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About 100 parishioners walked in the annual Corpus Christi procession around Sacred Heart Church in Lebret on Sunday, June 3. Rev. "Bert" Lillo and warden Len Busch led the congregation in the observance, in which Roman Catholics celebrate Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Jason Bellegarde, a drummer from the Little Black Bear First Nation, also took part in the service. Photo by Alan Hustak.

Grass retailer wants to be ready

By Alan Hustak
Special to
Grasslands News

The Yorkton subsidiary of a multinational corporation headquartered in Ontario that grows, produces and sells medical marijuana, has been given the permit to open retail cannabis shops in Fort Qu'Appelle and Melville.

Tweed Grasslands, a subsidiary of Canopy Growth in Smiths Falls, Ont., is one of five companies awarded 51 licenses by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority to sell pot in the province once the enabling legislation, Bill C-45, is approved by the Senate.

"We're not going to sit on our hands. We are going to open as soon as possible," said Andrew MacCorquodale, Tweed's head of operations for Western Canada. "We have 12 months to comply with the regulations, but it is not our intention to stretch it to the full 12 months before we open."

For the moment though, MacCorquodale says everyone will have to go through "a transitional phase," which will allow retailers to normalize cannabis and "play by the rules."

He still doesn't know where the pot stores will be located. "We have a team scouting both towns for suitable locations, but we don't know where the sites will be until we get the answers to a number of questions first. What are the municipal requirements? We have to identify what the stores will look like. What is the right size of a store for the community. Should it be 3,000 square feet? Should it be 5,000 square feet?"

He said the first step is consultation with the municipalities involved. "Be assured that every market Canopy Growth goes into, be it retail or as a producer, we put a lot of effort into being part of the community. Tweed will be focused on being integrated into the community. We are anxious to get engaged and open dialogue with both communities."

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Sea cadets given Freedom of Entry on annual review

By Alan Hustak
Special to
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In a ceremony rich with ancient Roman military tradition, Fort Qu'Appelle's Royal Canadian Sea Cadets were given Freedom of Entry to the town on Saturday, which now allows them to parade through the streets with their swords drawn.

The honour was bestowed to mark this year's centennial of the sea cadets in Canada.

The corps commanding office, Lt. Ron Haskell pounded his sword on the door of the town hall seeking permission to gain entry and Mayor Jerry Whiting, who was the chief reviewing officer for the occasion, entrusted him with the honour.

The ceremony originated during days of civic unrest in ancient Rome when Caesar's legions were forbidden to carry weapons through the gates of the city until they gained the trust of the local residents.

The Fort's 19 sea cadets on parade were joined by 10 band members of the Navy League Cadet Corps, HM Weir, from Saskatoon.

Mayor Whiting inspected the troops during their 15th annual ceremonial review. A number of awards were handed out during the two-hour program. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Forrester was recognized for his leadership skills with the Commanding Officer's Award. He also received the Lord Strathcona Medal for his high performance in military and physical training.

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Nia McKay was given the Strathcona certificate of merit. Among the other award winners was Alec Guggenmos, who was named most outstanding Petty Officer and given the Navy League of Canada's centennial coin. Divisional Petty Officers Tyler Lindenbach and Paige Rieck were both presented with the Royal Canadian Cadet Medal of Excellence.

Gordon Basaraba, Sea Cadet Chair for Saskatchewan, presented each of the cadets on parade with a centennial challenge coin, a custom that also originated with the Romans.

In his address, Haskell said his cadets have achieved many firsts. "Petty Officer Kenneth Reeve took part in a tall ship deployment, and Petty Officer Michael Forrester went on a deployment on a RCN frigate, HMCS Calgary, both firsts for our corps.

"We continue to have one of the highest retention rates in the province, and by the end of the training year we will have no less than five chief petty officers, a record."

In his closing remarks, Mayor Whiting complimented the corps "for a job well done."

Chief Reviewing Officer Mayor Jerry Whiting inspects the sea cadets after granting the corps Freedom of Entry on June 2. The honour, in recognition of the centennial of Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, allows the corps to parade with swords drawn through the streets of the town.

Navy Lt. Ron Haskell knocks on the door of Fort Qu'Appelle's town hall seeking Freedom of Entry to the town in recognition of this year's centennial of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

Mayor Jerry Whiting pins Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Forrester with the Lord Strathcona Medal, in recognition of the cadet's high performance in physical and military training. Forrester also was received the Commanding Officer's Award for his leadership skills and high degree of accountability at the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 15th annual ceremonial review.

Sub Lt. Sean Chatterson, parades with sword drawn, during the Freedom of the Fort parade, an honour granted to the town's Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

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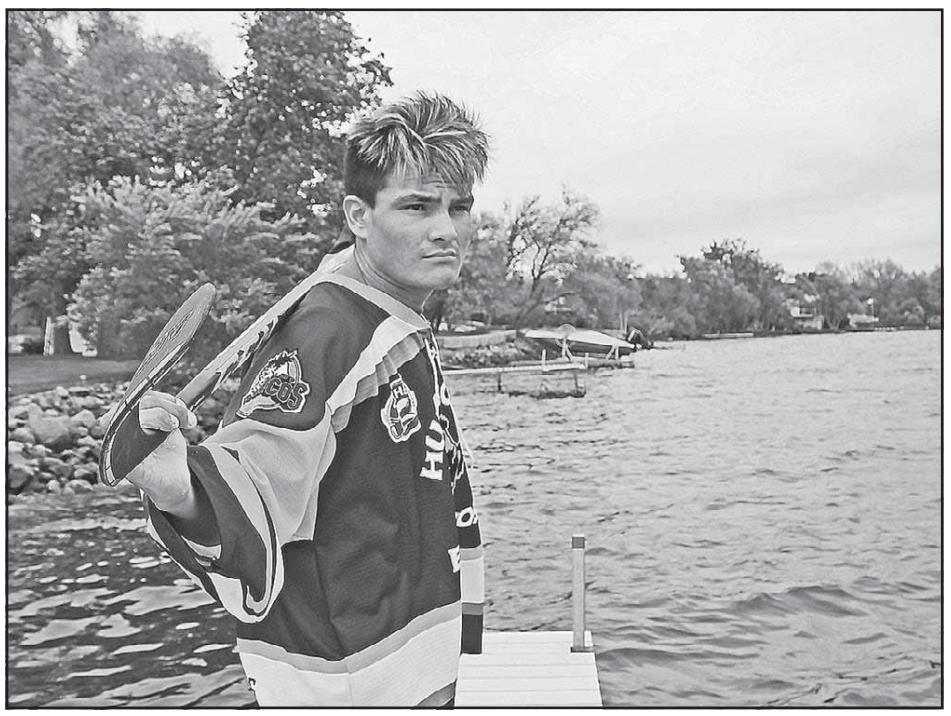
Cardinal now taking stock of his future



Rance Cardinal unwinds in Fort Qu'Appelle after his 1,200-kilometre healing trek to Humboldt. "Don't look up to me like I'm a celebrity. I'm just a regular guy."

By Alan Hustak
Special to Grasslands News

Call him what you will, but don't call Rance Cardinal a celebrity.

Cardinal, who pushed himself to go on a 1,200-kilometre healing walk from Ontario's Lac Seul First Nation to Humboldt, Sask., was in Fort Qu'Appelle on a private visit last week where he dove off a pier for a quick swim in Echo Lake and spent a day relaxing. It was a welcome, quiet break from the public acclaim he received during his 44-day trek

"Don't look up to me like I'm some sort of celebrity, I'm not a celebrity, I'm just a regular guy," he shrugged. "I didn't do this alone. We did it together. I couldn't have done it without the prayers, without hope, without the support of everyone," he said during an interview over a leisurely breakfast.

Cardinal came to the Fort at the invitation of Juliette and Dr. Ron Martin.

"I followed him on Facebook almost from the beginning, I saw that he kept staying in hotels and motels, and I thought since he was in the neighbourhood it would be nice for him to stay in a home for a change and sit down to enjoy a home-cooked meal," Juliette said.

Her husband Ron, a dentist, was once a nominee for the National Aboriginal Awards, the forerunner of what is now known as the Indspire Awards that recognize the contributions made by First Nations and Metis individuals. Dr. Martin says Cardinal deserves to be nominated. "He's goal-headed, he's determined, he didn't train for his walk; he just did it on the spur of the moment."

Through it all, Cardinal remains remarkably level-headed. He doesn't have a cellphone because, he says, it is too distracting, and he enjoys watching "classic movies," — Forrest Gump is among his favourites. He is both grateful and surprised by the outpouring of goodwill he encountered along the way.

"Does the attention bug me? Am I fed up with it? No. If people want to get their picture taken with me, or get and an autograph, it's the least I can do to make their day. It makes me happy to know I am making them happy. If I can make some kid feel good about themselves, remember I was once one of those kids who once had that left out feeling."

Cardinal credits his uncle, Ben, with being a perfect father figure during his troubled years when he turned to drugs and alcohol after his younger brother died.

"I went to stay with him for three days and ended up staying with him for three years. He has always been fully supportive."

Rance is not superstitious, but as he set out on his walk he was warned to watch out for snakes, which, in aboriginal lore, represent bad spirits. "I walked along the ditches all the way, through the tall grass, and not once did I see a snake," he said, "There were no bad spirits around."

Now that he accomplished what he set out to do Cardinal says he is going to step up, get off welfare, propose marriage to his partner and become a father to his 17-month-old son.

"I'm really gonna step up."

RCMP alert parents to reports of attempted child abductions

Submitted

Late last week three RCMP detachments in southern Saskatchewan investigated three reported attempted child abductions.

While investigators do not believe these reported incidents are related, RCMP felt it was important to ensure the public is aware of these reports and reinforce the importance of parents and guardians taking time to talk with their children about the following safety principals:

• Be aware of surroundings and note suspicious people or vehicles and report them promptly to teachers, parents or other trusted adults

• Listen to earbuds through one ear only, so you can hear traffic, people, dogs or any other potential hazards

• Do not approach a vehicle if you don't know the person inside

• Do not talk to strangers

• Have a friend walk with you if possible

• Stick to sidewalks along busy streets as opposed to cutting through alleys or parks

On May 31 at approximately 3:45 p.m. Carlyle RCMP received a report of two separate 10-year-old girls who had been approached by a man who offered them a ride. As a result of this report, Carlyle RCMP and RCMP Traffic Services immediately conducted extensive patrols of the areas and were unable to locate the vehicle or suspect male. Further investigation determined these incidents did not take place and the investigation has been concluded.

On May 31, in response to several posts on Facebook commenting on an attempted child abduction on the Piapot First Nation, Southey RCMP began an investigation into an attempted child abduction. This incident was not reported to police and social media posts indicate the incident occurred on May 6. Investigators have located the girl and are actively investigating.

On May 29 Broadview RCMP responded to a reported attempted abduction of 12-year-old girl on the Kahkewistahaw First Nation. This investigation remains ongoing.

"While we do not believe these incidents are related," said S/Sgt. Devin Pugh, Saskatchewan RCMP South District commander. "Parents are asked to take time to discuss basic safety principles with their children."

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"It is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong."
Voltaire

Trade ahead of politics

Guest Columnist
Murray Mandryk

In a commodity-trading province like Saskatchewan, no one should have to be reminded of the importance of trade — especially trade with the United States, with whom we do the most business.

Everything we do in this province, from selling our grains and oilseeds to our potash and oil, pretty much relies on business beyond Canada's borders. This is particular critical to rural Saskatchewan where the drivers of the economy are those very commodities.

A trade war, especially one with the U.S., threatens our livelihood in a more serious way than a carbon tax or any other policy government could impose. To have unreasonable tariffs imposed on us and to not be able to sell what we produce into foreign markets for a competitive price is an economic crisis. We all know this from U.S. tariffs imposed over the decades on wheat, potash, and beef during the BSE crisis of more than a decade ago.

So for a Saskatchewan politician to do anything other than whatever they possibly can to ward off the most recent trade started by U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminum, is a disservice. To their credit, most Saskatchewan politicians — past and present — are doing as much as they can.

Take current Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe, who travelled to Washington to meet several high-ranking U.S. politicians, including Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. Some will likely argue that a Canadian premier from a small province isn't connected enough in Washington to accomplish much of anything. But Moe's message of how this could be a "win-win" and "doesn't have to be a lose-lose" for both Canada and the U.S. resonates with American politicians more than some realize.

After all, the American politicians may have already gotten a glimpse of the lose-lose scenario in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's list of retaliatory tariffs on U.S. imports — sleeping bags, maple syrup, yogurt, tissues, napkins, toilet paper, pens, felt-tip markers, chocolate, beer kegs, bourbon and orange juice.

It's a broad list that on the surface doesn't seem to make much sense. But with the help of bipartisan consultants — some of them Conservative politicians — the list has been carefully crafted to take aim at states where Republicans face tough mid-term elections.

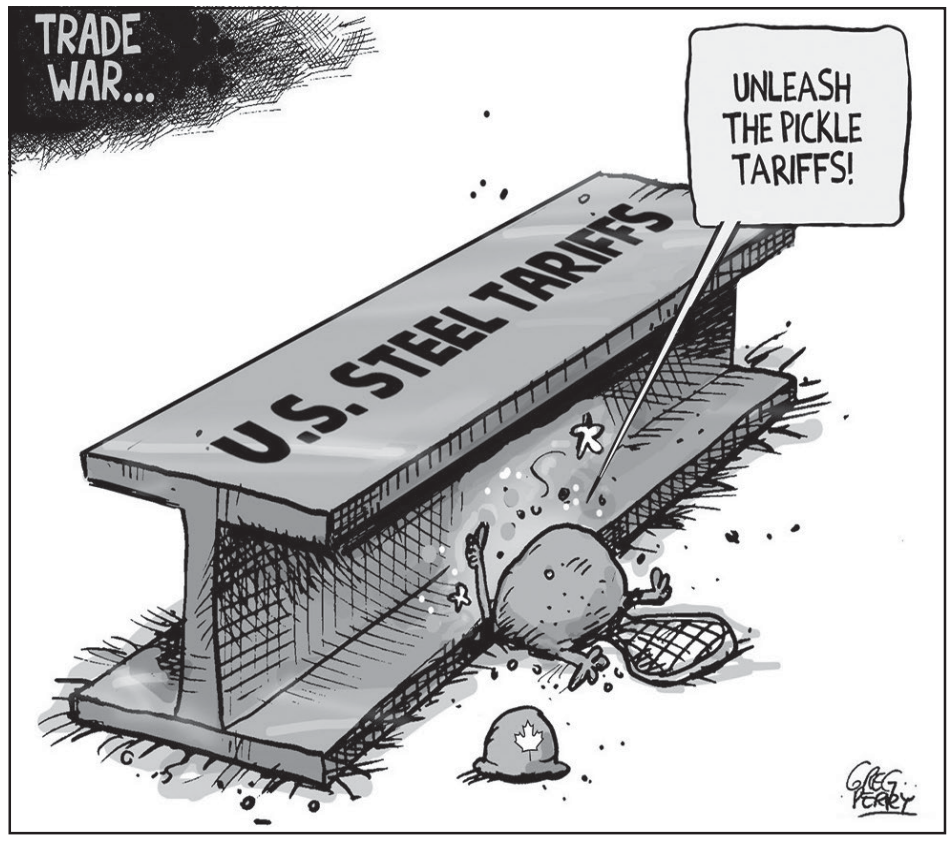
The Saskatchewan premier also made the case of how integrated the U.S. and Canadian economy really are — using the example of steel produced at the Evraz mill in Regina. Recycled U.S. cars are shipped to Canada and that steel is shipped to Portland, Ore. where it's made into steel plates. Those steel plates are then shipped back to Canada where at they are rolled into pipe used in the Texas oilfields.

Similarly, former premier Brad Wall has been active on his social media feeds with clips of late Republican president Ronald Reagan speaking on the need for trade and how free trade is a conservative value. Interestingly, Wall's message came after federal Opposition leader Andrew Scheer lambasted Trudeau for "failing" Canada's aluminum and steel producers.

Scheer is well within his right to criticize Trudeau on any subject. Certainly, Scheer's handling of the carbon tax and Trans Mountain pipeline are legitimate grounds for opposition criticism, but it's a dangerous game for Canadians not to present a united front in the face of these U.S. trade sanctions that are escalating into this all-out trade war.

Faced with criticism from Conservative partisans that he was siding with Trudeau, Wall simply responded that he "respectfully disagrees." Wall is right and those who would choose to not demonstrate unity in the trade fight with the U.S. — including Scheer — need to seriously re-examine their priorities.

An international trade war is no place for local, partisan politics.



Developer responds to condo issues

Dear Editor:

As the developer of Willow Court, I wasn't going to comment on the condo fiasco or the forthcoming totally unnecessary referendum, but after the blatant defamation of my character by former councillors and the present town administration, allow me to set the record straight.

The Town of Fort Qu'Appelle would have you believe that the controversy is a civil matter between Abaco and Willow Court. That is not the case. Not once has this council attempted to present both sides of the issue.

Here are the facts. The location of the buildings on Willow Court would never have become a problem had the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle adhered to municipal rules and regulations, transparency and its duty to consult before the property was sold. After I bought the old Nurses Residence (Block N) in 2006, I was assured by then-administrator Anna May Steinbrook that easements would not be a problem and that Block Q would never be sold. After the development of Blue Bill Bay, we came to council asking for legal easements, and once again we were assured they would be in place. I received a letter from Ed Sigmuth stating legal easements would be done when Block V was sold, and he assured me verbally that Block Q would not be sold because of the storm sewer and future expansion of Echo Lodge.

Minutes of a council meeting are on file that show that a motion that passed unanimously by council guarantees that Block Q would not be sold. There are supporting documents from the town engineer that state Block Q could not be sold because of storm sewers. There are also other documents that show that other developers who wished to purchase Block Q were informed that Block Q was not for sale and could not be sold.

None of these motions has ever been rescinded.

Council then sold Block Q for $1.

When I began to develop Willow Court, (Block YY), my architect submitted drawings to the town's acting CA0 for the development of six — not four — units. I was sold a building permit that clearly show the storm sewer and access from Block Q. When I was sold the permit, no one told me that Block Q had been sold. At that point I don't think anyone knew Bloc Q had been sold — except perhaps Abaco, who bought the property, and the former town council that had old it for one dollar.

Once we received the building permit for six units, we paid a $250,000 deposit, and started to develop the property. It was months later before I was informed that the adjacent property had been sold to Abaco. Trying to arrange six units to fit on block YY couldn't be done without the use of a Bloc Q entrance. So the plans were changed to fit four units on the property. But the whole townhouse project was never designed for access off Broadway. The original plans were for an access off Block Q. I was able to revise the plan, and reduce it to four, instead of six units, but paid a huge penalty for it.

Had the town been honest with me, and told me that Abaco had bought the adjacent land, none of this would have happened. This council can malign me and play all the politics it wants, but the fact is this: Block Q was sold when it shouldn't have been. As a result, 17 taxpaying condo owners, Echo Lodge and the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle itself have no legal access to their back property.

To add insult to injury, my character, as the developer has been maligned. That's why 650 people signed the petition, but the town administration ignored the petition and instead decided to call a referendum.

It is always easy to criticize someone who reaches into their own pocket to develop property. My critics sit on the sidelines, never volunteer for anything, never spend a dime of their own money, and do everything in their power to see that people who have the interests of the town at heart fail. These are the facts. To assassinate my character is nothing short of shameful.

I may be naïve, but I always thought a "referendum" meant that the people are allowed to vote on an issue and make up their own minds without interference.

Larry Schultz,
Fort Qu'Appelle

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Public forum planned to discuss Abaco land deals

Dear Editor:

There will be a public interest forum at the Legion Hall, Thursday June 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. It will allow people to openly discuss whether the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle land deals with Abaco have been good for the valley and what is the right thing to do with the upcoming referendum on public access.

People will have an opportunity to express their views (pro or con) or ask questions, on the land deals with Abaco, including the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle privatizing public roads and the issue of condo residents losing access to their property.

We want a broad dialogue. People who want to speak will have equal time to comment, ask questions, or present information.

The public has a right to know all the factual information about this ongoing controversy. There should be informed consent during the referendum. Very few of the more than 700 people who called for a forensic audit attended the April 26 public meeting where MNP presented its report, and its final report was already submitted before this opportunity for public discussion. Very few people had actually read the full report at the time; very few asked questions. Some found the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle's meeting stage-managed and many questions were left hanging. Some glaring omissions have already been documented and more public discussion is clearly needed.

More than 600 residents signed a petition calling for condo owners to regain legal access to their property. The Town Fort Qu'Appelle has called a referendum (June 26 and July 10) on whether these residents should regain the access to their property that they lost when Blocks V and Q were sold to Abaco for $1. In its May 18 mass mail-out, town officials provide one-sided information and, in effect, try to tell people how they should vote; which is hardly democratic. We desperately need some grassroots democracy, some face-to-face information sharing.

There are, understandably, some people in the community who don't know what or whom to believe. They also have a right to be heard and this debate should help them decide. A healthy community cannot thrive with rampant hearsay, innuendo and scapegoating; there needs to be a respectful forum where people can seriously consider the issues at hand. We all still have a lot to learn about these matters.

All are welcome to participate. There are outspoken Abaco proponents in the community. Former councillor Jeff Brown, who moved the motions to transfer the land to Abaco, has been outspoken in defence of these land deals and the privatization of the roads beside the condos. This will be an opportunity for him and those who agree with him to present their case in a respectful public forum. This would also be an opportunity for Brian Janz, past councillor and an Abaco director since 2008, to present his company's case for the marina project and for privatizing the roads. We need to hear this. So far very little concrete information has been brought to the public.

Larry Schultz should also be given the opportunity to explain what happened with access being blocked to the Willow Court condos after Block Q was privatized. And we should hear what it has been like to be blocked from one's home for these past 18 months. Some past and present councillors may want to share what they said in their interviews with MNP. Perhaps Mayor Jerry Whiting will want to explain his position on the Abaco land sales and the privatization of the roadways. Some Blue Bill Bay Estates residents may want to speak about concerns they may or may not have about losing legal access to their rear parking.

Others who support the Abaco land deals and the marina proposal or support the protection of the marshland and want to reestablish public access, or simply don't know what to believe, are all welcome to step forward. Everyone will be heard.

Please come and participate; our community will be stronger if we all engage in respectful conversation and mutual learning.

We hope to see you on June 21.

Lorna Evans, Randy Lebell, Greg Van Luven and Jim Harding, directors, Qu'Appelle Valley Environmental Association

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Balcarres students ready to start new chapter

By Connie Schwalm
Special to Grasslands News

High school graduation is one of those milestones in life.

When graduation is in our future, it signifies our purpose, the goals that we are working toward. When that milestone lies behind us, it becomes a way to measure the dreams we had, against the realities that we've grown in our lives.

But when we are there — standing at that milestone — high school graduation marks the moment where we step out of "all we've ever known" into what could be.

This week, several of the students graduating from Balcarres Community School this year, sat down to talk about what being part of this school community has brought to their lives.

Many of the students who took part in this conversation, say that Balcarres Community School provided them an opportunity to grow up together.

"A lot of us started school together" says Morgan Bray. "We hung out after school and played sports together, so we know each other. We don't just think of ourselves as classmates, we have family connections."

Those close bonds make the daily business of going to school a much more pleasant task. "Knowing each other that well, makes things easier," says Logan Betham. "It makes it more comfortable to be in class together."

Carissa Esplin suggests that being part of a class that is growing together means students are more likely to learn the same way. "Smaller classes allow you to grow closer to everyone and really learn together. It's a better school experience."

If you ask these students about some of the best aspects of Balcarres Community School they place their teachers at the top of that list. "We have really great teachers here," says James Tuckanow. "Our ELA teacher for example, we all look up to her like a mother."

"They care for you as if you were their own" adds Marcel Bellegarde.

Natasha McNabb notes that the teachers are also able to understand what the students' lives are like outside of school. "The teachers here are awesome. They grow with you. They know who you are, and they know what you background is."

Such knowledge allows the teachers to connect with the students and help them cope with the various issues that they might face in life. "If a teacher here sees that you're sad about something, they notice and they care," said Caleb Desnomie. "In a bigger school, the teachers might not notice that."

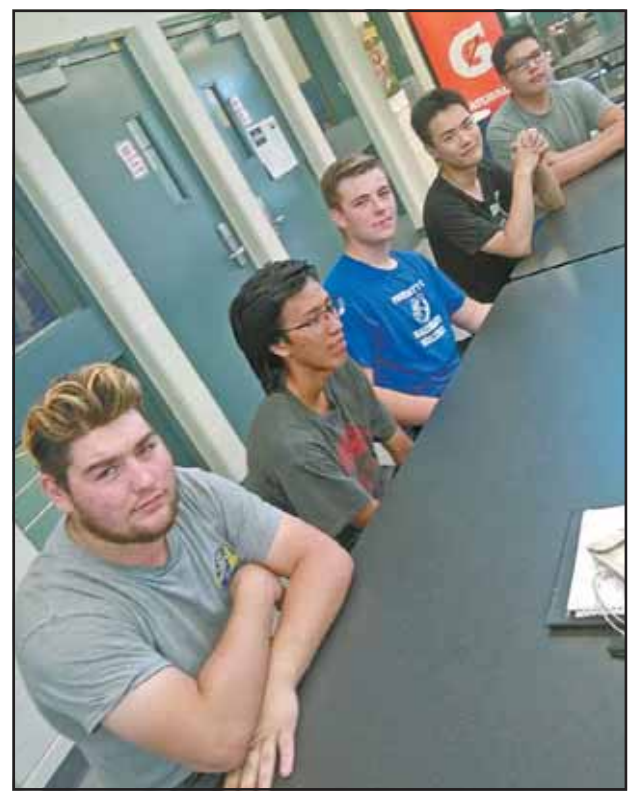
As well, because class sizes are smaller, several students said teachers at the school are able to invest more time and effort towards helping each one grow towards their potential. For example, both Mackenzie Desnomie and Chelsea Goodwill, who each came to Balcarres in their Grade 10 year, say that the support that they received from the teachers at Balcarres was important.

"The teachers really encourage you to try harder. That's helping me to follow my goals," says Mackenzie.

"They keep you on track too," adds Chelsea. "As they get to know you, they start to believe in you. They want you to do well, so you can get further in life."

The students note that these close bonds are formed, within an environment of tolerance, where each student is allowed to "be who they are."

Chelsea Goodwill and Mackenzie Desnomie, with their child Anna, 2, appreciate the encouragement of their high school teachers.



Balcarres graduates Logan Betham, Mahikan Wapemoose, Levi Large, Jason Mai and Ethan Stonechild had the opportunity to grow up together in a supportive school environment.

> ***If a teacher here sees that you're sad about something, they notice and they care, In a bigger school, the teachers might not notice that.***
> *Balcarres graduate Caleb Desnomie*

"Everyone here is very accepting" Carissa says. "You really feel that you can be who you are, and you won't be judged. You're welcomed here with open arms."

Tolerance and acceptance not only allows you to be who you are — it has an impact on who you become too. "Looking back, I can see how going to school here helped shape who I am. Being accepted helps you to accept others too," James said.

Levi Large says this acceptance and tolerance, has allowed diversity to flourish at Balcarres Community School. "There's a lot of diversity here. That helps to teach everyone how to be more tolerant of different people — and how to respect each other."

Now, as the students prepare to walk into their future, they say that many of the life lessons that they've learned here will be the tools they use to build that future. As Morgan, who will be the valedictorian at Friday's graduation, points out.

"We've learned skills here that we might not have learned anywhere else — like inclusiveness — and caring about other people. We will remember our years here, through our relationships, and the memories we shared."

Standing on the threshold that leads to your future does allow time for one more look back.

With all that they've learned — what would these students say to their younger selves- if they could go back to their very first day at Balcarres Community School?

"I'd say to always keep your head up," says Ethan Stonechild. "And enjoy it, because it goes by quickly."

"I'd tell myself that there's no reason to get riled up over nonsense," says Caleb. "I heard a quote once that I took to heart…'The world tends to unfold as it should.'"

"I'd say that you shouldn't stress over everything," says Carissa. "Enjoy every moment, take it all in, and don't rush it. It will be over before you know it."

Jason Mai remembers very well what it felt like to be a little boy who was born in China, faced with walking into this school for the first time.

As he considers that memory, Jason offers this…

"I'd tell myself to be strong. I have so many good friends now, and I've had so many good teachers. Being here has helped me to become independent. Being here has been great."

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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Fort San intends to adopt a bylaw, under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 09-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to add the sentence "Also, permanent and semi-permanent rental accommodations; such as, cabins, single and multi-attached," to Section 2 Interpretation "Tourist Campground."

AFFECTED LANDS: Any land zoned in the bylaw as Community Service District and Parks and Recreation District.

REASON: The reason for the amendment is to provide for the development of campgrounds with permanent and semi-permanent rental accommodations but each application is discretionary therefore all need to go to the Resort Village of Fort San Council for approval.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: The bylaw may be inspected by any interested person, at the Resort Village of Fort San office on any judicial day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available to interested persons at no cost.

PUBLIC HEARING: Representations respecting the bylaw will be considered by the Council on the 26th day of June, 2018 in the Resort Village of Fort San office at 7:05 p.m. Council shall hear any person or group of persons or person acting on their behalf, who wish to make a representation.

Issued at Fort Qu'Appelle this 8th day of June, 2018.

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Parkland College holds grad

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Parkland College held its annual graduation ceremony May 31 at the Yorkton Regional High School's Anne Portnuff Theatre. Family, friends, staff, and the college's partners in education congratulated and celebrated 378 students who successfully completed one of more than 20 programs offered at the College in 2017-18.

The graduates represent 49 Saskatchewan communities and seven Manitoba communities. Yorkton led the way with 113 grads, followed by Fort Qu'Appelle with 24, Melville and Kamsack with 22 each, and Regina with 17. The graduating class also included 74 international students from India, Jamaica, Philippines, and Mauritius.

Parkland College offers university degrees, skills training diplomas and certificates, and Adult Basic Education upgrading. Graduates from post-secondary programs received accreditation from the University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, Lakeland College Emergency Training Centre, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Conestoga College, Assiniboine Community College, and Parkland College.

Graduates from Grasslands News communities include:

Bachelor of Indigenous Education, Yorkton:
Bellegarde, Tanya, Melville
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Skiba, Amanda, Melville
Severson, Courtney, Melville

Business, Yorkton and Fort Qu'Appelle:
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Sabit, Leo, Fort Qu'Appelle
Stevenson, Cory, Fort Qu'Appelle

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Goodwill, Talia, Fort Qu'Appelle
Isnana, Darius, Fort Qu'Appelle
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Moostoos, Brendan, Fort Qu'Appelle
Stevenson, Troy, Balgonie
Wajunta, Brendon, Fort Qu'Appelle

Industrial Mechanics Level IV, Esterhazy:
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Brown, Braidy, Fort Qu'Appelle
Cook, Aaron, Fort Qu'Appelle
Haywahe-Favel, Gordon "Tyler", Balcarres
Isnana, Jonathan, Fort Qu'Appelle
Keller, Travis Melville
Martin, Luke, Melville
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Stonechild, Chay, Balcarres

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Kastendieck, Brook, Fort Qu'Appelle
Koochicum, Joshua, Balacarres
Obey, Joseph, Fort Qu'Appelle
Pelletier, Travis, Melville
Starr, Alyssa, Balcarres
Steele, Melissa, Melville
Veeder, Sarah, Melville
Yuzicappi, Dylan, Fort Qu'Appelle
Yuzicapi-Awaisis, Deanna, Fort Qu'Appelle

May 27 was a special day at Katepwa Beach Golf Course. Ron Robinson, a Katepwa club member, and a commissioner of the Western Hockey League, brought members a special treat. He brought the Memorial Cup to the course for golfers to admire. The Memorial Cup is celebrating 100 years in 2018. Later in the afternoon, members and guests enjoyed a round of golf. General manager Betty Metzler introduced the new members. Submitted by Pat Pratt

... grass retailer wants to be ready

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MacCorquodale is from Regina, and says priority will be given to hiring locally. He claims "deep roots" as a longtime resident of the Qu'Appelle Valley. He has a cottage on Echo Lake and skis Mission Ridge.

He says the cannabis stores will sell "everything that is legally permissible to sell." As it stands for the moment, only cannabis, cannabis oil and cannabis gel will be permitted. But he says there is every indication retailers will work rapidly to sell other products.

"We are very innovative on product offering. Hopefully we will eventually be allowed to sell cannabis brownies, cannabis candies, everything."

MacCorquodale said the company will hold open house information sessions and job fairs to familiarize residents with how it plans to operate.

But don't expect any free samples.

Once Tweed's outlets open, The Grass Station, the dispensary on Broadway located in the same building as MP Andrew Scheer's constituency office and a shop in Melville, which now sell medicinal marijuana, will both have to close once the new stores open. The product sold in those dispensaries is not regulated under the new law and only one licensed shop will be allowed to operate in each centre.

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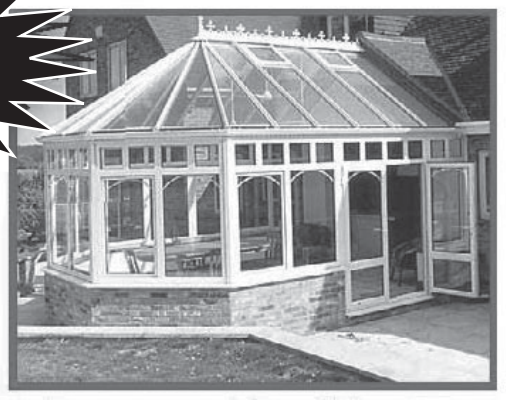

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Assessment Number	Part of Lot	Lot	Blk.	Plan	Title Number	Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
505000700-01		6	7	ER324	135742260	$1,156.01	$11.57	$1,167.58
505000900-01		9,10,11	7	ER324	135781263/135781397/135781476	$2,007.19	$34.71	$2,041.90
505002100-01		14	1	F1903	140250686	$1,237.28	$11.57	$1,248.50
505003800-01		29	2	F1903	134538947	$911.34	$11.57	$922.91
505005100-01		24	2	F1903	133991398	$1,374.82	$11.57	$1,386.39
505006000-01		28,29,30	6	F1903	135820290/135820256/135820278	$1,137.36	$34.71	$1,172.07
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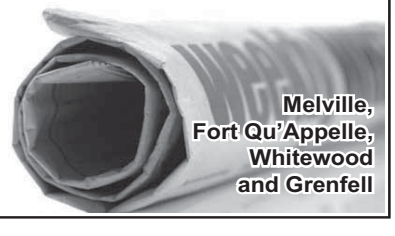


Pop-Up Market promotes valley artists

By Connie Schwalm
Special to Grasslands News

It is a special opportunity to appreciate and collect local art.

From June 29 to July 7 visitors to the Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts (QVCA) will have the opportunity to view, admire and purchase items created by local artisans and craftspeople at a Pop-Up Art Market.

"It seems like we've always had between 30 to 40 local vendors at the market. And by local, I mean that almost all of them come from the Qu'Appelle Valley area," said Brian Baggett with the QVCA.

"That said, last year at our Pop-Up Market held closer to Christmas, we had an artist who we've never had before, bring her work to the market. That individual came quite some distance to be here. So, it seems that word about the market is reaching artists all across southern Saskatchewan."

Baggett says all items available at the Pop-Up Art Market, have been handmade by the artisans and craftspeople.

"The point of the Pop-Up Art Market is really twofold. First of all, it gets people out to see the work that's being done in the area. There's no permanent gallery in Fort Qu'Appelle, so there are a lot of people that look forward to this event. They want to see what's out there, and what's new.

"Secondly, it also brings people to the QVCA. These are often people that never come into town for a musical performance or have never had a chance to visit the building before. So, this gives us an opportunity to bring attention to the QVCA and the different things that are happening there."

Baggett said the market will run each day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. except on opening day. On June 29 Farmer the Band will perform.

"For the first time ever, the market will open during intermission at that show. This really shows that the music community in Canada is beginning to discover Fort Qu'Appelle and it's a great way to help a few more people discover the Pop-Up Art Market."

Gov't honours winter Olympians

Submitted

The athletes, coaches and official who represented their Saskatchewan roots at the 2018 Winter Olympic and Paralympic games were recognized by the Government of Saskatchewan, Sask Sport Inc. and the Canadian Sport Centre, at the Legislative Building recently.

"The 2018 Winter Olympic and Paralympic games were a success for Team Canada," said Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky "Congratulations to all of the Saskatchewan athletes and coaches who attended PyeongChang 2018. You are role models and ambassadors for your communities, for Saskatchewan and for Canada, and you have made us #SaskProud. Thank you for your commitment to sport and for inspiring the citizens of our province."

At both the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics and Paralympics, Team Canada set new medal count records. Canada earned 27 medals at the Olympics, surpassing the previous record of 26 medals set at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Saskatchewan's athletes and coaches held their weight with four medals contributing to the count. Among them was snowboarder Mark McMorris, whose home course is Mission Ridge in Fort Qu'Appelle. He brought home bronze in men's slopestyle.

Team Canada won 28 medals at the 2018 PyeongChang Paralympics, beating the previous record of 19 medals at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Kurt Oatway of Regina is a familiar face at Mission Ridge. He won gold in Para Alpine.

Corrections

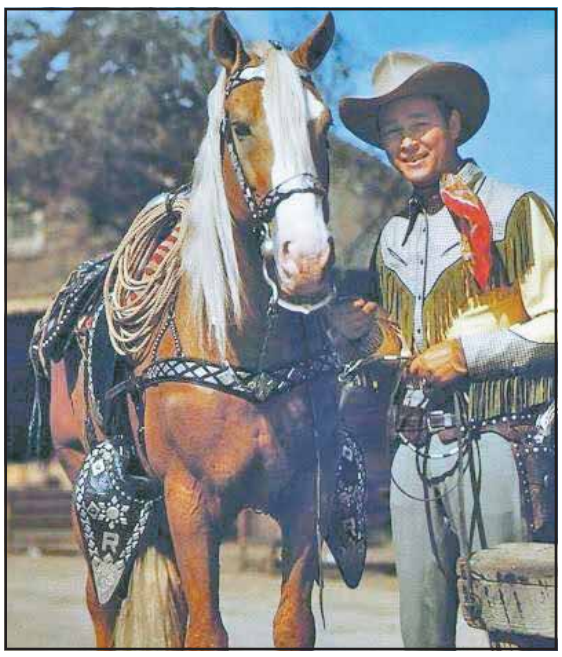
In our June 1 issue, the story on the QVCA meeting incorrectly identified some directors.

Jim Harding is not president; the QVCA has no president. He is a co-chair, along with Marian Campbell and more recently Joanne Kowalchuk. Sarah Maddia is not on the QVCA board, she is a past board member.

In another story, it was incorrectly reported when new utility rates will be applied. They go into effect on July 1.

The mill rate bylaw is on the June 14 council agenda.

We apologize for the errors.



Roy Rogers Jr. (Dusty) has joined the legendary Sons of the Pioneers and together they will perform in Fort Qu'Appelle on June 18. This will be the first time that the son of the legendary Roy Rogers has ever performed in Canada. Above is the King of the Cowboys, Roy Rogers and his famous horse, Trigger. Call 1-800-838-3006 for tickets. Submitted photo

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