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Young scientists use traditional knowledge in exhibits

By Alan Hustak,
Special to Grasslands News

Young Indigenous students enrolled in science classes at schools in the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council area had more than a thing or two to show the rest of us when they welcomed visitors to their science fair at the Rexentre last week.

Their exhibits were inspired by scientific traditions based on traditional knowledge and survival skills that go back thousands of years.

"We want to promote what was science before the newcomers arrived," explained Maureen Johns, director of education with the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council. "Astronomy, for example, was known to our people. We identified the constellations, we followed the stars."

About 50 students took part in the fair that was sponsored in part by Nutrien, formerly known as the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. Six schools were represented: Peepeekisis Pesakastew, Carry The Kettle, Standing Buffalo, Piapot, Pasqua and Muscowpetung. Pairs of students in each category worked under the guidance of an elder from each school: Lorraine Yuzkapi, Don McCay, Greg Sandy, Olive Ironeagle and Inez Dieter.

"The elders have knowledge that you don't get in any school," Johns explained.

The displays explored, for example, traditional methods of water purification, plant-based medicines and ancient methods of agriculture and camouflage.

The award for the best overall effort went to teammates Rachel Good-

win and Cynea Sparrow McKay, whose interactive display identified three types of volcanoes and incorporated an old spirit legend of how volcanoes came to be.

Vee Whitehouse, who teaches land-based learning at the Thunderbird Lodge, reminded the participants that science is but one part of their learning experience.

"If you think only with your mind, it doesn't go down to the heart. We don't separate science from spirituality," he said. "When you think with your heart you will always have respect for our elements — fire, water, air and earth. That's our way of thinking. That is what we live by."

"The creator made fire, and based on that everything else is basic — then air, then earth, then water. Those are the things we need to survive — that and our language. Language makes all those elements come to life."



Silas Rollingmud offers Presley Landin a glass of water that was purified in a traditional Aboriginal method. The water was filtered through layers of grass, sand and charcoal. The two students from Carry the Kettle First nation were taking part in the FHQTC Science Fair that this year explored traditional knowledge and land-based healing.

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File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council

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Rachel Goodwin and Cynea Sparrow-McKay took the best overall prize at the FHQTC Science Fair last week for their research into volcanoes. The two Standing Buffalo School students mixed a concoction of baking soda, vinegar and red food colouring to make the model volcano in their table display erupt.



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Area farm values up slightly

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

While Canada reports an 8.4-per-cent average value increase for farmland in 2017, and Saskatchewan's average value was a 10.2-per-cent increase, the value of farmland in this area, primarily the east central area, shows an increase of only 2.2 per cent.

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) chief agricultural economist, J.P. Gervais commented on the FCC Farmland Values Report.

The highest increases in farmland values were in 2011-15 when a significant average value increase was recorded. Farmland values have increased every year since 1993. The year 2016 saw an increase of 7.9 per cent.

The east central area, which is basically north of the Trans Canada Highway on the map shown in the report, showed the per cent change at 2.2 per cent and a dollar per acre value average of \$1,321 compared to the south eastern (south of the Trans Canada Highway) showed a 11.2-per-cent change. The dollar per acre average value in this area was \$1,710.

The north eastern region had a value per cent change of 1.5 per cent

and the estimated acre value price was \$1,728.

In the western portion of the province, west central records a 16.6 per cent change and a dollar per acre average value of \$1,925.

South western had a 14.2-per-cent change with an estimated dollar per acre value of \$1,755 and north western area was fairly comparable at a 14.9-per-cent change and the dollar per acre estimated value of \$1,891.

Saskatchewan had the largest average increase in farmland values reported among all provinces.

Gervais said recent increases in borrowing costs and expectations of further increases could cool the farmland market in 2018.

He also stressed that every farm operation is unique.

"Farm operations need to be cautious in regions where the growth rate of farmland values has exceeded that of farm incomes in recent years," Gervais said.

He also added it is good news that Canadian farms are generally in a strong financial position when it comes to net cash income and their balance sheets.



Sunshine Learning Day Care Centre director Teresa Cardinal with Mattick Johnston, 3, Daniel McGill Skjerven, 3, and Owen George, 4. The day school can now expand to 45 spaces thanks to a government grant.

Grant helps daycare expand

By Alan Hustak
Special to Grasslands News

The Sunshine Learning Day Care Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle will almost double its capacity, to 45 spaces from 25, as the result of a \$137,000 grant received through the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning Child Care Agreement.

Under the bilateral agreement, the Trudeau government will give the province \$41 million to improve childcare over the next three years. Since education is a provincial responsibility, the Saskatchewan government has agreed to allocate the money to the 1,500 licensed daycare centres in the province.

The A-mataw Mikosit Awasisak (Gift of Children) Teen Support and Day Care Centre in Balcarres will benefit from a similar grant that will allow it to open another 20 spaces as well. The centre in Balcarres helps teen parents stay in school.

The Sunshine Learning Centre has just finished refurbishing its basement.

According to director Teresa Cardinal, the grant will allow the school to open more public spaces and accommodate children between the ages of three and 12 who are now on a waiting list.

Cardinal doesn't care where the money is coming from as long as "Justin Trudeau doesn't expect to come here to take selfies."

The director of the centre in Balcarres was away and could not be reached for comment.

"Affordable, high-quality child care allows parents to work or attend school knowing that their children are being cared for in a safe and nurturing environment," said Education Minister Gordon Wyant. "We are thrilled our children will be having fun and learning in these facilities in the near future."

The Government of Saskatchewan plans to increase access to quality early learning and childcare opportunities that support positive child development, early literacy and student achievement.



Pickleball anyone? Mixed doubles? The tennis courts in Fort Qu'Appelle opened to enthusiastic players on April 21, including this high-spirited foursome.

Common objectives discussed at chamber luncheon

By Connie Schwalm
Special to Grasslands News

Fort Qu'Appelle CAO Larry Davidson spoke to about a dozen business people and others, outlining both the challenges and opportunities the community faces.

Davidson told a chamber of commerce luncheon April 18 that the town is dealing with the cost of addressing some long-standing concerns. He indicated that the Myers Norris Penny audit, done in response to concerns over land sales since 2007, is "not all doom and gloom." However, he acknowledged that this audit has cost the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle about \$70,000 to date.

Davidson also said that in compliance with an environmental protection order that was received that the town has been working to clean out that asphalt from Parcel F. "Removing the asphalt from Parcel F has cost close to \$24,000 to date. So, this work has not been cheap."

He indicated environmental concerns will be more and more at the forefront of council's discussions in the future.

As well, Davidson indicated that the town is considering ways of rejuvenating Fort Qu'Appelle's downtown area and "promoting Fort

Qu'Appelle as a 'business friendly' town."

His remarks prompted discussion surrounding several different topics, including Wi-Fi access and the possibility of creating a number of new, affordable campsites. While noting that discussions like this were positive, he observed that cost must always be factored in. "You can't take away or add to one area without affecting others."

Some pointed comments were also made about the condition of Fort Qu'Appelle's roadways and infrastructure. Davidson acknowledged these comments. "Historically, this community — like many other communities — has not set enough money

aside for infrastructure. If I had to pick one thing that I would like to see happen here, it would be to have a plan put in place to address that."

Davidson's comments were generally well received.

"It was very nice for the town, to make time to come and share priorities with us," chamber president Nick Paul commented following the event.

"We are very interested in working together, to find ways to encourage more people, not only to come and visit Fort Qu'Appelle, but to come and live here as well."

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Pianist takes top honours

By Alan Hustak,
Special to Grasslands News

Pianist Ameer Abusada, a 19-year-old biochemistry student at the University of Regina, took top honours for outstanding musicianship at the 61st Qu'Appelle Valley Music Festival.

Eight awards and two dozen scholarships were presented to the festival winners at a recital at Our Lady of Sorrows Church April 20.

The trophy for the most outstanding senior performer, in memory of Erna Hepting, was presented to Hana Lopez of Regina. Nosomu Sinclair won the Qu'Appelle Valley Intermediate Cup, given to the most outstanding solo pianist under 12. Kevin Trinh of Regina took The Qu'Appelle Valley Piano Medal for the contestant with the highest mark at the festival.

The Sinclair Trophy, for the most promising solo pianist, went to Nozomu Sinclair, from Fort Qu'Appelle, whose grandparents donated the award a number of years ago, and Konomu Sinclair took the Carol Konecsni-Christie Trophy for being judged the promising performer of contemporary music.

Joshua An of Fort Qu'Appelle scored the highest mark in the Sonatina category and took home the Joe and Marlene Konecsni Sonatina Trophy.

Melada Abusada of Regina was awarded the Sarah Konecsni Trophy as most promising solo pianist.

The medal for having the highest mark at the festival in the instrumental category went to drummer Levi Large, 17, of Balcarres, who plays with the Prairie Valley School Band.



The 2018 Qu'Appelle Valley Music Festival award winners: Levi Large, Kevin Trinh, Joshua An, Ameer Abusada, Konomu Sinclair and Nozomu Sinclair. Seated are Hana Lopez and Melada Abusada.

Boiler problems at QVCA

By Jason G. Antonio
Grasslands News

Temperatures inside the Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts building could be more bearable as warmer weather approaches, which should give town administration time to determine what heating system would work best there.

The building's boiler sprung a leak on March 16 and all the water in the steam system leaked onto the basement floor. The boiler was installed in the old Central School in the 1990s and was replaced in 2005.

Fort Qu'Appelle town council discussed the issue during its April 12 meeting. Larry Davidson, chief administrative officer (CAO), intends to bring more information about possible heating options to the next council meeting.

Coun. Lee Finishen introduced a motion to allow Davidson to explore all options for upgrading the heating system and take action quickly while spending up to \$25,000 if necessary. The motion died since there was no seconder.

The arts centre board wrote council a letter explaining the heating situation and suggested two solutions, including transitioning from steam to hot water. The board noted when the temperature was -20 degrees Celsius outside at Easter, the temperature inside was 10 degrees Celsius.

Council discussion

While hot water heat is an option, using forced hot air is not possible with the current system, said Mayor Jerry Whiting. There might be other incentives to be energy efficient.

It would be easy to change from steam to a hot water boiler, said Coun. Larry Schultz. Steam is the worst possible system today, according to a boiler businessman he knows. All council has to do is adjust a few valves to change to hot water; such boilers are also inexpensive.

"I think we should sell the building," said Coun. Doug Blatter. "I don't know (if there is a buyer). Why do we keep fixing this building and what really goes on there?"

Previous councils had difficulty disposing of the building, noted Coun. Rebecca Hill. While she agreed with Blatter's comment, she figured council would face an uphill battle.

A dedicated group of volunteers is working hard in this building, said Coun. Brian Casper. This is a worthwhile cause.

"My only point is this is a venue that services the region, and yet, the taxpayers of Fort Qu'Appelle are picking up the tab," he said. "That's where the changes need to be made."

There isn't much difference in subsidization between the arena and the arts centre building, Casper added. Shared service agreements with community groups need to be in place so the town isn't paying

the entire bill.

A six-year agreement was signed between the town and the arts centre in November 2014, with a possible extension, said Whiting.

"If the building was eventually to be sold, would an operating heating system add value to the building?" he asked.

The town has already put "so much damn money into the thing" the last few years, including new radiators and plumbing, said Schultz.

"Is heating going to be an issue? The next six months won't be an issue," said Casper. "The baseboard heaters can handle it."

Davidson said he would provide council with more information about options once it is available. He could also purchase a new boiler, as there is enough emergency money in the budget.

"It is our facility and we have people paying rent. Absolutely we are (obligated)," said Schultz.

Finishen then moved that Davidson look at every option to fix the boiler and get something done quickly within reasonable financial constraints of \$25,000.

"I feel we're rushing," said Hill. She didn't want to make a rash decision that wasn't an immediate matter.

The motion died for lack of a seconder.

Council would have time to work on this through the spring and summer, said Casper. It would be great if people using the building paid the \$25,000 bill.

Casper believed the boiler had to be fixed and attempted to second Finishen's motion, but Blatter pointed out it had already failed and couldn't be brought back.

Davidson will bring back further information about a heating system, while he will also contact the RM of North Qu'Appelle and determine what its participation is with the building.


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Ameer Abusada of Regina took top honours at the Qu'Appelle Valley Music Festival this year. The Regina pianist was named the most outstanding senior performer at the festival. He performed works by Beethoven and Chopin at the recital given by the award and scholarship winners at the Fort April 20.

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Winston Churchill

Thanks to all who help others

I have been inspired by some of the news I have read in our newspaper and also from other community newspapers about the donation of facilities and time for worthy causes.

The devastating loss in Humboldt has shown how the community, the province and the country can work together for the good of others. There are also a lot of other little things happening that should not go unnoticed.

Donations for cancer victims or people who have suffered a great loss through fire or any other disaster may not get publicity on the world stage, but nonetheless, they are just as important for the betterment of those involved and for our communities.

Some people donate their time to organize or work at an event; others may donate money or prizes, or sell tickets to raise funds. The size of the event and the donation are not what encourage me, but rather the desire to work together for anything, large or small, that may need a helping hand.

Like the arena in Grenfell for the ball hockey tournament this weekend where proceeds are going to Humboldt. Hats off to the town council for waiving the arena rental to make events for others or for events that are for the betterment of their communities' families and helping to make fundraisers a continuing occurrence.

Or how about the instructor in Moosomin who teaches tai chi for free just to promote healthy living? He is qualified and has the time and feels it will benefit those who want less stressful means of exercise, and that also includes the people who feel they cannot afford to participate.

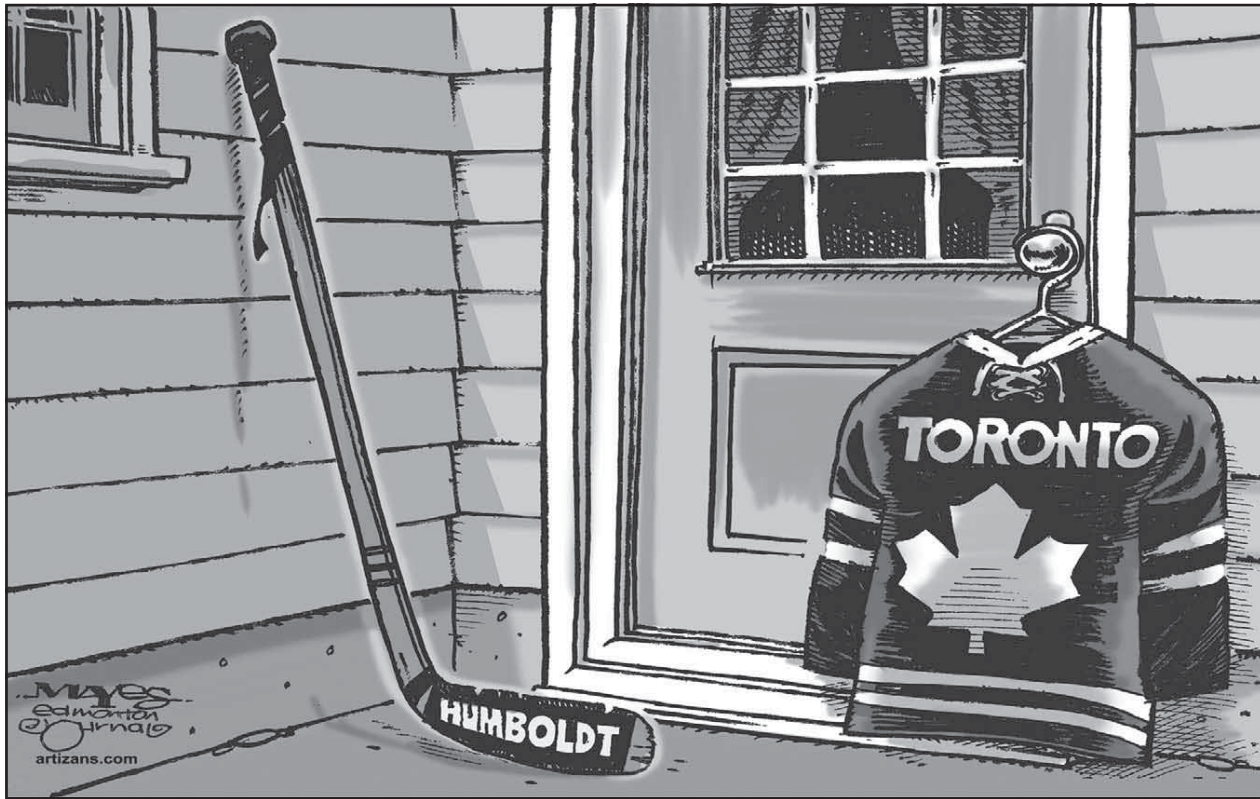
There are the many fundraising barbecues such as the one the Bank of Montreal just held in White-wood for the Kids Help Phone; a warm, sunny day with donated time from employees to cook and serve the food, as well as the food being donated by a local business. It was a delicious, inexpensive meal and an opportunity people enjoyed visiting with others in the community and at the same time supported a worthwhile cause. I'm looking forward to more of these barbecues that businesses usually sponsor throughout the summer for community organizations or nonprofit groups.

There's nothing greater than a community where people want to work together to support a charitable cause. Whether they are students, seniors, employees, businesses or organizations — it is this working together as volunteers that develops a healthy, happy community that is rich in spirit.

It is time we got back to some of the basics of years gone by. We may not have a barn-raising bee, but there's no reason we can't still work together as a community when there is a need for something or someone. It really is time to put down our phones, look up and around at all that could be happening and make a decision to co-operate and welcome everyone who may want to show their support.

Thanks to those who are doing their part, and remember to let others know what is happening. For those who may want to take part — I bet there are lots of people who are willing to hear your ideas or accept your help. Ask your neighbours, your friends and your community leaders how you can be a part of your community and their ideas.

By Elaine Ashfield,
Grasslands News



Rural-urban splits become more evident

There are now two Saskatchewan Party MLAs in the legislature anxiously awaiting the federal election in 2019.

First, former speaker and Saskatoon Eastview MLA Corey Tochor upset incumbent MP Brad Trost to win the Saskatoon University Conservative nomination. More recently, Regina Walsh Acres MLA Warren Steinley took the Conservative nomination in Regina Lewvan.

We will now see these two MLAs collect a paycheque from provincial taxpayers while actively campaigning for a federal seat.

This has NDP Opposition leader Ryan Meili demanding the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act be changed so that MLAs would no longer be allowed to have such divided loyalties between levels of government.

He has a point. However, you have to wonder why politicians exercise these high moral standards only while in opposition.

For years under previous NDP governments, there seemed to be no problem with MLAs holding a provincial seat while representing other interests. For years former Regina mayor Henry Baker was an NDP MLA while running the city.

Moreover, former NDP MLA John Solomon actively ran for the federal NDP long before resigning his provincial seat on Sept. 9, 1993 when the writ was dropped for the federal election that October. As with Tochor and Steinley today, Solomon had little problem collecting his provincial paycheque while running for federal politics.

Provincial politicians of all stripes have always been distracted by outside partisan political interests. That Tochor and Steinley will be out knocking on doors for themselves is just a slight extension of the reality that they would likely be out door-knocking for their own provincial re-election interests or for some other candidate's election.

Rightly or wrongly, campaigning and door-knock-

ing has always been considered part of the job. And given that politicians can and do have other outside interests (farming, businesses, medical practices, legal practices, etc.) that they are allowed to partake in while actively sitting as an MLA, you might argue there are likely even worse potential conflicts of interest.

While on a point of principle Tochor, Steinley (and Solomon, years ago after he secured his own federal nomination) should resign their provincial seat, it's not because any of them were in an egregious philosophical conflict.

As it stands, the Sask. Party and federal Conservatives are virtually indistinguishable. But maybe that is where one of two new problems arises. Maybe the notion of the Sask. Party being just the provincial version of the federal Conservative party is not an inoffensive notion to Conservative supporters.

Certainly, it's not been a problem for any number of rural voters who, for years voted Conservative federally, and for the Sask. Party, provincially.

If this is the case, maybe it's time to end the charade that the Sask. Party is in any way still an amalgamation of provincial Liberals and federal Progressive Conservatives.

However, a bigger issue seems to be why Tochor and Steinley may have resigned. It likely has something to do with the likelihood that neither would have been re-elected in their city seats as Sask. Party MLAs.

There seems to be a pattern here.

Jennifer Campeau, Kevin Doherty and, soon, Tochor and Steinley will all have resigned city seats since the 2016 campaign. The ensuing byelections in Campeau's and the late Roger Parent's constituencies were handily won by the NDP.

The NDP will likely do equally well in the upcoming three city byelections. Meanwhile, the Sask. Party won three rural byelections by even larger margins.

What this spells is a return to the old rural-urban splits in this province in a major way.

That isn't good news for anyone.

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Last chance at Chase the Ace

By Alan Hustak
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Fourteen cards and two draws remain in the Fort Qu'Appelle Legion's Case the Ace draw that began a year ago.

This Saturday, April 28, participants have a chance to win at least \$9,358. You don't have to be a member of the legion to buy a ticket, but you do have to be over 18 years of age to play. Tickets are \$5 each, and each week the name of one ticket holder is drawn. That person has a chance to choose one card from what is left of the deck until the Ace of Spades turns up. If the Ace of Spades isn't drawn, the game continues for another week.

However the legion's gaming license for the draw expires on May 5, so there are only two chances left for someone to walk away with the big prize.

If the draw continues after this Saturday, names will continue to be pulled the following Saturday until a winner is chosen.

"Since the game started a year ago, more than \$6,000 has been

awarded in prize money. After we pay the winners, the legion will have about \$16,000 in the bank," said legion president Ralph Martin.

Twenty per cent of the tickets sold raised goes to the winners, 30 per cent goes to the jackpot and 50 per cent goes to the legion.

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A special thank you to Al Rentals for a wonderful setup, Kelly and the Fort Rexcentre staff for all your hard work throughout the show, Connect Electric for going above and beyond to help us out, the Lions Club for the breakfasts served, and for being our security Friday and Saturday night.

We appreciate all the feedback, and look forward to a bigger and better show next year!

We definitely cannot do it without all of you.



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HMCS Calgary proceeding to sea.

Cadet deploys with RCN frigate

Submitted

During the week of April 15 to 21, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class (CPO1) Michael Forrester deployed with HMCS Calgary, a Royal Canadian Navy Halifax-class frigate, during her workups.

Forrester joined a large contingent of sea cadets from across Canada at Esquimalt, B.C. on April 15. The ship departed the following day and spent the week in Juan de Fuca Strait between Canada and the United States, as well in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Vancouver Island. Cadets were rotated through various departments in the ship and experienced everything from being helmsman to doing laundry. They lived and worked as part of the ship's company and got to really experience life on the sea with the Royal Canadian Navy.

The deployment ended all too soon when



CPO1 Michael Forrester poses on HMCS Calgary's flight deck, designed to accommodate the ship's anti-submarine helicopter.

HMCS Calgary returned to her home port in Esquimalt on April 20. The next day cadets bid farewell to friends who had been strangers only

a week before and returned home.

Forrester resumes his duties as the cadet corps' coxswain in Fort Qu'Appelle.



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Hand-sewn doll clothes make smiles

By Jason G. Antonio
Grasslands News

Barbie might have an entire wardrobe that is manufactured by machines, but collectors with 18-inch tall dolls can purchase high quality hand-sewn clothing created by three retirees with 150 years of collective sewing experience.

Whether it's boots, underwear, overalls, dresses, cowboy chaps, or anything else you can conceive, Serendipity Doll Fashions has plenty of clothing options for dolls with more personality than the plastic princess.

Clothing can also be created to represent different cultures, such as Ukrainian, Japanese, German and East Indian.

"We're pretty finicky about our sewing. We're expert sewers, so all the clothes have finished edges," said Fauntie Phillips. "Lots of people say, 'Can you make something for me out of this?' Dolls never complain about it being scratchy (or) the colour."

The three Yorkton sewers — Phillips, Monika Schindel and Pat Viczko — travel around Saskatchewan attending trade shows and displaying their dolls and various clothing options available for the 18-inch tall toys. They attend between 21 and 30 trade shows

every year.

"It keeps us out of trouble. We're seniors," Phillips laughed. "We sew professionally. It's not your grandmother's stuff."

The trio has operated Serendipity Doll Fashions for four years. Phillips' two granddaughters had received dolls for Christmas and her daughter asked if she would make clothes for them. Phillips' friends jumped on board and said they would help as well.

The dolls were fully outfitted by the time Christmas was over.

Other people saw what they had created and invited them to a trade show to display their work.

"That was it. We got invited to other shows. It just kept rolling," Phillips said.

Their first show as a flea market, and while that didn't go so well, they did well at another Saskatoon fashion show. The women provided outfits for the dolls that children brought, which were then displayed at the show.

Phillips likes seeing the smiles on children's faces when they see the new clothes their doll has. It's also great to see seniors walk past their booth and overhear them talk about how they owned similar dolls when they were younger.



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say they don't have such dolls anymore, but Phillips has 10 of them. Each of the women had one 18-inch tall doll as young children, so Phillips joked they are making up for that low quantity by having many now.

"We (are) one of a kind," she said, noting they know of only one other similar business. "It's fun because it's not boring ... We have found our niche."

Being on Facebook has helped Serendipity Doll Fashions get its creations to a wider audience. Visitors looking through pictures have contacted the women saying they want to either purchase the item or have them make another one.

"We tell people it's all a new lifestyle," Schindel said. "We show what we love to do. We get to different cities. Sometimes we even have enough time to purchase fabric."



Fauntie Phillips, Pat Viczko and Monika Schindel display some of the clothes they make for dolls through their company Serendipity Doll Fashions during the trade show. Photo by Jason G. Antonio

"Kids have great excuses for wanting new doll clothes," Phillips laughed. She heard one child say her doll had outgrown the current clothes and needed new ones.

Schindel enjoys the creativity of sewing and being able to create various outfits. It also keeps her mind sharp. Phillips enjoys the satisfaction of having created a well-made outfit that other people appreciate.

"It for sure keeps us busy," she said, while also pointing to their camaraderie. "We sew all the time."

Visitors to their booth



Kathy Cook with MONAT and Bonnie Stecyk with Tomboy Tools man their booths at the trade show.



The Fort Qu'Appelle branch of the Southeast Regional Library had a couple of tables filled with various genres of books that bookworms and aficionados could browse during the trade show. Photo by Jason G. Antonio



Polly Schindel (back to camera) with Saskapaca talks to a customer about her line of products.

Congratulations to the Recipients of The 2018 Junior Citizen of the Year Award



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Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

Greenhouses nearly ready for gardening season

By Alan Hustak
Special to Grasslands News

The ground is thawing. Gardening season is here. U & K Greenhouses, on the highway between Lebreton and Indian Head, and the Fox Green House in Fort Qu'Appelle, have ramped up production of hot-house flowers and hardy plants and vegetables in time for their respective May 1 openings.

Now, they say, is the time to prepare the soil for planting. Gardening success depends on it.

"You have to top up the soil in planters. The biggest mistake a lot of people make is they buy potting soil with fertilizer and think that's it, but after three or four months the fertilizer disappears, it doesn't last," says Ursula Schiffel, who, with husband Karl, has operated U & K Greenhouse since 1995. The largest greenhouse in the area, it covers 20,000 square feet, and is filled with a thousand hanging plant baskets and hundreds of thousands of plants. It offers offbeat examples of horticulture, like the solar tower potato vine, which this year is available in black and lime, and a new variety of pink sky petunias, with white speckles in the blossoms.

"We buy lots of certified seeds from Ontario and British Columbia, but there are some plants, like geraniums, that you can't grow from seed, because you

"You have to top up the soil in planters. The biggest mistake a lot of people make is they buy potting soil with fertilizer and think that's it..."
U&K Greenhouses' Ursula Schiffel

Exercise, entertainment keeps residents active

By JUDY HERSMILLER
Balcarres Correspondent

On Monday, April 23, residents enjoyed exercise time in the morning. In the afternoon, Karen Totten came in to lead in Bible study time together with the residents.

Beanbag toss games were lots of fun in the morning of April 17. In the afternoon, bingo was enjoyed with straight-line winners being Margaret O'Kell and Audrey Large, Hilary McKay, James Wallace and Rose Kolody. The rolling L game was won by Kay Walters, the two lines game won by rose Kolody, Jeanne Smith and Iola Miller. Leon won the four corners game and Bill Gherasim won the letter T game. Elmer Miller and Eleanor Lemire won the blackout.

Shuffleboard games were played April 18. In the afternoon Harold Mrazek and friends came in to musically entertain with their old time music. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon very much.

On April 19 the residents participated in exercises in the morning. In the afternoon residents enjoyed the music by Archie and Bev Esplin. Their toe-tapping music delighted the seniors and staff.

Spring planting for the gardens kept the residents busy on Friday morning, April 20. In the afternoon bingo was played. Straight-line winner was Hilary McKay, Eleanor Lemire, Cecile Flamont and Dean Desjarlais. Jeanette Kirk won the letter X game and Hilary McKay won the four corners game. Kay Walters and Jeanette Kirk won the letter L game and Maureen Selinger won the letter I game. Jeanette Kirk was really lucky today also winning the Two Lines Game. The blackout was won by Hilary McKay and Margaret O'Kell and Bill Gherasim.

Saturday and Sunday were spent quietly with friends and family visiting at the Centre.

Monday saw the residents busy limbering up their muscles at exercise time in the morning. In the afternoon Karen Totten came in the afternoon to lead in Bible study.

Balcarres Extended Care Home

Residents enjoy playing cards together after supper. Other personal activities this week included:

Joe Englot went to church on April 15, and enjoyed a visit with Matt Krupski. He went out for the evening with family on Saturday.

Nora Nakonechny went out on a social leave last week and enjoyed her little holiday. Her niece, Monica Wilson, came to visit her on April 22.

Elsie Pekrul enjoyed her visitors on April 18

Mina welcomed a visit with Ken Penny on April 9, grandson Ken Burton and his wife, Sandra, on April 18, as well as daughters Marlene Burton and Carol Davis on April 21, who brought treats for everyone to enjoy.

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have to pay royalties on the seed. You have to buy the plant. You have to start off with good stock."

The Schiffels say tomatoes are their best-selling fruit, and calibrochia, commonly known as Million Bells, is the most popular flower, because it's resistant to light frost and cold weather.

For the past three years the Schiffels leased the Fox Greenhouse in Fort Qu'Appelle, but this year, owner Dorothy von Falkenhausen, with 53 years experience, will be running it again on her own. Her greenhouse offers a wide selection of flowers and is a convenient spot for gardeners in the Fort who can't drive a long distance to pick up their flats.

Garden service suppliers are also gearing up. The Co-op garden centre received its supply of seed potatoes and onion sets last weekend. "We've already sold a few rakes, garden trowels and cultivators, and

potting soil," said salesclerk Michele Damme.

Down the street at Tru Hardware, customers have been buying containers and flowerpots. "The weather hasn't been good until this week. Every year we see people buy plants and put them out too early," says Tru Hardware's Greg Okolito.

"Every year is different, but people are now starting to buy seeds — stuff that should have been planted indoors in February."

While gardeners wait for the ground to thaw, it is time to replace or top off the soil from last year's planters and till the garden. Now is the ideal time to sow grass seed and to fertilize lawns with a high-nitrogen, slow-release formula.

And don't forget to clean your gardening tools and implements. Get the lawnmower in shape too, give it an oil change and sharpen the blades.



Ursula and Karl Schiffel, who run the U & K Greenhouse, prepare their flats for this year's gardening season. Greenhouses and garden centres in the area open May 1.

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Christian women share laughter and fellowship

By **Connie Schwalm**
Special to
Grasslands News

There are times when you can choose to be part of something brand new and feel as though you are both known and welcome the moment that you step through the door.

On April 18, 59 women gathered in the hall at St. John's Anglican Church, to attend the Christian Women's Breakfast, a monthly gathering, that provides women with the opportunity to experience precisely this type of embrace.

The first speaker at the Christian Women's Breakfast was Sheldon Matsalla, the interpretive officer for the Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site. Matsalla noted that visitors can tour the site and meet some of the farm animals that call the Motherwell home and learn more about them.

"We're working with some breeds of animals that are rare in Canada. For example, we have Berkshire Pigs at Motherwell. People can have a chance to see these animals and appreciate their unique characteristics."

He noted that by seeing the farm animals and taking part in activities such as the Binding and Stooking: Taste of the Homestead event, guests can gain a better understanding of farming and food production.

"Visitors also have the chance to learn more about how farming has changed, and about where their food comes from. So many people don't know how the food they consume gets to their table. We want to help people start to make these links.

Matsalla also pointed out that visitors can take part in activities, such as a Learn to Camp program that allows those who might have never been camping before, to

learn how to enjoy the great outdoors in a new way, day camps, and special programs for children, and the Symphony Under the Sky concert featuring the Regina Symphony Orchestra.

Motivational speaker and author, Ruth Johnstone, was the second speaker for the morning. Johnstone, who was a pastor's wife for more than 30 years, spoke of the ways in which her husband's diagnosis of Lewy Body Dementia affected not only her and her husband, but also their entire family.

"Lewy came, and just peeled away slowly at everything that he was. It seemed that we all lost bits of our lives, as Steve lost his ability to be the person he once was in our family. I also found that I experienced social losses as well. Although there were a few friends that stuck by us and were wonderful, others just didn't understand. Even some of our oldest friends began to walk away."

She went on to explain that as her husband's condition deteriorated it became necessary for her to hold on to her faith more tightly.

"Amid all of the clutter of my life, I had some choices to make. I could let the bitterness that I was feeling eat me up completely, or I could take these things that were happening, and use them as stepping stones and keep on going. I really had to hold on to my faith that God had a purpose for us, even in this."

Wilfred Pinay provided musical entertainment during the morning as well. His performance included a touching rendition of the song 'Send Your Best Angel for My Mama.' He told the audience he is often asked to play for friends and others in the community.

Karen Totten has been a member of the Fort Qu'Appelle Christian

Women's Club, the group organizing the Christian Women's Breakfast since 1985. She says the group is non-denominational and strives to ensure that these monthly events will allow a variety of women to take part in something that is fun, relaxing and informative.

"Our group is connected with RSVP Ministries (formerly Stonecroft Canada), so we aren't a part of any one denomination. In fact, our group includes women that come from a number of different churches," Totten said.

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Sheldon Matsalla describes upcoming events at the Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site to women attending the Christian Women's Breakfast.



Ruth Johnstone was a pastor's wife for more than 30 years and explained how her husband's dementia affected not only her and her husband, but their entire family.

EVENTS

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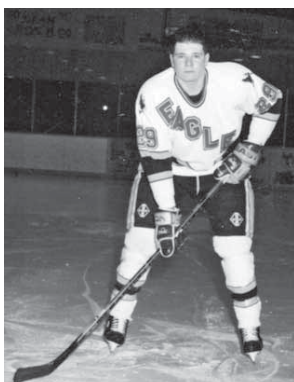
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... Christian women share laughter and fellowship

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"Our Christian Women's Breakfast is normally held on the third Wednesday of each month and will almost always have musical entertainment and a couple of different speakers. Our goal is for these mornings to have almost a party atmosphere. We want people to feel as though they've been to a celebration, where they also had a chance to learn something new."

Totten explains the speakers who are asked to come and take part in this event are able to offer different perspectives on a variety of different topics.

"We generally have one speaker come in to talk about local events or places of interest like Mother-

well. Others come to talk about various interests. For example, next month we will have somebody from the Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society come in and talk about unique places that you can visit and see in Saskatchewan. Then sometime later on, we hope to have somebody come in and teach light yoga techniques.

"The second speaker that we have at these events usually comes to tell their personal story. They aren't there to promote any particular denomination. They simply come to share their faith and talk about the things that God has done in their lives since they came to know Christ."

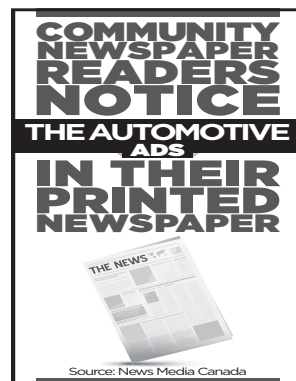
Regardless of what point a woman is at in her life,

Totten says she will find that she is welcome at the Christian Women's Breakfast.

"Many of the women who come out for the first time, have been invited by somebody that they know. But, you sure don't have to wait to be invited. Any woman who feels she would like to come, is welcome. Our breakfasts always end up being a really nice morning. There's generally lots of fun and laughter. No matter who you are, you'll find a reason to be glad you came"



Wilfred Pinay provided musical entertainment during the Christian Women's Breakfast.



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ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

Resort Village of B-Say-Tah

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Resort Village of B-Say-Tah for 2018 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00am to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal his/her assessment to the Board of Revisions is required to file his or her notice of appeal in writing, accompanied by \$100.00 per parcel, by Friday, May 25, 2018 to:

The Assessor
The Resort Village of B-Say-Tah
P.O. Box 908
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Dated this 25th day of April, 2018.

Richelle Haanstra,
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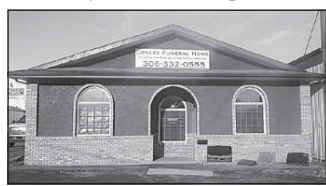
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Rock ants and metal birds invade Rexcentre



Kyra-Lee Turtle, 7, admires some of the rock-and-metal art that Dana Weisbrod from Lipton makes, during the trade show at the Rexcentre on April 21.



Joy Akrigg with Fragrant Sky speaks to a customer about jewelry during the trade show. Photos by Jason G. Antonio

**By Jason G. Antonio
Grasslands News**

Seventy-pound rock ants and four-foot high metal birds invaded the Rexcentre during this year's trade show in search of either food or a nice outdoor home in someone's backyard.

The critters — constructed of stones and metal — were some of the items on display on April 21 at the Dana's Welded Rock Inc. booth. Other creations looking for good homes included three-foot tall rockmen, metal lilies and steel cattails.

"This is my hobby," said Dana Weisbrod, adding with a chuckle, "I could have picked something lighter."

Weisbrod has appeared at the trade show for the last three years selling firepit tables made of polished rock. He has been making the tables for six years. This was the first year the Lipton resident brought his rock-and-metal critters and cattails to the event.

Weisbrod finds all of his rocks in the many fields and ravines

around Lipton. He also travels to gravel pits looking for suitably sized stones. He helps build ice roads in the winter, so if he sees a nice-looking rock, it goes home with him. It takes him an hour to fabricate his creations.

His rock tables are worth about \$250, while the ants, rockmen and flora are priced at less than \$100. The latter creations are fun to make, he said, and he makes some money from them.

"Now they've taken off," Weisbrod said. "I was at a Moose Jaw trade show and I sold every ant and cattail I had up there."

Every week Weisbrod comes up with a new rock or metal creation since he wants variety in what he sells. He attempts to combine the rock and metal into one as frequently as possible.

Among the rock ants Weisbrod brought with him to the trade show was one that weighed 70 pounds and could conceivably carry a six-year-old. His firepit rock tables, meanwhile, weigh 250 pounds.

"But they're guaranteed never to blow away and last forever," he chuckled.

Dana's Welded Rock Inc. can be found on Facebook.

2018 Assessment Roll Village of Lebre

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Lebre for the year 2018 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, April 23, 2018 to May 23, 2018.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against the assessment is required to file a notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25 fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with:

The Assessor, Village of Lebre
P.O. Box 40 Lebre, SK S0G 2Y0

by 4:00 p.m. on May 23, 2018.

Dated at Lebre, Saskatchewan this 23rd day of April, 2018.

Caroline MacMurphy
Assessor

...Exercise, entertainment keeps residents active

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Dorothy Wilkes went to an appointment with son Brian and his wife, Donna on April 17, and enjoyed a visit with her son from Alberta.

Around and About Town

Congratulations to Frances Walkington, who is the lucky winner of the Balcarres Lions and Lioness Trip of the Month for April. She wins a Victoria Get-away for two, including three nights accommodations and a visit to Butchart Gardens.



ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Resort Village of District of Katepwa for the year 2018 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from Monday to Thursday (9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and Friday (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on the following days: April 27 to May 30, 2018, excluding Monday, May 21.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment to the Board of Revision is required to file a notice of appeal in writing, accompanied with a \$50.00 appeal fee by May 30, 2018 to:

The Secretary of the Board of Revision
Aileen Swenson
2405 Gordon Rd. Regina, SK. S4S 4M4

Dated this 27th day of April, 2018.

Laurie Rudolph, Assessor

Town of Cupar Notice to the Public

Pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*, public notice is hereby given that the Town of Cupar intends to restructure by adding the following lands from the RM of Cupar No. 218 to the Town of Cupar.

The Land to be added to the Town of Cupar are the following parcels:

108284665; 108996632; 108284654; 166238073;
108284632; 108996643; 108987272; 109011350;
108996654; 108987261; 109011361; 108987294;
108996610; 109011372; 108996698; 108284643;
108987250; 108996687; 109011394; 108987283;
108996676; 109011383; 108996621; 108996665;
108996700; and the lane to the west of properties; street to the south of properties and street to the north of properties:



A public meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Cupar Town Office, 116 Stanley Street, Cupar, SK to discuss the proposal.

Any persons who wish to object to the proposed restructuring may file a written objection, stating clearly their reason for their opposition, with the Administrator of the Town of Cupar at:

Town of Cupar

P.O. Box 397, 116 Stanley St., Cupar, SK, S0G 0Y0

The complete proposal may be viewed at the Town of Cupar office between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Town of Cupar, Saskatchewan, this 20th day of April, 2018.

Wanda McLeod,
Administrator for the Town of Cupar



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Community Centre Employment

The District of Katepwa is looking for an individual to work in the Community Centre Library

Position: July and August

Hours of work: Saturday and Sunday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wage: \$15.00 per hour

Work Duties: Organizing, selling and filing of books.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, June 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Summer Coordinators Employment

The District of Katepwa is looking for two (2) individuals for the position of Summer Activity Coordinators to coordinate and implement children activities for the ages of 3-12

Position: Friday, June 29 to Friday, July 27

Hours of work: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Wage: \$15.00 per hour

Work Duties: preparing a calendar of scheduled events and performing activities with the children.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, June 1, 2018 at 5:00 pm

*Applicant must be 16 years of age and be comfortable working with children.

Please submit resumes to:

District of Katepwa Beach
P.O. Box 250 Lebre, SK
S0G 2Y0

or email: katepwabeach@sasktel.net

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Interested parties wishing to obtain tendering documents should send email to:

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