

Archerwill's Free Community Newsletter

THE NEXT CHAPTER



July 2026

It is year 159 of the country the world knows as Canada. With the second largest land mass of any country in the world, this land stretches from sea to sea to sea, the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans.

Canada shares the world's longest land border with neighbour USA. It is over 8,888 kilometers (5,500 miles) in length. The Trans-Canada highway, while shorter in length than the border, runs through all ten provinces from east to west and takes over 100 hours to travel.

This land has the world's record for the most lakes of any country, the world's highest tides occur in the Bay of Fundy and the Rideau Canal is the world's largest natural ice rink. Canada has mountains and forests and farmland. For over 2,400 hours of bright sunshine per year, head to Estevan, Saskatchewan!

The union of British North American colonies took place on July 1, 1867. It would take an additional 100 years for the country to have its own distinctively Canadian flag, the red and white maple leaf.

Understanding what it means to be Canadian, is knowing about its three founding peoples—Aboriginal, French and British. Aboriginal people were established here long before European explorers made their way to North America. Christian European settlers represent the make up of English and French speaking citizens.

While the majority of Canadians were born here, Canada is also known as a land of immigrants who have helped build the Canada we know and love.

O, Canada! Happy Birthday to you and all who call her home.

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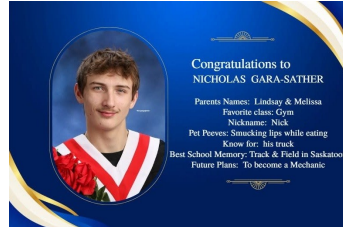
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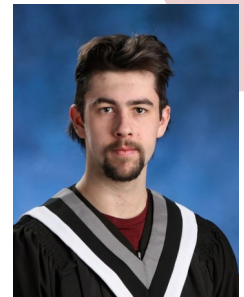
Photos from Rose Valley School Facebook Page



Ninke de Klerk



Kohle Fountain



Kota Hagenes

Photos from Tisdale School Facebook Page

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
- Henry David Thoreau

July Calendar of Events

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|---|--|
| 1—Canada Day; Yorkton Ex | 13—BBQ Day; Nipawin Ex |
| 2—Country at the Creek Music Festival, Big River; World UFO Day | 14—Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan; Bastille Day |
| 3—Calgary Stampede | 16—Back to Batoche; Ness Creek Music Festival, Big River |
| 4—Sheho Sports Day; USA Independence Day | 17—Melfort Ex |
| 5—Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, Saskatoon | 18—Barrier Meet 'n Greet/Brayden King Concert |
| 7—World Chocolate Day | 18—ACF/Barrier Lake Calendar Committee 50/50 Draw |
| 9—Country Thunder Saskatchewan, Craven | 20—Barrier Lake Swimming Lessons |
| 10—Preeceville Western Weekend; Teddy Bear Picnic Day;
Salt Shaker Festival, Manitou Beach | 25—Revoy's Marina Barrier Lake Movie Night |
| 11—Revoy's Marina Barrier Lake Kids' Day; Free Fishing Weekend;
World Population Day | 29—Queen City Ex, Regina |
| 12—Malala Day | 30—Saskatoon Ex; Saskatoon Fringe Festival |
| | 31—Hillbilly Boogie Music Festival, Kenaston |
| | 31—Kelvington Ex |

Archerwill Seniors

Archerwill Seniors Centre is the place to be for \$2 Coffee Row starting daily at 9 a.m. The conversation is free!



Church Services

New Hope Lutheran Parish 10 a.m.

Jul 12

Bethany Lutheran Church, Archerwill

Jul 26

Nut Lake Lutheran Church, Nut Lake

St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Nobleville

Jul 5 11:00 a.m.

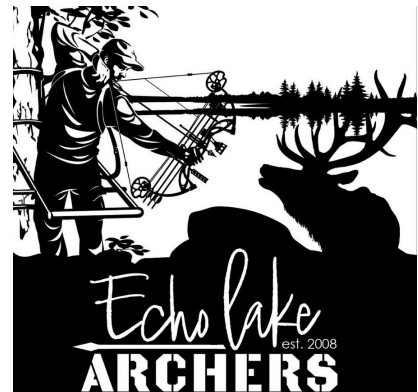
Jul 11 5:00 p.m.

Jul 25 7:00 p.m.

Echo Lake Archers

Check out Echo Lake Archers' new merchandise!

If you'd like to order shirts, call Wayne Lupien at 306-322-7203.



Echo Lake Archers Annual 3D Archery Kids Shoot

Sunday August 9th 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Located 1 1/2 miles West of Archerwill on
Highway 35
(Behind the Archerwill Sports Grounds) Watch
for Signs
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING BUG SPRAY

Free Snacks

Door Prizes

Limited Entries

Please RSVP with one of
the contacts below.

Long Bows and arrows.
Beginner Bows will be
available for those without
their own bows.

LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD!

For Further Information

Please Contact:

Wayne - (306) 322-7203

Tristan - (306) 322-7015

Mark - (306) 287-7897

Stan - (306) 322-7647

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Echo Lake Archers



Echo Lake Archers Annual 3D Archery Shoot

July 4th & 5th

10:00 am- 4:00 pm Daily

2 Loops and over 40 Targets

Concession on site with food
and drinks

Adults \$25/day or \$40 for the
weekend.

Kids 15 & under \$15/day or \$25
for the weekend

Iron Mosquito 50/50 shoot

Non Service camping available

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The Saskatchewan VIN search is free to use. This service looks up the vehicle's VIN and gives the following information:

- vehicle's Saskatchewan status (if any)
- most recent Saskatchewan registration expiry date
- extent of loss and appraised damage amount may not be accurate for some claims history after April 1, 2025
- damage claims history in Saskatchewan (since Nov. 1, 2002)
- if the Saskatchewan PST has been paid or is still owing

The search only brings up damages appraised by SGI claims since Nov. 1, 2002.

It is an online service...<https://sgi.sk.ca/vin>

Note: To check for liens against the vehicle visit the Information Services Corporation (ISC) website or contact ISC at 1-866-275-4721.

Use the Cross-Canada VIN search if you want to find out, if a vehicle:

- needs an inspection,
- is reported stolen,
- is a total loss vehicle (or has a loss reported after April 1, 2025), or
- can NOT be registered at all.

We can do this Cross-Canada search for you by calling our office and providing the following info:

- Year, Make, Model, VIN number
- Your email address
- The fee is \$20

You can also do a Canadian Police Information (CPI) Centre national search to find out if the vehicle has a stolen status.

Always find out the history of any vehicle purchased from the U.S.

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Councillor Jenna Patterson voajp@sasktel.net
Councillor Traci Thorpe voatt@sasktel.net

Council has requested that the www.villageofarcherwill.com website display **minutes** of council's meetings. The website owner will do this as a community service. Check it out today.

Please note, the website is owned and operated by a resident of Archerwill meant for information purposes and is not an official website from the Village of Archerwill itself. The website owner contact email is info@villageofarcherwill.com.

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Foreman

Josh Montes



The Village of Archerwill is pleased to announce that we have subscribed to Notify By Network.com. Notify By Network is free to the public and will enable us to send out important notices that may affect the health and safety of the community. Please note: that this service will only be used to send out vital messages such as emergency and essential notices that could be detrimental to the health and safety of the public.

You may subscribe to the network by texting "Subscribe" to 1-(306) 992 7170. You will know you have been added to the subscription list once you have received a confirmation text. You may unsubscribe at any time by texting "STOP" to the same number.

*The Village Council would like to thank
Councillor Harley for his time served.
Councillor Harley will be greatly missed
and we wish him all the best!!*

**The Village Office will Be
closed
July 1st - July 12th
We will Open for regular hours
on July 13th**

RM of Barrier Valley No. 397

Phone 306-323-2101 Fax 306-323-2106 rm397@sasktel.net

Reeve: **Wayne Black**

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Division 5 **Doreen Seilstad** Division 6 **Dwayne Sharpen** Division 7 **Donald Reed**

Administrator **Glenda Smith**



PROTECT YOUR FARM TODAY!

Additional Municipal Hail Insurance Available

Secure your crops with extra coverage this season.

- Affordable additional hail protection
- Coverage tailored to your needs
- Peace of mind during storm season

Don't wait until it's too late – safeguard your investment today!

Contact Glenda Smith now for details:

Phone: 306-323-2101

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I'm away from the office June 29 – July 3rd.

Bridge

**Bridge will be closed for construction between
November 10, 2026 and January 15, 2027.**

Please follow the Blog for regular updates.



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**Minister of Energy and
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Yorkton-Melville MP

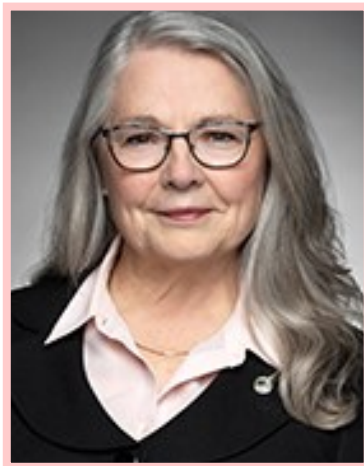
June 17, 2026

Cathay Wagantall, Member of Parliament for Yorkton-Melville, announces she is stepping down as of August 31, 2026

"Although my intent when I first announced my plans to step down as the Member of Parliament for Yorkton-Melville was to continue to represent the wonderful people of Yorkton-Melville until the next federal election is called, I have decided to take my leave as of August 31, 2026...I have been blessed to have great people who have served alongside me through four election cycles. I watched as my 2026 Board of Directors established the local Conservative Nominating Committee, and together, they did an amazing job of running a fair and efficient election to choose Yorkton-Melville's Conservative candidate of record to run in the next federal election. I am so pleased to congratulate Nelson Pohl on winning the contest!..."

Honoured and thankful,

Cathay Wagantall



Contact

**Cathay Wagantall, MP
Yorkton-Melville**

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From the Desk of Elaine Hughes

. . for the love of birds - July 2026

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS

Every Spring, I make a list of the birds I'm able to identify by sight or sound while in my yard, sitting on the deck or checking out the nearby dugout; this year, I entered 25 species to my list on June 6. My favourite Spring sighting has always been the Ruby-throated Hummingbird (RTHU), the smallest breeding bird of eastern Canada. I have tremendous appreciation for the outstanding courage and determination displayed by this tiny precious bit of life by making its 1,000-mile Spring migration to my yard from its winter home in Mexico or Central America, some choosing to fly across the 500-mile stretch of the Gulf of Mexico, others going around it. Once they begin their way north - usually by mid-February while facing gale-force winds - they average about 20 miles per day until they reach their breeding grounds in northern United States and southern Canada in early May, the males arriving first, then followed in about 10 days by the females.

My first sighting of the solitary male Hummer in my yard this year was around noon on May 2 and I first saw his mate late in the afternoon of May 13; I always wonder if they are the same pair that were here last year – they zero right in to the feeder in the same place as it was last year. This year, we had a couple of nasty Saskatchewan Spring snow storms and I worried for their survival! At night, or when it's cold or rainy, the hummingbird's body temperature can drop almost 50 degrees from its normal 105°F (40.5°C), the heart rate may slow from 500 beats per minute to fewer than 50 and their breathing may briefly stop. This sleep-like state is called 'torpor' and allows the bird to keep warm and conserve energy; some have been seen hanging upside down from a branch or feeder while they wait for warmer temperatures! But, once the bad weather is over and the air begins to warm, give them an hour or so to come out of their torpor state, give themselves a few good shakes and they're off - no harm done.

As usual, once the male's swooping and diving mating ritual ended, his 'work' was done and he took up his 'post' at the very top of the dead apple tree on the edge of the yard where he spends 90% of the day; and takes no part in building the nest or caring for the young! The female builds her small oval-shaped nest (about 1 inch deep and a tight fit for a penny) using soft plant material held together by spider webs and attached to a tree branch of the same colour, 3 to 20 feet above ground. It is next to impossible to find! She will sit on the 2 white, oval-shaped eggs the size of a pea for 11 to 16 days. When the eggs hatch, she feeds the nestlings for 20 additional days before they fledge and begin making many trips to the feeders or flowers in bloom with the female. Once this happens, the male Hummer hits the road and is rarely seen until next Spring.

The female and her young spend the next 2 to 3 months building up muscle and fat for their Fall migration - this is a critical time for them and feeders must be kept filled with fresh sugar water (1 cup white sugar dissolved in 4 cups tap water - never honey or red food colouring). After doubling its weight from about 3.25 grams to over 6 grams, an adult Hummer may weigh only 2.5 grams when it reaches its destination. Then, one day in mid-September, they're gone, facing their long trip back to their winter homes - during hurricane season - and my yard seems empty without them. . . .



RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS continued...

HINT: To help learn the sounds of birds, download the free Merlin Bird ID app and follow the prompts. If you already have Merlin installed on your phone, tap Get Sound ID: [<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>].



Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Male) Picture by Brian Kulvete



Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Female) Picture by German Garcia

The Bulletin Board



KINGS OF NORA
4th Annual
SHOW & SHINE
 Location: Nora Hall - Nora, SK
 (north of Rose Valley)



Sunday, July 12, 2026
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Admission - FREE

Entertainment:  Prizes:  Beer Gardens:  Food to purchase

For more information contact
Rob Wells (306) 221-8871

Sponsors:

Donate your recycling to

We're hosting a
DROP & GO
virtual bottle drive



by using our Group Phrase:

Archerwill Fire

at your local

SARCAN
 Drop & Go Kiosk





The Bulletin Board

ACF 50/50 RAFFLE FUNDRAISER Lottery Licence SR25-6756

**TICKET SALES
BEGIN MAY 11/26**

**TICKETS \$10
EACH**

**Draw at Revoy's Marina
9 p.m. July 18/26**

e-tsfr: acf2017acf@gmail.com May 11 - July 10/26

**ONLY 500 Tickets
Available!**

Archerwill Community Fundraisers in support of
Barrier Lake Calendar Committee



SaskEnergy



Archerwill Volunteer Fire Dept Fire Table Raffle

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A FIRE TABLE SUPPLIED BY
THE CHAMPION OF VOLUNTEERS SASK ENERGY,
BLANKET & MUG FROM RFNOW
(PRIZE VALUE \$2000)

TICKETS \$5 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10
DRAW DATE JULY 18TH

License Number SR26-0648

at Barrier Lake Meet & Greet Brayden King Concert

CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPT FOR
TICKETS, OR CHECK AT LOCAL BUSINESSES

EMAIL: archerfire397@gmail.com

etransfer is available, make sure in the memo you
write your name, address & phone number

Swimming Lessons Barrier Lake

Hello swimmers,

I am Lara Mutimer and I will be offering a week
of swimming lessons this July at Barrier Lake
Beach from July 20 to 24.

I have 5 years of experience, including group
lessons in pools and lakes, as well as private 1 on 1
lessons. I had the privilege of teaching swimming
lessons at Barrier Lake last summer and I
am very excited to return again!

I will be offering the Lifesaving Society's programming for
Parent and Tot 1 & 2, Swimmer 1-6, and Swim patrol lessons
Rookie, Ranger and Star.

Prices:

Parent and tot 1-2 → \$40
Pre School to swimmer 1 → 70
Swimmer 2-5 → 75
Swimmer 6, Rookie, Ranger,
Star patrol → \$80

These prices include 1, 30 minute lesson once a day for Parent and Tot.
2, 30 minute lessons for preschool-swimmer 5. And 2, 45 minute lessons for
swimmer 6-Star.

In order to register you can text this number 1-306-852-8311 with
this information:

1. Your email
2. Your swimmers full name
3. Your swimmers age at time of lesson
4. The lifesaving society level you are registered in



July 20 to 24

Same time, Same place... *NEW name!*



Park it Market

Saturday **July 25, 2026** 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

@ Christ the King Camp meadow
(If inclement weather the hall will be used.)

Marean Lake, Saskatchewan

Do you have something to SELL?

Please call or text 306 322-7694
to reserve a spot for our 3rd. annual market.

\$20/spot – bring your own table

(16 old tables onsite on first come first serve basis.)

Weekend accommodations available for vendors

\$30/cabin or camper

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"July is the month when summer feels endless and the days are full of promise."

- Unknown

Maybe you have summer plans and maybe you don't. It's okay to start summer off with a bang or let it slowly evolve in front of you. That's the joy of the beginning of summer. Endless possibilities.

After all the rain we've had, I'm sure we are more than ready for a hot July. Let's hope that's the way the month goes.

In the mean time, enjoy the beginning of summer. Wherever you're going, don't rush. Whatever you're doing, savour it. Look around and notice things because you have all the time in the world to do that.

Happy July everyone.

Karen

Archerwill Public Library

TD Summer Reading Club 2026



Join the 2026 Summer Reading Club!

Dive In! Kids can sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club on the [TD SRC Website](#) or at their local library. As part of the TD SRC, branch libraries across the region will be hosting fun programming throughout the summer. Check Wapiti Regional Library's [events page](#), and visit the TD SRC website for lots of free, fun activities!



Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge! Kids 0-13 can read for the chance to win one of 10 prize packs. For every 5 books read, kids earn 1 ballot into the end of summer prize draw. The draw will be held on August 28. Report your reading at your local library, or [through our online form](#).

The TD Summer Reading Club is made possible by:

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Wapiti Regional Library
Archerwill Branch

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Archerwill, SK S0E 0B0

306-323-2128

arccirc@wapitilibrary.ca

Hours of Operation

Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Second Thursday of the
Month

Story Time at 2:30 p.m.

*The Book Return Drop Box is
located in the Grocery Store
lobby.*

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Library.

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An avocado never ripens on the tree.

*Cows have best friends and get stressed
when they are separated.*

**Colour tags on bread are based on the
day it was baked.**

*During COVID-19 lockdowns, deodorant
sales declined, and ice cream sales soared.*

**Identical twins don't have the same
fingerprints.**



Business Directory

**Algrove Electrical**

306-323-0003

Alli's Custom Woodworking

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Archerwill Centennial Centre

Contact: Meagan Etsell

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Archerwill Housing Authority

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Archerwill Seniors Club

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Annette Kozak 306-323-2023

Barrier Valley Agencies Ltd.

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Beauty Bliss Boutique

At Barrier Valley Agencies

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Canada Post

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Cornerstone Credit Union

1-855-875-2255

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Country Cuts Salon

6 miles E of Archerwill

Call or Text Brooke

306-269-7551

Cozy Country Inn

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Echo Lake Archers

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El-Vee's Kitchen

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Air B&B Website

Hosted by Chantel

JR's Stone & Stucco

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Prairie North Co-op-Archerwill

C Store: 306-323-2134

Farm Supply: 306-323-2112

Fertilizer Plant: 306-323-2139

Grocery: 306-323-2141

Pro Stream

Premium Streaming Services

1-204-228-9312

Revoy's Marina

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Rose Valley Community Spirit Manor

Senior Assisted Living Units

306-322-4476

Seed Source Inc.

306-323-4402

SEVA Thrift Store—Rose Valley

Contact: Richelle

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Village of Archerwill

Mon-Wed 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thurs 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Closed 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

306-323-2161

Wilson Electric

306-323-4804

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See something suspicious?

For non-emergency
assistance call
310-RCMP.

310-7267