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NEWS HEADLINES

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Canada to force plastic makers to report how much they make, reuse and recycle

Canada is seeking to get a better handle on how much plastic is being produced in the country by forcing companies that make it to report annually on what they produce. Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault is announcing the national plastics registry the day before negotiations for a global treaty to end plastic waste gets underway in Ottawa. Guilbeault is a key player in the talks, which aim to establish an international agreement to eliminate plastic waste by 2040. Canadians throw away more than four million tonnes of plastic every year, and less than one-tenth of it is actually recycled. The registry will first apply to makers of plastic packaging, electronics and single-use plastic products, with plans to extend in later years to cover producers of resins, tires and agricultural products. They will be required to report every year on how much plastic they make, and where those products end up.

Drones interfere with wildfire operations near Fort McMurray

An evacuation alert was issued Sunday for the small northern Alberta community of Sapræe Creek Estates, southeast of Fort McMurray. Issued at 3:50 p.m., the Alberta Emergency Alert (opens in a new tab) warned residents of the hamlet that a nearby wildfire could spread toward the community. Anyone in the area was told to be ready to leave on short notice. "If you are in Sapræe Creek Estates stay alert and follow instructions from emergency responders," the alert read. A few hours later, RCMP said drones flying near the fire were interfering with firefighting efforts. Mounties said the drones were grounding helicopters meant to be fighting the fire. "This behavior is a major public safety concern as helicopters are a key element to combating these fires and keeping them under control," RCMP said in a release. "The public is asked to immediately cease flying drones near forest fire areas and in any area that may be in the flight path of these helicopters." According to Canadian law, only drone pilots with permission can fly over a forest fire or within 9.3 kilometres of a forest fire. Failure to comply can lead to fines and jail time.

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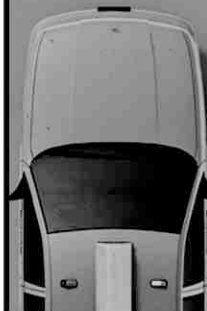
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Funerals In Our Care

Mona Payne passed away at the age of 87 years.

Funeral Service: Wednesday, April 24 at 1:00 PM
St. John's Anglican Church, Lloydminster, SK

Please go to McCaw's website for live streaming details.

Donations: Greenwood Community Centre or LRHF - Dr. Cooke Extended Care

Robert "Bob" Pickford passed away at the age of 73 years.

Memorial Service: Friday, April 26 at 11:00 AM
Kitscoty Community Hall, Kitscoty, AB

Please see McCaw's website for live streaming details.

Donations: Stollery Children's Hospital or Cross Cancer Institute

Charles Challman passed away at the age of 93 years.

Memorial Service: Friday, April 26 at 2:00 PM
Upstairs Civic Centre, Lloydminster, SK

Donations: LRHF (Palliative Care)

Norman "Norm" Ringland passed away at the age of 87 years.

A private family service will be held.

A live stream of the service will be held on Friday, April 26 at 2:00 PM

Please see McCaw's website for live streaming details.

Donations: LRHF (Jubilee Jems) or Nunebor Cemetery

Darrel "Chuck" Brown passed away at the age of 63 years.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations: Canadian Diabetes Association or Kidney Foundation of Canada

Mae Fournier passed away at the age of 86 years.

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	6		2	9				4
	9		1					8
		1				6		5
			3			5	2	
3				2				6
	1	5			8			
8		2				1		
	7				5			3
1				8	2			5

NEWS HEADLINES (CONTINUED)

Consciousness a 'realistic possibility' in birds, fish, squid and bees, scholars say

Biologists, cognitive scientists and philosophers across the globe say there is a reasonable possibility the vast majority of creatures on Earth are sentient in some way. The New York Declaration on Animal Consciousness was released Friday with 39 signatories from universities from Canada to Australia who say there is "at least a realistic possibility" that all vertebrates and many invertebrates have consciousness. The declaration rests on recent studies that show garter snakes can recognize their own scent, crows can report what they see, octopi can avoid pain and fruit flies can sleep – and they sleep best when they're with other fruit flies. Kristin Andrews, a philosophy professor at York University, says scientific evidence supports the assumption that it "feels like something" for a fish to be caught with a hook, but it's not yet clear if that something is pain or distress. She says the evidence shows it is reasonable to treat these creatures accordingly, by adopting harvesting methods that kill fish quickly or by abandoning the practice of boiling lobsters alive. Andrews was one of three main organizers of the declaration and says a better understanding of sentience in crayfish or crabs helps scholars understand consciousness in more complex animals like humans.

China's 'once in a century' floods leaves 127 million on alert

Some 127 million people in China are on alert after deadly 'once in a century' floods killed at least four people and forced tens of thousands to evacuate their homes. Violent storms have battered southern China since Thursday, state media said Monday, with 11 people missing amid the torrential downpours that have submerged cities, swept away cars and lashed a region dubbed the 'factory floor of the world'. Heavy rain has descended upon the vast southern province of Guangdong in recent days, swelling rivers by up to seven metres and raising fears of severe flooding that local media said could be of the sort only 'seen around once a century'. The authorities said the river was expected to reach levels not seen in 50 years. Terrifying footage shared on state media and online show large swathes of land submerged in murky waters as rescuers were seen ferrying people on lifeboats in the waist-deep floods. Other images show muddy waters engulfing shops, homes, and farmland areas of Guangdong as birds-eye photos of the province show a concrete jungle drowning in flood waters. Across the province, around 1.16 million households lost power over the weekend, but 80 per cent had their electricity restored by Sunday. Flights have been cancelled and delayed at Baiyun International Airport in Guangzhou due to continuous rain, while schools have been ordered shut in at least three cities. Guangdong province is China's densely populated manufacturing heartland, home to around 127 million people who now remain on high alert following the disaster weather. Once dubbed the 'factory floor of the world' the province is prone to summer floods, but since Thursday, Guangdong has been battered by unusually heavy rainfall.

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Lloydminster Public Library's **DAILY TRIVIA** (Answer in the next issue)

What colour was Alf in the TV sit-com of the same name?
a. Green b. Orange c. Blue d. Black

Answer to last issue's Trivia Question:

Which of these is NOT a county in England?

a. Northamptonshire b. Leicestershire c. Lincolnshire d. Kettering

D. Kettering is a market and industrial town in North Northamptonshire, England. It is located 83 miles (134 km) north of London and 15 miles (24 km) north-east of Northampton, west of the River Ise, a tributary of the River Nene. The name means "the place (or territory) of Ketter's people (or kinsfolk)".

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Diabetes Exercise Classes every Thursday from 12:30 - 1:30 pm at Prairie North Plaza – Strides Room, Suite 109, 4910-50 St. To Register, please call: 306.820.2597. Free of charge.

Looking for players &/or teams! Lloyd Lions 3rd Annual Classic Golf Tournament on June 7 at Rolling Green. 4 person 9 hole. Register & lunch: 12pm. Cocktails, supper, prizes: 4pm. Contact: Shelley Tatro 780.870.5629, Exhaust Masters or Darryl Oster 780.872.8314.

Apr. 23 - Saskatchewan Health Authority "Strategies For Managing High Blood Pressure" Class from 9:00 - 11:00am at Prairie North Plaza – Strides Room, Suite 109, 4910-50 St. To register, call: 306.820.6262. Free of charge.

Apr. 25 - 28... Tickets on sale now! Legacy Centre's 12th Annual Dinner Theatre: "Barefoot In The Park" a hilarious comedy by Neil Simon. Cast: Lloydminster Little Theatre. Director: Matt Newman. Tickets (\$55) can be purchased at the Legacy office. Call Legacy office for more info at 780.875.4584.

Apr. 26 - Open Q&A / Economic Update Event at Servus Credit Union 18 Street Crossing Branch. Interest rates and economy uncertainty are creating misconceptions around finances. Let's talk about it. Join us for a coffee and a Q&A with experts any time between 9:30am - 4:30pm at Servus Credit Union 18 Street Crossing Branch, 5009-18 St. Lloyd, AB.

Apr. 26 - Bake Sale at Points West Living. Doors open at 1pm. Admission is \$3 which gets you coffee & cake. Door Prizes/Raffle at 3pm. Bake sale ends at 4pm. Come and join our Community!

Apr. 27 - Gigantic Garage Sale at Alcurve Community Hall from 8:30 am - 5 pm. Something for everyone!

Apr. 27 - Garage Sale at Fellowship Village, 5201-42 Street behind LloydMall. 10am - 5pm. Furniture, clothing and housewares at bargain pricing!

May 5 - Lloyd Potters Guild Spring Sale from 11am-3pm at the Lloyd Museum + Archives (4207-44 St). Meet the artisans and shop the largest selection of hand crafted pottery in the region. Cash, credit & debit.

May 5 - Doubles Cribbage Tournament at the Moose Lodge at 10:00 am. Registration is from 9:00-9:45. 12 games guaranteed. \$25 per player includes lunch. Enter as a team or an individual (we will team you up). To pre-register, contact Bruce at 780.522.6972.



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The Walking Debt

Dear Dave,

A few years ago, I had a real problem with credit card debt. Since then, I've gotten much better at handling my money, and I'm making about \$80,000 a year. Two weeks ago, I received a letter about a credit card I had in 2020. The amount owed is \$7,688. The letter doesn't say I'm being sued, but it says I have to appear before a judge in two months for a pretrial conference. I live in Florida, and I've never heard of anything like this. I only have \$1,000 in savings.

Damari

Dear Damari,

I'm glad to hear you're handling your finances better now than you did in the past. But now, you're learning that old debts don't necessarily die, aren't they? Ignoring debts isn't a good plan, because many times they come back to life like a zombie and come looking for you.

I'm not an expert on Florida law, but a pretrial conference in a case like this – over a \$7,688 credit card bill – is highly unusual. I've been helping people with money problems for 30 years, and I've never heard of anything like this. It could be some kind of new tactic the collections attorney is using to try to intimidate you.

If I were in your shoes, I'd call the attorney who's suing you and try to negotiate a payment plan or settlement. Do you have anything you can sell? Because I've got a feeling if you can come up with \$3,000 or so and offer it as payment in full, they'll take it. I don't mean to be unkind, but these guys figure you're a deadbeat because you've got a 5-year-old debt hanging over your head and haven't tried to pay it. They'll take almost anything they can get at this point.

In general, when you go to court over a situation like this, you're going to lose. You have a legal debt, and you haven't paid it. It's that simple. So, if you don't have anything to sell to make some money that way, you need to get busy working an extra job or two. I'm talking about doing Door Dash or something – in the morning before work or in the evening after work. Kiss those weekends goodbye too. Just go nuts for a few weeks, and make a bunch of extra money fast.

It won't be easy, and you're going to be dog-tired for a while. But you can scrape together \$3,000 - \$4,000 before June easily if you'll just put your head down and make it happen. Then, offer it up to the attorney. Demand a written release, with the debt declared settled and paid in full, and chances are, this thing will be off your back!

— Dave

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