

Private rehab clinic again proposed for Fort San

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

A new developer wants to work with the Resort Village of Fort San to overcome any roadblocks that would prevent the old Prairie Christian Training Centre opening as The Calling Lakes Wellness Centre. But their proposal to operate it as a private health care clinic has so far fallen on deaf ears.

"We are committed to being part of the local community and being an economic stimulus to the area," the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Hellquist told The Times. "People want to see things happen with the building; they see the benefits."

The Calling Lakes Wellness proposal has been discussed in-camera by the village council which has denied the health care clinic a permit to occupy the building.

Mayor Jack Huntington was tight lipped when asked to explain the refusal. "I have no comment at this time," he told The Times.

The main lodge overlooking Echo Lake was built in 1954 and used by the United Church until 2014 when it closed and then sold to a private developer, James Archer.

An attempt by Archer to retool the building as the Pine Lodge Rehabilitation Centre was thwarted by community activist Jack Huntington who is now the mayor of the resort community. Huntington started the Friends of Fort San as a group to lobby against the rehabilitation centre and used his influence to get a seat on council.

Huntington was acclaimed as a councilor in 2021 and was able to neutralize former Mayor Steven Helfrick who supported the Pine Lodge development.

At the time Huntington argued that the 43-bed facility violated zoning bylaws. But the Municipal Development Appeal Board ruled that the proposed Pine Lodge development did not contravene the bylaw and fell "within the scope of a residential care facility."

Huntington appealed that decision but dropped the appeal after Pine Lodge found an alternative location in Regina.

It is understood that the resort village now claims that James Archer did not obtain the necessary permits to renovate the building. The RM's former assistant CAO, Gwen Lowe says if no structural walls were altered no permit would have been required. "As I recall they tried to get a permit to build the deck, but for basic renovations you don't need a permit." Hellquist says that to the best of his knowledge "multiple permits" were issued as work went along, but that no structural walls were altered.

Mayor Huntington previously argued that converting PCTC into an addiction treatment centre would lead to increased crime in the area, cause traffic congestion in the resort community and devalue surrounding property values.

"A wellness centre is not a jail," says Darlene Hincks, a member of the Calling Lakes Wellness Centre planning committee. "The property has just been sitting there when it could have been used as a lifeline to help people. Clients who use an addiction centre are there voluntarily and are professionally supervised."

Hincks also dispelled fears that a wellness centre attracts so called "undesirables" into the neighbourhood as groundless.

"Addiction is a health issue that is present in every community. The primary mission of the wellness centre is to offer a vital service to our community where those who are struggling with addiction can be treated close to their homes and family."

Anyone who wants further information about the proposed facility is asked to contact Steve Low at Steve@callinglakeswellness.com.



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Grounds inspection

Wayne Hellquist and Darlene Hincks inspect the grounds of the former PCTC that they want to see become a private "wellness clinic."

Work on Highway #10 to begin this fall

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways is investing an estimated \$17.2 million to improve Highway #10 between Melville and Fort Qu'Appelle.

As Grasslands News has previously reported, the project will include eight passing lanes. In addition to the passing lanes, the project will now include construction of turning lanes on Highway #10 at its junction with Highway #47 outside of Melville, installing culverts and a cattle underpass, crushing gravel, along with paving.

"Culvert installations are planned to begin in early November and expected to be completed by the end of April of 2026. Work is expected to begin this fall on construction of a cattle underpass," said the Saskatchewan

Ministry of Highways.

The Ministry says that the gravel crushing is also expected to be completed by the end of April 2026. In the spring of 2026, the passing lanes are expected to begin construction and are to be completed by the end of that year.

Project timelines are subject to weather.

"Motorists are reminded to check the Highway Hotline for updates at hotline.gov.sk.ca and when approaching road construction to please slow down, obey all signs and instructions to help ensure everyone gets home safely," said the Ministry of Highways.

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Auditor General finds major failings in CRA contact centres

Only 17% of questions correctly answered; taxpayers face long waits and wrong answers

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

A new report from the Auditor General of Canada has found that the Canada Revenue Agency is failing to provide timely or accurate service to Canadians who call its contact centres with questions about taxes and benefits.

According to the 2025 Report of the Auditor General of Canada on the CRA Contact Centres, released Oct. 10, only 18 per cent of calls to CRA's eight contact centres were answered within the agency's own target of 15 minutes during the 2024–25 fiscal year — far below the 65 per cent standard it set for itself. By June 2025, that number had fallen to just five per cent.

Callers who did reach an agent waited an average of 31 minutes, nearly twice as long as a year earlier.

The report paints a troubling picture of declining service as call volumes rise. The CRA received more than 32 million calls last year, but only about 10 million reached a live agent. Staffing levels also dropped by 22 per cent between 2024 and 2025, while complaints about service jumped 145 per cent since 2021–22.

Accuracy “shockingly low”

To test accuracy, auditors placed 167 calls between February and May 2025 with general tax and benefit questions. They found that CRA agents gave correct answers only 17 per cent of the time for individual income-tax questions, and about 54 per cent for business-tax and benefits inquiries.

The Auditor General also noted that only nine per cent of an agent's performance score relates to accuracy — most of their evaluation focuses on call

times and schedule adherence.

“This small emphasis on accuracy does not prioritize quality service,” the report stated, warning that taxpayers could face costly errors and missed deadlines when given incomplete or incorrect advice.

Technology and contract issues

The audit also uncovered major inefficiencies in the CRA's phone system, which is operated by IBM Canada under a Shared Services Canada contract. Originally valued at \$50 million over 10 years, the contract's cost ballooned to \$190 million as of June 2025 — with projections to reach \$214 million by 2027.

Auditors found that vendor invoices were paid with little verification and that key features such as real-time queue updates were never activated, leaving callers in the dark about their wait times.

CRA and government promise changes

The CRA agreed with all of the Auditor General's recommendations, pledging to overhaul its systems and improve response quality. The agency says it will launch a new Contact Centre as a Service (CCaaS) platform in 2026 and use artificial intelligence to support both callers and staff.

By late 2025, taxpayers locked out of their CRA

MyAccount will be able to reset their login online instead of calling. The agency also promised to shift more focus to training and accuracy in agent evaluations and coaching.

The Auditor General concluded that “the Canada Revenue Agency did not provide callers with accurate information in a timely manner regarding individual taxes, bene-

fits, and business taxes,” underscoring ongoing challenges for Canadians trying to get answers from one of the country's most frequently contacted government services.

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Report from the Legislature

As we move along in October, we feel the weather changing, harvest is wrapping up and the fall Legislative session has begun. We have been busy throughout the summer months travelling around the province, listening to our constituents, businesses, community organizations and others to hear what opportunities are available in our communities. The results of this

consultation can often inform policy direction of the government.

Some of our ministers have also been engaging outside of Saskatchewan on important files that will help keep our economy the best in Canada. Government Relations Minister Eric Schmalz, Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff and representatives of seven Saskatchewan cities as well as leaders of SARM and SUMA met with federal leaders in Ottawa recently on restoring cost-shared infrastructure investment programs. The provincial government and Saskatchewan municipalities

share the vision for stronger, safer communities not only for Saskatchewan, but across the nation.

The Provincial government made a commitment to the federal government that the province will contribute one-third of the costs toward a municipal infrastructure program. This funding is contingent on the federal government establishing a partnership to secure the remaining funding, which would include contributions from municipalities.

Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison will soon lead a trade mission to Mexico to strengthen our trade, research and investment ties. The mission will reinforce the province's international reputation as a reliable

supplier of high-quality food, feed and value-added commodities. This is in addition to minister Kaeding's recent mission to Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. The goal was to bolster trade relationships in the agriculture, mining, and energy sectors, while diversifying Saskatchewan's export markets.

Some have said that engaging outside of our province is a waste of time. We disagree. Our government will always support our farmers at home and abroad, forging new relationships and markets for our Ag sector.



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Whitewood

Zoom disruption forces early end to council's meeting

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

What was expected to be a routine Town of Whitewood council meeting on Tuesday night quickly descended into chaos after the public Zoom portion was hijacked by unknown individuals shouting vulgar profanities.

The October 21 meeting began as usual at 7 p.m., with council and administration conducting their regular business. However, shortly after the session began, the online feed—open to the public for viewing—was interrupted by several people who joined the call and began yelling offensive language and inappropriate comments.



“It’s unfortunate that something designed to give residents access and transparency was abused.”

—Mayor Chris Ashfield

Despite attempts by town staff to mute and remove the disruptive participants, the verbal attacks continued for several minutes, making it impossible for council to proceed with business. After consultation between the mayor and chief administrative officer, the decision was made to immediately terminate the public Zoom feed to restore order.

“It’s unfortunate that something designed to give residents access and transparency was abused in such a disrespectful and vulgar way,” said Mayor Chris Ashfield about the incident. “Council welcomes public participation when invited, but we can’t allow that kind of behaviour in any form—online or in person.”

The remainder of the meeting continued in-person with only council members and staff present, and a handful of online residents invited back to a separate meeting room. It’s not yet clear whether the disruption came from local participants or from outside the community, but town officials said they are looking into measures to prevent future “Zoom bombing” incidents.

Possible changes could include requiring advance registration for online access, enabling waiting rooms, or restricting public participation to viewing-only links.

“This type of disruption doesn’t just waste time—it undermines public trust and discourages open engagement,” said Ashfield. “We’ll be tightening our procedures so residents can still follow council meetings without the risk of this happening again.”

SaskEnergy Share the Warmth program returns

By Provincial
Grasslands News

In the depths of a cold Saskatchewan winter, a warm meal and a safe place to stay aren’t just comforts — they’re lifelines. SaskEnergy, through its Share the Warmth program, is once again offering grants of up to \$1,000 to support the community organizations that provide food, shelter, clothing and mental health services to our province’s most vulnerable people.

For the second straight year, SaskEnergy is committing a total of \$100,000 in Share the Warmth grants to community-based organizations that deliver essential

services and care during the coldest months of the year.

Applications for the 2025-26 Share the Warmth program are now open for charitable groups and organizations to apply for funding to support projects that align with the program’s goals. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2025.

In addition, to celebrate the continued success of the program, SaskEnergy will once again be hosting Share the Warmth Days in early 2026. These community events, which are held in collaboration with Share the Warmth grant recipients, recognize the work of charitable groups and

share even more warmth in Saskatchewan communities. More details about the upcoming events will be released at a later date.

Last year’s Share the Warmth program, in celebration of its 30th anniversary, provided grants to support 106 programs in 104 communities, which impacted more than 105,000 people in cities, towns, villages and First Nations across Saskatchewan. Share the Warmth has provided over half a million dollars to more than 500 projects province-wide since 2013.

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Rallies draw attention to ongoing negotiations

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

“Don’t delay! We need a raise!” and “Pay attention to retention!” chanted health care workers assembled in front of Golden Prairie Care Home last Friday morning. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 5430 organized the rally in Indian Head to highlight ongoing negotiations for a new collective agreement.

Lengthy Negotiations

CUPE Local 5430 was established in 2017 through the merger of five local unions into a single provincial union representing over 14,000 health care employees. These workers provide clerical, technical, nursing, support and plant operation services for hospital patients, long-term care residents and home care clients.

In January 2023, CUPE Local 5430 submitted a formal notice to the provincial government that it intended to begin negotiations since its members’ collective bargaining agreement expired at the end of March 2023. Government postponed bargaining until September 2023. Numerous meetings and discussions have taken place over the past two years, but the parties have not yet agreed on contract terms.

Wages and Other Priorities

To draw attention to the situation, the union hosted rallies outside the care home in Indian Head and in front of MLA Kevin Weedmark’s office in Moo-

somin on Oct. 18. Since negotiations began, similar rallies have been held at other government offices and health care facilities, including Broadview Hospital in April 2024.

A primary point of contention is wages. CUPE is advocating for increases to health care worker compensation that would keep pace with the cost of living. A graphic posted on the Facebook page for CUPE Local 5430 indicates that the cost of living in Saskatchewan increased 20.9 percent from 2017 to 2024, whereas health care workers’ wages only rose 7 percent.

“We’ve had years of zero [increase] for our health care workers,” CUPE spokesperson Tria Donaldson said. “When we’re looking at the western Canada averages for wages, we’re very far behind; we’re up to \$5 behind other jurisdictions for the same classifications. That makes it really hard to recruit people or keep people here.”

Along with wage increases, improved working conditions and staff retention are two major issues that CUPE and its members want to see addressed in a new collective agreement. CUPE and the NDP feel that the Sask Party government has emphasized staff recruitment but failed to explore viable options for retention, resulting in province-wide staffing shortages.

Donaldson stated that the government has proposed concessions like split shifts to mitigate the lack of staff, but the union and



CUPE Local 5430 Region 3 Vice President Darlene Gilewich speaks on behalf of health care workers at a rally outside Golden Prairie Home in Indian Head on Oct. 17

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its members feel that fails to address staff retention problems. Darlene Gilewich, Region 3 Vice President for CUPE Local 5430, explained that increased accessibility to training, particularly in rural areas, is considered a more viable solution. This would encourage local residents to pursue careers in health care and diminish the need to recruit staff from outside Saskatchewan. Donaldson and Gilewich both noted that fair wages and improved work environments would further support worker recruitment and retention efforts.

Opposition Concerns

Jared Clarke, MLA for Regina Walsh Acres and Shadow Minister for Rural and Remote Health, joined health care workers at the rallies last Friday. He blamed the Sask Party for the situation.

“We’ve got a crisis in health care. When you are understaffed, when you have an eightfold increase

in the number of hospital disruptions in the province since the premier has been in power, the system isn’t working well,” Clarke said. “One of the sad things I hear from health care workers is that they’re telling their children not to go into health care, and that’s so sad but that speaks to the state of things. That needs to change.”

He also spoke about retention and the need for a fair wage for health care workers, asserting that the government is showing disrespect to health care workers by delaying a deal that includes a raise.

“Government needs to recognize the value that these workers have brought to the health care system,” said the NDP Health Critic. “There’s an easy way that you can start showing respect to workers, and that’s getting a fair deal, getting those workers a raise and moving forward with other initiatives that will also help.”

Government Response

MLA Weedmark was in Moosomin when the rally took place outside his office on Friday afternoon. As the Legislative Secretary for Minister of Health Jeremy Cockrill and Minister of Rural and Remote Health Lori Carr, Weedmark took the opportunity to speak with the group.

“I was happy to meet with CUPE members at my office in Moosomin Friday. I adjusted my schedule to ensure I could meet with them, because I believe they deserve to be heard,” Weedmark told Grasslands News. “Many of those I met with are also my constituents. I invited them into my office, I listened carefully to what they had to say, and will share their thoughts with my colleagues. I thank them for sharing their viewpoint with me. We had a respectful, meaningful discussion.”

The MLA acknowledged that challenges to recruitment and retention of health care workers exist in Saskatchewan and other provinces. He cited the Health Human Resources Action Plan that is being used to address the staffing shortage. This includes a \$156 million investment to support recruitment, training and retention of health care workers this year. He stated that initiatives relating the Action Plan have led to the addition of “250 new and enhanced permanent full-time positions in nine high-priority occupations to stabilize staffing in rural and remote areas,” along with “hiring more than 450

hard-to-recruit positions in rural, regional, and northern communities.”

Weedmark expressed appreciation for health care workers and said negotiations are “making good progress.” He is committed to listening to constituents and health care providers, and is confident that a new agreement can be reached at the bargaining table.

Bargaining Continues

Along with CUPE Local 5430, two other health provider unions, SGEU and SEIU, have been seeking a new collective bargaining agreement since March 2023. The next stage of negotiations between all three unions and the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO), the government’s bargaining agent, are scheduled to begin on Oct. 20 in Saskatoon.

CUPE’s Gilewich said the union is not yet seeking arbitration since negotiations are still progressing. CUPE members have expressed interest in a strike, which would be decided by a vote of the members, but this is considered a last resort. In the meantime, CUPE says it hopes that government will truly listen to the perspective of health care workers.

“We’ve been very committed to reaching a deal at the table and we need them to come to the table with the same kind of commitment and to recognize that this is not just about our members, it’s about our health care system,” said Donaldson.

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Chief Taypotat named an Honorary Snowbird

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Chief Evan Taypotat of Kahkewistahaw First Nation was named an Honorary Snowbird last Friday morning.

The 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, commonly known as the Snowbirds, are based in Moose Jaw and serve as ambassadors for the Canadian Armed Forces. Fly-overs and demonstrations of various formations with CT-114 Tutor jets showcase pilots' exceptional teamwork and skill. The Society of Honorary Snowbirds was established to recognize individuals, both civilian and military, who particularly support the organization.

The Snowbirds finished their 2025 tour season with an airshow in California on Oct. 11 and 12, followed by a final show at their home in Moose Jaw on Oct. 17. Before the aerobatic display on Friday, Chief Evan Taypotat was inducted as an Honorary Colonel for the Snowbirds' squadron during a special ceremony.

Prior to his election as Chief of Kahkewistahaw First Nation in 2017, Taypotat served in the Canadian Armed Forces

with 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 and later retired with the rank of Captain.

"I am deeply honoured to have been chosen to support such a prestigious unit and the proud face of the Royal Canadian Air Force," Taypotat told Grasslands News. "Growing up as a young kid on Kahkewistahaw First Nation, opportunities like this felt distant and unattainable. But today, standing in this role, I feel immense pride and responsibility. I look forward to supporting the Snowbirds, serving as their bridge to the civilian world, and being a strong voice for them beyond the gates of CFB Moose Jaw."

Cultural elements, like an honour song by a drum group and a blessing by an elder, were combined with Air Force traditions during the ceremony last Friday. Guests at the presentation included Kahkewistahaw Councillors Cory Alexson, Michael Bob and Iris Taypotat-Scribe. Following Indigenous custom, they presented their chief with a star blanket. MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre Kevin Weedmark was also in attendance.



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Honourary Snowbird

Kahkewistahaw Chief Evan Taypotat (centre) was named an Honorary Colonel for the Snowbirds on Oct. 17.

Start to think about winter driving

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

As temperatures begin to drop, we want to put something on your radar: winter may not officially be here yet, but slippery roads and snowy commutes are just around the corner. As part of the October Traffic Safety Spotlight, SGI is encouraging

drivers to get a jumpstart on winter driving prep before the first flakes fall.

Early preparation ensures a safe journey on the road during our winter months. Some examples of preparing yourself include:

- Install winter tires if you can – they are the safest for driving on snow and ice. If that's not an option, consider using all-

weather tires.

- Ensure you have a snow brush, ice scraper and shovel in your vehicle to help clear your windows and lights after a snowfall, and to dig your car out if you get stuck.

- Pack an emergency kit with warm clothes, a blanket, traction mats, booster cables, a flashlight, flares, candles, matches, a tow rope,

nourishing food and a cellphone charger cable.

- Take the time to have your vehicle tuned up and make sure your block heater is in working order.

Once winter arrives, adjust your driving to match road conditions. Icy roads and blowing snow reduce traction and limit visibility, creating potentially dangerous driving conditions. Here

are some tips to follow this winter:

- Clear snow from your vehicle and make sure your windows are completely defrosted before driving.

- Slow down and give yourself extra time to get to your destination. Adjust your speed accordingly when conditions are less than favourable.

- Increase your following distance.

- Don't use cruise control on icy or slippery roads.

- Accelerate and brake gently.

- Be Alert and exercise caution around intersections.

Finally, check the Highway Hotline for road conditions in your area before you leave for your destination. If travel isn't recommended, stay off the roads.



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OPINION

“For the cause that needs assistance; for the wrong that needs resistance; the future in the distance and the good that we can do.”

I always said ‘never’ – but here I am!

I awoke this morning to thoughts of my reality, my life and my future – only to realize that my life had changed overnight. You see – I always said I would never become a sports fan (other than watching my children and grandchildren) and before I knew it, and just a few games later, here I am! I’m a sports fan!

You got it – I am now tuning into the channels that carry the Roughriders and the Blue Jays.

The Blue Jays were always a part of the family. A husband and a father who were faithful fans of watching a game that I would define as “a game that is like watching paint dry.” But their love of the sport instilled in me that the Blue Jays were a Canadian ball team that could be contenders against the often-bought skills of any of their competition. Even when my dad was lying in his hospital bed during his final days, he had to watch the Blue Jays and since there was no channel available on the television where he was situated, we found a solution and he watched the whole game on the tiny screen of my cell phone, and he was more than happy to watch his Jays!

That was a few years ago and he would have been so proud of this season’s Jays who secured 49 comeback wins during the regular season plus two more in the playoffs heading into Monday’s Game 7, only the second in franchise history. Just when it looked like they’d enjoyed the last of their comebacks in a season full of them, George Springer, still hobbled by the fastball off his right kneecap in Game 5, conjured up yet another moment of October magic, sending a sinker 381 feet to left field for a three-run homer as a crowd of 44,770 made Rogers Centre shake.

In that nail-biter Game 7 of the American League Championship Series, Toronto defeated the Seattle Mariners 4-3, sending the Blue Jays back to the World Series for the first time since 1993. And just like the players, the fans – “Now want it all!”

“Let’s go Blue Jays” was heard outside Rogers Centre on the streets of Toronto on Monday night as the Toronto Blue Jays now head to the World Series. It was the Blue Jays’ second time playing an ALCS Game 7 in franchise history — and their first time winning one. With the American League pennant under their belt, the Jays will square off against the defending champion Los Angeles Dodgers, with Game 1 set for Friday night at Rogers Centre.

So, I now confess, my Friday nights’ schedule is set to do what you say? Something I never do, and that is to watch sports! Saturday night will not be quite as intense when fans watch the Saskatchewan Roughriders host the B.C. Lions, a game that won’t change the standings of the Roughriders who have already received a bye in the first week of the playoffs.

I will admit that I still don’t understand all the calls or what constitutes the rules of a football game, but I know what a field goal and a touchdown mean and what a win, and better yet, a season of wins, can lead to.

Being that the Saskatchewan Roughriders have been based out of Regina since 1910 means of course I am a Rider fan, and a once-in-a-lifetime chance encounter with George Reed at Regina General where his true personality and his large but friendly demur both probably helped to stamp ‘green and white’ on me forever, even if I am not a devoted watcher of every game. Over the years, win or lose, just like most of our provincial citizens, I would have to say I am also ‘Saskatchewan Strong – Roughrider Strong!’

And now, as Rob Vanstone stated, “Once the CFL playoffs arrive, “the rest is history” will apply to the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Saskatchewan secured first place overall and the honour of playing host to the Western Final (Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m., Mosaic Stadium).

“The Roughriders have clinched first place for only the ninth time in team history. Only one home-field win, on Nov. 8, separates them from appearing in the 112th Grey Cup Game in hopes of capturing their fifth Grey Cup championship in franchise history.”

And I will proudly be tuned into that game, hoping for a win of course but still proud of our Riders no matter what the score reads when the clock runs out!

Win or lose from this point forward, the Jays and the Riders have provided us with some excellent entertainment and brought out some much-needed Saskatchewan and Canadian pride. It’s been quite a year. Best of luck to both teams and I’ll be cheering you on. Being a sports fan is kind of great!

- Elaine Ashfield



Amazon’s blip caused the world to flip

Alright, maybe the recent online snafu wasn’t actually an unrecoverable global catastrophe, but for some folks it sure felt that way. On Oct. 20, people around the world were subject to a few hours of panic as several online websites, retailers, and entertainment hubs were mysteriously unavailable. For a real-time comparison, three hours of downtime online roughly equates to 784 human years (disclaimer: I may have just made that fact up).

Whatever the scale, it was an extended, awful time for people who needed to get online RIGHT NOW! The culprit is believed to be DNS resolution not operating correctly at Amazon Web Services, which is essentially the process of converting a human-friendly domain name (google.com, for example) into a readable IP address (which looks like this: 142.250.71.100).

That glitch resulted in thousands of companies around the world facing issues as a lot of places rely on AWS to work smoothly around the clock. That meant a temporary ‘so long, Snap-

chat,’ ‘rivederchi Reddit,’ ‘farewell Fortnite,’ and of course ‘adios Alexa,’ to name a few.

Early numbers indicate more than eight million reports of people having issues with accessing websites, apps, games, and online banking, which could translate into billions of dollars in lost transactions.

Outages such as the one experienced in the wee hours of Monday are a stark reminder of how much we actually rely on the Internet in our lives. In an age of smart phones, smart cars, and smart houses, this is a reminder of how that intelligence remains delicate.

I was reading a book recently about a scientist who conducted various experiments with Artificial Intelligence to gain some measure of it’s true brainpower. Some of the tasks were simple, such as composing romantic pick-up lines – my favourite being, “you are a thing and I love you,” – which ultimately missed the mark. Another test was for AI to compose brilliant knock-knock jokes, also a resounding flop. The AI simply spit out various forms of whatever

jokes were fed into the system. An unintended bonus was a plethora of obscure poetry, but the knock-knock jokes failed miserably.

More alarming examples explored in the book were how navigation systems in self-driving vehicles mistook a human for other objects, leading to serious collisions.

Perhaps this ‘online blackout’ event is another example of why it is so great to live where we do. Saskatchewan may have bitter cold snaps in the winter, and mosquitoes the size of a Buick, but for the most part, I’m confident we could withstand an online outage long term. We still have strong ties to our agricultural roots; our ingenuity well intact. If the Internet went down permanently, I’m sure we would come through relatively unscathed as a province.

Granted, I will miss Duolingo, which was down for a couple hours Monday morning. My language learning being temporarily inconvenienced seems to be the only negative side effect in our household!

- Ryan Kiedrowski

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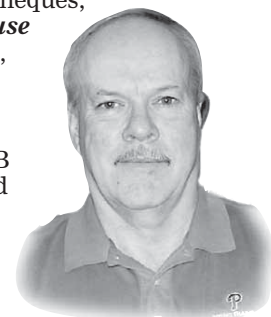
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Gene Hauta

It's a Strange World

After decades of giant cheques, **Publishers Clearing House** has filed for bankruptcy, and, more importantly, abruptly ended lifetime payouts for its 'forever' sweepstakes winners. ARB Interactive, a Miami-based mobile gaming firm that recently acquired PCH's assets, announced it will not be responsible for payouts to winners who claimed their prizes before



July 15. Annual revenue for the company has fallen in recent years from \$854 million in 2017 to \$182 million in 2023. John Wyllie, 61, of Washington, a 2012 winner, was expecting \$5,000 a week for life. He only found out PCH was in trouble when his \$260,000 annual check failed to arrive in January. Now, he's selling his possessions and job hunting after a decade out of the workforce. When it filed for bankruptcy in April, the company reported up to \$100 million in liabilities with only up to \$10 million in assets, and \$26 million still owed to prize winners. That, in a word, would suck!

French President Emmanuel Macron got what the New York Post describes as an **"authentic New York experience"** on a trip to the UN. That would be the same meeting where, frankly, Trump embarrassed himself with another rambling 'word salad' as it was described. Anyway, Macron's limo got caught in traffic when the streets were shut down for Trump's motorcade. Macron actually phoned Trump and asked for a solution, and none was forthcoming. Macron and his entourage ended up walking to the French embassy.

Witnesses in Prince George, BC leaped to the defence of a person pulled over by police. "He didn't look like he was speeding to me," said one witness, who videoed the incident. The officer duly recorded vehicle information on the resulting citation — vehicle make: "Power Wheels"; model: **"Barbie Jeep"**; color: **"Pink"**; license plate: "None". It seems that Kasper Lincoln being pulled over by police simply for being on a busy road. He had borrowed the toy electric car from a friend's daughter for a run to the store. Adding to the situation was the fact that his license was suspended and he appeared drunk. His advice for others? "Don't drink and drive." Randy Cassingham had advice for the little girl. "Never lend your car to obdviors."

A man took part in an **unusual bike ride** in the Netherlands to promote prostate cancer awareness. Ian Ashmeade, 67, is part of the Haddenham Easyriders cycling club in Cambridgeshire and in 2023 they saw an art installation of a six-metre high (20ft) polar bear peeing into a canal in Amersfoort, designed to highlight climate change. That bear has since been removed, so when the club visited the same canal this year, Ashmeade dressed as a polar bear and re-enacted its bodily function with the help of a mechanical device. He and one of his friends have been undergoing treatment for prostate cancer and he wanted to promote awareness of the symptoms by handing out leaflets. The original bear was moved to another area after locals complained about the noise of the tinkling water keeping them awake!

Cate Daniels went to Glendale (Calif.) Memorial Hospital. She was in and out in 45 minutes. The charge to her credit card was **\$7,829 ... just for parking**. The attendant said her car had been there for weeks. The machine went even further; it said three years. "We were made aware of a billing error by the parking company that resulted in an over-charge for one guest," Glendale Memorial said in a statement. "Once notified, the parking company promptly acknowledged the mistake and began processing a refund." Daniels got the check and said she was glad to hear they were going to install a new machine. Anthony Cohen sniped, "Now install a new medical billing system."

Two 17-year-old Chinese teenagers, Wu and Tang, were eating at a Haidilao chain restaurant in Shanghai, and did something stupid. They climbed on a table and **urinated into the hotpot**. It got even more idiotic when they posted the video on social media. Haidilao apologized, saying they have replaced all the tableware at the location, and completely sanitized the restaurant. There is no suggestion that anyone consumed the contaminated broth but Haidilao had offered to pay thousands of diners who dined at the restaurant in the two weeks following the incident. They refunded the cost the meals served that night, and added 10 times that amount in compensation, to all of the 4,109 customers. The restaurant went after Wu and Tang, seeking over 23 million yuan (US\$3 million) in damages. A judge ruled in favor of Haidilao, but awarded only 2.2 million yuan (US\$308,000). "This must be the **most expensive pee in history**," a social media commenter said.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town of Whitewood Council meets at the town office. Upcoming Council Meeting Date: Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held via Zoom. Please contact the office to get access information 306-735-2210.

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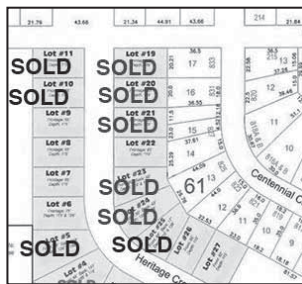
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The Town office is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have an event you want advertised please email the town office with your dates.

- **Every Second Friday – 5 to 9 p.m., – Legion Chase the Ace**
- **Public Skating & Stick n Puck have been added to the arena schedule; please check online or call 306-735-4415**
- **Saturday, Oct 25 – Harvest Recital at Whitewood United Church at 2 p.m. – Free admission**
- **Pumpkin Carving Contest – deadline November 1, 2025, to submit your pictures – contact kim.dawson@borderland.crs**
- **Whitewood Legion's Christmas Craft Market – November 30 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. – Soup and Sandwich starting at 12. Contact Liz 306-853-7615**
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The town staff will still continue reading meters every three (3) months. This is the best way to be sure that readings are accurate each month. Town staff will be reading meters near the end of December.

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SARM president worried for farmers on Canola Tariffs

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

For the most part, harvest is over.

This is the point in the season when farmers look forward to reaping the reward for the work they've done.

But for many canola producers in Western Canada, even those who brought in a bumper crop, this harvest has yielded uncertainty.

That uncertainty, caused by retaliatory Chinese tariffs on canola oil, meal and seed, is something that according to SARM president Bill Huber, has left many farmers in this province without the cash flow needed to cover their basic financial commitments.

"Canola is one of the biggest crops grown in Saskatchewan, and right now producers haven't

been able to move it," says Huber. "Since the imposition of the tariffs, stemming from Ottawa's dispute with China over electric vehicles, not a single shipment of Saskatchewan Canola seed, oil or meal has gone over to China.

"I've been involved in the Agriculture Industry as a farmer for 55 years, and in all the years that I've been farming, this is the first year we haven't sold a bushel of canola seed off the combine," he explains. "The tariffs came into effect against oil and meal in March and that dropped prices anywhere from \$1-\$2 per bushel at that time. As producers, we're both realistic and optimistic. We were thinking that this would get resolved eventually. So, a lot of producers were reluctant to forward price canola off the combine for delivery in September like we usually do, hoping the tariffs would be relaxed or removed and we'd have some movement. But that hasn't happened.

"Most grain companies today are not even offering a bid on canola seed. There are some opportunities for delivery to crush plants in Yorkton, Clavet or wherever a producer chooses. But some of those markets have seen the delivery dates pushed back. So, the op-

portunity isn't there for immediate delivery.

"This means that producers are getting strapped for cash flow. A lot of them have mortgages to pay. Crop input costs this spring were the highest they've been in my lifetime. Operating loans must be kept up to date and paid down. And right now producers are facing a challenging time - maybe one of the worst that we've seen in the last 10-20 years. There's going to be a lot of red ink on a lot of balance sheets this fall."

Huber fears this may be enough to prompt some producers to walk away from what may seem to have become an increasingly unstable livelihood.

"Farmers, like any good businessman, must look at their bottom line when making decisions. They know what their cost of production is and they're unwilling to sell under that cost of production - because whether it's fixed or variable, their cost of production is a commitment that must be met, or they won't be in business very long.

"In a lot of places in the province we had excellent crops - one of the biggest crops in Canadian history. And globally we're above average production. For those with a bumper crop, even though the price isn't great, if

they could move some of that canola it would help their cash flow. But in the west, west central and southwest parts of the province where there is ongoing drought, producers struggled to reach crop insurance minimums, and those crops have been written off.

"That leaves us in a position where we could possibly lose some younger producers that are carrying substantial debt. Land prices are high, which is great for the balance sheet. But there are young producers, especially in those areas suffering from drought, that think there has got to be a better way of making a living and are deciding to move on."

This week, Huber says that he and other representatives from SARM hope to convince the Federal Government of the need to act now to resolve the situation, through face-to-face meetings with top-level officials.

"The Canola industry adds \$43.7 billion to our economy in Canada. That's huge, and all of that economic activity is being lost. There are also 206,000 jobs and over \$16 billion in wages paid out to those people that could be impacted by this. This situation simply can't continue.

"We at SARM are headed to Ottawa this week, as we do every year in late October, and we have meetings set up with the Minister of Agriculture, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister Kody Blois. So, we will be meeting with some key people, and we hope to convince them how the canola industry is important not only to producers and to the province, but to the country as a whole."

Unless the Federal Government is willing to do the work necessary to resolve the situation, Huber warns that the industry could begin to

crumble.

"I don't see canola going out of production in western Canada, but I do think there will be a decrease in acres, which will impact our GDP. And it's important to remember that there are more crush plants being built and others in the planning stage - but the companies behind those crush plants are pulling back because they don't know what the future holds. So, we're looking at losing that investment and those jobs," Huber says.

"If the Prime Minister is going to continue to talk about 'One Canada - One Great Nation' then he cannot forget about the west. This is one of the

most challenging times that we've had, and it's disappointing that we haven't seen our Prime Minister, Trade Ambassadors or our Agriculture Minister in China - not just for an hour or two - but for the time that it might take to hammer out a resolution to these tariffs. It's not an easy process. But they must work on it and come to some kind of resolution.

"Farmers in Saskatchewan are a resilient bunch. We keep going. We're committed. But we need the Federal Government to be committed to getting these roadblocks out of the way, so we can get back to doing what we do best."

Kronau Museum hosts Fall Supper at Fancy Fork

By **Ashley Scarfe**
Grasslands News

Kronau Marvelous Museum and Creative Corner held their Fabulous Fall Feast at the Fancy Fork Cafe and Bistro in Emerald Park last Sunday.

The Fall Feast is held annually to raise money to help with operation and maintenance costs at the Museum. Approximately 60 people gathered at the Bistro to enjoy a turkey supper, test their luck with the 50/50 raffle and bet on items for the silent auction.

Around \$600 was raised to support the museum who says they value both the support of those in attendance, but also the Bistro who has partnered with them for the annual event.



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Fall supper

Around \$600 was raised from a Fall Supper held at the Fancy Fork to support the Kronau Marvelous Museum and Creative Corner.

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AG slams First Nation progress

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

A new report from the Auditor General of Canada has found that Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has made unsatisfactory progress on more than half of the recommendations issued over the past decade to improve essential programs for First Nations — despite an 84 per cent increase in departmental spending since 2019.

The Follow-up on Programs for First Nations report, tabled in Parliament this week, reviewed ISC's response to 34 recommendations from six previous audits conducted between 2015 and 2022. Those audits covered areas such as health care, drinking water, emergency management, and education.

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) found progress unsatisfactory on 18 of 34 recommendations, indicating that despite nearly \$24 billion in annual spending, many First Nations communities still face significant gaps in services and outcomes.

"Significant challenges remain in improving services and program outcomes for First Nations communities," the report states, warning that long-standing problems continue to persist.

The OAG identified four systemic barriers hindering progress: a lack of sustained management attention, unclear service levels, insufficient support for community capacity, and a "passive and siloed" approach that burdens communities with complex funding and reporting systems.

Drinking water & health care still lagging

The report highlighted that despite a federal commitment to end all long-term boil-water advisories by 2021, 35 advisories remained active as of April 2025, including nine that have been in place for more than a decade. A proposed First Nations Clean Water Act (Bill C-61) was stalled when Parliament was prorogued

in January 2025, leaving communities without enforceable drinking water protections similar to those in provinces and territories.

Health services in remote communities also continue to lag. ISC has not assessed whether residents in remote First Nations receive health services comparable to those in similar non-Indigenous communities since 2016, and the department still faces a 21 per cent vacancy rate among its 223 health-care positions. The audit also found that ISC failed to evaluate the impact of its oral health programs or modernize dental service coverage under the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program.

Emergency management gaps

The report noted regression in emergency preparedness. The number of emergency management agreements between Ottawa and provinces fell from six in 2022 to four, while wildfire agreements dropped from six to five. Only Ontario has established service standards for First Nations evacuations. "Without standards, there is a risk that First Nations will continue to face uncertainty and inconsistency in the level and quality of emergency services," the report warned.

Department pledges improvement

In its response, ISC said it remains committed to "transformative change" in partnership with First Nations. The department said 147 long-term and 311 short-term boil-water advisories have been lifted since 2015 and pledged to reintroduce clean water legislation in fall 2025. It also committed to advancing multilateral emergency management agreements and improving local capacity.

Auditor General Karen Hogan concluded that unless Ottawa addresses these long-standing barriers, Canada will continue to fall short of its commitments to reconciliation and equality for First Nations people.

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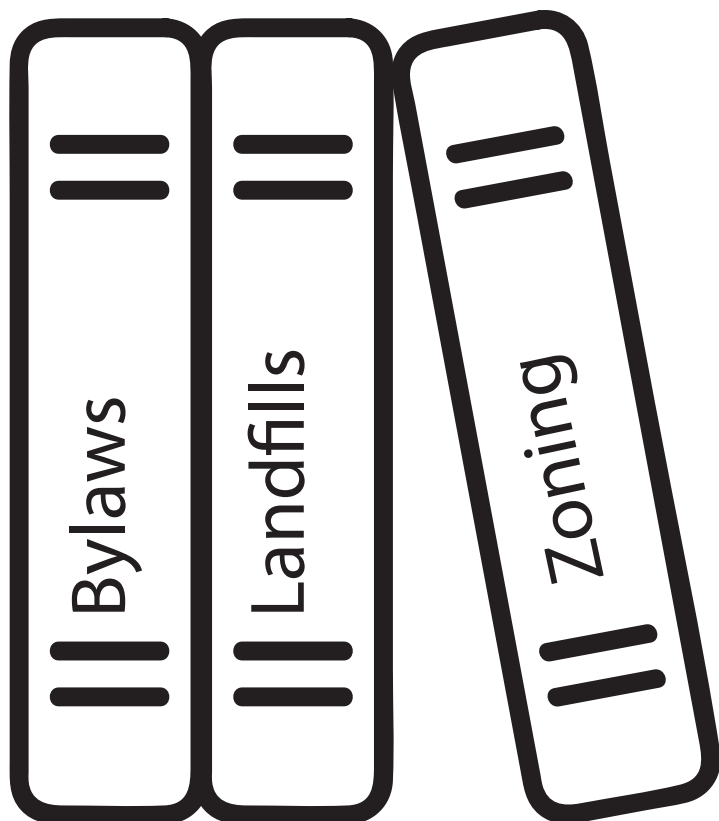
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International Credit Union Day is marked at local area branches

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

For the past 77 years, Credit Unions around the world have been celebrating International Credit Union Day on the third Thursday of October; not only marking a milestone but showcasing uniqueness as well.

"It's just to recognize that we do banking differently, we are cooperative, and we offer different value proposition to our members," explained Celina Philpot, CEO of Conexus Credit Union. "We collectively celebrate that at a global level, which is pretty unique that we have this shared seven cooperative principles, and that is core to who we are - even at a global stage."

This year's theme was 'Cooperation for a Prosperous World,' one that recognizes the connectivity of a modern banking reality but also pays homage to the genesis of the ideals credit unions have always maintained.

"The cooperative movement came out of people trying to solve a problem collectively that wasn't being solved," Philpot said, noting the role credit unions played in our province as an

example. "In Saskatchewan, the large chartered banks had no interest in supporting farmers when things were tough. So communities within themselves gathered together and said, 'collectively, we can solve this problem.' It goes back to that thinking of 'Cooperation for a Prosperous World' - we will create the prosperity that we need for our community. When we come together, people can solve big problems."

There are more than 411 million Credit Union members in over 74,000 branches through 104 countries around the world. However, the number of people without a bank shows there is still work that needs to be done. There are currently 1.4 billion people around the world who are unbanked for a multitude of reasons.

"Financial services are something that's a little bit difficult to wrap your head around," Philpot said. "Some of us had really good role models at home, and some didn't have strong role models to help us build a solid and respectful relationship with money. There are things to be learned, and we're here to support

our members wherever they're at - if they need that basic understanding, we're there to support. If they're more sophisticated in where they would like to plan and how they want to build wealth, we can do that, too. We walk alongside our members to help them achieve their definition of financial success."

This year, the big merger between Conexus, Cornerstone, and Synergy Credit Unions certainly stands out as a historic event. Effective Jan. 1, 2026, the new entity will retain the Conexus name and hold some \$15 billion in assets with over 200,000 members through 57 branches in 50 communities across Saskatchewan.

"It's progressing well," Philpot said when asked how some of the less visible tasks associated with such a large merger are going. "We are still working through a lot of our planning. There's some legal and regulatory requirements that need to be satisfied as we approach that (Jan. 1) date, so we're working actively to address those things first and foremost, and then also working through the plans as to when we're going to inte-



Credit Union Day

Iris Krall and her 10-month-old daughter Tatum were well treated by Ft. Qu'Appelle Conexus employees' Aaron Jacob Sam, Rhonda Moodie and Chantel Schultz.

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grate systems, when our members can expect services amongst the three partner credit unions. Those are all the details that we are still working through and yet to be finalized."

The decision to merge culminated with a member vote that noted around 86 per cent in favour of joining forces, making Conexus the largest Credit Union in the province.

"One of our cooperative principles is the members' right to independent voting," Philpot said. "We got to exercise that with them in real-time in June when we put the question to them, 'do you think it's a good idea for our three partner credit unions to merge?' And they came out and overwhelmingly gave us a strong mandate to move forward with the merger. That's how our members make a differ-

ence." Such a strong showing certainly confirmed that merging would be the correct course of action.

"It always feels empowering when you have a strong mandate to move forward, because it is important to our members as their Credit Union in every sense of the word, and we want to just continually drive value to them," Philpot told Grasslands News.



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Fort Qu'Appelle Lions support healing hospital

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Jerry Whiting, President of the Fort Qu'Appelle and District Lions Club, presents a cheque to Sonja Mayo, head of All Nations Healing Hospital X-ray department. The \$16,110 was raised through the annual July 1 Pelican race and will help

pay for the installation of the hospital's new \$350,000 x-ray machine.

The Lions have also contributed to beds for the hospital's new Indigenous cultural health care clinic which opened earlier this month.

"It isn't just about the money," says Gail Boheme, Executive Director of the All Nations Healing Hospital "We are grateful for the community support."

Erickson completing his dad's work

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

When Roy Erickson started doing maintenance work at the Fort Qu'Appelle Museum 10 years ago, he was unaware of his father's sig-

nificant connection to the heritage site.

Roy was only 13 years old in 1957 when his father Carl – who was then Fort Qu'Appelle's Mayor – was responsible for setting up council's first "culture and folklore committee" which, according to accounts of the day, was started to buy McDonald House "the stately brick structure that was once the palatial residence of the last factor of the Hudson Bay Company."

Minutes from the Town council meeting in February 1957 also show that once the folklore committee had been established Humphrey Bartlett, a long-time supporter of the museum who died in 2023 petitioned council "to place a caveat on the McDonald House property to ensure that it would not be altered or destroyed." Bartlett back then is on record as asking council "to explore the possibility of obtaining grants from the provincial museum to see if the town might buy the property," which at the time was being used as an annex to the old Fort Hotel.

It took 68 years but with the help from the present Fort Qu'Appelle Town Council the museum was

able to buy the house this year.

Today Roy Erickson is the superintendent in charge of cleaning up the property and integrating the historic house into the Heritage Museum next door,

"It came a surprise to learn of dad's efforts to save the building so long ago," Erickson told The Times, "I had no idea. I've always been interested in old buildings. I didn't know anything about dad's connection. After I retired, I wasn't doing much of anything, so I volunteered to work at the museum."

He takes satisfaction and a certain amount of pride in knowing that he is able to complete one of the many projects his father started.

"I'm not in this alone. There are so many volunteers who have pitched in to help. It would be unfair to single out any two or three individuals."

Asked whether knowing what he now knows he would ever consider following in his father's footsteps and run for a seat on council, Erickson just laughed.

And then he laughed even louder at the suggestion.



Erickson

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Roy Erickson's father Carl spearheaded the drive to have the town buy McDonald House 68 years ago.



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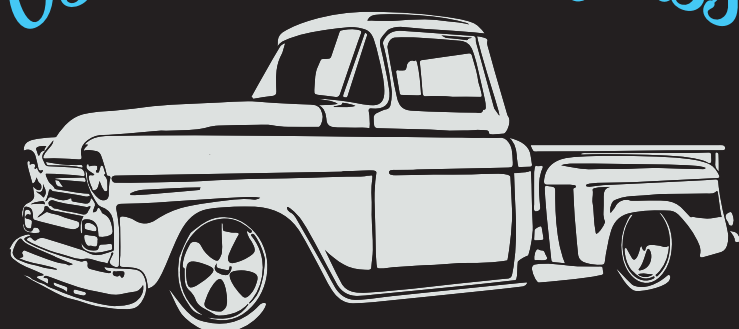


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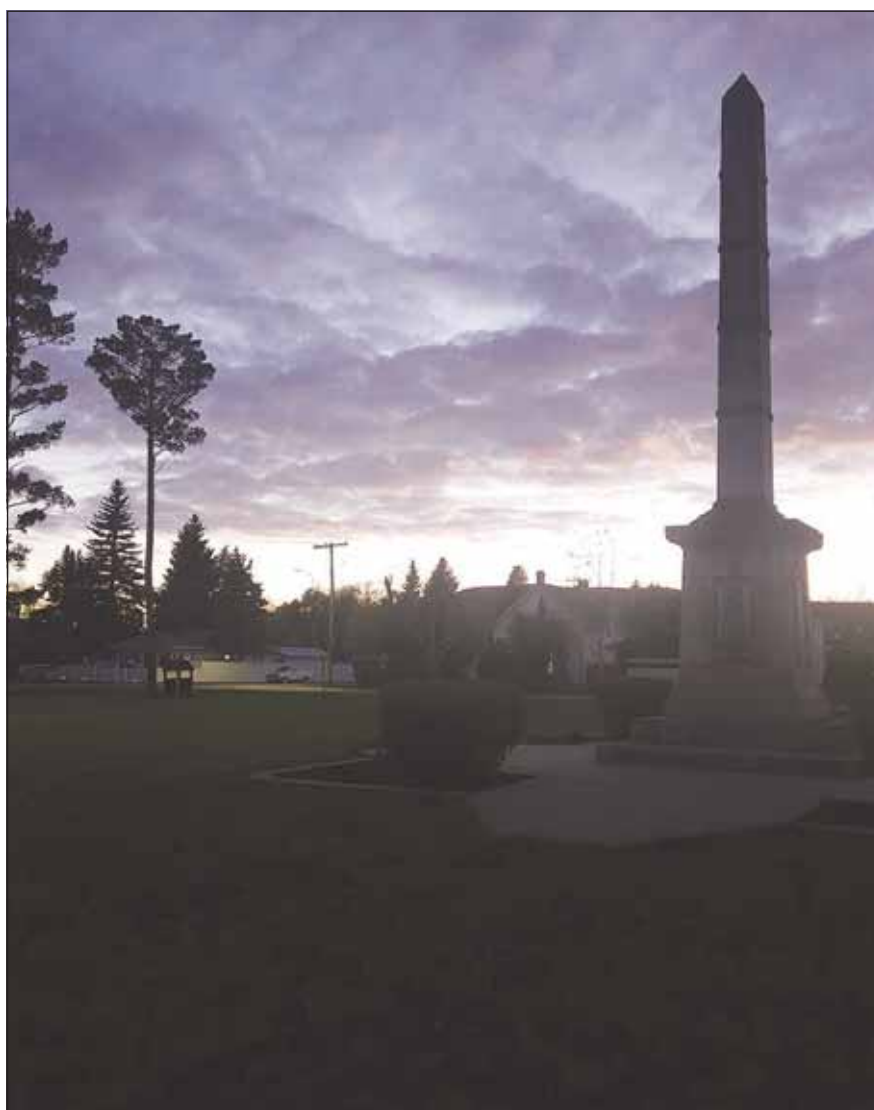
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SPORTS

Mexican player says 'hola' to the Steelhawks

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

When one thinks of hockey powerhouses by country, Canada obviously tops the list; followed by the Americans and Scandinavian countries, but Mexico doesn't immediately come to mind. Hockey is considered a minor sport in Mexico where Futbol is king, but popularity in the largely winter sport is increasing.

"It is not so popular because it is not a very recognized sport," said Vladimir Couoh, a 19-year-old forward from Mexico City who dons a Moosomin Steelhawks' jersey in their inaugural year. He's also the Prairie Junior Hockey League's only Mexican-born player, but one thing that remains consistent between the two nations is the level player development.

"It changes a bit depending on the training and the system," Couoh said of the Mexican hockey program. "So, the training sessions are a bit more hectic, and we're almost never standing still."

There are 16 hockey rinks across Mexico including the cities of Puebla, León, Monterey, Querétaro, and Mexico City with the semi-professional Liga Mexicana Elite de Hockey being the highest level of competition in the country. That league also happens to be home to the Mayan Astronomers of Mexico City; the team Couoh spent last season with earning nine goals and three assists in 12 games. He also currently sits as the team's all-time points per game leader.

"I lived near an ice rink, and a friend of my dad invited me to watch a women's national team game and from there I started playing hockey at the age of eight," Couoh told Grasslands News.

As for his first impressions of Moosomin, Couoh has certainly received a warm welcome.

"I've been here for almost a month, and they're all very nice people," Couoh said. "They're all very nice people, especially my (host) family."

Couoh has also been impressing coaching staff with his on-ice work ethic as a Steelhawks, ranking in the top five points leaders for the team in their first seven



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Unique player

Halcón de acero (Steelhawk) – Vladimir Couoh is the PJHL's sole Mexican-born player, donning a #16 Moosomin Steelhawks jersey this year.

games of the year.

"He definitely exceeded our expectations," said Head Coach Blake Martyniuk. "I wasn't necessarily sure what to expect - I saw a video on him, and I didn't know how his game would translate. I feel like our hockey is a little more physical."

"He brings it every single shift," Martyniuk continued of Couoh. "Couldn't be more proud of him and how hard he works all the time. He is an example for sure

of what we need from hopefully all of our players that wear the jersey this year and for years to come."

Teams in the Prairie Junior Hockey League can bring in up to six players from outside the country, although import players do require some extra footsteps through Hockey Canada and Hockey Saskatchewan.

"They could be Mexican nationals, they could be U.S. citizens - it doesn't really matter the combination, but it's a max of six," Martyniuk explained. "Hockey Canada's involved because his player card belongs to Mexico, and Mexico would have to release him to Canada, and then he'd have to be registered with Hockey Sask and then register with our team in our league. It's a little bit of a process, but definitely fortunate to have him and glad it wasn't too difficult at the end of the day."

This first part of the PJHL season is a bit chaotic with players moving laterally through the league, and up to the Junior A level as well.

"It's one of those bittersweet moments where we're doing our job and advancing players, which people want to see and what we're here to do, but we got to have a card to replace player in that situation, too," Martyniuk said.

Rocky Intro for Steelhawks

With this being their first year in the PJHL, Martyniuk is pleased with the start the Steelhawks have had - beginning the regular season without the benefit of some exhibition games in advance.

"I'm very proud of the team, of each individual for how far we've come," he said. "We practiced every day for two hours for almost three weeks leading up to our first game. We learned a lot in our first week, and I think a lot of nerves - like I said, a lot of players hadn't played junior before - but really settling in."

With two wins, four losses and one overtime loss under their collective belts, it's been a learning curve thus far. However, Martyniuk is confident that the boys will bounce back as the season progresses.

"We got some points this past week, maybe especially the Saturday game against Fort Knox coming back and taking them to overtime," he said in an interview on Oct. 15. "And although we didn't win, I think it was still a nice step in the right direction for this group. We're pretty banged up, too, in terms of injuries, but the way that everybody kind of came together, everybody's chipping in and stepping up, I couldn't be more proud of everybody involved with the team here."

"Every single game is tough," Martyniuk continued. "It doesn't matter who you're playing, anybody can beat anybody on any given night in this league. It's one of those things that you have to bring it every time you have a game. We've obviously learned that pretty quick here. Hopefully, once we get some of these injuries back and still talking to other new potential players - teams at higher levels will be sending us players at some point - just doing everything we can possibly do to give ourselves the best chance to win every single game we play."

Spitfires return to the ice after year away

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

Grenfell hockey fans have reason to cheer again - the Grenfell Spitfires are officially returning to action after taking a one-year leave of absence from the Qu'Appelle Valley Highway Hockey League. The team will make its long-awaited return to the ice with a pair of home exhibition games this weekend.

The Spitfires will host the Kipling Oil Kings on Friday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m., followed by a matchup against the Milestone Flyers on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. Both

games will take place at the Grenfell Arena, giving fans an early opportunity to see the Spitfires back in action before the regular season begins in late November.

After a year away from league play, the Spitfires are eager to re-establish themselves as contenders in one of Saskatchewan's most competitive senior hockey leagues. The exhibition games will serve as an early test for the roster and a chance for the community to rally behind its hometown team once again.

Fans are encouraged to pack the rink and show their support as the Spitfires reignite their competitive spirit and prepare for the 2025 season.

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Cobras, Eagles footballers enter playoffs unbeaten

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Saturday's provincial football quarterfinal did not start swiftly for Balgonie's Greenall Griffins and didn't get much better from there.

The Griffins fumbled on the first play of their first offensive drive, a change in possession that allowed the hometown Swift Current Colts to score an early touchdown, en route to a 41-7 season-ending loss.

Both teams finished with 4-2 regular season records in the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association's 5A 12-aside South Rural League, with Swift

Current claiming home field for the weekend's playoff tilt after beating Greenall 30-24 on the last week of the pre-playoff schedule.

Jake Woods and Cade Sanderson both rushed for two Colts' touchdowns Saturday, combining for 252 rushing yards in all.

Swift Current broadcaster Shawn Mullin reported that Greenall's offence only managed twice to advance onto the Colts' side of half, with Griffins' quar-



terback Jake Steranko rushing for Greenall's only touchdown of the game but also serving up a pick-six to Swift Current's Zachary Dyke.

The Colts will now play Moose Jaw's Central Cyclones in the league final, with

a berth to the provincial championship game on the line. The undefeated Cyclones (7-0) beat Weyburn 35-0 in Saturday's other provincial quarterfinal to advance.

That game is to be played Saturday at 1 p.m. on Moose Jaw's Gutheridge Field, with the winner facing the victor of Saturday's other provincial semifinal between Prince Albert rivals the Carlton Crusaders and St. Mary Marauders.

Still Perfect

The Melville Cobras and North Valley High School Eagles have both completed undefeated regular seasons in their re-

spective divisions.

Melville enters playoffs with a 6-0 win-loss record after beating the hometown Broadview Bandits 43-6 on Oct. 17, while the Eagles beat Southey 88-6 on home turf in Lemberg earlier that day to finish their regular season 7-0.

Those performances made official what's seemed like a foregone conclusion for weeks - that both teams will also enter playoffs as the No. 1 seeds in the 4A nine-aside Conference 3 and 1A six-aside Conference 3 respectively.

Playoff brackets in both divisions had yet to be announced as of Monday morning, however the Eagles will enter playoffs sporting an average victory of margin of 66 points and the Cobras with an average victory margin of 34 points.

Eye-popping offensive numbers aside, the Melville defence allowed an average of 8.7 points per game this season while North Valley's defence averaged 7.1 points against per game.

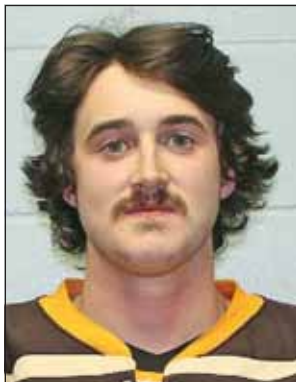
The 4A nine-aside Conference 2 regular season also came to an end last Friday with the Fort Qu'Appelle Bisons (1-4) dropping a 45-2 decision to first-place Lumsden.

Wolseley Mustangs ready for season

By Steven Scriver
Grasslands News

A first look at this season's version of the Wolseley Mustangs tells you that last year's QVJHL champs are in good shape for 2025/26. A 6-3 exhibition win on Oct. 18 over the Kelliher Komets at the AJM Davies Arena in Indian Head was a chance to get the rust out of the summer legs, take a look at this year's crop of rookies and get back on track for the new season.

Veterans like Jackson Baran, Mitchell Sexsmith, Landon Obelman, Bennett Gottfried and Tyler Powell seem to be rounding into shape, but the most pleasant surprise of the night was that nine of the 16 Mustang points came off the sticks of rookies. Kye Englot was outstanding, potting four goals and an assist in his first Mustang contest. Another goal



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came from rookie Blake Robertson, while Powell made an impressive full-ice rush to score another Wolseley marker.

Other multi-point efforts came from Robertson, who chipped in two assists with his goal, while Captain Baran and Caile Rieger added two assists each. The Mustangs outshot the Komets 39-24, but out chanced them by a wide margin.

Goaltending is in the

able hands of veteran Terrance Thompson, in his third campaign with the Mustangs, and he'll be backed up by Vibank's Ty Muhr. Wolseley is fortunate to have a good contingent of Indian Head players on their roster, and the contributions of Conner and Brody Webster, Lachlan Pollock, Caile Rieger, Carson Palmer, Kaylan Obelman, among others, will add brawn and scoring to the Mustang crew.

Much missed from last year's squad will be Eric Price and the Phythian twins, Carter and Spencer "Spongy". However, it looks like GM/Head Coach Joel Beliveau has put together a group that will be a worthy contender to repeat their league title. The Mustangs will be on the road for their first two league games and will open their home season hosting Regina on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m.

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Millionaires drop two games to Klippers at home

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News



The Melville Millionaires suffered two losses last week, but head coach Doug Johnson managed to find a few positives for his hockey club.

"I was actually very proud of how the guys played Saturday," stated Johnson following a 10-3 humbling at the hands of the Kindersley Klippers that followed on the heels of a 3-2 shootout loss the night previous. "We outshot them two to one when we were five-on-five, and the guys played with passion and pride."

The game was as one-sided officiating-wise as the score was.

"Emotions and anger just got the best of us," admitted Johnson, who isn't worried about the two latest bumps in the road, "We will be fine. If we ever get to play a game with fair officiating, life will be good."

Of course, as it is with any junior

team, there is room for improvement.

"In our eight losses, six have been the result of terrible calls from the officials, but nothing changes," Johnson added. "We obviously need better goaltending and special teams – especially our penalty kill -- but we'll be good."

To address the goaltending situation, the Millionaires have brought in Michael "Fuzz" Aafedt, an 18-year-old netminder who hails from Edina, MN, USA.

The 6'-3", 180-pounder joins the Millionaires, getting high praise as a top-end talent, playing for Blake School, where he had a .925 save percentage and four shutouts in 22 games.

"The New Jersey Devils' goalie coach says he'll be the best goalie in the league, so we will see," Johnson explained.

To address injuries to blueliners' Brodie Hicks and Sam Laplante, the Millionaires have also picked up defenceman Keil Schmalz, a 19-year-old Calgary product, who was in his second season with the AJHL's Olds Grizzlies.

"He's a thick-bodied defenceman who skates well and competes hard," Johnson told Grasslands News. "Keil can make a good first pass and adds to our offence from the back end. We are happy to have him."

Kindersley Klippers 10 at Melville Millionaires 3 (Oct. 18)

Just about anything that could go wrong in this game, went wrong for the Millionaires, who faced a tough Klippers squad as well as having to deal with some inconsistent officiating.

The Millionaires led 2-1 after 20 minutes but gave up four tallies in the second period and five more in the third while scoring once in the third themselves.

The Klippers scored eight times with the man advantage and added a short-handed marker and an even strength goal.

Kale Margolis notched his fourth goal of the season while Devon Winder and Brendan Olson both dented the twine

with their fifth goals of the campaign.

Rylan Oatman and Louis Nadeau each registered assists for the Millionaires.

The Mills outshot the Klips 38-37 with Noah Sinagowitz getting saddled with the loss.

Melville was handed 18 of the game's 33 minor penalties, one fighting major and five of the contest's nine misconducts.

Kindersley Klippers 3 at

Melville Millionaires 2 (SO, Oct. 17)

After 65 minutes of hockey, it was all even, so the teams had to go to a shootout, where the Klippers' second shooter would beat Sinagowitz for the victory.

The game was knotted 1-1 after the opening frame and the Klippers had a 2-1 advantage after two stanzas.

Margolis and Alex Morrison each scored a single for the Millionaires with Boston Harkness and Oatman each collecting an assist.

Melville skaters outshot their Kindersley counterparts 32-27 with Sinagowitz taking the loss between the posts.

The Millionaires were whistled for six of 10 minors as well as the game's lone misconduct.

The Mills turn road warrior for their next four contests.

They'll face off with the Warman Wolverines on Oct. 24 with the LaRonge Ice Wolves providing the opposition on the 25th and 26th. The Millionaires last game of October is on the 31st in Nipawin against the much improved Hawks.

Game time for all four games is 7 p.m.

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

TOWN OF FRANCIS

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Description of Property	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 1-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN B2889 EXT 0	138251752			
LOT 2-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN B2889 EXT 0	138251774			
LOT 3-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN B2889 EXT 0	138251819			
LOT 4-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN B2889 EXT 0	138251831			
		\$4,043.03	\$537.00	\$4,580.03

* On January 1, 2026 the 2025 taxes will become arrears and be added to the amount required to remove the property from tax enforcement proceedings. Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2025.

Melody Dixon-Lye, Administrator

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Description of Property	Title Number	Total Arrears*	Cost	Total Arrears and Costs
SW 18-13-07-2 EXT 0	107090029	\$804.48	\$404.00	\$1,208.48
SE 02-13-08-2 EXT 0	155358388	\$722.74	\$404.00	\$1,126.74
NE 14-13-08-2 EXT 0	155976104	\$827.80	\$465.00	\$1,292.80

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Dated this 20th day of October, 2025

Brittany Knoll, Administrator

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Description of Property	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 15-BLK/PAR G-PLAN F2936 EXT 0	155676538	\$2,994.84	\$465.00	\$3,459.84
LOT 19-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN 55612 EXT 0	138888770	\$1,345.52	\$465.00	\$1,810.52
LOT 20-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN 55612 EXT 0	138888781			
LOT 7-BLK/PAR 5-PLAN F2936 EXT 0	138560452	\$2,478.89	\$465.00	\$2,943.89
LOT 8-BLK/PAR 5-PLAN F2936 EXT 0	138251662			

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Dated this 20th day of October, 2025

Melody Temrick, Administrator

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Canadian Ski Patrol's annual Ski Swap returns to Regina for 32nd year

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The Canadian Ski Patrol's Qu'Appelle Zone is bringing back its annual Ski Swap next month, marking 32 years of helping local skiers prepare for winter while supporting volunteer first responders.

The event runs Nov. 7 and 8 at Campbell Collegiate, 102 Massey Rd., offering a marketplace for new and gently used ski and snowboard equipment. The public sale takes place Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., while sellers can drop off equipment for consignment the evening before, Friday, Nov. 7 between 6:45 and 9 p.m.

The Ski Swap is designed to give people a chance to upgrade or downsize their gear affordably. The Canadian Ski Patrol manages all sales on behalf of consignors and collects a small commission to fund operations in southern Saskatchewan.

Proceeds from the event go directly to the Qu'Appelle Zone of the Canadian Ski Patrol, a volunteer-based, registered charity that provides first aid and rescue services at ski hills and community events across the region. Funds raised are used to maintain and replace first aid equipment, train volunteers, and deliver public safety education programs.

The Ski Swap typically attracts hundreds of buyers and sellers each year, offering a wide range of downhill and cross-country skis, snowboards, boots, poles, bindings, and related accessories. The event also includes new inventory from local retailers who use the sale to clear out last season's stock.

For families, the Ski Swap offers an economical alternative to buying brand-new equipment, especially for children who outgrow their gear quickly. The event also supports sustainability by encouraging the reuse and recycling of sporting goods that might otherwise go unused.

The Qu'Appelle Zone of the Canadian Ski Patrol covers southern Saskatchewan, including Mission Ridge Winter Park near Fort Qu'Appelle, as well as cross-country ski areas and special events throughout the region. Patrollers are trained in advanced first aid, rescue techniques, and emergency response, providing essential on-hill care free of charge to the public.

The Ski Swap serves as the zone's primary fundraiser, ensuring that volunteers remain equipped and prepared for the winter season. The funds help purchase first aid kits, stretchers, and rescue toboggans, while also supporting educational outreach on snow safety and injury prevention.

Beyond fundraising, the annual event signals the start of the ski season for many in the community. It draws both veteran skiers and newcomers, fostering a sense of anticipation for the colder months ahead. Organizers emphasize that it is not only an opportunity to buy and sell gear but also to learn more about winter safety and the work of the ski patrol.

Volunteers will be on hand throughout the weekend to manage consignments, assist shoppers, and provide information about the organization's activities. The event also serves as an informal recruitment opportunity for those interested in joining the patrol.

The Canadian Ski Patrol was founded in 1941 and

now operates across the country with more than 4,000 volunteers. Each regional zone functions independently but shares the same goal of promoting snow safety and delivering emergency care at recreational venues.

The Qu'Appelle Zone's 32nd Annual Ski Swap will be held Nov. 7 and 8 at Campbell Collegiate in Regina. More information is available by contacting the event's communications office at 306-537-3657.

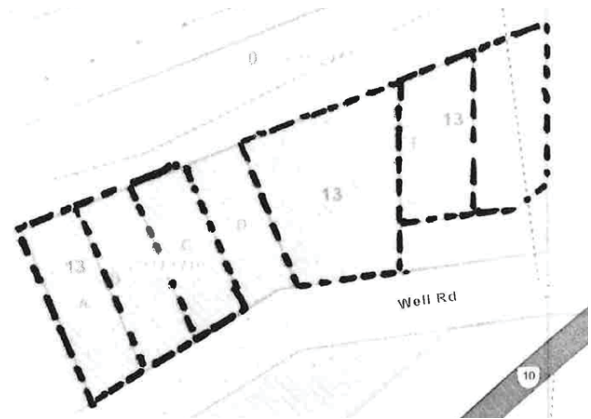


PUBLIC NOTICE

Rural Municipality of
North Qu'Appelle No. 187
Amend Zoning Bylaw 13-08

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No.187 intends to adopt a bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007 to amend Bylaw #13-08 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT: The proposed bylaw will allow for a rezoning of the land described below from RR-Resort Residential District to C-Commercial District and allow for further development of a warehouse facility.



AFFECTED LAND: The affected land in the NE 1-21-14 W2 is legally described as

1. Blk/Par 13, Plan No. CD1379 Ext 22
2. Lot A, B, C, E, and F Block 13 Plan No. 87R42810 Ext 0 As shown on the above map.

REASON: The reason for the amendment is to change the use to commercial zoning for permitted uses.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office at 136 Company Avenue S, Fort Qu'Appelle between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at a cost.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers located at 136 Company Avenue S, Fort Qu'Appelle. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. The Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle, October 24, 2025

Charmain Wowk,
Chief Administrative Officer

SJHL Notebook - Red Wings surge to top of SJHL table

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

With the Flin Flon Bombers' free fall in full flight, the Weyburn Red Wings are cementing their name as the team to beat in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

The Red Wings entered an abnormally long 13-

day break in their schedule on a six-game winning streak having knocked off the Kindersley Klippers, aforementioned Bombers and the Nipawin Hawks in their final three games before the hiatus.

With the victories, Weyburn (10-2-0-0) not only rose to No. 1 overall in the SJHL standings

but also to ninth in this week's Canadian Junior Hockey League national rankings, which were released Monday.

Helping the Red Wings' cause was the fact that each of their three most recent wins came against opponents who either have been or are also currently ranked in the

CJHL's top 20.

Flin Flon started the season with six straight wins before following that streak up with six straight losses, while Nipawin started the schedule at 7-1-0-0 before dropping two in a row ahead of Tuesday's game against the La Ronge Ice Wolves.

The Klippers meanwhile made their first appearance in the national rankings, entering at 19th, after accumulating points in each of their last nine games, despite only winning five of them.

Quebec's College Francais de Longueuil remained the country's top-ranked team for the second week in a row.

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Employment Opportunities

Rural Municipality of McLeod No. 185

Operating Foreman

The RM of McLeod No. 185 is currently accepting applications for the position of Operating Foreman.

Position Summary:

Reporting to the Administrator and Council, the Operating Foreman is responsible for the day-to-day management, maintenance, and operation of all RM infrastructure in accordance with the policies and objectives of Council. This role involves managing a team in addition to performing operational duties.

Key Responsibilities (include but are not limited to):

- Oversee, coordinate and conduct maintenance and construction of municipal roads, culverts, and other infrastructure.
- Supervise and schedule work for municipal staff and equipment operators.
- Inspect roads and infrastructure, identify maintenance needs, and report findings to Council.
- Operate and maintain heavy equipment as needed (e.g., graders, loaders, mowers, trucks).
- Ensure safe work practices are followed and all equipment is maintained in good working order.
- Assist with budgeting and planning for roadwork and equipment requirements.
- Maintain accurate records of work completed, equipment usage, and employee hours.
- Communicate effectively with RM Council, employees, and Administrator.

Qualifications:

- Valid Class 1 Driver's License
- Previous experience in a supervisory or foreman role, preferably in a municipal or construction setting.
- Strong working knowledge of municipal infrastructure and road maintenance.
- Experience operating and maintaining heavy equipment.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.
- Mechanical aptitude or certification is considered an asset.
- Ability to work independently and with a team.

Wages and Benefits:

Wages will be negotiated based on experience and ability. The RM offers a competitive benefits package.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume, including work experience, certifications, and references to:

RM185@sasktel.net or in person: 102 Main Street, Neudorf, SK.

Application Deadline: November 7, 2025

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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TOWN OF SINTALUTA
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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LOT 5-BLK/PAR E-PLAN 25825 EXT 63	152893121	\$1,820.73	\$444.00	\$2,264.73
LOT 6-BLK/PAR E-PLAN 25825 EXT 0	152893132			
LOT 8-BLK/PAR J-PLAN 58238 EXT 0	156696520	\$1,451.72	\$444.00	\$1,895.72
LOT 9-BLK/PAR J-PLAN 58238 EXT 0	156696531			
LOT 1-BLK/PAR K-PLAN 58238 EXT 0	156782458	\$488.90	\$383.00	\$871.90
LOT 10-BLK/PAR K-PLAN 58238 EXT 0	156782582	\$512.25	\$383.00	\$895.25
LOT 11-BLK/PAR K-PLAN 58238 EXT 0	156782605			
LOT 12-BLK/PAR K-PLAN 58238 EXT 0	156782627			
LOT 1-BLK/PAR L-PLAN 58238 EXT 0	156782559	\$488.93	\$383.00	\$871.93
LOT 20-BLK/PAR 21-PLAN 19209 EXT 0	108278343	\$2,053.19	\$444.00	\$2,497.19
LOT 23-BLK/PAR 21-PLAN 101374613 EXT 11	108278321			

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

Dated this 20th day of October, 2025.

Shannon Denham, Chief Administrative Officer

Arts Council show features John Muirhead

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The Kipling and District Arts Council are excited to present John Muirhead on his Everything, Everywhere Tour as the first show of the 2025-2026 concert season.

The show will be at the Kipling Community Centre on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

John Muirhead is a Toronto-based troubadour. He combines powerful songwriting, poignant storytelling, audience participation, and a passion for performance into a compelling live show sure to give any fan of folk/Americana an unforgettable evening.

Joined by his close friend and touring partner Trevor Du-

bois, John guides his audiences through a performance filled with his own original songs (streamed over 1.5 million times on Spotify), covers of old folk favourites, and interpretations of new pop hits, all expertly woven together with stories of his life as a travelling troubadour.

From fingerpicked folk confessionals to roaring full-band singalongs, John's award-winning songs have touched audiences across the world.

With a combined online following of over 100,000 and hundreds of shows across Canada, Europe, and South America, John is building a vibrant, tight-knit community around his stories and songs.

'Music for Your Heart' describes John, "a real talent for writing, a true sense of melody,

and a voice that sets him apart from other artists".

You can check out his songs and watch his videos at www.johnmuirhead.com

John is performing at the Kipling Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 1. The doors open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. This show will be enjoyed by all ages.

Tickets are available at www.ticketpro.ca Advance tickets are also available at Balfour Pharmacy and at Kipling Home Hardware for \$30 or at the door for \$35. Students (13-18) will be admitted for \$10 and children 12 and under are admitted FREE when accompanied by an adult. Season tickets will also be available that evening for \$80.



John Muirhead

Everything, Everywhere Tour

CANADA 2025

Saskatchewan celebrates the power of small businesses

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding proclaimed Oct. 19 to 25 as Small Business Week in Saskatchewan.

This year's Saskatchewan Small Business Profile, also released this week, shows that small businesses in the province have grown 4.9 per cent from 2014 to 2024.

In 2024, small businesses in the province totaled 154,278. That gives Saskatchewan a per capita rate of 124 for every 1,000 people, the second highest rate in the country.

"Small businesses are the heartbeat of our provincial economy," Kaeding said. "Data released today represents more than numbers – they are families, workers, and communities who are supported by our healthy

business landscape.

Our government continues to support small business by maintaining one of the lowest tax rates and one of the highest small business income thresholds in Canada."

A small business is defined as one that is less than 50 employees. Small businesses are vital to Saskatchewan's economy. Today's report shows they make up 98.8 per cent of businesses in Saskatchewan, employ over 30 per cent of the province's workforce and pay out nearly \$7.8 billion in wages and salaries.

"Behind every small business is a big story, one of hard work, vision, and impact," Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Prabha Ramaswamy said. "Small businesses are the driving force behind our province's growth, fueling innovation, creating jobs, and

strengthening communities across Saskatchewan."

These businesses are active in virtually every sector of the economy, providing crucial products and services in communities across the province.

Small Business Week was launched nearly 50 years ago by the Business Development Bank of Canada. The week celebrates the important economic impact of small businesses.

For more information, read *Saskatchewan's Small Business Profile 2025*.

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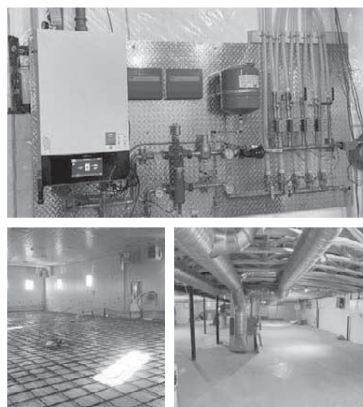
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Obituary

Eleanor June Gares
June 13, 1934 – Oct. 13, 2025

"In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill."

The family of Eleanor June Gares wishes to share her passing on Monday, Oct. 13, 2025 in Indian Head, SK.

Eleanor was born on June 13, 1934 in Regina, Sask. to proud parents George and Lena Ferris and big sister Ethel. In 1946 she became a big sister to Jim (Crick) Robertson. Eleanor attended school in Indian Head and eventually began work in Indian Head as well. Eleanor spent her lifetime in Indian Head and would often refer to herself as 'an original' – proud of her hometown right up until her passing.

Eleanor welcomed daughter Heather in 1955 and balanced motherhood and her work life while being involved in her community. As a young woman she was an avid fan of the historic Indian Head Rockets baseball team and her love of baseball eventually re-focused on the Toronto Blue Jays. Eleanor was a true sports fan. Her competitive nature made her the perfect fan. She enjoyed watching all sports on tv, but curling was a favorite and she enjoyed attending curling events with son Ronald. She was a Saskatchewan Roughrider fan and enjoyed her years as a IHHS Broncs athletic supporter.

In 1963, she married Albert Gares and they welcomed their daughter Sheryl that same year. This marked the move from Eleanor as town girl to farm wife, a role she maintained for most of the rest of her life. Eleanor and Albert operated a successful broiler operation and grain farm for many years. The balance of work, family and fun was always a priority. In 1965, they welcomed their son Ronald to the family. In 1969 they built a new home on the site of the original Kerr farmhouse, followed soon after by the birth of Darcy in 1970. Although farming, maintaining a household and raising a family was demanding, Eleanor and Albert had active social lives. They were avid card players and spent many years hosting card parties in their home and attending events in the community. They were founding members of the Indian Head Heritage Club. Eleanor enjoyed dancing and she and Albert enjoyed many cabarets in their 20 years together.

In September of 1983, Albert passed and Eleanor learned to navigate a new normal on the farm on her own. She continued to support the United Church, in particular the United Church Women (UCW) organization. With kids grown she had more time to be a gardener, baker, bowler and card player (playing her last game of crib with son Darcy on Oct. 1!). Eleanor relied on her faith, family and fun to fill the rest of her days with love and joy. We find peace and comfort knowing she is reunited with friends and family, dancing and playing cards once again.

Eleanor was predeceased by her parents: George and Lena Ferris; sister Ethel Holzapfel and son-in-law Bradley Petford.

She is survived by her children: Heather (Fred Thompson) Gares Thompson; Sheryl (Dennis Weetman) Gares; Ronald Gares (Angela Bollman) and Darcy Gares (Amy Redding); grands: Siobhan Mcleod, Seth (Kayla) Gares and Zane Gares, Samuel Weetman – Gares and Jorlyn Weetman Gares; great-grand Naeem Babiker; brother Jim (Crick) Robertson and like a sister to her, Albert's daughter Myrna Larmet; as well as nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the Indian Head Hospital, Hayes Haven Personal Care Home 2019 - 2021, Fillmore Integrated Care Home November 2021 - May 2022 and Golden Prairie Nursing Home May 2022 - until her passing October 2025 for providing her comfort, care and compassion.

A funeral service was held in St. Andrew's United Church, Indian Head, SK on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Don Jewitt. The interment took place in the Indian Head Cemetery.

Donations in Eleanor's memory can be made to: Indian Head Hospital Foundation, Box 1547, Indian Head, SK S0G 2K0, lhospitalfoundation@gmail.com or Indian Head Heritage Club, Box 134, Indian Head, SK S0G 2K0.

Online condolences may be made at www.tubmanfh.com



Obituary

George Leonard Heikkila
April 30, 1939 – Oct. 11, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of George Heikkila who left us on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 at the age of 86 years.

He was predeceased by his wife Carol; his parents Laurie and Matilda; sister Shirley in infancy; sister Norma Jenks; and brothers Edwin Heikkila, Donald Heikkila and Harry Heikkila.

He is survived by his daughter Donna of Coalhurst, AB; son Rob (Tracy) of Diamond City, AB; grandchildren: Kyle, Cory, Ayla, Taneil and Teague; nephew Darrell Peters of Broadview, SK; sister Edna (John) Peters of Broadview, SK; sister Verna (Harold) Hilts of McCord, SK and brother Doug (Janice) Heikkila of Wapella, SK; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring with interment in New Finland Cemetery. Updates to follow in the spring.

Online condolences may be made at www.tubmanfh.com



Obituary

Albert Steffan
May 14, 1927 – Oct. 6, 2025

Albert was born to Rudolph and Natalia (nee Kwast) Steffan on May 14, 1927, on the family farm in the Duff district. He attended Yola School, and, when he had completed his education, he worked on the family farm with his father and mother.

On May 28, 1952, Albert married Martha Schindel in Bethany Evangelical Church in Melville. Together they worked on the farm and raised their two daughters. In 1996 they retired to Melville, where they enjoyed socializing with many friends and family. They resided in Melville until October 2020 when they moved to Regina to be closer to their two girls. Four years later, in October of 2024, it became apparent that they could no longer live without assistance, and they moved to St. Paul Lutheran Home in Melville. That was Dad's home until his passing into eternity on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025. The family is very grateful for the excellence of care shown to our dad.

Dad was very involved in the Evangelical Church for many years. He also served as Division 2 Councillor in the RM of Stanley from Jan. 1, 1981, until Dec. 31, 1999. During his tenure, he served on many boards and committees: Yorkton-Melville Regional Health Board, St. Peter's Hospital Board, the Fire Protection Association, the RCMP Consulting Group and the Regional Park Board. He was also Deputy Reeve for nine of those years. Dad was a very humble man, and he considered it an honour and privilege to serve in these positions of trust.

Albert is lovingly remembered by his wife, Martha; daughters Gloria Gregorash (Doug) and Deborah Rondeau (George); his grandchildren, Lowell Gregorash (Jen), Jordan Gregorash (Tiffany), Emerson Rondeau and Elliott Rondeau; and his great-grandchild, Oliver Gregorash.

A private family graveside service was held in Melville City Cemetery with the Rev. Dawn Myrfield officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



Card of Thanks

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Celebrate Education Week in Sask.

Monday was Bus Driver Appreciation Day

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

During the week of Oct. 19 to 25, the Government of Saskatchewan invites everyone to celebrate Education Week – a time to reflect on the profound impact education has on learners' development and overall well-being.

This year's theme, Seeds of Learning, Roots to Success, underscores how foundational education is in cultivating knowledge, building skills, and paving the way for future success in and beyond the classroom.

It's also a moment to recognize the invaluable contributions of Saskatchewan's teachers, school staff, and division personnel, who dedicate themselves to supporting and inspiring students every day.

As Education Minister Everett Hindley emphasized, education goes far beyond memorization and test-taking.

It's about growth, discovery, and creating a meaningful life. He expressed deep gratitude to all educational professionals who help spark a love

for learning in students, opening doors to endless possibilities.

Education Week has been a tradition in Saskatchewan since 1987, with schools and divisions across the province organizing events and activities to honor the importance of education and those who make it possible.

Alongside these celebrations, Oct. 20 marked School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, highlighting the essential role drivers play in ensuring students get to and from school safely.

For the 2024-25 school year, there were 200,066 students enrolled in Saskatchewan's 755 provincial schools, which are spread across 27 school divisions. An additional 2,635 students were attending 17 qualified independent schools, as well as three certified independent schools and four historical high schools. Altogether, about 202,701 students were enrolled in K-12 education through public and independent institutions.

The Ministry of Education's budget for the 2025-26 school year has seen an increase, rising to \$3.5 billion, with \$2.4 billion allocated directly to school operating funds. Final student enrollment numbers for the 2025-26 school year are yet to be confirmed.

Homeschooling continues to be a stable and significant part of Saskatchewan's education landscape.

As of early 2025, approximately 4,600 students were being homeschooled across the province, a figure that has remained relatively steady since the peak years of the pandemic. During the 2020-21 school year, that number rose to 4,700 in response to pandemic-related dis-

ruptions.

It reached a record high of 5,000 in early 2024, before stabilizing again. Before the pandemic, in the 2019-20 school year, only about 2,800 students were registered as home-schooled, showing a notable increase in alternative education choices in recent years.

Altogether, this Education Week serves not only as a celebration of academic achievement but also as a reminder of the diverse ways Saskatchewan's families pursue learning.

From public classrooms to independent schools to homeschooling environments, education remains a shared priority and a vital investment in the province's future.

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Vernna Wiggins
Returning Officer

Notice of Poll and Advance Poll

By-Election
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

1. An Advance poll will take place on November 13, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for
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2. The Municipal Election will be held on Wednesday, the 19th day of November, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for
The offices of Councillors – Town of Francis
3. Voting for both polls will take place at:
Francis Community Hall 201 Main Street, Francis SK
4. I will declare the result of the voting on Wednesday, the 19th day of November, 2025 at 8:45 p.m. at the Francis Community Hall.

Vernna Wiggins,
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Project Cornerstone supports Kipling, Grenfell, Indian Head

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Oct. 16 was designated International Credit Union Day and provided an ideal opportunity for Cornerstone Credit Union to announce the successful applicants for this year's Project Cornerstone funding.

Project Cornerstone is an application-based program that offers annual funding to community groups or organizations that are fundraising for capital projects that benefit the people and the community. In 2025, a total of \$150,000 was allocated to nine organizations in Saskatchewan.

Kipling Kidcare and Kipling Friendship Club

Project Cornerstone awarded \$5,000 each to Kipling Kidcare and Kipling Friendship Club. The Kipling Friendship

Club hosts multiple gatherings such as senior activities, business meetings, and community events. Kipling Kidcare is a non-profit daycare with two locations in Kipling. Funding for each of these facilities will be used to add ramps to improve accessibility.

Grenfell Curling Club

Project Cornerstone awarded \$10,000 to the Grenfell Curling Club. The Grenfell Curling Club strives to bring recreational programming to Grenfell and the surrounding area, hosting curlers of all ages. The funding will go towards replacing their ice scraper.

Wheels for Wellness Indian Head

Project Cornerstone awarded \$10,000 to Wheels for Wellness, a communi-

ty-driven shuttle service that provides transportation for Indian Head and area residents to medical and wellness appointments in Regina, Saskatoon, Melville, and Yorkton. The funding will go towards purchasing the van that serves as the shuttle.

Additional Recipients

Project Cornerstone awarded \$10,000 to the Kinetique Club of Tisdale to assist with revitalizing the public playground at the Kinsmen McKay Park.

Project Cornerstone awarded \$12,500 to Wynyard CARRES, a non-profit organization that provides support for adults and youth with diverse needs and physical disabilities. The funding will go towards an overhead awning, benches, and bins outside their activity centre.

Project Cornerstone awarded \$12,500 to Jedburgh & District Recreation Club. The funding will go towards the build of a new entrance and porch area for the curling rink.

Project Cornerstone awarded \$20,000 to Yorkton United Football Club, a group that provides

soccer opportunities for Yorkton and area. YUFC embarked on a major project, building outdoor turf fields that will allow them to expand their program. The funding will go towards clubhouse renovations and partial lighting.

Project Cornerstone awarded \$25,000 to East Central Health Founda-

tion. The funding will be used for the playground and outdoor play area at a new 90-space childcare centre in Yorkton.

Project Cornerstone awarded \$40,000 to the Kelliher Rec Centre. The funding will go towards the repair of cement blocks that are cracking in the rink.

Melville RCMP seeking public's help to locate stolen Ford F-350

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Melville RCMP are asking for the public's assistance in locating a stolen pickup truck reported missing from a business in the community.

Police say the vehicle, a burgundy 2006 Ford F-350, was taken sometime within the past week. The truck was last seen bearing Saskatchewan licence plate 782 KMX.

According to RCMP, the vehicle has several distinctive features, including chrome accents around the windows, multiple stickers on the back window, a large red slip tank in the truck bed, and a custom tailgate.

Investigators did not specify the exact location or time of the theft but confirmed the vehicle was reported stolen from a local business.

Officers are continuing to follow up on leads and are asking anyone who may have seen the vehicle or has information about



its whereabouts to come forward.

The RCMP advises that anyone with information contact the detachment directly by calling 310-RCMP for an immediate response. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at sask-crimestoppers.com.

RCMP say public tips often play an important role in recovering stolen property and solving rural crime cases. Vehicles such as trucks are frequently targeted for their utility and resale value, and police urge residents to take precautions

by keeping their vehicles locked, removing valuables, and reporting suspicious activity promptly.

The Melville detachment continues to investigate the theft and encourages anyone in the surrounding area to remain alert for the stolen Ford F-350 or any signs of related activity.

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Annual Harvest Hoedown sees large attendance

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

browsed the tables that crowded the hall.

A few home-based businesses participated in the event, but this year's vendors predominantly sold handcrafted items that were on display everywhere one looked. From fuzzy crocheted stuffed toys, to wooden wall art featuring geometric de-

signs and beautifully painted scenes on metal saw blades, there was a wide array of uniquely designed products available.

Intricately beaded jewelry, earrings fashioned from cow horns and vibrantly painted glass décor intrigued shoppers and demonstrated vendors' skills. Young entre-

preneurs sold jewelry, hair accessories and cotton candy. Other vendors offered artisan breads, ornaments, leatherwork and textiles.

Community organizations such as Indian Head Band Parents Association and the Air Cadets offered information about programming along with raffles or other fundrais-

ing opportunities. A soup and sandwich lunch was available for purchase, supporting the local Royal Purple group.

In coordination with this year's Harvest Hoedown, other local artisans and organizations provided additional opportunities for local shopping. Across the street from the hall, Marilyn Malo

hosted a quilt show and sale at The Gallery Coffee House. Indian Head Museum, which typically only welcomes visitors in summertime, also opened its gift shop for the day. Visitors were encouraged to purchase locally themed merchandise for individuals on their Christmas shopping list.



Great attendance

Over 400 shoppers attended the annual Harvest Hoedown in Indian Head on Oct. 18. The show featured a wide array of unique, handcrafted items for sale.

SARAH PACIO/GRASSLANDS NEWS

Fatal rollover near Spy Hill

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

A 29-year-old man from Saskatoon is dead following a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 8, south of Spy Hill.

Esterhazy RCMP

say the crash happened around 8:20 p.m. on Oct. 14. Emergency crews responded to a report of a rollover and found the vehicle's lone occupant dead at the scene.

RCMP confirmed the man was declared deceased by EMS. His family

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The cause of the crash has not yet been determined.

RCMP say their investigation is ongoing with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

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Throne Speech promises 'Strong, Safe, Secure' province

By Ryan Kiedrowski
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Premier Scott Moe outlined his government's plan for the year with the throne speech on Oct. 22 that officially opened the second session of Saskatchewan's 30th Legislature. Titled 'Strong, Safe, Secure', the speech reflected on the many triumphs of the provincial government over the past year and promised amendments in other areas after various meetings over the past 160 days since the first session ended.

"We meet at a time of great challenges and great opportunities for our province," began Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Bernadette McIntyre in reading the Speech from the Throne. "The challenges come in the form of a historic realignment of world trading relationships and the imposition of significant tariffs by the United States and China. At the same time, this global realignment is creating new opportunities for Saskatchewan thanks to our abundant natural resources, our diversified and expanded export markets, our strong and growing economy, and our people. Saskatchewan people – determined, resilient, innovative, resourceful and strong."

The provincial government intends to introduce some new legislation and amend other policies, starting with the Saskatchewan Internal Trade Promotion Act intended to promote freer trade within Canada and bolster both provincial and federal economies through reducing interprovincial trade barriers.

In the realm of public safety, the government will introduce the Safe Public Spaces Act and the Response to Illicit Drugs Act, while amending portions of the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act and the Trespass to Property Act. During the previous session, the province promised to add 500 new addiction treatment beds across the province and are nearing the 300-bed mark currently. The Compassionate Intervention Act will be introduced to assist those struggling with addiction issues.

As for online safety, the Cyberstalking and Coercive Control Act will be introduced to help protect Saskatchewan people from such threats and intimidation.

In education, the Building Schools Faster Act will be introduced, seeking to address the demand for more schools with fewer delays.

The government also intends to emphasize the 'party' portion of the Sask Party name, introducing the Tailgating Act to allow such activities at Mosaic Stadium before Rider games. Permanent recognition of special days, weeks, and months will be allowed through the 'From Many Peoples, Strength' Act.

"The people who built our province could have looked at this land and seen nothing but insurmountable challenges," concluded the speech. "Instead, they saw op-

portunity. Our responsibility today, and every day, is to honour their legacy by continuing to find the opportunities in the challenges that face our great province. Saskatchewan will meet those challenges and find those opportunities. In doing so, we will ensure our economy is strong, our people are safe, and our future is secure."

A day prior to the second session of the provincial legislature, Opposition House Leader Nicole Sarauer met with reporters to outline some of the key areas the NDP will be focusing on in the coming months.

"To the thousands and thousands of people who reached out to us, I want you to know that we hear you, we know you deserve better, and we're fighting for you," she said. "We intend to provide you with the hope you're looking for and with a real plan to build a bright future for Saskatchewan."

The NDP will continue to put pressure on the Sask Party to act on both the US and Chinese tariffs that have been a threat to our economy; accusing the province of flip-flopping on its response to both situations.

Lack of money is another hot topic for the opposition, pointing to a dismal statistic from Angus Reid that Saskatchewan residents continue to report the highest levels of financial insecurity across Canada.

Healthcare is a strong concern in light of regular emergency room closures and a strongly skewed balance of too many patients for too few staff.

Finally, the level of crime in Saskatchewan has the NDP worried, noting that Statistics Canada claims the province has 'the worst crime severity index in the na-

tion.'

"Our message to the Premier and to the government would be to listen to Saskatchewan people - listen to what they're really concerned about, and act on them," Sarauer said, noting there will be a series of private members bills presented from the NDP during this session. "That's their job as government; it's their job as elected MLAs. All of these provisions, all of this legislation that we're talking about, the issues that we're putting forward are what we've heard from months on the doorsteps, months at barbecues, and in communities across Saskatchewan. We're urging them to listen to Saskatchewan people and pass these measures."

Over the past several weeks, the NDP have been hinting at what kind of legislation they intend to propose. One example is a bill that would make it mandatory to notify the public when an emergency room will be temporarily closed – a problem across the province that has resulted in past confusion.

"We think the private members bills we're putting forward are incredibly reasonable," Sarauer said, pointing to Jared Clarke's bill intending to make mandatory public disclosure of emergency room closures as an example. "These are all reasonable measures, but of course we're in the opposition. It'll be up to the government to decide whether or not they're going to be passed. We hope that they will be passed because they're reflective of what we're hearing from Saskatchewan residents."



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