

## Town being inundated by break-ins and thefts

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There have been several incidents of stolen vehicles and ATV's in and around the town of Whitewood and break-ins and thefts at businesses.

Besides two businesses broken into on main street, there was also a break-in at Whitewood Livestock and at the Town of Whitewood public works shop on Aug. 28.

"They broke into the main shop, fuel shed, and loader barn," town foreman Al Stevenson reported at the Sept. 5 meeting of council.

"Approximately \$10,000 worth of tools were stolen — chainsaws, cement saws, new weed trimmers, new stand up air compressor, half-inch Milwaukee cordless impacts, drills, socket sets, pipe wrenches, etc," Stevenson listed.

"The trucks and equipment were left alone and everything was locked."

Chief Administrative Officer Sharon Rodgers confirmed that the deductible for the town's insurance is \$5,000.

Two companies were invited to provide pricing for surveillance cameras to the Town of Whitewood at the last regular meeting. The members of council questioned the two delegates who were invited to attend to make separate presentations.

"Survey Shop is a large company with a small company fee," their representative stated. He provided information of cameras, their feedback, feasibility and storage capacity.

Brent Schaan of Whitewood, the other invited delegate, also made a presentation on his suggested system for surveillance and answered questions from council regarding camera surveillance and costs.

Several ideas and opinions were discussed including placement, viability with areas such as the arena and town shop area needing surveillance and whether this would be a deterrent to thieves.

No decision was made at this meeting about the security devices being installed.

Members of council, as well as the town foreman, voiced concerns about the response from the RCMP who are paid to provide policing to the community.

While some of the issues involving security and thefts is the fault of the owners or individuals who are not being responsible with things such as locking vehicles, the number of incidents in the last while is a concern so council decided to invite the Broadview RCMP to attend a meeting to discuss some issues when they are available.



**Smashed**  
This Dodge Charger was one of the vehicles stolen from Whitewood recently and was located with all the windows smashed and severe damage done to the body of the vehicle. It is expected to be written off.

## Health authority board given amalgamation update

By Michelle Nicholson  
Special to Grasslands News

As the transition to one provincial health authority moves forward, the CEO of Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, Keith Dewar, provided the board an update at their Sept. 6 meeting.

Work on the new

"board organizational structure" continues, Dewar informed directors and that the deputy minister of Health expects all health authority leaders would remain focused on their daily work.

Dewar said he understands the board is concerned for those employees who may find

themselves without employment when the transition to one authority is complete.

His contract with RQHR expires Oct. 28 and he contends some negotiating would have to happen at that point if he is to be kept on.

Board member Sean Quinlan queried about health authority finances, as the government has allocated six months of funding for the health region. Dewar told the board he believes if required, the government will move money around to ensure RQHR service to the public continues.

"We don't have to worry that there won't be funds there for us," said Dewar. The board managed a housekeeping item, approving a motion to sign an annual bank document renewal to ensure a \$31 million line of credit was available to RQHR.

The Saskatchewan

Health Authority board was to be up and running for the fall, but Dewar said it might be closer to December.

"(It) gives them some leeway and flexibility," he told the board.

The transition team working on the amalga-

for people to know what the answer is early in the process but you also need the time for the folks that make the decisions to make informed decisions."

Dewar pointed out the amalgamation transition team has achieved two

chosen systems.

Robbie Peters, chief financial officer, has been seconded from RQHR to the transition team to help lead the work to find a financial system and "they are making some progress on determining how they're going to manage in the interim until they actually put a single, provincial ERP-type (Enterprise Resource Program) system or systems in place."

On Aug. 23, Scott Livingstone was announced as CEO of the new Saskatchewan Health Authority. In a message posted online, Livingstone stated: "Transition planning is focused on critical administrative activities that must be in place — things like making sure employees get paid without any issues, and that everyone across the system knows what their responsibilities are and who they report to on day one."



**Smashed**  
Board member Linda Jijian sits next to RQHR CEO Keith Dewar, with board member Sean Quinlan in the foreground, at the Sept. 6 RQHRA board meeting.

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**"Anytime you take a system and change the structure, there's a lot of complexity in that."**

Keith Dewar, RQHR CEO

mation has requested information and feedback from RQHR staff and the RQHRA board on several occasions, including information on governance, fiscal challenges and delivery of services.

"Anytime you take a system and change the structure, there's a lot of complexity in that," Dewar said in a post-meeting interview. "You have both the desire

milestones: selecting the board, and selecting a CEO.

Common IT systems for employee pay, accounting, administration and clinical services -- to name a few — have not been chosen.

"There's a whole lot of systems and it's pretty complex as well," explained Dewar and that E-health has an overarching supervisory role on

# Liability concerns about handivan bookings arise

## Nursing home asks town to take over responsibility of bookings for minibus

By Elaine Ashfield  
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Whitewood town council is still dealing with the decision as to who will take bookings for the handivan, sometimes called the mini-bus.

For the past several years, the bookings have been taken by staff at the Whitewood and District Community Health Centre for anyone who wished to use the handivan. On Aug. 10, the Town of Whitewood received a letter requesting that the Town of Whitewood accept the role and responsibility of the bookings for the Whitewood Town Minibus effective immediately.



**“This is an important service in our community. We will continue to work towards a solution for the bookings.”**

Mayor Doug Armstrong

Concerns that the drivers of the minibus are not approved RQHR volunteers who have undergone the necessary requirements to provide a volunteer service within RQHR poses many liability challenges for their organization as well as limited administrative support that is available at the

Whitewood Community Health Centre leaves them unable to provide this service any longer.

Town council invited members from the transportation committee who oversee the handivan to the Sept. 5 council meeting to discuss operations and a possible solution for someone to take the bookings.

“Thy (community centre staff) have done an excellent job in providing service for the minibus,” transportation committee member Dexter Samida told council. “They also have some knowledge of some of the clients.”

“The minibus is a volunteer service that charges \$3 for a return trip which can be several stops. The town has provided the facilities as well for storing the mini bus so all together this provides a reasonable partnership to provide this great service.

“The transportation committee’s concern is that as volunteers, we don’t want to put our volunteers into any situation of liability. It’s possible that it’s the organization that the nursing home staff works under that has concerns. What exactly is the liability issue?” Samida continued.

“If the town has to dispatch the minibus, does the committee have the capability to do this or are they maxed out?” Mayor Doug Armstrong asked.

“Most of our volunteers don’t want

a full-time job and are retired volunteers,” Samida responded.

Martin Davenport and Donna Smeets also attended the council meeting.

“At present, I look after the drivers’ schedule, and the nursing home books the trips in each week’s schedule. Dexter Samida looks after the billing and the government paperwork and Donna Smeets looks after recruiting drivers.” Davenport stated.

“Our drivers are a good group of people and drivers are not easy to find,” Smeets added.

When asked how many riders approximately use the minibus, it was noted that the number of riders is down from what they have been but bookings get busier in the winter.

“There is always variance in numbers due to changes in people’s health,” Davenport stated.

“This is an important service in our community,” Mayor Armstrong commented. “We will continue to work towards a solution for the bookings.”

The mayor thanked the transportation committee members for their input and for attending the meeting.

A decision was made that a meeting would have to be held with the Whitewood Community Health Centre.

Chief Administrative Officer Sharon Rodgers confirmed with the Herald Sun following the meeting that the minibus drivers are all covered under SGI policy for the Town of Whitewood and that a Class 5 licence is all that is required of the drivers.



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### Beautiful donation

Karen Linnell (far left) and Alison Zazula (far right) from the Horizon Credit Union in Grenfell presented members of the town’s Beautification Committee with a contribution on Sept. 6. The credit union matched donations from the annual Member Appreciation Barbecue in June and gave a cheque for \$1,425.50 to committee members Val Traub, Colin Traub, and Carol Spiedelsbach. The Beautification Committee needs about \$3,000 annually for flowers, fertilizer, water, and other expenses.

## Carli’s story of hope against cancer

Submitted

The Terry Fox Run will take place on Sunday, Sept. 17 in nearly 60 communities across Saskatchewan (Sept. 15 in Whitewood). This is a special day for those involved as many participants take part to honour loved ones who have battled cancer and strive to make a difference themselves. Some participants are patients or survivors themselves who embody the progress Terry hoped to see. They are proud members of our red-shirted brigade known as Terry’s Team.

We are touched by the overwhelming number of people who have experienced cancer and who are willing and eager to wear our special red shirt. We are proud that they are a symbol of how many people are surviving cancer today because of research dollars raised. We are touched by these people who proudly participate at The Terry Fox Run as a cancer survivor, or those who are at any stage of treatment may become a Terry’s Team Member.

Carli Davidson, 26, of Regina was diagnosed with cancer on May 5, 2016. She was devastated when diagnosed.

“No string of words of adjectives can describe how it felt to be given



Carli Davidson

that news...and especially being young I had a sense of invincibility. Worrying about cancer seems a lifetime away when you are 25, nothing can prepare you...”

Davidson is humbled by the faith and love from those around her, who helped her through it. Some of the most difficult times for her were wondering what lay ahead for her and dealing with her feelings. “I was surprised that one of the most difficult emotions to face was guilt. It’s horrible to see your family struggle on account of your diagnosis.”

Both Davidson and her dad are cancer sur-

vivors and she says, “watching loved ones suffer helplessly” is grim.

The good news is that because of cancer research, is Davidson is cancer free and she will continue with yearly checkups for the next five years. She shares with us why she is committed to being a Terry’s Team Member and participating at the Terry Fox Run.

“If there’s a positive to what I went through, it really made me appreciate the ordinary moments. I really believe in Terry’s Team because it celebrates every moment that cancer hasn’t taken away from people. I am so grateful that I am able to share my story and that may have not been possible without cancer research and treatment.”

“I can relate with Terry — seeing patients in the hospital still fighting makes me want to be part of the Marathon on Hope, it makes me want to make a difference and empower people to continue. I’m living proof that research works!”

Carli Davidson is a true inspiration to us at The Terry Fox Foundation, if you are a cancer survivor or patient and want to participate at The Terry Fox Run, call 306-757-1662, or go online at terryfox.org.

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### Pancake cooks

Joyce Reeve and Deb Kenny were among the staff from Grenfell High School and Grenfell Elementary School who helped out at the annual pancake breakfast on Sept. 8. Sakimay First Nation Band Office donated and cooked the sausages.



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Langdon Dolman enjoyed pancakes with his grandma at Grenfell High School last Friday morning. For at least 15 years, families in Grenfell have enjoyed this Back-to-School tradition. The event was well attended and \$300 was raised for the schools' nutrition programs.

### Grenfell council notes

# Grenfell's 'best kept secret' is hard to find

By Sarah Pacio  
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Grenfell town council held its regular meeting on Sept. 7. It began with a formal proclamation by Mayor Rod Wolfe that September will be recognized as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This was done in response to correspondence received at an August council meeting.

After approving the minutes from the previous meeting, the group heard reports from councillors.

#### Hard to find Grenfell's "best kept secret"

Coun. Constance MacKenzie informed council that several visitors had difficulty finding the campground over the summer. When driving south on Highway 47, drivers frequently turned at Saskatchewan Avenue instead of Front Avenue. Coun. MacKenzie recommended that a sign be placed at Anderson Street so that drivers would know where

to turn.

Mayor Rod Wolfe said the campground has been called "Grenfell's best kept secret" and suggested council look into putting better signage along the highways as well.

#### Complaints of overgrown hedges

MacKenzie relayed complaints that overgrown hedges make sidewalks impassable in several places around town. It was explained that property owners are responsible for trimming these hedges. Concerned residents are encouraged to submit written complaints to the Grenfell Town Office, detailing the offending addresses. The office will in turn send letters to the property owners requesting that they trim the hedges by a certain date. If the owners fail to comply, the town will hire a contractor to do the work and bill the property owners.

#### Repairs at Pioneer Home continue

The council meeting continued with a discussion about renovations and admissions at Grenfell Pioneer Home. Coun. Tyler Thomlinson noted that it is good to see the roof being repaired. Mayor Wolfe agreed, adding that he is in weekly contact with Jackie Hickey, the new manager at the home. There are currently three rooms vacant at the Pioneer Home, but Ms. Hickey informed the mayor that RQHR prefers not to fill them until a fourth room is renovated. Mayor Wolfe said he advised her, "If we can't get renovations done by the time snow flies, let's get these rooms filled."

#### Columbarium purchase approved

Following reports by individual council members, reports were also accepted from standing committees. The committees recommended that council authorize administration to make arrangements to purchase and install a 48-niche columbarium from Nelson Granite for the Grenfell Cemetery. The rec-

ommendation was unanimously approved.

#### Bylaws amended

Several bylaws were presented at the meeting. A Fire Prevention Bylaw and a Dog Licensing Bylaw were read by Mayor Wolfe and adopted by council. These had received minor revisions, which will permit fees and charges to be changed without requiring any further change to the bylaws.

#### Smoking restrictions approved

A new bylaw was read, which will prohibit smoking within three metres from any entrance to town buildings. Coun. Ken Hamnett noted that it may be difficult to enforce the bylaw but hopefully advertising when it comes into effect should help. Thomlinson added that ashtrays should be moved away from entrances to encourage compliance. A final bylaw was read which amended the current zoning bylaw. This will bring Richardson Pioneer's existing site and proposed development into compliance.

Before going in camera, town council dealt with one more important issue: the need for a new transit bus. Earlier this year, a \$10,000 donation was received for a new bus. It will take a few months to build the new vehicle, so council moved to use the money now as a down payment to get the project started.



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## How will you buy pot?

It won't be long before you will be able to walk into a store and buy pot — better known as cannabis or marijuana. That is if you are of the legal age, which is still to be determined in Saskatchewan.

The federal government introduced legislation that will make non-medical cannabis legal in Canada by July 2018. The regulations for medical cannabis will not change.

The Government of Saskatchewan wants to know what residents feel would be the best way to merchandise this product — I'm not sure what to call it — this drug or this tobacco or what? So the government has developed a survey for you and me to fill out. After scanning through the survey, realization sets in. Yup, next summer there may be a legal joint shop set up on the main business street in your centre.

The government wants your opinion so they can protect public health, which includes keeping cannabis out of the hands of children and youths, and to undermine the illegal market.

How do you want cannabis sold — in a pharmacy, government-run retailers such as liquor boards, retail stores, online? What should be the legal age and should minors be allowed in premises that may be opened up to sell marijuana? How much cannabis can a person purchase and once the person has acquired the cannabis, where can they use it — in public spaces, ve-

hicles, work places, and the list could go on and on?

A store for online medical cannabis was located in Whitewood for a couple of years. The owner/operator is now awaiting trial and reports he will be going to jail soon following the raid and arrest for his alleged illegal sales plus many other charges. People say it split the community. What is about to happen when the stores that sell recreational marijuana are allowed?

There will still be a black market for a while. Closet tokers are not going to just march through the doors and proclaim they are users. There will still be a black market for the underage users of cannabis. And my bet is that there will be an increase in the number of underage users once the product becomes more readily available.

There are restrictions on the promotion of cannabis that would appeal to youths or are misleading to people, but until we know why the use of cannabis is now considered to be saleable when a year ago it was illegal, I am sure I'm not the only person who is left wondering what is mis-

leading? What makes this product all of a sudden acceptable for sale or home growth? If there is even the slightest of chances that it will lead to addiction, increased number of deaths or a strain on our health system that is already struggling, how are we about to control and monitor this?

Here's your chance to voice your opinion on cannabis. The survey is available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/cannabis](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/cannabis).

It's here people — it will be for sale in stores soon. Now all that is left is for provincial and local governments to control the impaired driving, the age limit, the education, the taxation, the home cultivation, the wholesale business and the public's consumption of the product.

There's lots for you to think about as a citizen in a country that has legalized cannabis and starting now, there is a whole lot that has to be dealt with by civic and provincial authorities.

The government wants your opinion and I am also interested in the general opinion of the public in our communities also.

By Elaine Ashfield,  
Grasslands News

## Grenfell residents now getting second-class care

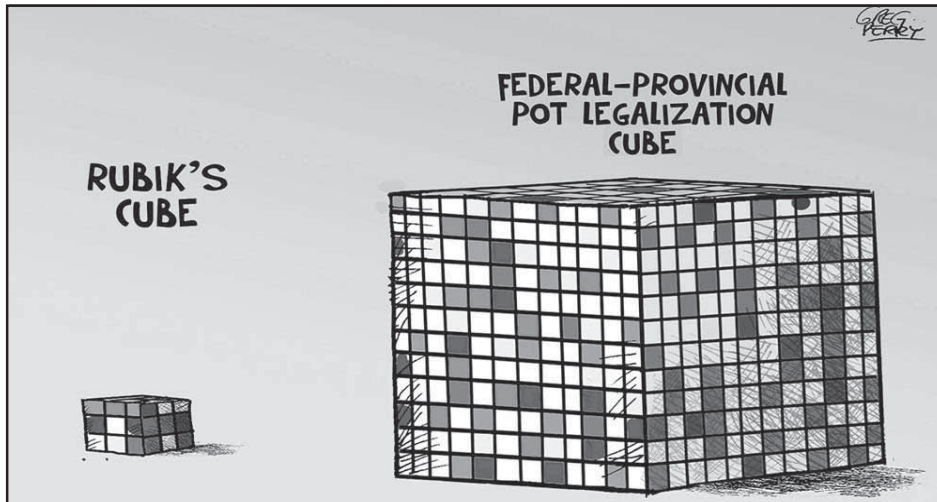
Dear Editor:

I could not agree more with Colin Traub's letter in the Sept. 8 edition lamenting the loss of local primary care at the clinic with the loss of Dr. Pebane.

It is indeed disgraceful that something as simple as a cut requiring stitches, or as painful as a fracture must now be attended to with what could be an expensive ambulance ride. Of course the health region will waive the ambulance fees for anyone transported in these circumstances. Or perhaps not.

More seriously, our community has lost the primary means of managing front-line patient care. Not in any way to slight the hard-working nurse practitioners, but there are many of us here with complex, on-going medical issues that need to be managed by an experienced physician. I am one such. We are paying the same taxes as every other resident of this province and getting second-class health care in return.

Allan Carr,  
Grenfell



## Leadership process needs TV debate

Many view this as a bizarre way to select our next premier.

At issue is the replacement of Premier Brad Wall through the Saskatchewan Party leadership process that will end with the results of a preferential, mail-in ballot disclosed at a Jan. 27 convention in Saskatoon.

What seems to annoy many non-party members the most is that the premier for the next three years will be determined only by Sask. Party members.

While this certainly contrasts with the American system, let us recognize that our parliamentary system of government is different and the U.S. presidential vote has its own flaws.

As they say, no democratic system is perfect, but it's better than the alternatives.

As for the specific methodology the Sask. Party has chosen to select the next premier, it does afford a province-wide selection of people to make the choice. That would seem more democratic than either the old Canadian delegate leadership convention or the British system whereby the leader is chosen by MPs.

Moreover, let us recognize that in our particular parliamentary system, the premier's seat is just one seat in our assembly. That means only one out of every 61 voters gets a chance the premier to vote or not vote for the premier, anyway.

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If we deem it fair in that only party members get to choose the leader, it is also only fair that the rest of us are entitled to all the factual and relevant information that is available. Getting that information free of spin from vested interests is also critical to Sask. Party members making a more informed decision.

And the problem with a party-members-only vote is that the limited numbers of those eligible to vote are that much more susceptible to rumour, spin and innuendo. It can be unfair to everyone — including the candidates.

For example, leadership hopeful Scott Moe recently found it necessary to address a grid road accident 20 years ago that claimed a life. Moe was at fault, and was charged with a traffic moving violation but not a Criminal Code violation.

However, what may be most intriguing is that it was brought to the media's attention now as Moe seeks the leadership. Moe said he doesn't know where the story originated but insisted he never made any attempt to hide the accident.

Of course, there is

nothing wrong with media reporting on such a matter. Even if it was an accident two decades ago when he was 23 years old, Sask. Party voters and others have a right to know about it and make their own judgments.

That it would anonymously emerge now suspiciously raises the possibility that someone with vested interests in another leadership camp wanted it out there to sway Sask. Party voters.

Of course, some might suggest that's just what happens in the sometimes-not-so-nice world of politics. But we are choosing a premier, so maybe we need more clarity.

Since nothing disinfects like sunshine, we should have a province-wide televised debate so everyone gets to see whom they think may make the best premier based on their policies and presentations. It would allow Moe and the other candidates in a forum to directly debate policies and address issues whatever issues they so choose.

Yes, the party says it will hold four to six regional debates, but given that nominations don't close until late November and given that there will be Christmas and part of a fall sitting before the January vote, such debates might not happen or might not get much attention.

We may not all get to vote, but should all get to see and hear what our next premier has to say.

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# New minister at Trinity Presbyterian Church

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After two years of prayerful search, the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Grenfell now has a new minister.

Rev. Euisuk (Isaac) Lee was inducted at the church Sept. 8. About 60 people attended the service and four guest ministers from the Presbytery of Assiniboia participated: Rev. Amanda Currie, Rev. Devon Pattemore, Rev. Jay Song, and Rev. Bob Wilson. Dave Schappert served as the moderator and Jo Szostak, clerk for the Presbytery of Assiniboia, assisted with the formalities.

Rev. Lee grew up in South Korea and has been a Christian for as long as he can remember. "My parents are faithful Christians so I naturally became a Christian," he said in an interview with the Herald Sun. "I loved to go to church when I was very young."

He first felt God's calling to the ministry when he was in Grade 8, but didn't fully accept that calling until Grade 12.

He began university at age 18 and spent four years at Yonsei University in South Korea, earning a bachelor of arts degree in theology. Then he studied at Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in South Korea for three more years, earning his

master's of divinity, and for another two years, earning his master's of theology.

Rev. Lee and his wife, Esther, met in 2001 while serving on a mission outreach team to Kazakhstan. They were married two years later. Rev. Lee was ordained by the Presbyterian Church in Korea in 2007 and served as associate minister in Moohak Presbyterian Church.

In January 2013, Rev. Lee moved to Toronto to study at Canada Christian College. After completing his studies there, Rev. Lee planned to return to Korea, as most other Korean theology students do. However, while he was in Toronto, he attended Thornhill Presbyterian Church and experienced a major turning point.

"I met faithful ministers, good elders and members," Rev. Lee said. "They have been praying for me, and encouraged me, and supported me for ministering here in Canada. Finally I decided to stay here."

The elders at the church continued to support him, helping him improve his English skills and teaching him about Canadian culture. While living in Toronto, Rev. Lee completed the necessary courses at Knox College and was licensed by the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

In April 2017, Rev. Lee responded to an invitation from Trinity Presbyterian Church to come for summer ministry. He moved to Grenfell with his wife and their children, Ashley (Grade 8) and Samuel (Grade 5).

After a busy summer leading worship services at the church, running

a Vacation Bible School and visiting residents around town, Rev. Lee and his family have decided to stay in Grenfell. The minister grew up in a small town and says he loves the atmosphere. He is looking forward to becoming a true member of the community.

"I feel like back to my hometown," he said. "It's my second home."



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## New minister

Moderator Dave Schappert applauds during the induction service for Rev. Euisuk (Isaac) Lee at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Grenfell last Sept. 8.

# Rural people are just plain interesting

As a journalist, I get to meet some pretty interesting folks.

My favourite people are almost always found on farms, or in small towns.

Driving out to Grenfell recently I knew I was destined to meet another favourite person.

Monica Larson is an upholsterer. This Grenfell-born gal returned to her hometown in 2008 to try her hand at turning her love of all things textile-related into a full-time career. The Kootenay School of the Arts graduate spent three years studying textiles and fabrics in Nelson, B.C. before opening Rural Home Upholstery & Design in Grenfell.

Her formal training allows her to visualize a work of art in what others might consider a disheveled piece of furniture destined for the dump, while her rural upbringing allows her to see beauty in old chairs, tables and truck seats.

"There is such an abundance of throw-away furniture because it's so easily accessible and inexpensive, but that furniture is often made from inferior wood, like particle board, and is cheaply made so it's not going to stand the test of time and you will be replacing it in two to five years."

Larson prefers to restore solid furniture pieces that have stood the test of time. Her goal is not only to keep furniture out of the landfill, but to create something for her clients that is full of memories.

"I consider myself a craftsperson and feel a lot of satisfaction and pride in what I do, so being able to use skills that I have developed through a lot of years, blood, sweat, swearing, and tears, and being able to revive an old, run-down, shabby looking piece of furniture makes me feel pretty good," says the upholstery magician.

While Larson learned many upholstery techniques at art school, the learning continues almost daily as she is faced with new pieces of furniture that

challenge her broad base of knowledge.

"Upholstery is an endless learning curve," says the 42-year-old Grenfell business owner. "Every job is different, every chair or tractor seat or ottoman is different which inevitably requires me to figure out how it was sewn, or put on the frame, or finished with some decorative detail."

For Larson, the upholstery process starts long before the new fabric is applied. The first step is dismantling the piece she is working on and removing the padding, which can be anything from cotton batten to horsehair. Next is the re-tying of the springs, which is often the most labourious process and the one that requires the greatest strength.

After that, Larson works on re-padding the pieces and then sewing the fabric together to ready it for the final fitting. Then comes detailing the piece, whether it be with piping, stitching or decorative nail heads.

With her background in textiles, Larson said one of her favourite parts of the process is selecting the fabric and finishes with her clients.

"I love trying to figure out how my client's house is decorated and what they like and giving them suggestions about what I think will work best."

One of her most recent clients, who brought in a decaying truck bench, was leaning toward all-black vinyl when Larson talked him into adding some bright green stitching to match the restored green body of his antique truck.

"He showed me pictures of the outside of his truck and I said he just had to go for the coloured thread to make it pop and to make it interesting," said Larson, explaining that every piece of furniture she works on has a story — one that is always worth telling.

"I love opening up a chair or couch and finding a little toy or coins or hairpins because you can start to see where that piece comes from and what it has been through over the years."

I love meeting interesting folks — ones exactly like Monica Larson.

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# SPORTS

High school football

## Inexperience isn't deterring Bandits from giving it their all

By Darcy Gross  
Grasslands News

Broadview football is gaining in popularity, but the Bandits are having difficulty finding the win column.

"It's been a rebuilding year for us. We had a lot of good players graduate last season and we're trying to fill some holes," explained coach Matt Gesell. "The good thing is we've got about 35 kids coming out for practices.

off the scoreboard for a quarter and a half."

The ball-hawking defence of the Bandits meant the Panthers had to revert to the running game after giving up a couple of turnovers.

"Even with our inexperience, our secondary was still a threat. Our defensive backs and safety were reading the plays well," said Gesell. "We need to work on our spacing."

were all smiling and they were still having a lot of fun.

"I want it to be fun and give more kids the opportunity to play football."

A couple of players to watch in upcoming games are defender Ben Saleski and right tackle Thomas Saganace.

"Ben was our player of the game," Gesell said. "He made a pile of tackles for us and his technique was just awesome.

"Thomas played with a lot of heart and lot of effort. He led the chants on the sidelines, keeping the guys positive — he's just a real leader for us. He's in his fourth season of football and you can really see the difference it makes."

The Bandits faced Esterhazy on Sept. 14 and will visit Melville on Sept. 21 to take on the Cobras.

"John Svenson is a great coach and he's a guy who always puts a quality team on the field," said Gesell, speaking of the Cobras' coach. "It might be a really close game, but I feel like we'll be the underdogs."



"I want it to be fun and give more kids the opportunity to play football."

Coach Matt Gesell

"Our team has definitely grown in numbers, which means our program is getting attention."

The influx of players has created a few other issues for the team.

"We've run into a few problems with not having quite enough equipment," Gesell said. "We're trying to figure out the logistics of having as many players as we do now."

The Broadview Kinsmen Club came to the Bandits' rescue recently, donating \$2,000 to the team, to be used for the extra equipment they require.

"They also put out a challenge to other communities and other Kinsmen group to help the teams," said Gesell.

In their opening game of the new campaign, the Foam Lake Panthers blanked the Bandits 38-0.

"We knew coming in that they'd have a good team," Gesell admitted. "Last year was their rebuilding year and this year is ours. Our inexperience really showed."

The time spent on the practice field rarely translates to perfect play when it's time to play the games.

"We had a lot of practices but when it comes to reading and reacting and playing a game, that's a whole different thing," Gesell said. "Before we could blink, Foam Lake was up 18-0. Then our defence settled in and we held them

Having a young team with a large group of Grade 10s and a handful of Grade 12s has kept it interesting.

"Even though we lost 38-0, there were multiple times when we were knocking on the red-zone door and a catch or two would have gotten us a touchdown," added Gesell, pleased with his players' response following the loss. "When the game was over, the kids



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### Bandits' season begins

The Broadview Bandits are hosting Esterhazy for their first home game of the season on Sept. 14. Despite suffering a 38-0 loss in Foam Lake, the team isn't letting it deter them from giving it their all on the field.

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# Canada's Denis Shapovalov wows the tennis world

Canada has a new sports star with a name that looks like a combination of French and Russian.

Denis Shapovalov burst onto the professional tennis scene like a bolt of lightning, wowing the tennis world in August with an upset victory over world number 1 Rafael Nadal in Montreal's Rogers Cup, going on to lose in the semifinal, and then becoming the youngest player in almost 30 years to reach the fourth round at the U.S. Open in New York in September. He lost in the round of 16, but he won thousands of fans on both sides of the border.

Shapovalov is only 18, with long shaggy blond hair that flows out from around his Nike baseball cap, worn backwards, to give at first glance the impression that he's an Avril Lavigne Sk8er Boi. He joins Milos Raonic and Eugenie Bouchard atop the list of Canadian tennis stars to watch. Retired tennis great Mats Wilander gave the highest praise to Shapovalov, calling his talent a combination of Federer and Nadal.

Former U.S. great Brad Gilbert says the sky's the limit for Shapovalov, saying he could potentially be the number 1 player in the world. The master of nicknames, Gilbert calls the Canadian star "Shapshot" — merging part of the youngster's name with a takeoff on one of the most famous hockey movies. How Canadian, eh? The kid, however, prefers Shapo.

But who is Denis Shapovalov and what's his backstory?

The tennis world just didn't pop open a can of yellow balls, crack one open and see Shapovalov roll out. He has worked his way up, reaching new mountains ever since he was 13. At 16, he won the Wimbledon junior singles and teamed with Felix Auger-Aliassime to win the U.S. open junior doubles. The tennis world knew all about Shapovalov long before Sammy Sports Fan in Canada started to pay attention.

Shapovalov was born in Israel but moved to Canada with his parents when he was one year old. His mother, Tessa, who runs a tennis club in Vaughn, Ont., remains one of his co-coaches.

He might not have McDavid or Bautista name recognition quite yet, but he's gaining. People are stopping him in airports, seeking autographs, and

## Sports Talk

by Bruce Penton

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he'll undoubtedly have votes cast in his favour when Canadian sports reporters determine our country's outstanding athlete of the year.

After starting the year ranked 250th in the world (he was 1,162 at the end of the previous year), Shapovalov has risen to the top 70. He's heading toward the top — with a bullet, just like his serve.

• **Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg:** "The Detroit Lions have signed QB Matt Stafford to a \$135 million deal. Which is pretty amazing considering Stafford has won just as many playoff games as Kendall Jenner."

• **Greg Cote of the Miami Herald:** "Serena Williams had a baby girl, launching a million 'GOAT has kid' references on social media, with each user thinking he dreamed up the phrase."

• **Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel:** "Everybody I talk to keeps saying that if Blake Bortles struggles again this season, he will be done as the quarterback of the Jacksonville Jaguars. In other words, I guess you could say that this is a Make-or-Blake season."

• **Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.):** "Miami signed Jay Cutler. Apparently ownership was impressed by all the passes he completed to Dolphin cornerbacks when he played for Chicago."

• **Brad Dickson of the Omaha World-Herald:** "There are allegations the Red Sox cheated in a game against the Yankees. So this is how World War III will begin."

• **Comedy writer Jim Barach:** "LaVar Ball will play a role in the video game 'NBA2K18.' Apparently he will be the guy running up and down the sidelines trying to sell everyone some overpriced shoes."

• **Another one from Barach:** "The Red Sox are

expected to get a slap on the wrist over stealing signs using an Apple Watch. The part that hurt was when Bill Belichick gave them only a '3' for originality."

• **RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com:** "Arland Bruce III has asked the Canadian Supreme Court to allow his concussion suit against the CFL. Trying to get money from the CFL? The guy really does need his head examined."

• **Jimmy Fallon of NBC's The Tonight Show:** "The New York Jets are 1,000-to-1 longshots to win the Super Bowl. That means if you bet just one dollar... you will lose just one dollar."

• **Alex Kaseberg again:** "Did you see Roger Goodell get booed at New England? Michael Vick got a better reception at the Westminster Dog Show."

• **Headline at TheKicker.com:** "Bills fans doing two-a-day drinking sessions to prepare for season."

Brad Dickson again, after a man was arrested on suspicion of running a cockfighting operation: "You might be a redneck if ... you bought season tickets."

## Hunters asked to take extra precautions to prevent fires

Submitted

As the fall weather moves in, record-breaking dry conditions are developing in several areas across the province, increasing the potential risk of fires starting from vehicle use.

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) and the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) request hunters take extra precautions this hunting season due to dry conditions.

"These precautions include carrying a fire extinguisher in your vehicle, talking to landowners before going on land, avoiding unnecessary vehicle idling, walking when possible, and staying on existing trails," said Chad MacPherson, general manager for the SSGA.

Darrell Crabbe, executive director for the SWF says it's also the time to remind hunters about the importance of getting landowner permission before hunting on their property.

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# Communities receive share of gas taxes

*Whitewood, Grenfell and Broadview all to benefit*

By Elaine Ashfield  
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Money from the federal government that flows through the provincial government to communities is now being distributed.

The agreement provides a joint framework for transferring gas tax funding from Canada to Saskatchewan for administration and for allocation to municipalities. Participating Saskatchewan municipalities are eligible to receive semi-annual per capita basis, payments under the program. The payments are based on a per capita basis and are to be used for municipal infrastructure and capacity building projects.

The first installments are being transferred to communities and municipalities in Saskatchewan at a



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## Roof repairs

Essential repairs have begun on the roof of the Grenfell Pioneer Home. The roof will be fully replaced over the next two to three weeks.

rate of \$59.60 per capita.

"We've received notice that the 1st installment of \$28,310.00 will be transferred to the town," Chief Administrative Officer, Sharon Rogers, reported at the Sept. 5 council meeting.

This is a per capita payment based on a population of 950. The yearly total in funds to be received is \$56,620.00.

Broadview will receive \$34,210.40 for its population of 574 while Grenfell's population of 1,049 will result in a \$62,520.40 total payment.

Wapella, (333 people) receives \$19,846.80; Moosomin (2,485 people) receives \$148,106; and Esterhazy receives \$147,331.20 for its population of 2,472. Kipling shows a population of 1,051 for \$62,639.60.

Also being transferred

is uncommitted funding from legacy federal infrastructure programs, as announced in the 2016 federal budget.

Whitewood will receive \$1,140; Broadview; \$688; Grenfell, \$1,258.80; Wapella, \$399.60; Moosomin, \$2,982; Esterhazy, \$2,966.40; and Kipling, \$1,261.20.

"The Government of Canada is proud to deliver a predictable, long-term funding program that helps build sustainable communities, encourage economic opportunities and middle-class job creation, and improve Canadians' overall quality of life," MP Ralph Goodale said on behalf of the minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

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# 24-unit columbarium to be put in cemetery

By Elaine Ashfield  
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At the Sept. 5 meeting, it was reported that 11 or 12 people had responded from the notices that were posted on billboards in the community.

"This shows an interest in the community; people are asking questions," Mayor Doug Armstrong stated. "What's our next step? Do we have a meeting; set up a committee. What are your wishes council?"

"This is a cost-recovery project that is needed. People will use it," Coun. Brian Stevenson commented.

To fund the initial acquisition of the columbarium, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sharon Rodgers reported that the town's Capital Trust Fund has \$11,000 surplus that could be used for this.

A round table discussion followed where questions such as design, location and the viewing of a pamphlet from a supplier of columbariums was mentioned.

It was council's consensus that there was no sense in calling a public meeting as it would be too difficult for a large group of people to come to a consensus so it was best to have council han-

dle the decisions.

Coun. Brian Stevenson made a motion to purchase a 24-unit columbarium from Nelson Granite at \$7,200 plus applicable costs, and that the money be transferred from the Capital Trust Fund. Coun. Chad Kelly seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

"The columbarium has been ordered," Rodgers told the Herald Sun this week. The expected time frame is approximately 30 days for construction time before it is delivered.

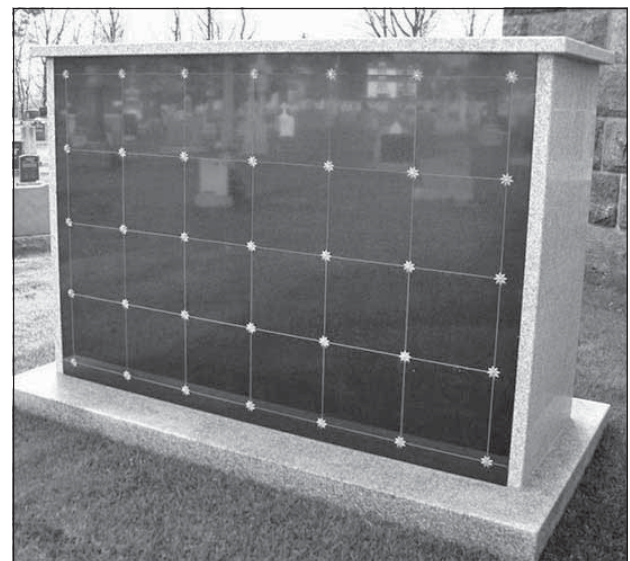
"Each niche is 12.5 x 12.5 x 14 inches in the 24

-unit structure," Rodgers confirmed.

"There is a memory wall for which separate plaques would be required. Each niche has its own plaque which is a part of the price when purchased," Rodgers commented.

The location at the cemetery will be chosen where there will be accessibility to add additional columbariums or niches as they are needed.

"Council will be making the decisions as to location and the pricing to purchase a niche or memory wall plaque in the near future," Rodgers confirmed.



## Columbarium acquired

A 24-unit columbarium similar to this one will be installed at the Whitewood Cemetery after town council approved the \$7,200 purchase.

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## Obituary

**Charles William Larry**  
June 7, 1927 - Aug. 23, 2017

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Born June 7, 1927 in Whitewood, SK and passed away at the age of 90, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017 in Fisher Branch, MB.

Left to mourn are his son, Richard of Calgary, AB; his daughter, Caroline Songer of Vernon, B.C.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment at the Whitewood Cemetery on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Wilkins officiating.

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## Obituary Frederick James Appleton

April 29, 1938 - Aug. 28, 2017

Frederick James Appleton of Yorkton, SK passed away at the Yorkton and District Nursing Home on Monday, Aug. 28, 2017 at the age of 79 years.

Frederick was born on April 29, 1938 to Fredrick William Appleton and Mabel Belle Banin of Whitewood, SK.

He was a very kind, easy-going, gentle man who enjoyed life and found the best in everyone. He was a loving husband to Carol, and wonderful father of six children.

Besides his family, Frederick also loved farming, gardening and music.

Frederick is remembered by his loving wife of 45 years, Carol Appleton (nee Churi), his six children and spouses, Kevin, Fred (Bev), Doug (Lorna), Curtis (Tammy), Sharon (John) and Leeann (Thomas); his 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Frederick is predeceased by his parents, as well as his sister, Doreen (Alex).

A memorial service will be held in Whitewood, SK at the United Church at 2 p.m. with a luncheon to follow at the Legion Community Hall on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017.

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## Opinion

# Scheer must put First Nations issues back on the agenda

By Joseph Quesnel

Research Associate

Frontier Centre for Public Policy

Troy Media — Indigenous issues didn't play a large part in the recent federal Conservative leadership race. They were mentioned but took a back seat to other matters. But Conservatives must understand that indigenous issues are of vital concern to all Canadians.

For instance, candidates devoted considerable time debating TransCanada's Energy East and Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline projects. Energy development is, of course, a national priority, but most energy projects are on or run through traditional indigenous territories.

New Conservative leader Andrew Scheer must develop policies that advance indigenous people and communities. Closing the gap between indigenous people and other Canadians is a moral and political necessity.

Policies coming out of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada should no longer be about managing poverty. They should be about ending it.

But in establishing policy options as the leader of the Opposition, Scheer must remember that transparency is a magnet for investment. So the Conservatives must pledge, if they become the government after the next election in 2019, to enforce the First Nations Financial Transparency Act, which the current Liberal government seems to have abandoned.

Next, Scheer must lead his party toward helping indigenous communities generate their own wealth and infrastructure, as the Public Policy Forum urged

in a 2016 study. He can say that he will help First Nations broaden their taxation to include indigenous residents. Bands now tax outsiders who own or rent property on First Nations lands. Broader taxation will help finance indigenous governments and, more importantly, will make officials more accountable to the people.

A Conservative government must also work with financial institutions to help bands access commercial loans on their own assets. The federal government can help bands use the First Nations Fiscal Management Act, which allows them to issue bonds to finance infrastructure projects. In this way, bands can escape the restrictions imposed by the Indian Act.

The former Conservative government led by Stephen Harper went further than previous governments in recognizing how land ownership on reserves prevented First Nations from accessing capital. For example, the Nisga'a Nation in British Columbia adopted individual-fee simple property rights for members in 2012 and now the Nisga'a can transfer or lease their land to whomever they choose. The Conservative promise to introduce a First Nations Property Ownership Act was never honoured. Sheer needs to introduce this bill in the House.

Scheer needs to be clear that the Conservatives have a duty to consult with indigenous peoples but that they will reject the First Nations' presumed right to veto important national projects. No national government should allow band leadership to hijack resource projects that could elevate the local population and the nation.

In many situations, equity partnerships would be the norm for First Nations. Often, they're risking their territories so they deserve partnership, not minimal benefits. First Nations are rights-bearing communities according to our Constitution.

Scheer must also pledge to continue the work on indigenous education begun by Harper. High school dropout rates hamper First Nations' economic and social development. Band members must be full trained for the jobs created on their territories.

While in Opposition, the Liberals criticized the Harper Conservatives when they resisted implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) because they were concerned it would interfere with Canada's legal system. Requiring "prior and informed consent" from aboriginal groups for projects that are in Canada's best interest is destabilizing — it gives indigenous groups too much power.

Our courts have clearly ruled on the duty to consult. It's about balancing various interests, not about granting veto power. But once the Liberals removed Canada's objector status to UNDRIP, indigenous groups pushed for a requirement well beyond what our Constitution requires. The Conservatives need to promise indigenous communities that they will be partners in development but that they aren't in charge.

Following this blueprint will allow the Conservatives, as government, to improve the lives of on-reserve First Nation people. That's in the national interest.

Ottawa needs to treat indigenous communities with true respect. Andrew Sheer has an opportunity to do this. He can start addressing the issues now, as he moves toward the 2019 election.

## Enjoy the splendour of fall boating safely

Submitted

Canadian Safe Boating Council

If one of your annual post-Labour Day rituals is to pull the boat and put it away for the winter, you're missing out on a spectacular fall boating season.

While swimming and watersports may lose their lustre as the water temperature cools, taking in the fall colours of the shoreline from the water is nothing short of breathtaking. Pristine anchorages, normally clogged during July and August with hundreds of boats, now offer quiet solitude. And, for anglers, the action is hot with fish actively feeding ahead of the long Winter freeze over. As you stretch the boating season, however, there are a few precautions that the Canadian Safe Boating Council and its partners would like you to take that will maximize your safety and enjoyment.

Before heading out, be sure to check the weather. The mixing of warm and cold air can quickly spawn high winds and waves making it treacherous for small boats. Fog is also an issue at this time of year, making visibility difficult. Should you find yourself in a fog bank, be sure to proceed slowly and sound your horn at regular intervals to alert other boaters of your presence.

Well into October, daytime temperatures can occasionally be balmy but resist the urge to bring your shorts and T-shirt back out of the closet. Dressing for the water temperature will help slow the onset of hypothermia should the unexpected happen and you find yourself in the water. Accidental cold water immersion can be shocking, but don't panic. It may take a minute or so to get your breathing under control after the initial shock but you will have at least 10 to 15 minutes, even in very cold water, to affect self-rescue before you will start to lose muscle con-

trol in your arms and leg. This is where an approved lifejacket, either inflatable or inherently buoyant, is an essential part of your wardrobe to keep you afloat.

Ensure that your boat and engine are in good shape and mechanically sound. Ethanol-based fuel can allow water contamination in the tank. Use a fuel additive to prevent water in the fuel line from freezing that could cause your engine to chug to a halt. If using portable fuel tanks, it's a good idea to have a spare on board as a reserve.

As you head out, be wary of reduced water levels that can result after a long, hot and dry summer season. Some of your favourite shallow water fishing holes may be inaccessible at this time of year. Also, while underway, keep a sharp lookout for debris and chunks of ice that could penetrate your boat's hull at speed.

### Public Notice - Town of Grenfell Zoning Bylaw 693-14

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Grenfell intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 693-14, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

#### INTENT

The proposed bylaw will rezone the land described below from HPC - High Profile Commercial / Light Industrial to C2- General Commercial/ Light Industrial. In addition, the proposed bylaw will amend the height restrictions in C2- General Commercial/Light Industrial zones to create a uniform height restriction at 15.0 metres and allow for buildings exceeding 15.0 to be permitted at the discretion of Council.

#### AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as Parcel A, Plan 101268727, Parcel V, Plan 101837471 and Lot 6, Block 208, Plan 102012545 Grenfell as shown on the following map.



#### REASON

The reason for the amendment is to provide for a zoning district that permits the continuation of an existing use of "farm service centre" and expansion of a "fertilizer site" as permitted uses on the properties. As well, the height amendment will allow Council to permit the construction of a fertilizer blending plant in excess of 15.0 meters tall.

#### PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Grenfell Town Office Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available at cost.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers on October 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Please submit a letter outlining the reasons for appearing by 4:30pm on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at the Town of Grenfell this September 14, 2017.  
Signed: Victoria MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

### Employment Opportunity Grenfell Athletic Association

#### Lobby Caretaker Position

The Grenfell Athletic Association (GAA), in conjunction with the Town of Grenfell, is accepting contract tenders for a lobby facility caretaker for the 2017-2018 winter season. This tender is encouraged but not required to be made in combination with the Arena Caretaker Position, Tenders for this position will be accepted until September 29, 2017. The position commences October 10, 2017 and ends March 31, 2017.

The successful applicant will report to the GAA Board; and be responsible for the cleaning of the upstairs lobby, downstairs lobby, arena entrance, dressing rooms, facility washrooms, canteen grill and deep fryer, as needed canteen cleaning, weekly canteen cleaning, and as needed canteen stocking. Applicant will also be responsible for the daily opening of the facility. Applicant must be motivated and able to work unsupervised. Successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal record check.

#### Arena Caretaker Position

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Only the successful applicant/applicants will be contacted.

The Lobby Caretaker Position and Arena Caretaker Position will be chosen based on a combination of the following criteria:

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## Saskatchewan

# Fall camping offered in prov. parks

## Submitted

Citizens across the province are invited to experience the beauty of fall in a Saskatchewan Provincial Park.

"This weekend is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of the warm weather that is forecasted across Saskatchewan," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "With school back in session for the year, families can make the final moments of summer count with one last camping trip to a Saskatchewan provincial park. Our parks are wonderful places to get out and explore, make memories or simply relax."

Campsites can be reserved in advance at Blackstrap, Buffalo Pound, Cypress Hills, Duck Mountain, Moose Mountain and Rowan's Ravine. These parks offer access to full ame-

nities throughout September, and some into October as well. The sites can be booked through the online reservation system or by calling 1-855-737-7275. By reserving in advance, visitors are guaranteed their chosen campsite will be available upon arrival.

To plan a park visit this fall, refer to Sask Park's website at [www.saskparks.com](http://www.saskparks.com) for all fall camping information. Explore park trails, head out for a kayak on the lake or enjoy a picnic in a park.

Information on how to reserve a campsite online is available to those who are new to the online reservation system. Campgrounds that are available exclusively on a first-come, first-served, self-registration basis are listed on Sask Park's fall camping page.

As a reminder, the fire

ban remains in place for provincial parks south of the Churchill River. For the duration of the ban, no open fires are permitted. Fireworks are also prohibited.

For cooking and heating purposes, the following items are allowed:

- Self-contained heating devices
- Gas barbecues
- Propane fire pits
- Charcoal briquettes used in park-provided barbecues and fire pits

The fire ban will remain in place until conditions improve and the Ministry of Environment rescinds the order.



ELAINE ASHFIELD | HERALD SUN

## Improvements to streets

Southwest Paving from Swift Current is in Whitewood digging out some of the broken spots in the pavement around town, filling them and putting down overlay of pavement.

# Museum has 1,900 visitors

By Elaine Ashfield

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This year at the Whitewood Historical Museum, where the tourist booth is located, and also at the Heritage Centre on main street, has to be one of the record-setting years for not only the number of visitors, but also the number of different American states and countries people came from.

There were possibly more visitors to our country with 2017 being Canada's 150th birthday and Whitewood also celebrating its 125th birthday, but most importantly, the visitors were welcomed into the community and many left appreciative messages of

thanks following their visit.

"Thank you for that special place we can learn about human past. It is wonderful museum. We are glad we stopped," wrote one visitor. Another stated, "What a gem! Beautiful spot for picnic lunch and some history!"

This season, from May to the end of August, saw more than 1,900 visitors from all across Canada, visitors from 28 American states as well as the visitors from 17 other countries.

They were all greeted by dedicated employees Ashley Niemi, Kennedy Sippola and Damen George, all students from the Whitewood School from the past and present.

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