rates it as fair. Needs repair as it has been vacant since 2017.

Property #2
Roll Number: 170
Assessment ID / Alt. #: 505015850-01
Legal Land Description (LLD): Lot 1 Blk 15 Plan ER1478
Civic Address: 902 Erin Avenue
Zoning: Residential
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the lands is $6,800.00.
Other property information: Corner lot, house has been removed so it is an empty lot that is serviced.

TENDER REQUIREMENTS:

Bidders are required to review the complete tender documents for important information regarding conditions of sale and responsibilities of the purchaser regarding property condition. Property photos will not be provided.

The tender must include a letter explaining the intended use of the property, as well as future plans for the property and a timeline to complete the plans. Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 % (percent) of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality, and a description of the bidder's plans for the property ensuring the purpose meets the requirements in the Village's Zoning Bylaw.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value according to the last returned assessment roll may or may not be representative of the current fair market value of the property.

This sale is governed by The Tax Enforcement Act.

The successful purchaser will be required to pay the full amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes or fees that may be applicable, including taxes and all title transfer and legal fees.

The Municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender and the tender documents is available through the Municipal Office.

For further information contact the Village of Lipton.

Wanda McLeod, CAO
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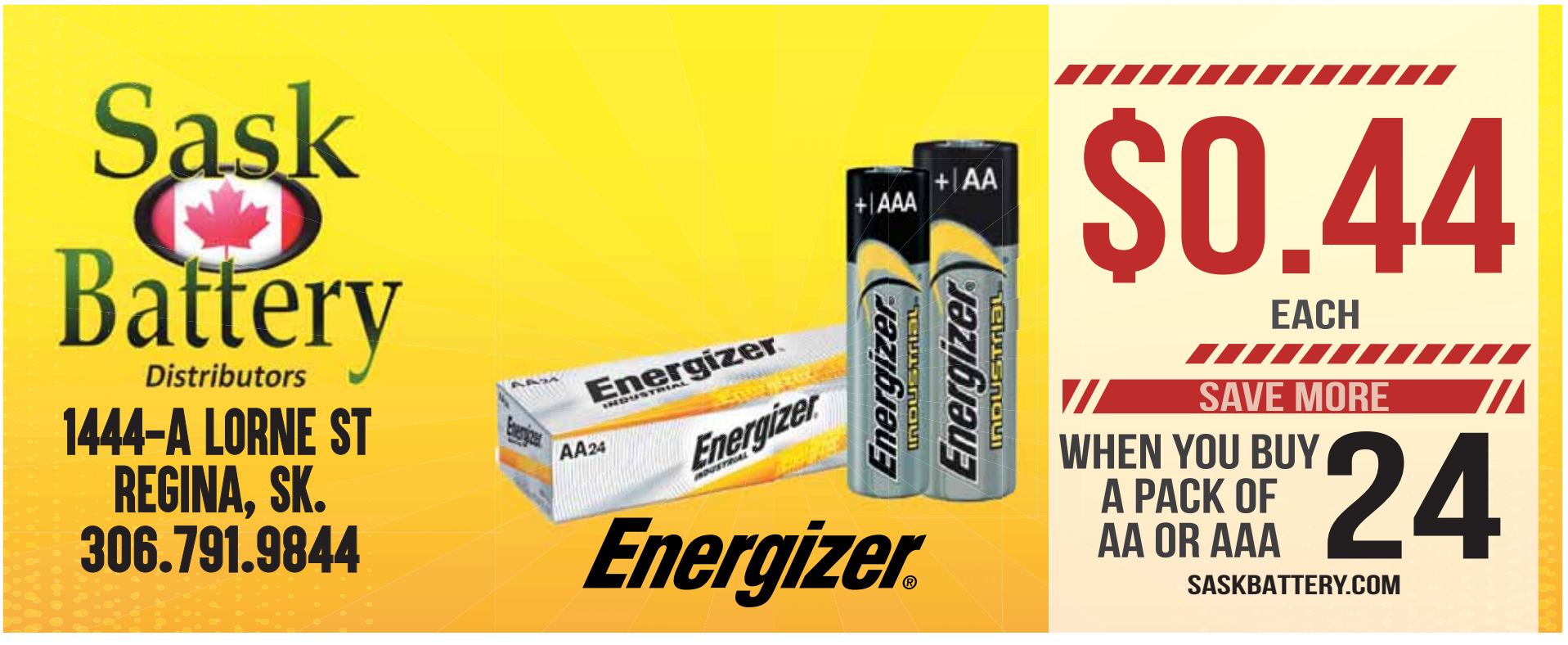

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