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Co-op construction continues

Construction continues on the new 21,600-square-foot Co-op grocery store in Indian Head, with the project remaining on schedule for a December opening. Crews are now focusing on interior work, while paving of the parking lot is also planned for this fall. The building is expected to be turned over to Co-op in early November, allowing several weeks to stock shelves and prepare for opening.

New Co-op on track for December opening

Process underway to hire 30 to 40 full-time, part time and supervisory staff

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

The new Co-op grocery store under construction in Indian Head remains on track for its target opening date and individuals will soon have an opportunity to apply for employment.

“Everything is going as planned; we still plan on opening in December. We’re pretty excited about getting that place open,” Sherwood Co-op CEO Troy Verboom told Grasslands News last week.

The company selected a modular-build option and contracted 3twenty Modular in Saskatoon to construct the 21,600 sq. ft. grocery store. Verboom ex-

plained that this significantly shortened the project timeline; traditional construction would have delayed the store opening until at least next spring. This is the first time Co-op has used a modular format, and they are satisfied with the result.

“It has gone extremely well with the contractor and the modules getting on site on time just like they said they would, and they’ve done a good job of tying it together, so we’re more than happy with that contractor and the quality of the build so far,” Verboom stated.

Community members have watched the building take shape this summer, and now crews are busy with interior work. The parking lot will also be paved

this fall. Verboom said the contractor anticipates the grocery store will be turned over to Co-op in early November. This will allow a few weeks to stock shelves with merchandise and make final preparations to begin operations in December.

Along with constructing the new grocery store, Co-op will also upgrade the adjacent gas station and hardware store. Work is expected to commence shortly on a 60x100 ft storage facility behind the store, as well as a 2,500 sq. ft. addition to the hardware store.

Co-op’s CEO described the new construction and upgrades to the existing store as “a major undertaking,” noting that it is necessary to co-ordinate with multiple entities to provide utilities and

other infrastructure at the site.

As it looks ahead to opening the new store in a few months, Co-op has begun the process of hiring staff. Most of the management team is in place, but the company is still seeking to fill 30 to 40 full-time, part-time and supervisory positions across all departments. Potential employees are invited to attend a job fair at Memorial Hall in Indian Head on Oct. 7 and Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“We hope to attract some good local people at the job fair,” Verboom shared. “We’ve had lots of enquiries so we’re pretty excited about hiring some local people right from within the community and surrounding area.”

Air Andrew denies third flight by MLA Weedmark

New quotes put confirmed trips well below NDP estimates

By GNG Staf
Grasslands News

The owner of Air Andrew says Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark did not take a private flight from Moosomin to Saskatoon on June 1, rejecting the opposition NDP’s latest allegation of a possible third charter trip involving the MLA.

At the same time, newly posted quotes from the Virden-based charter company indicate the NDP’s initial cost estimates for two flights Weedmark has acknowledged taking may have been substantially overstated.

The NDP raised the possibility of a third trip Monday after identifying flight records showing the same Cessna Citation 560 associated with Weedmark’s two acknowledged flights travelled from Virden, Man., to Moosomin on June 1, 2025, before departing for Saskatoon at approximately 3:45 p.m. and returning later that evening.

Weedmark was in Saskatoon that evening attending the opening reception ahead of the First Ministers’ Meeting, where he met with Prime Minister Mark Carney and Alberta Premier

Danielle Smith.

The timing and flight path prompted the NDP to question whether Weedmark was aboard. Weedmark says he drove.

In its Monday release, the NDP called on Weedmark to release records related to his private air travel and questioned how many charter flights he had taken.

“How long has he been doing this?” NDP Health Critic Meara Conway said. “How many jet trips have there been total?”

Repeated previous attempts by Grasslands News to interview Weedmark about the flights have not been successful, with responses instead coming through written statements attributed to the MLA.

Following the latest allegation, Weedmark issued a direct denial in a story published by the Moosomin newspaper he owns.

“The NDP’s latest attempted smear is a blatant lie,” Weedmark stated. “On June 1, 2025, I drove to Saskatoon to go to the reception for the First Ministers meeting, attended by all Canadian Premiers and the Prime Minister. I did not fly to or from Saskatoon.”

The same report quoted Scott

Andrew of Air Andrew directly denying Weedmark was aboard.

“I can confirm that on June 1, 2025 Kevin Weedmark did not book a flight nor take a flight with us to Saskatoon,” Andrew said.



Kevin Weedmark

Andrew’s statement directly contradicts the NDP’s inference from the flight records, which establish the aircraft travelled between Moosomin and Saskatoon but do not identify who chartered it or who was aboard. Grasslands News has not independently spoken with Andrew regarding the June 1 flight.

Andrew also disputed the

NDP’s description of the Cessna Citation as a “luxury jet,” describing it as an aircraft primarily used to move work crews.

Quotes challenge estimates

Information posted publicly in recent days also challenges the NDP’s original estimates of what Weedmark’s two acknowledged flights may have cost.

Tyler Thorn requested quotes from Air Andrew on Sept. 11 for itineraries similar to Weedmark’s Aug. 21 and Aug. 27, 2025 trips and posted them on social media.

Thorn served as Weedmark’s official agent during his 2024 provincial election campaign.

The quotes are not Weedmark’s invoices or receipts, but estimates for comparable itineraries using a Cessna Citation 560.

For a round trip from Moosomin to Saskatoon for two passengers, Air Andrew quoted \$8,468.29, including GST, compared with the NDP’s earlier estimate of \$48,000 for Weedmark’s Aug. 21 trip.

For an itinerary comparable to Weedmark’s Aug. 27 journey from Moosomin to Lloydminster, Saskatoon and Regina before returning to Moosomin,

Air Andrew quoted \$20,106.65, including GST. The NDP had estimated that trip at approximately \$60,000.

Together, the two Air Andrew quotes total \$28,574.94, approximately \$79,425 less than the combined \$108,000 initially suggested by the NDP.

The quotes were prepared after Weedmark’s flights occurred and do not establish what he actually paid, but provide estimates from the company that operated the aircraft for comparable trips.

Two flights acknowledged

Unlike the disputed June flight, Weedmark acknowledges chartering aircraft for the Aug. 21 and Aug. 27 trips and maintains he paid for both personally with no taxpayer money involved.

The Aug. 21 flight took Weedmark and Ashley Bochek, an employee of the newspaper he owns, to Saskatoon for a tour of Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital. Weedmark said the trip was organized so local Dairy Queen owners could see the impact of their fundraising for the hospital and Ronald McDonald House.

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Thousands gather to mark Treaty 4 anniversary

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

The annual Treaty 4 Gathering is taking place in Fort Qu'Appelle this week, drawing thousands of people to the community to commemorate the historic treaty signing.

On Sept. 15, 1874, the Canadian government and 35 of the Plains Cree, Saulteaux and Assiniboine Nations signed Treaty 4 in the area now known as Fort Qu'Appelle. Forty years ago, elders encouraged Treaty 4 nations to mark the anniversary in September by meeting on the land where the treaty was signed. Initially a two-day event, the gathering has expanded to include a full week of activities that recall the shared history and offer opportunities to move toward a positive future. File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, which includes 11 First Nations, takes responsibility for organizing much of the Treaty 4 Gathering. However, many other nations that were signatories to the treaty in 1874 also participate in the annual events.

This year the gathering takes place from Sept. 14

to 20. Each day this week has started with a traditional pipe ceremony and flag raising. A ceremonial feast was held on Monday. Due to rain, participants gathered in the Bert Fox Community High School gym instead of at the powwow arbour as originally planned. Over the following days, individuals from First Nations and non-Indigenous communities joined together for activities that fostered connections and positive relationships.

From Tuesday through Thursday, hundreds of students from around the region visited the Treaty 4 grounds on Sioux Ave. They came from Prairie Valley School Division, Regina and First Nations' schools to engage in cultural and educational programs. Dozens of teepees were arranged around the perimeter of the powwow arbour and facilitators at each teepee provided instruction on a variety of topics. Students had opportunities to listen to elder teachings, learn about hide tanning, practice beading and play Indigenous games. Organizations such as the public library, FHQTC Health

Services, Saskatchewan Science Centre and Water Security Agency also offered educational information and fun activities. Over the noon hour each day there was dancing, drumming and singing with many youth participating. As each dance was introduced, the announcer provided an explanation of the history and traditional significance to increase students' understanding of the powwow. Behind the Treaty 4 Governance Centre across the road, additional booths enabled students to try archery and explore other topics. Many also enjoyed hiking to the top of a ridge to look out across the Qu'Appelle Valley.

For part of this week, a career fair was arranged alongside the student activities at the Treaty 4 grounds. Forums for elders, chiefs, and citizens were held in the nearby Governance Centre at various times. Young adults were also invited to attend a forum about climate change on Thursday. The event was expected to feature guest speakers Dr. Kathy Walker, Treaty Commissioner of



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Treaty 4 Gathering
Students from around the region took part in a variety of cultural and educational activities this week at the annual Treaty 4 Gathering in Fort Qu'Appelle.



Saskatchewan; Dr. Peter Leavitt, University of Regina; Sonia Pacin, Climate Lead at Universities Canada; Dr. Robert Hamilton, University of Calgary, and youth representatives from Treaty 4 territory.

Opportunities to gather in Fort Qu'Appelle and honour the long history of Treaty 4 will continue throughout this weekend with a parade and powwow on Saturday and Sunday. A dry dance in Balcarres on Thursday evening and a comedy show in Lebreton on Friday night were also organized in conjunction with the Treaty 4 Gathering.

A full schedule is available under the "Events" tab at fhqtc.com and on the "Treaty 4 Gathering" Facebook page.

Report from the Legislature

A new school year is always a meaningful time for Saskatchewan families. Classrooms are once again filled with students setting new goals, teachers are prepared for another year of learning and school communities coming together. It is also a reminder that the investments we make in education today help shape the opportunities available to young people in the years ahead.

One of those priorities is ensuring students develop strong literacy skills early in their education. Reading

proficiency by the end of Grade 3 is one of the strongest predictors of future academic success and high school graduation, which is why Saskatchewan continues to focus on improving literacy outcomes. We also continue to expand the Specialized Support model to 50 additional schools this year, bringing the total to 108 schools across all 27 school divisions. With additional resources and specially trained staff, the model helps students build self-regulation skills and supports positive learning experiences.

The opportunities available to students do not end when they leave the K-12 system. This fall, Saskatchewan is reaching an important milestone in health professional training with the first students beginning the new *Master of Occupational Therapy and Master of Speech-Language Pathology* programs at the University of Saskatchewan. A \$37 million provincial investment has made it possible to bring this training to Saskatchewan. With 80 students forming the first cohorts, these programs will significantly increase the number of people who can train for professions that are essential to our health care system.

Creating those opportunities is especially important as Saskatchewan continues to attract people who want to live, work and raise their families here. That growth is reflected in our housing numbers. In 2025, Saskatchewan

recorded 6,150 new housing starts, the highest level since 2014 and a 42 per cent increase from the previous year – the strongest growth among the provinces. With housing remaining the largest single expense for many families, our government continues to invest more than \$60 million each year in programs that increase housing supply and support affordability.

These investments are about building a Saskatchewan where people can succeed and where families can feel confident about their future.

If you would like to share your thoughts or have any questions about a provincial program or service, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Health workers deliver 99 per cent strike mandate

Potential job action could affect hospitals, long-term care and community health services

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan could be facing significant labour action in the health-care system after members of CUPE Local 5430 voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike mandate.

More than 99 per cent of members who cast ballots supported job action during the strike vote held Sept. 8 to 14. More than 13,000 health-care workers participated in the vote, which CUPE is calling the largest health-care strike vote in Saskatchewan history.

CUPE Local 5430 represents approximately 14,000 health-care workers employed in hospitals, long-term care homes, community health facilities, laboratories and other health services throughout Saskatchewan.

The workers have been without a new collective agreement since their previous contract expired March 31, 2023. According to the union, members have also gone more than four-and-a-half years without a general wage increase.

CUPE 5430 President Bashir Jalloh said the overwhelming vote sends a strong message to the provincial government about the frustration among health-care employees.

“These incredible strike vote results send that minister and his government a message that our members are done waiting, are united, and ready to fight for a fair contract,” Jalloh said in a statement.

The union has identified wages, recruitment and retention, contracting out and proposed changes affecting where employees may be required to work as major concerns in bargaining.

CUPE says Saskatchewan health-care workers have fallen behind the rising cost of living. The union says the cost of living in Saskatchewan increased 33.7 per cent between 2012 and 2025, while CUPE 5430 members received general wage increases totalling 14.32 per cent over the same period.

The Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO), which is bargaining with CUPE, has disputed some of the union’s positions during negotiations. Earlier in September, SAHO reported that some movement had occurred during August negotiations but said disagreements remained over issues including movement of employees, working outside an employee’s territory and contracting.

The 99 per cent strike mandate does not mean an immediate strike will

occur. Rather, it gives the union a strong mandate from its membership to pursue job action if negotiations fail to produce an agreement.

Jalloh said withdrawing services is not the union’s preferred outcome and described job action as a last resort. Bargaining is expected to resume Sept. 24. As of Sept. 15, no date or specific form of job action had been announced.

The dispute comes at a time when Saskatchewan’s health-care system continues to face staffing pressures. CUPE has argued that wages and working conditions are contributing to difficulties recruiting and retaining employees, leaving existing workers dealing with vacancies, overtime and increased workloads.

The size of the strike vote means any eventual labour disruption could have implications for health facilities across Saskatchewan, including rural hospitals, long-term care facilities and community health services.

For now, however, negotiations remain the focus. The Sept. 24 bargaining session could become an important point in determining whether the two sides can move toward a new collective agreement or whether Saskatchewan health-care workers move closer to job action.

Strike raises concerns for rural health Care

Saskatchewan’s already strained rural health-care system could face another challenge after members of CUPE Local 5430 voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike mandate.

More than 99 per cent of ballots cast supported job action, with 13,358 CUPE health-care workers participating in voting held from Sept. 8 to 14. CUPE has described it

as the largest health-care strike vote in Saskatchewan history.

CUPE Local 5430 represents approximately 14,000 health-care employees working in hospitals, long-term care homes, community health facilities, laboratories and other health services throughout Saskatchewan.

For rural Saskatchewan, the importance of these workers extends far beyond the larger hospitals.

CUPE members work in hundreds of classifications, including nursing, clerical, technical and support positions. They include continuing care assistants, licensed practical nurses, laboratory and diagnostic workers, home-care employees and many of the support workers required to keep hospitals and care homes functioning.

That means any eventual job action has the potential to be felt in communities throughout southern Saskatchewan, where health facilities frequently serve not only the town in which they are located but residents from a large surrounding rural area.

Communities such as Whitewood, Moosomin, Indian Head, Grenfell, Broadview, Kipling and Wolseley are among those identified by the province as rural or remote locations for health-care recruitment incentives.

The strike vote does not mean workers are immediately walking off the job.

No date or specific form of job action had been announced as of Sept. 15. CUPE president Bashir Jalloh said bargaining is scheduled to resume Sept. 24 and emphasized that withdrawing services is considered a last resort.

Essential services required

Before legal strike action could occur, es-

sential-services requirements would also have to be addressed. The Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) has said an Essential Services Agreement must be in place before CUPE can legally strike or take job action. Such an agreement is intended to ensure the public continues to have adequate access to essential medical care.

Even with essential services maintained, however, reduced staffing or other forms of job action could have particular significance in rural communities.

A large urban hospital may have considerably more staff and services available to respond when individual departments are under pressure. Smaller facilities often operate with much leaner staffing levels, making the availability of each nurse, continuing care assistant, laboratory employee, diagnostic worker, dietary employee, maintenance worker or other support employee important to daily operations.

Rural services already under pressure

CUPE has already raised concerns about rural staffing. In November 2025, the union pointed to temporary emergency department closures in communities including Kipling and Wolseley as examples of pressure facing rural health services. The union also expressed concern about situations where emergency departments could be considered open despite limited on-site staffing or support services.

A labour disruption could potentially be felt outside emergency departments as well.

Long-term care homes depend heavily on continuing care assistants and other frontline and support employees for

residents’ daily care. Home-care programs allow seniors and people with disabilities or medical needs to remain in their own homes rather than requiring hospitalization or institutional care.

Laboratory and diagnostic imaging services are another critical part of the rural system. Reduced access to blood testing, X-rays or other diagnostic services could mean patients have to travel farther or wait longer before receiving a diagnosis or treatment.

Those concerns have already been raised in the Yorkton area, where Saskatchewan NDP health critic Jacqueline Roy said a potential disruption could affect home care, public health, mental-health and addictions programs, laboratories and diagnostic imaging. Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill, meanwhile, has said negotiations remain ongoing and pointed to government recruitment efforts and proposals that include wage increases and retroactive pay.

The dispute is about more than wages, according to CUPE.

The union says recruitment and retention, staffing levels, contracting and proposals concerning movement of employees are among the outstanding issues.

Wages, staffing among key issues

CUPE argues that its members have gone more than four-and-a-half years without a general wage increase and says the cost of living increased by 33.7 per cent between 2012 and 2025 while members received general wage increases totalling 14.32 per cent during that period.

SAHO disputes the union’s characterization of some employer proposals. In an August bargaining update, SAHO said its proposals were

not intended to allow employees to be involuntarily moved anywhere in Saskatchewan at the employer’s discretion. SAHO also reported that CUPE-represented employment had grown since the previous agreement expired and maintained that bargaining should remain focused on reaching a negotiated settlement.

For rural Saskatchewan residents, that negotiated settlement may be particularly important.

Rural communities have spent years trying to recruit and retain health professionals while dealing with temporary service disruptions, vacancies and the difficulties that come with providing health care across large geographic areas.

When a service is unavailable in a city, another facility may sometimes be only a short distance away. In rural Saskatchewan, the alternative can mean travelling dozens — and sometimes considerably more — kilometres to another community.

That makes the outcome of the CUPE negotiations an issue that reaches well beyond the bargaining table.

With more than 99 per cent of participating workers supporting a strike mandate, CUPE enters the next round of negotiations with strong backing from its membership. At the same time, both sides continue to have an opportunity to reach an agreement before job action occurs.

For residents of rural Saskatchewan, particularly seniors and families who depend on local hospitals, long-term care, home care, laboratories and other community health services, the hope will be that an agreement can be reached without adding another layer of uncertainty to health-care services already facing significant staffing pressures.





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Bell AI data centre expansion to quadruple, reach \$52B investment

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Supporters and opponents alike of the Bell AI Fabric Data Centre near Regina heard an announcement Sept. 14 that made their collective jaws drop. The 300 MW project being constructed in the RM of Sherwood is now anticipated to quadruple in capacity to 1.2 GW.

The provincial government says the expanded Bell project will represent more than \$50 billion in capital investment and create thousands of jobs.

“This historic investment will create thousands of good jobs and

new opportunities for Saskatchewan people,” Premier Scott Moe said in the government announcement. “It will also strengthen Canadian data sovereignty by keeping Canadian data here at home, stored by a Canadian company and protected under Canadian rules. When it comes to data storage, keeping that home ice advantage means Canadians set the rules and remain in control.”

The government says the project will retain the original 300 MW from the provincial grid while Bell provides up to 900 MW of additional capacity under

Saskatchewan’s Bring Your Own Power principle.

The expansion is expected to create up to 500 permanent jobs connected to data-centre operations and power generation, along with an estimated 3,000 additional jobs in areas such as security, logistics and maintenance. The AI Fabric headquarters is also expected to include about 100 management positions.

“This historic \$52 billion expansion is one of the largest private-sector investments in Saskatchewan’s history and a powerful endorsement of our province’s economic

potential,” Crown Investments Corporation Minister Jeremy Harrison said.

“Bell’s decision to invest at this scale reflects confidence in Saskatchewan as a place to do business, grow and succeed,” he continued. “This investment will create jobs, drive economic activity and deliver long-term benefits for communities across our province.”

The opposition NDP continue to be unconvinced that data centres in Saskatchewan are a good fit, calling for a moratorium on hyperscale artificial-intelligence data centres after news of the expansion hit. One day after Moe and Bell Canada CEO Mirko Bibic announced the expansion, NDP leader Carla Beck cautioned holding back on the project until more questions can be answered about the proposed framework.

“I question even the feasibility of that if this is a bring your own power project,” she said during a media availability. “There are no answers right now at this point, simply in terms of where that power is coming from. Suggestions that it perhaps could be natural gas, that again is just one of the lists of questions that people have that ought to be answered.”

Beck said her concerns are directed at the provincial government rather than Bell.

“My concern is with the province - with the Government of Saskatchewan and with their absolute failure to provide any transparency and clarity when it comes to the initial announcement and certainly this latest announcement to quadruple the scope of this hyperscale data center,” she said.

The government says the expansion was approved under its Data Centre Framework, released last month. The framework establishes six principles for major data-centre investments, including Canadian ownership and headquarters, data sovereignty, local jobs and partnerships, operating experience, Bring Your Own Power and centralized provincial intake.

The government says applicable municipal permitting processes and bylaws will apply to the development. Projects meeting the definition of a development under applicable legislation may also be subject to an environmental impact assessment.

Beck said the six-point framework does not go far enough.

“Frankly, it’s not sufficient,” she said. “And I would also say the federal government has a role to play here in a more robust framework as well.”

Beck said municipalities - particularly rural municipalities - need greater support when dealing with projects of this size.

“We have rural municipalities trying to navigate these deals, trying to navigate with multinationals,” she said. “They need support. They need the ability to have a provincial framework, to have resources at the provincial and frankly the federal level as well.”

The provincial announcement says the project is intended to strengthen Canadian data sovereignty and security while supporting Saskatchewan’s technology sector.

“This nation-building project will help safeguard the digital infrastructure our families, businesses and public services depend on, while helping Saskatchewan build and power Canada’s digital future for generations to come,” Moe said.

Beck said she is not opposed to potential investment or the use of artificial intelligence but wants the province to demonstrate the benefits and establish rules before projects of this scale proceed.

“I trust the people of this province, given the opportunity to express concerns over where they see opportunity, that we can build a path here in this province,” she said. “But that’s not what we’re seeing here. Just plowing ahead with this decision is not going to quell the concerns, the frustration, the anger that we see out there. In fact, I think it is fueling it.”

Repair Café hosted at Yorkton Library

By Calvin Daniels
Grasslands News

What has become an annual event in the city, the Repair Café was held in Yorkton Saturday.

The idea of the ‘Café’ is a simple one, rather than throwing something not working into the trash bin where it ends up in the landfill, why not seek out some help to fix it?

Each year people are invited to bring items such as small electronics, computers, bikes, clothing and textiles, where people were on hand to hopefully effect some small repairs.

This year Brent Washington with Yorkton Men’s Shed, the local partner alongside Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council, said they were getting all sorts of items needing some ‘fix-it’ attention to save it from heading to the landfill. Items included a vacuum, propane heater element, dresses and jewellery, he said.

The Repair Cafe concept brings to-

gether local volunteers – Washington said nine people were out sharing their skills this year willing to try and fix and repair various items.

With the help of volunteers that will be offering their knowledge and skills, Repair Cafes encourage us to consider repairing items rather than throwing them away.

Repair Café is a pop-up, one day event where the public can bring in household items to be fixed for free by volunteers, held in various communities across the province – 15 scheduled in 2026.

The ‘café’ was hosted by Affinity Credit Union and the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council and was held at the Yorkton Public Library.

Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council promotes circular economy principles, including keeping materials in use at their highest value as long as possible. Repair is key to that effort, as the organization works to foster a culture of repair, and Repair Café events are one way to establish that culture.



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Repair not throw away
A Repair Café volunteer works on an electronic items at the event at the Yorkton Public Library. This yearly program invites people to bring items such as small electronics and more to be repaired.

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153 PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 18th day of November, 2026, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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

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Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Chrissy Bodnarchuk, Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rural Municipality of Kingsley No. 124

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Kingsley No. 124 intends to adopt **Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1-2026** (OCP) and **Zoning Bylaw No. 2-2026** under The Planning and Development Act, 2007. Once adopted, the new OCP and Zoning Bylaw will replace the existing Bylaw No. 1-1998 and Bylaw No. 2-1998, respectively.

Intent

The proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw will establish a policy and regulatory framework for guiding land use, economic, environmental, social and cultural development as well as the delivery of infrastructure, services, and utilities in the RM. The purpose of the new bylaws is to comply with Provincial legislation, the Statements of Provincial Interest and to ensure future development aligns with RM priorities. The Zoning Bylaw will include the following zoning districts that provide standards for development within specific areas within the municipality. They are summarized as follows:

AR – Agricultural Resource District: which is intended to provide for agricultural land uses and for low density residential development and other compatible developments.

RR- Rural Residential District: which is to provide opportunities for the subdivision and development of smaller non-farm residential sites in appropriate locations within the RM.

M1 – Commercial- Industrial District: which is intended to provide for commercial and industrial land uses and other compatible developments.

EC – Environmental Conservation District: which is to protect environmentally sensitive and ecologically valuable lands. The EC Zoning District may also be applied to hazardous lands, such as those prone to instability, flooding, or nearby to hazardous uses.

Affected Land

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

Public Inspection

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the RM office during regular office hours Monday to Thursday from 8:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Public Hearing

Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers at 603 Main Street, Kipling, SK, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider any comments that are received in writing at the office or emailed to rm124@sasktel.net by 2:00 pm the day prior to the hearing.

Issued in the Town of Kipling this 18th day of September, 2026.

Holly Heikkila, Administrator

PVSD enrolment steady, but local school numbers vary

GSSD enrolment numbers expected to be released later this month

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Student enrolment across Prairie Valley School Division is virtually unchanged from last year, but individual schools in the Grasslands News coverage area are seeing considerably different trends.

Preliminary enrolment figures collected Sept. 9 show 8,752 students attending PVSD schools for the 2026-27 school year.

That is just nine students more than the division projected and nine more than were enrolled at the same time last year.

While the overall number has remained stable, several local schools have recorded increases while others have experienced declining enrolment.

Broadview School recorded one of the larger increases compared with projections. The school has 255 students this fall, 18 more than the 237 projected by the division and 13 more than its enrolment of 242 last year.

Grenfell's two schools are also above projections.

Grenfell Elementary School has 131 students, eight more than the projected 123 and four more than last year's enrolment of 127.

Grenfell High Community School has 161 students this fall. That is 13 above its projected enrolment of 148 and 16 more students than the 145 enrolled last year.

Combined, the two Grenfell schools have 292 students, compared with 272 last year — an increase of 20 students.

Balcarres Community School is also above projections, with 328 students compared with the 318 anticipated by the division. Its enrolment is three students

higher than last year's 325.

Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary Community School has 361 students, 11 above the projected 350 and eight more than the 353 students attending last year.

Bert Fox Community High School in Fort Qu'Appelle has 185 students, which is seven below the projected 192 and five below last year's enrolment of 190.

That puts the two Fort Qu'Appelle schools at a combined 546 students, compared with 543 last year.

Vibank Regional School has also exceeded projections. Its enrolment stands at 236, five students above the projected 231 and seven above last year's 229.

Other communities have seen enrolment move in the opposite direction.

Whitewood School has 295 students this fall, three below its projected enrolment of 298 and nine fewer than the 304 students attending last year.

Kipling School has 376 students, seven below the projected 383 and 15 fewer than last year's enrolment of 391.

Indian Head Elementary School has 262 students, compared with a projection of 265 and 263 students last year.

Indian Head High School has 221 students, five more than projected and five more than last year's enrolment of 216.

Wolseley High School has 144 students this year, compared with the projected 145 and 146 students last year.

The preliminary figures provide PVSD with an early indication of where enrolment differs from the numbers used during the division's budget and staffing process.

Across Prairie Valley, actual enrolment of 8,752 is almost exactly in line with the division's projection of

8,743 students.

Comparable fall enrolment figures for Good Spirit School Division are not yet available. GSSD uses its Sept. 30 enrolment count for its enrolment and pupil-teacher-ratio reporting, meaning updated figures for schools in communities including Yorkton, Melville, Canora, Esterhazy, Churchbridge, Langenburg, Kamsack, Preeceville, and Sturgis are expected after the end of the month.

Those numbers will provide a broader picture of how student populations are changing across east-central Saskatchewan for the 2026-27 school year.

PVSD's Sept. 9 figures remain preliminary and can change as student registrations and withdrawals are finalized early in the school year.

The Prairie Valley enrolment report was included in material being presented to the Board of Education at its Sept. 16 meeting.

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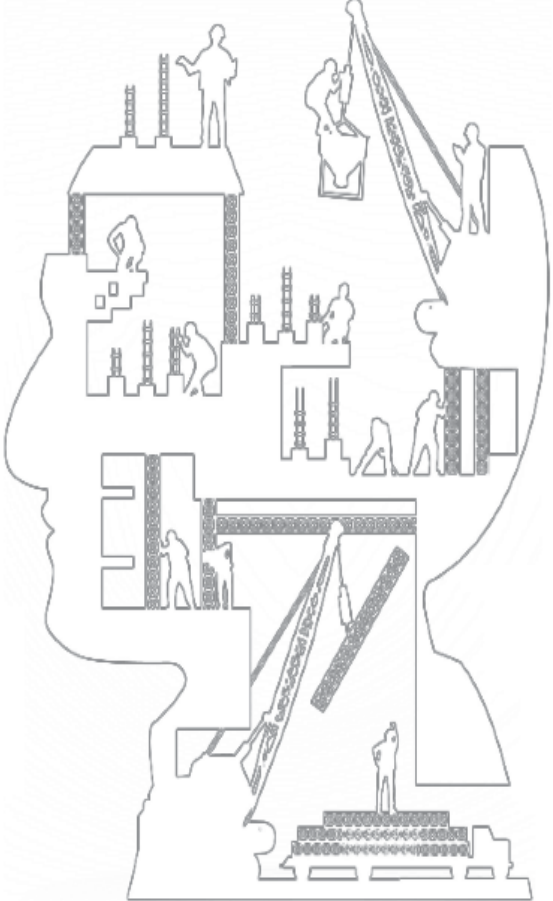
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OPINION

Still more questions than answers in MLA's 'flights of fancy'

There's been a lot said recently about Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark's use of a private jet to attend events across the province. Not in the newspaper he owns mind you – but the jet-setting ways have raised many questions from potential 2028 voters.

Not that we'll discover any solid answers, apparently. Despite numerous interview requests with Weedmark and others who jumped to his defense on social media, everyone seems pretty reluctant to face questions from unbiased journalists.

For those who may not be familiar with this fiasco, the opposition NDP came upon some videos on social media (since removed), posted by Ashley Bocek - Weedmark's employee from the World Spectator. The first clip the NDP leapt upon was filmed Aug. 27 and documented a 'day in the life' aboard a private jet that took Weedmark and Bocek from Moosomin to Lloydminster to attend a government announcement, then to Saskatoon for lunch and shopping before a quick stop in Regina to drop Bocek off before Weedmark returned to Moosomin.

At one point in her video, Bocek commented on the "luxury snacks" provided during the flight, to which the ever-astute provincial political guru Murray Mandryk correctly observed, "those look like Costco snacks!" Thanks for the giggle at that one, Murray!

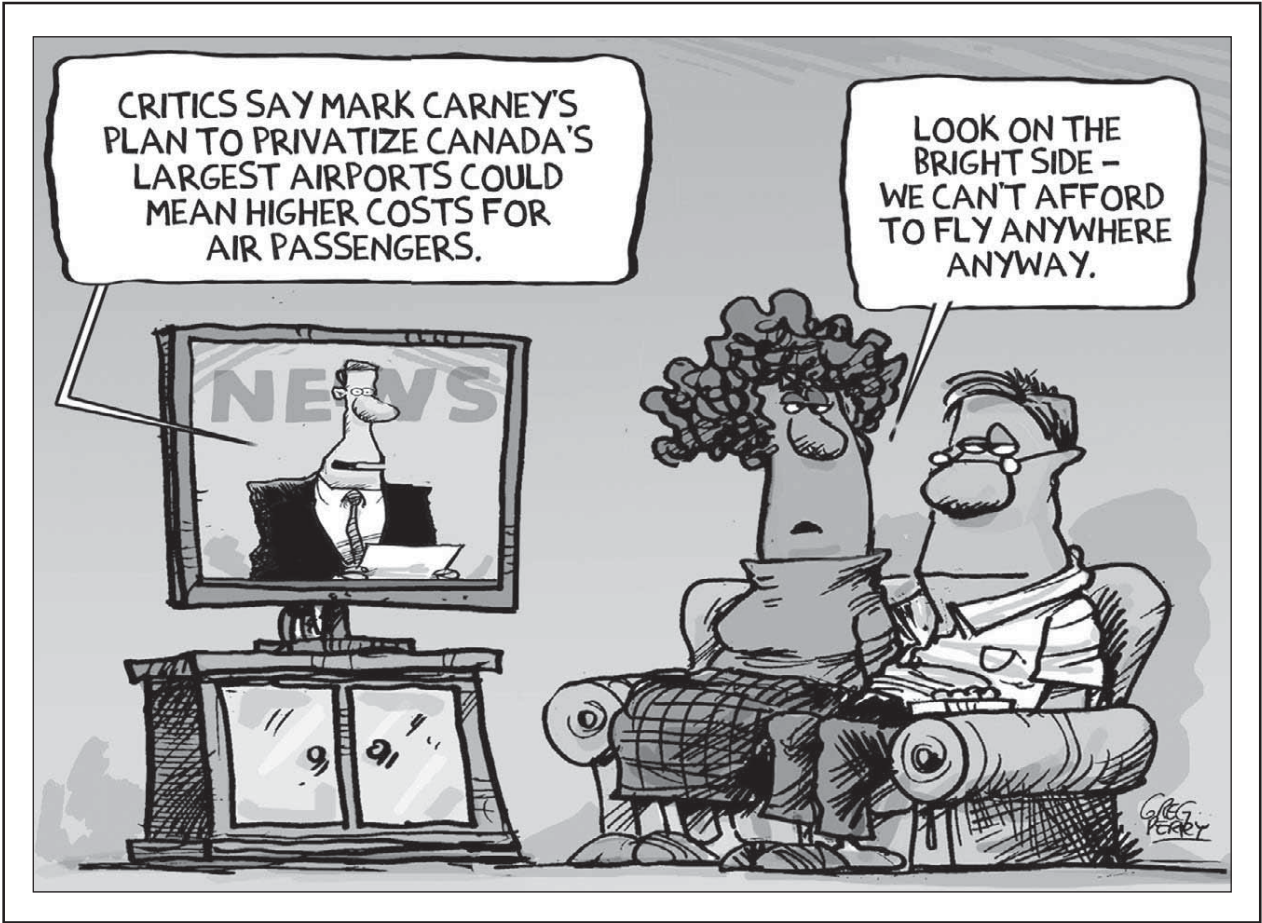
A second video the NDP released was from a year prior when Weedmark and Bocek toured the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, using the jet to fly round trip from Moosomin to Saskatoon.

They also tried to pin a third flight on Weedmark from June 2025 to attend the first minister's conference, but the MLA and Air Andrew both denied a flight occurred that day.

Weedmark has also claimed paying for the flights out of his own pocket, but no actual proof has come to light. Local Moosomin businessman (and Weedmark's financial agent during the 2024 election) Tyler Thorn posted quotes on social media from Air Andrew obtained Sept. 11 that simulate the flight paths of the two dates in question, revealing a total far less than what the NDP claim it cost to fly around the province, but whether it's \$100,000 or \$25,000; who's footing the bill and is this even necessary?

Let's look at the Lloydminster jag – Weedmark was there to emcee an event to announce 20 additional sober living spaces coming to that community. Part of his justification for using a private jet was to attend the event he committed to that was far outside his riding, even though local MLA for Lloydminster (and provincial energy minister) Colleen Young was in attendance and would have been more than capable to handle ribbon-cutting duties herself. Heck, even in the press release, Weedmark was not mentioned - rather a quote from Mental Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr, which makes sense. So, what was the purpose of him being there and what's the return on investment for the trip?

The questions remain: what is with all the travel outside of Weedmark's constituency? I think it's great to see an MLA visible in the local area and I can understand attending events in Regina while the Legislative Assembly is sitting, or committee work calls a member to the Queen City, but the opening of the Gardiner Dam? The Patient's First Healthcare announcement in Saskatoon? Ripping up to La Loche for



the groundbreaking of a hotel? Numerous visits to Saskatoon – why? And who is actually paying for all this?

Maybe all this private jet silliness has something to do with why the Member Accountability Statements are taking so long to become public – perhaps there's going to be some White Out on certain papers (possibly others that just get lost – or better yet, were sucked out of the jet while en route to the next photo op) when they are finally posted next month.

Another troubling detail is Weedmark's apparent insistence that all these appearances, visits from ministers, and documentation of events be secluded to the newspaper he owns. Case in point, a visit to the Nutrien potash mine in Rocanville – Bocek was the only reporter there, travelled with Weedmark to the tour, and wrote about it in their paper. No other media were invited or in attendance. Premier Scott Moe came to Moosomin last summer for the opening of their new water treatment plant – we were given details about it the night before via text message and were denied access to other portions of the trip that included stops in Grenfell, Whitewood, and a function after the water plant opening.

But Weedmark was there with his reporter.

This whole private jet schmozzle was a great example for those in PR circles of how not to handle a scandal. By saying next to nothing and avoiding accountability at all costs, that silence handed over the chance to construct (and control) the narrative to the NDP. Vague statements that eventually came from the SaskParty Caucus were not enough to smooth this over, and there wasn't much of a defence from Weedmark's keyboard warrior clique on those social media channels he admires. A weak defence since this all broke has cemented the picture painted by the opposition - so much that any attempt at redemption now is likely useless.

Instead of selfies, luxury jets, and vast accounts of how busy he's been this week, maybe Weedmark could focus on accountability and inclusion. This current blunder might stick around for a while longer than anticipated, but here's the chance to repair things – instead of surface level photo ops and promises to take concerns raised back to Regina, get to work closer to home. And invite all the media to tell the story – not just the one you own. That fact alone will add credibility to the reparation efforts.

- Ryan Kiedrowski, Grasslands News



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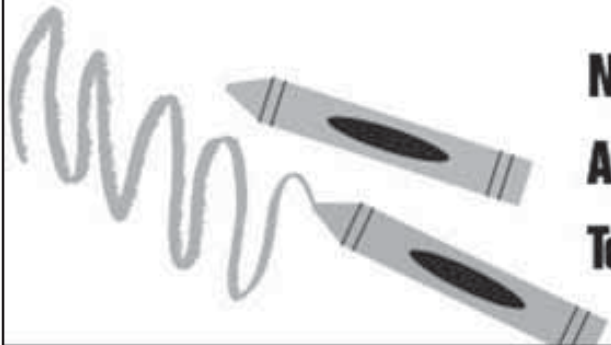
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Football injury leaves teen in intensive care

Greenall student remains in intensive care following on-field injury causing brain bleed

By Ashley Scarfe
Grasslands News

There was a terrifying situation in Swift Current last week after Balgonie Greenall Griffins player Hunter Gronick collapsed shortly after exiting the field.

Gronick and his team had travelled to Swift Current for their Thursday night matchup against the Swift Current Comprehensive High School Colts, when Gronick was injured during a play. The Grade 12 student, in his third year on the team, hit his head against the turf during the play. He walked off to the sidelines, where he collapsed shortly afterwards.

His mother, Sabrina,

watched from the stands and did not know at first that it was her son who had been injured. She found out when she went over to the sidelines to offer assistance to the fallen player. A registered nurse, she approached after seeing staff with the player for a couple minutes. It was then that she realized it was her own child.

Gronick was rushed to Cypress Regional Hospital in Swift Current before being airlifted to Regina, where he remains in surgical intensive care due to a brain bleed sustained on the field. The player had a portion of the right side of his skull removed to relieve pressure and swelling in his brain. The

teenager has responded to painful stimuli in his legs and one hand. His prognosis remains unclear however, an update posted on his GoFundMe page on September 12 states “Hunter is very slowly showing positive signs of recovery. He isn’t awake yet - but that will take time.”

It is anticipated that Gronick will spend a couple of weeks in the intensive care unit. His sister, Emily, started the GoFundMe campaign with a goal of \$55,000. As of Tuesday, over \$49,000 had already been raised to help Gronick and his family during his recovery.

Support across the province was swift, and not just monetarily. During the Queen City Marathon this weekend, Greenall classmate and Regina Victoria’s U18 player Angelica Linklater-Rattai ran her 10 km race in her football jersey, carrying a sign reading “Running 4 Hunter Gronick,” with a QR code directing people to his GoFundMe page.

“Hunter is surrounded by his family, and we are incredibly grateful for the support and love that has already been shown to him,” Gronick’s sister, Emily, wrote on his GoFundMe page. “He has an amazing group of friends, teammates, coaches, and family members who are all pulling for him.”

“Right now, our family is focused on Hunter and getting him through the days ahead,” her post reads. “There are still many unknowns about what his recovery will look like, how long he will be in the hospital, and what kind of care and rehabilitation he will need afterward.”

Money raised from the GoFundMe will be used to ease some of the financial burden associated with Gronick’s injury, hospitalization and recovery, including travel, accommodations, meals, medical and rehabilitation-related costs, and lost wages.

Anyone wanting to help support the family can donate at gofundme.com/f/help-hunter-gronick-and-his-family-during-his-recovery.

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Documentary filming in Pilot Butte
Recently, the Town of Pilot Butte played host to a documentary film crew, which set up in the pit near the corner of Highway 46 and the Access Road to film SAS vs. The Nazis. The project is being developed for National Geographic and will be available on Disney+. According to the Town of Pilot Butte, SAS vs. The Nazis will feature never-before-seen interviews with members of the British Special Forces, along with historical reenactments.

Additional charges laid in Whitewood sex assault case

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

Two more charges have been added in the case of a Whitewood man facing two counts of sexual assault and one of forcible confinement. The man cannot be named at this point after a court-imposed publication ban on Sept. 2 to protect the iden-

tity of the complainant.

Appearing in Broadview Provincial Court on Sept. 16, a second information containing single counts of assault and sexual assault were added to the list. Subsequent appearance dates were not known at press time.

The initial charges stem from a report to Broadview/Moosomin RCMP of an alleged sex-

ual assault on July 20 in Whitewood. Following their investigation, RCMP arrested a man with his first court appearance in Broadview on July 22. He has since been released from custody.

The allegations have not been proven in court, and the man is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location:
At the Municipal Office located on the outskirts of Kipling, Saskatchewan on Highway No. 48 east.

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Tracy Joorisity,
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Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location:
R.M. of Silverwood Office, 721 Lalonde St., Whitewood, SK.

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Sask. made bison jerky headed to outer space

By Calvin Daniels
Grasslands News

And if you attended the Sunflower Arts & Craft Market in Yorkton you could have sampled the same treat that astronauts living on the International Space Station at the end of 2012 enjoyed.

Trails End Bison Ranch's Buffalo Stix – Cranberry Craze was one of 12 uniquely Canadian foods to head into space through the Canadian Space Agency's Snacks for Space competition. The competition was held in honour of Chris Hadfield, the Canadian astronaut, who took the helm of the International Space Station at the end of that year.

Twila Wedrick and Shianna Smart with Trails End said the selection of the 'buffalo stix' through the competition was a thrill.

"We're honoured we got selected," said Wedrick, adding it's great that they could be recognized on such a national scale from a small town in southwest Saskatchewan.

The 'stix' were actually submitted by someone without the partners knowing so when they were informed of the snack's selection, it was very much a surprise.

While the contest was created for the Canadian astronaut, Wedrick added all the crew had the opportunity to try the stix.

The exposure of the stix in space is something of a marketing boon, ad-



CALVIN DANIELS | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Out-of-this-world snack

Twila Wedrick and Shianna Smart of Trails End Bison Ranch showcase their Buffalo Stix at the Sunflower Arts & Craft Market in Yorkton. Their Cranberry Craze bison snack was selected to travel to the International Space Station.

mitted the duo, who said they are working on ways to incorporate the contest selection and the flight to the station of their stix into advertising and packaging.

It was also something which continues to be exciting. The pair were actually expecting to miss Sunflower as they were scheduled to attend the launch Sept. 12, which would carry Canadian Space Agency astronaut Joshua Kutryk to the SpaceX Crew-13 mission to the International Space Station, but the launch was postponed.

"We were supposed to fly out last Wednesday," said Wedrick.

So, they called and were able to secure a table

for the Yorkton show.

As for the Gull Lake, Sask.-based company, Trails End Buffalo Stix was founded in 2004 by Kevin and Judy Wilkin-son.

Working directly with food scientists, Trails End "developed a delicious, low-fat, protein-packed snack made from ground smoked bison, cranber-ries, and brown sugar that contains zero glu-ten, soy, and nitrates. In fact, we are currently the

first federally inspected jerky product in Canada that has been approved to not use nitrates as an ingredient," detailed the company website at www.trailsendbuffalostix.com

"We do everything, so we're federally in-spected," said Wedrick, adding that allows them to market across the coun-try.

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Gene Hauta It's a Strange World

The head of a Swiss as-sisted-dying group has died after trying to climb Japan's Mount Fuji, underscoring re-newed safety concerns on the country's highest peak. The **58-year-old hiker lost con-sciousness** during the ascent and was pronounced dead at a hospital. Swiss euthanasia organization Exit identified the man as its managing director, Bernhard Sutter.

With the mountain plagued by overcrowding and underprepared tourists, local officials have tight-ened trail caps, introduced climbing fees and are urging hikers not to push their limits.

A former Wendy's general manager in Manheim Township, Pennsylvania, **created a completely fictional employee** and collected nearly \$20,000 in wages over the course of almost a year. Linda Johnson invented a worker named William Bright and manually clocked him in and out for a total of 128 shifts between June 2021 and May 2022. Because she held the position of general manager, she was the only person with the authority to enter those shifts into the system. Cheques were issued in Bright's name and deposited directly into Johnson's Cash App account. Other staff members later told investigators they had never worked alongside anyone by that name. One employee recalled seeing a time card but never actually meeting the person. Johnson stated she used the funds to help support her children. The restaurant's insurer covered ap-proximately \$15,800 of the loss. Although Johnson's whereabouts are unclear, **she has been charged with theft by deception**.

Two men in rural Australia thought they'd un-covered a murder, but it turned out to be a convinc-ing fake. The men were driving near the village of Oallen, about 140 miles southwest of Sydney, when they pulled over and found an abandoned suitcase that appeared to hold human remains. Responding officers were fooled, as well, and police announced a homicide investigation was underway. It wasn't until about 20 hours later that **forensic testing es-tablished the 'body'** was actually a highly realistic doll, complete with clothing, hair, a nose ring, and markings that looked like bruises.

A **young driver** was pulled over in Foothills County (AB) and found to be violating the condi-tions of their learner's licence. Not only was the kid speeding, but he also did not have the required supervision. It was the third time the driver had been charged for driving with a Class 7 learner's license without a valid supervising driver. He was **fined \$469** for going 139 km/h in a 100 km/h zone **and \$243** for failing to produce a driver's licence, and will need to appear in court for driving without supervision and operating a motor vehicle without the correct operator's licence.

A pair of **street racers near Saskatoon** are fac-ing steep fines and licence suspensions after being caught travelling more than 100 km/h over the speed limit. Members of Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan in the Corman Park area witnessed two vehicles travelling at a high rate of speed and appeared to be racing one another. Using a "laser speed timing device", the drivers were caught travelling at a speed of 202 km/h in a 90 km/h zone. Each driver was issued more than \$2,000 in tickets and a 60-day vehicle impound, along with 14-day li-cence suspensions.

Sault Ste. Marie lawyer, Jeff Broadbent sug-gested renaming Trump Lake in Northern Ontario. After Trump's attempt to rename Lake Ontario, he suggests a more **appropriate name might be "Lit-tle Dictator Lake," "Crooked Lake," "Ego Lake,"** or "Grifter Lake". Broadbent emphasizes finding humor in stressful times, calling Trump's order to establish Lake America offensive and meaningless, while still urging people to take his influence as a very dangerous person seriously.

Argus Hamilton noted, "So we're in an economic War with Canada who **makes all of our toilet paper** just while we're in the middle of an explosive diarrhea epidemic due to the Mexican food to which we are addicted. I see what's going on here. Trump is planning to stage a reenactment of Custer's Last Stand, and he promises it's going to be the biggest and best Last Stand in all human history!" To per-haps clarify, the US imported \$328m worth of toilet paper from Canada in 2024, making it by far the largest exporter of the product to the US. Though American toilet paper and tissues are often made domestically, they heavily **rely on lumber-rich Canada for raw materials**.

The US accounts for more than 20 per cent of global tissue consumption despite having only four per cent of the world's population. The average American uses 141 rolls of toilet paper per year, making them No 1 for No 2s globally, just ahead of Germans, each using an average of 134 rolls annu-ally. Who counts their rolls of T.P.?

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Balcarres to hold ‘Ugliest Boulevard Tree’ contest

By Judy Hershmilller
Grasslands News

Not all of Balcarres’ boulevard trees are beautiful. There are a few around town that just might qualify for being downright UGLY. For just \$5 you can vote to have your least favourite boulevard tree removed this fall when the Dutch Elm Disease trees are being removed.

Stop by the town office. Buy a \$5 yellow caution-tape ribbon and tie it around the boulevard tree you think deserves that Ugliest Boulevard Tree. The tree with the most

votes will be removed. All proceeds go to the Balcarres in Bloom committee to help purchase flowers for 2027.

Speaking of the Balcarres in Bloom Volunteers and Community Supporters.....

A big thank you to Lori Bacon, Earl Bacon, Bonnie Dubiel, Sandy Korchinski, Dana Lowe and Gail Machniak for their hard work in organizing and bring Balcarres in Bloom back to the community.

The flowers and plants throughout Balcarres looked beautiful this year and added a wonderful splash of colour to our

streets and public places.

Appreciation to the RBC Balcarres Branch for its generous donation of \$1,500 to Balcarres in Bloom. Thanks to this support and the efforts of our volunteers even more flower pots and plantings are planned for 2027. Recognition also to Wilf Walker Trucking, Machniack Excavating and RW and Sons for their generous donations of time and materials, and to the local businesses that added their own flower pots, planters and displays around town.

New Councillor
Balcarres Town Coun-

cil welcomes newest councillor Rob Desnomie on board. Rob moved to Balcarres on June 14, 2024 and has immediately thought how to contribute to his community by joining the town council. He joins Mayor Kirby Korchinski, councillors Gord Michayluk, Scott Temple, Chris Petrichuk, Curtis Geisler and Lois Dixon.

Council meetings are open to the public and are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. The planned schedule for council meetings for 2026 are as follows with times of 5 p.m.: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Autumn is just around the corner, and with that comes yard clean-up. The following items are accepted at the Town Transfer Station: bare wood (not painted or stained), metal or used appliances (fridge, washer, dryer, etc.), concrete or cement, leaves, grass clippings, and garden waste.

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position and members are especially appreciative of help from Kirby, Fred, Earl and Rick. A new 50 in. TV was also purchased so it can be utilized for exercise mornings, and other planned activities. It is now ready for rentals. The rate is \$150 per day with members enjoying a special rate. To rent the Centre contact Lori Bacon at 306-331-9804.

Coffee time has resumed every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m., and Thirsty Thursdays at 2 p.m. Free to attend and open to the public.

Recently a perogy-making bee took place with 14 members having fun teasing each other while they worked. A record 1,362 perogies were made and packed up for sale. Potato, cheese and onion, and potato, cheese only were made. Contact Sandy at 306-331-7285. Saskatoon, apple and rhubarb pies are also available by contacting Sandy.

At the recent meeting other planned Golden Age Activities include:

Sept. 28: Community barbecue 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy a burger, chips and drink for \$12. Everyone welcome

Oct. 20: Members Planned Potluck Supper 5 p.m.

Nov. 20, 21: Christmas Themed Garage Sale

Dec. 4: Bake Sale with Soup and Biscuit Supper 4 to 7 p.m.

Dec. 16: Members Christmas Party and Entertainment 5 p.m.

The first draw will be on Dec. 31 at 12 noon at the Balcarres town office. The following draws will be held at 8 p.m on the second Tuesday of each month at the Golden Age Centre. Proceeds support the Balcarres ball diamonds, Balcarres & Community Foundation, Balcarres Hall and Balcarres Lions Park. Lottery Licence #RR24-0234.

Cash Calendar

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Sincere sympathy to Dr. Ron Brandow and family on the passing of Lana Brandow of Regina. Ron and Lana lived in Balcarres for many years operating the animal clinic prior to its closure. Sympathy is also extended to David McVicker and family on the passing of his wife Donna, and to David Hyndman on the sudden passing of his wife Evelyn.

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Balcarres library hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 12 noon to 6 p.m. Closed all statutory holidays. Follow the library on Facebook. Mobile book delivery and pick-up service is available to in-town residents. Contact Amanda at 306-334-2966 for more information and to arrange details.

AB men receive prison sentences

By Ryan Kiedrowski
Grasslands News

After several months of court appearances, two Fort McMurray, AB., men pleaded guilty to their roles in a January kidnapping in Yorkton. Preston Carroll, 24, and Dante Douglas, 20, appeared in Yorkton Provincial Court on Sept. 8.

Carroll was sentenced to serve 1,292 days (approximately 3.5 years) in custody after pleading guilty to charges of kidnapping while using a firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, carrying tools to break into coin-operated machines without valid reason, assault, and uttering threats against a person. An additional 22 charges were stayed, part of a joint sentencing submission between Crown and defence.

Douglas pleaded guilty to charges of kidnapping

while using a firearm, possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, possession of a prohibited weapon knowing he was not authorized to possess it, and flight from a peace officer. He was sentenced to 1,112 days (three years) in custody with a further 18 charges stayed by the Crown as part of the resolution.

The charges stemmed from an incident on Jan. 20 when Yorkton RCMP received a report of suspicious activity on Fourth Avenue North in Yorkton. Police initially received information that a person may have been kidnapped.

According to the RCMP, the male victim was in a parked vehicle outside a residence when two males wearing face coverings approached the victim, forced him out of the vehicle, placed him in a separate SUV, and drove away. The two men threatened the victim, and while a firearm was pointed at him, no shots were fired.

“Shortly after receiving the initial report, Yorkton RCMP located a vehicle matching the SUV’s description on Highway 10, heading towards Melville,” RCMP said. “Officers activated their vehicle’s emergency equipment and initiated a traffic stop. The SUV did not stop; it fled from police.”

RCMP said the SUV entered the ditch after a brief pursuit, allowing officers to arrest the occupants.

“The victim - who was one of the vehicle occupants - reported non-life-threatening injuries to police,” RCMP said, adding that the suspects and victim were known to each other.

Police searched the vehicle, seizing a loaded firearm, ammunition, approximately 88 g each of cocaine and methamphetamine, plus around 16 g of fentanyl. Drug-related charges were among those stayed by the Crown.

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New studio provides space for creativity, expression



Be artistic
Owner Susie Hilton looks forward to hosting a fall décor class and other creative workshops at the new Grace & Thyme Studio.

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By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

A new sign has been installed over the door of 434 Grand Avenue in Indian Head. It designates the building as the Grace & Thyme Studio and indicates that the space will be a place to create, gather, and learn.

Susie Hilton is the owner and operator of Grace & Thyme antique store at 434 Grand Avenue. She moved the business from Regina to Indian Head in 2023. She looked forward to hosting workshops at her new shop, and over the past few years, community members have enjoyed attending classes on a variety of topics.

Hilton and guest presenters have facilitated these classes in the back of the antique shop. However, every time there is a class she must rearrange the retail area in order to accommodate participants, and the space is still quite limited. This spring, she hosted a candle making class for 18 ladies from Grenfell but noted that the workshop area is more suitable for a group of eight.

As she conducted sessions on vintage window décor or pumpkin painting, Hilton determined that she needed a more spacious location to offer classes. She had purchased the building on the 400 block of Grand Avenue about two years ago, and her tenant recently moved to a different location in town. Hilton concluded that the 600 sq. ft. storefront would be ideal for a studio. It would be an extension of her operations at the an-

tique shop up the street, providing an excellent place to hold creative workshops.

The first class in the new studio is scheduled for Oct. 4, 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will decorate faux pumpkins or other décor with fall themes. The cost is \$75, with all materials included. Hilton hopes to offer monthly classes at the new studio, and upcoming sessions could include an introduction to furniture painting, a Christmas décor class and candle making. She is also open to suggestions for workshop topics.

“Hopefully a dedicated classroom space will give us an opportunity to open up more classes,” Hilton said. “We can easily accommodate a dozen people without feeling crowded.”

Not only will Grace & Thyme Studio provide a venue for the classes Hilton wants to offer, but it will also be available for others to rent for similar ventures. She noted that there are many talented individuals in the community, and the studio could provide an opportunity for them to offer classes on sewing, art, writing, or other creative activities. The venue is available at a rate of \$25 per hour, though Hilton said this may be negotiable if a series of classes are being offered.

To register for the fall décor class or to rent the Grace & Thyme Studio, email graceandthyme2017@gmail.com or stop by the antique shop to speak with Hilton.

“I’m just glad to offer another service to the community and hope that it brings some outlets for our creativity,” Hilton said.

Weedmark flights disputed

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The Aug. 27 trip included a government announcement in Lloydminster before Weedmark and Bocek travelled to Saskatoon and then Regina. A “day in the life” video posted by Bocek showed portions of the journey, including lunch and clothing shopping in Saskatoon.

Weedmark has said chartering the aircraft allowed him to meet commitments across the province that would have been difficult to reach by road.

“As a result, I decided to charter a plane from a local company at my own personal expense,” Weedmark stated. “There were no taxpayer dollars involved.”

The NDP continues to call for Weedmark to release receipts showing what he paid for the flights.

MLA expenses charged to taxpayers are publicly disclosed, with 2025-26 travel information expected online in early October. Those disclosures should establish whether flight-related expenses were claimed through the Legislative Assembly, but would not necessarily show what Weedmark personally paid Air Andrew.

Questions beyond flights

The videos that brought attention to Weedmark’s flights have also raised questions about the relationship between his duties as an MLA and his ownership of a private newspaper.

Other “day in the life” videos show

Bocek accompanying Weedmark on constituency and government-related activities in Regina and other communities. One included a tour of a Nutrien potash mine with Weedmark and other MLAs. Other media were not invited on that tour.

Bocek works for the newspaper Weedmark owns, raising a separate question about whether the newspaper is receiving access through his position as an MLA that is unavailable to competing media.

Questions also remain about the financial arrangements surrounding the acknowledged flights. There is no evidence Air Andrew, Thorn or anyone else paid for or subsidized Weedmark’s travel, but the original invoices have not been released.

Saskatchewan’s Members’ Conflict of Interest Act restricts MLAs from accepting certain gifts or personal benefits connected with their official duties and from using their office to further private interests.

No evidence has emerged showing Weedmark received an improper benefit or improperly used his office to benefit his newspaper. Whether the flight arrangements or access afforded to his newspaper raise a conflict under the Act would ultimately be a matter for Saskatchewan’s Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Grand Theatre lobby renovation aims to improve accessibility

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

A renovation planned for Indian Head’s Grand Theatre will target accessibility improvements in the building’s lobby and concession areas.

The Town of Indian Head has issued an invitation to tender for a complete interior renovation of the two areas.

According to the tender notice, the project is intended to improve accessibility at the theatre.

The competition opened Aug. 26 and is scheduled to close Sept. 24.

Additional information has been provided to prospective contractors since the tender was initially issued.

An addendum was posted Aug. 28 along with an extension to the bid acceptance period and an additional on-site walkthrough for contractors.

A second addendum was posted Sept. 11.

The public tender notice does not identify an estimated construction cost



or provide a detailed breakdown of the individual accessibility improvements planned as part of the work.

JCK Engineering Inc. is listed as the contact for the tender.

The Grand Theatre is a longstanding community facility in Indian Head and continues to operate as a movie theatre and venue.

The latest work will focus specifically on renovating the lobby and concession areas to make them more accessible.

Contractors have until 2 p.m. Sept. 24 to submit bids.

Further details, including the successful contractor and project cost, are expected following completion of the tender process.

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IH Council approves of elm tree removal, subdivision approval

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Indian Head town council held a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 14. Councilor Al Hubbs chaired the meeting in the mayor’s absence.

Council approved a quote from Speedy Stump Cutter of \$15,000 plus taxes, to remove 13 trees infected with Dutch Elm disease. The town contracts out any trees that Public Works staff cannot safely remove using the town’s equipment. Only one company submitted a quote.

Documentation was presented to council confirming that subdivision applications were approved for a property on Water St. and a property on Victoria Ave. This has created two distinct residential lots where new houses can be constructed.

OH&S conducted an inspection at the town shop and determined that a formal policy was lacking for Chemical Spill and Leak Emergency Response. Administration prepared a policy and council approved it for implementation.

Council reviewed a list of four prop-

erties with taxes in arrears for 2025 and authorized administration to proceed with tax enforcement. They noted that even when combined with properties from previous years, the town has very few with taxes in arrears.

Council discussed options for entertainment at the town’s Jingle & Mingle

event in December, as presented by the community development officer. The event is held at Memorial Hall and council agreed to invite the Stage Left Players to provide the entertainment. The group often prepares a Christmas performance but will be unable to utilize the Grand Theatre this year due to renovations.

Indian Head High school received upgrades from PMR grant program

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Schools in Indian Head started the new year with facility upgrades as part of the Preventative Maintenance and Renewal plan outlined by Prairie Valley School Division for the 2026-2027 school year.

The provincial government introduced the annual Preventative Maintenance and Renewal grant program in 2013. When PVSD approved its operating budget for the 2026-2027 school year, the division stated that it had received an allocation of \$3.2 million through the PMR grant program for the upcoming fiscal year. This will be used to complete prioritized projects across the school division.

PVSD is investing \$450,000 to upgrade the Physical and Applied Arts facilities at Indian Head High School. When the Grade 7 to 12 school hosted its back-to-school open house on Sept. 8, students

and parents were directed to pick up a hamburger and drink at the newly renovated Food Lab, or home ec room. Over the summer, equipment was replaced, food preparation areas were upgraded, and new flooring and windows were installed. The space not only functions as the servery for the school’s hot lunch program but is also a valuable resource for students’ practical learning. Along with the Food Lab improvements, PVSD is installing a new ventilation system for the Carpentry Lab. The ventilation project is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

PVSD also undertook a PMR project at Indian Head Elementary School. Students began their physical education classes outdoors this fall to allow contractors time to finish replacing the aging floor in the school gym. The new flooring represents an investment of approximately \$51,000 and students were able to resume using the gym on Monday.

IHWF pilot project releases Pheasants

Submitted
Grasslands News

On the morning of Sept. 13, the Indian Head and District Wildlife Federation released 84 ring-necked pheasants on to the land. This is a pilot project that started this spring when IHDWF member Conrad Korchinski brought forward an idea at a monthly meeting to raise pheasants for release. He had recently built a pen where pheasants could be raised. IHDWF partnered with Conrad Korchinski to raise the birds for releasing. Eleven volunteers, including a younger IHDWF member, Andrew Miller, were present to capture the pheasants for transport and assist in their release. This is one of many conservation and education programs that IHDWF is a part of. To hear more about the education and conservation programming available through IHDWF, consider attending the group’s fundraising supper on Oct. 24 at Memorial Hall. Contact Michael Miller at 306-535-7447 or Dan Grunert 306-660-7600 for tickets.

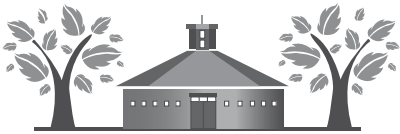


Set them free
Andrew Miller and other members of Indian Head and District Wildlife Federation released young ring-necked pheasants into the wild on Sept. 13.

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Harvest Hoedown: A Fall Tradition Returns!

The Harvest Hoedown Craft Show will be taking place on Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 4: p.m. at Memorial Hall in Indian Head. We have over 30 vendors registered, offering a variety of handmade items and the home-based businesses you love. The Royal Purple will be offering soup & sandwich lunch for purchase as well. With raffle prizes, a wide variety of tables to browse, and the chance to connect with neighbors and friends, it’s the perfect way to spend a fall day.

Funds raised from the show go right back into supporting local organizations, meaning every purchase and every admission helps strengthen our community. Last year’s event welcomed 400 shoppers and raised over \$3,000—a true testament to the impact of community spirit and support.

Win the Legion’s Centenary Quilt!

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #114 is excited to raffle off a very special Centenary Quilt, created to commemorate 100 years of service and community. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from Legion members and local business partners, including Sherwood Co-op, Pharmasave, The Gallery Coffee House, and Métis Nation–Saskatchewan and the Town Office. The raffle will be drawn following the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Free Yard Waste Weekend at the Transfer Station

The Town has declared October 17 & 18, 2026 “Free Yard Waste Weekend” at the Waste Transfer Station. There will be no charge at the Transfer Station for yard waste loads. Please note: demolition loads do not qualify for free yard waste weekend. Hours of operation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If there is inclement weather, please check the Town’s Facebook to ensure the Transfer Station is open. You can also check the Transfer Station sign west of Highway #56 to ensure it is open before driving out.

Wildlife Federation Dinner October 24

The Indian Head and District Wildlife Federation invites you to our Annual Fundraising Supper on Saturday, October 24, 2026. You’ll enjoy a mouth-watering supper plus a fun-filled evening of silent and live auctions, raffles, and more.

Join fellow wildlife enthusiasts and support local and provincial conservation efforts! For tickets, contact Michael Miller 306-535-7447, also available at Pharmasave.

New Youth Courses Coming to Indian Head

The Southeast College will be offering two great courses for local youth in Indian Head this November. A **Home Alone Course** will take place on Sunday, November 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., teaching children the skills and knowledge they need to stay safe and responsible when home alone. The suggested age is 9 years and older, or turning 9 within a month of course completion. The cost is \$84 plus materials and tax.

A **Babysitting Course** will follow on Monday, November 2 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This course is designed for youth ages 11–16 and covers child care basics, safe play, meal preparation, and handling emergencies. The cost is \$90 plus materials and tax.

Both courses will be held at Southeast College, 708 Otterloo Street, Indian Head. For more information or to register, call 1-866-999-7372 or visit southeastcollege.org.

Upcoming Community Events

- September 19 – Library Craft Swap
- September 24 – Fort Quappelle @ IHHS Broncs Football
- September 25 – 26 – Indian Head Chrysler 41st Birthday Celebrations
- September 26 – Beaded Poppy Workshop at the Library
- September 26 – Horticulture Society Plant Exchange
- September 29 - October 10 – Halloween Costume Swap
- October 17 – Harvest Hoedown Craft Show & Sale
- October 24 – Wildlife Federation Fundraiser Dinner

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SPORTS

Yorkton Junior Raiders vs. Balgonie Griffins

Defensive game ends at 11-7

By Calvin Daniels
Grasslands News

The Yorkton Junior Raiders were back in action Saturday, Sept. 12 hosting Balgonie Griffins at Century Field in Yorkton.

The game would prove to be a defensive affair with the Raiders winning the low-scoring affair 11-7. Luke Neilsen had a rushing touchdown and added a field goal. The Raider defence also scored two points on a safety. On defence Karter Ockochinski and Seneca Crane were all over the field making plays from sideline to sideline.

Yorkton head coach Alan Kyle told Grasslands News it was an “emotional game for both sides as Balgonie was playing only a few days after one of their senior players was rushed to hospital and remains in the ICU with a brain bleed.” Donations from a full day of football in Yorkton totalled over \$2,000 and those proceeds will be given to the family.



Avoiding the tackle
The Junior Raiders played a low scoring game defeating the visiting Balgonie Griffins 11-7 on home field in Yorkton on Saturday, Sept. 12.

CALVIN DANIELS | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Yorkton Maulers win preseason opener, then go on mini win streak

By Calvin Daniels
Grasslands News

It was all Yorkton Maulers Sept. 9, as they hosted the Parkland Rangers out of Manitoba.

The Yorkton U18 AAA Maulers Hockey Club opened the scoring early, and simply rolled as they scored eight, while holding the Rangers scoreless.

Jack Profsky led the way with a hat trick. Emmett Kihn, Milker Frankiewitz, Cruz Aebig, Den Dust, and Seth Holtvogt added singles in the romp.

Seth Bennett and Jaxon Schleper were the rostered Mauler netminders for the contest.

The same teams met again Saturday, Sept. 12 in Dauphin. And the result was much the same as well.

In a span of four-and-a-half minutes midway through the first period the Maulers took control of the road game with four unanswered goals. Miller Frankiewitz, Emmett Kihn, Lincoln Evans and Kaden Kohle scored the goals.

In the middle stanza Yorkton piled on five additional unanswered goals to make it 9-0. Kohle and Kihn each scored their second of the contest, while Corban Friesen, Hogan Hickman and Ty Rusnak added their first of the game.

In the third Kohle completed his hat trick to round out a 10-0 win.

Jaxon Schleper had the Mauler shut-out facing only 15-shots.

The Maulers then headed to Brandon for a Sunday, Sept. 13 afternoon match against the U18 Wheat Kings.

The Maulers stayed stingy in the contest.

In the first period Yorkton's Dylan Veroba scored the only goal.

In the second frame Seth Holtvogt, then Cruz Aebig and Hogan Hickman – the latter two only 18-seconds apart – made it 4-0.

Holtvogt added a third period marker to round out a 5-0 win.

Jaxon Schleper had the shut-out – the third straight in the preseason – facing 25-shots.

The Wheat Kings are scheduled to make a return visit with the Maulers at the Westland Insurance Arena in Yorkton at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20.

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Katepwa Beach Ladies Golf Club wraps up season

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The Katepwa Beach Golf Club ladies capped off their season with club championship competition, recognizing winners in several 18-hole and nine-hole divisions before turning their attention to plans for 2027.

The Ladies Club Championship was held Aug. 13, with Aug. 20 set as the alternate date. A total of 40 golfers took part, including 16 players in the 18-hole competition and 24 in the nine-hole event.

In the Senior Ladies 18-hole division, Elaine Banbury captured the gross championship, while Carol Walsh was the net winner. The Senior Ladies nine-hole gross title went to Linda Bullivant, with Deb Highmoor taking the net championship.

For ladies under 70, Wendy Stillborn claimed the 18-hole gross championship and Sandra Williams won the net title. In the nine-hole division, Jane Johnston was the gross winner, and Louise Laverdiere captured the net championship.

The club also recognized Lorna Onrait as the winner of the Katepwa Ladies Members Championship, which was contested over two days.

Following the meeting, elections were held to select the ladies club executive and committee members for 2027.

Cathy Walkington will serve as president, with Shelley Jourbert as vice-president. Jane Johnson was selected for finance, while Darlene Exner will serve as secretary and handle membership.

Carol Chapman and Eileen Lewis will serve as captains, with Bev Wasylynuik and Lorna Onrait looking after social activities. Marlene Bennett will handle rules, Pat Pratt publicity and Kim Stephens photography.



Senior Ladies 18-hole champions

Katepwa Beach Golf Club recognized its Senior Ladies 18-hole champions following the club championship. From left are president Cathy Walkington; net champion Carol Walsh; gross champion Elaine Banbury; and captain Shelley Jourbert.

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Senior Ladies nine-hole champions

Deb Highmoor, centre, was recognized as the Senior Ladies nine-hole net champion at Katepwa Beach Golf Club. Joining her are president Cathy Walkington, left, and captain Shelley Jourbert, right. Gross champion Linda Bullivant was missing from the photo.



Ladies 18-hole champions

Katepwa Beach Golf Club's Ladies under-70 18-hole champions were recognized following championship play. From left are president Cathy Walkington; gross champion Wendy Stillborn; net champion Sandra Williams; and captain Shelley Jourbert.



Ladies nine-hole champions

Katepwa Beach Golf Club recognized its nine-hole champions. From left are president Cathy Walkington; gross champion Jane Johnston; net champion Louise Laverdiere; and captain Shelley Jourbert.

Sports Column

Can Internationals stay close at President's Cup?

By Bruce Penton
Sports Columnist

Lambs led to slaughter. David vs. Goliath. The lions against the Christians. Shooting fish in a barrel. Bringing a knife to a gunfight.

Pick your metaphor and it will apply to this week's President's Cup golf competition, held every two years and often begging the question: Why?

Since its inception in 1994, the United States' 12-man team has had its way with the Internationals, a team of 12 golfers from outside the U.S. or Europe. That means eligible players could come from Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, South America, etc. Overall, the U.S. has been formidable, winning 13 events, tying one and losing one. This year's clash at Medinah Country Club in Chicago

is expected to almost certainly extend the Americans' winning streak. The only hope for the Internationals would be if Donald Trump elbowed his way onto the U.S. team and had to play without cheating.

How powerful are the Americans? The U.S. team will send out players ranked 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9 in the Official World Golf Ranking. That No. 1, of course, is Scottie Scheffler, who recently won two of the three PGA Tour playoff events, including the Tour Championship. The Internationals' highest-ranked player is No. 13 Si Woo Kim of South Korea, a fine player but hardly someone to be feared by the Americans.

Ryan Fox, the Champion Golfer of the Year, the honorary title given to the golfer who wins the British Open, is from New Zealand and is the

second-highest ranked International, at No 25. Internationals' captain Geoff Ogilvy, an Aussie who won the 2006 U.S. Open, has his work cut out for him as he leads his lambs into battle.

Two Canadians — Corey Connors (No. 54 in the world) and Nick Taylor (No. 80) — were chosen for the International team and it's assumed they will be sent into battle with classy team uniforms, a number of sleeves of new golf balls and a jar of salve to dab on the inflicted bruises. The team slogan could be 'No Hope, But No Surrender, Until Sunday.'

The Americans, not surprisingly, are a little cocky on the eve of the President's Cup. A headline on a story on the the U.S.-based Yahoo!Sports wrote in black ink what would normally be only whispered,

in the spirit of good sportsmanship: 'The President's Cup lacks juice because American team is just too good'.

The President's Cup was hatched to give golfers outside of Europe a chance to take part in a Ryder-Cup-like competition against the best from the U.S. The host site for the event is rotated between a U.S. city and an 'International' location. Australia's Royal Melbourne has been the host course three times; Royal Montreal has twice played host. But they could play on an iceberg north of Churchill and the Americans would probably still come out of top, unless golf shoes were mandated to be replaced by skates.

So sit back and enjoy the President's Cup. But be prepared to hide your eyes.

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Members champion

Lorna Onrait was the winner of the Katepwa Ladies Members Championship, which was contested over two days.

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Sports column – Darcy Gross
Gross Misconduct

Would it really be the start of another NFL season without the Dallas Cowboys completely collapsing against the New York Giants, losing 28–20?

Or without the Cleveland Browns being humbled 34–10 by the Jacksonville Jaguars?

The easy answer is no.
The Browns losing in Week 1 comes as no surprise. The Jaguars have a strong team, and the Browns are still the Browns.

Even if Cleveland had lost a closer game to a weaker opponent, you have to understand that, for them to remain lovable losers, they need to stick to their losing tradition.

Even when Cleveland puts a decent squad on the field, they’ll find a way to lose.

That’s just the way it is.
The Cowboys, however, do things a little differently.

Every year, every Dallas fan can’t wait for the season to start because this is going to be their year!

Until it isn’t.
Then, somehow, it becomes next year.

Sure, the Cowboys have only played one game, but it certainly looks like they’re already laying the groundwork for another season that ends with them watching the playoffs from home.

Seriously though, for most armchair quarterbacks who love the gridiron game, it’s time to put the Cowboys and Browns aside for a moment and simply enjoy the product on the field.

There’s something about the NFL that keeps drawing fans back every September. Maybe it’s the hitting. Maybe it’s the strategy. Maybe it’s the ridiculous amount of time we’re willing to spend arguing about whether a quarterback actually had control of the football before his knee touched the ground.

Whatever the reason, the NFL has a way of making every Sunday feel important.

And yes, perhaps it sounds like I favour the American game over the Canadian game.

The reason for that is simple.
I do.

I’m not sure exactly when it happened, but somewhere along the way I began to appreciate the NFL’s grinding offence and punishing defence more than what we see in the Canadian game.

That doesn’t mean I’ve forgotten where I came from. I can still remember when the running game completely dominated the NFL, when a fullback and a running back seemed to be on the field for almost every play.

The fullback would batter defenders, clearing a path through the line so the more fleet-footed running back could find a crease and explode through it.

It was football in its simplest form: somebody gets hit, somebody falls down, and somebody else tries to run over the guy who just fell down.

Of course, CFL fans had their own way of looking at the American game.

For years, you could hear the familiar criticism that the NFL’s greatest offensive innovation was to fall forward three times and punt.

The NFL faithful had a response of their own, of course.

To them, the CFL was the two-pass-and-punt league.

Neither side was particularly interested in giving the other much credit.

And maybe that’s part of what makes the two versions of the game so much fun to argue about.

One thing most folks will probably agree with me on is that the officiating in the NFL is head and shoulders above what we have up here in the Great White North.

Especially if you happen to be a fan of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, who were beaten by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the infamous Banjo Bowl, thanks in large part to a few weird calls that went the Bombers’ way -- and some calls that were never made but probably should have been.

The NFL officials aren’t infallible either. Perhaps, even as I type this column, the refereeing crew on Monday Night Football is already trying to help Patrick Mahomes find his way to another victory.

But back to the NFL.
Most of the games were high-scoring and exciting, so that’s a positive.

It’ll be interesting to see which teams make the playoffs with some coaches and players gone from their previous teams. After all, it only takes one game for fans to start making playoff predictions, handing out awards and deciding which teams are destined for greatness.

It’s only one game in, and fans should have high hopes for the season.

Unless they’re fans of the Cowboys or the Browns.

Mils win four of six matchups
SJHL Preseason

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

The SJHL Melville Millionaires had a solid exhibition season, winning four of the six games they played.

Melville Millionaires 4 at Yorkton Terriers 3 (OT, Sept. 12)

Returnee Rylan Oatman potted the winner in this contest, 1:14 into extra time with an unassisted tally.

Oatman also collected three helpers for a four-point night.

Veteran Kale Margolis notched a pair of goals for the visitors with newcomer Cole Brown sniping a single.

Brodie Hicks had a big game from the back end, picking up three assists.

Noah Kraus got the start in goal for the Millionaires and got the victory, stopping 36 of the 39 shots he faced. The Millionaires had 27 shots on the Terriers’ cage.

The Mils led 1-0 after

the first period and held a 3-1 advantage after 40 minutes.

Yorkton Terriers 6 at Melville Millionaires 4 (Sept. 11)

Two Terriers goals in the third period were the difference in this one, as the Millionaires fell behind near the midway point of the period and couldn’t get the equalizer.

The teams were tied 1-1 after the opening frame and 4-4 following two periods of play.

New acquisition Isaiah Bagri scored a pair for the Millionaires with singles coming off the sticks of Parker Salisbury and Hudson Closson.

Bennett Macek, Jaden Kokosha and Oatman each had a set-up point for the home side.

Kaleb Page got the start between the pipes for Melville and stopped 19 of the 23 shots he faced in the first two frames.

It was a quiet night for Kraus who turned aside four of five shots in the third.

Melville Millionaires 2 at Waywayseecappo Wolverines 1 (Sept. 9)

Wesley Olson, Oatman and Kokosha combined for both Melville goals in this matchup, with Kokosha scoring the first and Olson scoring the game winner as the three players had six points.



Kraus was the starter and stopped all 20 shots he faced in the first two periods with Page kicking out six of the seven shots he faced.

Waywayseecappo Wolverines 5 at Melville Millionaires 2 (Sept. 8)

The Mils ran into a hot goalie in this one as they fell behind 4-0 in the third frame and couldn’t mount a comeback.

Kraus was solid in goal for the Millionaires, making 17 saves on 18 shots in two periods, before being replaced for the third with Malcolm Katuski who gave up three goals to take the loss.

Margolis fired both Millionaires’ markers with Oatman collecting a pair of helpers while Grady Carmichael had a single assist.

The Millionaires outshot the Wolverines 47-33.

Melville Millionaires 6 at Weyburn Red Wings 5 (Sept. 6)

The Millionaires scored three times in the

third frame to earn the victory in Weyburn.

The Teams were tied 1-1 after the first and the Wings were up 4-3 after a couple of stanzas.

Hudson Postnikoff led the way for Melville with a tally and a couple of assists while Cohen Champagne, Brodie Bowen, Lukas Lundgren and Braysen Agopsowicz supplied singles.

Agopsowicz, Closson, Sam Laplante and Torren Budgell each earned a pair of assists.

Katuski and Page split time between the posts to pick up the win.

Weyburn Red Wings 4 at Melville Millionaires 5 (OT, Sept. 5)

Budgell led the way for the Millionaires with a goal and two assists while Carmichael notched the overtime winner for the Blue and White.

Salisbury and Champagne chipped in with a goal and a helper each with a single tally coming from Macek.

Addy Price and Page each allowed a pair of goals in the Melville victory.

The Millionaires open their regular season on Sept. 18 in Weyburn against the Red Wings and on Sept. 19, the Wings will return to the CN Community Centre in Melville for the Millionaires’ home opener.

Game time is 7 p.m.

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Regular Season

SEPTEMBER:

18– Melville at Weyburn 7:30
19– Weyburn at Melville
25– Melville at Melfort 7:30
26– Melfort at Melville
29– Flin Flon at Melville

OCTOBER:

02– Melville at Humboldt 7:30
03– Humboldt at Melville
09– Melville at Yorkton
10– Yorkton at Melville

Yorkton Terriers Jr. A Hockey
Game Schedule

Home/Away Games
All Games 7 p.m.
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Regular Season

SEPTEMBER:

19– Estevan at Yorkton
22– Yorkton at Warman
25– Yorkton at Kindersley 7:30
26– Yorkton at Kindersley 7:30

OCTOBER:

03– Flin Flon at Yorkton
04– Yorkton at Weyburn 6:00
09– Melville at Yorkton
10– Yorkton at Melville

Fort Knox Hockey
Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

Pre-season

SEPTEMBER:

19– Regina Caps at Fort Knox 7:00
20– Fort Knox at Regina Silver F 4:00

Regular season

SEPTEMBER:

26– Fort Knox at Pilot Butte 7:45

OCTOBER:

03– S’toon Westleys at Fort Knox 7:00

09– S’toon Royals at Fort Knox 7:30

Pilot Butte Storm
Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

Pre-season

SEPTEMBER:

19– Reg. Silver Foxes at Pilot Butte 4:00
20– Pilot Butte at Reg. Caps 7:00

Regular Season

SEPTEMBER:

26– Fort Knox at Pilot Butte 7:45
30– Regina Caps at Pilot Butte 8:00

OCTOBER:

03– RPS Rebels at Pilot Butte 7:45

04– S’toon Westleys at Pilot Butte 3:45

07– Reg Silver Foxes at Pilot Butte 8:00

Wallis lifts Fort Knox past Storm in overtime

By Sarah Pacio & Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

With the ice surface recently readied for a new season at the Prairie Co-op Rexentre in Fort Qu'Appelle, the Fort Knox Junior Hockey team got right down to business. After practicing on home ice over the week-end, they welcomed the Pilot Butte Storm team for a pre-season exhibition game on Tuesday evening. Fort Knox opened its Prairie Junior Hockey League

season with some overtime drama Tuesday night (Sept. 15), scoring on the power play to earn a 5-4 victory over the Pilot Butte Storm. Madden Wallis scored the winner 3:15 into overtime, converting a power-play opportunity after Pilot Butte was called for too many men. Holden Wasacase and Jonah Pinel drew assists on the game-winning goal. The victory completed a comeback for Fort Knox after the Storm jumped out to a 3-2 lead during a five-goal opening period. Pilot Butte's Tristan Brownridge opened the scoring

on the power play 5:07 into the game before Fort Knox answered with goals from Rhett Weichel and Pinel. Tavyn Boychuk and Grayson Brock also scored for the Storm, giving the visitors a one-goal advantage after 20 minutes. Fort Knox pulled even early in the second period when Wasacase scored from Tanner Wiens at 1:54. The goal was the only scoring of the middle frame, sending the teams into the third tied 3-3. Pilot Butte regained the lead 6:51 into the third on a goal by Ryder Miller, but Fort Knox again responded. Reese Copeland scored from Pinel at 11:24 to make it 4-4 and ultimately force overtime.

Fort Knox received its opportunity to end the game when the Storm were assessed a bench minor for too many men with 3:20 gone in overtime. Just five seconds later, Wallis found the net to give Fort Knox the 5-4 win. Pinel led the Fort Knox offence with a goal and two assists, while Wasacase finished with a goal and an assist. Memphis Runns also recorded two assists. Fort Knox held a 50-39 advantage in shots and went 2-for-8 on the power play. Pilot Butte finished 1-for-6 with the man advantage. Ty Muhr started in goal for Fort Knox and stopped 15 of 18 shots before Nicholas Forsyth took over, turning aside 16 of the 17 shots he faced. Pilot Butte's Kaden Perron made 40 saves on 45 shots. The pre-season schedule continues with more exhibition games at the Rexentre this weekend. On Sept. 19, the Pilot Butte Storm and Regina Silver Foxes will play at 4 p.m.; Fort Knox and the Regina Capitals will face off at 7 p.m. On Sept. 20, Fort Knox will play the Silver Foxes at 4 p.m. and the Storm will face the Capitals at 7 p.m. Fort Knox will start the regular season in Pilot Butte on Sept. 26 with a game at 7:45 p.m. This will be followed by a home game against the Saskatoon West-leys on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.



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Eye on the puck
It took overtime for the hometown Fort Knox to beat the Pilot Butte Storm 5-4 on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Prairie Co-op Rexentre in Fort Qu'Appelle. These teams will meet up again at the Pilot Butte Storms regular season home opener on Sept. 26.

High level ringette coming to Whitewood arena

No charge to watch U14AA and U16AA teams

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

The speed and excitement of high-performance ringette will be coming to Whitewood later this month as the Whitewood Community Centre arena hosts a full afternoon of exhibition action featuring teams from Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Ringette Showcase – Regina vs. Eastman, Manitoba will take place Saturday, Sept. 26, with four games scheduled between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Admission to the showcase is free, giving families and sports fans from Whitewood and surrounding communities an opportunity to watch some talented young athletes compete without having to travel to a larger centre. The rink kitchen will also be open throughout the event. The day will feature U14AA and U16AA competition between the Regina Stingers and Buffalo Plains Rush from Saskatchewan and the Eastman Flames from Manitoba.

The action begins at 11 a.m. when the U16AA Regina Stingers face the U16AA Eastman Flames. The teams will return to the ice for a second game at 1:45 p.m. The U14AA teams take centre stage at 12:15 p.m., when the Buffalo Plains Rush meet the Eastman Flames. Their second game of the day begins at 3 p.m.

The Regina Stingers bring an impressive competitive background to Whitewood. The U16AA high-performance team operates under the Regina Ringette Association and captured the 2026 Saskatchewan U16AA Provincial Championship, earning the opportunity to represent Team Saskatchewan at the Canadian Ringette Championships in Ottawa. The Buffalo Plains Rush is part of the Buffalo Plains Ringette Association, which serves players from the Regina and Pilot Butte areas. The association fields teams in several divisions, including competitive travel and tournament programs. The U14AA Rush have also enjoyed tournament success, including a gold-medal performance at a Regina ringette tournament.

For local spectators who may be more familiar with hockey, the showcase also provides an opportunity to see just how different — and how fast — ringette can be. Ringette is played on ice with skates and sticks, but instead of a puck, players use a hollow rubber ring. Players pass the ring by inserting the blade of a straight stick into its centre. The sport places a strong emphasis

on skating, passing, positioning, teamwork and quick puck-like — or in this case, ring — movement. At the AA level, spectators can expect a particularly fast game featuring skilled skating, rapid passing and plenty of offensive and defensive action. Bringing the Regina and Eastman teams to Whitewood also provides younger athletes and families in the area with a chance to experience a sport they may not normally have the opportunity to watch locally. With four games on the schedule, spectators can come for one contest or spend much of the day at the arena. Saturday, Sept. 26 schedule: 11 a.m. to noon — U16AA Regina Stingers vs. Eastman Flames; 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. — U14AA Buffalo Plains Rush vs. Eastman Flames; 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. — U16AA Regina Stingers vs. Eastman Flames; and 3 to 4 p.m. — U14AA Buffalo Plains Rush vs. Eastman Flames. Admission is free and the rink kitchen will be open. For Whitewood and area sports fans, the showcase offers something a little different at the Community Centre — an opportunity to see high-level ringette athletes from Saskatchewan and Manitoba demonstrate the speed, skill and teamwork that have made the sport popular across the Prairies.

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Sacred Heart Saints boys' soccer team kicks off season

By Calvin Daniels
Grasslands News

The Sacred Heart Saints boys' soccer team kicked off their fall season with two home games Saturday.

Visiting the Saints on Sept. 12, were Estevan and St. Mary's from Prince Albert.

Facing off against Estevan first, the Saints played a very close contest over the course of 80-minutes which saw them drop the game by a score of 1-0.

Coach Sebastian Prost remarked that it was a close game that could have gone either way or even ended in a scoreless draw.

"Both teams were well matched today, and we just ended up as the unlucky ones by the end," he said. "I was happy with what I saw on the pitch today and am hopeful that we can build on what we saw here this morning."

The Saints faced off against the team from St. Mary's in Prince Albert in their afternoon matchup.

The visitors were a difficult opponent for the Saints. St. Mary's very quickly took control of the game and maintained an iron grip for the entirety of the match.

The loss of one of the Saint's captains – Evan Osiowy – towards the end of the morning match was felt acutely by the team, noted Prost. As of Monday, Osiowy was listed by his coach as day-to-day with a leg muscle injury.

"He is such a key player for our defensive line, that losing him to injury right at the end this morning was a significant blow," he said.

"We knew heading into the match that they were going to be a tough opponent and we would have our hands full but having to shift players' positions around to cover that loss did not help.

"This game really showed us where we have some work to do yet as a team."

The final score was 13-0 in favour of the team from Prince Albert.

The Saints will be back in action on Tuesday, Sept. 22, when they face off against the Yorkton Regional High School at Sacred Heart.



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Saints on the field

Sacred Heart Saints boys' soccer team played a home field game Saturday morning (Sept. 12) in Yorkton. The Saints dropped both games to Estevan and Prince Albert.

Yorkton Terriers launch 'Legacy Lottery Series' – Win a Car!

By Calvin Daniels
Grasslands News



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Win a car

The Yorkton Terriers team gathered at the launch of a new lottery series fundraiser for the team. Tickets for the Hyundai Venue are available for \$20.

The Yorkton Junior Terriers recently launched a new fundraiser. The Powerplay Legacy Lottery Series is an undertaking made possible thanks to a group of four businesses and two individuals who came forward looking for a way to support the team.

The result is what will be a series of six lotteries planned for the next three seasons.

The first of those was officially launched Sept. 8, at Yorkton Hyundai since the first lotto is for a Hyundai Venue.

Ron Kaban with Yorkton Hyundai said he and Sam Buckle were talking one day about how they might "fundraise for the Terriers."

The idea of a raffle came up and soon grew to include other interested businesses and owners.

Kaban said in his case he's always interested in helping out in the community, and being part of a series of draws for the Terriers was a good fit.

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Curling carries Inglis and Cottenie into Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame

By Calvin Daniels
Grasslands News

Karen Cottenie summed up learning of her upcoming induction into the Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame in one word; “honoured.”

But the announcement also gave Cottenie time to look back on a notable career in curling.

“I reflected back to many family moments we have had at a curling rink including times with my parents, and siblings and my kids,” she told Grasslands News. “I remember my dad setting up the salt and pepper shakers at the supper table discussing and teaching strategy from last night’s high school game and what a great thing curling has been to our family times.

“I also reflected back and immediately remembered my first curling coach, other than my parents and all my siblings that knew everything and we’re never wrong. It was Flo Sanna. Flo and Gloria Hayden owned Go4 Sports store in Yorkton. Flo coached the YRHS Girls curling team and our junior team.

“One of the things I remember when I was in high school and we were playing against teams that maybe weren’t very sportsmen like and I remember her teaching us as high school kids to ‘Kill them with kindness,’ and my interpretation of this was to ignore their nasty looks and comments and always try to rise above that. And I remembered this statement throughout my life; it kind of applies to everything, try to react in a kind way! I definitely used that quote, with all the teams that I coached as well.”

Sanna taught more as well. “Flo also taught to think and speak in positives,” offered Cottenie. “Turn a negative thought into a positive thought - find a way to turn the ‘dont’s’ into a do, self-talk was not ‘don’t hit the guard,’ but do get around the guard -- which also turned out to be a lifelong sports useful psychology method and also applied to teaching trying to phrase things in the positive.”

It was likely that early coaching which set the foundation for curling success for Cottenie.

It started with success as a high school curler, as a member of the team that won the Regina Christmas Bonspiel in 1985, and as the second on the team that represented Canada in Germany the next year.

Cottenie also competed at the university level and was the skip of the 1986 Saskatchewan Winter Games gold medal team.

In 1996 she and her sister Cathy and the Bryden brothers won the Saskatchewan and Canadian Mixed Championships.

After 20 years of competitive curling, she coached and expanded Learn-to-Curl in schools in several Saskatchewan communities.

Cottenie said the upcoming induction has her recalling “all the winning moments and the gold medals and the trophies, but also all the times that you didn’t win and how important it is to learn how to be a good loser is too.

“It’s an important part of every game and I tried to teach that to my own children as well. Always, you are trying to win, and you are competitive, never did someone on your team try to lose or miss a shot.

“Learn sportsmanship early.

“However, in the end it’s always about the people and the friendships and relationships that matter. The other things like gold medals are of course fun and mark milestones in a career but in the end don’t necessarily matter as much as the relationships and friends and memories you’ve made along the way.”

Like many Cottenie found curling early.

“I grew up on a farm in between Rokeby and Saltcoats,” she said. “I was the second youngest of seven kids. We weren’t allowed to go to ‘town’ unless you had a purpose. Like we couldn’t just hang out with our friends or cousins. So, I was motivated to curl so I could get off the farm.

“I started curling with my mum and dad in Saltcoats. My first game was when they were short a player and my older siblings weren’t home - so I got



KAREN COTTENIE

to sub in. I was 10. Then from then on, I enjoyed curling on a mixed team with my sisters, and my mom and dad in a Wednesday night mixed league at Saltcoats.”

Those early games gave a young Cottenie a push to pursue the sport farther.

“This experience of being allowed to curl at 10, in Grade 4 at Dunleath School gave me bragging rights, because Tonkin had a big sign on the door that said you must be 12 years old to curl and that’s where all the Dunleath kids were waiting to get on the ice or watched their parents curl.

“... Curling was such an important part of winter for our family. One of my first memories of being at the rink were memories of my brothers -- Lloyd and Rob Inglis -- curling with my dad in Saltcoats. I remember hearing my dad yell, “Hurry hard hurry hard, HARDER!” and as far as I knew my brothers had the loudest brooms, these old blue Mach X-31’s, that had a leather strip that snapped when you swept and echoed in Saltcoat’s curling rink. They were snapping the Mach X-31’s down the ice and I recall the other kids saying, ‘no one else sweeps harder than your brothers and no one yells louder than your Dad’. Dad was always intense, especially curling - he had fun curling but it was serious - he always played hard, and then taught us to play hard as we modelled his curling.”

And the foundation was set in terms of Cottenie and curling.

“The curling rink was always a safe welcoming place for me,” she said. “It always seems to be a familiar and welcoming place just like Cheers (the TV bar), always a welcoming face like Gerry Adams or Howie Fehrenbach or Neil Whienmaster, and every curling rink I joined after Yorkton seemed like that was where I felt I belonged.

“In high school my friends and I hung out at the rink. We practised and played short game -- a curling game I feel like we invented to learn strategy and angles by only pushing the rocks from the corner sidewalk to the close house end -- at the rink after the lights went out and we had a dim light from the lobby reflecting on the ice as we waited for our parents socializing upstairs.”

Cottenie said sport always became more than about the scores for her.

“Sports, whether it was fast-ball or golf or curling, is where most of my most cherished friendships and memories of family and friends have been and it’s always been about the people - like things and gold medals don’t necessarily matter, it’s the people and memories and friendships that matter,” she said.

In that respect the induction will be largely about family and friends too.

“My kids watched me coach all my life but when I won the winter games, and Canadians, either they weren’t born yet or were babies at the time, so part of their response is learning more about my past curling experiences,” said Cottenie of her family’s reaction to the induction announcement.

The induction also puts a different perspective on Cottenie’s resume.

“From my current perspective, I’m a retired teacher, coach and curler; my high school wins were 43 years ago and Canadians with the Brydens was 30 years ago, and going to Canadians with Brian Derbowka and Gerry Adams and Cathy Inglis was 25 years, and I retired from teaching five years ago,” she reflected. “Competition and winning are fun but once the event is over, it’s over, and then when an induction into Yorkton’s Sport Hall of Fame happens, I get to relive some of those most cherished memories.”

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Cathy Inglis

Cathy Inglis has an impressive resume in terms of competitive curling at the local, provincial and national levels.

She was a member of the 1996 Canadian Mixed championship team skipped by Randy Bryden, along with his brother Russ and Inglis’s sister Karen. She again competed in the Canadian Mixed championship in 2003, the Canadian Seniors championships in 2013 and 2015, and this year placed third in the Canadian Masters championship.

It is a list of accomplishments which will see Inglis among those inducted into the Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Gallagher Centre.

Inglis said learning of her selection was naturally a big moment.

“My thoughts were of what an ultimate honour and that I was very grateful for the nomination,” she told Grasslands News.

“The induction has made me reflect on the national events I have attended and the teammates that took me there.

“I have been extremely fortunate to have teammates that shared deep, unspoken chemistry. Every experience and victory is a testament of the talent of my teammates; my curling sisters and brothers for life, I share this induction with them all.”

It is a story about curling that began as a family activity.

“Curling was one of our family sports,” said Inglis. “As children we watched our parents and grandparents at a curling rink.

“When we turned 12-years-old we were able to join the Tonkin junior curling on Saturdays. This was the beginning of learning how curling was fun, social and competitive.

“I joined High School curling to participate in school sports.



CATHY INGLIS

This is when the world of curling opened up as Vern Pachal taught us how to slide, roles of positions and strategy.

“The following year Dave Bray coached us to winning the High School Provincial Championship.”

From that point curling was just part of life for Inglis.

“Over the years, no matter where life took me, whenever I moved to a new city, the very first thing I did to meet people and find my community was look up the local curling club,” she said.

And curling kept her connected to family.

“What truly kept my interest in this game, decade after decade, was doing it alongside my friends and my sisters,” said Inglis. “Having them by my side turned a sport I loved into a lifetime of shared memories.”

Through it all Inglis said there were some surprises when looking back.

Inglis said it was a “surprise to the high school girl that was nervous to get out of the car to play at Provincials” thinking she “wasn’t good enough.”

But a coach told her to “take a big breath and play.”

It is a snippet of advice Inglis has hung on to.

“To this day I take a big breath before I throw every shot -- sometimes a really big breath on the very important shots,” she said.

And then Inglis turns back to the idea of family and the sport she has excelled at.

“Now as I look back and know that I always had a sister or friend on the ice with me every step of the way, it makes sense,” said Inglis. “Surrounded by people who love you, push you and share your exact work ethic.

“During our time of competitive curling Saskatchewan developed some of the world’s best women curlers. We all benefited by pushing each other. I’m

proud many of us are still out on the ice, playing and competing.”

An induction into a hall of fame is also a time of reflection on moments which stand out for the athlete.

“I have many stories but one that sticks out is what I would call ‘A wall of green, red and sound’,” said Inglis.

It was the 1998 Scotties, hosted in Regina.

“I was on Team Saskatchewan, (the) Sandra Schmirler Team with my sister Joan as second was Team Canada. The building was more than sold out. The crowd isn’t just watching; they were living every shot.

“The crowd would go dead silent watching a rock go down sheet, then erupt with a massive cheer -- shot after shot by both teams. On big shots the crowd would clap hands when either Sandra or I would go from house end to hack to throw our shots.

“They would then go silent and I swear I think I heard some people taking a big breath with me just before I threw my rock.

“In the ninth end I was torn between calling two different shots. As I indicated the shots with my broom, the crowd would yell ‘YES’ or ‘NO’. The crowd was calling the shots.

“My team was not accustomed to the crowd or the TV cameras which made us even stronger teammates helping each other through the game.

“Despite our best efforts we lost in the tenth end, but the experience was invaluable.

“This game remains etched in my memory as a testament to the fierce competition and camaraderie that define curling in Canada. It was such an honour to compete at the Scotties, particularly in my home province.”

As for the local induction it will be a shared experience.

“Family and friends have always been enthusiastic about all my family and friends curling accomplishments,” said Inglis.

“My three children have been my biggest fans throughout my curling journey. They spent many hours in a curling rink. (As younger children they might have been entertained with a roll of quarters for the Pacman game and a bag of popcorn). They have attended National events with me and have shared my victories and losses.”

On a personal level induction night will be one more opportunity for reflection.

“As I reflect on the past five decades of curling, I am filled with gratitude,” said Inglis. “Curling has not only given me countless unforgettable experiences but has also taught me invaluable life lessons about perseverance, teamwork and the importance of community. None of which would have occurred without my family and friends that gave support and helped with my kids, my spouse, my teammates, my coaches, ice makers, sponsors, employers, volunteers and countless others that allowed my life to be so enriched by the sport of curling.”

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Sunny Side Up

Some things I’ve learned about forgiveness

By Kathleen Gibson
Grasslands News

We were 30-some young voices, most earnestly devoted to Queen and country. Every weekday, all through grade school we stood beside our desks, saluted the flag and sang Canada’s national anthem and God Save the Queen. Then we bowed our heads. “Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name...”

The prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The prayer still prayed at some public gatherings. You may know it, even if you weren’t raised repeating it each school day. And if you do, I have a question. Have you ever stumbled over the phrase... “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us...”?

Basically, Jesus said if we don’t forgive those who wrong us, we are asking him not to forgive us for the wrongs we have committed against others. Ouch. Speaking personally, I know how much I need God’s forgiveness.

Someone I was angry with for decades died recently, someone who,

in my younger years I’d spent far too long refusing to forgive. Too long bitter. Too long hard, at least in that corner of my heart. Why do we cling to those attitudes? Maybe I thought forgiveness would mean I was now okay with the actions that caused such hurt? I wasn’t and never will be.

But somewhere along the way, in his tender way of handling hearts and correcting wrong attitudes, God changed me. Brought peace instead of rancor whenever that name came to mind. And although that person and I had not spoken in years, I look forward to a conversation in Heaven, where all differences are erased and wounds forgiven.

Hurts happened often over our thirty-plus years in full-time ministry. Leading congregations of diverse personalities makes that inevitable. Life in general makes that inevitable. But here are some things I’ve learned about forgiveness along the way:

Unforgiveness always hurts us more than it affects our offenders.

Forgiveness is an act of the will, of much prayer, and often wise counselling

Genuine forgiveness carries no expectations that it will change the offending party or person. Sometimes that person is already dead. Sometimes he or she (or they) feels they’ve done nothing wrong. That is strictly between them and our just God.

Forgiveness doesn’t require us to be friends with our offender. (Sometimes that’s not even wise; at other times peace may be possible.)

Refusing to forgive others is choosing to disobey the clear call of Christ to forgive others as our Father has forgiven us.

The act of forgiving changes us. Softens us, eases and finally erases bitter feelings.

Anything we must forgive is nothing compared to what Christ has forgiven.

That list is not complete – won’t be until my last breath. But I’m grateful for what life has shown me, and what Jesus taught me through that oft-repeated recitation of his prayer in my childhood classrooms. If you haven’t prayed it in awhile...start here: “Our Father, who art in Heaven...”

Flooring replacement goes to tender

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is preparing to replace flooring throughout the Whitewood Community Health Centre.

SHA issued an invitation to tender Sept. 9 for the supply and installation of new flooring finishes at the health centre on Gambetta Street.

The work is to be completed according to specifications and flooring layout documents included with the tender package.

A mandatory site meeting for contractors inter-

ested in bidding on the project was scheduled for Sept. 14 at the health centre. All bidders were required to attend the meeting. The competition remains open until 2 p.m. Sept. 29.

A contract value or anticipated construction schedule was not included in the publicly available tender notice.

The Whitewood Community Health Centre provides a range of health services to Whitewood and the surrounding area.

The flooring project comes as health-care services in the community continue to receive attention locally, particularly surrounding staffing and

ambulance coverage.

Whitewood town council has been raising concerns with the Saskatchewan Health Authority over ongoing shortages affecting the community’s ambulance service.

The flooring tender is separate from those service-level discussions, and the public tender does not indicate the work will result in changes to health programs or services offered at the facility.

The successful contractor will be responsible for supplying and installing the new flooring finishes in accordance with SHA’s contract documents.

Bids close Sept. 29.

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Obituary

Jann (Janet Diane) Cyr
“Grandmother Rock”
Dec. 14, 1962 – Aug. 27, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce Jann joined the angels during the eclipse of the moon on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026 surrounded by her loving family.



Jann will be loved and remembered by her son Ryan Missens; her loving partner Roland Kaye of Regina; her sisters Lydia of Fort Qu’Appelle, Lorraine (Elgin) Pinay of Peepeekisis and their family Jason, Cordell, Meldon, Brydon, Shelenda and special niece Maria; Bernice (Daniel Pelletier) of George Gordon First Nation and children Tonya, Trevor and Kelly; brother Jim’s children Reginald and Nicole of BC; special brother/nephew Kelly Cyr and his children Alicia, Brook, Avery and Lyric of BC and sister/cousin Rhonda Laframbois and her children Trina, Tara and Tyler of Regina; auntie Joyce (Walter) Pelletier of Bangor and grand-nieces and nephews.

Jann is welcomed into the Spirit World by kokum Hilda Pelletier; parents JB Cyr and Doris Cyr; brother Jim; special sister-in-law Bette Cyr; nephew Kyle Pinay and niece Tiersen Pratt.

Jann grew up in Fort Qu’Appelle and built and administrative career most recently at Red Eagle Lodge at Pasqua First Nation, Leading Thunderbird Lodge, First Nations University of Canada (SIFC), SGI and Sasktel.

She was pleased to be and elected member of the Fort Qu’Appelle town council where she shared First Nations culture and values and was influential in joining Fort council and the Tribal council for a stronger community. Her many accomplishments will have a lasting impact.

Jann also enjoyed her time with the many groups and committees where she formed friendships including the Fort Qu’Appelle Seniors Club, Knitwits and Wellness workshops. In retirement she became a marriage commissioner where she joined over 40 couples in matrimony.

We thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for their love, support, condolences, flowers, food hugs and visits.

Thank you to her home care team – Marcy Wood whose kindness guided us through Janns final moments, Nicky Popiuk, Christine Denyen, Kelly Phillips, Andrea Smith, ANHH and Eagles Nest staff.

We will miss her bright smile, her sparkling eyes and her laughs. Although she was the baby of the family her wisdom and guidance made an impact on us all.

A Celebration Of Life was held Monday, Aug. 31, 2026 at 1 p.m. in the Fort Qu’Appelle Legion, 185 Company Avenue South, Fort Qu’Appelle, SK

Arrangements entrusted to Conley Funeral Home, Fort Qu’Appelle SK 1-306-332-0555.

Thank you

Because she was here ... because she was loved ... always and forever

Jann lived her life in grace and dignity, enthusiasm and joy. We, her family, extend our sincere gratitude and thankfulness to all who supported us as Jann embraced her journey to the Spirit World. Thank you to family, relatives and friends, near and far, for the visits, calls, texts, food, condolences, hugs and caring. Thank you to Elder Dennis Omeosoo for prayers and pipe ceremony and leading at Jann’s Celebration of Life. Thank you to our nephews and sons Jason, Cordell, Meldon, Brydon, Trevor and Kelly for pallbearer honours with Brydon also attending the smudging protocols. Thank you to Jason Keewatin and Terrance Bobb and Alexei Sunkawaste for singing and drumming. Thank you to cousin, Chief E.J. Fontaine for informative and humorous Eulogy, and to the speakers for their memories of Jann and compassion for our family.

For the beautiful flowers, thank you to the Wowchuk Family of Kelowna, The FHQ Tribal Council, the Yorkton Tribal Council, FNUC, Fort Qu’Appelle Town Council, and Karen Main Family.

Thank you to Brad Braithwaite of Valley Bake and Coffee Shop for catering our lunch and Tara Whitecap and Shelley Misssens for all that delicious Bannock.

Thank you to the health professionals and staff at ANHH, Eagle’s Nest, Rising Bear Healing Centre, White Raven Healing Centre, Fort Qu’Appelle Primary Health Care Centre and Regina General Hospital, and, special thanks to Jann’s Home Care Team.

Thank you to Pasqua First Nation for their support. Thank you to the Fort Qu’Appelle Legion, and last but not least, to Elden and Megan at Conley Funeral Service for their great care as we respectfully ensured Jann’s wishes were carried out.

With deep gratitude to all that honoured our baby sister, mom and loving partner ...

—Lydia, Lorraine, Bernice, Ryan and Roland

CLASSIFIEDS



ONE AD, SEVEN NEWSPAPERS: All classified ads appear in the Fort Qu’Appelle Times, Indian Head-Wolseley News, Kipling Clipper, Melville Advance, Whitewood-Grenfell Herald Sun, Quad Town Forum and Yorkton This Week.

Obituary

Mary Sanderson
Sept. 6, 1938 – Sept. 9, 2026

Mary Sanderson, of Kennedy, Sask. passed away at the age of 88 years, leaving behind a life filled with family, friendship, hard work, community and many wonderful memories.

She was born on a farm between Kipling and Kennedy, Sask., to Jim and Klara Barta. From her early years on the farm, she developed a strong sense of independence and a love for bringing people together. She went on to open several restaurants, where her love of cooking and hospitality could truly shine. Sharing good food and welcoming people into her life were an important part of who she was.

She also opened a gift shop and proudly named it after her children, a lasting reminder of how much her family meant to her.

Her love of her community was evident in many ways. She served on numerous boards throughout her life. The last one being the President of the Kennedy Library Board. She was a strong advocate for reading and the importance of having books and libraries available to everyone. She believed in the value of learning and encouraged others to discover the joy of reading.

She will be remembered for her love of cooking, her independent spirit, her generosity and the special connections she made with those around her.

Particularly in her later years, she was fortunate to have many wonderful people beside her: her close friend Halina and husband Gerry; her caring neighbors Bonnie and Jim and Clare and Lorna; Amanda and children Danika and Spencer were a tremendous source of friendship and support; her angel with scissors, Connie and her favorite librarian Caroline and husband John. She was grateful for the care and assistance of Jill, a local EMT. Also the wonderful home-care workers who helped her remain at home and the caring staff at Deerview Lodge.

She is survived by her children: Veronica, Galen and Constance; her four grandchildren, who brought her great joy; brother Jerry; sister-in-law Doris; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her soulmate Galen Wahlmeier; her parents James and Klara; brothers Richard and Jimmy and sister-in-law Betty. She was also preceded in death by Molly, her beloved cat, who was a cherished companion.

She leaves behind a legacy of family, friendship, community service and love. Her kitchen, her restaurants, her gift shop, her work with the library and most importantly, the people whose lives she touched will all carry a piece of her memory forward.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memoriam may be made to the Kennedy Library, PO Box 217, Kennedy SK, S0G 2R0 or the Kennedy Memory Garden, PO Box 268, Kennedy, SK, S0G 2R0.

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Dated the 10th of September, 2026.

Jennifer McMillan
Administrator
Village of Kennedy

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1-844-GNG-NEWS

Local fire departments part of massive 2025 wildfire response

By GNG Staff
Grasslands News

Fire departments and municipalities across the Grasslands News coverage area were among those providing services during a year in which Saskatchewan experienced one of its most destructive wildfire seasons on record.

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's 2025-26 annual report shows substantial payments for goods and services to local municipalities and fire organizations, including \$712,150 to Carlyle and RM No. 63 Fire Protection, \$161,720 to Redvers Fire Department, \$94,152 to the Town of Canora, \$75,875 to the Town of Balcarres and \$65,491 to the RM of South Qu'Appelle No. 157.

The financial disclosure does not specify how much of each municipality's payment was directly connected to wildfire response. However, the payments came during an extraordinary year in which local fire services and other outside resources were called upon to assist the provincial response.

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514 wildfires burned 2,979,471 hectares in 2025. While the number of fires was down from 595 in 2024, it remained above the 10-year average of 418.

The area burned was more than three times the 936,042 hectares lost in 2024 and nearly four times the 10-year average of 776,898 hectares.

Of the 514 fires, 297, or 58 per cent, were human caused, while 217, or 42 per cent, were caused by lightning.

The magnitude of the season required a significant mobilization of fire-fighting resources.

SPSA water bombers logged more than 900 flight hours, airtankers more than 300 hours and birddog aircraft more than 1,000 hours during containment and suppression operations.

The SPSA also maintained agreements with Indigenous and northern municipal fire crews to provide Type 2 fire-fighters for wildfire mitigation, prevention and response. The agency described those agreements as "instrumental" during the 2025 wildfire response.

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The agency's financial disclosure illustrates how widely resources were drawn upon. In addition to the local payments, Buckland Fire & Rescue received \$737,020, Melfort Fire Department \$610,196, Lakeland & District Co-operative Volunteer Fire \$560,661, Maidstone-Waseca & District Fire Board \$187,750, and Garden River Fire Association \$104,121 for services during the fiscal year.

The human impact of the wildfire season was even greater.

Approximately 12,000 evacuees staying in hotels or with family and friends received assistance through the SPSA's Emergency Crisis Support program, while more than 16,000 additional evacuees were supported by third-party providers.

The province provided \$21.07 million for evacuation efforts and committed another \$29.93 million over three years for recovery, including cleanup, debris removal, temporary housing and social wellness supports.

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among the hardest-hit communities. By the end of the fiscal year, cleanup, debris removal, environmental testing and related work had been substantially completed on more than 200 residential properties. More than \$2.5 million was invested in temporary housing in Creighton and Denare Beach.

The province is also expanding its ability to respond to future wildfire seasons.

The SPSA is replacing its aging land-based airtanker fleet with four Dash 8 aircraft. The first Q400AT arrived in May 2025 and became operational in July. It flew 45 hours on five missions during its first season and dropped approximately 93,500 litres of retardant, including during the Beauval complex fires.

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Rural Municipality of Wolseley No. 155

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

Councillor for Division 2
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Councillor for Division 6

will be received by the undersigned at the municipal office during normal office hours until Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 at 4 p.m. local time.

Prescribed nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Dawn Oehler,
Returning Officer

Notice of Call For Nominations

The Rural Municipality of Cupar No. 218

Public notice is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

- **Councillor for Division No. 2**
- **Councillor for Division No. 4**
- **Councillor for Division No. 6**

will be received by the undersigned at the municipal office during normal office hours until Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 4 p.m. local time.

And on Nomination Day Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 9 a.m to 4 p.m.

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Dated this 8th day of September, 2026.

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NOTICE OF POLL

Town of Lemberg

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

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2. The vote will take place on: **Wednesday, the 14th day of October 2026, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Office, 332 Main Street, Lemberg, SK.**
3. I will declare the result of the voting at the Town Office, 332 Main Street, Lemberg, SK, on Thursday, the 15th day of October 2026, at the hour of 9 a.m.

NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL

Town of Lemberg

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for an advance poll.

Advance voting will take place on **Monday, October 5, 2026, between the hours of 11 a.m. 3 p.m.** at the Town Office, 332 Main Street, Lemberg, SK.

Dated this 18th day of September 2026

Victoria MacDonald
Returning Officer

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RM of Willowdale No. 153

Notice of Call for Nominations

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Councillor: RM Willowdale No. 153 Div. No. 2
Councillor: RM Willowdale No. 153 Div. No. 4
Councillor: RM Willowdale No. 153 Div. No. 6

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the municipal office, and during regular business hours on September 18th to October 7th, 2026 at the municipal office.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office located at 711 Lalonde Street White-wood, SK.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Chrissy Bodnarchuk, Returning Officer



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Indian Head Branch No. 114

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NOTICE of Call for Nominations

Rural Municipality of Cana No. 214

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

COUNCILLOR: RM of Cana No. 214 - Division No. 2

COUNCILLOR: RM of Cana No. 214 - Division No. 4

COUNCILLOR: RM of Cana No. 214 - Division No. 6

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the municipal office, and during regular business hours on September 17th to October 7th, 2026 at the municipal office.

**** A completed Public Disclosure Statement MUST accompany a Nomination Paper ****

Nomination Forms and Public Disclosure Statements may be obtained from the municipal office located at: 110 – 5th Ave. E. Melville, SK or on the municipal website at www.rmofcana.ca

Dated this 17th day of September, 2026.

Kali Apps, Returning Officer

NOTICE of CALL for NOMINATIONS

Rural Municipality of McLeod No.185

Public notice is hereby given that nominations of candi-dates for the office(s) of:

COUNCILLOR: RM of McLeod, No. 185, Division No. 2

COUNCILLOR: RM of McLeod, No. 185, Division No. 4

COUNCILLOR: RM of McLeod, No. 185, Division No. 6

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during regular business hours from September 18th, 2026 to October 7th, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 102 Main Street, Neudorf, SK.

Nomination Forms and Public Disclosure Statements may be obtained from the Municipal Office.

**** Nomination Forms must be properly executed and accompanied by a Public Disclosure Statement. ****

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Chantelle Ottenbreit
Returning Officer



Notice of Call for Nominations

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

- COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 2
- COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 4
- COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 6
- By-Election COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 5

Will be received by the undersigned at the municipal office located at PT NE 32-14-14 W2, in the RM of Francis No. 127, Saskatchewan (Township Road 150 & Range Road 2144), during normal office hours until Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 at 4 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office.

Contact the RM of Francis No. 127 municipal office by phone 306-245-3256 for further information.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Shala Kanasevich, Returning Officer

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Form H (Section 66 of the Act)

RM of Stanley No. 215

Public notice is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

Councillor for Division No. 2

Councillor for Division No. 4

Councillor for Division No. 6

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time at 238 Third Avenue West, Melville, SK, and during regular posted office hours on September 17 to October 7, 2026.

Nominations forms may be obtained at the municipal office; 238 Third Avenue West, Melville, SK.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2026.

Rhonda Schmaltz,
Returning Officer

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

RM of Indian Head No. 156

Public notice is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

COUNCILLORS: Division 2, 4 & 6

will be received by the undersigned at the munic-ipal office during normal business hours (Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.) until Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office.

Dated this 18th day of September 2026.

Tracy Luscombe
Returning Officer

Notice of Call for Nominations

(Municipal Elections)

Rural Municipality of Montmartre No. 126

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

Councillor: RM of Montmartre No. 126 Division No. 2

Councillor: RM of Montmartre No. 126 Division No. 4

Councillor: RM of Montmartre No. 126 Division No. 6

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 136 Central Avenue, Montmartre, SK, and during regular business hours on September 18th, 2026 to October 6th, 2026.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Municipal Office, 136 Central Avenue, Montmartre, SK.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Dale Brenner
Returning Officer

NOTICE of CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Rural Municipality of Grayson No.184

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

COUNCILLOR: RM of Grayson No. 184 Division No. 2

COUNCILLOR: RM of Grayson No. 184 Division No. 4

COUNCILLOR: RM of Grayson No. 184 Division No. 6

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during regular business hours from September 18th to October 7th at the Municipal Office located at 131 Taylor Street Grayson, SK.

Nomination Forms and Public Disclosure Statements may be obtained from the Municipal Office.

Nomination forms must be properly executed and accompanied by a Public Disclosure Statement and a current Criminal Record Check.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Sarah Dietrich, Returning Officer



Notice of Call for Nominations

RM of Lajord No. 128

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candi-dates for the office(s) of:

- Councillor for Division 2
- Councillor for Division 4
- Councillor for Division 6

Will be received by the undersigned or an appointed nom-ination officer at the municipal office, located at 4 Railway Avenue, Lajord, Saskatchewan, during normal office hours until Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 4 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal of-ice.

Please note, a criminal record check (Bylaw 296) and a pub-lic disclosure statement must be submitted with nomination forms

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Lynette Herauf,
Returning Officer

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Rural Municipality of Abernethy No. 186

Public Notice is hereby given that nominations of candi-dates for the office(s) of:

Councillor: RM of Abernethy No. 186 - Division 2
Number to be Elected: 1

Councillor: RM of Abernethy No. 186 - Division 4
Number to be Elected: 1

Councillor: RM of Abernethy No. 186 - Division 6
Number to be Elected: 1

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the RM of Aber-nethy No. 186 Municipal Office, 201 Main St., Abernethy SK S0A 0A0, and during regular business hours from September 18, 2026 until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at the RM of Abernethy No. 186 Municipal Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Rural Mu-nicipality of Abernethy No. 186 Office, 201 Main Street, Abernethy SK S0A 0A0.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

Karissa Lingelbach, Returning Officer

Gardener’s Corner

Fall plant sale: time to add some new plants

By Debbie Hayward
Grasslands News

A gardener’s work is always at hand, and if you are seeing some spots that need replenishing in your garden, then keep in mind that the Yorkton and District Hort Society will be holding its Fall Plant Sale on Friday, Sept. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parkland Mall, Yorkton.

Fall is a great planting time for new perennials in the garden: they have time to establish while it’s a bit cooler, and will be settled in before winter; so, take a look around your garden and see if there is some area that needs amending and can benefit from some interesting new plants.

There will also be some houseplants at this sale too, so something for everyone! That’s Friday, Sept.18.

Our garden work in recent days has been the beginning of closing off this year’s garden. We harvested the last of the tomatoes, pulled out the plants, and pulled out our beans and cucumbers.

We also had a couple spruce trees removed. They were lovely - about eight feet high - but sadly they were outgrowing our available space. The trees

were volunteers that we never had the heart to pull out when they were cute little baby trees and, as they do, they grew quickly into trees that were no longer suitable in our garden. But the resulting space has now opened a whole new area where nothing grew before, so we will have to do some landscape planning and make some new garden plans. That’s exciting!

One task that is still waiting to be done is to cut back our grape vines, so let’s chat for a moment about end-of-season care for grapes. Mom’s gardening books had information for fall and winter care of grapes in milder areas, so I went to one of my favorite information sources, the University of Saskatchewan (gardening.usask.ca/gardening-advice) for good solid information that is definitely in line with our climate.

I knew from other grape-growers that trimming is important, but the confidence of their years of growing grapes was far beyond what we are comfortable with, so we wanted step-by-step instructions.

The U of S advice says that we can cut back 90 per cent of the grape vine

in the fall -- 90 per cent!

That sounded kind of scary to me, but we know how fast they grow, so when spring comes the vines can easily and quickly come again. We don’t have to worry about cutting vines that might be giving us grapes, because grapes will come on the new wood.

Another bonus about this serious pruning in our climate: if we make sure to leave buds on the stems that remain, they will be safe from winter chills because they will likely be below the snow. We know that snow is a wonderful insulator, and quite often when we have a tender plant or shrub, we make a point of shovelling extra snow over it (clean snow with no ice-melt!) so that it has a good layer of snow protection all winter.

It seems that keeping the base of the plant protected is the main thing, and the vines are not so worrisome. I’m not saying that the first few drastic snips of our vines might not be a little nerve-wracking, but it will be good to do that last major task in a few weeks. I am hoping to make a grapevine wreath if the stems are still pliable enough.

The Yorkton and District Horticultural Society will be having a meeting in October, but this is a

‘members only’ meeting for planning and business. Visit our website, www.yorktonhort.ca for infor-

mation about upcoming events.

Have a good week of fall work in your garden.

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Terry Fox to be honoured on \$5 bill

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

In September, many students and community members will join to walk or run in memory of Terry Fox. As they recall his aspirations and make their own contributions to life-saving research like he envisioned, a \$5 bill is being designed to honour the Canadian.

Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg and grew up near Vancouver. He was diagnosed with bone cancer at age 18, which required his leg to be amputated in 1977. This experience and his interactions with other cancer patients inspired him to embark on a Marathon of Hope in April 1980.

Fox endeavored to run from coast to coast across Canada, raising awareness and funding for cancer research. He hoped this would lead to researchers finding a cure for cancer.

Fox was forced to end his journey after running 5,373 km across the Atlantic provinces, Quebec, and part of Ontario because cancer had spread to his lungs. He passed away in June 1981.

Although Fox was unable to achieve his goal, Canadians and other supporters around the world have carried on his mission. Since the first Marathon of Hope, the Terry Fox Foundation has promoted the famous Canadian's legacy by facilitating the annual Terry Fox Run fundraiser in communities across the country.

The official date for this year's Terry Fox run is Sept. 20, and numerous fundraisers will take place across Canada that day. Many more will be scheduled on alternative dates, such as the Terry Fox run organized by Whitewood School on Sept. 11 and Indian Head schools on Sept. 18. These initiatives garner tremendous support,

and the foundation announced a few months ago that it had raised more than \$1 billion over the past four decades. In 2025 alone, communities and schools in Saskatchewan raised \$1,130,663 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

While schools and community members plan to support cancer research through another season of fundraising runs, the Bank of Canada is also preparing to honour Terry Fox. In December 2024, the Bank of Canada announced that Fox would be featured on a new \$5 bill. An advisory council reviewed more than 600 nominations for the new bill and shortlisted eight individuals, from which Fox was chosen.

Like other Canadian bills, the currency will be made from polymer and include security features. It will be mostly blue in colour, and vertically oriented with a portrait of Terry Fox. Producing

a new bank note involves several stages including research and development, design, and production. The Bank of Canada is in the early development phase for the new \$5 bill.

Earlier this month, the design for a new \$20 bill featuring King Charles III was revealed which will enter circulation in 2027. The \$5 bill with Terry Fox's portrait will be issued sometime after that happens. The existing bank note featuring Sir Wilfred Laurier will continue to circulate until the Terry Fox bill is produced. The Bank of Canada intends to later include Sir Wilfred Laurier on a \$50 bill.

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Notice to Review a Discretionary Use

Pursuant to Section 55 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007, the Council of the Town of Pilot Butte gives notice to review a Discretionary Use Application, and the details are as follows:

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: A Legal Secondary Suite in the Basement of New Single-Detached 2 storey dwelling already under construction.

Civic Address: 424 Lafarge Street in the Hillside Park Development, Pilot Butte

Legal Address: Lot 38, Block 45, Plan 102137329

The affected land is outlined in red in the attached figure.



INTENTIONS
The applicant is proposing to construct a Legal Secondary Suite (self-contained dwelling unit) in the basement which is intended to accommodate revenue occupation.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
Any person may inspect the proposed Discretionary Use Application at the Town Office, located at 222 Diamond Place, Town of Pilot Butte, during regular office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed Discretionary Use Application are available for inspection at the Town Office.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council will hold a public hearing on September 28, 2026, at 7:30 PM, in the Town's Council Chambers to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed Discretionary Use Application. Council will also consider written comments received at the Public Hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before the hearing. All written submission should be forwarded with your full name and address to the Town Office or email to planner@pilotbutte.ca no later than September 24, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

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Friends and Neighbours

Indian Head gardeners busy putting gardens to bed

By Allison Kydd
Grasslands News

It happens every year: the first frost. However well-organized we are, we’re never quite ready for it – at least, I’m never ready, and I suspect the same is true for others. But it’s bound to come and usually in September. Some forecasts predicted frost for Saturday night, Sept. 12, and others said it would hit us the following night. On Sunday morning, some saw the evidence; others saw none. In my garden it was difficult to say. Some bean plants were a suspicious colour, but the squash and pumpkin vines appeared untouched.

I was relieved my tomatoes didn’t seem to be affected. We have been enjoying ripe tomatoes for a month and a half, but I haven’t had the energy to bring in the green ones. Instead, I hauled out the cardboard boxes, pieces of old rugs, car blankets and plastic sheeting I save for that purpose and hoped I could buy some more time.

Did it make a difference? I suspect not, since it’s doubtful that the temperature dipped into the minuses on Sunday night. When I finally got in motion Monday morning, what I noticed was rain, which continued all day. And the wind had blown off the plastic sheeting. So now there’s the problem of deciding how and when to uncover. And I must clear some space for tomatoes to ripen in the basement. These are some of my rituals at this time of year, and every other gardener will have his or her own version of putting the garden (or gardens) to bed.

In fact, I have found it a strange gardening year, with rain that won’t stop followed by periods of intense heat, so I can’t say I’m approaching harvest with enthusiasm. Not only that, but I got a late start on this year’s gardens because of various obligations at planting time. For a clearer, more hopeful perspective, I turned to a couple of well-known local gardeners, Ruth Anne Rudack and Dave Gehl, to ask about their process. Both have vegetable and flower gardens at home as well as being the go-to people for the community garden.

Over the last number of years, Rudack has dedicated countless hours to “the” garden, not only to her own plot, but to the food hamper plots as well. She also circulates regular e-mail updates to her fellow gardeners. This might involve alerting them to problems, such as a potato beetle infestation, letting them know there is extra produce available or defining what is and is not compostable. However, the fact gardening is a “labour of love” for Rudack doesn’t mean other gardeners shouldn’t look beyond their own plots and take some responsibility for maintaining and supporting the garden as a whole.

There has been some progress towards this goal. This year, Rudack says, there was generally a good turnout on Wednesday nights, the day allotted to tackling extra tasks. She was also grateful to have volunteers watering the food hamper plots. Finally, gardeners will have the opportunity to do their bit for the communal garden when the committee sets a date for cleanup.

Another thing Rudack would like to see more of is social or informational events in the garden. It seems to her that this is a missed opportunity, and she hopes Wednesday nights in the garden might be developed a little more in future.

Dave Gehl agrees that helping with the extra work should be part of each



Garden fresh

A sample of some of the produce that was grown at the Indian Head community garden this year.

gardener’s commitment to the community garden. In future, this expectation will be made clearer from the beginning, and there will possibly be a list of extra jobs for which people can sign up. This is not to make anyone feel guilty, but to ensure no one gets burned out by too many responsibilities.

Gehl doesn’t have his own plot at the community garden, but he coordinates the growing of more delicate plants in the hoop house. He also supplies tomato seedlings in the spring, and he and his wife, Roberta, host a tomato tasting event in the fall. (Sarah Pacio reported on this in last week’s issue of *Indian Head-Wolseley News*.)

The Gehls also have a home garden, as well as a raised bed, a baker’s dozen large pots of peppers and tomatoes and a greenhouse under their sunroom. The greenhouse is where Dave starts his many varieties of tomatoes. In fact, he says the artificial grow lights he has installed are almost too efficient. Because of this he will probably start his tomatoes later next season, so they don’t get “leggy” before it’s time to distribute them.

For Gehl, the main value of a garden is the ability to grown wholesome, tasty, economical food. It’s not just a hobby, but a lifestyle. When I spoke to him, he and Roberta had just enjoyed their own fresh beans and peppers for supper.

When Gehl was director of the research farm, he says, the staff had garden plots on site, and he always enjoyed trying new things, among them Jerusalem artichokes, straw bale gardens and giant vegetable marrows. I ask how he feels if his experiments don’t always work out as planned.

“I come from a farm background,” he says, “so I know I have to be prepared to roll with the punches.”

When it comes to harvesting his home garden, Gehl says his schedule “depends on the weather.” He likes to rototill in the fall, as it means there’s “one less thing to do in the spring.” He composts most left over plant material after a killing frost, but leaves enough to provide cover for the ladybird beetles.

For Rudack harvest actually started long ago, for she was harvesting garlic in the first week of August. In fact, she withheld water for two weeks prior to that so the bulbs could start the drying out process. Apparently, if bulbs are picked (or lifted) too late, the cloves start to separate out, giving the bulbs a somewhat ungainly rather than com-

pact appearance. These bulbs are still good, but they may not store as well.

When digging or lifting garlic, it’s important to take one’s time and avoid piercing or bruising the bulbs. Rudack uses a garden fork about five inches away from the stem to loosen the soil; then she gently pulls the plant straight up. Generally, there will be some dirt clinging to the bulb, and some people feel leaving the dirt on while curing actually improves the flavour.

Curing is the second step in the garlic harvest, and it takes about a month. The whole plant should be placed on a shelf, a table or even the floor of a garden shed, as long as it’s not damp and there’s some air flow. When the stalk is completely dry (no green showing), it’s time for cleanup. If you lifted your garlic at the beginning of August, they should be ready now if they weren’t earlier.

Rudack recommends a video from West Coast Seeds that demonstrates the clean-up process. The only tools needed are a good pair of kitchen scissors and an old tooth brush. First, the stem is cut off about three to five inches from the bulb. Next, the roots are trimmed close to the bulb, again being careful not to pierce or bruise it. The dry brush is used to clean the dirt away from the bulb and to remove the first layer of skin.

Reusable net produce bags are good for storage, as they let the air in, just as hanging in a dark, dry place is ideal. You’ll also want some place that’s accessible, as you’ll be making use of your garlic all winter.

Though some produce, such as garlic, requires special handling or curing, for the most part, Rudack says “it’s the weather that dictates what to do.” For instance, many people have already harvested their tomatoes and peppers because of the frost that was forecast last weekend. People also tend to wait



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until after the first frost to dig carrots and beets, as they feel it improves the flavour. Potatoes, of course, can be dug as soon as they’re a reasonable size. It’s no fun digging them when the ground is wet and cold, so we should take advantage of good weather whenever we have it.

Besides harvesting the produce itself, Rudack has harvested seeds for many years and coordinates the seed exchange at the public library. “It’s too wet to collect seeds right now,” she said early this week. Apparently, seeds need the right conditions to ripen. She also thinks in terms of “meeting a need.” With costs always going up, she thinks the seed library is likely to become more and more popular.

This year, Rudack will also be taking part in the perennial plant exchange taking place at the community garden on Saturday, Sept. 26, starting at 1 p.m. This informal event is being hosted by the Indian Head Horticultural Society as part of their centennial year celebrations. Kathy Robb, chair of the horticultural society says this: “If you are busy dividing your perennials or digging bulbs and would like them to find a new home, or if you are looking for something to fill in that vacant spot in your own garden, come on down and see what’s available.”

Robb also reminds interested persons that this event is free. Furthermore, though it’s billed as an “exchange,” gardeners “don’t need to bring a plant to take a plant.”

As I said, for me this was a rather discouraging year for gardening, but I’d be interested in how it was for you. Was it a bountiful season? What did well and what not so well? What will you do differently next year? In the meantime, here’s wishing you a happy harvest.

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