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Christmas parade could change, says chamber

By Jason G. Antonio
 Advance Reporter

This year's Christmas parade could be different from past years, as the Melville and District Chamber of Commerce is considering changing when it occurs to create more community excitement.

Chamber directors discussed the possibility during their recent meeting.

The chamber needs to challenge itself to put on a different type of winter parade, said chamber president Greg Vaughan. This could generate more buzz among residents and even encourage more parade floats to enter.

It could also coincide with when the Melville Millionaires play, he added.

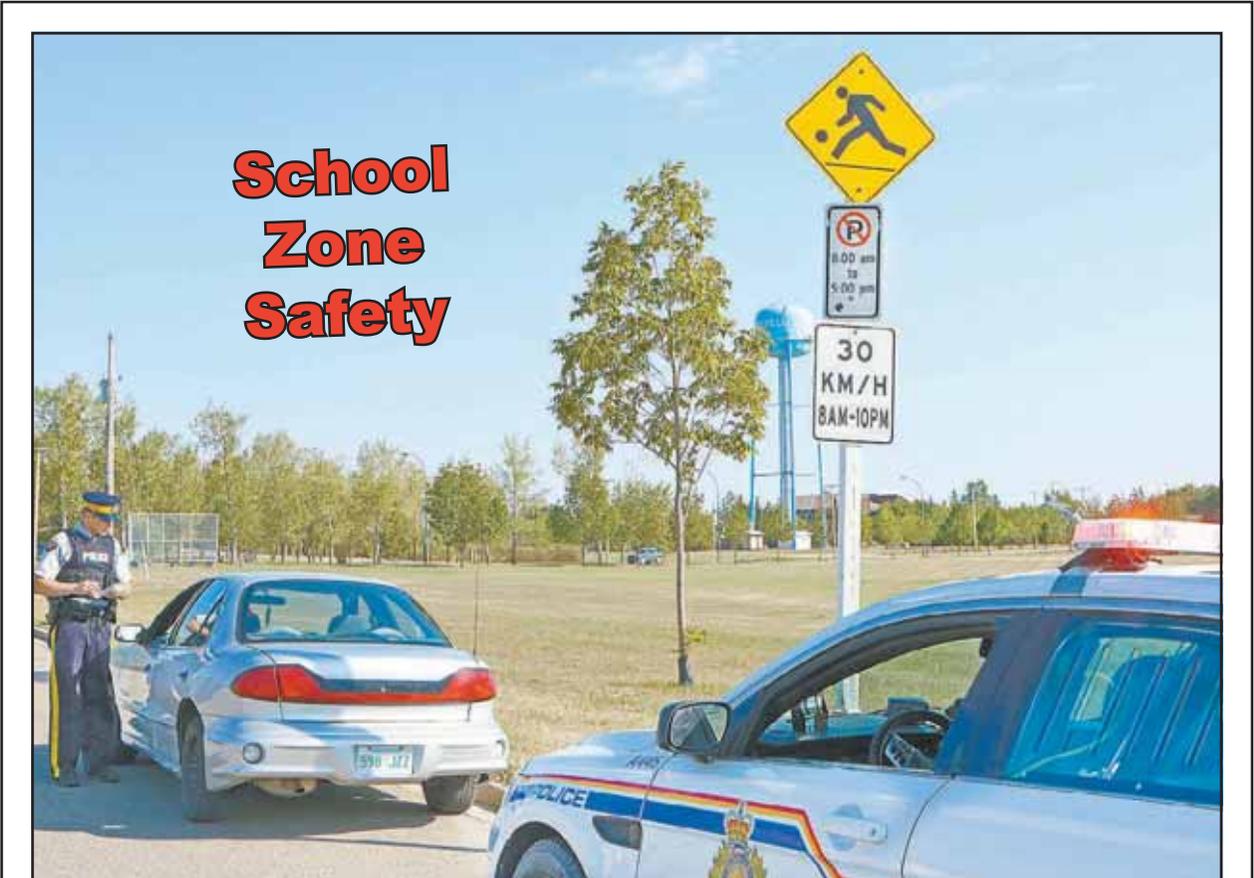
"Moonlight Madness has maybe run its course," said first vice-president Chris Paradis. "Not everyone can stay open until 9 p.m."

The Mills take on the Yorkton Terriers on Saturday, Nov. 25, said Paradis. There could be "synergies" there of which the chamber could take advantage. He thought creating a sub-committee to make plans was the best option.

The chamber should also discuss when Santa Claus Day is held, he added. Jolly Old Saint Nick could maybe spend a day wandering around town interacting with residents.

Holding the Christmas parade during the day would be great, said Chris Bruce, director of community services for the city. One problem with holding

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School Zone Safety

With students returning to school on Tuesday, Sept. 5, motorists are reminded to obey the law and slow down to 30 km/h in all school and park zones. Students will likely be more focused on meeting up with new friends and learning about their school than they will about potential drivers in the area. Here Const. Jeremy Houle speaks to a driver near Melville Comprehensive School. Photo by Jason G. Antonio



Parka the Parks Canada mascot welcomes visitors to the Motherwell Homestead on Aug. 26 during the Symphony Under the Skies event. For more pictures, see pages 9 and 10. Photo by Darcy Gross

Culture Days set for end of September

By Jason G. Antonio
 Advance Reporter

Get ready to learn the basics of trapping, build a kite, experience aboriginal bead work and create a Canada Day craft, plus other interesting activities, during the fifth annual Culture Days in Melville.

At its Aug. 14 workshop meeting, city council declared Sept. 29 and 30, and Oct. 1, as Culture Days. In the future, this declaration will be proclaimed for the last Friday in September and the following two days.

This will be the fifth year the community has participated in the provincial initiative.

"Our community is very diverse for such a small area and many of our residents want to learn about different cultures," said Tia Pelzer, communications, community development and events manager, in her report to council.

There will be nine events held this year, each with a theme around Canada 150. The events include a trapping clinic, painting activities, kite building workshop, a Canada Day craft, cooking with quinoa, archery, music and movement, aboriginal beading class and yoga with Amy.

Most of the events will be held at the Horizon

Credit Union Centre.

Last year 10 events were held, with varying levels of attendance. There was water colour creations (12 people), acrylic painting (10), homemade ice cream (25), youth theatre (five), discover Mexico (24), tap dance (two), aboriginal cooking class (15), Ukrainian cooking class (15), Filipino cooking class (24), and Yoga with Amy (10).

"I've heard good things from people who did go (last year)," said Coun. Vince Thiessen. "It's a good thing we're doing this."

HR compensation/recognition policy

Council approved amendments to a policy dealing with the out of scope human resources total compensation policy, which makes it more clear when employee performance reviews are to be conducted and by when staff must use up their holiday time.

With the changes, employees will no longer progress to the next level in the salary schedule on the anniversary date of their hiring. Employees will receive a performance evaluation in November each year. If the review is successful, that employee will advance to the next step on salary grid on Jan. 1 of the following year.

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Rail City Industries to celebrate 35 years this month

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

City council held its regular meeting on Aug. 14. The following are highlights from that meeting.

Rail City Industries

City council approved a request from Rail City Industries to block off a section of Second Avenue near the RCI building so the organization can hold a street fair on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. RCI would also use the city-owned trailer on the old stadium property across the street.

This year, the organization is celebrating 35 years of providing services to adults with disabilities in the community.

Millionaires advertising

A request by the SJHL Melville Millionaires hockey club to pursue additional advertising at the Horizon Credit Union Centre (HCUC) has been referred to the next workshop meeting.

The club is seeking alternative ways to acquire sponsorship and has many potential and current sponsors inquiring about ways to advertise at the HCUC. Some of the Mils' ideas for advertising include logos on lobby tables, glass wraps with images or logos, concession countertop wraps or de-

cal, logo wraps on the entrance doors, concourse bar tabletop logo wraps, entrance door or window logo/image wraps, and framed poster advertising.

"The bar tabletop logo is highly appealing to many sponsors we have had conversations with," the hockey club wrote in its letter to council.

Other ideas include naming rights for the Mils' dressing room, hallway decals from the dressing room to the bench, seat sponsorship in the HCUC, seat section naming rights, and visitors' bench sponsorship similar to the home bench sponsorship.

Melville housing

The Melville Yorkton Housing Authority has asked city council to forgive an "excessive" work order bill of \$300.78 after city crews cleaned up an untidy yard at 338 Alberta Street. Council has referred the issue to the next workshop meeting.

In a letter to council, the organization said it received a letter from the city in June saying one of its properties needed to be cleaned up. The city's letter cited overgrown grass, weeds, an old couch and branches as requiring removal.

Although the authority told the homeowner to clean the mess up, he did not, so the organization re-

ceived an invoice in July from the city.

"We would like to remind city council the Melville Yorkton Housing Authority houses seniors and families who have low incomes," wrote Erin Huser, tenant relations co-ordinator.

"There is not always enough money for things like a lawn mower and whipper snipper. We try to do our best to stay on top of our properties and ensure they are looked after."

CN Rail station

The Melville Rail Station Heritage Association has asked city council that it be relieved from paying property taxes on the rail station building. Council has deferred the request to the next workshop meeting for further information.

"Having to pay the annual property taxes would result in a tremendous burden on our association and would present us with a tremendous chal-

lenge in furthering our restoration of the rail station," wrote association president Merv Orizny.

Pastureland lease

Council agreed to lease 90.54 acres of land near the airport to Henry Ward for 2017 for \$18 per acre and will investigate what to do in future years about leasing this property to him.

The city has leased the land to Ward for the last two years.

Discretionary use

Residents Gerald and Delilah Zulyniak have received discretionary use approval to move a mobile home onto 118 Montreal Street.

Council held a public hearing to listen to residents about any potential concerns about the move; none were lodged.

The next regular council meeting is Sept. 5.

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"This makes budgeting easier for these positions," said city manager Audrey Ulmer.

New employees who have worked a minimum of eight months by the time of their review in November will be eligible to progress to the next step on the salary grid on a successful evaluation.

With carryover of vacation days, employees had until March 31 of the next year to use up all their holiday time. However, this has now been changed so they must

use their remaining time by Dec. 31. This is due to the first three months being busy for some employees, said Ulmer.

Clarification has also been added to show that employees hired partway through the year will have lieu time pro-rated to reflect the portion of the year they worked. For example, if an employee has worked six months of the year, 50 per cent of lieu time would be granted to the employee.

The next workshop meeting is Sept. 5.

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Parishioners with St. Henry Roman Catholic Church honoured Father Mieczyslaw (Mitch) Burdzy, OMI on Aug. 27 for his three years of service to the parish. Burdzy is transferring to a parish in Edmonton. The event featured a potluck lunch, speeches, thank you cards and a cake.
Photo courtesy Billie Saustaunik

5 Generations

On July 4, the Uhl and Thomas families were elated to meet the newest member of their family. Talia Carolyn Mary Nelson born to Tyson Nelson and Alyssa Wright of Calgary, Alberta. Pictured top to bottom Grandfather; Ian Thomas (Charlene) of Canora, Great-Grandmother; Kathy Thomas (Hal) of Canora, Great-Great-Grandmother; Vivian Uhl (Harry) of Melville, Father; Tyson Nelson, and Daughter; Talia Carolyn Mary Nelson. Missing from the picture is Great Great Grandmother; Hilda Thomas of Canora.

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the parade in the evening in November is the freezing cold. The Christmas lights might look nice, but it's cold for children.

A daytime event would also allow the municipality to shut down a couple of streets and allow people to walk among businesses, he added.

The chamber isn't saying this event didn't work in the past, said Vaughan. It's only suggesting organizing something new and generate community interest.

Trade show

The chamber could move the date of the 2018 trade show, mused Vaughan. Next year's dates fall on the Easter weekend.

"We don't want to hurt our vendor attendance," said Paradis. He suggested

holding the trade show on Friday and Saturday only.

Director Lyle Gorecki noted by shortening the weekend, some vendors might not want to set up at all.

Vaughan suggested commencing the trade show on Thursday night, while Paradis thought the event could begin at 1 p.m. on Friday.

The chamber will hold the gun show again along with the main show, said Vaughan. The gun show was a fantastic experience. Paradis pointed out they would need a bigger venue since the legion hall was small.

TV advertising

There have been many TV advertisements recently featuring businesses in Yorkton, said Vaughan. The prices to advertise on television are reasonable

today.

There has been much more interest generated in his business, Melville Chevrolet, after it began advertising on CTV.

It would cost \$5,000 for five businesses to advertise together for a 16-week campaign, Vaughan continued. That translates to \$1,000 per business or \$4 per commercial.

"It would be great to have four other businesses with me," he continued. "It would (also) be really good for Melville."

While Yorkton's slogan is Shop Yorkton, Vaughan suggested Melville could get creative and develop its own TV slogan. He thought this idea should be communicated to chamber members first before approaching the community as a whole.

This could be a worthwhile venture, said Paradis.

The production company does a great job showcasing businesses, said Vaughan. It has drones it uses to film a business and could "whip down a main street" with ease.

Professional development

The Melville business community could learn from Glenn Suart, a specialist in creating business plans, investor presentations and financial projects.

Suart will be in Yorkton on Oct. 4 and could present in Melville either the day before or the day after, said Vaughan. The chamber president thought this was something to pursue, as Suart could discuss starting up a small business, which is a niche area.

Chamber encouraged by area economic developments

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

There are some encouraging economic developments throughout the area, which is good news for Melville and its businesses, according to the chamber of commerce.

Some of the good news includes action at the Melville Mall — PetValu and a new liquor store — and construction of the G3 grain elevator east on Highway 10, said chamber president Greg Vaughan, during the organization's recent meeting. It's also good news that the Sears outlet will remain in the community.

"It's all going to calculate out to showing and stopping more people in town," Vaughan said.

Economic development

The city is working on promoting the available lots in the C2 highway commercial zone — also known as the Hospitality Corridor — and is looking at the cost of the lots, said Chris Bruce, director of community services.

The previous council set a price of \$209,000 per acre, he continued. He is unsure if that price would change. Yet, he noted the city would install signage soon advertising the lots so motorists who drive past don't think it's a football

field.

"We want to see more action out there," said Bruce.

Tourism

Culture Days will feature nine events over three days at the end of September, said Tia Pelzer, the communications, community development and events manager. For example, the museum will be open for tours, while there will be archery for youths and adults.

"Good stuff," said Vaughan. "Hopefully that will bring people into our community."

There was supposed to be a German cuisine class, Pelzer added, but

that group decided not to participate. Chamber directors could attend events this year to determine if it wants to be part of Culture Days next year.

Pelzer applied for grant funding in April. She also reached out to various cultural and ethnic groups then to see if they wanted to participate.

There were six cultural groups that participated last year, said Bruce. The city wants to keep those relationships growing. He pointed to the growing Filipino community as one group with whom city hall wants to foster a relationship.

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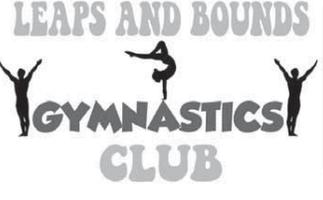
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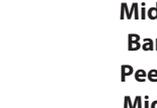
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High government wages contribute to poor economy

What kind of a mess is our province now dealing with? Resignations from the political party that leads the province, lawsuits, wage freezes and deficits like we have never seen before.

I am not inclined to follow the political scene and I've been around enough years to know that there are always events reported as one political party tries to deface the other, but I also know that there are some events happening that just don't seem to be right and I don't know how some of the companies involved can get away with what they are doing.

The disclosure report for the government was released recently and frankly, every employee being paid by the government is in a wage bracket that none of our province's elderly, or young entrepreneurs — and especially the common business employee — could even dream of reaching.

In the disclosure report, SaskTel's chief executive received an 11.8-per cent raise last year to bring his wage to \$633,895 for 2016/17, and Sask Power earned 7.2 per cent more for a yearly total of \$481,169. SaskEnergy's CEO took home 13.3-per cent less (\$401,884) than the previous year.

These are the "big shot" wages that the average person would never dream of making but I also scanned through all of the employee wages in each of these companies and it was hard to find any employee who was making under \$50,000 per year and many, were well into the \$75,000 to \$100,000 and higher range.

So why is everyone being asked to freeze their wages in workforces across the province to help the deficit? When employees for Crown corporations are being paid such extravagant wages in many departments, it

is beyond fair to ask the workers making menial wages to sit on any advances as a means to help the province.

I don't blame the higher paid workers themselves — good for them for stepping into a position that makes their life easier. I blame the governments that over the years have developed such extravagant companies and are now asking people to sacrifice from their own pockets to keep the province out of the red.

Many people are complaining about a two-tiered health system. How about the two-tiered wage system? People don't want a health system where those who can afford it can get better service, but I don't hear people complaining that the people who work for government corporations are getting better service with a higher paycheque so they can eat better, live in better homes or to spend more on their families. Government wages are higher than most wages earned in this province.

Health workers, school boards, pensioners and employees in smaller businesses are the ones who pay for the increases in these government corporations that seem to come every year and I can see why — how many \$5-per-month increases in household utility bills are needed to make up say the SaskTel CEO's increase of \$67,143 in just the last year? I did the figures. It's 13,428 homes and that is just for the one paycheque's increase in one corporation.

Over the years I have seen many companies and corporations restructure and cut their wage expenses by selling or taking on new partners. The companies then can rehire their employees at a more reasonable wage to help decrease their expenses and also change the figures for benefits

and bonuses for years of service and wage policies that were previously in place.

Selling the Crown corporations is another discussion altogether but maybe the premier sees just where these corporations are headed. Possibly that's why there's all the talk about selling or taking on partners. It may be what is needed to stop the province's money from being used in such high amounts for their own wage pool of government employees.

*Elaine Ashfield,
Grasslands News*



Six candidates offer variety

With initial expectations of four or five candidates, the race to replace Premier Brad Wall is a little more crowded than anticipated.

The \$25,000 entry fee — \$15,000 of which is refundable, but only if they stay in the race, abide by all the rules and wind up on the final ballot — is a bit intimidating. So is the maximum \$250,000 spending limit, meaning those without a serious shot at becoming premier need not apply.

So six candidates is a bit of a surprise.

Who isn't among the six is also surprising. The betting money had Health Minister Jim Reiter in the race. He bowed out for what he described as family health reasons. Also, most thought Finance Minister Kevin Doherty's entry into the Saskatchewan Party leadership contest was a nearly certainty.

That said, other expected contenders didn't disappoint.

Of course, Kevin Cheveldayoff's entry was not surprising at all. The political rumour mill suggested Cheveldayoff has long been interested in the top job. He was kept up a sizeable contract list and appears to have had a healthy war chest.

As a Saskatoon-based candidate originally from Blaine Lake, Cheveldayoff is nicely positioning himself with a theme of "rural roots and urban strong" — something that should appeal to a wide variety of Sask. Party voter.

Also well positioned is Saskatoon lawyer and former justice minister Gordon Wyant. As a card-carrying federal Liberal, Wyant may struggle a bit with traditional hardcore rural conservative vote.

But to offset that, he has already gained the endorsement of Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart and Sask. Party founder and former Kelvington-Wadena MLA June Draude, a former Liberal, herself.

Also at Wyant's announcement (designed by Harris Greenway Associates that included one-time Wall senior advisor Teri Harris) was well-respected Regina MLA Mark Docherty. Relating to rural voters will be a challenge for Wyant, but he has to be considered a

contender.

One candidate who should have little trouble relating to rural Saskatchewan is former deputy agriculture minister and deputy minister to Premier Wall, Alanna Koch. Koch, who was previously executive director of the Western Canadian Wheatgrowers Association, has to be considered as a surprise entry.

Having never run for elected office before, she remains an untested commodity.

However, as a former ministerial assistant during the Grant Devine government days, her connections to Wall and others in the Sask. Party hierarchy goes back decades.

Also of help is her commitment to follow Wall's course — something that should make her one of the favourites.

Jeremy Harrison has spent most his adult working life in elected politics, starting out as MP before entering provincial politics. The path to victory for the Meadow Lake MLA may be his federal contracts and his ability to offer a different take.

Certainly, he made an initial splash in promising greater transparency and accountability. However, he's been in the middle of many of the controversies including the Global Transportation Hub.

While former social services minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor is new enough to be removed from many of the government controversies, a tough austerity budget with cuts to assistance payments may hurt candidacy. Then again, maybe carrying out a tough government austerity agenda will add to Beaudry-Mellor's stock in this leadership race.

Certainly, as university political science instructor and urban woman, she adds a variety to this race that other candidates don't. Attracting rural voters will be a challenge, but Beaudry-Mellor will be attractive to those looking for something different.

The biggest surprise so far is likely the entry of former environment minister Scott Moe, who seems to be hoping to pick up support from those who might have backed Reiter. As of the writing of this, Moe had resigned his cabinet post, but had not officially announced.

The Shellbrook MLA also brings a strong rural background.

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'I did it anyway' is not a solid defence

Aaron Orlando Rodriguez III, 20, was arrested for attempted car theft and prowling after trying to steal a car in Fort Pierce, Fla. **The car was parked at the police station.** Even worse, it was a "clearly marked" police patrol vehicle – with an on-duty officer sitting inside. Officer Robie Troutman simply waited as Rodriguez tried two doors before seeing the cop. Troutman called for backup, and quickly found Rodriguez nearby. Rodriguez admitted he just needed a ride home.

A Californian woman is suing her own parents for \$2 million because she blames her parents for her "ugly genes." Annabelle Jefferson, 44, believes her parents are fully responsible for her unpleasant physical features which have led to her three divorces and a succession of depressions and psychological troubles. **Jefferson argues that her parents are so ugly that it was cruel to have children.** "There should be government programs to sterilize ugly people or at least make it impossible for them to have kids," she adds. One former husband said every morning when he looked at her, he ran to the bathroom to puke. "My last husband was technically blind but regained 40 per cent of his sight after a successful eye surgery. He divorced me the next week," she recalled.

A Florida man was sentenced to 77 months in prison for accidentally shooting a gun **while taking a selfie in a strip club restroom.** Rorn Sorn, 34, pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Sorn was at Club Lust in St. Petersburg when his gun discharged, sending a bullet through the mirror and into the adjacent women's restroom. No injuries were reported.

In Cullman, Ala., Barbara Lowery, 24, was arrested for disorderly conduct, after police spotted her **stomping out the windshield and smashing the sun roof on a vehicle.** She said it was a boyfriend's car and she assumed was cheating on her. Even though she had spent the previous night "thinking" about what to do, "pray(ing) about it and stuff," she added, "I did it anyway."

A man in Titus County, Texas, was arrested for the third time as a convicted felon with a firearm. A game warden arrested him this time for possessing a shotgun, **a firearm that the warden only saw because the felon approached him "out of the blue"** and asked if he wanted to inspect his hunting license. By the way, the license was all in order.

More than 200 sheep died **after they were chased over a cliff in the Pyrenees mountains by a bear.** Twenty years ago, bears were controversially re-introduced to the mountains that straddle the French-Spanish border. Because of a deal made between farmers and the government, the farmer will be compensated for the 209 animals.

Mark Lloyd, 33, collected about \$8,600 in Personal Independence Payments after being medically discharged from the British Army. He claimed to have injured his lower back while serving in Afghanistan. He claimed to be able to walk only short distances on level ground, and needed frequent rest. During the time he was collecting benefits, there are pictures of him involved in such activities as a five-day trek up Mount Kilimanjaro; competing in a triathlon; and taking part in the World Powerboat Championships in Malta. Defence lawyer James Harris argued that Lloyd had simply **pushed through the pain because of his army training.** Judge Martin Brown called that assessment "nonsense" and Lloyd was convicted of one count of dishonestly failing to disclose information to make a gain for himself.

Big Ben, the huge clock bell of Britain's Parliament, has been silenced for as long as four years, **or however long a major restoration takes.** Steve Jaggs, keeper of the Great Clock, said that the clock mechanism will be dismantled piece by piece and its four dials will be cleaned and repaired. The 13.5 British ton (15.1 U.S. ton) bell will be cleaned and checked for cracks. The project is expected to cost £29 million. Big Ben first sounded in 1859, but the current restoration project will mark its longest period of silence.

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Amber Mayes with Prairie Design and Decals pastes a new sign onto the front window of Lazerline Engraving on Third Avenue West on Aug. 29. The business recently took over the building and is looking for another partner to rent. Prairie Design and Decals is a new business in Grayson.

Photo by Jason G. Antonio



... area economic developments encouraging

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"This is something we plan to continue going forward," he added. "This is something we'll be pushing in our department. As a community, we can make these events happen. If ever our funding was cut, we would find a way to do this."

Businesses can support this event if they have any cultures they want to highlight, said Pelzer. The city has a commercial kitchen if businesses want to cook certain ethnic dishes.

"Cooking and dancing were big last year," added Bruce. He noted Vaughan and Paradis have deeper business contacts than the city does. Those relationships could help the city brainstorm ideas about making the community more active.

Canada Day followup

There were many positive comments about Canada Day festivities, said Vaughan. He was "pleasantly surprised" by how it went and with attendance.

There were also many people at the parade, he added. He hoped the chamber could build on that interest for the November Christmas parade.

"Not everyone leaves town (on a long weekend)," noted first vice-president Chris Paradis.

Financial statements

As of Aug. 8, the chamber's revenues were \$32,357.99 and its expenses were \$23,134.25. In comparison, it had budgeted \$39,729 in revenues and \$51,725 in expenses at this point in the year.

The budget needs to be updated slightly, said Paradis. The chamber listed the Railway Days street dance as a \$7,000 expense this year, but that isn't happening and should be removed.

Under revenues, the chamber had budgeted \$15,000 for the street dance and Railway Days event, but that should also be eliminated.

Coun. Vince Thiessen pointed out expenses of \$1,000 for the Railway Days event could also be removed from the budget.

This means the chamber's budgeted revenues would be \$29,229 and its budgeted expenses would be \$43,725, said Paradis.

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Good stuff. Hopefully that will bring people into our community.

Greg Vaughan, chamber president, about Culture Days at the end of September

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Accounts payable

From June to August, the chamber's SaskTel bills came to \$491.09.

The chamber office has two phone lines and one Internet line, explained office manager Ashley Phillips. She added a line so calls could be re-directed to her cellphone so someone always answers the chamber phone.

She wants to change that and potentially eliminate one phone line.

"That seems like a lot (of money) for what we use," said Paradis. "We can streamline that."

The City of Melville recently signed a five-year contract with SaskTel to use its integrated business communications landline phone services, said Bruce. The city pays \$65 per month for an unlimited plan.

Phillips and Paradis can look after changing the chamber's communications plan, said Vaughan.

The next chamber meeting is Sept. 12.

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New bleachers, enrolment increase positives for MCS

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

Students won't have to sit on the hard gym floor while attending assemblies at Melville Comprehensive School (MCS) this year, as new plastic bleachers were installed during the summer to replace aging wooden ones.

The school is thankful the board of education provided funding to ensure the community has a place to sit while watching athletic games or events, said principal Brandon Needham.

"We struggled with assemblies last year," he said, while discussing the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

Enrolment at MCS is beginning to level off after years of decreases, a trend Needham is thrilled to see happening.

Needham says 375 students are projected to attend MCS for the 2017-18 school year. There were 348 students who attended MCS during the previous school year, while 359 students attended in 2015-16. MCS had 435 students in attendance in 2012-13.

It will be "business as usual" when it comes to teaching staff, said Needham. Aside from two new teachers — Amanda Filipchuk (art) and Graham Gilmore (band) — the staff will remain the same as last year. This is not as dramatic as last year, when three teaching positions were cut due to declining division revenues.

Needham is in his fourth year as principal of MCS. He has found that having relationships already built with staff and students ensures the start-up of another school year goes more smoothly.

Staff and students see the benefit of a stable group of teachers, he continued. As teachers become acclimated to their work and what they're supposed to teach, students become familiar with what teachers want from them.

"It allows us to get into the work we need to do and the goals we need to achieve," he added.

Miller School students to benefit from new outdoor classroom

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

Students at Miller School can look forward to a new learning environment this school year, as an outdoor classroom should be completed with help from the community.

Work began last June on the northwest corner of the playground when new sheds were brought in, flowerbed planters were installed and a concrete pad was poured for a gazebo. Large boulders were later dropped off during the summer.

Principal Chad Lechner expects the school community council (SCC) to assist in finishing this project, particularly with planting vegetation and further landscaping. He also hopes school families take interest in the project and contribute however they can, thereby making the project more economical for the school.

Trades students from Melville Comprehensive School laid the concrete pad and are expected to

build the gazebo itself.

"It's a win-win," Lechner said. The high school students learn while doing and Miller School acquires the necessary educational infrastructure with fewer costs.

Instead of the usual meet the teacher night, the school will have a night where families can come for a barbecue and help plant trees and shrubs. More durable shrubbery will be planted before winter arrives.

"Learning happens everywhere," said Lechner, so to have another

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Principal Brandon Needham, of Melville Comprehensive School, chats with new teachers Amanda Filipchuk and Graham Gilmore in front of the new bleachers in the gym. The bleachers were installed in July. Filipchuk is teaching art education and Gilmore is teaching band. Photo by Jason G. Antonio

MCS will continue working on its mental health initiative this year, with more staff trained in Mental Health First Aid. They will be better able to identify students whose mental health is poor and suggest ways of coping or improving.

Staff will also focus on increasing graduation rates and following provincial education goals with math and reading.

MCS can keep its cafeteria microwaves. Some other schools have to remove the cooking devices from classrooms and hallways due to provincial fire regulations.

The school has followed the fire regulations that the division has sent out on behalf of the province, said Needham. MCS has not faced too many problems with regulations, such as items sticking out from walls, microwaves in classrooms or furniture blocking hallways.

"It's same old, same old around here this year," he added. "This is a year things are settled and we're ready to achieve some of those goals that we set out here and that are set out for us by the Ministry of Education."

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Karate in, core French and microwaves out at Davison

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

Students at Davison School interested in kicking their education up a notch can participate in a free after-school karate program beginning this fall.

Shotokan Karate's Brendan Breen approached principal Darla Nashiem about running a karate class for students. Breen has run similar public classes at the school two nights a week for a year.

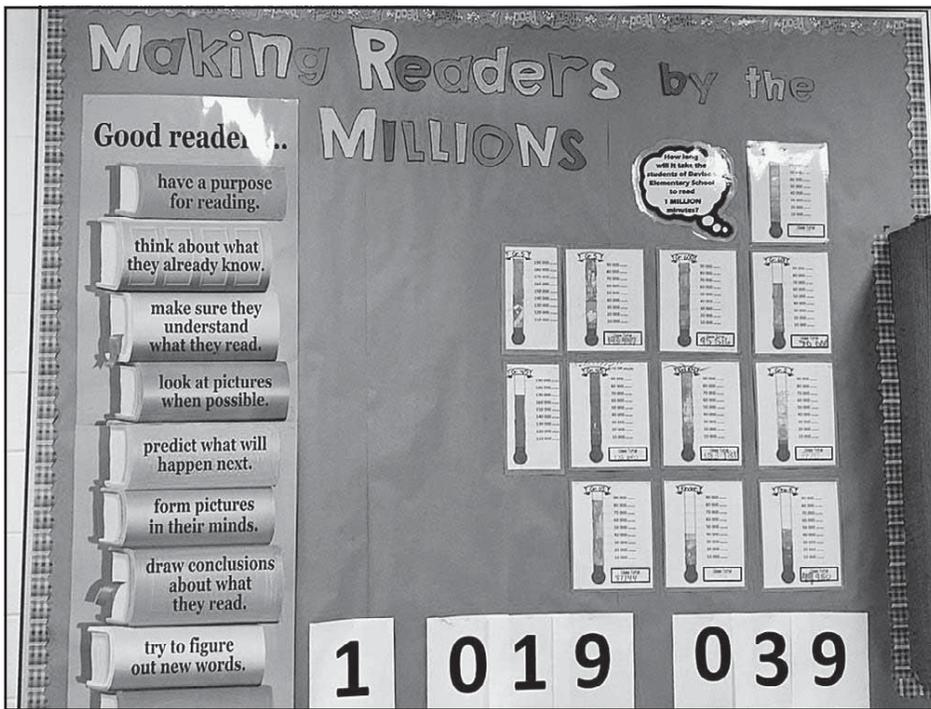
Nashiem applied for — and received — a grant from KidSport Saskatchewan, allowing her to fund the program. The after school class will run Mondays for 10 weeks and be for students of all ages. They will receive a completion certificate once the program is finished.

Breen will then run another 10-week class in the winter.

"At night it's hard to get kids to come back, but they stay around after school (for clubs)," said Nashiem. "A lot of kids would be interested in it ... I thought I'll start with karate. Maybe in another year I'd try a different (activity)."

It was an easy decision for Nashiem to make, since someone else was offering to run the program. She didn't have to ask a teacher to stay and lead another class or activity.

Similar to other schools in the Good Spirit School Division — and every other division across Saskatchewan — Davison School is removing all of its non-commercial microwaves from all hallways and



Students and staff at Davison School exceeded their reading goal for the 2016-17 school year, reading a staggering 1,019,039 minutes from September to June. This is equivalent to 708 days.

Photo courtesy Melissa Ball

classrooms. This is to be compliant with the division's fire safety plan, which is based on national regulations.

"It will be a little bit of a change," Nashiem said. She spoke with the school community council about this and noted it will be a learning experience for everyone. She expects parents to be unhappy, but believes they will understand the reasoning behind it.

Nashiem added education has now come full circle, as schools never used to have microwaves.

A change affecting students' education directly is the elimination of the mandatory Grade 6 core French. Melville Comprehensive School dropped the program since only six students were considering taking the class this semester. The core French classes have grown smaller the last couple of years.

New Catholic Studies program at St. Henry's Senior

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

Steven Boucher is excited for the rollout of the new Catholic Studies curriculum in Saskatchewan, particularly since he helped determine what resources and literature would be best for the program.

The new curriculum is being introduced to students in grades 9 and 10 this year in Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division and all Catholic divisions across the province. The new program will be introduced to students in grades 11 and 12 next year.

"I will be teaching this in French and English (in Grade 9)...," said Boucher, in his third year as principal of École St. Henry's Senior School. "The past two years, I have evaluated all four grades for the religion class. I reviewed more than 150 books or websites or videos."

The Christian Ethics/Catholic Studies program needed updating to reflect the outcomes-based assessment process of what students are to know, do and understand, along with modern textbooks.

There was plenty of assessment of students last year at St. Henry's Senior, said Boucher, including a continuity of assessment from grade to grade. Staff looks forward to reinforcing that assessment, particularly with daily reading and writing assessments in class.

Teachers also undertook plenty of professional development last year, Boucher continued. This helped them understand how assessment looks in every class and ensuring they ask the right questions of students.

"It's not about tricking students," he said. "It's about finding out what they know. You won't find out if you trick them or stump them."

Two new teachers have joined the school this year. Freya Knafelc is teaching Grade 7, while Sarah Douhaniuk is teaching Grade 5.

Teacher Marli Billinger has re-joined the staff at École St. Henry's Jr. School, while Darrell Richardson is teaching in Yorkton. Meanwhile, Junior School teacher Pat Kish will spend one-quarter of his time teaching phys-ed and health at the senior school.

Boucher is excited to join the Melville Comprehensive School Cobras' football team as a medical trainer. He will help the two student trainers gain a better understanding of injury assessment and assisting players.

"A good trainer knows stretching, and preventative as well as post-injury (training)," Boucher said. There are many former Senior School students playing with the Cobras, so he will be familiar with some of the team.

Younger students can use a new swing set once school resumes. The school community council worked "very, very hard" to ensure the school had new equipment, said Boucher. The senior school lacks sufficient outdoor playground equipment; the wooden play structure is old and needs replacing.

The SCC and staff want to keep the outdoor equipment in good shape, he continued, especially since it is used regularly in the evening by those playing basketball.

"I never realized how much a swing set could cost, with installation," Boucher chuckled. The project costs roughly \$16,000.

Compared to other schools, St. Henry's Senior will keep its microwaves since they are used in a designated cooking area: the lunchroom. The machines are not used for teaching or any other purpose aside from cooking meals. Furthermore, the lunchroom is only used for eating.

"The way I read the (provincial and national) fire regulations, we can keep our microwaves," said Boucher. "We have to go through a checklist now and ensure we are meeting the fire prevention requirements."



TAYAH RUTZKI

With MCS discontinuing the program, Davison saw no reason to offer it either.

"But the good thing is, there is no pre-requisite for it," said Nashiem. "Students can take it without any previous French experience."

Staff levels have changed slightly this year. Davison will have two split-grade classrooms: grades 3 and 4, and grades 5 and 6. Rebecca Frick returns as

the pre-kindergarten teacher, while Tayah Rutzki interns in kindergarten and Keigan Duczek interns in Grade 1.

Rutzki is from Melville and attended Davison. Duczek is from Grayson.

"It's always good to start with the same people," said Nashiem. "Everyone adjusts to changes. We're all willing to go with it."

During the 2016-17 school year, the school set a goal of reading one million minutes by June. Staff and students exceeded that mark by racking up 1,019,039 minutes and earning a pizza party.

"It was good, really good," Nashiem said. "Teachers stole the (reading) wreath from the kids in May. That created motivation (for students) to get it back in June."

The school won't perform a similar reading goal this year. Instead, teachers will promote reading among students regularly so they read because they want to.

The library was open twice this summer for students to check out books.

Academically, staff will focus on math and writing goals, as promoted by the division. There could also be more promotion of the learning improvement goals.

A wheelchair access point was installed in front of the school this summer. The school found there were problems with the wheelchair lifts in the winter. The new access point will make it easier to shovel the snow and allow wheelchairs to be loaded and unloaded more easily.

Teachers have been discussing if there are different ways to run the monthly assemblies, added Nashiem. For example, students could sit with their family groups instead of by grade or classroom.

Teachers will have a better idea once they holds their first staff meeting on Sept. 1.

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New iPads at junior school to enhance learning

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

With the purchase of iPads at École St. Henry's Junior School, students will have the opportunity to make movies, read books and write coding for robots, all of which will enhance their learning needs.

The purchase of the 24 iPads will also increase the amount of technology in the school, while all classrooms will share them, explained Principal Joanne Sebastian. Some of the funding came from the school community council, while other funding was received from the Buick Drive to Win contest.

"We look at their use more as tools for their learning," she said. Some of the activities, such as coding for robotics, will occur later; teachers need to train more first before they can lead students on such projects.

This year's theme throughout Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division focuses on love. Last year's theme focused on compassion.

"It is a timely virtue to focus on in light of what is

happening globally," said Sebastian.

Staff plans to select virtues different from last year and connected to the theme of love. Those virtues are then discussed each month and how students can practice them daily. Each family group of students also receives a virtue, along with a patron saint to celebrate.

Some of the virtues the school will use include patience, integrity, reverence, humility, consideration, contentment and faithfulness.

Support will continue to be provided for learning improvement programs in reading, writing and arithmetic, said Sebastian. It is all about improving students' literacy skills and ensuring they have a solid understanding in all areas.

Marli Billinger is returning from the senior school to teach Grade 3, while Pat Kish is teaching three-quarters of the time at the junior school and one-quarter at the senior school.

Students can expect to see two new pieces of playground equipment when they return on Sept. 5. The

school's SCC provided the funding during the last few years for this project.

These will be exciting playground apparatuses on which students can play, said Sebastian. Kids are usually busy at recess on the playground and she expects the area to be a beehive of activity as students learn more about these half-domed climbing structures.

"We are looking forward to a rewarding and exciting school year," Sebastian added. "We are excited to meet our new students and see our returning students."



Kevin Schick and his son, Colby Osicka-Schick, install new playground equipment at St. Henry's Junior School on Aug. 29. The elder Schick is the caretaker at the senior school.

Photo by Jason G. Antonio

New teachers excited to grow young minds

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

When students return to school on Sept. 5, some can expect to see new teachers and interns ready to guide their eager young minds through their ABCs and 123s.

Davison School intern Tayah Rutzki is no stranger to either the community or the school, having attended Davison when she was a student. She specifically asked to be sent to Melville — or somewhere close — for her internship in kindergarten.

Rutzki is the daughter of Monte and Kim Rutzki. It is the sense of community in a small town that is enjoyable, said Rutzki, 21. It is also the closeness of a small-town school that she appreciates.

"I always wanted to be a teacher. I always loved working with kids," she said.

When living in Melville, Rutzki worked with the kids' summer program at Melville Community Works; was a Sunday school teacher at Melville United Church; spent a summer working with youths at Crooked Lake; and instructed children during the Care for Kids program in Regina.

Rutzki's favourite part of teaching is seeing the students learn new things.

Her time at Davison has been great, she said. She has developed a good relationship with her co-op teacher, Melissa Ball. The playground is new to



New teachers Sarah Douhaniuk and Freya Knafelc share a laugh at École St. Henry's Senior School.

Photo by Jason G. Antonio

Rutzki, and the classes look different, but the building itself has not changed.

Rutzki hopes to develop more experience teaching while on her internship and acquire more knowledge of how to build relationships with students and teachers at Davison.

École St. Henry Senior School

Freya Knafelc and Sarah Douhaniuk will have to work out a system for how students and staff can distinguish between them once the school year begins. Knafelc is getting married in November to a man with the last name of Douhaniuk; Sarah's brother-in-law.

"She said she's going to keep the name because she had it first," laughed Knafelc. "And I'll have to go with some shortening, like Mrs. D."

"Yeah, I get the full name," chuckled Douhaniuk.

"It might just have to be the one that works upstairs and the one that works downstairs," added Knafelc.

Both ladies also majored in English and minored in social studies. Knafelc noted with a laugh they are practically the same person, aside from graduating from university in different years.

Knafelc will teach Grade 7. She taught for three years at Sacred Heart High School in Yorkton. She asked to be transferred to Melville since it's closer to her new home — a farm near Killaly — than Yorkton.

The kids are the best part for Knafelc, 25, as they keep her on her

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... Miller School students to benefit

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environment that promotes health living, sustainability, respect for nature and the responsibilities of maintaining such a space will be priceless.

Joining the school's staff this year is Nancy Main, who will teach grades 2 and 3; Erin Nystrom from Davison, who will also teach grades 2 and 3; Lisa Kitch, from Davison, will teach arts education half-time at both schools; and Amy Sherman is the new educational assistant.

A temporary teacher for grades 3 and 4 will be hired until the regular educator returns from medical leave.

Kalin Dolton is the only intern at the school this year.

Aside from those changes, parents and students can expect to see the same familiar faces when they return to school, said Lechner.

"We'll roll with the punches," he added.

Miller School will continue focusing on math and literacy this year, striving to achieve the goals suggested by the Good Spirit School Division. The school's literacy numbers were down more than expected halfway through

last year, said Lechner, but staff was able to get a handle on that data.

"Thank goodness we noticed what was going on and saved the day," he said.

With Lechner returning as principal for a second year, he has a better understanding of what happened last school year and the data acquired by June. He and his staff can use that data to get a good jump on the 2017-18 school year and know where they need to be, while ensuring that dip in data doesn't happen again.

Lechner is looking forward to another year as principal, saying he had a good first year at the helm. The school community was welcoming and open to his arrival.

What he appreciates about his staff is every teacher has her own specialty or passion and uses that expertise to efficiently run a sporting event or an assembly. These teachers are able to bring the necessary resources and personnel to bear when required.

Lechner recently sent the SCC an email discussing the upcoming year. A sentence at the end of the email summed up his thoughts: "Rested and invigorated. Let's go!"

Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan residents who pay income tax will soon be paying less and Saskatchewan people with lower incomes will receive a boost in their tax credit amounts.

Starting July 1, 2017, Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax rates will drop by half a percentage point, supporting our government's growth agenda and improving Saskatchewan's tax competitiveness.

Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax rates will drop by another half point on July 1, 2019.

Combined, these two reductions will save a single Saskatchewan taxpayer, with no dependents and an annual income of \$50,000, about \$77 per year. This person's 2020 Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax will be \$308 lower than his or her 2016 Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax.

Similarly, a married couple with two children and an annual family income of \$100,000, will save about \$117 per year. This family's 2020 Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax will be \$468 lower than their 2016 Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax as a result of these tax reductions.

Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit amounts are going up with the maximum basic adult, spouse and equivalent-to-spouse amounts increasing by \$100. Dependent child amounts are increasing by \$40 per child. This boosts the maximum annual family benefit by 41 per cent.

In support of our growth agenda, Saskatchewan's general Corporate Income Tax rate will be reduced from 12 per cent to 11 per cent in half-point increments, effective July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2019. At 11 per cent, Saskatchewan's general Corporate Income Tax rate will be tied with British Columbia for the lowest in Canada, and will be one percentage point lower than Alberta's rate.

Shifting tax away from income through lower personal and corporate income tax rates, and onto consumption through an expanded PST, encourages productivity and keeps our economy strong.

The Manufacturing and Processing Profits Tax Reduction is being maintained, meaning that Saskatchewan's effective Corporate Income Tax rate on eligible manufacturing and processing income can be as low as 9% — the lowest tax rate on manufacturing and processing in the country.

Saskatchewan is known for growing, making and mining what the world needs. The sustained growth of Saskatchewan's wholesale trade — second best in the nation — is attracting investments and new opportunities and highlights continued confidence in the province's economy.

Most key indicators for Saskatchewan's economy have been positive so far in 2017, including:

- the third-highest growth among Canadian provinces in manufacturing sales;
- the third-highest growth in average weekly earnings;
- the third-highest growth in population; and
- the second-highest growth in new motor-vehicle sales.

"Private sector forecasters have recognized strength in Saskatchewan's economic performance and have increased real GDP growth forecasts for 2017 from an average of 1.7 per cent at budget to 2.1 per cent," Doherty said. "At first quarter, our government remains on track with our fiscal plan to return Saskatchewan's budget to balance in three years, by 2019-20."

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Hats and umbrellas keep concertgoers comfortable as they enjoy the Regina Symphony Orchestra's performance during the Symphony Under the Sky Festival. More than 3,000 people attended the event at the Motherwell Homestead on Aug. 26.



A spray of Motherwell Rhubarb Red Fife Witbier shoots from the keg as Ralph Goodale, MP for Regina-Wascana, successfully taps the firkin. The Bushwacker Brewpub collaborated with Living Sky Winery and Shannon Sambells, William Motherwell's great-granddaughter, to create the unique brew.

RSO delights crowd again

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

On August 26, the Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site in Abernathy hosted the annual Symphony Under the Sky Festival in partnership with the Regina Symphony Orchestra (RSO). The festival marked the end of the site's summer season and the start of the RSO's 2017-18 season.

The outdoor concert has been a tradition since 2015. Ralph Goodale, MP for Regina-Wascana, felt it was particularly appropriate to celebrate the country's 150 birthday at the home of William R. Motherwell, a pioneer in Canadian agriculture.

"What better way to celebrate Canada than at a national historic site listening to some of our country's finest musicians," he said. "The Symphony Under the Sky Festival at Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site provides a wonderful opportunity for Canadians to celebrate Canada 150 and learn more about this great place and its important role in our country's history."

The performance was first class and featured appearances by singer-songwriter Belle Plaine and hoop dancer Terrance Littletent. Lawn chairs and blankets were clustered together under the trees, making the most of the shade on the hot afternoon while Gordon Gerrard conducted the orchestra.

Thousands of spectators rose to their feet as the concert began with O Canada. Pieces by Beethoven

and Dvorak followed the anthem. The RSO was then joined by Saskatchewan-born Belle Plaine and her band. Toes were tapping as the audience listened to her original songs.

Music has always been a part of Belle's life, from voice lessons in grade school to jazz studies at Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton. Now she performs for audiences across Canada and the United States. Earlier this summer she even stopped in Grenfell to perform with Blake Berglund at The Lilac Room.

"I love early American forms of music — blues, jazz, early country," she said. "I try to incorporate those styles into storytelling."

Audiences enjoy her catchy tunes and relatable lyrics.

Belle began the segment at the Motherwell festival with a song from her new album, scheduled to be released next spring. Next she debuted a song written for her grandma, Laila Johnson, who was in the audience. Belle explained that Laila went out one day to check on her potato garden and got distracted by the sight of some berries. When Laila crossed the railroad tracks to get the berries she narrowly missed being hit by a train. The song is titled, Laila Sady Johnson Wasn't Beaten By No Train, and the orchestration truly gave listeners the feeling that a train was coming.

Belle said it was a privilege to introduce the song

with the RSO. "I always love working with the Regina Symphony Orchestra," she said. "A big thank you to the Saskatchewan Arts Board whose funding program made the concert possible."

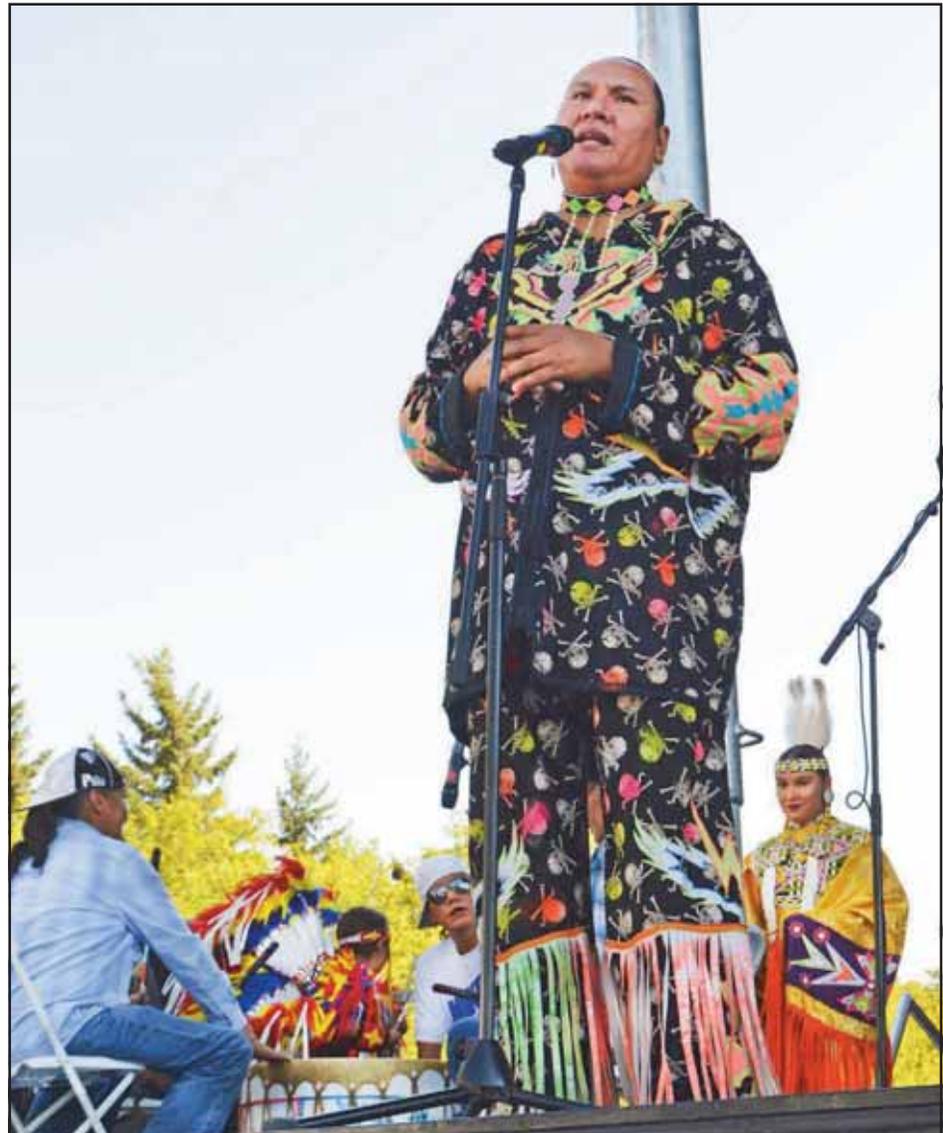
Following an intermission, world-renowned hoop dancer Terrance Littletent and his daughter, Prairie Rose, joined the orchestra onstage. "Being a part of this is a dream," he said. "It's a big honour to collaborate with the Regina Symphony Orchestra."

Littletent is from the Kawacatoose Cree Nation and resides in Regina. He has been dancing for over 25 years. His late uncle, Kirby Littletent, passed down the traditions to Terrance, who continues to share those lessons with the next generation through his job as cultural engagement advisor in the Regina Public School Division. The dancers' skill was evident as they performed to In the Beginning, a song composed by T. Patrick Carrabre from Manitoba, who attended the concert.

After a few more pieces, including John Williams' theme from Star Wars, the program concluded with the 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky. Two volunteers were enlisted to beat the bass drums mimicking the 15 cannon shots that Tchaikovsky intended to be fired at the end of the piece. Dave Trimmer and Kelye Blais, members of the Parks Canada staff, fired a final shot from a seven-pound field rifle replica to signal the end of the program.



Saskatchewan-born Belle Plaine and her band perform with the Regina Symphony Orchestra at the Motherwell Homestead during the Symphony Under the Sky Festival.



World-renowned hoop dancer Terrance Littletent addresses the crowd while his daughter, Prairie Rose, waits in the background. The pair danced to music by the Regina Symphony Orchestra at the Symphony Under the Sky Festival.



Dave Trimmer from Parks Canada stands at attention beside a seven-pound field rifle. The gun was fired during the Regina Symphony Orchestra's performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture at the Motherwell Homestead.

Photos by Sarah Pacio Grasslands News



It was a successful day for threshing at the Motherwell Homestead on Aug. 26, as the agriculture spectacle ran in tandem with performances by Saskatchewan Express, Terrance Littlelent, Belle Plaine and the Regina Symphony Orchestra.

Threshing Day a step back into the past

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

The Motherwell Homestead is now a National Historic Site, but it was built in the early 20th century as the home of William R. Motherwell (1860-1943).

The early pioneer had a passion for scientific farming methods, which led him to become Saskatchewan's first minister of agriculture in 1905, and later Canada's minister of agriculture. His home now provides visitors with a glimpse into the past, showing what prairie farm life was like in the early 1900s. Many of Motherwell's innovations provided a foundation for modern prairie agriculture.

The Homestead was a bustle of activity Aug. 26 with many sights, sounds, and tastes for visitors to enjoy. More than 3,000 people attended the annual Symphony Under the Sky Festival.

Demonstrations were held throughout the day and offered visitors a sample of early prairie life. Parks Canada staff used basic ingredients and simple tools to show how early pioneers made butter and ice cream. Visitors watching the ice cream making demonstration were allowed a turn at the crank, helping to spin the liquid into a deliciously cool and creamy treat.

Crowds made their way to a nearby field to see an old-fashioned threshing machine in motion. They watched as one machine chugged away, spinning

a belt to operate a conveyor while Parks Canada staff dressed in period costumes loaded bundles of wheat onto the conveyor. A modern threshing machine stood in the background, showing how things have changed over the years.

Historic Red Fife wheat was showcased at the festival when the Bushwakker Brewing Company of Regina introduced its new Motherwell Red Fife Rhubarb Witbier. A traditional Firkin Tapping was held at noon with Ralph Goodale, MP for Regina-Wascana, on hand to swing the handmade wooden maul and tap the keg.

The Brewpub collaborated with Shannon Sambells, William Motherwell's great-granddaughter, to create a brew that celebrated the pioneer himself.

"In 1912 or '13 if you would have come to visit the Motherwells, he would have offered you rhubarb tea on a very hot day," said Sambells. "Now, he was a teetotaler, so many people graciously accepted the rhubarb tea knowing that W.R. didn't drink."

Rhubarb juice from Living Sky Winery was used to make the special beer. "It's a little strange but it went together really well," said Michael Gaetz, head brewer for Bushwakker.

After the tapping, long lines formed at the Bushwakker booth with people eager to try ice cold bottles of the unique witbier.



People wanting to take in the entire farm at the Motherwell Homestead took a wagon ride around the premises.



Besides the Regina Symphony Orchestra, there were plenty of activities for children at the Motherwell Homestead. Here, youngsters wait in line to have some delicious homemade ice cream they helped make.



Besides the Regina Symphony Orchestra, there were plenty of activities for children at the Motherwell Homestead. Here, youngsters wait in line to have some delicious homemade ice cream that they helped make.



Monty Wilkens stokes up the fire as he prepares to do some blacksmithing for visitors to the Motherwell Homestead on.

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Kreklewich shoots 68, 65 to top Autumn Classic



Melville's Doug Kreklewich tees off on the fourth hole on day 2 of the Autumn Classic. Kreklewich scorched the course with rounds of 68 and 65 on the way to his third classic win.

For the first time in a number of years, the Melville Autumn Golf Classic had someone other than Mitchell Matchuk hoisting the championship flight trophy.

Melville's Doug Kreklewich wrested the title away from Matchuk for the first time in seven years, turning in brilliant rounds of 68 and 65 to win by eight strokes over Matchuk and Swift Current's Andre Wall who both carded 36-hole 141 totals.

"I played pretty solid in the first round, but my short game really kept me going," Kreklewich said. "I chipped in on one hole. I got up and down when I needed to, and made some timely putts."

Kreklewich, now a three-time classic victor, knew he had to play his best golf to keep pace with Matchuk.

"I thought I'd need at least a 67 in the first round to be in contention," he explained. "I thought I had to shoot that to stay with Mitch who didn't play his complete best."

Chipping and putting were the difference in day 2 of the event as Kreklewich continued to dazzle with the flat-stick and wedge.

"My short game was lights out," he explained. "Our whole group played pretty well on Sunday and nobody made any putts except for me."

"Mitch lipped a couple of putts out and mine fell. That was the difference."

Kreklewich's 133 total tied him with Matchuk for the event's lowest 36-hole total and it also marked a personal best.

"Those are the two best back-to-back rounds I've ever had," he added.

"I knew in order to beat Mitch, I'd have to have a career best and that's what I did."

Sheldon Powell emerged as the winner of the first flight, scoring 154 to beat Carson Dennis by four strokes. Gordon Hahn claimed third place, knocking Jerry Jones off in a count back with a 160 total.

Greg Sastaunik won the third flight with a 178 total with Adam Reiner coming in second and David Pankowski taking third, both with 180s.

Monte Rutzki's 192 was good enough to earn the top spot in the third flight. Brad Boychuk took second with a 195 and Garry Oleksyn finished third with a 202.

A couple of golfers who have helped promote the sport in Melville over the years were also recognized with presentations.

Al Miller was recognized for his dedication as a volunteer by the Melville regional park.

"He's 81 years old now and he still volunteers," said classic committee member Jim Schmidt. "Not many guys who have had 15 bypasses are able to do that."

Jake Stolar was also singled out for his work with the classic committee.

"He's been working on the tourney for about 35 years now," Schmidt said. "He's been the secretary-treasurer of the club and he does a great job. We wanted to recognize him for all the work he does for the golf community in Melville."

"He's done a lot of work on the classic, as well as the old Hole In One tournament that raised over \$200,000."

Waldbauer joins SJHL Mils

Every hockey club at every level is looking for that extra edge and the SJHL Melville Millionaires may have found theirs.

The Mils have inked Jarett Waldbauer to a contract as an assistant coach. Mils' bench boss Devin Windle thinks it's a good fit for the hockey club.

"We're very excited to have Jarett come on board and it was something that we started talking with him in about May or June," Windle said. "We're all about getting better and getting our players better and this is an avenue that's going to provide a great deal of support to our players and to us as a coaching staff."

"For us, it was really a no-brainer." Waldbauer will provide the team with a third set of eyes.

"(Assistant coach) Mark (Chase) has had a pretty good connection with the Kamloops Blazers of the WHL and they've always had a coach who would spend early parts of the game in the press box and watch the game from above," Windle explained. "He might see some things like line matches, structural play — things that you need to adjust to or improve on."

The current coaching regime got to know Waldbauer last fall when he helped Windle and Chase with their

first Melville Millionaires training camp.

"That started the relationship and it just grew over the year," added Windle. "With him coaching in the bantam AA system we were able to consult with him about some players he had information on in regards to guys in the bantam draft."

Waldbauer has a keen eye and being Millionaires alumni certainly doesn't hurt.

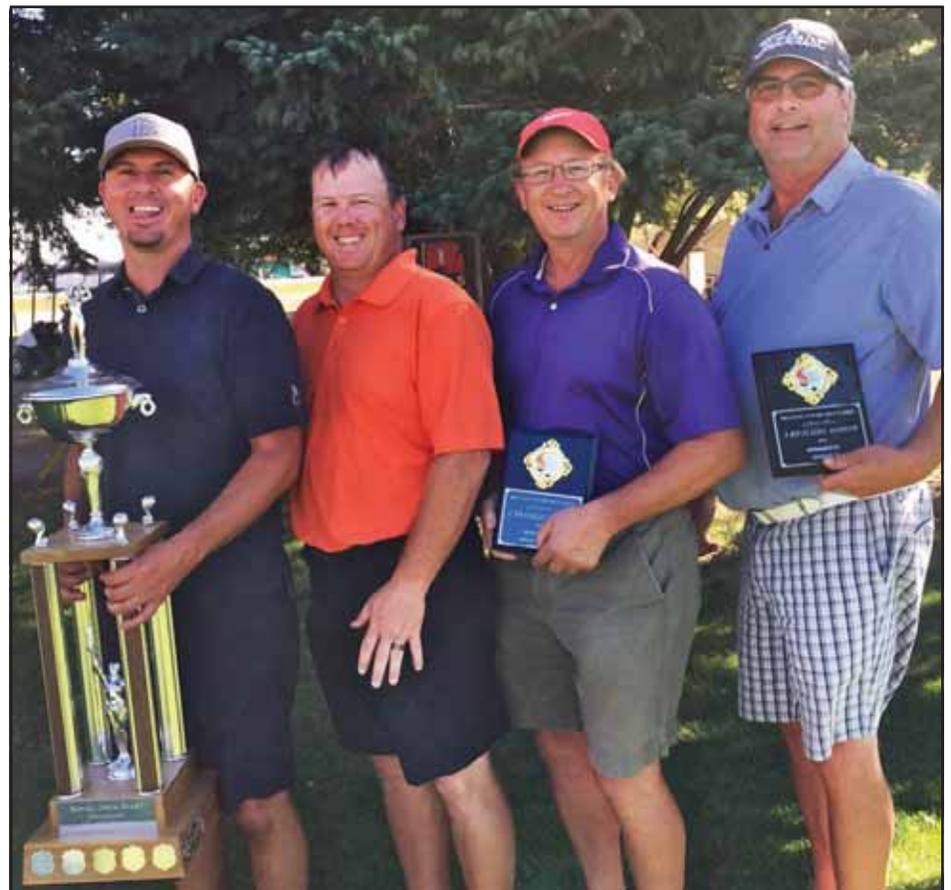
"He evaluated our spring camp and we liked his opinions and liked how he sees the game, and obviously he's local and played for the Mils so there's that connection," Windle added. "He's also an exercise physiologist as well and that's another tool in the belt."

"He's also a great person."

Chase says the hiring is a step in the right direction.

"He's approachable but he'll also step up and express his opinion when he needs to," he explained. "He provides some quality insight and we think he's an excellent fit."

"I'm very excited to join the current coaching staff as they move the program in a new direction," Waldbauer said. "I've had a passion for the game since I was young and to be able to coach the junior team in my hometown that I once played for is a honour."



The flight winners in the Autumn Golf Classic, championship flight winner Doug Kreklewich, first flight winner Sheldon Powell, second flight topper was Greg Sastaunik and fourth flight champ Monte Rutzki. For more on the Autumn Classic see Page 13.

Umpire abuse?

In these days of outrage, where just about everything anyone does is under scrutiny, Major League umpires have decided they need to raise awareness of the abuse they face.

People are marching in the streets south of the border to protest pretty much anything these days, with most of it stemming from the United States' President Donald Trump.

People who feel like they're receiving unfair criticism seem to be rallying to get into the public eye, and while umpires used the tactic of wearing white wristbands to demonstrate what they claim is escalating verbal abuse from players and managers, what did they expect to solve?

Perhaps I'm a little old school but whatever happened to the "sticks and stones" mentality that prevailed for so long?

Umpires, who have all blown their share of calls, wore the bands for a few days to draw attention to their plight, and they got some, although I'm fairly certain it wasn't the type of recognition they'd been hoping for.

Trying to rally the fans to their cause drew more ire for those, who, as officials, are far too arrogant to fly under the radar and are constantly getting noticed for two things — making bad calls, and then sticking with them despite overwhelming evidence that the calls they made were indeed off the mark.

Nothing riles a crowd of sports fans quicker than the combination of ignorance and arrogance that umpires can exhibit from time to time.

A recent game between the Detroit Tigers and the New York Yankees showed what happens when an umpire doesn't make the right call at the right time.

The game turned into a slugfest of sorts, the result of pitchers throwing at batters for the most part.

When Tiger's pitcher Michael Fulmer drilled Garry Sanchez in the side with an inside fastball, the plate umpire should have warned both benches that this type of tomfoolery wouldn't be tolerated or there would be ejections.

When there was no warning given to Fulmer, the Yankees believed that the door was open to even the score and reliever Tommy Kahnle threw behind the Tigers' best player, Miguel Cabrera, in the sixth inning to stir the smouldering ashes of the game back into a full-fledged blaze.

Cabrera took offence and went after Yanks' catcher Austin Romine and the donnybrook was on. Players squared off with opponents, some hid and others grabbed someone and hung on, in a game where the benches would clear several times.

In all, four batters from both teams would be beamed and eight members of the Yankees and Tigers, including both managers, would get the rest of the day off.

One has to wonder if this type of spectacle, where players getting paid millions of dollars to play baseball — not engage in fistcuffs — are risking their jobs and their paycheques because the plate umpire didn't issue a warning to both benches following the first hit batsmen.

In my lifetime, I've seen enough games to understand what the reaction would be without a warning and so do any real baseball fans who have watched or played the game.

At the end of the fracas and the game, Yankees' manager Joe Girardi wanted to make one thing clear — umpires need to pay attention.

The fact that all these players were in a situation where they could end up on the disabled list because of an errant punch or being hit by a 95 mph fastball, the responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of the plate ump, who, apparently, has never heard of a brawl in a baseball game and what actions usually precipitate it.

Generally, if you want people to feel sorry for your plight, doing your job in a manner that follows the steps required to keep a game under control is a good start. When you completely fail at your job — as all of us have, at one time or another — don't expect fans, players and managers to turn a sympathetic ear your way.

It kind of takes the old "you had one job" thing to the next level, but anytime you invite trouble,

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Rockets push Balc. Bronx to brink

The Balcarres Bronx' next loss will end their Tri Highway Fastball League championship hopes.

After winning game 1 in what has turned into a race to six points, the Bronx were soundly thrashed in games 2 and 3, and needed some late-inning heroics to salvage a tie in their fourth playoff contest with Rhein Rockets.

The Rockets now have a pair of wins and a tie for five points while the Bronx earned three points with a victory and a tie.

Rhein Rockets 7 at Balcarres Bronx 7 (Aug. 25)

The father-son tandem of Royce Cote and Darrien Bellegarde-Cote were the key players for Balcarres in this contest.

Bellegarde-Cote was the starting pitcher for the Bronx and he went the distance to earn the tie, while Cote drilled a pair of massive home runs, the second a game-tying blast in the sixth inning.

Despite giving up seven runs, Balcarres coach Craig Geisler is impressed with his young hurler.

"It's a lot of pitching for a 16-year-old kid who has had a busy summer," said Geisler of Bellegarde-Cote, who also threw in the North American Indigenous Games in Toronto this summer. "He's pitched a lot of games, and you hear about arm fatigue and I think that it's all starting to catch up with him."

Slywka also chipped in with a circuit clout with Curtis Geisler going two-for-four with three RBIs for the Bronx.

A lack of timely hitting and questionable fielding have been problems for the Bronx.

"We weren't solid, but we didn't make the big errors," Geisler added. "We should have scored more runs. They walked the bases full in one inning and we couldn't score and then the next inning we left a couple of guys on."

"We're leaving way too many guys on base."

Rhein Rockets 13 at Balcarres Bronx 4 (Aug. 24)

"We got Peppler-ed," said Geisler of the loss to Rhein's ace pitcher, veteran Terry Peppler. "We just couldn't hit the holes and we made it easy for them."

"It wasn't like he was striking us out, we just couldn't get any base hits."

The Bronx found themselves down 4-2 in the bottom of the fifth when the Rockets achieved lift-off with nine runs.

"We just couldn't stop them," said Geisler. "We didn't have any other pitchers so we had to leave Darrien in there."

New job for SJHL Mils assistant

A new season and a new set of responsibilities for Melville Millionaires' assistant coach Mark Chase.

Chase has been named the Mils' director of sales and marketing and the new position comes with some serious legwork, visiting sponsors and other businesses that have the potential to join the sponsorship group.

"I can only speak to the ones where I've gone in and talked to and it's been a very positive experience overall," Chase said. "Everyone that I've spoken with has treated me with such respect, and they all tell me it's nice to have a face-to-face conversation."

"My priority — and it is time consuming — is to go into every business and show my face and introduce myself as someone who isn't just sitting behind a computer."

So far, the experience has been positive.

"Pretty much everyone who has sponsored in the past is coming back and that includes some guys I haven't even had the chance to talk to yet," Chase added. "There are also some new sponsors, not just in Saskatchewan. I've gotten some key sponsors out of British Columbia."

The Millionaires are making a couple of changes that fans should find interesting. In a season that points to the Mils returning to respectability within the league, they're looking for a fresh start — with a new look.

"Devin spearheaded this project to change our look with new jerseys," Chase said. "We've been working for awhile on some promos for social media in regards to the changes."

"In the next while you'll see some tidbits, some teasers, but we definitely have a new look overall, not just jerseys."

The Millionaires are also making a return to a more localized game day program.

"I want it to be blue and red and keep it consistent with each page, but we're still working on that," stated Chase. "We can't plan it completely until we have the roster."

To Chase, having a new program with a Melville feel was a must.

"I was pretty surprised to come to a junior hockey team that didn't have one, to be honest," Chase said.



Darrien Bellegarde-Cote has been a mainstay for the Balcarres Bronx this season and in the playoffs. Bellegarde-Cote was the winning pitcher in game 1 of the series with the Rhein Rockets, took the loss in game 3 to go with a tie in game 4.

Curtis Geisler hammered a two-run homer to pace the Bronx and drove in another run.

Balcarres Bronx 1 at Rhein Rockets 10 (Aug. 20)

A slow start hampered the Bronx in this game.

"We had some baserunners in the next few innings and couldn't cash any of them in," Geisler explained. "In the fifth inning, they scored four runs to make it 8-1 and it was a foregone conclusion from there."

The inability to escape innings came back to haunt the Bronx. "We had trouble scoring baserunners with one or two outs and we couldn't get off the diamond," Geisler lamented. "A few times when we probably should have had double-plays we'd only get one and things like that."

"If we had a close play we just couldn't seem make it to finish any innings off."

Peppler picked up the win for Rhein while Colby Davidson was saddled with the complete-game loss.

The Bronx' lone run came on a Brian Slywka solo homer in the contest's first inning.

If the Bronx are going to force a game 6 they'll need a win in game 5.

"We definitely need some clutch hitting," he said. "We're past the point where anyone is going to win 2-1 or 3-2 type of game."

"If you look at the series, whoever scores six or seven runs is probably going to be the winners."

"I come from Kamloops where they've always, for as long as I can remember, have had a personalized program."

To come up with a new design for a program, Chase drew on his experiences in Kamloops, going back to his childhood to draw inspiration.

"When I was young, I would always get a program because a different player was highlighted and I'd actually cut them out and put them on the wall in my room," he added. "I don't know that we'll do it exactly the same, but I'd like to have something similar."

"I think it's relevant content and another avenue for sponsors to get their names out there and advertise. I'm willing to do whatever I can to give them as much exposure as I can."

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Prairie Fire holds fall camp; coach impressed

Coming off the best season since their inception, the Melville Prairie Fire would like to continue to be a top team in the Saskatchewan Female Midget AAA Hockey League.

Coach Dean Amy liked what he saw in the team's training camp last weekend.

"I thought the camp went fairly good. We had 32 girls including a group of 2004-born players who look good for the future," Amy told the Advance. "As far as what we have today, we're happy with the selections that we've made."

The Fire lost a number of forwards to graduation, however, their defensive corps returns almost intact.

"The only new defence player we have is Kyra Bear from Ochapowace," explained Amy. "She's going to be a good player for us. She had a good left-handed shot and she's very mobile. She's still a bantam-aged player but she's going to be a huge asset for us on the back end."

Allison Hayhurst, Hannah Pennell, Erin Armstrong, Cassidy Entz and Jordan Fry are all returning to the Melville blue line.

The Prairie Fire also lost netminder Ashlynn Tailon to graduation but think they have an adequate replacement as starter in Taylor Nagy.

"Cheyanne Jamieson from Moosomin is coming in and Taylor is going to take over the duties as our starter," Amy admitted. "In goaltending, you have to be pretty proactive so we had a good idea who would be in the nets for us."

The Fire have three holdover forwards from last year's team, meaning they'll have plenty of new faces up front.

"We have some good returnees coming back at forward. Heather Fiske was our third-place scorer last season and she will be back to anchor the forward position," said Amy. "She's quick and small and is going to be a kingpin for us on the forward end. McKenna Davis and Kelsey Fishley will be the other two returnees at forward."

"They're both gritty, strong forwards."

A couple of local players highlight the newest additions to the team.

"We've added local girl Taylor Halarewich," Amy added. "She's a good straight-line player who can play both ends of the ice and she has the ability to score."

"We also took Kailee Ottenbreit out of Grayson. She has really quick hands and she's a goal scorer who can get the job done; she's very good at controlling the puck."

Another player expected to make a splash is Jaydea Guenter-Betle, a big, strong centre from Regina who is good in tight areas with the puck. Amy says Guenter-Betle also owns a "cannon of a shot with a quick release."

Jordan Bear, twin sister to blueliner Kyra, also joins the Fire.

"She's a smooth skater, she's young and has good speed," Amy said.

The Fire has also added Regina's Sadie Rabiej to the roster.

"She's a very fast skater with good puck-handling skills," Amy added. "She's also made the provincial under-16 team."

Veteran Brooke Hausermann, who toiled last season for the Saskatoon Stars of the SFMAAAHL, also joins the Prairie Fire. Hausermann, who hails from Kamsack, scored 11 points on six goals and five assists last season and should provide her new team with leadership.



CARA ZUBKO

"She's a big power forward with a good shot. She'll bring some winning experience to the team, having played in a national championship last season," Amy said.

As the season approaches, Amy is as excited about the team's new coach as he is about the players.

Former Prairie Fire player Cara Zubko, who played in Melville from 2007 to 2010, has committed to an assistant coach position.

"I met Cara when she was training to head to Austria to play pro," Amy explained. "I asked her if she'd ever want to coach and this year she called and asked if the job was still open."

Zubko, who went to the Pursuit of Excellence Hockey Academy after leaving the Prairie Fire, has found success at every level as a player, something Amy thinks should translate into solid coaching ability.

"She'll bring a wealth of knowledge and be a role model. She's also going to close the gap between the age of the coaching staff and the players," Amy said. "Nothing was ever given to her and she brings that to these kids. I believe she's a natural-born coach."

"She's Prairie Fire Alumni, she spent two years in the Pursuit of Excellence Hockey Academy and she went to NCAA Div. 1 with the Ohio State Buckeyes for four years before going to Europe," Amy added. "She's going to be a very valued part of this program."

The team has its work cut out to duplicate last season's success, and while there are a number of new faces, Amy expects his team to improve as the season wears on.

"I think we'll be competitive," he said. "I think we've recruited some good talent and we're looking for a year of growth here."

The Prairie Fire opens its season at the Horizon Credit Union Centre on Sept. 30 by hosting the Battlefords Sharks in a 7 p.m. contest.

Parkland midget AA Lions host ID camp

For the second time in as many seasons, Darci Kirkwood finds herself at the helm of a new girls hockey team.

This year, Kirkwood is the head coach of the Parkland Lions AA hockey team, a few steps up from her post with last year's peewee squad.

"We have a couple of returning players and a lot of new faces, but after coaching the peewees and starting a brand new team, it's going to be a little bit easier this year," Kirkwood said. "I'm familiar with most of the players who were out, coaching in the Sask First program and some had been to Prairie Fire camps in the past — it's still going to be a chal-

lenge, for sure." Last weekend, Kirkwood led some of her future players at an identification camp, along with Dean Thompson, coach of the bantam Parkland Lions.

"We had a lot of players show up for the camp and I thought it went very well," she said. "There were 15 midget-aged players, four bantam skaters and a peewee player."

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chances are your next move is going to be damage control; not crying about how tough everyone is on you and how you've fallen under the lens of the microscope.

Umpires don't don the same kind of protection as catchers, but they do have a mask and a chest protector when balls or bats fly in their direction.

Perhaps umpires in the majors, those getting well compensated for their work, need to look back into the history of the game and instead of being outraged when people would tell them they're doing a lousy job, they shouldn't respond with wrist bands.

Stats Story

44th Annual Autumn Golf Classic

Following are the scores from the 44th Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament on the weekend:

Championship Flite			
Golfer	G1-G2	Total	
Doug Krekewich	68-65	133	
Mitchell Matichuk	70-71	141	
Andre Wall	71-70	141	
Chad Sies	71-73	144	
Don Blair	75-74	149	
Roger Reinson	76-75	151	
Bill Lummerding	79-74	153	
Mark Bell	78-76	154	
Scott Murray	75-80	155	
John Lay	75-84	159	
Dylan Lay	75-85	160	
Richard Bell	77-85	162	
Travis Lenkart	79-86	165	
Merv Appel	78-89	167	

First Flite			
Golfer	G1-G2	Total	
Sheldon Powell	80-74	154	
Carson Dennis	81-77	158	
Gordon Hahn	82-78	160	
Jerry Jones	81-79	160	
Gerald Swystun	82-81	163	
Ty Starchuk	83-84	167	
Malcolm Banks	88-80	168	
Ken Konechny	84-87	171	
Jake Stolar	85-88	173	
Al Miller	83-91	174	
Jim Schmidt	82-93	175	
Garry Houston	88-91	179	
Ed Guenther	90-90	180	
Mason Mohart	86-94	180	
Blair Baron	90-93	183	
Cory Stoll	88-96	184	
Paul Sfruik	90-99	189	
Jason Rieger	82-180	262	

Third Flite			
Golfer	G1-G2	Total	
Monte Rutzki	98-94	192	
Brad Boychuk	98-97	195	
Garry Oleksyn	101-101	202	
Mark Akerman	104-99	203	
Quinn Broda	103-101	204	
Dan Kanciruk	103-105	208	
Cole Krochak	103-105	208	
Tyson Almasi	101-109	210	
Derek Bellamy	109-108	217	
Glenn Betker	110-116	226	
Glen Walchuk	100-180	280	
Steve Meeko	111-180	291	

Melville Millionaires Schedule			
Training Camp			
Thursday, Aug. 31			
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration in the lobby of the HCUC		
5:15 p.m.	Meeting in the stands		
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Team Kunitz vs		

Team Propp			
Adam Reiner	91-89	180	
David Pankowski	91-89	180	
Chris Bell	98-83	181	
Rob Morrell	94-88	182	
Justin Burton	92-91	183	
Gregg Bjola	93-93	186	
Peter Bauldic	91-95	186	
Vernon Eger	96-91	187	
Lorne Reinson	96-92	188	
Ed Pereyema	95-94	189	
Mel Sabeski	92-97	189	
Glenn Miller	97-94	191	
Scott Reinson	95-97	192	
Jason Hague	94-99	193	
Jeff Schappert	92-103	195	
John Hodges	103-93	196	
Brent Krochak	97-99	196	
Don Bamford	97-104	201	
Riley Almasi	107-95	202	
Jamie Kanciruk	110-96	206	
Dave Eger	109-99	208	

Team Kunitz vs Team Hexall			
7:15 - 8:00 p.m.	Team Kunitz vs Team Hexall		
8:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Team Hexall vs Team Propp		

Friday, Sept. 1			
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Team Propp vs Team Hexall		
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Team Propp vs Team Kunitz		
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Team Kunitz vs Team Hexall		
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Team Kunitz vs Team Propp		
7:15 - 8:00 p.m.	Team Kunitz vs Team Hexall		
8:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Team Hexall vs Team Propp		

Saturday, Sept. 2			
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Team Blue morning skate		
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Team White morning skate		
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Young Guns Practice		
7:00 p.m.	Blue vs White (warm up at 6:20 p.m.)		

Pre-Season			
Game time is 7:30 p.m. unless noted			
Sept. 2	Mils Blue vs White	7 p.m.	
Sept. 3	Melville at Yorkton	4:30 p.m.	
Sept. 4	Yorkton at Melville	2 p.m.	
Sept. 6	Notre Dame at Melville		
Sept. 8	Nipawin at Melville		
Sept. 9	Melville at Nipawin		

Regular Season			
Game time is 7:30 p.m. unless noted			
Sept. 15	Melville at Estevan		
Sept. 16	Estevan and Melville		
Sept. 22	Weyburn at Melville		
Showcase in Saskatoon - 2 games			
Sept. 24	Battlefords at Melville	4:15 p.m.	
Sept. 25	Melville at La Ronge	4:30 p.m.	
Sept. 29	Melville at Flin Flon		
Sept. 30	Melville at Flin Flon		



26th Annual Melville Millionaire Golf Tournament

TEXAS SCRAMBLE

Melville Golf & Country Club

SUNDAY, Sept. 17th

- Registration 10-10:30 a.m. with shot gun start at 11 a.m.
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Too much work and play is bad

Ed, my old neighbour from Saskatchewan, phoned last week when I was on a ladder painting the top of the kitchen cupboards. The wife answered the phone and said I was obsessed with painting the cupboards. Of course, Ed had to comment that there is no rest for wackos. When I got off the ladder and answered the phone, I told Ed that I could not talk long as I had paint in the tray and the roller was screaming for attention.

"Some people can relax anytime; you cannot relax unless you are working. You won't stop until you get your work done, and then you start another job. Nothing like retiring to work around the clock. Too much work is as bad as too much play. Get some balance in your life before you die," my old neighbour scolded me.

"So glad you called," I answered. "I didn't move to the Pacific Ocean to have you tell me that I work too much as you did in Melville. If I didn't

Neighbourly Advice According to Ed

RAY MAHER



listen then, why would I listen now?"

I won't tell you where the conversation went from there as it wasn't worth repeating. Old friends can be honest with each other and challenge each other and each knows the other will do what they do anyway. Hearing the truth doesn't necessarily change stubborn folks like me.

It is the truth that once I start a project, I get obsessed with it, and find it hard to stop or take a break and rest. That is foolish, for it is only the Lord that will not grow tired and weary. Being so old, I was brought up in a time when to admit to wanting to take a break from work was considered a sign of weakness. I was brought up know-

ing that cleanliness was next to godliness, and being tired was a sign of laziness, that was next to being devilish. Old-fashioned values die with old geezers like me. Many would say good riddance.

Only the Lord understands why some folks work too much, and why some spend their lives avoiding work. For sure the Lord would have us live balanced lives with Himself at the centre of our lives. Whatever work we do, we do it to the Lord with our whole heart and ability. When we rest, we do it to the Lord with thanksgiving that we can work. Work does give satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment and service to ourselves and beyond ourselves. Work can give our lives a sense of purpose.

My old neighbour is right that life is not to be centred on work or rest or play. As Christians, our life is centred on God the everlasting Creator. It is God who gives strength to the weary



Tyson Chaban and CN constable Hank Neumiller unveil the cake for CN Family Day, held for railroaders and their families at Melville Community Works on Aug. 27. Submitted

and increases the power of the weak. We are always limited for even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall. Thankfully as we hope in the Lord, he will renew our strength as needed.

God promises a future in heaven without the limits and excesses of this world. There we will soar on wings like eagles; run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint. (See Isaiah 40:28-31)

Capsule Comments

Most people are aware of this warning but many still do it to themselves and even their children. That's using cotton swabs to clean out ear wax. This practice can cause injury to the ear and emergency room personnel see many people injured in this manner. Don't use cotton swabs in the ear. The ear canal is usually self-cleaning but if you're concerned, check with your doctor.



Natasha Kolman
Pharmacist

It was a great advancement in the treatment of broken bones when, in 1851, a Dutch doctor was first to use Plaster of Paris to stabilize a broken bone. Made from gypsum, a mineral in ready supply in France, the doctor combined the substance with bandages and wet them with water to form a smooth, form-fitting "cast". Plaster of Paris has largely been replaced by lighter fiberglass today.

Gout is a complex form of arthritis that causes severe attacks of pain, redness and tenderness in joints often in the big toe. There has been studies done recently that show a possible link between gout and sleep apnea, a condition where breathing stops many times during sleep. Although sleep apnea doesn't cause gout, if you suffer from gout, get yourself checked for sleep apnea.

There are so many different medical tests that people can have done to assess the state of their health. However there are six that should be mandatory. These six are mammograms to check for breast cancer; Pap smear for cervical cancer; colonoscopy to check for colon cancer; A1c test for diabetes; blood test to measure cholesterol levels and an easy one... blood pressure check. Ensure the appropriate once are done to assess the state of your health.

Upcoming Wellness Clinic Dates:

**Wellness Clinics will resume the end August

Royal DRUG MART
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Melville
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... new teachers excited to grow young minds

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toes, "usually in a good way." Students' personalities are always entertaining, she added, as they surprise her with what they say and do.

This is Douhaniuk's fifth year teaching within the school division; she will be looking after the Grade 5 students. She is coming back from maternity leave.

"I love to give students a passion for learning. I like to make it exciting to try hard and try new things and not give up," she said. "I'm working this year on having a growth mind-set, (of), 'Maybe I can't do it now, but if I keep trying, I'll get better or have opportunities for learning.'

"It's starting at a young age to make them excited to come to school, be at school, learn, and set them up for a good future."

Melville Comprehensive School

At Melville Comprehensive School, new teachers Graham Gilmore and Amanda Filipchuk are settling into their new band and art classrooms, respectively. Gilmore is covering for Richelle Matthews, who is on maternity leave, while Filipchuk has replaced Dean Printz.

"It's exciting. I'm happy I'm in this community," said Gilmore, in his first year of teaching. He worked in Melville before, including Extra Foods, the summer park program and at the Melville Heritage Museum.

Gilmore is from Comox, British Columbia, but move to Melville six years ago.

He became a teacher since he wanted to give back to the students. He had teachers who were role models, so he wants to ensure kids enjoy their time in school.

Gilmore pursued band as a major since he thought he could be himself in that type of environment.

"It's another place like sports where people can get together as a team

and really create something that's awesome and creative," he added.

Filipchuk always wanted to be a teacher, so pursuing an education was not a difficult choice, she said. She had teachers who encouraged her to become an educator while in high school.

Watching students grow academically and pushing them to be their best are two facets of teaching Filipchuk, 22, enjoys. She added with a chuckle it also keeps her young to be around such students.

"Art has always been something a part of me," she added, "so I'm happy to share that with others."

"Friends of the Library"
8th Annual Book Sale

Royal Canadian Legion #61
136 - 3rd Ave. West, Melville

Thursday, Sept. 7 - 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fundraiser for the Melville Public Library

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258 - 10th Ave. W. Ph. 306-728-3971
Pastor Doug Schmirler
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Sept. 3: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

If you are in need of a ride to church, call the church office at 306-728-3971, and we will see what we can do to help!

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Corner of 3rd Ave. E. & Manitoba St.
Parish President: Marlene Manastyrski
306-728-3108
Rev. Peter Pidskalny

Sept. 3: 11:00 a.m. Service

BETHANY EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH
5th Ave. W. & Queen St. Church Office 306-728-5001

Sept. 3: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

THE RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTER
(A Church with a Caring Heart)
800 Prince Edward St. (Melville Comm. Works)
Ph. 306-728-2250 - Pastor Tim Oehler
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MELVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
473 - 8th Ave. W.
Office Ph. 728-5022 - Pastor Jon Pettinger

Sept. 3: 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
*Sunday School resumes in the fall

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church - Canada)
502 - 4th Ave. W.
Church Office 306-728-5689
Pastor John Nieminen
Email: zlcpastor@myaccess.ca
Website: www.zionlutheranmelville.com

Sept. 3: 11:00 a.m. Divine Service
Church of the Lutheran Hour heard Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on 940 CJGX Radio, Yorkton

ST. HENRY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
729 Main St. - Office Ph. 728-5702 - 729 Main
Res. Ph. 728-2305 - 111 - 8th Ave. W
Father Mieczyslaw Burdzy O.M.I.
Saturday Mass 7:00 p.m. - Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

MELVILLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
115 - 11th Ave W.
Pastor Doug Braun - Office 306-728-0197
email: mpc@sasktel.net - www.facebook.com/convergesk
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Kinectz Kidz: Ages 2 to 8 (1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays)

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ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH
Corner 6th Ave. E. & Main St. - Church Office 728-5764
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
238 - 3rd Ave. E. Office - Phone 728-2551
Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Pastor Kim Sherwin - www.stpaulsmelville.ca
Fridays: 7:30 p.m. All Saints' Happy Gang - Cards at All Saints'

Sept. 3: 10:00 a.m. Worship at St. Paul's
Sept. 5: 2:00 p.m. SPCW Meeting
Sept. 6: 7:00 p.m. Community Supper Planning Meeting

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
5th Ave. E. & King St.
Office Ph: 306-728-5057

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Summer services will be 10:00 a.m.
Sept. 3: 11:00 a.m. Brian Mee Worship Service with shared lunch
Sept. 10: 11:00 a.m. Ray Yost Worship Service
Sept. 12: 3:00 p.m. Council Meeting and 5:00 p.m. MACC

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Obituaries



HICKIE – Mary Hickie of St. Paul Lutheran Home and formerly of the Waldron District, beloved wife of George Hickie, entered her eternal rest on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017 at St Paul Lutheran Home in Melville at the age of 81 years.

Mary was born on May 4, 1936 in the Mamornitz District of Sask., the youngest of eight children of John and Annie (nee Sterzuik) Letwinetz. Mary received her Grade 9 at Woodhurst School. In 1943 the family moved closer to Buchanan where she attended Buchanan School as well helped her parents on the farm.

After receiving her grade 12, Mary went to Teachers College in Saskatoon. Mary started her teaching career at St. Antal School in the Cana District. This is where she met the love of her life, George Hickie. George said to his friend, "I am going to go and meet the new school teacher." So he jumped on his tractor and went over to see her. George asked her out and the courtship started. Before getting married they talked about having children and both said they are going to have 12 and started to build a new house on George's land.

On Oct. 11, 1958 Mary and George were united in marriage and resided on George's farm. Mary and George stayed true to their word and were blessed with 12 children. Mary took an active part in the farming operation, finding time to look after the children, growing a large garden, milking cows, feeding the chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks and pigs. She also found time to be secretary for the Farmers Union, score-keeper for ball and bowling, was a member of Pro-Life and the Elks Royal Purple. She enjoyed playing canasta, and watching her children and grandchildren in their school activities.

The couple resided on the farm until the fall of 2007 and moved into Melville and resided on Scotia Street, then on Feb. 1, 2017 moved into Melville 7th and Main Care Home later due to health issues Mary became a resident at St. Paul Lutheran Home a few months ago.

She was predeceased by her parents, John and Annie; sons, Billy and Sam; grandson, Dustin; siblings, Dolly, Annie, Bill, Metro, Mike, Steve and Carl.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory, her beloved husband, George; her children, Michael (Jacqueline) of Melville, Tim (Denise) of Morris, MB, David of Estevan, Ernie of Waldron, Christopher (Rhonda) of Yorkton, Jim of Waldron, George Jr. (Robin) of Winnipeg, Anna (Kip) Boyechko of Ottawa, John (Bonnie) of Moose Jaw, and Laurie (Colin) Hickie-Hartl of Lintlaw; 15 grandchildren; four

great-grandchildren; uncle and aunt, Sam (Helen) Letwinetz; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and close friends.

Prayer Services were held on Friday, Aug. 25, 2017 from St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church in Melville. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017 from St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Mieczyslaw Burdzy O.M.I. as the Celebrant.

George and Mary's children wish to thank Melville 7th and Main Care Home, St. Paul Lutheran Home staff and Dr. Es-hawash for the care given to Mary. "May God Bless you."

Arrangements were by Bailey's Funeral Home, Melville. 38-1c



SCHICK – Edna Edna was born on the family farm near Duff on March 29, 1942, to Philip (J.P.) and Colleen (Kiselbach) Schick; she was the 11th child of 14, nine brothers and four sisters. Edna passed away Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, in Melville at the age of 75 years.

Edna attended Colmer School, high school in Saltcoats and trained as a psychiatric nurse at Valleyview Centre in Moose Jaw. She was blessed to be well suited to this work; it was close to her heart. During her life of service, she had a variety of work experiences.

Edna took pleasure in being physically active and particularly liked track and field and volleyball in high school. She also enjoyed softball for 15 years, followed by 10 years as a runner, taking in many events including three marathons.

A love for travel developed when a year after graduating from nursing, Edna spent 14 months in Europe. A trip to Australia in 1974 lasted two years, and the return trip spanned Asia overland. She crossed Canada three times and lived in various places, including Yellowknife, NWT. Vancouver, B.C. was her home for 32 years until her retirement to Duff in 2011.

Edna was predeceased by her parents, Philip (J.P.) and Colleen (Kiselbach) Schick; brothers, Art (Pearl), Ernest, Henry (Ruby), Herbert and Wilfred; sisters, Donaven in infancy and Gerty (Henry) Kohlenberg; brother-in-law, Harold Speidel; nephews Kenneth Schick and Perry Schick; and great-nephew Jason Pfligir.

She leaves to mourn her passing: brothers, Dave (Rose), Fernie (Agnes), Vern (Judy) and Wilson (Audrey); sisters Doreen (Jack) Hahn and Evelyn (Edwin) Stich; and many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews. Edna's funeral service took

place Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, at Matthews Funeral Home, Melville, with Doreen Day, certified celebrant, presiding. Participants in the service included Vern Schick and Vivian Murphy presenting the eulogy, Judy Schick reading "A Psalm for the Dying" and Heather Macdonald singing "My God and I," accompanied by organist Gaylene Matthews, who also led the congregation in the hymns "How Great Thou Art," "In the Garden" and "Church in the Wildwood." "The Green, Green Grass of Home" by Elvis Presley was played as a tribute.

Interment took place in the Garden Peace Evangelical Reformed Church Cemetery, of which her grandfather Adam Schick was a charter member. She will join two great-grandfathers, Philip (Filip) Herold and Karl Schick, brothers, Art, Slim and Wilf and a baby sister. Pallbearers were some of Edna's nieces, Bonnie Schick, Tracey Armbruster, Janilyn Solonenko, Heather Macdonald, Karen Kohlenberg-Richardson, Laurie Macdonald, Brenda Schick and Joanne Blahut.

Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association or to Kinsmen Telemiracle.

Arrangements are entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville. 38-1c

In Memoriams



Patrica Dawn Retzlaff
Jan. 20, 1947 - Aug. 29, 2016
What we would give to hold her hand
Her dear sweet face to see,
To hear her voice, to see her smile
Would mean so much to me.
You left behind many aching hearts
That loved you oh so sincere,
We never did nor ever will
Forget you, Mother Dear.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by husband, Fred Retzlaff, Daughters, Dana and Trisha, son, Christopher (Barb) and sisters, Marva and Maureen. Ma, as she was often referred to, is also fondly remembered by six granddaughters, seven grandsons and three great-granddaughters. 38-1p



Patrica Dawn Retzlaff
Jan. 20, 1947 - Aug. 29, 2016
The moment that you died
My heart was torn in two,
One side filled with heartache
The other died with you.
I often lie awake at night
When the world is fast asleep,
I take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon my cheeks.
Remembering you is easy
I do it everyday,
But missing you is heartache
That never goes away.
I hold you tightly within my heart
And there you will remain,
Until the joyous day arrives
That we will meet again.

Lovingly remembered by daughter, Dana, and granddaughters, Stephanie, Rebecca, Melissa and MaKenna, as well as grandson, Bryce and great-granddaughters, Kylee, Breaah and newest addition, Kamryn. 38-1p

Wanted



Caregiver for 68 year old woman with M.S. Can live-in at no cost or live-out. Phone 306-697-2549 or Cell 306-451-0036. 38-2p

Garage Sale



HUGE MOVING SALE – Friday, Sept. 1 - 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 3 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hwy. #10 and Brewer Road (PrairieLand Kennels Building). 37-2p

GARAGE SALE – 631 - 10th Ave. W, Melville. Thursday, Aug. 31, 3 to 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Large variety of household and garden items. 38-1nc

Auctions



SEPT. 4: ACREAGE AUCTION for Terry and Donna Paluck, Kamsack, SK. Sale conducted by Karla's Auction, ukraintzauction.com

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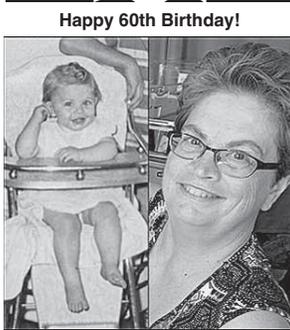
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Melville's Ryan Rathgeber, left, and Balcarres' Josh Cleggett were part of Saskatchewan's under-15 Selects team that played in the Ray Carter Cup in Summerside, P.E.I. The Selects earned a bronze medal by defeating Team Ontario 8-4. Cleggett and Rathgeber both played key roles for Team Sask. Submitted



Brooklyn Lowenberger displays the bronze medal she won with Team Saskatchewan at the peeewe Western Canadian Baseball Championships in Kamloops recently with a 10-5 victory over Manitoba. Submitted



Mel Sabeski watches his putt as playing partner Greg Sastanik looks on during Melville's Autumn Golf Classic last weekend.

Super Snake volleyball camp works on the basics

Melville's Super Snake volleyball camp has run for three years now and the focus remains the same: give players a head start on the competition.

Darren Wandy, who spearheads the camp at the Melville Comprehensive School, says the camp helps players improve on the basic skills of the sport.

"There was a large focus on proper technique and working on basic skills, but the seniors did some advanced stuff," Wandy said. "A lot of the drills were about having good mechanics.

"You have to master the basic skills because even at the pro level, they're still working on the same things."

To prove that point, Wandy brought in Jordan Nowakowski who has spent some time playing the pro game in Europe.

"Melville's own Matt Powell was back for the third year and Jordan Nowakowski was back after a year off," Wandy added. "He was here for year 1 and then last year he was playing pro in Italy and now he's back coaching at the University of Saskatchewan."

Having a pro preach the same fundamentals to the players that high school coaches impart goes a long way.

"It was nice to have that next level guy, a guy who played professional volleyball — it was a real eye-opener for the kids," admitted Wandy. "It's nice to

have someone who played at that high a level and they're telling the kids the exact same things that you're saying.

"People who know the game talk the same language."

Sixteen juniors and 37 seniors took part in the camp, from Aug. 21 to 24 at MCS.

"The first three days were skills and then we did some game-oriented stuff on the last day," Wandy explained. "In total, the kids got 12 hours of instruction and then the last day we reviewed and recapped and did some game stuff."

Players and parents enjoyed the camp where the payoffs for the kids seemed almost instantaneous.

"We got lots of compliments from the kids and the parents are really, really happy with how it went," Wandy added. "The first couple of sessions, we can see the changes when they're warming up from the first day to the last."

Challenging the youngsters to try new fundamentals is part of the reason for the camp's success.

"The junior kids weren't going to do any blocking drills but then it was decided they'd do some blocking and some diving, and it was obvious they didn't know exactly what to do," said Wandy. "It didn't take long and they were diving and picking things up.

"You could see the growth from day 1 to day 4, that's for sure."

Parkland midget AA Lions host ID camp

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While a few sessions can show a coach something, Kirkwood has plenty of work in front of her.

"I think we have enough girls with the right talents — we just have to fit them into a role," she added. "Figuring out those roles is one of the challenges."

"It's probably going to be similar to last year's team, with some things we'll need to improve upon."

Evaluating midget players is quite a bit different then with younger peeewe players.

"Going down to peeewe for a season taught me a lot, because the players were still growing into

their skill levels," said Kirkwood, whose father Kevin will help coach the Lions. "With these girls, the majority of the skillsets are already there, it's just tweaking what they need to improve on."

Players on the Parkland team come from a number of centres.

"We've got players from Churchbridge, Yorkton, Grenfell, Kamsack and Melville and area," Kirkwood advised. "From Melville we have Shaelyn Myers, from Neudorf we have Brooklyn Litzenberger and we also have Mathea Sandercock who is from Abernethy and played for the Lions last season.

"We're from pretty much all

over the place."

The team is still a long way from getting into game situations, as the South Saskatchewan Female Hockey League holds its scheduling meeting in mid-September, but there are a few things the coach wants to impart to her players as soon as possible.

"I want to establish a team atmosphere and it's important that we're a respectful team to our opponents and each other as well as officials," Kirkwood said. "We want to be a well-rounded team. One of the first conversations with the girls will be asking them what they all think they can contribute to the team."

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Bylaw ticket against landowner for illegal road work annulled

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

Area landowner Lawrence Schmidt will not have to pay the RM of Cana \$7,500 in damages after a judge determined the RM administrator had no authority to issue a bylaw ticket.

Judge Patrick Koskie annulled the ticket in Melville provincial court recently, saying RM of Cana administrator Donna Westerhaug was not an appointed bylaw officer and had no power to write an offence ticket against Schmidt.

“The reality is, it’s not issued by someone that has the power to issue it, so I have no jurisdiction with respect to it,” Koskie said, noting Schmidt essentially escaped on a technicality.

However, Koskie stated Schmidt could face substantial fines in the future for similar actions if the rural municipality hires a bylaw officer to issue official bylaw tickets.

The bylaw infraction occurred on June 6, 2016, when Schmidt destroyed or altered an RM road without lawful authority, said Koskie. In a trial in June 2017, the evidence was uncontroverted: Schmidt admitted to moving brush from the road allowance and placing rocks near the road.

Whether the rocks came from Schmidt’s land or the road itself is irrelevant, Koskie continued. Schmidt still contravened section 214 (3) of the Highway Traffic Safety Act (TSA), which states a road is a public highway in a municipality.

Specifically, said Koskie, the TSA states no one shall alter or cut a road without written permission from the municipal council; no one shall remove

vegetation without written permission; and any person contravening this is guilty of an offence and is liable to pay between \$4,000 and \$10,000 in penalties.

“It is clear he had several encounters with the RM on similar issues,” said Koskie. The RM of Cana believes this unpermitted work had to stop.

“He admitted he did it, which is a clear violation of the bylaw,” the judge continued. “The pictures show the work done by him.

“(But) there is one remaining issue: is this charge properly before the court?”

The defence argued the charge should be annulled and Koskie had no jurisdiction to deal with it, due to a lack of compliance with the Summary Offences Procedure Act (SOPA).

A designated officer — not a peace or bylaw officer — issued the summons.

The prosecution, conversely, argued a designated officer could issue a bylaw ticket and perform the same duties as a bylaw officer.

Koskie noted SOPA gives a designated officer significant authority to rectify problems, but does not give such a person the power of a peace officer.

“There is no evidence the council has appointed the designated officer to be your bylaw officer,” he continued. “As a result, the charge before the court is not properly issued by a peace officer as required under the Summary Offences Procedure Act.

“Accordingly, I find the charge annulity.”

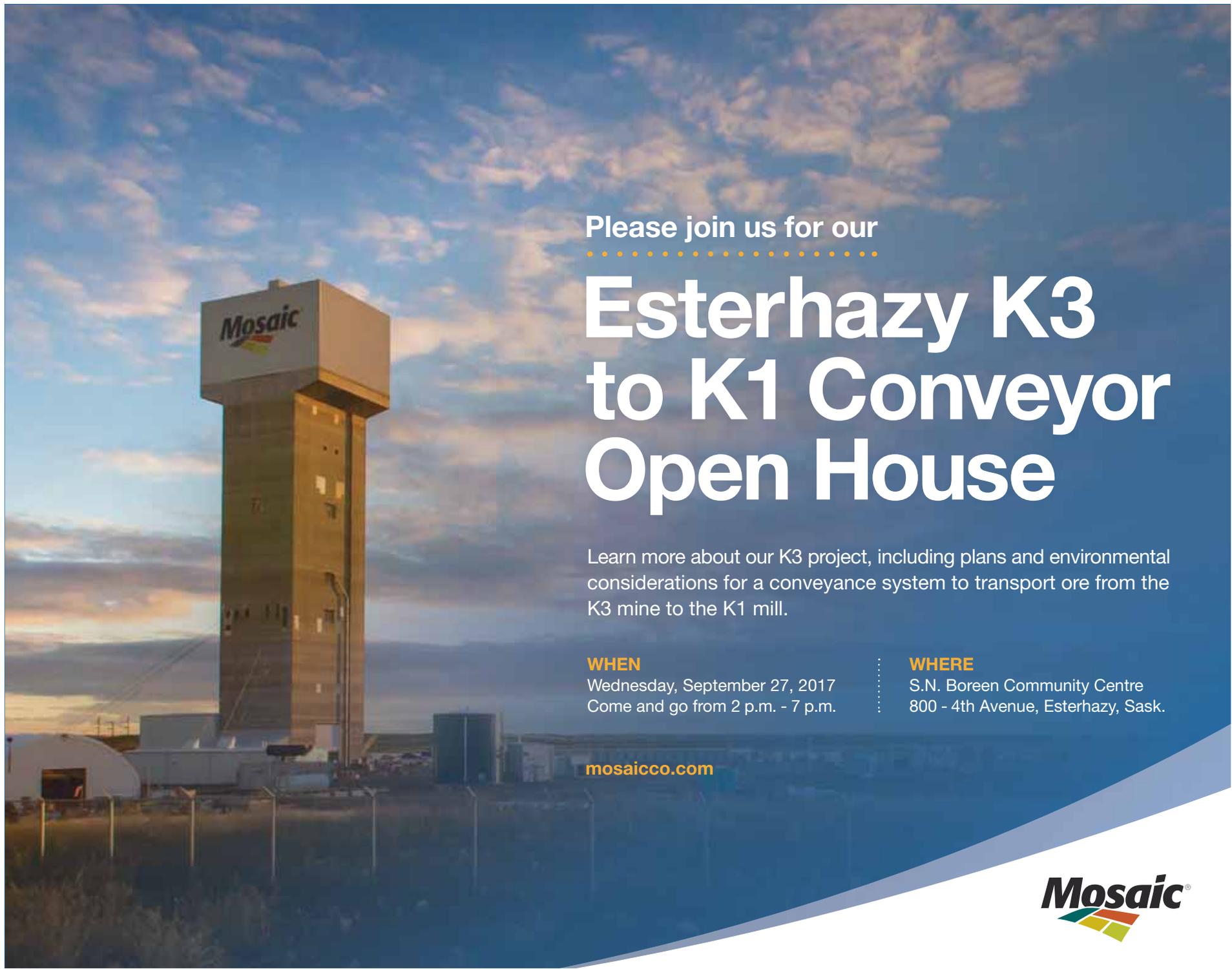
Koskie added the RM of Cana has remedies to similar situations under the provisions of the designated officer and the powers such a person has.



It wasn't on wheels, but this obstacle race at Al Benesocky's Filthy Redneck Country Club on the weekend pitted the girls against one another.



Emily Yanish, Deanna Lamb and Jon Lamb were busy dishing up burgers and hotdogs at the Prairie Co-op grocery store to raise funds for Melville Minor Football on Aug. 25. All the work paid off as the group raised roughly \$500 for the football program.



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