

Role of fire departments is changing

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Oct. 8 to 14 is Fire Prevention Week across North America.

It wasn't that long ago that when a fire truck went racing by with its lights and sirens flashing, you knew they were responding to a fire.

But as the roles and responsibilities of firefighters have changed over the last 20 years, today when you see those trucks race by, they are likely tending to a different situation.

Responding to fires is just one of the responsibilities that firefighters today have. More and more departments across the province are now being used more often for emergency situations such as motor vehicle collisions (MVC), hazardous material spills, public education, STARS landings or medical assistance.

The changing role of the fire departments is no different for Whitewood Fire Department (WFD), which today receives more calls for non-fire emergencies per year than they do for actual fires.

"About 25 years ago, the calls were almost all fire related. Today, fires are just a portion of what we respond to," said WFD Fire Chief Bernard Brûlé.

In 2016, the WFD responded to a 29 calls, of which 55 per cent were for motor vehicle collisions (MVC) and 28 per cent were for fires. Eleven per cent of the calls were responding to alarms, while the remaining nine per cent were for other duties including assisting EMS and STARS landings. More than 900 man-hours were spent responding to calls by members of the WFD in 2016, not including any monthly training.

For 2017, up to the end of September, the WFD has already responded to 24 calls this year, of which 33 per cent were MVC, 29 per cent were for fires, and 25 per cent were for EMS assist and STARS. The other 13 per cent were for alarm calls at residences or businesses.

Provincially, the trend for the types of calls is much the same. According to 2016 figures obtained from Saskatchewan's Emergency Management and Fire Safety, of the 385 fire departments that are dispatched by the provincial 911 system, 60 of those departments did not have a structure fire last year, while 146 department averages one structure fire or less per year.

Total calls responded to by departments in the province in 2016 were 13,542, of which only 3,349, or 25 per cent, were for fires. Other calls included MVC (2,756), hazardous material (166), EMS assist (6800), STARS landings (694) and water rescue (76). There were also 3,822 responses to alarms ringing.

As the role of volunteer fire departments has evolved, it has meant additional resources, training and equipment are now required. Fire trucks that once just carried fire hoses, nozzles and water to do their job, are now stocked full of tools such as the Jaws of Life, medical rescue equipment, cold water rescue equipment and even high-angle rescue equipment. But none of these items come cheap.

"We just replaced our Jaws of Life last year at a cost of \$25,000 and we are now having to raise money to replace our breathing apparatus, which will be around \$80,000," said Brûlé. "These are big dollars for small town departments but it's equipment we absolutely need, whether it gets used once a day or once a year."



Provincial champion

Jessica Raiwet, daughter of Rob and Marcy Raiwet of Whitewood, had a successful weekend at the Saskatchewan Horse Federation Provincial Finals held in Moose Jaw Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. Jessica ended her weekend with a first and three second-place finishes. She is the Junior Crossrails Champion, and Overall Junior Hunter Champion in the province.

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PVSD graduation rates high

Graduation rates in Prairie Valley School Division are among the highest in the province.

The on-time graduation rate (three years to graduate from Grade 10 to 12) for all Prairie Valley School Division students is 10 percentage points higher than the provincial average and increased from 85 per cent in 2015-16 to 86 per cent in 2016-17.

The Government of Saskatchewan released provincial graduation rate results on Sept. 22.

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students' on-time graduation rates are also more than 10 percentage points higher than the provincial

average at 54 per cent for the 2016-2017 school year.

"The success of our students is a direct reflection of not only their own hard work and dedication, but that of our teachers, administrators and support staff," said Ben Grebinski, director of education for the Prairie Valley School Division. "We set the bar high for our students and staff, and every year, they meet the challenge."

The division's overall five-year graduation rate (five years to graduate from Grade 10 to 12) stayed at 90 per cent in the 2016-2017 school year. While the First Nations, Metis and Inuit five-year

graduation rate dropped slightly from 65 per cent in 2015-2016 to 64 per cent in 2016-17, the rate has increased nearly 20 percentage points over the last five years.

"This year we are developing a graduation rate team to support our students in meeting their graduation goals through our framework for student success," Grebinski explained. "We know we still have work to do to close the achievement gap and give every student the best possible opportunities, but we've come a long way and I am proud of what our students and staff have accomplished."

Speaker presents tools to help students with stress

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Trina Markusson, a professional in Mindful Teaching and Mindful-Based Stress Reduction, gave a presentation at Whitewood School on Oct. 2.

John Pollock, a teacher at Whitewood, told how teachers at Whitewood School started to realize students were coming to them with personal situations that the teachers felt they weren't totally capable of handling. They discussed how they could improve themselves as teachers and how they could work to make their classes better for themselves and their students.

They soon realized that the students also needed more tools in their pocket to deal with their personal traumas and stresses so the staff began studying and implementing mindfulness.

When Whitewood received a \$10,000 Healthy Schools and Communities grant from the Saskatchewan Alliance for Youth and Community Well-being, money was put toward training more staff in mindfulness, providing a space for students to self-regulate and to host this information night for the community.

Students listened to a presentation during the day and several dozen people attended her presentation in the evening.

Markusson explained her struggles with anxiety as a child, stress as a teacher and a mother of twin boys, and eventually with depression.

"I was given medication for my anxiety attacks and my depression that I was told I would probably have to take the rest of my life. I found a pill was just a Band-Aid over my sore that wasn't healing so when I heard about the program "Defeating Anxiety," which was on cassette, I started listening to the cassettes, in my car or whenever I could," Markusson said.

"I learned I could be better by putting attention on the present and not the past or the future. I just changed what I was thinking about and it helped stop my depression," Markusson explained.

"It's about switching thought and not avoiding stresses. There's nothing wrong right here — at this moment — but by thinking other thoughts, you are taking away from this moment where everything is fine."

Markusson explained that mindfulness is focusing our attention.

"We practice with our children for all their sports to make them better but why do we not practice

focusing our attention to one thing at a time," Markusson asked.

People experience 60,000 thoughts per day and each thought has a body reaction or emotion. When we are in the present moment, we can have past thoughts, we can become unhappy and stress darkens our thoughts that the body reacts to. Or we can have future thoughts. These are our worries; our "What ifs" and these are our biggest waste of time as they don't solve anything. If we stay in the present moment, where we may be happy, or if we are stressed, we deal with this, we will stay happier.

"If we practice controlling our future thoughts and decreasing our stresses, just like walking on a new lawn, eventually wherever you walk will become a pathway that is easier to follow," Markusson commented.

The presentation continued with tools that are helpful to teach how to feel in the present moment so we can model ourselves for our children. Children feel our stresses and we can work as families to handle our stresses.

Tools that were discussed and roll played with the audience were things such as using our breath. Think about how you are breathing for just a moment and you will lose your stress. Another tool was opening your five senses. Think about your present actions and not about what you have to do or where you have to go.

"How many have driven somewhere and don't remember getting there? Or how many eat while watching TV? One of my biggest moments when I heard the sound of peeling an orange? Just get curious. Have fun with your senses to reduce your stresses," the speaker shared with the audience.

The other tool is to take care of your feelings — your emotions. Don't push the emotions away and never feel that you shouldn't be feeling the emotion.

"Feelings only last 90 seconds so if you learn to deal with that feeling and not stress for days or weeks, that feeling will be gone in 90 seconds," Markusson shared.



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Stress seminar

Trina Markusson, a professional in Mindful Teaching and Mindful-Based Stress Reduction, gave a presentation at the Whitewood School on Oct. 2 to parents, students, teachers and community members.

When you feel angry, you might want to kick someone. Recognize your anger; deal with it for the 90 seconds it takes to get over this.

"Let's take care of it," Markusson said.

Positive self-talk is also important said the speaker. We need to be mindful of our thoughts. When feeling stressed or down, a positive self talk about something good or feeling good will make us stronger. Post reminders in your home or at work or for your children is a good way to work at becoming mindful of our thoughts.

Brenda Doud, principal at Whitewood School, thanked Markusson for her presentation to the students and for the evening

"We have done a survey in our school and 25 percent of the students felt they experience medium to high anxiety," Doud commented.

She also told the audience that Markusson's book for children, Good Morning Sunshine, which she wrote with reference to her son who is an anxious child, was available for anyone interested. The book has been proved to be helpful not only for children but is also an easy read for adults who are benefiting from its content as well.

Terrorist attacks not a threat to Saskatchewan

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On Sept. 30 there were suspected terrorist attacks in Edmonton. The RCMP's sympathies go out to Edmonton Police Service and all those affected by this incident.

When serious incidents occur, it is a concern to everyone, including those in neighbouring provinces.

RCMP want to assure the people of Saskatchewan that members of the RCMP National Security Enforcement Section are constantly assessing any potential threats in the province and they continue to work closely with their provincial policing partners.

RCMP are not aware of any specific threats to Saskatchewan and continue to exercise increased vigilance.

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Students honour survivors of Indian residential schools

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Students and staff at Grenfell schools participated in Orange Shirt Day, the national initiative begun four years ago to honour survivors of residential schools.

Participants demonstrated their commitment to healing and reconciliation by wearing orange shirts. The clothing is symbolic of Phyllis Webstad's experience in 1973. At age six, she wore a new orange shirt for her first day of school at St. Joseph Mission residential school in British Columbia. New clothes were a rare privilege for a First Nations girl at that time so she was excited to be going to school and wearing new clothes.

Sadly, the school officials took away her new shirt without giving her an explanation or showing any concern for her feelings and the shirt was never given back to her. The traumatic experience had a profound impact on the child's life, filling her with a feeling of worthlessness. She has since begun to find healing; Webstad's negative experience is not unique.

Residential schools operated in Canada from 1831 to 1996, with thousands of indigenous children attending. Many of these children were torn from their families around the end of September and taken to



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Orange Shirt Day

Principal Dionne Sproat read "Not My Girl" to Grades 1-3 at Grenfell Elementary School. The school demonstrated their commitment to healing and reconciliation by participating in Orange Shirt Day, a national initiative that honours survivors of residential schools.

residential schools. Those operating the institutions stripped the children of their belongings and sought to erase their language and culture. The children endured abuse and were forced to feel shame for who they were.

Orange Shirt Day provides an opportunity to join together in a spirit of reconciliation. It opens the door for discussion so that people can work towards healing as survivors of the residential schools share their stories. It provides a chance to remember those who did not survive. And it works to educate future generations so that the history of residential schools is never repeated.

At an assembly Sept. 28, students at Grenfell High School watched a short video explaining the signifi-

cance of Orange Shirt Day.

On Friday morning, the elementary students participated in age-appropriate activities to help them understand the impact of residential schools.

Grades 1 to 3 gathered in a circle outside and listened as Principal Dionne Sproat explained the story behind Orange Shirt Day. She compared the purpose of the day's activities to Remembrance Day, with which most of the students were familiar.

Sproat read, Not My Girl, by Christy Jordan-Fenton, to the children, adding simple commentary to ensure they could relate to the story. The book tells the sad story of a girl who returns to her family after attending the "outsider's" school. She has forgotten her language and her family's way of life; her family no longer recognizes her.

Students in grade 4 to 6 met in the gym and listened to Ms. Dusterbeck read Kookum's Red Shoes, by Peter Eyvindson. The story and illustrations depict the experiences of a young girl taken from her home to attend a residential school. After hearing the story, students participated in a discussion with Ms. Dusterbeck.

Organizers of Orange Shirt Day hope that these efforts will bring healing for those hurt by the residential schools and promote awareness so that such atrocities never again happen in Canada.

Craft Show and Sale tables already sold out

The Craft Show and Sale in Whitewood is still a couple of weeks away and already all 70 tables for rent have been booked.

The Whitewood Recreation Craft Show and Sale is on Saturday, Oct. 14 in the heated Whitewood Curling Arena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event had been sponsored by the Whitewood Elks' Lodge, but when the Whitewood chapter folded,

the Whitewood Recreation Association took over the event. All proceeds from the event will go to the Whitewood Swimming Pool.

As in previous years, there will be raffle prizes, a raffle ticket draw and this year, also a 50/50 Pot of Gold draw. Lunch is also available with soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverages being sold. Admission to the event is free.



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~ George Linnaeus Banks

Demand GTH answers

Dear Editor:

The Global Transportation Hub (GTH) land scandal stands to be one of the biggest controversies in our province's history, and amazingly it will only get the treatment taxpayers deserve thanks to a popularity contest.

The Saskatchewan Party's leadership race is showing the true colours of MLAs, some who vehemently denied that there was any wrongdoing in the GTH land scandal. The most noteworthy would be the former attorney general, Gord Wyant, who is now committing to a public inquiry into the GTH land scandal if he is elected party leader. Yet, as attorney general, didn't he have the power to call for a full inquiry into the situation? At the very least, he could have made a motion in the legislature during any of the past sittings.

While I'm glad to see some calls for

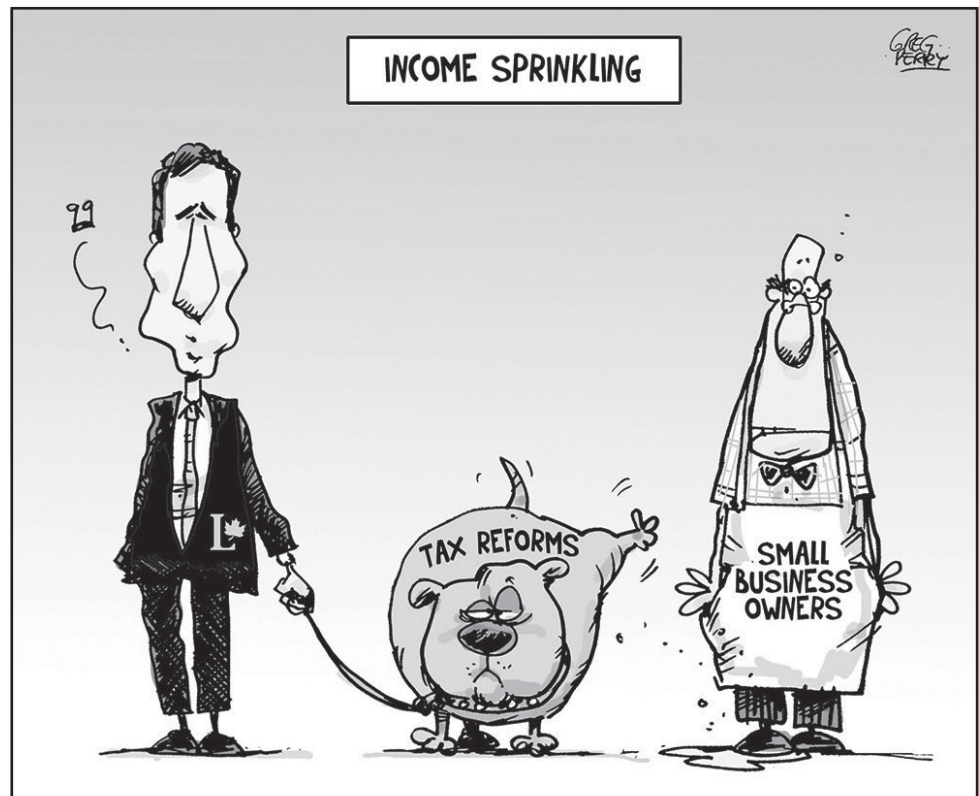
accountability by Sask Party leadership hopefuls, I have to wonder why it took this leadership race to get that accountability promise. Taxpayers deserve better from their elected officials, let alone the potential next premier of this great province.

The advantage here, though, is that maybe we can get them to come forward with even stronger commitments if elected leader. Like the highly questionable land deals on the East Side of Regina, along Tower Road and at White City.

We at whytowerroad.net have been investigating this for a long, long time. If you want answers to the many questions that have been left from the land transactions, demand them from your next potential premier.

I know I will be.

Donald Neuls,
Coppersands



Seniors must unite to fight gov't cuts

Dear Editor:

At this time we wish to comment on how the governing Sask Party has treated the seniors of this province since they have been in power. Our seniors worked hard to ensure Saskatchewan was a good place to live.

The first thing that happened is they increased the cost of prescriptions for seniors by \$10 per prescription. There are numerous seniors in this province who have to make a choice if they can pay for food or the prescriptions their doctor ordered for their health.

They are now stating they are going to sell off the affordable housing used by seniors on low income, especially in rural areas. This places undue stress on many as to where they could relocate to something they can afford.

In May 2017, seniors in long-term care received a letter on government letterhead that the rate for them was increasing by \$600 a month. This increase has nothing to do with level of care and the money collected goes to government, not to the building.

They have taken away the low income housing allowance that was available to those who qualified for it.

Seniors who live in rural Saskatchewan and small towns have lost their ability to travel to other centres for medical reasons with the closing of the STC bus routes. This is causing them to move from the communities they have called home, causing them to lose support in their daily lives of family and friends.

They have added the PST to any benefit life insurance plans that seniors on fixed incomes may have, which causes a financial burden to many.

It is time that seniors unite and speak up to the injustice of the government trying to lower the deficit they created on the backs of the seniors. Stand up and be counted and talk to your MLA and get them to wake up and treat with respect those who were the ones who worked so hard to make Saskatchewan the great province it is, and to stop the privatization of what we own as citizens.

Ron Monk, president,
Saskatchewan Union
Retirees Federation

Gov't must assure sour gas is safe

The oil industry and rural Saskatchewan can get along.

Really, they have no choice.

Next to agriculture, oil is now the biggest player in the rural economy. Oil is also important to the success of the overall Saskatchewan economy and to dealing with the budgetary mess that saw increased taxes and service cuts in the 2017-18 budget.

But that doesn't mean the oil industry should get any special considerations when it comes public health, safety and the environment. The oil industry must comply with federal and provincial laws and regulations.

This in no way should mean restrictions preventing the industry from doing its job. There will always be points of contention — especially on the environmental front.

That may even mean putting in perspective the number of ducks who inadvertently die after landing on a oilsands sludge pond versus the numbers that die every year flying into wind turbines. After all, the greatest killer of birds is your front picture window.

But when it comes the most serious environmental concerns that relate to the health, safety and well-being of Saskatchewan people, there can be no compromise for any business or industry.

Unfortunately, the Saskatchewan Party has made a habit of allowing the industry to both dictate its own rules and even police itself.

This is the finding of a large-scale investigative report jointly conducted by the Toronto Star newspaper, Global TV and several journalism schools (including the University of Regina's) into dangers posed by hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) prevalent in the oil sector.

High doses of H₂S can be deadly — especially in confined spaces. In 2014, the Village of Torquay was fined by more than \$40,000 for a workplace fatality when a worker was exposed to the deadly sour gas.

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The release of H₂S sour gas is an occasional reality in the open spaces of the oilpatch. Usually, this happens with little or no consequence. But as demonstrated by this investigative news piece, there are times when the consequences can be lethal.

The recent newspaper story noted that in October 2012, a teenager in the Oxbow area was left "gasping for breath" after suffering from H₂S levels reading more than 100 parts per million. Also, 38-year-old oil and gas chemical salesman Michael Bunz died in 2014 as a result of being exposed to H₂S gas in the course of his job.

That you likely haven't heard of these incidents is as puzzling as it is troubling.

After all, this is a government that has clearly taken occupational health and safety seriously — even if it has meant haranguing and embarrassing its normally supportive business base. Almost every week, we see government press releases on convictions for OH&S violations that often involve businesses such as small, local roofing companies.

Your television set is filled with ads for the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Mission Zero program that aims to prevent "all injuries — on and off the job" in "working toward zero injuries, zero fatalities, zero suffering."

We see SaskPower ads asking linemen to come home safe each night, highways ministry ads reminding us to slow to 60 km/h in orange zones, and the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) ads reminding us of the dangers of drunk driving.

What we don't see much of is a government willing to alter its position that it's OK for the economy minister and the industry itself doing its own policing on pipeline inspections or gas releases. According to the investigative report by the Toronto Star, this has very much produced performance by oil and gas companies, "including serious infractions, failed safety audits and daily H₂S readings beyond provincial air quality standards."

It would seem to strongly suggest the Sask. Party government has to take a different approach to the oil industry.

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Town council

Owners expected to cover \$10,000 tree bill

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The facility management operator's (FMO) report and the chief administrative officer's (CAO) report brought several items to the council table that are in the works at the regular meeting held on Sept. 19.

Facility Management Operator

Matt Bahm, FMO, reported that ice making was to begin at the end of the month with an expected date of Oct. 4 for completion. A new kids area will be developed in the lobby of the arena and Whitewood Minor Hockey Association is providing some money for this.

The craft show is almost full with vendors and that a previous report from a weather company has since found the company was not forthcoming so they will not be dealing with the company anymore.

Bahm also reported that SaskPower sent a letter stating there is a possibility for customers with a large demand charge like the Whitewood Community Centre to have a second utility meter installed that would reduce the demand charge by upwards of \$500 per month in winter months. The FMO will have to have a consultant do a study to see determine the return on this investment before undertaking.

The campground is slated to close Oct. 6 and financial information will be presented next month.

The lounge addition construction will not start until next spring as the engineer's drawing did not meet building code requirements by the building inspector so a revised drawing will have to be done.

"Once our new drawing is submitted we will begin ordering all our material to store over the winter and be ready for construction in April," Bahm stated.

Correspondence

Dutch elm disease is causing financial strain on residents as was apparent in a letter from Don and Deb Croteau.

The Croteaus received a registered letter on Aug. 16 regarding DED in five trees on their property. With an estimated cost of \$1,800 to

\$2,000 per tree, \$50 for written quote, total cost of \$10,000 plus, and a time frame given by the town of 20 days, which means Sept. 5, the Croteaus replied to the town that there is no way this can be done.

Trees cannot be cut between April 1 and Aug. 31 and with weekends, the time factor is not reasonable for them to remove the trees by Sept. 5, they stated.

Another letter was also received from the Croteaus stating they had received a warning from the Commissionaire.

Croteau stated in her letter that there appears to be weekly inspections being made and unless he has a complaint and advises who made the complaint, the RCMP says he can only be on their property with a complaint.

The Croteaus property is 3.78 acres, and she stated, for the 10 years they have owned the property it has been kept like a park until some personal issues arose. Her husband is on oxygen 24 hrs per day and other health issues in their family, there are a lot of chores that take more time and some cannot be done by themselves.

Croteau stated they will continue to do their best to keep the property under control.

CAO Sharon Rodgers told the meeting that these concerns are all straightened out now and that she will talk to the Commissionaire.

Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO told council in her report that the paving that had been done went over budget; \$40,000 had been budgeted and the cost was \$55,000. The company will defer \$10,000 to 2018. Included in the cost is \$2,489 for GST and \$2,986.86 for PST, which the town can get back. There is approximately \$12,000 in the budget not spent and will not be spent (\$4,900 in dust control and \$7,000 in summer wages) that council could choose to use.

A motion was made by council to pay this account and not to defer any of the expense.

An auditor with the Ministry of Finance checked the PST and Liquor Consumption Tax and told the CAO all is

good – "Run a tight ship" were his words, reported Rodgers.

A cost for cameras for the shop was received from Brent Schaan, and Gardon was to be at office to look at sites.

The wishes of council regarding the "Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Toolkit" needed to be determined.

Discussion following the report came up with the decision to see at the Fall Regional Meeting in Grenfell on Oct. 2, how many communities are becoming involved before a decision is made.

The Cannabis Legislation Primer from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities was included in the council package.

"There are guidelines in regards to timelines and what the municipality's responsibilities are. Some areas are land use planning/zoning, public consumption, smoking bylaw, business licensing, employee policy - need to consult legal advice, and enforcement and policing," Rodgers reported.

"There are so many unknowns so I think we should just wait," Mayor Doug Armstrong commented.

Coun. Bruce Restau agreed that it is hard to have an opinion when you don't know what's happening.

A motion was made for the CAO to commence with areas that need to be started such as reviewing smoking bylaws and the surveys will be sent to each councillor to be completed.

Rodgers stated that the columbarium has been ordered with a six-to eight-week delivery time.

"Do we need a committee to work on that?" Mayor Armstrong asked, and the verbal response was that it was thought the council would be the committee.

The CAO reported she had information from other communities and Coun. Lee Aldous suggested Rodgers do up what's needed and bring it to council.

Later Rodgers informed the Herald Sun that the location had been decided for the columbarium and prep work would start soon. The site is east of flowerbed about 20 feet.

Tenders for painting town office interior were opened and the tender for \$2,900 vs a tender for



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Culture Days

School students Izaac Peter, Kenneth Bartlam and Jayden Louison take in one of the many Culture Days activities held at the Whitewood Legion Hall on Sept. 27.

\$5,395 was accepted.

Public Works Committee

The public works committee held a meeting on Sept. 11 and proceeded to well site number 2 to look at the situation and discuss options for potential purchasers on site.

Foreman Al Stevenson is to get an estimate of costs to dig and cut well piping from water

line coming into town and CAO Rodgers is to check with Water Security Agency and to check for any liability to municipality for sale of the well.

There was a mutual agreement that the cost of taking well number 2 off the town main water line be born by the purchaser and the purchaser agreed providing the cost is reasonable.

The minutes of the

Sept. 5 meeting that were approved at the Sept. 19 meeting, contained a motion made by Coun. Donna Beutler, seconded by Coun. Bruce Restau and carried that the town decline the offer to purchase well number 2.

Reasons for the public works committee to meet and make mutual agreements following this motion were not given at the meeting.

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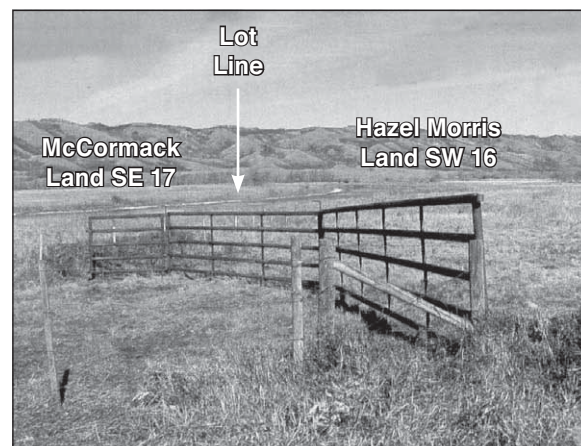
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SPORTS

Adams makes roster for Team Canada derby team

By Elaine Ashfield
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Whitewood's Kaili Adams was at work when her mom and dad received notification of the roster for the Team Canada Junior Derby World Cup Skaters for 2018.

"When she (Kaili) came home for her break we told her she had some paperwork to fill out and we were met with one shocked expression and a super happy kid," Kaili's mother, Jenn Adams said.

"We saw the roster before she did and we were very excited," Adams exclaimed.

The roster was released Sept. 18 but the official announcement was not until Sept. 30.

There are 25 skaters on the initial roster: 13 from Saskatchewan, six from British Columbia, three from Alberta, one from Quebec, one from New Brunswick, and one from Ontario.

Kaili skates for the Gapland Smashers, a team from Rocanville that is made up of players from the surround-

ing area.

Kaili (Rip N Roll Her) was chosen along with four teammates: Paige Clark (Houdini) from Spy Hill, Cassidy Grieman (Crashidy Jade) from Moosomin, Presley Langley (D'Press Her) from Rocanville and Raina Owen (Rain-a-Terror) from Warman.

Tryouts were held in Regina, Chilliwack, B.C. and Kitchener, Ont..

The first team practice will be Saturday, Oct. 28 in Calgary. Final selection for the team

will be in April 2018.

Team Canada Juniors will represent Canada July 23 and 24, 2018 in South Hampton, Pa., which is near Philadelphia.

"One of the four coaches for Team Canada is Nicole Scott of Whitewood. She has been an amazing leader and coach for our Gapland Smashers team," Adams said.

Kaili is the daughter of Jenn and Troy Adams, and her number one fan is her brother, Ty.

"We saw the roster before she did and we were very excited."

Jenn Adams, Kaili's mom



Team Canada member
Kaili Adams of Whitewood has made the roster for the Team Canada Junior Derby World Cup Skaters for 2018. Adams is one of 13 players from Saskatchewan to make the team.

Students fair well at districts and provincials

By Elaine Ashfield
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Whitewood School has been busy with outside activities in the first month of the school year when runners competed in cross-country runners and golfers competed in district and provincial playoffs.

The cross-country team went to Montmartre on Sept. 14 for The Montmartre Road Race. Students

braved the cold and sometimes wet weather and represented Whitewood School well. With three first-place medals, multiple ribbons, and plenty of smiles, it was a great day.

The cross-country team also raced in the first Stable Run in Indian Head on Sept. 20. It was quite the turnout with 15 schools and 170 students. The Grade 6 boys placed third, the Grade 9 boys second, and the Grade 7 girls won first place.

The cross-country team had an amazing race in Saltcoats on Sept. 29 where they competed with 1,100 students and did well. Ethan Dartige got a 10th-place ribbon, Ryland Maier placed third, and Megan Hayhurst won a first-place medal.

Bailee Krupski and Austin Krupski from Whitewood School placed in the top 3 at District Golf, which was held in Whitewood on Sept. 19.

They went on to represent the school division at provincials, Sept. 22 and 23 in Estevan. Austin Krupski placed 34th of 64 golfers with a score of 186. The winner took first place with a score of 148. Bailee Krupski placed 21st of 33 golfers with her score of 235. Winner in the girls event recorded a score of 179.

The Whitewood Junior Golf team walked away with first-place honors when Austin Krupski won gold, Nessah Hamilton won gold and the boys team won gold at the Junior District Golf tournament in Whitewood on Sept. 27.

Hayhurst earns under-18 spot

By Darcy Gross
Grasslands News

Two veteran members of the Prairie Fire, blue-liners Allison Hayhurst and Hannah Pennell, were selected to play for Team Saskatchewan in the Canadian under-18 championships in Quebec City from Nov. 1 to 5.

"Allison is a leader," said coach Dean Amy. "She's sees the ice very well and she's a real cognitive player."

While steady on the blue line, Hayhurst is also quite adept at joining the rush.

"She's a player who can play both ways and I think that's why the under-18s really liked her," said Amy. "She likes to get up there and get at 'er."

Hayhurst, still 16 years old, has already played three full seasons in the midget AAA league.

In 28 regular season contests last season, the Wapella product notched six goals and 13 assists while accumulating 22 penalty minutes.

Pennell can also create offence from the back end.

"She's a very fluid skater and has a lot of speed and she's good puck handler," explained Amy. "She can jump into the play also and I think that the ability of both girls to jump up into the offence is what sets them apart."

Pennell hails from Kamsack and had a couple of goals to go with five assists for seven points over 26 games last season, her first full season with the Prairie Fire.

"They'll both play in Quebec and they're honoured to be there," said Amy. "When you can add a third of your defence from one team, that's pretty impressive."



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Grenfell Terry Fox Run

Students at Grenfell High School enjoyed gorgeous sunny weather during the Terry Fox Run last Thursday. The school raised \$1,100 toward cancer research this year.

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Broadview Terry Fox Run

With water bottles in hand, Tennessee Goodbrand, Gabby Alexson-Bacon and Kylandi Alexson-Bacon participated in their school's Terry Fox Run last Wednesday. Students from Broadview School raised a total of \$1,617.50.

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Sask. 911 service to be transferred to new Crown agency

Submitted

Government Relations Minister Larry Duke recently announced the creation of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), a new Treasury Board Crown agency that will be responsible for managing Saskatchewan's 911 emergency dispatching services. "This new Crown will help meet the needs of our

rapidly-growing province and current technology demands to ensure we can continue providing excellent emergency communications services for all Saskatchewan residents," Duke said. "Under this new structure, governance will be streamlined and the province will be in a better position to meet future needs and expand emergency services accordingly."

Since 2006, the province has co-managed provincial emergency communications services through a partnership with the City of Prince Albert. The establishment of this new Crown provides an opportunity to transform the way in which government delivers critical 911 emergency services in the province. Once established, the SPSA's first priority will be to work with the City of Prince Albert and other stakeholders to ensure a seamless transition of 911 services.

The new Crown will report to the minister of Government Relations.

"Saskatchewan has grown immensely over the last decade and this new model is ideally suited to ensure communication services continue to be delivered in the most effective, efficient way possible with our experienced staff," Duke said. "I would also like to thank the City of Prince Albert for all that they have done to help keep Saskatchewan residents safe."

A new facility near Prince Albert will serve as the provincial emergency communications centre for all areas except Regina and Saskatoon, which will retain their emergency dispatching centres and continue to report to government through the new Crown.

The 911 emergency service fees, which are applied to cellphone and landlines within the province, will also be raised. The fee will rise by 32 cents per

month. This increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2018. The 911 fees have not been adjusted since 2010, while the call-taking fees for landlines have not been increased since 2003.

Since 2015, the province has invested an additional \$3 million annually into new information and communications systems. That means better service for cellphone emergencies, and new features such as text-to-911. All revenue generated from this fee goes to support emergency services, infrastructure and dispatching in the province. It is not directed to the province's General Revenue Fund.

In 2016, emergency dispatch centres across the province received more than 340,000 calls.

Ochap. pedestrian killed in hit and run

By Chris Ashfield

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A 41-year-old man is dead after being involved in a hit and run while he was walking on a grid road on Ochapowace First Nation north of Whitewood.

At 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 30, Broadview RCMP and Whitewood EMS responded to a call about an injured pedestrian who had been hit by a vehicle on a grid road one kilometre north of Ochapowace.

The vehicle involved in the incident fled the scene before emergency personnel arrived.

The pedestrian, a resident of Ochapowace, was pronounced dead at the scene. RCMP said that they will not release his name.

An RCMP collision reconstruction investigator attended the scene, and traffic was detoured for a period of time. The road was re-opened early Sunday morning.

RCMP continue to investigate.

Martin drug case is adjourned to Oct. 25

By Chris Ashfield

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The man arrested and charged in the illegal operation of a marijuana dispensary in Whitewood had his case back before the courts where it was once again adjourned.

Jerry Martin, who was arrested on Nov. 8, 2016, is charged with trafficking marijuana, trafficking cannabis, possession of marijuana, possession of cannabis resin, possession of proceeds of crime, trafficking in the proceeds of crime, and laundering the proceeds of crime. The charges stem from a marijuana dispensary that Martin operated in Whitewood for two years. For the past several months he has attempted to have his case moved to a court in British Columbia, where he now resides, to enter a plea and receive sentencing.

Broadview lawyer Gary Moore appeared on behalf of Martin in provincial court on Oct. 4 as the agent for Martin's British Columbia lawyer, Albert King. Crown prosecutor Robin Neufeld appeared by telephone and spoke to the case to Judge R. Green.

"We have had various negotiations and tried to wave the matters out to B.C. for a plea and sentence. That unfortunately fell through the last time he tried. It looks like we have a third attempt," said Neufeld.

The prosecutor told Judge Green that he had received a request for waiver from King that was signed by Martin requesting a three-week adjournment to get the process going to have the case moved.

"Hopefully it won't fall off the rails again this time and we can get things out to B.C. for resolution," said Neufeld.

Judge Green agreed to adjourn the case to Oct. 25 for resolution, with defence counsel waiving any delay.

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Have a fire escape plan at work and at home

Grasslands News Staff
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Whitewood Fire Chief Bernard Brûlé is urging families in Whitewood and surrounding areas to practice their home fire escape plan as part of Fire Prevention Week.

This year's theme of Fire Prevention Week, which runs Oct. 8 to 14, is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"

"Fire and smoke move faster than you," said Brûlé. "There's no time to figure out how to escape your home after a fire starts so it's important to practice an escape plan before there's a fire so you can get out safely."

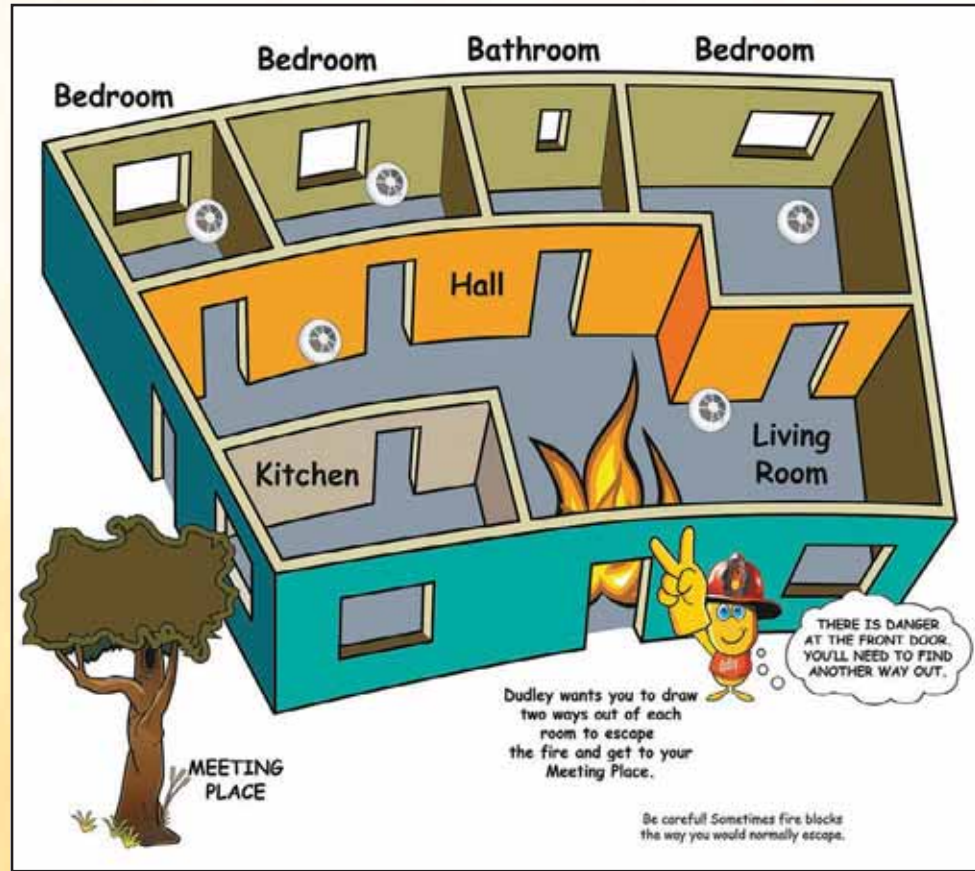
In a fire, you may have just seconds to safely escape your home. Be prepared in advance with these simple steps for home fire escape planning:

- Assess the needs of everyone in your home
- Identify anyone who requires assistance to get out of the home safely, such as small children or older adults.
- Make sure that you have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas
- Make sure everyone in the home

knows the sound of the smoke alarm.

- Identify all possible exits (doors and windows) and make sure they work
- Know two ways out of all areas, if possible.
- Everyone must know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds
- Assign someone to help those who need assistance.
- Identify a safe meeting place outside.
- Call the fire department from outside the home — from a neighbour's home or a cell phone.
- Practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year
- Have everyone participate.
- Make changes to your plan if necessary.

To help give people those extra few seconds or minutes that may be needed to escape from a fire in their home, the Whitewood Fire Department (WFD) has 25 smoke detectors that they are giving away and will install in homes in Whitewood or that are within 10 kilometres of town. If your home requires a smoke detector you can request one by emailing your name, home address and contact number to whitewoodfire@icloud.com or text it to 306-735-7380. The detectors



will be installed on a first-called, first-served basis and must be requested by Oct. 15.

The WFD will host an open house on Oct. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in support of Fire Prevention Week and this year's

campaign. The first open house for the general public that the department has held in more than a decade, the event will include tours of the fire hall and equipment as well as refreshments and donuts.

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Training for car accidents and vehicle fires

By Sarah Pacio
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From preparing for emergencies, to debriefing after an event, the Grenfell Fire Department is working hard to use the available tools and resources to best serve the community.

The firefighters receive frequent training so they will be ready at a moment's notice. They meet at least once each month — and sometimes as often as three times a month — to familiarize themselves with equipment and procedures.

Although they still respond to structure fires and grass fires, vehicle accidents and fires have become more common. A training session in September focused on various aspects of vehicle emergencies.

During the session, Fire Chief Dwayne Stone demonstrated the explosion of a car airbag. He said it's important for members to be familiar with the results since it causes a smoke-like dust and the noise may temporarily impair a victim's hearing.

At the same meeting, the firefighters practiced using the Jaws of Life. They used the jaws to pick up progressively smaller items — starting with a basketball, then a baseball, tennis ball, golf ball, and finally an



The Jaws of Life can be a crucial tool for firefighters responding to a vehicle crash. (File Photo)

egg. Each member was successful in picking up an egg without breaking it.

Knowing how to use this tool can be crucial in the event of a vehicle crash. A few months ago, a truck hit a baler southeast of Wolseley and trapped two teenage boys. The Grenfell Fire Department was able to assist with the rescue using the Jaws

of Life.

Other equipment is important to keep emergency workers safe. The 1/47 Cruisers Car Club recently donated \$1,000 to the fire department. This enabled the department to purchase more traffic cones and better lighting to use when responding to vehicle-related emergencies along the highway. The new lights are on

stands and flash alternating blue and red lights.

Stone appreciates the new equipment, noting that the multi-coloured lights work well to alert drivers passing the scene of an accident. The drivers then allow more space, thus keeping emergency responders safer and providing them sufficient room to help those in need.

After working at a particularly bad accident, firefighters have access to an important resource. The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) committee includes 40 specially trained members who help responders across Saskatchewan deal with the trauma of particularly tragic events. CISM is an initiative developed by the Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighter's Association and the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs. Fire departments previously relied on support from local health regions, but found it difficult to get the help they needed. Stone is one of the directors for the CISM committee and said this new system is a great improvement over the old one: help is now just one phone call away.

With these useful resources and tools at their fingertips, the dedicated firefighters in Grenfell are ready to meet the needs of any who call for their help.

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What you need to know about smoke alarms

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- For best performance, an alarm should be mounted on the ceiling in or near the centre of the room, hall or stairway, and at the head of each stairway leading to an occupied area.
- Optimum location for wall mounts is at least six inches from the ceiling but not more than 19 inches from it.
- Avoid installing where the temperature is less than 5 degrees C (41 F) or exceeds 48 C (119 F).
- Keep alarms away from doors and windows.
- Never locate an alarm in front of an air register, fans or vents.

- Keep alarms at least two feet from any corner.
- Do not recess smoke alarms in walls or ceilings.
- Smoke alarms in rooms with ceiling slopes greater than one foot rise per eight feet horizontally should be located on the high side of the room.
- Avoid locating an alarm at the peak of an "A" frame type ceiling.
- Never paint a smoke alarm.
- Keep alarms two to three feet away from light fixtures.

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- Use a qualified electrical contractor.
- Never install the alarm in the

electrical circuit except at the main panel. Alarms must also never be installed in a circuit connected to an on/off switch.

• Check the alarm when installation is complete.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: TESTING AND CLEANING:

Test your smoke alarm monthly and clean it every six months. Mark it on your calendar so you don't forget. Things to remember when testing your smoke alarm:

- Ensure that power is being transmitted to the alarm and that it will activate in the presence of smoke.
- Test your smoke alarm by pressing the test button.
- Even alarms with a pilot light that indicate power is being trans-

mitted, should be tested regularly.

• Battery-operated smoke alarms will warn you when batteries need replacing. Despite this, make it a habit to change the batteries yearly.

• When you've been away from home for a few days, check your alarm on your return to ensure it is working properly.

• Remember, your smoke alarm can't protect you if the batteries have been removed or a plug has been disconnected.

• The lifespan of a typical smoke alarm is about 10 years, but some models last as little as five years.

To clean the alarm, open the cover and gently vacuum the interior of it. Frequently, the alarm will sound while the unit is being cleaned.

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Safety Tip
Remind your parents to test your smoke detectors every month.



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Safety Tip
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Safety Tip
If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL for help.

Know your escape plan – practice it at home!

By Grasslands News

If you were jolted awake at 2 a.m. by a noisy smoke alarm, what would you do? I

n a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. If you and your family don't have a plan in place, it could jeopardize your safety, or even prove deadly. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Workplaces and public buildings have fire escape routes clearly posted; but it is just as important to prepare for emergencies at home. "Home escape planning is one of the most basic but fundamental elements of home fire safety, and can truly make the difference between life and death in a fire situation," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice-president of outreach and advocacy.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8 to 14 and this year's theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is intended to show people the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it.

"Have it ready. Have it practiced," advises Broadview Fire Chief Brent Bagshaw. This way

everyone in the family is prepared and can avoid panic.

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It is important to install smoke alarms because without them, you may never get a chance to escape. Parents should also be ready to alert their children, as the sound of a smoke alarm may not be enough to wake them up.

The steps to creating an escape plan for your home are simple:

1) Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows.

2) Mark two ways out of each room — usually a door and a window. Always keep these exits clear.

3) Designate a meeting place outside that's a safe distance from the home (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox).

The NFPA recommends practicing your escape plan at night and during the day, at least two times each year. Children are naturally more vulnerable and should be included in these practices.

Grenfell Fire Chief Dwayne Stone believes education plays a key part in keeping children and families safe. Over the years he has made many



How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

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- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.



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Stone noted that children really remember and share the information with their parents. "I think it works; we're getting less and less calls," he said. "It's been a long time since we've had a fatal fire."

The NFPA advises families of infants, older adults, or family members with mobility limitations, to assign someone to assist them in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup person, too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.

More resources to help you and your family be prepared in case of a fire are available from your local fire department and online at www.nfpa.org

Quick facts on CO2, the silent killer

WHAT IT IS: A colourless, odourless and tasteless gas.

SIGNS: Stuffy air, water vapour, backdraft and soot from a fire-place.

SYMPTOMS: Headaches, weakness, nausea, vomiting and loss of muscle control. They can be mistaken for flu symptoms.

EFFECTS: If inhaled, carbon monoxide deprives the blood of oxygen. Prolonged exposure can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage or death.

CAUSES: Blocked or dirty vents, flues, chimneys and furnaces, as well as improper ventilation of burning fireplaces or woodstoves.

DEATHS: Approximately 200 per year.

PREVENTION: Annual inspection and cleaning of:

- Furnaces
- Chimneys
- Fireplaces
- Other fuel-burning equipment such as gas dryers.

SAFETY TIPS ON HOW TO AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

INSTALL at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.

ENSURE a wood or coal-burning stove is properly installed and vented.

DON'T operate a gasoline-powered engine, kerosene stove or charcoal grill in a closed

space.


BARBECUE grills should never be operated indoors.

CHECK clothes dryer vents that open outside the house for lint.

CHECK forced air fans for proper ventilation.

If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home, get out immediately and call the fire department.


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Safety Tip

Never smoke in bed. Talk to your children about the dangers of fire, matches and lighters and keep them out of reach.

BRENT BAGSHAW

Smoke the cause of most fire-related deaths

Hundreds of people die in residential fires in Canada every year. In many fires that have been extinguished in their early stages, people have been found dead of smoke inhalation without having suffered burns. It has been conservatively estimated that many of these lives could have been saved by the installation of properly functioning smoke alarms. Although these devices are no substitute for carefully planned fire prevention measures, they are invaluable to providing an early warning when fire strikes.

Smoke is the cause of the majority of fire-related deaths. Hot flames are low on the list of killers during a fire. A smouldering fire may go undetected for hours, especially while people are asleep. In addition to deadly carbon monoxide, smoke carries poisons such as

hydrogen cyanide and irritants such as formaldehyde and acetic acid. Added to this lethal potion are other toxic substances that come from the burning of synthetic materials commonly found in

can have a lethal effect before a sleeper is even disturbed; especially when one considers that the fire itself consumes life-sustaining oxygen.

Normally, air is made up of about 21 per cent oxygen. When it falls below the 17 per cent level, thinking and co-ordination become difficult. Below 16 per cent, a person's behaviour turns irrational, hindering escape efforts. Breathing becomes impossible when oxygen levels fall below six per cent. Super-heated air and gases rise quickly and produce what is known as a "hot" fire. Temperatures above 370 degrees C (700 F) are common in a "hot" fire. At such high temperatures, unconsciousness and death can occur within minutes. Bedrooms located in the upper floors of residences are frequently subjected to these conditions in the advanced stages of a fire.




the home, especially those emitted from plastics and foams. Oxides of nitrogen, sulphur dioxide and ammonia are just a few examples. These agents

Broadview Deputy Chief

Safety Tip

Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep



DARREN OTTENBREIT

Broadview Fire Safety Officer

Safety Tip

Download the Monster Guard: Prepare for Emergencies Mobile game to teach kids about fire safety and other disasters.




DANETTE FOWLIE

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Safety Tip

Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home.



CHAD WYATT

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Safety Tip

Keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot, such as space heaters.



SHELDON KEMP

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Safety Tip

Choose a meeting place outside so will know that everyone has gotten out safely. Never go back into a burning building for any reason.




WES BANGSUND

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Safety Tip

Have an escape plan and practice it with your family. Find two ways out of every room in case one way is blocked by fire or smoke.



ZACH PHILLIPS

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Safety Tip

Remind your parents to test your smoke detectors every month.



KINNEN FRIEZE

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Safety Tip

Make sure everyone in your family is familiar with the sound of a smoke detector. Teach them this sound means danger.



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Safety Tip

Know your local emergency number. Put stickers and magnets with those numbers on your fridge and phone.



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Safety Tip

Make sure everyone knows how to call **9-1-1**



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Never go back into a burning building for any reason. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters.




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Dodge City Rodeo to kick off 36th year on Oct. 6 & 7

By Elaine Ashfield
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It's the end of the season which means the cowboys and cowgirls gathering high points will head to the Wapella Rodeo this weekend as they hope to secure the points that will lead them to the finals.

The 36th annual Dodge City Days Rodeo starts on Friday evening, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. and is held indoors at the Wapella Arena.

With bull riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc, bareback bronc, team roping, and ladies' barrel racing, all events almost within your reach, spectators are guaranteed to feel the thrill of the cowboys and the cowgirls as they compete for top points.

There is also junior girls barrel racing and junior steer riding for the up-and-coming cowboys and cowgirls.

During intermission on Friday there are wild pony races with three kids per team, 13 years and under who can get into the action as well.

Any slack (the overflow of entries) will take place on Friday night at 10 p.m. following the rodeo events.

"Everything is looking good for the event," said Sheila Willoughby, one of the committee members. There are 10 or so on the committee with the chairman being Shawn Willoughby.

"It's not a committee event as everyone in the community helps out at the many events whether it be the door, the gates, the concessions or wherever they are needed. Without the community support and the sponsors, we would never be able to bring it all together," she said

The Wapella Fire Department will serve up a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 7

"The Kids Rodeo, which starts at 10 a.m., is always a good event with 60 or 70 kids always entering to try their skills during the rodeo as well," says Willoughby.

The rodeo on Saturday is at 2 p.m. with wild pony races at intermission again, followed by a ranch rodeo at 6:30 p.m.

The Ranch Rodeo is open to competitors aged 16 and over with four people per team who must have matching or similar shirts. There is a limit of 10 teams. Admission to just the Ranch Rodeo (if you do not already have a rodeo admission) is \$5.

The rodeo stock is supplied by Primetime Rodeo, Jim and Leanne Lawrence of Kennedy, who will subcontract animals if needed to present the best of rodeo animals for the event.

Rodeo admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and preschoolers are free.

Saturday evening winds up with the cabaret featuring Odd Man Out at the Wapella Curling Rink. Doors open at 9:30 p.m.. Minors are not allowed. Cabaret admission is \$15.

Proceeds for the rodeo are donated over time to various area events.

"The decision where proceeds go is decided by the committee and they are always willing to take a look at any of the requests that may require support. It's not just Wapella that may receive money from the rodeo proceeds — they try to support all the communities that support the rodeos in Wapella over the years," Willoughby commented.

School divisions to purchase bulk fuel from Federated Co-op

Submitted

All 28 Saskatchewan school divisions have agreed to enter into a bulk fuel purchase agreement with Federated Co-operative for the 2017-18 school year, according to a Ministry of Education news release.

This agreement follows the work of the Advisory Panel on Educational Governance Renewal, where school divisions worked with the Ministry of Education to find savings to ensure available resources can be directed to the classroom.

Each year, school divisions use more than 14 million litres of fuel for student transportation. It is estimated the cost savings from this agreement will be \$1 million per year across the entire province.

"We asked school divisions to work together to find cost saving alternatives that would free up resources for classrooms and front line supports," said Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre. "These savings will help ensure

resources continue to be focused on where they belong, in the classroom."

FCL is owned by Co-ops across the western provinces and works with all of Saskatchewan's local Co-ops. This latest efficiency follows the announcement that Prairie Spirit School Division and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools have teamed up to offer bussing for the new joint-use schools in Martensville and Warman.

Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools have agreed to use shared bussing where economically viable. Regina Public Schools and Regina Catholic Schools

will also be working together on possible joint transportation of students in the City of Regina.

"We are really excited to see how the school divisions have come together to find savings," said Liam Choo-Foo, chief project officer for Education Governance Renewal. "This agreement is a result of their collaboration and commitment to finding these efficiencies."

Earlier this year, the Advisory Panel on Educational Governance Renewal highlighted the importance of finding efficiencies among school divisions in the areas of transportation and bulk purchasing such as fuel.

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Mosaic holds open house for new K3 to K1 conveyor

Submitted

The Mosaic Company held an open house last week to share its plans for a conveyance system to transport potash ore from the new K3 mine to the existing K1 mill.

For the past five years, Mosaic has worked to complete two production shafts near Esterhazy for their new potash mine. On Feb. 16 at 3,350 feet below surface, the shafts reached potash. Work on the K3 project is expected to continue into 2024.

Now, as mine development continues underground, on-the-surface preparations are being made to move ore from K3's massive 60-ton hoist. A con-

veyance system is under construction connecting K3 to the K2 mill. The second conveyance system will provide Mosaic's new state-of-the-art mine with the milling capacity it needs to process raw ore and turn it into crop nutrients that are shipped to farmers around the world.

"Operating a sustainable business means engaging the communities where we operate in our projects and sharing our plans for their feedback," says Lawrence Berthelet, director of capital expansion for K3. "We work with our partners to complete environmental impact studies to ensure that the proposed conveyance project meets all regulatory guidelines."

The Government of Saskatchewan's environmental assessment process provides guidelines for new projects and to the expansion or alteration of existing projects. This process ensures economic development proceeds with adequate environmental safeguards while providing opportunities for public input and consultation.

"It's important for us to give the community of Esterhazy and area the opportunity to learn more about the K3 to K1 conveyor project, our company and our sustainability work," added Berthelet.

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Band students

Grenfell band students Jackson Loveridge and Ashley Lee sold pie at the town's 35th annual Trade and Craft Show last weekend. The students were assisted by band parents Rachel Drinnan, far right, and Shannon Dyke. Food sales, along with admission fees and a book sale raised money for band camp scholarships and other expenses.



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Jelly Sale

Rachel Don and her son enjoyed Ethel Rieger's jelly last year and were eager to buy more at Grenfell's annual Trade and Craft Show on Sept. 30.

More than 400 attend Grenfell trade and craft show

By Sarah Pacio
news@heraldsun.ca

The 35th annual Trade and Craft Show was held at Grenfell Recreational Park Arena on Sept. 30.

For the third year in a row, the event was organized by Sherry Schoepp, the band teacher for Grenfell, Broadview, and Wolseley schools. There are about 50 students from Grenfell in grades 6 to 12 who participate in the band. Through an admission fee, food sales, and a book sale, the trade show serves as a fundraiser for the Grenfell band students.

The students and their parents worked in shifts throughout the day, helping with set up and clean up, as well as manning the tables. Students brought pies to sell whole or by the slice. The students also sell community calendars throughout the year as an additional fundraiser. The money raised provides scholarships for Band Camp and Honour Band and it also covers the cost of trips and awards. Last year more than \$4,000 was raised.

Bookings started for the show in May and it was fully booked with 75 tables for participants from near and far. Although several people came from Grenfell and neighbouring towns, it has become a regional affair with vendors coming from as far as Regina, Esterhazy, Kenosee Lake, and Yorkton.

There was a wide variety of items on display throughout the arena. Home-based businesses were common among the vendors. Health and beauty products of all sorts were offered and many tables held colourful handcrafts. Many tables were laden with fresh baked goods and preserves. Organizations such as the Legion, Lions Club, and Adare Museum were also represented.

The Canada 150 Committee had its final quilt on display with raffle tickets available. Monica Ward from Broadview won the draw for the quilt.

Some of the vendors were there for the first time, while many have been attending for several years. Ethel Rieger from Grenfell has been bringing her jellies and baked goods to the trade show for some time. She had many kinds of jelly for sale including cranberry, rhubarb, apple, raspberry, red currant, and others. Customers enjoyed her spreads last year and were eager to buy more.

Ethel's sister, Effie Hahn, is from Melville and was happy to be back at the Grenfell Fair. After participating for many years, she had been unable in recent years due to a scheduling conflict. Her table was filled

with scrumptious pies, cookies and bread.

Effie said that it takes her two days to prepare the food. "I like doing it," she said. "I bake all night." Her most popular item is her Jam Jam Cookie filled with strawberry jelly.

Throughout the day, more than 400 people attended the trade show and perused the tables at the arena. The event was a success and organizer Schoepp said bookings have already started for next year's fair, which is scheduled for Sept. 29, 2018.

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Increasing minimum wage to \$15/hour would be a job killer for Sask's youth: new analysis

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Increasing Saskatchewan's minimum wage to \$15 per hour, as some are calling for, would disproportionately hurt young workers, potentially resulting in between 7,500 and 17,000 youth job losses, according to a new report by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB).

Saskatchewan's minimum wage increased to \$10.96 an hour on Oct. 1 and has been calculated using an indexation formula since 2011. But some groups, such as the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour (SFL), have been urging the provincial government to rapidly increase the province's minimum wage to \$15 per hour — which would represent a 37-per-cent increase.

"While hiking the minimum wage may sound like a good idea, the evidence shows that it's a job killer," said Marilyn Braun-Pollon, CFIB's vice-president of Prairie and agri-business. "A \$15 minimum wage would particularly affect employment opportunities

for Saskatchewan's youth — a segment of the population who already suffer from high unemployment."

Using 2016 Labour Force Survey data, CFIB's report examines the effects of a \$15 minimum wage in each province. Nationally — if all provinces jumped to a \$15 minimum wage — between 184,800 and to 422,400 youth jobs would be put at risk. These estimates include the number of direct job losses and fewer jobs being created.

"Setting minimum wage is always a challenging issue for any government. The Saskatchewan government has resisted the temptation to follow Alberta and Ontario by raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour," Braun-Pollon added. "While the vast majority of Saskatchewan's employers hire at rates above minimum wage, several important sectors of the economy, including retail and hospitality — sectors who employ a large number of young people — will be the hardest hit.

"We will continue to call on the provincial government to introduce measures to mitigate the impact of Saskatchewan's annually indexed minimum wage by introducing a training wage (for inexperienced workers, similar to Nova Scotia) or a gratuity wage (for workers who earn tips)."

Currently, more than 60 per cent of minimum wage workers in Canada are young people between the ages of 15 and 24. Past research has shown that, as minimum wage rises, these young workers become the most vulnerable group in the economy.

Motel deaths deemed not criminal

By Kevin Weedmark
World-Spectator

Police have ruled out homicide in the deaths of two men at the Prairie Pride Motel in Moosomin.

The two men had checked in to the motel on Saturday, Sept. 23. After they failed to check out, the motel manager checked the room and found two bodies on the afternoon of Monday, Sept. 25.

Through the RCMP's investigation and with the assistance of the Office of the Chief Coroner, it was determined the deaths of two men are not criminal. RCMP said foul play is not being considered.

RCMP are waiting for toxicology results that will take time to complete.

The two men have been identified as 55-year-old Edward Reibling, and 71-year old Frederick Stockwell, both from Brantford, Ont.

The investigation continues and Moosomin RCMP are looking for any

information from the public about where Reibling and Stockwell may have been, who they may have spoken to or interacted with in the days and weeks leading up to their deaths. It's believed the two men travelled from Brantford to Alberta during the week of Sept. 19 to 23.

"There is nothing at this point to suggest foul play, but there is a puzzle we are piecing together and the picture is becoming much more clear about what happened," said Sgt. Scott Fefchak of the Moosomin RCMP.

The Forensic Identification Unit was called in from Yorkton and worked with the RCMP's Major Crimes Unit, as all unexplained deaths are treated as a potential homicide until that possibility can be ruled out.

If you have information about Reibling and Stockwell, contact Moosomin RCMP at 306-435-3361 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Giant pumpkin

Kent and Karla Elliott and their children Marieve and Jesse pose with a 562-pound pumpkin they grew on their farm near Kipling that won first place at the Windthorst Lions Club's Great Pumpkin Weigh In. Karla is originally from Whitewood and is the daughter of John and Theresa Domres.

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Often, as their wage costs increase, employers will choose to hire fewer youth or hire more experienced adult workers — instead of younger workers — at the same wage rate.

"Minimum wage is a blunt tool to help low-income workers," concluded Braun-Pollon. "We will continue to advocate for more practical and effective ways — like further reducing income taxes and helping low-income workers upgrade their skills."

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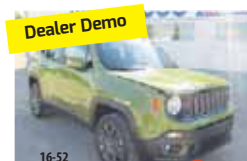
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