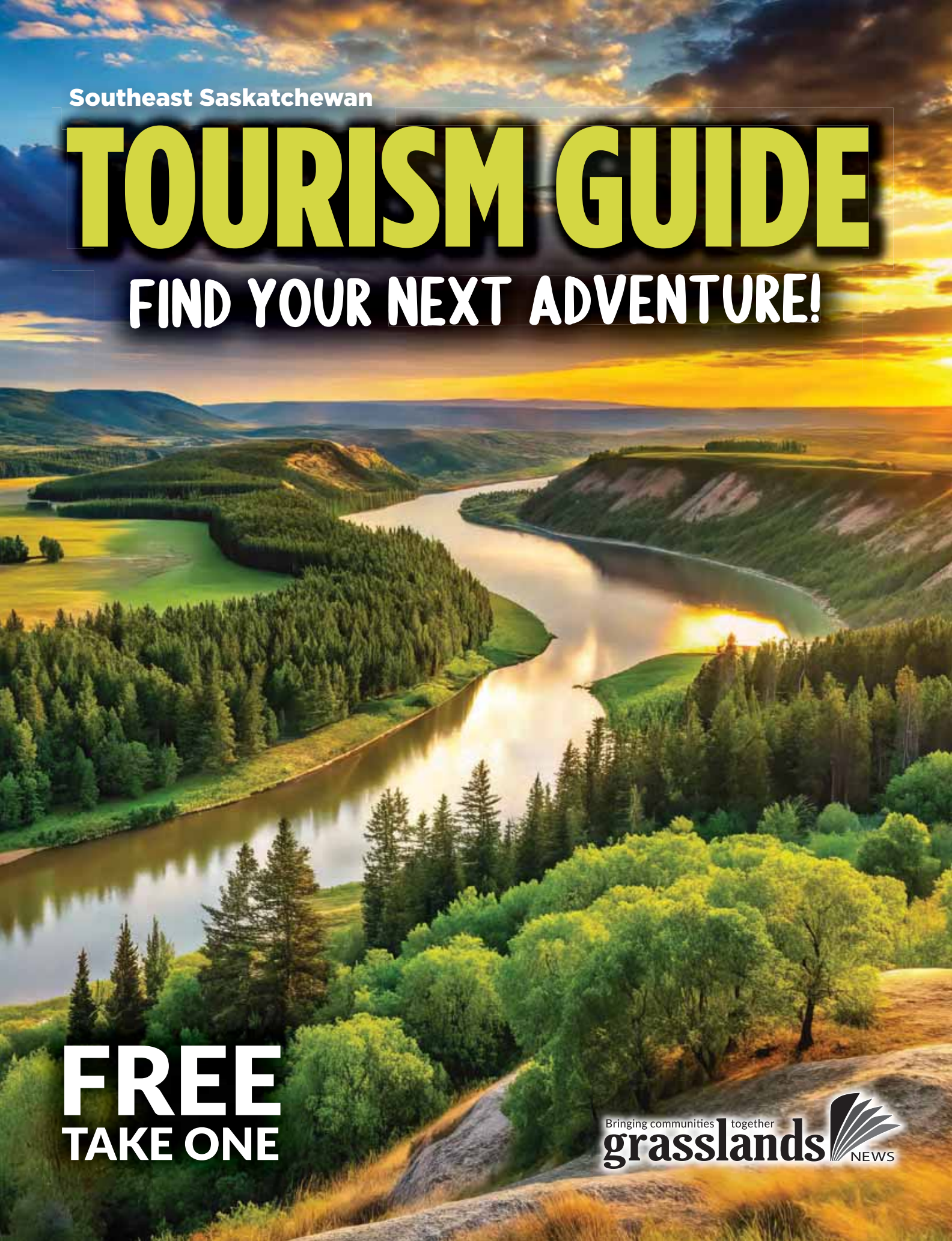


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The allure of the Qu'Appelle valley has beguiled visitors for centuries. Tourists have been coming to Fort Qu'Appelle since 1859 when a Scottish earl arrived with an entourage of 75. And romantic poets like Pauline Johnson sang its praises when she wrote, "When a man gets the name Qu'Appelle in his blood it is like the enticement of the sea; to strive against it is useless for it will get him eventually."

One of the oldest accounts of the area was written by a Hudson Bay Company trader, Issac Cowie, who came in 1867 and described its enduring beauty. "The river sleeks through its prairie lowlands in endless bends from slope to slope, glinting in the silvery sheen through the greenery of its borders. When the stream expands into its rosary of lakes and links them together, the full glory of the scenery is revealed. It has been a sacred spot for Indigenous peoples

for centuries and remains a major attraction for waterfowl and humans alike.

A visit to the Fort Qu'Appelle and to the chain of surrounding lakes is a must for anyone who wants to soak in history in a laid-back vacation where you can hike, play a round of golf, paddle a canoe, go for a swim or just relax on a beach and sit around a campfire listening to the haunting call of the loon.

Fort Qu'Appelle is the capital of Treaty 4 territory where the agreement giving the Canadian government jurisdiction over most of the 75,000 square miles of prairie across the Southern Saskatchewan grasslands was signed in 1874. A copy of original the treaty can be seen in the local museum and there are several monuments in town to commemorate the historic event. The Treaty Four governance centre is the meeting place for the 34 members of tribal council.



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TOURIST INFORMATION BOOTH

A sculpture of two pelicans soaring above the old train station on Highway 10 identify the town's tourist information booth and interpretive centre. The old railway station is a municipal heritage site that was saved from

the wrecking ball in 1983 when the town worked with the Lions Club to save it from demolition. Built for the Grand Trunk Railway, the "practically finished" station received its first passengers in August 1911 when an excursion with 300 tourists arrived from Melville. The wood frame, stucco clad building was typical of Grand Trunk's standard "A" plan familiar throughout the prairies and featured double hung windows, projecting bays and an apartment for the station agent beneath the hip roof. The federal government assumed control of the financially strapped Grand Trunk in 1920, and it became part of Canadian National. For the next four decades Fort Qu'Appelle was served by two passenger trains each day and a freight train once a week. The station now houses an interpretive centre explaining the history of the valley and an exhibition of artifacts including a replica of a Treaty 4 medal.



FORT QU'APPELLE'S HERITAGE MUSEUM

Fort Qu'Appelle's settler history goes back more than 200 years when the area was still part of the Louisiana Territory and French Canadians and Mohawks from Montreal opened the first fur trading post in 1804. Much of that history is told in recently refurbished displays in the heritage museum at the corner of Bay Ave. and 3rd St. The complex is housed in three buildings, one of them the oldest building still standing on the prairies. It was built in 1872 by Isaac Cowie in 1872 when the fort was re-enforced after the first Riel uprising in Manitoba. During the 1885 Metis rising in Saskatchewan is served as General Middleton's headquarters. The museum was dedicated in 1938 as the Hudson Bay Relic Museum by Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir. In 1953, the footprint of the old fort was declared a National Historic Site, and the Fort Qu'Appelle and Lebrét Historical Society started to preserve the old building. The modern addition designed by Regina architects Frances Portnall and Everhard Grolle was built as a centennial project in 1967, and in 1992 the Lions Club paid for an addition. The museum is now open every year between Victoria Day and Labour Day. It houses a copy of Treaty 4, model of the Hudson Bay post, artifacts from the North West Mounted Police depot that was built in Fort Qu'Appelle in 1874, first nations beadwork and an exhibition that pays homage to the Maple Leaf flag. A small gallery includes paintings by the celebrated artist James Henderson (1871-1951) and a collection of award winning pottery by David Ross and Folmer Hansen.

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Hudson Bay Store

One of the first retail outlets that the Hudson Bay Company opened still stands on Broadway Street, a reminder of the historic company that is no longer in business. Designed by the Hudson Bay Company's chief factor Archibald McDonald, the fieldstone building opened in 1897 and was the main distribution centre for early pioneers in the area until the railroad was built. The Bay sold it in 1917 and today is houses a thrift shop.

Treaty 4 Monuments

An obelisk seven metres tall that stands in Treaty 4 Heritage Park commemorates the signing of the treaty in 1874 and is meant to "mark forever where the west-

ern country entered into its new and wonderful development." The monument made of Manitoba Tyndall with inserts of pink Quebec granite was dedicated in 1915. It was, however, never fully accepted by the First Nations who originally wanted a 250 kg rock sacred to the Indians to be incorporated into the design of the monument. It has been brought from the Ribstone Hills in Alberta but was rejected because the federal government had prohibited indigenous religious rituals. In 1987 the Indian Nations of the Southern Prairies commissioned Cree artist Noel Lloyd Pinay to sculpt a limestone figure holding a bronze golden eagle. It was unveiled on an ancient burial ground next to the Provincial Courthouse and it too was dedicated as a Treaty 4 monument. A wood tree sculpture at the corner of Bay Ave. and Broadway St is also a treaty monument dedicated to reconciliation.

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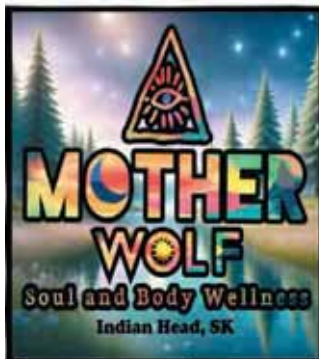
Treaty 4 Governance Centre

The Treaty 4 Governance Centre is the meeting place for the 34 members of the Federation of First Nations. It boasts a circular chamber in the shape of a tipi 34 metres tall. The facility in the words of one elder is a symbol that “our treaties are alive and must live forever.” Each September the communities gather on the Treaty 4 grounds for a week-long powwow. This year the Standing Buffalo First Nation powwow takes place the second weekend in August. A tip for first time visitors – do not refer to traditional dress worn at a powwow as a costume. It is known as regalia. And it is also polite to ask participants in full regalia for permission before you take photographs of individual performers.

Tree Sculptures

A number of wood sculptures like this one outside of the Legion Hall are recent tourist attractions. Massive poplar stumps were carved by chainsaw artists Kamron Garbe and Doug Lingelbacj, who have turned Bay Ave. into a street of unusual artworks. The carved

eagle in front of St. John’s Anglican Church is a symbol of the Apostle John, who wrote one of the four Christian gospels. It is a companion piece to Garbe’s carving of a dove in front of St. Andrew’s United Church across the street. A sculpture in the pocket park on Broadway St. commemorates the annual Mid Summer Arts Festival, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2 in the old fort by the campground. It features arts and crafts vendors, a beer garden and live entertainment.



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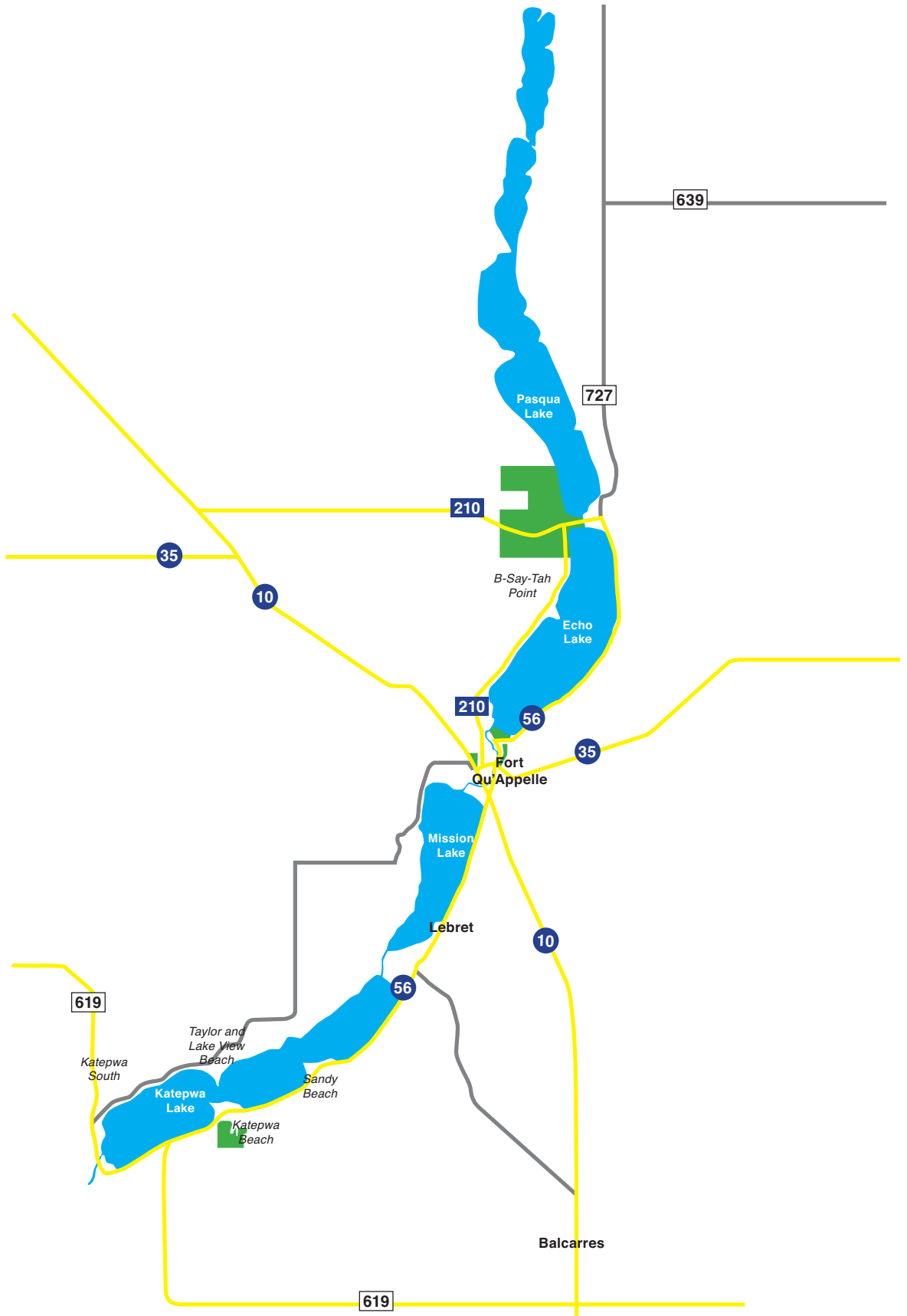
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Mission Ridge Winter Park

Mission Ridge Winter Park, southern Saskatchewan's premier skiing, snowboarding and tubing facility observes its 50th anniversary this year. During the winter more than 30,000 enthusiasts ski Mission Ridge, the home of two-time Olympic bronze snowboarding medalist Mark McMorris who as a teenager honed his skills on its slopes.

Fort Campground

The Fort Campground is just a five-minute walk to downtown Fort Qu'Appelle or the Echo Ridge Golf Course, and is just across the river from the museum. With a number of sheltered picnic areas, you, friends, and family are able to enjoy a barbecue or picnic basket meal. Firewood is available from the campground.

The site features a beach swimming area, change house, boat launch, pier, camp kitchen, playground, splash park, volleyball court, camper's only shower house, flush and outdoor toilets, and a trailer sewage disposal site. To make a reservation email forttownoffice@sasktel.net or call 306-332-5266.

Historic sites plentiful in Fort Qu'Appelle

With more than 150 years of settlement at Fort Qu'Appelle, numerous buildings and sites exist in the community. Rich in historic points of interest, whether you've lived here your entire life or are just visiting town for the first time, anyone should discover something about Fort Qu'Appelle they may

not have known before.

Don't forget to tour Fort Qu'Appelle and visit these historic points.

- **Original Hudson's Bay Company Trading post**, now the Fort Qu'Appelle Museum. The original post was established by the HBC in 1864, establishing what is now Fort Qu'Appelle. In 1962, the old post was renovated and transformed into a museum. Located at Bay Avenue and 3rd Street.

- **Treaty Park**, located at Company Avenue and 5th Street. Prior to the monument that stands there today, it used to be an old school ground. Treaty Park features a monument honouring the signing of Treaty 4. The monument was erected in 1915 by the Saskatchewan Western Arts Association, featuring the names of many of the signatories of the treaty.

- At the Echo Ridge Golf Course is a cairn erected in 1955 to mark the site where the **Northwest Mounted Police barracks** once stood. In addition, an interpretive shelter was officially opened at the same site in 1976. The site features two large plaques detailing some of the history of the NWMP.

- At the corner of Bay Avenue and 4th Street is **St. John's Anglican Church**. Built in 1885, the church continues to host religious functions and has an adjoining dining hall.

- In downtown Fort Qu'Appelle, it's hard not to notice the **Hudson's Bay Company** general store, with the date of 1897 listed on it. Located at the corner of Broadway Street and Company Avenue, the building was built by the HBC as it transitioned from the fur and trade business to one featuring general stores and real estate. Long since disused by the HBC, it has been called home to many businesses as an office space.

- On Segwun Avenue, between the RCMP detachment and the courthouse, is a **statue commissioned by the Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council**. The statue marks a memorial for those believed to have died during the treaty negotiations between 1874 and 1890. The unmarked cemetery, behind the statue, was discovered by contractors who were digging the area to initially build an apartment complex. After the discovery, it was designated a protected site.

- Along Highway 10, by the Boundary Avenue turnoff, is the Tourist Booth/Visitors Centre. The former **Grand Trunk Pacific Railway** station resides alongside the rail system. The station solidified the town's position as the pre-eminent distribution centre for the region. The station closed in 1962 and was converted into the current Visitors Centre.

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Fort Qu'Appelle Farmers' Market a popular stop

The Fort Qu'Appelle Farmers' Market is a popular summer event that runs every Saturday morning, beginning

in late May until mid-September, no matter the weather. The market is located on the Star Blanket Urban Reserve just west

of the corner of Broadway St. and Bay Ave. and it operates from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Typically, about 1,000 people turn out each week for the Farmers' Market.

On average, 25 to 30 vendors set up each weekend to sell a variety of goods to the visitors. Vendors sell items that include baked goods like bread, buns, desserts; unique, handmade jew-

elry; knitted items like sweaters and potholders; there are handmade dresses and bags; jams and jellies; homemade soap; bedding; plants; honey products; essential oils; eggs, meat and organic fruits and vegetables; lawn furniture; birdhouses; stained glass; feather hair extensions; moccasins and mukluks and homemade cards.



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A stream of pioneer-farmers moved west from Ontario at the close of the century, seeking a new life on the Prairies. Early Saskatchewan pioneer, W.R. Motherwell, became a community leader whose passion for scientific farming methods took him all the way to parliament as Minister of Agriculture. His historic homestead, Lanark Place, is now a national historic site known as the Motherwell Homestead.

Golden fields of wheat shimmer under vast prairie




skies. See for kilometres across the flat farmlands, the road outside disappearing into a far off point on the horizon. Join costume-clad workers for a day of labour on the homestead, fresh-baked bread scenting the air.

Jump on a hay wagon, as a team of horses, their brasses clanking, bounces you across the freshly cut grass. Join farmhands on a morning milking of the cows; watch the chickens come running at the rattle of the feed bucket.

The Motherwell Homestead is open throughout the summer season from May till September with sea-



sonal programming, including children's camps running throughout July and August. Budget a couple of hours exploring the Homestead on a self-guided tour or plan to spend the day, including lunch at the cafe or taking part in one of the special events.

A large photograph of the Motherwell Homestead building, showing its full facade and surrounding landscape. The building is a three-story stone structure with a prominent porch and decorative roofline. The surrounding landscape includes trees and a path where a few people are walking.

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Lebret is a picturesque gem in the valley



Reminiscent of a French Canadian village in Quebec, the picturesque village of Lebret was founded in 1865 as a Roman Catholic mission by Bishop Alexandre Tache for the predominantly Metis population. Originally called St. Florent, the region was registered in 1867 as an ecclesiastical district of St. Boniface, making it the first Roman Catholic Parish in southern Saskatchewan. For more than a century it was the site of an Indian Industrial Residential School which closed in 1998 and became White Calf Collegiate.

The pilgrimage chapel on the hill and the 14 stations of

the cross above the town were built as World War I war memorial. The cornerstone of the large fieldstone church, Sa-c-re Coeur, (Sacred Heart) which commands the landscape with its 34 metre tall steeple was placed in 1925. For more than five decades there was also a seminary for Ob-late priests on the opposite side of Mission Lake. It burned in 1982. The town's religious and Metis history is told in the recently refurbished museum across the street from the church. The Qu'Appelle Valley Artists Association holds an exhibition and sale in the basement of Sacred Heart Church on July 12 & 13.

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Situated in the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley on Hwy 56, Lebret sits alongside Mission Lake and is home to the impressive fieldstone Sacred Heart Church. The landmark Stations of the Cross and memorial chapel can be found on the side of the hill across the highway overlooking Lebret. Learn about the rich heritage and legends of the region at the Lebret Museum.

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Balcarres has rich history as a friendly sports community



Named for Balcarres Crawford, a postmaster from Indian Head, Balcarres is a thriving community at the intersection of Highway 10 and Secondary High-

way 310, first founded by squatters in the 1880s.

While other settlers soon arrived, it wasn't until the Canadian Pacific Railroad came through in 1903 that Balcarres grew into a town.

Today, Balcarres has a lot to offer visitors and residents. The ball diamonds invite many friendly games as well as minor ball and kids can get some exercise on the playground equipment. Children can also take part in soccer while there is also a lot to offer the adults in the field of recreation; activities such as badminton and volleyball are held in the school gym and the town has an entry in the Tri Highway Fastball League, the Balcarres Bronx.

Its proximity to the Qu'Appelle Valley means people are able to fish, swim, or go canoeing in one of the four nearby lakes.

In winter, recreation is centred at the rink with minor hockey and the Qu'Appelle Valley Hockey League's Balcarres Broncs.

The town has annually held a community garage sale day and the town's dance troupe, Wheatland Dance, hosts its annual showcase event.

The town also boasts a kindergarten to Grade 12 school and adult education centre, a hospital and the Balcarres Integrated Care Home.

Did you know...?



The Fort Qu'Appelle area is home to some of Canada's biggest names, including hockey legends, recording artists and members of the First Nations' community. Hockey Hall of Famer, **Eddie Shore**, was born in Fort Qu'Appelle and went on to play professional hockey for the Boston Bruins. He was named one of the '100 Greatest NHL Players' in history.

Quad Town region offer excitement

The Quad Town region is largely bounded by the RM of Francis and includes the communities of Vibank (population 386), Odessa (population 220), Sedley (population 367) and Francis (population 182).

All four communities are located within a 30-45 minute drive southeast of Regina, south of the Qu'Appelle Valley or north of Weyburn.

Vibank

The village of Vibank is perhaps best known for The Grotto, a highly-acclaimed restaurant serving authentic Mexican cuisine on Friday nights and American barbecue on Saturdays.

The Grotto was founded in 2007 by Cecilia and Kevin Zimmerman, who first met in Cecilia's home country of Mexico, and routinely attracts diners from across Saskatchewan.

Guests are often required to make their reservations one to two months in advance in order to get a table at the eatery, which is located inside the village's 102-year-old Heritage Building – first built in 1923 and operated as a Catholic church convent until 1977.

The village took ownership of the building in 1992 and it today houses multiple local organizations including the village office, a hair salon, post office, library, judo club and dance studio.

Visitors to Vibank may also enjoy taking in annual events like the Vibank Quilt and Car Show each May and the fire department's Christmas parade in December, or minor hockey, baseball and soccer at the community's various recreational facilities throughout the year.

Other business amenities include a meat market, grocery store, Mexican bakery and coffee shop, and a gas station that also offers a selection of quick-serve and deep-fried food options.

Odessa

Odessa is home to the region's largest annual event – the Thunder



The Thunder on the Prairies modified truck and tractor in Odessa.

on the Prairies modified truck and tractor pulls, drawing well over 1,000 attendees from across western Canada to the village each July.

Now part of the Prairie Pulling League circuit, Thunder on the Prairies first roared to life in 2015 and has since donated nearly \$450,000 back to a variety of community projects and organizations.

Beyond the track, this year's event – scheduled for July 3-4 – is to include a car show, horse pulls, kids' pedal tractor pulls, monster truck rides, antique tractor pulls, children's activities and two cabarets.

Summer months in Odessa are also highlighted by Country Steelers ladies' fastball games and minor ball day each June, while the Odessa Community Arena is the hub of activity in the winter, serving as the primary home rink for the Quad Town Rebels minor hockey organization, Emerald Park Wizards junior C hockey club, and the Outlaws, Storm, Flames and Bandits broomball teams.

The latter two programs combined to win one Canadian championship, four silver medals and seven bronze medals at nationals from 1994-2012.

Sedley/Francis

A short drive across the countryside from the Vibank-Odessa area, Sedley and Francis populate the southern portion of the Quad Town region along Highway 33.

Notable annual events in Sedley include the community's long-running fall supper and a car show each

July that currently serves as a fundraiser for the local daycare.

Summertime visitors to Sedley can also get their sweat on at the local tennis courts, and then cool down at the village's spray park which was constructed in 2018.

Like Vibank, Sedley is home to a converted convent as well – this one built in 1921 and currently in use as a private business place and residence.

Among Sedley's notable former residents: Major James Coldwell, who led the national Co-operative Commonwealth Federation party from 1942-60, and Sedley School graduates Dustin Coupal and Jason Toews, who went on to found the website GasBuddy.com.



The burnout competition was a crowd favourite at Sedley's annual car show.

A few minutes' drive southeast, Francis has become known in recent years for its annual bunnock tournaments in June and glow-curling bonspiels in February.

Bunnock is believed to have been introduced to Canada by Russian or German immigrants in the early 1900s. Originally played with actual horse ankle bones, today's competitors typically organize into teams of four and take turns throwing replicas at their opponents' "soldiers." The first team to knock over the other side's entire fleet is the winner.

The bunnock tournament is held in the Francis Community Rink, a former airplane hangar that was moved from Mossbank to Francis in the late 1960s and re-purposed as a hockey and skating venue.

Balgonie

The town of Balgonie was settled in 1876 by Scottish settlers and named after Balgonie Castle in Fife County, near Glenrothes, Scotland. The Canadian Pacific Railroad arrived in 1882 and the community was incorporated as a town in 1907.

This summer the town will welcome the opening of a new outdoor swimming pool after going without in 2024.

The new \$3.6 million facility, located one block west of Main Street near the north end of town, includes a 430 square-metre pool which will replace the previous one that was originally built in 1971.

Features include a fully-accessible, zero-depth beach entry, a three-metre depth in the deep end, a diving board, a tot waterslide, a two-story twister waterslide, a water umbrella and new change rooms.

Balgonie is also home to several long-running annual events including the local Elks club's Family Fun Day each July 1, featuring a pancake breakfast, parade, beer gardens, live music, a petting zoo, antique tractor pulls and fireworks.

The town offers five different week-long summer day camps for children aged 5-10 throughout July and August, while the Tumbleweed Theatre's annual dinner theatre (November) and the volunteer fire department's annual Sparkle Tour (home decorating contest, bonfire, hay rides, hot chocolate and more) keep the warmth alive in the pre-Christmas months.

Dining options in town include a pizza chain, the local tavern and the canteen at the Star Dome arena – one of several home arenas utilized by the Prairie Storm Minor Hockey Association during the fall, winter and spring months.

Other recreational amenities include soccer fields, ball diamonds, a dog park, a curling arena – home rink to former Canadian junior curling champion Mandy Selzer – and an outdoor skating rink.

And halfway between Balgonie and Pilot Butte, just south of Highway 46, sits Green Acres Golf Course – a nine-hole, grass green course with power cart rentals, a driving range and putting green.

White City/Emerald Park

The adjacent communities of White

City and Emerald Park collectively share over 5,000 residents and function as the suburban business hub for the surrounding area, starting with 15 restaurants, three pharmacies, two hotels, a grocery store, credit union, hardware store, phone dealer and clothing store – among others – to serve visitors.

While much of the local business community is located in Emerald Park – along with the Communiskate arena, Aspen Links Country Club golf course and a dog park – White City is home to a majority of the area's recreation opportunities.

These attractions include the White Butte Museum, the Serbu Park ball diamond complex, a skateboard park, a splash park and three outdoor rinks.



Juno-award winning country group Doc Walker is among the musical acts that have headlined White City's annual Summer Sizzle festival.

White City adds to that sense of community with several town-organized events each year – Summer Sizzle, Movie in the Park, the White City Fun Run and Theatre in the Park (with corresponding council barbecue) during the warmer months, and a twinkle tour plus the town's Chillfest winter festival when the weather turns colder.

Tennis courts can be found in both municipalities, as can a non-contiguous segment of the Trans Canada Trail that utilizes approximately seven of the communities' combined 18 kms of paved walking and cycling pathways.

Outdoor enthusiasts can also get their fix just across the Trans Canada Highway at the White Butte Trails recreation site, located 1 km (west entrance) or 3 km (east entrance) north of White City.

The gently-rolling and well-treed green space offers an additional 18 kms of off-road trails that are utilized

by hikers and cyclists in the summer, and cross-country skiers in the winter.

Pilot Butte

Thirty-two editions later and still going strong, the Pilot Butte Rodeo is the definitive centrepiece of the town's annual social calendar.

The Canadian Cowboys Association-sanctioned event takes place on Father's Day weekend each year and pairs up with chuckwagon and chariot races, heavy horse pulls, face painting, a parade, "family fun day" activities, karaoke, a beer gardens, a cowboy church service and live music to deliver a weekend to remember every June.

Past performers at the traditional Saturday night cabaret have included Charlie Major, Emerson Drive, the Road Hammers, Doc Walker, the Poverty Plainsmen, Aaron Pritchett and Gord Bamford.

Pilot Butte is also home to a burgeoning arts scene that includes the annual Crocus Art Show and Sale each spring and an artist retreat in September.

Other annual events in Pilot Butte include a community garage sale in early June, the Summer Splash Spray Down in July and a Family Day community event in February.

This year's Summer Splash is scheduled for July 12 at the town's spray park, which marks its fifth summer of operation in 2025, and will include games, activities and truck tours hosted by the Pilot Butte Volunteer Fire Department, along with food trucks and bouncy castles.

This year's Family Day festival meanwhile included outdoor skating, a snow sculpture competition and tobogganing on Butte Hill – the local landmark that rises approximately 75 feet above the surrounding community – along with children's activities, puppy visits, and aerial and hoop performances. The town has said plans are already in the works for next year's event.

In addition to serving as home rink for the Pilot Butte Storm junior B hockey club, the Pilot Butte Recreation Centre also provides free public skating, shinny and parent/tot skating times throughout the week during the winter.

Other recreational amenities in town include ball diamonds, nine community parks and a skateboard park.

Potash and flour put Esterhazy on the map

The community of Esterhazy is known as the “Potash capital of the world.” Owned and operated by Mosaic, the three potash mines in the Esterhazy area – K1, K2 and K3 – Mosaic is the world’s largest combined producer of potash and phosphates, two vital nutrients.

Esterhazy is reputed to be named after a Hungarian aristocrat, Count Paul Oscar Esterhazy. Count Esterhazy acted as an immigrant agent in 1886 to help settle 35 Hungarian families at Kaposvar, south of the present-day Esterhazy. The Kaposvar colony flourished and Esterhazy soon became known as a viable agricultural region for later waves of immigrants.

The town is situated between two scenic valleys: the Qu’Appelle River Valley that extends 260 km east to west from its confluence with the Assiniboine River in western Manitoba to Lake Diefenbaker in south central Saskatchewan, and the Kaposvar Valley that skirts in the town’s north end then winds through the town’s 9-hole golf course and flows south-east along an abandoned rail line to join with the Qu’Appelle River Valley near the neighbouring village of Tantallon.

Tourist information may be found at the Visitors Information Centre, located in the Historical Park on Highway 22. There you will also find The Saskatchewan Potash Interpretive Centre, museum and Esterhazy Flour Mill, a national historic site.

Visit the Potash Interpretive Centre

The Saskatchewan Potash Interpretive Centre offers visitors an opportunity to learn the unique history of how potash is mined and refined. The 1,500 sq. ft. build-

ing has interactive displays showcasing the vital and vibrant history and advancements in technology linking a mineral and prairie culture. Geology of the various formations from surface to mine and below are exhibited in a professional and interesting way.

The Potash Interpretive Centre is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from May long weekend to Aug 31. In the off season it is open by appointment. To arrange a tour or for more information, phone the Visitor Information Centre at 306-745-5406 (May to August) or the Town Office at 306-745-5402 (September to April) or email town.esterhazy@sasktel.net.



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Esterhazy Flour Mill

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in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

As you tour the mill, imagine the train loads of timber arriving in Esterhazy and the work being done to erect a wood building of this stature, long before electrical power was available. Take note of the post and tenon, wooden pegged beam connections and

the detailed hand-made chute work. Steam power operated the mill until the late '40s or early '50s. There is now an operational diesel engine in place that was manufactured in 1947.

To arrange for a tour during the months of May through August, simply visit the Visitor Information Centre or call 306-745-5406. In the off-peak season, which is from September to April, people can arrange for a tour by calling the Town Office at 306-745-3942.

Kaposvar Historic Site

Kaposvar Historical Site, situated south of Esterhazy, is a 10-acre landscaped site of the first Hungarian colony in Saskatchewan. Established in 1886, it is also one of the first Hungarian settlements in Western Canada.

The Kaposvar Historical Society preserves, restores and maintains the Kaposvar Historic Site which consists of a large, beautiful stone church (1907), stone rectory (1900), Grotto (1942), cemetery (1886) and artifacts relating to the history of the early Hungarian settlement. A homestead site was established in 1986 which includes a pioneer house (1905), barn, millhouse and a rural

schoolhouse.

Kaposvar is open for guided tours during the summer (mid May through to September) and by appointment. Every third Sunday in August a pilgrimage is held at the grotto. The site is located 5.5 kms south of Esterhazy along Grid 637. Or if you are driving down Highway 9 south of Stockholm, head west on Pioneer Road (located north of the Qu'Appelle Valley) for 14.75 kms and then turn north on Grid 637 for 1.5 kms.



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Swing into Wolseley for a unique experience

From history, to recreation, to entertainment on the big screen, the Town of Wolseley provides a variety of interesting experiences for visitors.

An information centre beside the west entrance to Wol-

seley supplies brochures and maps. There is also a gazebo and a sewage dump for RVs.

Fairly Lake in the centre of town features a picturesque fountain and a swinging bridge for pedestrians. The lake is suitable for canoeing and has a small beach with a splash park on the east side.

Visitors can take a self-guided walking tour through the town to learn about 36 historical sites. These include the oldest courthouse in Saskatchewan, built in 1895 and currently under renovation, as well as the restored Opera House/Town Hall that was built in 1906. Informational booklets are available from the Town Office or on the town's website. Additional information about local people, places, and events can be researched at the Wolseley Historical Archives.

Many buildings in the town retain their authentic look or have been restored to resemble the early days. The Leland Hotel can be seen on Sherbrooke Street, alongside a popular coffee shop and a gallery displaying the talents of local artists. A pizza shop and motel beside the highway, along with a café and the Banbury House Inn within the town, provide accommodation and refreshment. Hardware and grocery stores, a credit union, library and pharmacy round out the amenities of this community.

Sports enthusiasts can visit the Sportsplex beside Wolseley High School to participate in figure skating lessons, join a minor hockey team or watch the local QVJHL Mustangs team play. An outdoor skating rink is situated beside the Fire Hall on Water Street. Wolseley Golf Club welcomes golfers in the summer and cross-country skiers in the winter. Wolseley's annual triathlon in June is sanctioned by TriSask and offers opportunities for participants at all levels, from elite athletes to children.

For travelers seeking entertainment, Wolseley is home to the Twilite Drive-In Theatre, in operation since 1954. The theatre has show-times every weekend from May through mid-October.



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Indian Head offers plenty to see and do

The Town of Indian Head offers visitors plenty to see and do. The picturesque community is located a convenient 35-minute drive east of Regina and only 15 minutes south of the beach at Katepwa Point Provincial Park.

A large statue of a chief's head, visible from the Trans-Canada Highway, alerts passers-by to their arrival at Indian Head and provides a unique photo opportunity. There is a tourist booth adjacent to the landmark, which has maps of the town and other relevant information.

The historic Bell Barn and Indian Head Museum provide a glimpse into the community's past. A self-guided heritage tour highlights 45 significant sites within the town. Guidebooks are available from the Town Office or Tourist Booth, and an audio version of the walking tour can be found online at www.tripvia.tours.

The Dairy Mart on Highway 56, just north of Highway 1, is a popular place to stop for a refreshing treat. Visitors strolling down Grand Avenue in the centre of town can find restaurants, a bank, grocery store, hardware store, and other retail outlets. These in-



Historic Bell Barn just north of Indian Head.

clude the Indian Head Bakery where every batch of dough is made daily from scratch. Grace & Thyme on Grand Avenue and The Sinking Canoe Antique Shop, located a few blocks west, offer whimsical items to weekend shoppers. A motel and a campground on the edge of town provide overnight accommodations for travelers and an off-leash dog park gives pets a safe place to stretch their legs.

Local entertainment can be found at the Grand Theatre. It was built in 1904 and was the only opera house between Winnipeg and Vancouver at that time. Now there is a variety of programming at the venue, including movies, workshops and live shows.

The annual Indian Head Days celebration, held the last weekend in June, draws the community together

for a parade, street dance, car show and other family-friendly activities. In August, there is a fair at the historic Bell Barn that showcases the valuable role of horses in early farming. The Harvest Hoedown Craft Show in the fall attracts vendors and shoppers to the community. A Santa parade and Twinkle Tour Christmas lights competition in December puts everyone in a holiday mood. The Winter Festival at Dixon Park a couple months later gives residents a chance to enjoy wagon rides and tobogganing.

Throughout the year, other recreation opportunities abound within the community. A fitness trail suitable for walking or biking follows Sunbeam Creek through the town to a community orchard and disc golf

course. The local pickleball club meets year-round, playing outdoors in favourable weather or moving indoors to the Memorial Hall for the colder months.

Dixon Park offers plenty of family fun with an outdoor pool and waterslide, splash park, playground, basketball court, skate park, and two baseball diamonds. Four additional diamonds at Jimmy Robison Field are filled with minor ball players in the spring. The town's nine-hole golf course features a driving range, grass greens, and cart rentals.

When snow falls, groomed trails invite cross-country skiers to explore the golf course and community. Also in the winter, the AJM Davies Arena hosts minor hockey teams and figure skating lessons. An outdoor rink at Dixon Park is maintained by the local Lions Club and town employees create a tobogganing hill for children to enjoy at the park. The nearby curling rink, home to the longest continually running curling club in Saskatchewan, provides additional opportunities for winter recreation.

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Step back in history at Cannington Manor



Of all the many lives that were transplanted into prairie soil during the early years of this province – there was a group of “gentlefolk” from England who came to a place called Cannington Manor.

Their intention was to become part of a community where the Victorian-era lifestyle, society and culture they had known in their homeland, could thrive within an aristocratic Saskatchewan community.

Cannington Manor was established in 1882 by Captain Edward Pierce – who had come to the province to establish a new life for himself after losing most of his assets through a bank failure in England.

He encouraged others to join him, offering the opportunity to enjoy many of the advantages of upper-class life in England – without the drawbacks and expense.



At its height, over 200 people called Cannington Manor “home”.

Businesses and services at the settlement included carpentry, a blacksmith, hotel, general store, dairy, school/town office, land title office, pork packing plant and flour mill.

Those living at Cannington were able to take part in a rich cultural life that included theatrical presentations, poetry readings, a glee club, fox hunts, tennis and cricket.

Captain Pierce’s sudden death in 1893 would mark the start of Cannington’s decline. A number of economic and social factors – together with a lack of leadership and the difficulties caused by drought and low grain prices drained the energy away from the community.

The decision to locate the CPR branch line 10 km south of Cannington rather than through the commu-

nity proved a fatal blow and the village was abandoned in 1900.

Cannington Manor is now a Provincial Historic Park that is open from early June until the end of August.

Throughout the summer, interpretive park guides dressed in period costume guide visitors through the various buildings and demonstrate many of the tasks and activities that were part of daily life at the settlement.

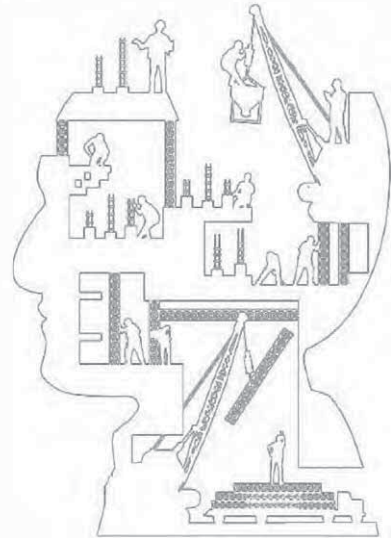
Church services are offered at the All Saints Anglican Church at Cannington on the fourth Sunday of every month from May until September.

During the Cannington Fair which typically takes place in August, visitors can enjoy musical entertainment and a tea party and take part in events such as ice cream making, rope making, cricket, croquet and many other activities.

As well, Cannington by Candlelight allows visitors to take part in a guided evening tour - during which they are able to hear stories about the people who lived at Cannington Manor – both from their guide as well as from the various “spirits of the past” that they encounter throughout the evening.

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Like many small Saskatchewan communities, Grayson was built along a railway which no longer exists. It does however have a few unique businesses and its proximity to Melville still allows it to prosper. Grayson possesses a post office, modern grocery/cafe, hardware store, plumbers, tavern, elementary school, village and Rural Municipality offices, and various business services. The village also has a dance hall, a seniors' center, and apartments for rent.

While in Grayson, people can visit the historic German heritage Roman Catholic Church or unwind in Grayson's heritage park and play area. You can also enjoy the annual Party in the Park on the August long



weekend. Grayson is close to the valley golf course Last Oak and is a great destination for ATV, snowmobile and hiking trail enthusiasts. There is a campground and RV parks in the area if you want to extend your stay.

No trip to Grayson is complete without a stop at Ottenbreit Meats, home of the famous 'Grayson Sausage.' Located on Railway Ave across from the grocery store and the local tavern, many of Ottenbreit's products can be found in surrounding community grocery stores, but a trip to Ottenbreit Meats in Grayson is worth it. They have a large variety of great barbeque products that will suit all your camping needs and the quality and flavour will leave you wanting to come back.

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The City of Melville is steep in railroad history



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Boasting a population of about 5,000, Melville was first settled with the intention of the city becoming a transportation hub for the Grand Trunk Railway. In the early 1900s, the first parcel of land was sold to a Mr. Pope who was a representative of the Grand Trunk Pacific Townsite and Development Company.

In 1908, when the last spike of the railroad was driven, Melville, named after the president of the railway, Charles Melville Hays, became the city Pope had envisioned just a few years earlier and it became the second divisional point on the railway, west of Winnipeg, Man.

This wasn't quite the beginning of the city, now known as Saskatchewan's smallest. One year prior, in 1907, J.W. Regdewick brought a load of lumber from Killaly and built the Pioneer Store and at the same time, 30 blocks were surveyed and staked out with a lumberyard and hardware store soon to follow. Lots were selling from \$40 to \$400.

Melville was a bustling community between 1910 and 1914, a four-year span which marked the construction of the first power plant, hospital, the Melville Milling Company, Coal Docks and Luther College. The Melville Millionaires hockey club was also born during this time period, and just three years into its existence won the Allan Cup, claiming national hockey supremacy.

In the early years, Melville saw rapid growth in population, jumping from 66 people to 625 and then passed the 1,000 mark in 1909 with town status. The first council meeting was hosted in the office of the city's first newspaper, the Melville Canadian, Jan. 4, 1909. The Queen Street Arena was also constructed that year but fires in 1949 and 1962 spelled its end and marked the construction of the Melville Stadium on Second Avenue, but it was also destroyed by fire two years later. It was replaced with a second version, carrying the same name and used until 2011 when it was replaced with the Horizon Credit Union Centre, a fully modern structure with an ice surface area with a 1,524 capacity, convention centre and city offices.

In 1990, just prior to the city hosting the Saskatchewan Winter Games, another ice surface, the Merv Moore Sportsplex was erected.

Melville is served by the modern version of St. Peter's Hospital, built adjacent to St. Paul Lutheran Home. The 40-bed hospital is operated by the Catholic Health Council.

There are four elementary schools: Davison, Miller, St. Henry's Junior and Senior Elementary, as well as one high school, the Melville Comprehensive School - MCS, as it's known throughout the community. It houses a full complement of student classes including metal, wood and automotive, and is also home to the Parkland Regional College, located on the south end of MCS. The college, affiliated with the Yorkton campus, offers a wide range of classes.

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Experience history at the Melville Heritage Museum

One of Melville's best kept secrets has been around for over 40 years. The Melville Heritage Museum is the place to go if you're fascinated by the past or want to learn what life was like for Melville and area residents during the early 20th century.

The museum is housed in a sprawling four-storey building that originally was to be Luther Academy. This made it possible to have theme rooms throughout the building without altering the original floor plan.

For example, in the basement are rooms dedicated to Melville's rail history, the RCMP and early Aboriginal artifacts.

The main floor houses a chapel depicting religious objects and literature of various denominations. Many of these items have been donated from Melville and area and include pews, iconography, Bibles as well as antique organs, etc.

A fascinating object in the room is a book of sermons from 1721 that were written by a renowned 16th century theologian, Valerie Herburger. The book was printed in Poland, is bound in sheepskin and is in amazing condition for its age. It is of special significance as it is the oldest artifact in the museum.

Down the hall from the chapel are two rooms dedicated to military history. There are many stories of residents who served in both world wars and who continued military careers afterwards.

In two glass cases are many model aircraft created by a former Melville resident and board member, Steve Guliak, who was expert in most things military. From Chinook helicopters to the Avro Arrow to Spitfire airplanes, he crafted many military objects that will amaze everyone regardless of their thoughts on war.

Both rooms contain biographies of Melville and area residents who fought and served overseas.

A well-known Melville resident who enlisted during the First World War is Robert G. Combe, he received the Victoria Cross — the highest military honour — for overcoming enemy resistance during the war. A replica of the Victoria Cross hangs on the wall next to his picture.

On the third floor hangs a quilt that was entered in the Guinness Book of World Records in 1994. It was considered the largest quilt ever made.

The Melville Heritage Museum strives to provide displays for all ages and interests including sports, vintage toys, farming tools, royalty, recreation, educational history, portrayed in a school room setting, sewing, music, vintage clothing, CN artifacts, religious artifacts, Dome Petroleum display and a Charles Melville Hayes jacket — exhibited in theme room settings.

An excellent feature for children is a scavenger hunts complete with a prize sponsored by Prairie Co-op.

Follow the Melville Heritage Museum's Facebook page for children's programming, upcoming events and fun facts. If you have any questions, please call the museum at 306-728-2070 or email melmus@sasktel.net



Melville Heritage Museum will be open Wednesday to Sunday from mid-May until the end of August. Large groups are encouraged to contact the museum before visiting to allow appropriate staffing and volunteers. admission is \$8/adult (12 and under are free). Season passes are available for \$10. CASH ONLY.



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Melville Regional Park has everything anyone could want for a holiday or a stay in the city while experiencing a camping atmosphere.

The well-treed park is home to the majority of the city's baseball diamonds, which are well used during the summer months. During normal years, the park is busy with the local slo-pitch leagues, all playing games.

For those who stay in the park, there are 100 campsites, with 85 of them electrified and each has a picnic table, a barbecue/fire pit and free wood for burning.

The park also features a brand new outdoor swimming pool, which includes a beach style sloped entry, a waterslide, water features and junior Olympic length swimming lanes. It's a great spot for people of all ages to cool off on those hot summer days.

Another popular destination for the younger set is the playground area, featuring plenty of apparatus for children to have some fun in the sun.

If you fancy a game of tennis, there are the tennis courts and adjacent to them is an off-leash dog park for man's best friend to enjoy and get some exercise.

Those who are into the growing sport of disc golf, the park has an 18-hole course with tonal targets.

Slightly west, at the junction of Highways 10 and 47



On special occasions the Railway Museum is open for people to get a glimpse of how Melville's forefathers may have made their living in earlier times. The museum features a CN steam engine, Grand Trunk Pacific flat car, and CN old-style caboose.

north, is the Melville Golf Club, a picturesque 18-hole grass green course which is able to provide a challenge for the more accomplished player or fun for the average duffer.

Lots to do in Melville throughout the year

Summer or winter, there are always things going on in Melville for people to enjoy. In June, people can take in the Heritage Fair and PAWSHAW Horse Show at the AgriPark while Canada Day celebrations include events such as the parade, party in the park, tattoo day, movie in the park and fireworks. The first weekend in July (after the long weekend) is also an annual ball tournament. Later in the year, be sure to check out the Melville Model Train Show in mid-October and the Community Works Dinner Theatre in November and take in the Christmas trade show and parade in December.



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Katepwa Point Provincial Park is often referred to as one of the nicest beaches in the Qu'Appelle Valley.

Qu'Appelle Valley parks are a refreshing adventure

Crooked Lake Provincial Park

Along the eastern side of Crooked Lake is Crooked Lake Provincial Park. The park has campgrounds, a new mini golf, beach, boat launch, playground and a nearby golf course. The Trans-Canada Trail makes its way through this scenic area.

Crooked Lake offers a variety of activities during both the summer and the winter. During the summer, fishing from both boats and docks is very popular. The lake produces an assortment of fish including northern pike, walleye, rock bass and yellow perch. The lake is also a popular place for a large variety of water sports. Activities off of the water are also offered due to its proximity with the Trans-Canada Trail.

Nestled in the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley, Crooked Lake Provincial Park features stunning valley views and a beautiful lake. This park has numerous campsites including several lakeside sites, a service centre, hiking trails, boat launch, fishing and nearby golf course. Two Camp-easy sites are available for booking.

Echo Valley Provincial Park

Situated in the legendary Qu'Appelle Valley between Echo and Pasqua Lakes, Echo Valley Provincial Park offers scenic surroundings and numerous recreational opportunities. With two beaches and access to two lakes,

Highway 247 scenic drive along Crooked Lake.



this park is a great destination for the fishing and water enthusiast. Lush lawns, playground, change rooms and barbecues make the beach area a great place to spend your summer days. Interpretive programming and a three-kilometre nature trail allow visitors to explore and learn more about this beautiful area. For that perfect getaway with minimal effort and preparation, three Camp-easy sites are available for booking.

Katepwa Point Provincial Park

Katepwa Point Provincial Park is a small, day-use park featuring one of the nicest beaches in the Qu'Appelle Valley. It offers a lovely lawn area, near the beach, with picnic facilities (briquettes only), playground, service centre and parking. Accommodations, licensed dining, concessions, golf and canoe/kayak rentals are available nearby. No entry fees. Pets must be leashed.

Katepwa beach is located in a provincial park but there are no fees to enter or use the park. Adjacent to the beach is a cultured lawn and park area with picnic and barbecue facilities, a playground, change house, washrooms, parking and boat docking. You can enjoy boating, skiing, wakeboarding, swimming, canoeing, wind surfing, sailing and fishing on beautiful Lake Katepwa. And that is

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just in the summer. The winter brings with it opportunities for cross-country skiing, ice fishing and snowmobiling.

Services in the day-use-only park include fast food, gas, a store and a hotel with a bar, restaurant and accommodations and parking. Accommodations, licensed dining, concessions, golf and canoe/kayak rentals are available nearby. No entry fees. Pets must be leashed.

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Public Beaches

Along with the beaches found at the provincial parks in the Qu'Appelle Valley, visitors can also find an abundance of places to soak up the sun on the sand. On Round Lake, beaches at Bird's Point and West End offer lots of space and sand to enjoy the day while Crooked Lake

beaches include Melville Beach, Moose Bay and Sunset Beach on the south and Grenfell Beach on the north. Many of the beaches also include playground structures as well as miniature golf courses nearby.

Be sure to check out Indian Point on the north side of Crooked Lake. A naturally formed sandbar allows swimmers to be able to walk out into the lake for several hundred feet. Just be careful if you are boating around the point to avoid grounding your boat on the sand bar. As for Pasqua Lake, visitors can try out Braumberger Beach on the northeast side of the lake while Echo Lake beaches include Echo Lake Beach at the east end.

Saskatchewan skies bring out northern lights

Saskatchewan is known as the "Land of the Living Skies" and one of the reasons are the northern lights, or the aurora borealis. The beautiful dancing waves of light have captivated people for millennia and are a common site throughout Saskatchewan. Auroras are the result of disturbances in the magnetosphere caused by the solar wind. There are two prime Aurora seasons in Canada: late August to October, when temperatures are relatively mild; and mid-November to early April, where the sky is clear. All you need to see them is a dark sky away from lights and a camera to capture them.



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Southeast Saskatchewan is a golfer's paradise

From Melville to Fort Qu'Appelle to Whitewood to Kipling and Indian Head, golf lovers will find themselves in the middle of a golfer's paradise with plenty of top notch nine and 18-hole grass green golf courses to choose from. In fact, the area is home to some of the best small-town courses in the province. Most courses welcome walk-ons but it is always best to call ahead to check tee-times and make sure the course isn't hosting a tournament.

Last Oak Golf and Country Club

Last Oak Golf and Country Club (pictured) offers a casual and scenic golf experience. Upon arrival, guests are struck by the beauty of the Qu'Appelle Valley landscape. The Elcapo Creek winds through the course and steep valley slopes line part of the perimeter.

Players of all levels are welcome. For seasoned golfers seeking a challenge, 18-hole course will definitely meet expectations. Lush tree-lined fairways, set among rolling hills, demand controlled drives and approach shots. Hidden greens and frequent water hazards test skill and patience. Putting on the sloped greens challenges players to hit their line with precision.

Families or novice golfers will appreciate the encouraging, laid-back atmosphere. The relaxed pace and minimal wait times are popular features.

Echo Ridge Golf Course

Echo Ridge Golf Course is situated in the resort town of Fort Qu'Appelle in the heart of the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley.

This nine-hole course offers manicured greens and fairways, a friendly staff, and a comfortable atmosphere. Known for great food and Friday Night Steak Nights, the licensed and Upper Deck Restaurant welcomes golfers and public alike.



Last Oak Golf, nestled in the Qu'Appelle Valley near the east end of Crooked Lake, is just one of the many enjoyable golf courses in the area.

Canadian Golf Magazine once rated Echo Ridge Golf Course as one of the best nine-hole golf courses in Canada.

Katepwa Beach Golf Club

Nestled in the hills on the side of Lake Katepwa is the Katepwa Beach Golf Club.

Elevated tees provide fantastic views and carts are readily accessible and available for those who prefer to ride through one of the province's most picturesque courses.

It is a wonderful golf course with well-maintained grass greens. Playing this course is a great way to spend time with the entire family.

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Indian Head Golf and Country Club

The Indian Head Golf and Country Club is home to a nine-hole grass greens course bordered by more than 30,000 trees and shrubs. The greens are like playing on your living room carpet, smaller than average, and some are placed amid mature spruce growth. This leaves many golfers finding that making par is a rare occasion. The course is 3145 yards in length, which allows golfers to work on perfecting their long game, too. Their licensed clubhouse and deck offer a place to relax with a beverage and add up your score after your round.

Melville Golf Course

One of the oldest golf courses in Saskatchewan, the Melville Golf & Country Club dates back to the beginning of the last century.

The course has eight of its holes featuring a carry over water, with treed fairways and a mix of large and small greens. Players have to be careful with the out of bounds areas bordering the first five holes of the back nine. Par for the course is 70.

Kipling Golf Course

The Kingswood Golf Course in Kipling is located on a gently rolling property adjacent to a public swimming pool and beautiful campground. The 9-hole grass green course, which is a course for all ages, has three holes which border water hazards and trees on the remaining holes make for challenging play. The course includes two par three holes, six par four holes and one par five. Birdies are hard to find and a par round is an accomplishment. The clubhouse features a large patio and is positioned such that it allows a view of seven of the nine fairways.

Aspen Links Country Club (Emerald Park)

Located 10-minutes east of Regina in Emerald Park is the Aspen Links Country Club. One of Saskatchewan's classic links style golf courses, Aspen Links offers a range of tee options that can stretch the Par 73 course to over 6700 yards of open, rolling fairways bordered by prairie grass rough. Throw in a couple of challenging Par 3's and a couple of Par 4's bordered by water and you have a course that will challenge any level of golfer. The Aspen Links Clubhouse and Rec Room, which is open year-round, is home to four Full Swing Golf Simulators and there is also a full menu restaurant on site.

Whitewood Golf Club

A nine-hole, grass green golf course, well known for its high quality grass greens and incredibly reasonable prices, Whitewood Golf Club offers a challenging and enjoyable experience that even the most avid golfer will enjoy. A thick growth of trees lining most fairways and strategically placed water hazards add to the challenge of this nine-hole course that features a licensed clubhouse, pro shop, club rentals, power and pull cart rentals and a driving range. The golf course is also located right next to the local campground, swimming pool, ball diamonds and tennis/pickleball courts.

Golf Kenosee

One of southern Saskatchewan's premier courses, Golf Kenosee sits in an expansive park on the southeast's highest plateau, amidst the forests of Moose Mountain Provincial Park. The 18-hole resort track puts a premium on straight, accurate shots and its sheltered fairways remain player friendly, even on a windy day. Visit Club 19 and take in the scenic view of the golf course while enjoying a refreshment or meal. Daily lunch and dinner specials.

White Bear Golf Club

The White Bear Lake Golf Course, an 18-hole course with a championship layout, is renowned for its scenic beauty and quality conditions. This shot-maker's course has bentgrass greens and the only white silica sand bunkers in southern Saskatchewan. It features three sets of tees; it has long, challenging and well-treed fairways in a highland of hills, lakes and ponds. Tournaments welcome. The clubhouse board room can accommodate groups of 30.

Esterhazy Golf Course

Nestled in the picturesque valley between a residential area to the south and farmland to the north, the Esterhazy golf club offers both seasonal memberships and green fees, and the Clubhouse is fully licensed.

Yorkton

Yorkton also has a couple of 18-hole courses: Deer Park Municipal Golf Course and York Lake Golf & Country Club. Deer Park is situated on rolling, heavily wooded terrain and is one of Saskatchewan's top-ranked 18 hole championship golf courses while York Lake is one of the province's newest golf courses which also has a 12-hole foot golf course on location.

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Moose Mountain Provincial Park is your year-round playground

No matter what the season, visitors can find ample reason to visit Moose Mountain Provincial Park.

Moose Mountain Provincial Park was among the first to be established in the province.

Those wanting to explore the park's natural beauty can take advantage of the hiking trails that wind their



way through birch and poplar trees. ATV enthusiasts can also enjoy designated trails weather permitting (as the trails are closed during rainy or wet conditions).

Visitors can also enjoy camping, mountain biking, boating and swimming. As well, there are numerous programs offered at the park throughout the

year.

Golfers will be delighted by the 18-hole golf course with its sheltered fairways while Club 19 offers fully licensed fine dining and banquet facilities and Kenosee Inn and Cabins provides hotel rooms and cabin rentals.

In the wintertime, Moose Mountain features beckon visitors to come and explore that season's beauty along groomed cross-country ski, snowshoe and snowmobile trails.

Moose Mountain Artist's Colony

Along the shore of Kenosee Lake are four stone cabins that were built in 1931 to accommodate visitors at the



newly designated Provincial Park. These cabins are now home to the Moose Mountain Artist's Colony. They feature a peaceful and reflective environment, where several different artists can come during the summer to work.

Visitors are welcome to come and spend time with the artists. While

the cabins are not to be used as souvenir shops or handi-craft booths – artists can offer art lessons – or sell their original work.

Kenosee Lake Riding Academy

The Kenosee Lake Riding Academy offers both novice and experienced horseback riders the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the back country during one-hour guided trail rides. Trail rides are offered four times daily, weather permitting. Those wishing to take part in a trail

ride are asked to call ahead to 306-577-2278 and make reservations.

Red Market Barn

For over a decade, the Red Market Barn has provided both residents and visitors to Moose Mountain Provincial Park with a perfect way to spend a summer Sunday.

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Along with the many items available to purchase, visitors to the Red Market Barn can also enjoy live music, food concessions, a playground and a Petting Zoo.

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Kipling is home to world's largest paperclip

The Town of Kipling is located along the #48 Highway – approximately 150 km southeast of Regina – 50 km north of Moose Mountain Provincial Park – 35 km south of Broadview on Grid 605.

Kipling is named after Rudyard Kipling – best known for his fictional work *The Jungle Book* (1894).

The community's local history book *Pioneers and Progress* notes that Rudyard Kipling visited Saskatchewan and passed through Regina on October 4, 1907. Local legend speculates that during that visit, the author may have also passed through the hamlet that would bear his name by train on the CNR line.

Whether Rudyard Kipling made a personal appearance in the fledgling community or not – his name remained – and the Hamlet of Kipling was declared a Village in 1909.

Today, Kipling is better known as the 'Home of the World's Largest Paperclip' (15 feet tall and weighing 3043 pounds) as certified by Guinness World Records. The "Big Red Paperclip" commemorates a different type of 'journey' which would bring worldwide attention to the community.

Beginning with a red paperclip, Kyle MacDonald (an in-



ternet blogger) launched into a series of barterers on July 14, 2005 – which he hoped would culminate with him owning a house.

Within a year, MacDonald was bartering with the Town of Kipling and traded a role in a Corbin Benson movie for the keys to a house on Main Street.

MacDonald and his girlfriend lived in Kipling until 2008 – when he gave the keys to the house back to the Town

of Kipling and went on to write a book about his (now famous) escapade.

The house MacDonald had acquired through his trades would go on to become The Paperclip Cottage - a café owned and operated by a mother and daughter "team" who serves totally homemade food inside a pleasant space that feels like "Grandma's kitchen".

Canada Day celebrations in Kipling coincide with the Bobby Vargo Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament – which offers visitors a unique way to celebrate the nation's birthday.

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A trip to Kipling can also include a stroll down the community's Walking Trail – enjoy the Heritage Walking Tour – try out some disc golf - or spend a relaxing afternoon at the local swimming pool.

As well, visitors to the Kipling Museum have an opportunity to tour a Blacksmith Shop, Dentist's Office, Service Station (with original Esso pumps) the old Christ Lutheran Church – and the Ovans' family original heritage home.

Along the side of the museum's Main Building visitors can see a remarkable mural done by Regina artist Joshua True Goff (that also serves as an informal memorial to Lorne Rygh, the Kipling resident who was instrumental in getting the mural project started.)

Another impressive mural was done by Whitewood artist Janet Blackstock on the side of the Kipling Tim Hortons (corner of Main Street and 6th Avenue).

A series of murals done by local artists can also be seen on the side of the Kipling Youth Center (corner of Main Street and 5th Avenue).

Golf enthusiasts will be pleased to find the tree and water-lined fairways at the 9-hole Kingswood Golf Course to be both challenging and pleasant. There is no need to schedule a tee time, and golfers can relax after their game at the licensed clubhouse.

A must see in the winter is the outdoor Olympic sized skating rink, whose unique style and professional-like setup has gathered attention right across the province. The town's indoor skating and curling arena has been up-



graded and is now fully accessible. This means that anyone can now stop by and enjoy all the activities at that facility. For more information on Kipling and everything it has to offer, check out the town's website at <https://townofkipling.ca>.

Big reasons to visit Windthorst

Windthorst is a village located 15 km west of Kipling on #48 highway. The village is named after Dr. Ludwig Windthorst – a German Parliamentarian who was the leader of the Center Party in Germany during the late 1800's and considered one of Bismarck's most effective opponents.

As the name suggests, many of the early settlers in the community were Americans who were of German origin. However, those early settlers were joined by others who were of English, Scandinavian, Scottish and Irish descent.

Windthorst boasts a campground with 7 electricity/water sites and 8 electricity/water/sewer sites available. The campground is located close to the local playground - as well as the local ball diamonds – where visitors might have the opportunity to take in a Windthorst Pirates baseball (QVBL) game.

Visitors can also tour the Windthorst Museum (housed in the former Masonic Lodge) and play a round of golf at the community's 9-hole golf course.

The area around Windthorst is popular with hunters (deer, moose and waterfowl) during the fall.

And those wanting to take in a really BIG event are invited to check out Windthorst's annual fall Great Pumpkin Weigh-In (a Windthorst & District Lions Club fundraiser) where the 10 pumpkin growers bring the fruit of their labors into the Windthorst Community Center (typically with a pallet-jack) in order to determine which grower has brought in the season's most massive pumpkin.



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Kennedy is home to one of Sask.'s only pro rodeos

It was during the Great Depression that Reverend Bill Gourlay (the United Church Minister in Kennedy) decided to organize a “ranch picnic/rodeo” that he hoped would lift people’s spirits and allow them some reprieve from the challenges and hardships they faced.

That first rodeo was held in 1934 - at a place near Kennedy known as Shackleton Flats. A circle of cars served as the rodeo arena - and RCMP Constable Bates opened the event with a shot from his service revolver.

The rodeo events featured that day included: saddle and loose rope bronc riding, steer riding, roping, wild cow milking and cowgirl turnout for the ladies.

At suppertime that evening, spectators were all provided with meat from a beef that had been donated by J. Dorrance. Campfires could be seen all around the outside of the “arena” as families fried the meat that they had been given.

In the years that followed, Gourlay’s modest community “morale booster” would become an annual



event - the Moose Mountain Rodeo - and would move in 1959 to its current location at the edge of Kennedy.

Today, Kennedy is home to the Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo - the only professional rodeo (aside from the rodeo that takes place at Agribition) that is held in the province.

The Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo is a 2-day event that is held on the third weekend in July.

Many of the same well-known rodeo athletes and rodeo stock seen at events such as the Calgary Stampede come to Kennedy - to take part in events such as: saddle bronc & bare-back riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing.

The event is organized and run completely by community volunteers - who come together to host not only the rodeo itself - but the Rodeo Parade as well.

Reverend Gourlay might well be surprised at what his little ranch picnic/rodeo has become.

But the impact that the Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo has on the community that he loved would undoubtedly be something he would find very familiar - as Kennedy rises up each year to welcome those who are “ready to rodeo”!

Powwows an awe-inspiring tradition

Powwow dances have long been a tradition in the First Nation culture and every year, hundreds of dancers and thousands of spectators turn out at powwows throughout the region. A powwow is a celebration where Indigenous people dance, eat, sing and can buy or sell crafts. It’s also a place for participants to show pride and respect for their culture. Powwows usually start with a Grand Entry - which is like a parade - an event spectators do not want to miss. It is filled with colour, tradition, respect and the best time to see all the competitors at once.

Below are confirmed dates and locations (with nearby towns in brackets) of First Nations holding powwows in 2025:

- June 20-22 - Kahkewistahaw (Broadview)
- July 11-13 - White Bear (Carlyle)
- July 18-20 - Peepeekisis (Balcarres)
- July 25-27 - Zagime (Grenfell)
- Aug. 6-7 - Pasqua (Fort Qu’Appelle)
- August 5-7 - Carry the Kettle (Indian Head)
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Whitewood's slogan may be that they are the Crossroads Community, but in recent years, it has become the unofficial rodeo and curling capital of Saskatchewan.

Located at the crossroads of Highways 1 and 9, Whitewood is home to the one of the largest curling bonspiels in Canada every March with 72-teams competing. The community has also twice hosted the SaskTel Tankard, the provincial men's curling championship. This love for curling is one of the reasons why the world's largest curling broom now stands at the one entrance off Highway 1, next to the Flag Garden. The area is also undergoing a re-design and beautification as a rest stop where people can relax, eat lunch and take their dogs to the off-leash park.

Whitewood is also a rodeo hot spot in the province with two different rodeo grounds within a few kilometres of the community, hosting numerous events throughout the year.

Just east of town are the Whitewood rodeo grounds where two major events are planned for 2025. On July 11 is the annual Bull Bash event that will see 24 of the top bull riders in Canada compete for cash followed by the Whitewood/Chacachas Rodeo on August 15-16. The rodeo includes both Friday and Saturday evening rodeo performances as well as entertainment on Saturday night.

Approximately 16 kms north of Whitewood on Highway 9 you will find another rodeo grounds at Oly's Trading Post. Various rodeo events are held here throughout the year at either their outdoors rodeo grounds or their

indoor riding arena. Their 2025 Open Rodeo will be held Aug. 7-8 with events such as bareback, saddle bronc, tie down roping, team roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling and bull riding.

Many notable people have called Whitewood home over the years including one of hockey's greatest players of all time, Bobby Hull, as well as Saskatchewan Roughrider and 1936 Olympic wrestler, George Chiga. Fellow wrestler and resident, Terry Paice, also competed in the 1976 Olympics while NHL hockey players such as Chris Armstrong grew up in the community. Then there is Rhett Parks, who is known world-wide as the rapping auctioneer and even appeared in a commercial for Mars chocolate bars showcasing his auctioneer skills.

Whitewood is located close to Round and Crooked Lakes in the Qu'Appelle Valley (to the north) and Kenosee Lake and Moose Mountain Provincial Park (to the south). It is also situated approximately halfway between Regina, SK to the west and Brandon, MB to the east. The central location of the community is why it has also become a vital stop for electric vehicles with almost a dozen charging stations available between the Co-op C-Store (Co-op and Tesla) and Petro Canada.

The community proudly boasts reverse osmosis municipal water, a modern campground, a swimming pool and a splash park, arena complex, walking trails and a second-to-none, nine-hole grass green golf course. To accommodate the growing community, a new residential subdivision also has several lots for sale and there are empty commercial lots as well. Information on both residential and commercial lots can be obtained from the Whitewood Town Office. A new rec park is also being built on the south end of town that will include ball diamonds, a soccer/football field, walking track and concession/wash-room facilities.



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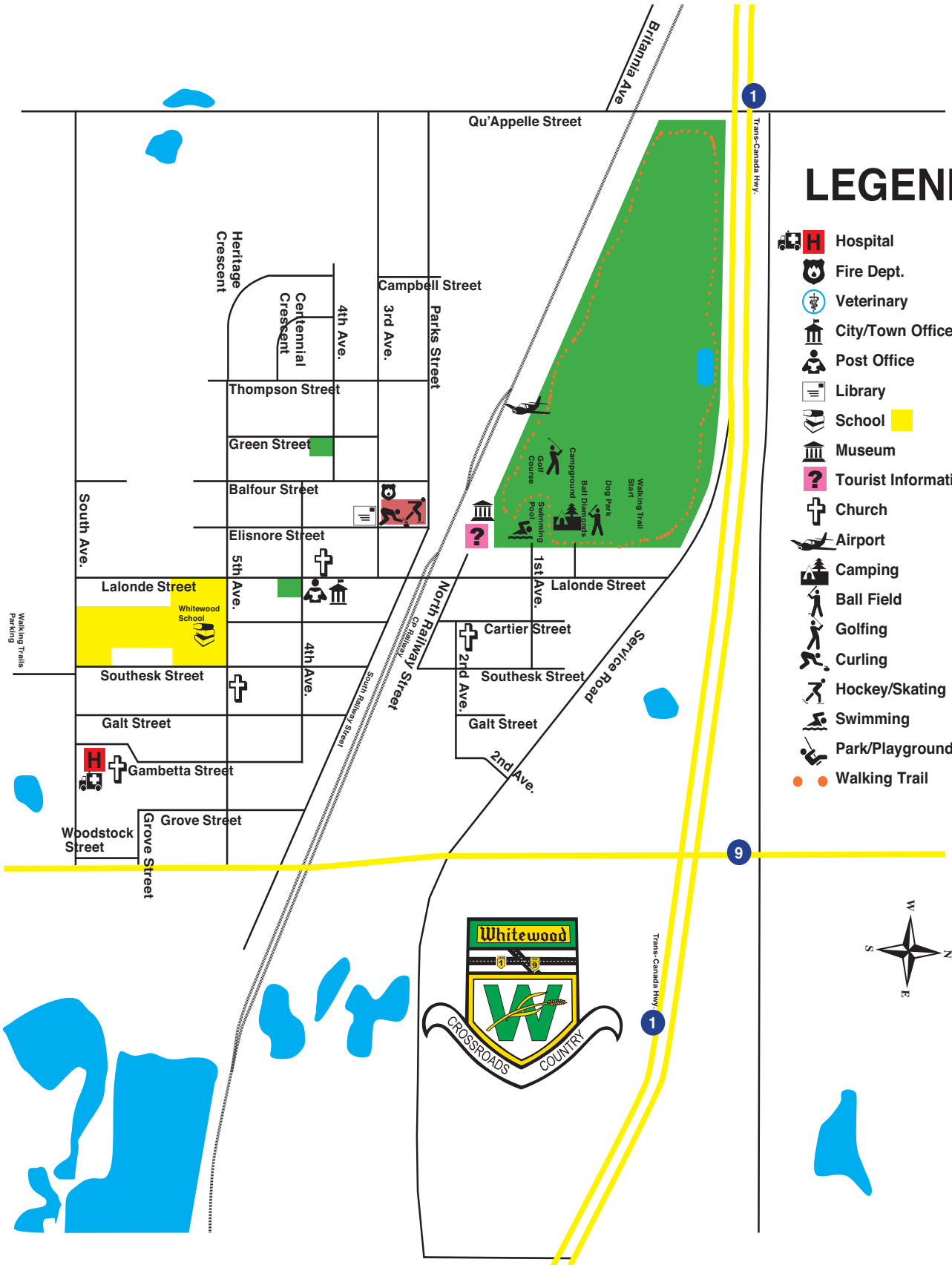
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Larson Park & Dog Park
















(Golf Course, Swimming Pool, Splash Park, Campground, Kids' Playground, Ball Diamonds)

Larson Park is home to an outdoor swimming pool, water park, ball diamonds, campground, golf course, kiddies' playground, horseshoe pits, museum, playground, freshly repaved tennis and pickleball courts and a picnic area.

Located just off the service road into Whitewood is an off-leash dog park. The park is located next to the flag garden, just to the north of the campground, behind diamond 2 in Larson Park. A second smaller dog park is located at the Co-op C-Store which can be found at the intersection of Highways 1 & 9. Be sure to pick up your dog droppings to help keep the park clean.



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-  Fire Dept.
-  Veterinary
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-  Post Office
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-  School
-  Museum
-  Tourist Information
-  Church
-  Airport
-  Camping
-  Ball Field
-  Golfing
-  Curling
-  Hockey/Skating
-  Swimming
-  Park/Playground
-  Walking Trail





Millennium Mural

No stop in Whitewood would be complete without seeing its murals, including the Millennium Mural painted on the side of Whitewood Outdoor & Pet Supply store in downtown Whitewood. The mural was created from an original photograph of Whitewood, Northwest Territories and was painted by local artists. There are also other murals located downtown worth checking out as well.

Walking Trails

A two-kilometer walking trail provides a relaxing, easy hike around the perimeter of Larson Park. The trail begins and ends at the flag garden, goes around the ball diamonds, the golf course and along the edge of the driving range. There are also another five kilometres of walking trails located on the south side of town that wind through bushes, around marshes and along the edge of pastures.

Museums and Heritage Buildings

Whitewood's Historical Museum also houses the Tourist Information Booth and is located at 603 North Railway. Open from mid-May to early September, it features a rural school and an agriculture building. Visitors will find historical information about the early settlers and artifacts from the people of Whitewood area. The award-winning Merchant's Bank Heritage Centre is located downtown. The reclaimed building houses an interpretive display featuring the story of the French Counts of St. Hubert. The centre is open by appointment only. Contact the town office at (306) 735-2210. Old George's Museum and Hidden Village, located on the north side of Highway 1, is a must see with its 1900 period home filled with antiques and hidden village. The collection is known worldwide and is a place that any visitor will not forget.

Flag Garden & Town Square

Located at the north end of Lalonde Street, the Flag Garden comprises 14 flags standing amid a beautiful flower garden. The flags represent the ethnic diversity of this area. It's a great place to take a few snapshots, as well as have a picnic. The Flag Garden is also home to the world's largest curling broom, which is worth stopping to take a photo of. Also downtown is a green space complete with a large gazebo which makes for a perfect picnic or rest spot. The Town Square is on the corner of Lalonde (main) St. and 4th Ave.

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Visit the WW1 goat Sgt. Bill in Broadview



Broadview is a small, rural community budding with pride and blooming with opportunity.

Situated along the Trans-Canada Highway, Broadview offers visitors an authentic Prairie experience and a break from the fast lane. Friendly smiles greet new and familiar faces along the streets, making Broadview feel like home — even if only for the night.

The CPR has a special and long history in the community, dating back to 1882 when the rail line reached the area and brought the community's first settlers. All those years ago, the CPR surveyed a town site and built a four-stall roundhouse, coal dock, general store and other buildings. While much of the CPR development has vanished, the rail line is still active and the red brick station that was constructed in 1913 is now a Canadian heritage property.

Visitors can stop at the Broadview Museum for a unique glimpse into the beginnings of the town. The museum officially opened on July 15, 1972, as a tribute to the First Nations people and early settlers. The Highland School building, CPR caboose and a reconstructed sod house were among the first exhibits and remain today.

The museum is home to more than 13,000 artifacts and welcomes more than 300 visitors each year. One of the more notable exhibits is Sergeant Bill, a goat from Broadview who served as the mascot of the 5th Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War.



Taken overseas by soldiers, Bill was awarded the 1914 Star, the General Service Medal, and the Victory Medal after saving three soldiers' lives by pushing them into a trench within seconds of an incoming shell exploding. After the War,

Sgt. Bill was returned to Saskatchewan and upon his death was stuffed and placed on display in the museum. The mascot's unique story has been featured on TV shows

and in children's books.

For information about open hours at the museum call the Broadview Town Office at 306-696-2533.

There are many things to see and do in Broadview, with activities that will appeal to a variety of interests. Several shops and services are available to visitors in Broadview, including a pharmacy, restaurant, grocery store, bakery, car wash, auto service centre, a gas station and convenience store. Memory Park, less than a kilometre off the highway, is a great place for a quick picnic in the summer and in winter the pond provides opportunity for an afternoon of skating.

Guests wishing to spend a night can rest their head at the local motel or reserve a site at the Lions Campground in Celebration Park. The campground is open from May to September and features 13 full-service sites, 6 power-only sites, and an additional tent camping area. There are shower and washroom facilities available for campground guests. A playground, pickleball courts, and ball diamonds are conveniently located beside the campground.

In the summer, visitors can play a round of golf at the Broadview Golf Club. During colder months, they can attend the annual open bonspiel at the curling rink or explore nearly 140 kilometers of groomed snowmobile trails.

For more information about Broadview and its amenities, visit www.broadview.ca or call 306-696-2533.

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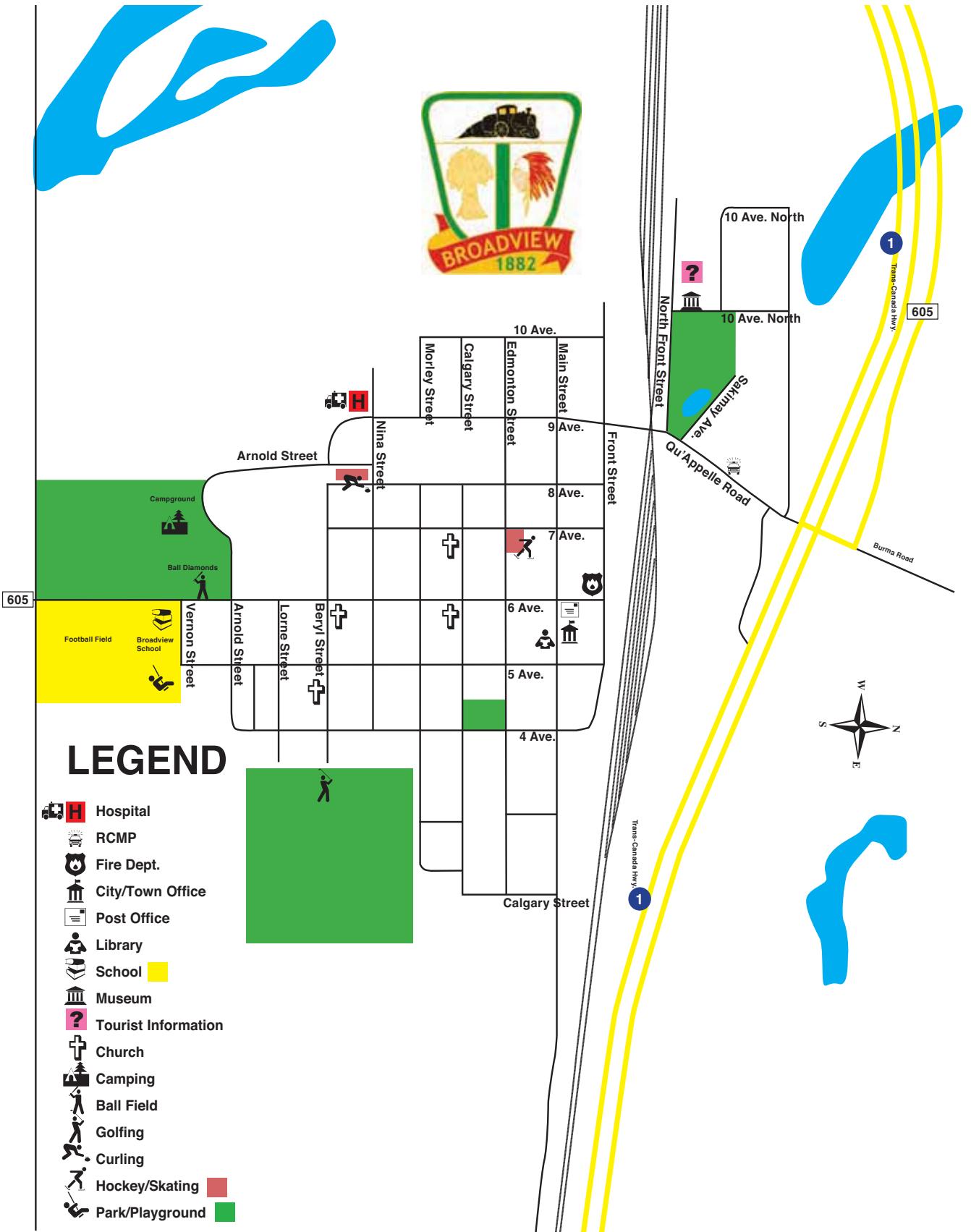


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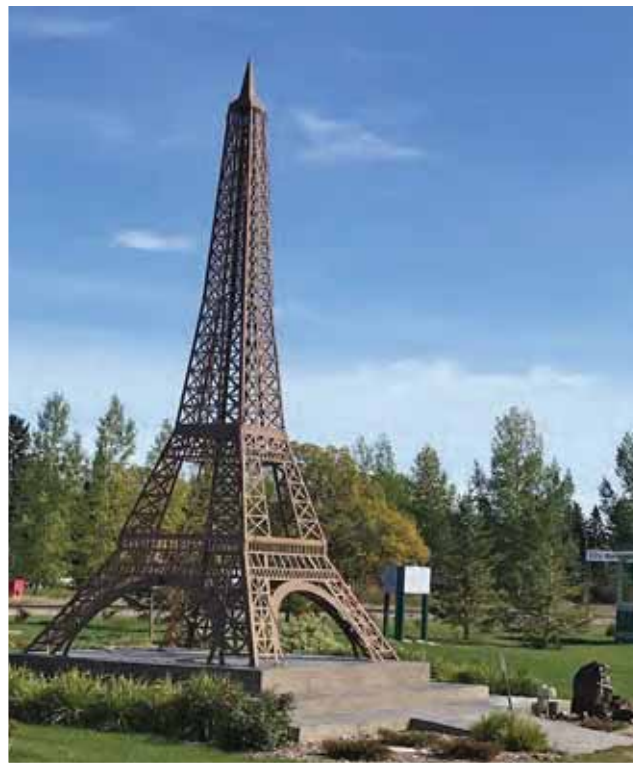
Visit the ‘Paris of the Prairies’

The Village of Montmartre is a quaint family-oriented community located one hour east of Regina on Highway 48. You can also reach it by travelling south off Highway 1 from Wolseley or Sintaluta.

The Village of Montmartre was twinned with Montmartre, France and as such has taken the identity of “Paris of the Prairies.” To establish its connection to France, the town has built a 30-foot-high replica of the Eiffel Tower. It’s an exact replica of the Paris tower, though it clocks in at only 1/38th of its size.

Located on the south end of Montmartre is Kemoca Park, one of 75 accredited Regional Parks in Saskatchewan. The park’s campground includes 52 full-service sites, 16 sites for regular camping and 36 designated seasonal sites.

Opening at the park in 2025 is a new heated swimming pool, spray park area, zero beach entry, dual climbing walls, diving board and slide. Located next to the pool building, a playground provides a needed break from the swimming pool for the youth. Children can be found operating the sand diggers, playing on the structure, the climbing web, or swings. Bike enthusiasts can enjoy the bicycle park where they can ride over an assortment of ramps and knolls. There is also walking trails and a facility that can be rented for events and gatherings.



Be bear smart when in nature

Black bears are found throughout the province. Their range includes all northern Saskatchewan forests and extends southward into the aspen parkland. Bears can be found in many other areas where suitable habitat exists including the Touchwood Hills, the Qu’Appelle Valley and the South Saskatchewan River Valley.

If you live, work or spend time in bear country, take precautions with attractants - including household waste.

Here is what you can do to prevent a safety risk for yourself, your community and bears:

- Store garbage in a secure building or buy a bear-resistant container. Only put the bin out on the morning of collection.
- Wash all recycling items and regularly clean garbage or recycling bins.
- Avoid leaving pet food accessible to wildlife.
- Only use bird feeders in the winter when bears are hibernating.
- Do not add fish, meat, fat, oils, unrinsed eggshells or any cooked food to backyard compost bins.
- Thoroughly clean and store barbecue grills after each use.

To report concerns about nuisance bear(s), contact the Environment ministry’s general inquiry line at 1-800-567-4224 or by email at centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca.

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Take a walk in Neudorf, home to famed residents

The Village of Neudorf is located on Highway 22, just minutes north of the picturesque Qu'Appelle Valley. Businesses in the community include grocery store, gas station, library and much more. Recreational facilities include ball diamonds, skating rink, curling rink, golf course, walking/hiking trails and snowmobile trails. The village of Neudorf boasts 15 km of multi-purpose nature trails that are suitable for horseback riding, ATVing, cycling, walking, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The mowed grass and dirt trails are located on the south side of the village where visitors are likely to encounter a variety of bird and animal species. Here, visitors will also be treated to spectacular views of wetlands and well-



treed landscapes.

While a small town in size, Neudorf is home to several notable people including the famed Dick Assman, a gas station employee who became famous after appearing on the Late Show with David Letterman due to his last name. NHL players Jarret Stoll (two-time Stanley Cup winner), Brian Propp and Ed Litzenberger (four-time Stanley Cup winner) also called the village home as did Henry Taube, the only Saskatchewan person to win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Other notable people to call Neudorf home were Doreen Kimura, a Kistler Prize winner psychologist and Percy Saltzman, the first English-speaking weatherman in Canada.

Grenfell's Adare Museum is one of many attractions

Discover Grenfell, a community nestled along the TransCanada Highway, approximately 125 kilometers east of Regina and a stone's throw from the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley – a destination for boaters, anglers, and campers alike.

Grenfell is a family-friendly community of 1,059 residents, a growing retail and commercial sector, two schools, a health clinic, private care homes, fire department and childcare centre.

This close-knit community offers opportunities to participate in culture and recreation at the Grenfell Recreational Park (GRP), Grenfell Curling Rink, Grenfell Public Library, Adare Museum, and Community Hall. Dozens of businesses and organizations also lend to the fabric of the community.

Visitors can find accommodations at the GRP Campground from May through September, or year-round at a quaint motel or the recently constructed hotel. After a good night's rest, visitors can work up an appetite at several retail shops where they can find brand name apparel, handcrafted candles, or flower arrangements to gift a loved one. After exploring the shops, visitors can grab a bite to eat at one of the restaurants downtown or venture up to the highway for a basket of locally famous dry ribs. Those who have made the road home for summer – walking, cycling or driving cross-country – can refresh at the downtown laundromat and take advantage of free Wi-Fi at the Grenfell Public Library. New friends and fellowship can be found not only on “coffee row,” but also at one of the five churches in the community.

You never know, a roadside stop could turn into an unexpected but welcome journey.

Discover more at www.townofgrenfell.com.

Travel through time at Grenfell's Adare Museum

Step back in time as you pass through the doors of Grenfell's Adare Museum. The museum, located at 711 Wolseley Avenue, was built by Edward FitzGerald in 1904

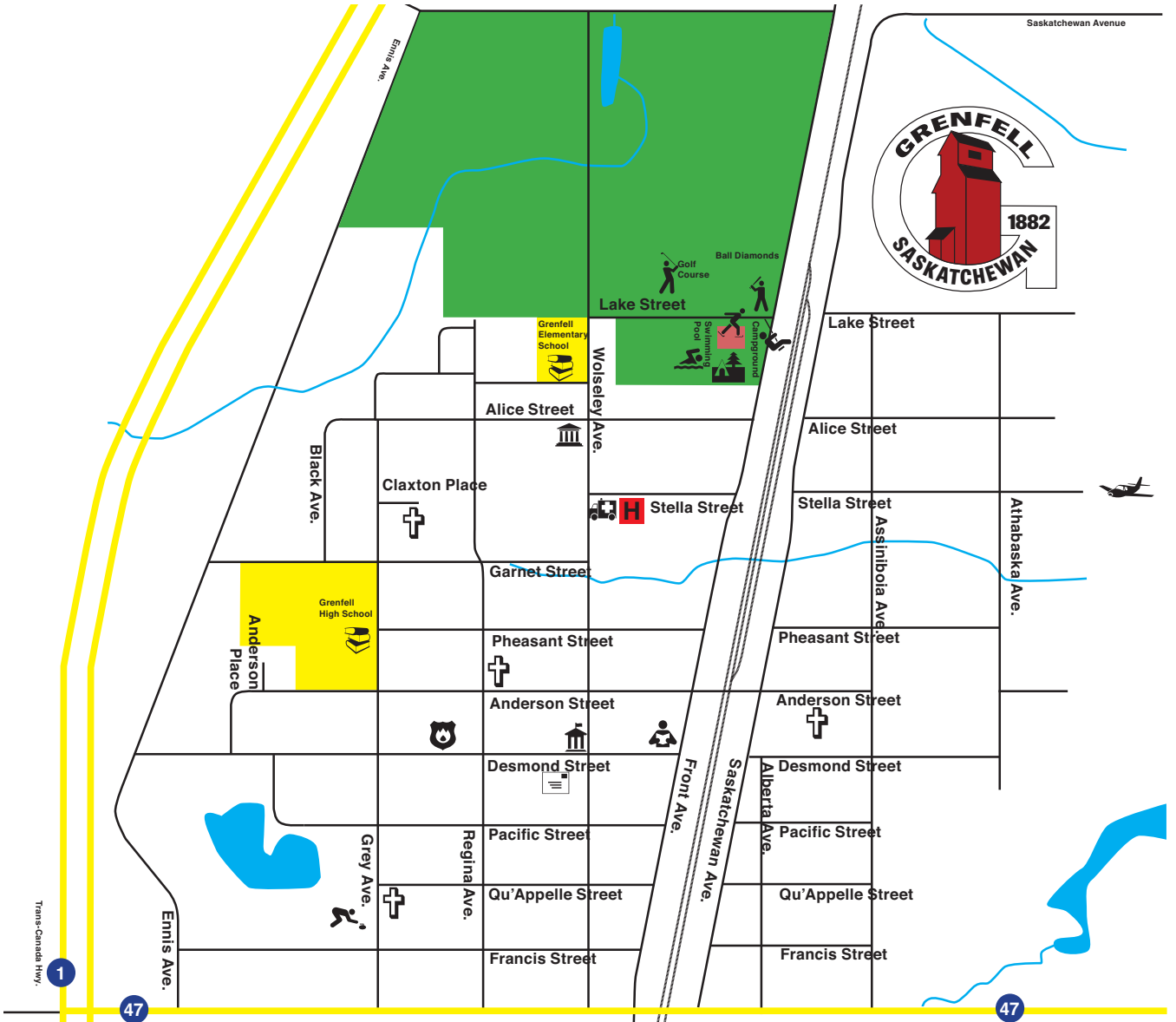


The Grenfell Recreational Park (GRP) is a summer hub for the community, with a playground, pickleball court, and outdoor swimming pool conveniently located beside the campground. Ball diamonds, mini golf, and a nine-hole golf course are easily accessible across the street.

and served as a private residence for him and his family. It was converted into a museum in the early 1970s and has since been a popular attraction for tourists and locals alike.

A knowledgeable host will show visitors around the Adare home, sharing stories of the people who lived there and information about the artifacts now on display. A tour will lead you through the kitchen where a cookstove, icebox and old-fashioned kitchen tools are displayed, complimented by an antique phone hanging on the wall. Guests then continue to the parlour, which welcomes them with a square grand piano from 1890, still in working condition, and a photo of the original builder and homeowner, Mr. FitzGerald. The following room appears ready for an intimate dinner party, while the adjacent smoking room has been converted to a library featuring former notable Grenfell residents such as William J. Patterson, Sir Richard S. Lake and Paul Acoose. A curved staircase leads guests from the parlour to the second floor, which features five embellished bedrooms and one bathroom.

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Following a tour of the Adare home, hosts guide visitors to the Annex, a large building filled with several displays including a room entirely devoted to Canadian military memorabilia and a large exhibit window featuring new collections each year. The Grenfell Adare Museum is open on weekends from late June through August, but appointments can also be arranged by calling 306-697-2815.

After stopping at the museum, visitors are encouraged to complete their journey through time by taking a short walk to the Grenfell Cenotaph where a landscaped park offers a quiet moment for reflection. Flowerbeds, benches, and two granite pillars stand in the park, honouring local soldiers from both World Wars.

Grenfell recreation promotes active living



The community of Grenfell offers opportunities for visitors and residents to join in healthy, active living through engaging in various sports and events. Recreational programming abounds in Grenfell, with year-round opportunities for sport and leisure.

The Grenfell Recreational Park (GRP) is the hub of activity through all four seasons – whether you’re playing a hockey tournament at the arena, learning to swim at the pool, or swinging a club at the nine-hole golf course. Two baseball diamonds offer a great place for a casual game or a chance to watch the Grenfell Gems, men’s fastball team.

The GRP Campground is a destination for visitors to gather with friends and family for a reunion, to celebrate a birthday, or to relax in a shady spot while kids explore the recently upgraded, accessible playground or take a dip in the zero-entry, heated outdoor swimming pool. Dimensions vary for the 49 full-service campsites and nightly fees depend on whether a site has 15, 30, or 50 amp service. Discounted weekly and monthly rates are available.

“The GRP features an 18-hole mini golf course and a Snack Shack offers service from the clubhouse throughout the summer.”

Special events also bring the community together each summer. A town-wide garage sale in early June



welcomes visitors from near and far to discover trinkets and treasures. The 1-47 Car Club hosts a show the second Sunday of June, and a Canada Day parade and celebration draws spectators from nearby towns. Children ages five to eleven can also enjoy the Summer Day Camp at the GRP, usually planned for July and August.

In the fall, Grenfell shifts gears to activities inside its rink and outdoors on its trails. The GRP arena is home to the Grenfell Spitfires, a growing minor hockey program and opportunities for public skating and shinny. The Grenfell Curling Rink offers drop-in curling times and bonspiels, and the Grenfell Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club maintains just over 100 kilometres of groomed trail with two warm-up shelters. Throughout these seasonal activities, is a sprinkle of special recreational programming including indoor winter walkers and pickleball.

There is a lot to see and do in Grenfell, whether you call it home for a day – or for a lifetime.

Notable Residents

Grenfell has been home to some notable residents throughout its history including two Premiers (William Patterson and James Milton), two Lieutenant-Governors (William Patterson and Frederick Johnson), W.G. Ballard, a local vet who invented Dr. Ballard pet food, and two time men’s long jump Olympian and Saskatchewan and Canadian Sports Hall of Fame inductee Calvin Bricker. The town is also the location of the first Beaver Lumber store.

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