

Rural program could deter crime

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

Rural residents should join together to help deter crime since they have a better idea of who is suspicious in their area, compared to Mounties who may not even be from the countryside, says the RCMP.

Most RCMP officers at the Melville-Ituna detachment are not originally from rural Saskatchewan, explained Staff Sgt. Jeff Comeau, who himself is from Nova Scotia. He pointed out he would not know if a vehicle travelling down a grid road is suspicious or if it's from the area.

"It might set off alarms for you, but it might not for us," said Comeau on Aug. 30, during a Rural Crime Watch (RCW) meeting at the Agri-Park hall. "We don't always know what's abnormal."

There are Mounties who don't even know what a swather, chop saw, auger, or Angus cattle are, since they grew up in the city, said Cpl. Mel Zurevinsky, with F Division's Crime Prevention/Crime Reduction Unit. Urban Mounties do not know what the trends — or tribulations — are in rural Saskatchewan.

However, rural residents can make it easier for themselves and officers by joining a Rural Crime Watch program and downloading the phone application WhatsApp, he continued. This app makes communication easier between residents and officers.

Residents should take pictures of their machinery or animals, so if either is stolen, they can upload the pictures to the app and help officers be better informed.

Zurevinsky stressed several times the usefulness of using WhatsApp as part of Rural Crime Watch. The phone app can help deter crime and help officers identify stolen items and return them to the owners.

Twenty-one people attended the meeting, which was designed to get the RCW program going after lying dormant for years. Both officers acknowledged holding the meeting at this time wasn't ideal — many rural residents are harvesting — so another meeting is scheduled for November.

Comeau and Zurevinsky also spoke about how helpful video cameras are in identifying a thief.

Many people in the Melville area are installing motion sensor cameras in their yards since they are inexpensive, said Comeau. These can help officers determine the height, weight and identity of a criminal, particularly with future cases.

Another handy and inexpensive piece of technology is a dash cam.

"A picture is worth a thousand words," said Zurevinsky. He noted a producer near Asquith put up video cameras and joked to the officer that he never knew his neighbour was in his yard so often.

Videos can be used in court, he continued. RCMP crime analysts can also use the information to cross-reference against other incidents across the province.

"The criminal element — they are not smart people," Zurevinsky said. "They have drug addictions, they have a problem keeping a job. They don't veer off their criminal path very much."

Successful initiatives such as Rural Crime Watch are community-driven, community-led and police supported, he said.

For example, the program is active west of Saskatoon near Vanscoy, which has many acreages. A producer was driving down a grid road when an unfamiliar truck drove by with his neighbour's quad on the back.

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Jennifer Zwirsky and her son Colton take a picture with a tablet during a family night at Davison School on Aug. 30. Students could bring their supplies to their classroom and meet the teacher to help decrease anxiety before the first day of school on Sept. 4. For more pictures see page 6.
Photo by Jason G. Antonio

Changes come to Lions Club's fundraiser

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About 50 people turned out for the kickoff to Melville Lions Club's second annual Chase the Ace, a number that club president Doug Hanley thought was acceptable for the first night.

"We're just starting out," Hanley said on Aug. 29 inside the Horizon Credit Union Centre's convention centre. "It's good (to have 50 people). But it'll grow."

"It's a little better than last year," agreed group treasurer Stuart Hughes.

Club members made bets that between 50 and 75 people would show up the first night, said past president Tracey Hanley. She joked she would have lost since she thought there would be fewer people.

The Melville Lions Club made a few changes to this year's Chase the Ace fundraiser, after reviewing how the inaugural fundraiser went last year.

The biggest change, explained president Hanley, is the total prize money. It is now \$250,000, which is an increase of \$200,000 from last year. Whoever pulls the ace of spades could win half of that amount, if the card is one of the last few pulled.

Each ticket is now one for \$5, compared to three for \$20 last year. All players must now also be 18 years of age or older.

Players are limited to purchasing \$200 worth of tickets in one buy, he continued. The club decided to implement this rule on the first day, compared to when it instituted that rule near the end of last year's fundraiser.

"You can buy \$200. If you're not happy with that, you can go out the door and buy another \$200,"

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Geri Stav flips over the Jack of Clubs during the first night of Melville Lions Club's second annual Chase the Ace fundraiser at the Horizon Credit Union Centre, on Aug. 29. The initiative is raising funds for the swimming pool.
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Wagantall disappointed over court decision around veterans' pensions



MP CATHAY WAGANTALL

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The Supreme Court of Canada has decided to not hear an appeal by a group of disabled Canadian veterans fighting for a fairer pension, which prompted Yorkton-Melville MP Cathay Wagantall to speak out about the decision.

The Supreme Court's decision brings an end to the Equitas Veteran Pension class action lawsuit.

"As the deputy critic for Veterans Affairs, I am so disappointed in the Supreme Court's decision, but more so in the Liberal government who forced a decision before even trying to negotiate

with our veterans," said Wagantall in a news release. "(Prime Minister Justin) Trudeau failed to keep the promises he made."

Prior to the 2015 election, then-Veterans Affairs minister Erin O'Toole took steps toward settling this case by removing the lead government council, agreeing to put the case into abeyance, and beginning to negotiate a settlement, Wagantall said in the news release.

During the 2015 election, Trudeau promised that veterans would not have to go to court to fight to be heard if he was elected. However, continued Wagantall, he broke that prom-

ise and took veterans back to court when the abeyance period expired in May 2015 without resolution.

The lawyer for the plaintiffs, Don Sorochnan, reacted by calling it a betrayal and said the Liberal position "is making liars of us when we said to people the Liberal Party was putting forward a platform acceptable to veterans."

In October 2017, Conservative MP John Brassard brought forward Bill C-378, an act to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Act (fairness principles). However, said Wagantall, the Liberals turned their backs, voting against the bill in February

2018 following second reading in Parliament.

"Conservatives believe that Canada and its veterans share a covenant and that the government should be committed to providing the best possible services and benefits for veterans and their deserving family members," Wagantall said.

"I truly believe these principles and Conservative party delegates reaffirmed their dedication to our veterans by passing a resolution stating this at our recent convention in Halifax. Our veterans and their families must be treated with dignity, respect and fairness."

Food bank could win \$100K through national contest

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

The Melville and District Food Bank has a chance to win \$100,000 through the Aviva Community Fund's Better Together campaign.

The food bank is one of 100 groups from across Canada taking part in this contest. Everyone who was shortlisted for this campaign received \$1,000. Now, there is a chance three of these organizations could each win \$100,000, seven could each win \$15,000 while 50 groups could each win \$10,000.

Aviva announced on Sept. 4 which 100 organizations had been shortlisted. It will announce on Nov. 20 which organizations have won the big prize money.

"It was cool to win \$1,000," said Colleen Gorecki, president of the food bank. "It was hard to keep (this news) quiet."

Since the food bank won the \$1,000, it had to change the date of its inaugural multicultural fair due to the Better Together campaign's voting time frame, from Sept. 25 to Oct. 4. The fair

will now be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 — integrated with Culture Week in Melville — from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., but the location still remains in the regional park.

Melville is the only winner in the area. There are a handful of other projects from around Saskatchewan that have also been entered.

"We believe that good things happen when people come together," said Aviva on its website. "Even great things. We get to know our neighbours. We do things to help each other. We become more resilient. That's why this year's theme for the Aviva Community Fund is about bringing people together to create change within our community."

To celebrate 10 years of having an effective, Aviva is donating another \$1 million to fund charitable initiatives across Canada, since it believes communities are better together.

Aviva has donated more than \$8.5 million over the last decade across Canada to create positive change.

More information can be found at www.avivabettertogether.org



Even Santa Claus himself was for sale during First United Church's garage sale on Aug. 31. The church used the sale as a general fundraiser. Photo by Jason G. Antonio

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Neighbours help each other through Rural Crime Watch program

By Jason G. Antonio
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The number of Rural Crime Watch (RCW) groups in Saskatchewan decreased to nine in the late 2000s, but has increased to more than 100 due to more interest in preventing rural crime and protecting property.

The incident on the Gerald Stanley farm in 2016 was a catalyst for a resurgence of the program, explained Cpl. Mel Zurevinsky, with the F Division Crime Prevention/Reduction Unit.

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) jumped on board with the program in 2016, while the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) joined in 2017.

Since 2016, numerous communities and rural municipalities have joined to form RCW groups, said Zurevinsky on Aug. 30, during a presentation at the Agri-Park.

Saskatchewan RCMP commanding officer Curtis Zablocki insists this program will work since he saw it work in Alberta, Zurevinsky continued.

The Rural Crime Watch program, along with Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP), can be effective initiatives to help watch out for one's neighbour.

Residents who participate should be a positive presence in the community; treat everyone with courtesy and respect; maintain confidentiality; be aware of initiatives; assist in increasing awareness; keep track of suspicious behaviour; make notes; contact police; and inform the group of what has been seen.

However, residents shouldn't take enforcement action, carry weapons, or keep information to themselves.

"We can't know about something if we don't know about it," said Melville-Ituna RCMP Staff Sgt. Jeff Comeau. "People tell us something happened three weeks ago. If your Spidey sense is going off," tell RCMP.

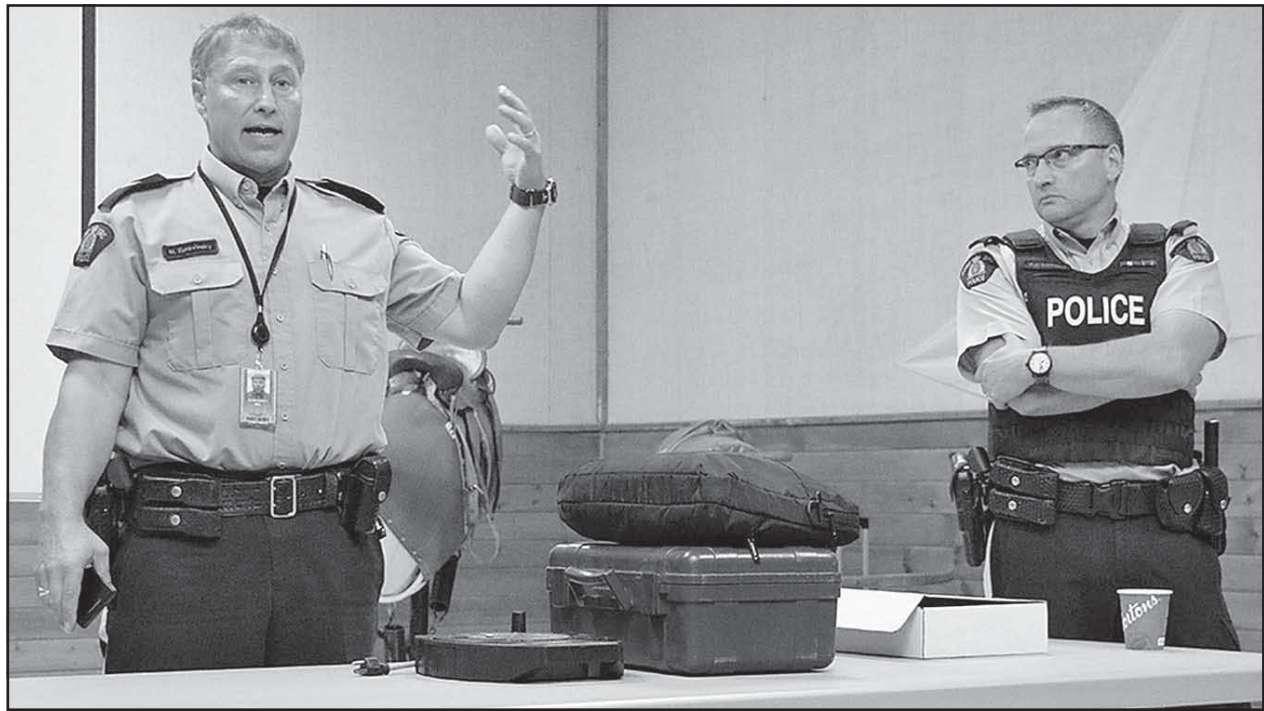
Gerald Stanley sold his century family farm to pay for his lawyer fees, noted Zurevinsky. That incident generated a conversation about how far one can go to protect one's property.

Using a phone app called WhatsApp can also help, since patrols can be mapped, information entered, and pictures uploaded or downloaded by residents and officers, said Zurevinsky.

The new program and technology could be better than the older program, said Coun. Scott Brown with the RM of Stanley. There are now more abandoned farms in rural Saskatchewan that councillors don't drive past regularly.

However, after hearing about possible mischief in the area, it piques one's interest to drive down solitary grid roads more often, he added.

"Is the app the perfect way to communicate? Probably not, but it's leagues ahead of where we were ...



Cpl. Mel Zurevinsky, with the F Division Crime Prevention/Reduction Unit, speaks to 21 rural residents at the Agri-Plex hall about the Rural Crime Watch program and the ways it can deter criminals from stealing from properties. Melville-Ituna Staff Sgt. Jeff Comeau was also present during the meeting.
Photo by Jason G. Antonio

10, 20, 30 years ago," said Comeau.

The purpose of RCW groups is to prevent criminal behaviour in the area. It also helps provide a sense of security.

"The criminal element does not want to be on tape," said Zurevinsky, which is why rural residents should install cameras on their property.

Videos can help RCMP crime analysts recognize crime trends and possibly identify subjects. Zurevinsky spoke about how an analyst used video to break open a case that spanned from British Columbia to Manitoba.

An unemployed oilfield worker — with no criminal record — attended a golf tournament in Alberta and stole \$10,000 from a safe. During the next 2½ years, he conducted 345 break and enters at golf tournaments and stole more than \$300,000.

The thief became sloppy and removed his mask during one theft. The RCMP analyst identified the man using video and he was caught in Moo-somin; he was given 12½ years in jail.

An RCW group needs an organizing committee, with executive positions such as chair and secretary. There needs to be open communica-

tion that everyone can access, such as WhatsApp.

The role of members is to report all unusual or suspicious vehicles or occurrences quickly to RCMP, or by calling 911, said Zurevinsky. Members should respond to RCMP fan-out messages, while RCW or COPP signs should be posted to deter criminals.

Members would also need to attend information meetings and be active in the community.

Communication in each community or area could be achieved using a newsletter, website, social media, interaction with other RCW meetings, or regular meetings.

"You are another set of eyes and ears for your police," Zurevinsky added. Using the phone app is about being vigilant in the area.

Zurevinsky also encouraged producers to take pictures of their equipment and write down the serial numbers. If recovered after a theft, police would be able to know to whom to return the items.

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... Rural Crime Watch could deter thieves

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He followed the truck and posted a picture of the truck to WhatsApp. Officers intercepted the truck and recovered the quad, along with \$80,000 in other stolen goods.

"From Saskatoon west to the Alberta border, it's a hot area," added Zurevinsky.

Rural crime numbers had increased in the Melville area during the last

few years, but decreased last year, said Comeau. He was unsure why this was, but said the RCW program could be used to ensure those numbers continue decreasing. What is needed is to create a core group of executive members to get it going.

"Let's get the ball rolling and make it happen," he added. "I think we will see benefits. We will. This is also a great way to stay in touch with your neighbour."

Horses to show off strength

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

Clydesdales from Saskatchewan are going to show their strength at the inaugural Chore Team Challenge.

The event is on Sept. 29 at the Tail Winds Arena, just south of Yorkton off Highway 10 and one of the sponsors is Whitewood Dodge.

The event could be a great family day with no charge to the public, free wagon rides, a hamburger sale at lunch and fun auctions to add to the excitement of watching the teams compete.

The skills competition starts at 10 a.m., followed by teamster fun games in the afternoon and is held in an indoor arena with plenty of seating room.

The Prairie provinces will display their different breeds of chore horses and will compete for more than \$2,000

in prize money.

The skills competition offers three categories: junior (18 years and under), amateur, and open. A teamster can enter in only one category, but the team may be used in more than one category.

Teamsters entered will enjoy coffee and treats in the morning, a hamburger lunch and catered supper followed by an evening of socializing. Non-serviced camping is available and horses tie. Extra panels are available and fresh water and hay is supplied.

The major sponsors are Logan Stevens, Yorkton Hyundai and Whitewood Dodge. Other sponsors and volunteers are working to make this event a huge success.

If you are interested in more information, contact Twylla Newton at 306-621-6293.

Opinions

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

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Cleaner energy, cleaner skies

Dear Editor:

Enjoying the smoke?

Personally, I am unaccustomedly and uncomfortably congested and I have relatively healthy 67-year-old lungs. I sympathize with those who already have breathing problems. The authorities recommend we stay inside and filter our air with electronic conditioners, which suggests consuming more fossil fuel produced electricity, which means those recommendations only infuriate the environmental conditions that causes the smoke in the first place.

The smoke is caused by out-of-control forest fires. The fires are caused by drought. The drought is caused by global warming, which in turn is caused by our international industrial complexes' insistence on using dirty energy sources to operate the economic activities we all use to be employed, buy the basics like food, shelter and clothing, and condition the air we breath because of the smoke.

The dirty energy giants have known for decades that environmental collapse would be the result of their ambitions to control energy production but in typical capitalist fashion they chose profit and power over the health of the planet and those that live here.

The existing dirty energy giants' activities require toxic contamination from production to consumption resulting in the environmental collapse we are witnessing. Nor do they have any incentive to stop producing. They labour endlessly to control governments and production, to suppress and brainwash labour and the consumer to maximize profits and consolidate power into their hungry hands. This is the path they have chosen because clean energy transitions and diversifies the control of wealth and power into the hands of the local individuals and communities that invest in it. Supposedly leaving the giants in a less influential position.

The solution to continued environmental collapse is glaringly simple. It starts with the simple transition to renewable, natural, clean energy. Clean energy can drive the economy better than dirty energy, not just because it is clean, but because it is everywhere in its diversity waiting to be harnessed. It can be produced and consumed in our communities eliminating the need for the massive, invasive, controlling infrastructures of dirty energy. Clean, cheap, energy locally produced and consumed becomes much more user friendly as our economic driver. It offers to gratify the commoner's human potential. It smoothly expands into creative innovation, production and employment for anyone with the intellectual capacity to exploit cheap (eventually free) energy.

We really are not sheep even though we act like it, trusting the power-hungry Oligarchs and their political lackeys of dirty energy who are shepherding us over this cliff of environmental collapse.

Greg Chatterson,
Fort San, SK



Wrong to pick Trump over Trudeau

There's little we can do about the trade problems at the international level that are so critical to us. The best we can hope for is that these problems are not made worse at the national or even at the provincial level by politicians eager to score political points.

The focus to this would be for our politicians to not get caught up in games and support the idea that we do need to find a solution.

In that regard, a lot of our politicians need to do better. They need to think about how their politicking may cost us in the long run. This is not to say that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau deserves a free pass for his handling of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and certainly not for the botched handling of the Trans Mountain pipeline that he purchased from Kinder-Morgan, but can't get approval to build.

That said, let's understand there will be a chance for Canadian voters to exercise their frustrations with the Trudeau Liberal government at the polls in a year from now.

There are also a couple of other things we need to recognize.

As suggested by provincial Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy, there really isn't an issue as important to Saskatchewan as trade.

"We need to get a deal. This is incredibly important for our economy, which is probably the most export-dependent in the entire country, and we've been concerned about a pattern we've been seeing — moving backward on market access, moving backward on trade access, not moving forward," Harrison recently told the Leader-Post's David Fraser.

All politicians — including Harrison, who does have a penchant for seeing the world through the political lens first — need to keep this foremost in mind.

Second, we need to respect that Canadians of all

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political stripes — Conservatives such as former interim leader Rona Ambrose and Liberals such as Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland — are working exceedingly hard at getting a NAFTA deal with the United States that works in the interests of all Canadians.

This is how it should be, for there are just some issues that are bigger than the mundane partisanship politics. There are just times when politicians, pundits and everyone else have to make a pronounced statement that declares their country comes before their politics.

This absolutely must apply to the NAFTA talks. That should now also be blatantly obvious to everyone after the story late last month in which U.S. President Donald Trump made it known to journalists with Bloomberg News in off-the-record comments (first reported by the Toronto Star) that any deal reached would be "totally on our terms" and that Canadians would have "no choice" out of fear of tariffs on automobiles.

"Off the record, Canada's working their ass off. And every time we have a problem with a point, I just put up a picture of a Chevrolet Impala," Trump is reported to have said, referring to the car made at a Canadian GM plant.

Yet despite confirmation of Trump's unfair belligerence that surely must be having an effect on the tactics of the U.S. negotiators handpicked by Trump, we have seen Canadian pundits blame Trudeau for the supposed failure in negotiation. Even worse, we have seen Conservative politicians attempt to use this opportunity to score political points. The worse case was likely that of Saskatchewan Senator David Tkachuk appointed by former Progressive Conservative prime minister Brian Mulroney 28 years ago for the sole purpose of passing a harmonized goods and services tax.

Sadly, some Conservatives have eagerly repeated and supported Tkachuk's position. This is a massive disservice to the nation.

There are times when we simply need our politicians to be better.

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Marijuana munchies and grumpy old folks

A tourist says his nighttime stroll on a Georgia beach turned his holiday into the “worst vacation ever” after a riptide swept him out to sea. Blake Spataro, 19, of Louisiana spent nearly 10 hours in the Atlantic Ocean, where no one could hear his screams over the waves and wind. He says floated on his back and “**was talking to God the entire night.**” He had floated three miles and then realized he could walk ashore on a Sea Island golf course.

In Morganville, Ky., four people have been accused of **breaking into a woman’s house, smoking marijuana, baking a cake and stealing a pair of shoes.** The woman came

home from work to find Jeremiah Garib, 19, Xavion R. Elkins, 20, and two juveniles running out of her house. She recognized Garib as an acquaintance of her son, who was not home. The four intruders appeared to be ready to eat the freshly baked cake along with some ice cream before they were so rudely interrupted. Garib fled without his own shoes but grabbed a pair of his friend’s when he left!

Toronto rich kid Blake Leibel always dreamed of making movies. Because he had an \$18,000 a month allowance, a juicy inheritance, and a mansion, the move to Los Angeles went well. But the next seven years were “a potpourri of failure to the point where he was mooching off his wealthy father to pay his credit card bills.” Now the heir to a Toronto real estate and plastics fortune only has long, lonely days to look forward to **in one of California’s terrifying, jam-packed prisons.** Leibel was recently convicted of first-degree murder, torture, and mayhem for the gruesome slaying of his model fiancée, Iana Kasian, 30. He tortured Kasian for eight hours, before scalping her to the bone and draining every drop of blood from her body. Part of his problem was that Kasian had given birth to their first child three weeks earlier, and Leibel did not like not being the centre of attention. His father, Lorne, is a former Olympic sailor for Canada, and made his money in real estate. Now, Olga Kasian, the mother of the murdered woman, is suing Leibel for a staggering \$56 million on behalf of her granddaughter. I think his ex-wife Amanda Braun was also hoping for a windfall.

Officials say a man accused of attacking his wife with a chainsaw in front of their children at their Los Angeles-area home **has been previously deported from the U.S. 11 times.** Alejandro Alvarez-Villegas, 32, is a “serial immigration violator.” The woman is expected to recover despite the attack. Alvarez-Villegas, who has been in and out of the U.S. since 2005, could face charges of attempted murder, child endangerment, hit and run and grand theft auto.

With just 13 per cent of the population under age 15, Greater Victoria has the fewest children, relatively speaking, of any city in Canada. Numerous Vancouver Island communities no longer have schools. “Gated 50-plus developments use grey hair as a selling feature.” Now, Chemainus, has become a lightning rod for criticism after the small Artisan Gardens neighbourhood **voted to make it illegal for children to play in the street.** While it is definitely unCanadian to outlaw street hockey, that is almost understandable, but to ban bicycling and chalk artistry? Those responsible will argue that the safety of the children is the only concern, but it appears to be a measure to ensure adult-only neighbourhoods.

In Dunedin, New Zealand, something was familiar about the address when the fire department answered a call. **That’s because it was their own building, with smoke pouring out of a window.** It wasn’t really a fire, but it could have been. The smoke was coming from the oven, probably the result of a common cause of house fires — leaving and forgetting something that was cooking. Spokeswoman Lyn Crosson said, “Our response time was exceptional.”

A masked knifeman stormed into a McDonald’s just outside of London, England, and threatened staff **before fleeing with a box of Monopoly stickers.** He was caught on video grabbing a box containing dozens of promotional Monopoly cards and vouchers. He has not been apprehended.

Hawaii has banned most sunscreens to protect coral reefs. “That means the number one cause of death for tourists **has gone from shark attacks to spontaneous combustion,**” wrote one of my sources (whose name I forgot to record.) “The only problem will be all the tourists who will end up with skin that has the same texture as a sea urchin.”

Until next time... keep reading between the lines...

It’s A Strange World
GENE HAUTA



Cottagers explain their side of issue

Dear Editor:

Shesheep Cottage Owners Association and Grenfell Beach Association have existed for decades and are the associations that have been recognized by the court to represent the interests of tenants in the rental dispute at Crooked Lake with the Government of Canada (landlord) and Sakimay First Nations (representative of the landlord and recipient of rents). These associations have been reluctant to debate the ongoing litigation in the media. However, with the ongoing misinformation and inaccurate reporting, the associations feel compelled to set the record straight. Shesheep Cottage Owners Association Inc. did not exist when the litigation began and has attempted to pass itself off as the original Shesheep Cottage Owners Association. This entity has not been recognized by the court or tenants as spokesperson for tenants.

There have been many uninformed opinions and reports in social and mainstream media regarding the rental rates charged to tenants and the fairness or unfairness of those rates. The opinions are largely uninformed because rental rates, much like real estate prices, are based upon relevant market transactions and not one’s own personal experiences. The sale price of the same home might fetch \$2,000,000 in Vancouver, B.C., \$250,000 in Regina and \$50,000 in Grenfell, Sask.

Rental rates are no different. In simple terms, a rental rate should reflect what consumers of similar properties are prepared to pay for rental of similar properties with similar services. This is supposed to be the basis upon which appraisers reach appraisal conclusions.

Tenants of the Government of Canada at Crooked Lake have experienced a gradual increase of rents for over 50 years. An increase in rent in 2010 was therefore expected. Before 2010 there had not been one tenant who defaulted on the payment of rent in more than 20 years. In 1995, setting of rent passed from the Government of Canada to Sakimay First Nations in which Sakimay retains all rent. By contract, rents are not to be set without negotiation/consultation with the tenants every five years. This has never occurred.

Sakimay increased the rents for the five-year period starting 2010 by about 700 per cent. The associations requested a copy of the appraisal upon which the rent was based. Sakimay refused to provide it until compelled to do so by court rules. This increase in rent was based upon an appraisal conducted by B.R. Gaffney & Associates Ltd., which had a long-standing association with Sakimay. It was the position of the tenants at trial that the appraisal conducted by this firm had all the hallmarks of a pre-determined result, was not properly based upon market data and proposed an artificial rental rate.

At trial, tenants did not have an opportunity to ask the Gaffney firm to justify its conclusions because the landlord did not call anyone from that firm as a witness or rely on their work. This became the subject of considerable comment by the trial judge. The judgment of the court (Piot v Her Majesty the Queen, 2016 FC 1078) is publicly available. Mr. Justice Phelan stated: “The defendant made no attempt to justify the (B.R. Gaffney & Associates) appraisal as representing fair market value. Instead, in this litigation they relied on the appraisal of their expert, Duncan Bell.” Even Mr. Bell’s recommended rental rate was considerably below the 700 per cent increase found in the Gaffney appraisal. The trial judge found that a rental rate increase of about 75 per cent was justified by market analysis rather than the 700 per cent rental rate increase imposed by Sakimay. This decision is under appeal by the Government of Canada.

In 2015 Sakimay doubled down. It increased the rents again so that the increases now approached 725 per cent, again representing it to be based upon the work of the Gaffney firm. The Tenants are therefore left with having to pay rent that is artificial and several hundred percent above the going rental rate for similar properties with similar services.

To add insult to injury, just before Christmas of 2017, the present federal government notified tenants that if this artificially high rent is not paid pending the results of the courts, Canada would terminate tenant leases. Some tenants contacted the offices of the federal government and Sakimay about errors in the calculation of alleged rent arrears. Both agencies refused to discuss, address or correct errors at the time. Over the past weeks, many tenants received letters acknowledging errors, but no refunds of overpayment have been paid. Faced with this exorbitant demand, it appears from press releases that 31 of the 324 tenants have had enough or could not afford it and have not paid the artificial rent, while the balance of the tenants paid the artificial rent in full. There remain about 200 lots that have not been

rented at any time over the past 50 years.

Tenants have lost trust. Once trust is lost it is not easily restored. For those who can’t afford the artificial rent there are few options. Many cottages have been for sale for years since the artificial rents were imposed and, despite cottage values dropping to a fraction of what they once were, there is little demand by potential buyers. Demolition or removal of cottages is now a weekly event. Others have simply walked away. For those who have overpaid, no refunds have been received to date.

Some have attempted to discredit the plight of the tenants by reducing the discussion to “race.” The tenants find this to be an insult. Use of race is much too convenient. The unfortunate position in which the tenants find themselves has nothing to do with race. For five decades the tenants have been loyal partners at Crooked Lake. Before facing a 700-per-cent artificial rent increase, there had not been a single rent default for more than 20 years. Tenants have used their own money, equipment and time to maintain and improve the infrastructure of the landlord for the use of band members and tenants alike, without any expectation of recompense. It has been commonplace for tenants to repair the landlord’s roads, mow the grass on the landlord’s approaches and even have work bees to clean up the garbage dump of the landlord, again for use by tenants and First Nations residents alike. Several tenants work or have worked on reserve. Those friendships remain. Dismissing the plight of tenants with allegations of racial motivation reduces the discussion to an unacceptable and insulting level.

For the past nine years the tenants have sought an honest, open and professional relationship with the landlord and Sakimay. There was some hope that this might occur in 2014 (before trial) when a tentative 10-year arrangement had been approved by Sakimay. That hope was dashed when the chief and council subsequently rescinded their motion of adoption, preferring to take their chances at trial.

When the leases were signed, the leases were with the Government of Canada. Tenants were of the belief that a lease with the Government of Canada would give some assurance of fairness and certainty. After all, if you can’t trust the Government of Canada, who can you trust? Today the tenants are of a different view. After receiving notices of threatened lease terminations from the federal minister who appears to be blindly enforcing the artificial rent, tenants feel that they have been cast adrift by the present Government of Canada.

Where is our federal government in all of this?

**Kevin J. Bell,
Bell, Kreklewich & Chambers,
class counsel for the tenants**

Correction

In the Aug. 31 issue, we referred to the Seventh and Main Care Home as being under new management. The story should have said the home is under new ownership.

Donna and Tyrone Mogenson sold the care home to Helping Hands Care Group on May 1, 2018 and are no longer associated with its operation.

We erred in reporting testimony in a court case reported in that same issue.

The story should have said the young offender’s mother was told he put on deodorant and put in eye drops after he consumed marijuana, not that she directed him to do so.

We apologize for the confusion.

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Another school year back in session



Students at École St. Henry's Senior School take part in a relay game during an assembly to kickoff the school year on Sept. 4. Students have been appointed to one of six faith teams this year as part of the school's student leadership.



Binders, books and pencil crayons, oh my! Nate Wandy gets ready for the start of Grade 4 at Davison School during a family night gathering on Aug. 30. The evening allowed students and parents to visit the school to help decrease anxiety before school started on Sept. 4.



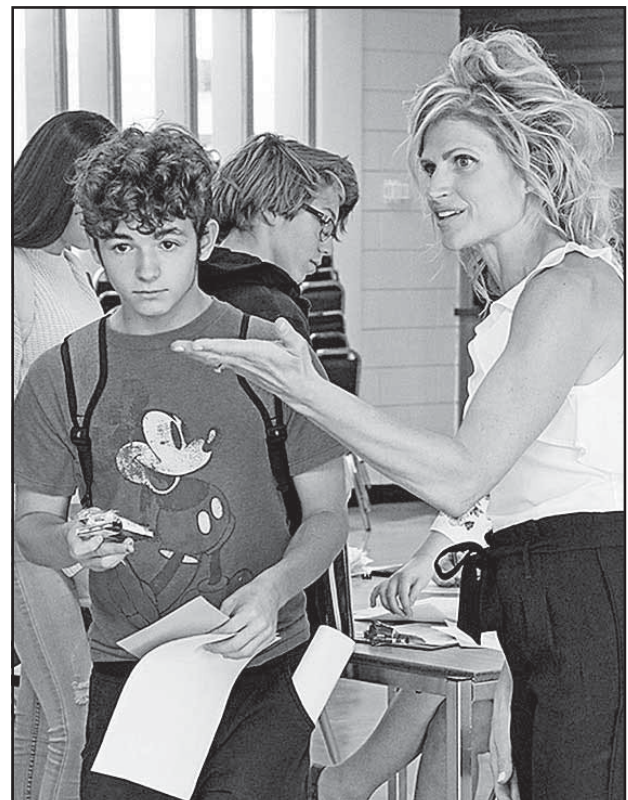
Christie Kushniruk helps her daughter, Hayden, get settled into her Grade 1 classroom on the first day of school on Sept. 4 at Miller School.



Austin Loveridge (centre) hangs out in front of École St. Henry's Junior School on Sept. 4 with his mother and siblings while waiting for the school doors to open. The young boy is in pre-kindergarten this year.



Are you missing socks, shoes, shorts or a shirt? Lost and found items from the previous school year are laid out for students in the cafeteria during registration at Melville Comprehensive School on Sept. 4.



Grade 9 student Seth Huser receives a pair of headphones from Sharon Roach, a teacher and co-advisor for the Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) chapter, during registration day at Melville Comprehensive School on Sept. 4.

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Author tracking Melville's first female train station agent

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

The Second World War was raging and men were going off to war when Disa Murphy stepped off the train in Melville in 1942 to become the first female station agent for CN Rail.

Murphy remained the station agent in Melville for another eight years before giving up the position. She continued working for CN Rail until retiring in 1965, completing a career that began in 1917 as a 21-year-old.

Murphy died in 1983 at age 87.

It is Murphy's first year as Melville station agent that fascinates her granddaughter, Miji Campbell. The latter has embarked on a journey involving planes, trains and automobiles to learn more about the former's activities here.

"She was the boss," said Campbell.

The Red Deer resident was in Melville recently browsing through issues of the Melville Advance from 1942. She was hunting for information about Murphy — and secondarily, about her aunt, uncle and mother — as she writes a book about Murphy's work in 1942.

The book is mostly non-fiction since it's about real people, said Campbell, but she has added elements of fiction to re-create life in 1942. She became excited looking through the back issues since she came across ads for movies, clothes and even cigarettes, all helpful details.

"(Murphy) always used to tell that story when she visited us in Calgary over a glass of rye: 'I was the first female to run the station

for CN,' because a lot of the men had signed up (for war)," said Campbell, "so a lot of women were doing those jobs."

This book is a prequel to a memoir Campbell wrote a few years ago, about her time growing up and her connection to her mother, Patricia Murphy, who died in 2015.

Her mother was born in Winnipeg and moved to Saskatoon in the 1930s, where Murphy adopted her, and later, another boy and girl. Murphy raised the three children as a single mother, something unheard of then.

Patricia was 19 when she graduated from high school in Saskatoon in June 1942 and looked forward to going to Normal School to become a teacher. However, Murphy told her to come to Melville to look after her adopted brother and sister, who were in Grade 4 and 2, since she was working at the station.

"Mom apparently cried and thrashed all the way from Saskatoon to Melville because she didn't want to go to this outpost," Campbell chuckled. "She got off the train and the side-walks ended ... she felt like she came from a thriving metropolis to this hinterland."

Murphy worked long hours since the Melville train station was a busy place and troops passed through regularly. Patricia was a surrogate parent for her brother and sister and ensured they went to school.

"I'm so fascinated by that one year in my mother's life and my grandmother's life in terms of what Melville would have looked like," said Campbell. She

asked her mother in 1992 to write down her memories of Melville, while she later interviewed her in 1998.

Campbell has browsed through Murphy's log-books and the reports she wrote in 1942 and is amazed at all the work Murphy had to do.

She has already visited Saskatoon and Winnipeg — where her mother lived — to re-create society from those times. It's important for the author to visit these places so she can write about them.

Campbell's adventure began in a Winnipeg archives browsing through microfiche. She later drove from Red Deer to Saskatoon to browse through more microfiche. She then took train from Saskatoon to Melville — it arrived on time, surprisingly, with no delays — just as Murphy did in 1942.

"People thought I was nuts and asked me why didn't I just drive," she chuckled, "but I wanted that piece."

Campbell has corresponded with Donna Mucha, a board member with the Melville Heritage Museum, since March. Mucha arranged to have Lin Orosz, with the Melville Rail Station Heritage Association, give Campbell a tour of the rail station building.

"It's such a beautiful building," Campbell remarked, and bigger than she thought.

Orosz showed her where a coffee shop and restaurant would have been, while Campbell walked up the original stairs to the second floor where her grandmother would have grabbed 20-minute naps between



Miji Campbell pages through Melville Advance newspapers from 1942 in search of information about her grandmother, Disa Murphy, who became the first female train station agent for CN Rail in Canada at that time. Campbell is writing a book about Murphy's time in Melville, focusing on her first year here. Photo by Jason G. Antonio

trains.

Campbell met a Melville woman on the train from Saskatoon, who later gave her a tour of the community. Tourism Melville summer student Morgan Phythian also gave Campbell a tour of the Railway Museum.

Anyone with information about Disa Murphy can contact Miji Campbell at 1-402-350-9594, or at miji@write-whereyouare.ca

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New teachers at Miller School familiar with small-town life



Catherine Stebeleski and Keigan Duczek have joined the teaching staff at Miller School this year. Stebeleski taught in Manitoba last year while Duczek — originally from Grayson — is in her first year of teaching after graduating last year from the University of Regina. Photo by Jason G. Antonio

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

After interning as a Grade 1 teacher last year at Davison School, Keigan Duczek is looking forward to having her own classroom this year and growing as an educator at Miller School.

Duczek is one of two new teachers at Miller School this year, with Catherine Stebeleski looking after students in Grade 2/3.

“I’m excited,” said Duczek recently. “I’m excited to meet the kids and get into the school year.”

Duczek graduated from the University of Regina in June with her education degree. She grew up in Grayson and went to school there until Grade 9, before finishing at Melville Comprehensive School for grades 10 to 12.

Duczek is thrilled to be back in Melville, she said, since she is familiar with the community and likes the small town feel. She became an educator since she had a “really influential” elementary teacher who helped her greatly and who she now wants to emulate.

The Grayson product had a positive internship at Davison and learned much from her co-op teacher. It is that experience Duczek wants to use and transfer over to her kindergarten classroom.

“I’m looking forward to the kids, working with the teachers, and growing in my personal knowledge throughout the year,” she added.

Stebeleski grew up on a farm near

Oakburn, Man., but went to school in Shoal Lake, an 11-minute drive down the highway. She graduated from high school in 2008.

She noted Shoal Lake has a similar small town atmosphere as Melville, even though Shoal Lake’s population is around 700 people.

Stebeleski is in her third year of teaching, having taught for two years in Manitoba. She graduated from the University of Brandon with a major in biology and a minor in math. Although she hasn’t used her biology background extensively, science is one of her favourite subjects, so she looks forward to leading experiments in class.

“I always wanted to be a teacher,” Stebeleski said, but she switched professions briefly and went into aesthetics to become a nail technician, before jumping back into education. “I like the kids, that’s the main thing.”

Stebeleski looks forward to meeting new people while working at Miller and living in Melville, especially since she’s not from Saskatchewan. She moved here in June with her boyfriend and found the summer a bit long since she didn’t know anyone.

When asked jokingly whether she was a Blue Bombers fan or a Roughriders fan, she noted her dad likes the Bombers. She recently wore a Roughriders toque that her boyfriend gave her, but her dad growled at her to take it off.

“It’s tough,” Stebeleski chuckled.

Miller School looking for help to complete outdoor projects

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

Miller School’s outside classroom could be completed this year, but smaller pieces of the project must first come together, including acquiring new members for the school community council (SCC).

Support must be generated for joining the SCC, explained principal Chad Lechner. Several new families with students in kindergarten have joined the school and are interested, so it’s important to let others know what the SCC does and how it supports the school.

“It’s a lot of hurry up and wait with our outside project,” Lechner said. “We’re excited. The goal is to make that gazebo with the grain bin roof.”

Crop Production Services is supplying the bin roof. There are several parents who are licensed contractors who will be able to help construct this project, a main priority for Lechner. He would like to see it happen before winter. Landscaping around the gazebo can then occur.

“We’ve got little baby steps every year so far, but this has got to be a big giant step that we really have to do,” he continued. This project will happen once more SCC members join. However, some parents are harvesting crops, so Lechner is waiting for them to finish.

Looking at the big picture, Lechner noted the school will continue to focus on literacy and math this year. Once those goals have been established, they will be shared with the SCC.

One change Lechner was delighted to see is there is now a non-split Grade 4 class, since there are enough students to form one full Grade 4 classroom.

Lechner is also pleased to welcome two new teachers to Miller School: Keigan Duczek and Catherine Stebeleski. Duczek is teaching kindergarten, but will also work as a student support teacher. Stebeleski, meanwhile, is teaching Grade 1.

Cynthia Perez is the new school caretaker.

Lechner expects to rely on three of his veteran teachers this year — Lisa Kitch, Donna Boake, and Shannon Hurley — since the school experienced a 50-per-cent staff turnover last June.

It was bittersweet for Lechner to say goodbye to his departing staff members during the June assembly. However, he noted that opened the door for new teachers to walk through and embrace their opportunities.

“I’m so excited to have new staff and the fresh faces, but (we’ll) constantly (have) the meetings to make sure we’re going in the right direction ...,” he said. “Those changes, (we’ll be) making sure they are as seamless as they can be.”

Miller School is ready to go for the new year, said Lechner. The school is looking “phenomenally clean” and he joked he looks forward to getting it dirty.

Before school started on Sept. 4, Lechner and his wife Brandy participated in three Spartan Races during the summer. Such races involve long distance runs and obstacle courses. To complete three in one year is called the trifecta; the Lechners completed their third race in August in Colorado.

“It’s an escape and release,” he said. “We’re both into it; we see value in it, so we don’t mind putting

the money and time towards it. Even got our kids involved this year ... in the little Spartan Races.”

This was the second time the Lechners had completed a Spartan Race trifecta. They completed one in 2016, but competed in the Queen City Marathon in 2017.

This year is also the Lechners’ 10th wedding anniversary, so they put their money toward competing in the Spartan Races.

The Spartan Race motto is “You’ll know at the finish line,” an indication of how should participants feel after completing a race. It is a good feeling to complete a race, said Lechner, while also running it with his wife. He couldn’t climb a rope during the races, before finally managed to do it.

“Everything they do is to the max,” he added. “Everything you do, you’ll feel proud to have achieved it.”



Chad and Brandy Lechner competed in three Spartan Races this summer. Pieces of each medal they won can be joined together to form another whole medal. Photo courtesy Chad Lechner

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Beware of food allergies at school when packing kids' lunches

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Getting ready for school can be fun for kids and parents, but along with packing school supplies, you should also consider the type of lunch you want to send along with your child.

While there are food safety tips that you should follow to avoid food poisoning, it's also important to remember allergy awareness when packing lunches, according to Health Canada. If your children pack their own lunches, you should help them understand how to handle food safely and be aware of food allergies.

Allergies

Food allergies may affect as many as 1.2 million Canadians, with a growing number of those people being children, says Health Canada. It is estimated that six per cent of children are affected by food allergies.

Although many foods can cause allergic reactions, the majority of allergic reactions are caused by peanuts, tree nuts, sesame seeds, soy, seafood — such as fish, crustaceans and shellfish — wheat, eggs, milk, sulphites and mustard.

Allergens can cause a reaction in your respiratory system, stomach and intestines, skin or cardiovascular system. The symptoms of allergic reactions vary in type and severity, from mild skin irritations and hives to breathing difficulties and loss of consciousness.

Symptoms can also develop at different rates. The most severe reaction, called anaphylaxis, can be fatal. Food allergies are one reason you need to be careful when packing school lunches for children.

Food poisoning

Health Canada says you can't tell if food is unsafe by its smell or taste, so when in doubt, throw it out.

Food can go unrefrigerated for long periods of time in proper lunch

containers, but it is important to keep cold food cold and hot food hot. Food should never reach the temperature danger zone between 4°C (40 °F) to 60°C (140 °F) where bacteria can grow quickly and cause food poisoning.

Perishable foods such as mayonnaise, tuna salads, chicken salads, egg salads, milk products, cold cuts and other lunch meats are possible targets for bacteria that cause food poisoning. They need to be kept at the right temperature.

Any pre-packaged lunch combos containing lunch meats and cheese also need to be kept cold. Children and young adults can get food poisoning and not know they have it.

Safety tips for food allergens

Due to the potential seriousness of allergic reactions, many schools have policies in place to prevent students from bringing certain items. It's important to follow the school's food allergen policy, even if your child does not have allergies.

The health and safety of other students depends on all parents and students following the school's policies. Some tips include:

- If your child is allergic to a certain food, make sure the school knows. Work with them to come up with a strategy to keep your child safe
- Remind your child it is not safe to trade or share food
- If peanuts are on the school policy as a restricted food, think about alternative sandwich-making ingredients, such as hummus or apple butter instead of peanut butter
- Always read the labels on the food you pack in your child's lunch. Don't pack any food with ingredients that are restricted at the school
- Look for warning statements on the label such as "May Contain ...". Remember, even trace

amounts can cause a severe allergic reaction

Safety tips for food

Soft, insulated lunch bags or boxes are the best choice for keeping lunches safe. If food should be eaten hot, heat it before your child leaves for school and store it in a heat-preserving container or thermos.

Place an ice pack in the lunch bag to keep the food inside cold. You can also freeze a juice box, small bottled water or yogurt snack and pack it in your lunch bag or box.

By lunchtime the frozen treat will have melted, giving your child a cold, refreshing juice, water or a snack to enjoy with the lunch.

If you are including fruits and vegetables, remember to wash them thoroughly under fresh, cool, running water, even if they will be peeled. Some other options include: whole and dried fruits, cereals, breads, crackers, pickles, and unopened cans of meat and fish.

Cleaning your hands, kitchen surfaces, and utensils with hot soapy water is important and will help eliminate bacteria and reduce the risk of food poisoning.

Always wash lunch bags with hot soapy water after each use. Never reuse sandwich bags, foil and plastic wrap. Remind your children to wash their hands before they eat their lunch and snacks.



Firefighting trainees with Parkland College practise extinguishing a vehicle fire during an exercise at the training grounds east of Melville on Aug. 30. They also learned how to put out a fire in a confined space.



Students with Parkland College's firefighter training program learn to work with fire hydrants and how to disengage from them, during a recent exercise on the north service road.



Contractors and electricians for Parkland College set up a computer software program that will operate a water distribution system at the fire training grounds east of Melville on Aug. 30. The system, which features two 100-horsepower motors, will pull water from the adjacent dugout and push it to four fire hydrants in the yard for when firefighters practise. The hydrants and underground pipes could be installed next year if funding is available. Photos by Jason G. Antonio

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Senior school principal appreciates having experienced staff

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

It has been an exciting, but slightly overwhelming, experience so far for Sharla Hansen as the new principal of École St. Henry's Senior School, as she prepares to lead students and staff into a new school year.

Hansen has taught for 15 years, with the last four years at the senior school. She takes over from Steven Boucher, who accepted a principal position in Victoria, B.C.

"I guess it's different when you're used to being responsible for a set group of students, (while) now you're responsible for a facility and staff and the students," Hansen said recently.

"But it's been good. It will continue to be a learning curve, for sure. (I'm) looking forward to the new year."

With a chuckle, Hansen said a principal is not ever truly ready for everything that one faces in the position. She noted Boucher prepared her for the organizational aspects of the job, while he sent snippets of advice throughout the summer.

Hansen will learn how to handle other challenges as they arise throughout the year. However, her expectations are similar to Boucher's, which she believes will help with the transition as principal.

Hansen attended a principals' four-day short course in July at the University of Saskatchewan. She took in seminars, while she learned much from administrators both new and experienced.

She joked that she went in with one question and came out with 700 more questions, which isn't a bad thing.

"I was able to form some collegial relationships with people so that I could have... a whole group of people to bounce ideas off and share," she added.

Building upgrades

Throughout the summer, two classrooms received new floors, while one of those classrooms received a new coat of paint and new shelves.

Outside, the front sign, the picnic tables and the benches were re-stained.

It's important to maintain a safe environment for students and teachers, Hansen said. Classroom renovations can help teachers be more excited for the new year, while keeping playground equipment updated can be good for students too.

The school community council was generous in covering the re-staining costs, she continued. Having the outside look good is important since students — and the wider community — hang out there at night and play basketball.

"We want to make it a more inviting place to gather," added Hansen.

While the basketball hoops are in good condition, their posts are leaning due to soft ground. Addressing that issue is on Hansen's to-do list. The school division's buildings manager knows about it, while community volunteers have offered to help re-install the posts.

The repairs should be completed this year.

Education goals

The senior school will continue to work to meet its learning improvement goals during the 2018-19 school year. Emphasis will continue to be placed on students progressing and meeting expectations in reading, writing and math.

Hansen wants to continue maintaining relationships with the community, staff, students, and St. Henry's Parish. She also wants to ensure students and staff grow in their faith life and be active disciples of Jesus Christ.

The school division's theme this year



Graham Gilmore (left) and École St. Henry's Senior School principal Sharla Hansen listen to Norm Macdonald talk about the students he taught three years ago who will now be in his Grade 7 class at the senior school this year. Gilmore and Macdonald are new to the school, while Hansen — who has taught at the school for several years — is the new principal. Photo by Jason G. Antonio

is discipleship, inspired by John 12:35: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

"They choose themes that are relevant to what we are trying to accomplish in the schools," Hansen said, noting student discipleship is their school goal.

New teachers

Graham Gilmore is the new band teacher. He will spend three-quarters of his time at the senior school and one-quarter at St. Michael School in Yorkton.

Nicole Godfrey is a new educational assistant and will support students.

Norm Macdonald, who taught at St. Henry's Junior School last year, will teach physical education to grades 5 to

7, science for grades 6 to 8, while his homeroom will be Grade 7. He also has a technology background, which Hansen sees as beneficial for the school.

"It's awesome. It's a fun age," Macdonald said. He is looking forward to seeing how the students he taught in Grade 4 have matured as they enter Grade 7.

Having an established group of teachers and staff is positive since it helps with Hansen's move into the principal role, she said. It looks forward to continue collaborating with this group, including officer manager Leone Henderson.

"I'd be lost without her," added Hansen. "I'm very thankful she is still here. This is all kind of scary, but all new. I'm excited."



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WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

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SEPTEMBER 10



Suicide: a global perspective

Every year on Sept. 10, the International Association for Suicide Prevention hosts World Suicide Prevention Day. The goal of this annual awareness campaign is to both promote a better understanding of the varied issues involved with suicide and highlight effective suicide prevention strategies.

The World Health Organization recognizes suicide as a public health priority. Each year, nearly 800,000 people globally take their own lives, and many more attempt to do so. It's the 17th leading cause of death in the world, but the second leading cause among young people aged 15 to 29.

Women are three to four times more likely to make a suicide attempt, but men are more prone to succeed. Men are therefore three times more likely to die by suicide than women, with those in their 40s and 50s having the highest suicide rates overall.

Though suicide is often perceived as a problem belonging primarily to the affluent, in actuality, 78 per cent of suicides occur in low- and middle-income families.

WHO'S AT RISK?

The group of people most at risk for suicide are those who've made a prior attempt to take their own life. Other people who are more vulnerable than the general population include those who:

- Have a mental illness, particularly depression, anxiety and schizophrenia
- Are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol
- Experience a major loss (death, unemployment, divorce)
- Have a history of suicide in the family
- Have a history of family violence
- Can easily access the means for suicide (guns, poisons, etc.)
- Experience discrimination (refugees, migrants, Indigenous people, members of the LGBTQ community, etc.)
- Undergo a major life change (e.g. teens and seniors)
- Are socially isolated

If you or someone you know is at risk, either contact your nearest crisis centre (a national listing of providers is available at suicideprevention.ca/need-help), head to the emergency room, or dial 911 for immediate intervention.

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Tori graduates from sidewalks to university ball

By Jason G. Antonio
Advance Reporter

All those years of playing catch in front of her father's downtown business have paid off for Tori Stelmachowich, after the teen was selected to play for the University of Regina Cougars softball club.

Stelmachowich, 18, made her debut with the team this past weekend in Calgary. The club competed against post-secondary teams from Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon, winning two games and losing three.

"I'm super excited. I'm ready to see what type of ball this level has ...," said Stelmachowich, who graduated from Melville Comprehensive School in June. "Ever since I was little, I knew I wanted to play university ball. It's always been my dream."

Stelmachowich has discovered that the players and coaches are "super nice" and welcoming, while the campus has also helped her fit in. Stelmachowich is in her first year at the U of R, where she is pursuing a degree in education.

Stelmachowich was nervous about making the Cougars softball team, noting there were few players at the tryouts, while those who did tryout are older — in their late 20s — and two are from the United States.

Stelmachowich is the second youngest player on the team.

Tryouts were held from Aug. 22 to 24 at Douglas Park in Regina. Stelmachowich and the other players were put through drills involving fitness, fielding skills, batting and inter-squad games. She will patrol the infield as a shortstop, a pitcher and first baseman.

The team plays all September, with the goal of winning nationals in Saskatoon during the first weekend in October. Stelmachowich's goals are to develop new spins for her pitches, while she wants to help the team improve, cut down on errors and win nationals.

Her father, Matthew, agreed that

this is a dream come true for her. He joked that all those years of playing pitch and catch in front of Matty's Fun Centre on Main Street have paid dividends.

"I'm really proud," he said. "She put a lot of work in. It's her passion. It was instilled in her a love of fastball at a young age. It's nice to see that come to fruition."

The team practices three hours a day, said Mr. Stelmachowich. This will help Tori better develop her skills on the diamond. There are also several coaches who can help the teenager become more well-rounded.

"She is awful young to make that team," he said, pointing to the age of the players — an average of 24 years old. Mr. Stelmachowich noted there is an ace pitcher from Oklahoma and an ace shortstop from Pennsylvania on the team. He expects the older players to take Tori under their wing to guide and mentor her.

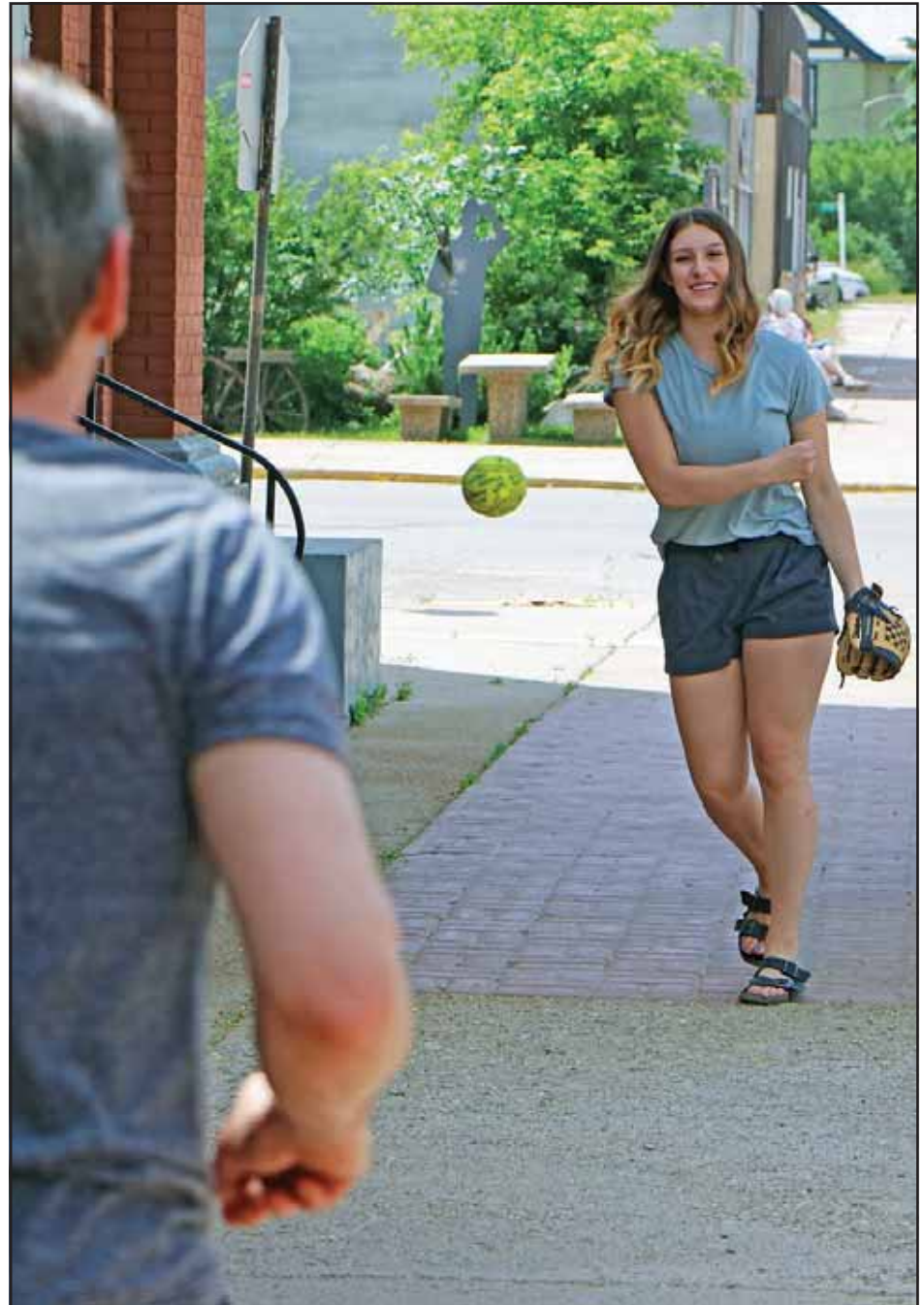
"It is really amazing," the teen said about playing with the American players. "I was super excited coming into that because I knew I could get a lot more reps with them."

"It's just been me and my dad for the past 18 years. So coming here, it's really good to get a different mind and someone on the bench with me while I'm pitching or anything that can help me out."

Stelmachowich is majoring in chemistry and minoring in math. She always enjoyed science at Davison School and MCS. She also had teachers who made coming to school enjoyable and fun, so she now wants to be one of those teachers as well.

The Cougars softball team has a tournament this weekend at the Regina Minor Softball League diamonds on North Broad Street.

The Cougars female softball team is the 2017 Western Canada Softball Association champions and 2017 national bronze medal recipients.



Tori Stelmachowich, 18, has made the University of Regina Cougars softball team. She is excited to play ball at this level and wants to help the team win nationals in October in Saskatoon. She is pursuing a degree in education.
Photo by Jason G. Antonio

Why not try fall camping?

Submitted

Camping season is not over in Saskatchewan with fall camping being offered in over 20 provincial parks.

"September may be here but there's still plenty of time to get out and enjoy our parks," said Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky. "Fall in Saskatchewan's parks is truly a special time. Families can take in the warm sunny days and crisp nights around the campfire, all while being surrounded by the natural beauty of the changing season."

Campsites can be reserved in advance at Bronson Forest, Buffalo Pound, Cypress Hills, Duck Mountain, Great Blue Heron, Makwa Lake, Moose Mountain, Rowan's Ravine and The Battlefords Provincial Parks. Many of these parks offer access to full amenities throughout September.

The sites can be booked through the online reservation system at www.saskparks.goingtocamp.com or by calling 1-855-737-7275. By reserving in

advance, visitors are guaranteed their chosen campsite will be available upon arrival.

Camp-Easy equipped campsites will remain open throughout most of September in Buffalo Pound, Echo Valley and Pike Lake Provincial Parks. Camp-Easy (www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/places-to-go/provincial-parks/campeasy) is a great option for anyone who doesn't own camping equipment or simply prefers a more convenient getaway.

Park visitors can enjoy roasting marshmallows over the crackling fire this fall as fire restrictions have been lifted in all provincial parks, excluding Saskatchewan Landing. In areas where there hasn't been a lot of rainfall, visitors are reminded to keep fires small and controlled.

To plan a park visit this fall, refer to the Sask Parks website for fall camping information. Explore park trails, head out for a kayak on the lake or enjoy a picnic in a park.



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Booze, boats and bears

Summer is nearly over and hopefully you have had a chance to get out and enjoy some holidays. Our family did some camping and took a trip to Greenwater Lake Provincial Park, southeast of Melfort. We have been "southern campers," so a switch from the leaves to pine and spruce needles was a nice change.

This summer I have been busy in the southeast doing boat patrols. It is surprising to see the number of people who still haven't gotten the message about boating and alcohol. We have issued quite a few tickets for unlawfully having, or drinking, liquor in a boat, including pontoon boats.

Unfortunately, people seem to think that drinking in a boat is perfectly normal, safe and legal, but it is not. People really had their eyes opened when we brought out roadside screening devices to check the impairment of boat operators who may have consumed alcohol. Remember, you face the same consequences for operating a boat while impaired as you would if you were caught driving your car while impaired.

This means we still have lots of work to do with public education and enforcement. In the southeast, and other areas of the province, conservation officers will continue to work with the RCMP to patrol lakes, looking for impaired boaters and liquor while doing our normal fisheries work.

Conservation Corner

LINDSEY LEKO



Summer is also a busy time for conservation officers in Saskatchewan in dealing with black bears and some of the issues that they cause. Many problems can be avoided if people take measures to ensure they are not attracting bears into communities and campgrounds.

There have been a few close encounters with black bears this summer. I just can't say this enough, but the best way not to encounter a bear is to keep your campsite clean of food and garbage. At the end of the meal, put the garbage in the park bins, so it's away from your campsite.

Remember, for the most part, bears are afraid of us and may only be curious, which can cause a close encounter. If you happen to come across a bear, try to make a wide detour around the bear. Please, put your phone away and avoid any desire to take a selfie with you and the bear. Trying to get closer to take that perfect photo could get you in a world of trouble.

Remember, do not take your eyes off the bear, but try not to make direct eye contact. Pick up your kids and dog if you have them with you, and back away slowly.

In some cases, bears may pop their jaws or snort, and lunge or bluff charge showing aggression. If you have bear spray, now may be a good time to get it ready.

If the bear starts acting aggressively, look it straight in the eyes and let it know you will fight if attacked. Shout! Make yourself look as big as possible. Stamp your feet and take a step or two toward the bear. Threaten the bear with whatever is handy (stick, pole, bear spray). The more the bear persists, the more aggressive your response should be.

Remember, don't run as this will trigger its natural instinct to chase and attack. There is no way you are going to outrun a bear, so do not try. If attacked, fight with everything you have. Target the face, eyes, and snout.

Finally, you should never feed or approach a bear. Generally, bears are attracted by food and if they cannot find food they will often leave the area. Bears that have been fed lose their natural fear for humans. When bears start to associate food with humans, they may damage property and become dangerous.

Anyone who finds themselves in a potentially dangerous situation with a bear should contact their local Ministry of Environment office or call Saskatchewan's 24-hour TIP line at 1-800-667-7561. SaskTel cell phone subscribers can also reach the TIP line by dialing #5555.

Mils training camp



The Melville Millionaires held their fall training camp last weekend to get a closer look at their roster options for the coming SJHL season. Recruits were put through their paces, culminating in the Blue and White intrasquad game and two exhibition matches against Yorkton. The Millionaires took the bragging rights, winning 3-2 in Yorkton and 9-6 at home.

Luke Nkwama and Andrew Gates line up against the Yorkton Terriers. Melville's next home game is Sept. 8 against Notre Dame.



Jeanette Cloutier and Cyanna Callfas tee it up at the annual Kinsmen Texas Scramble Golf Tournament Sept. 1 at the Melville Golf Course. Proceeds from the 24th annual event support community projects. Photos by Ashley Oryschak

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How a place becomes a home

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

This isn't where the story started.

Yet, Garth and Verna Patzwald do live on the Patzwald family's "home place."

"When my husband's grandfather came here in 1904, his first homestead was on the quarter across the road, but, it was mostly bush," Mrs. Patzwald explains. "He had to work hard to clear it enough to build a couple of buildings."

"Then in 1910, he purchased this quarter from the government. It had been a designated a school quarter. This is where he built a house, outbuildings and a barn. He was still a bachelor at that point. Then in 1913, William and Lydia were married, and they had 10 children."

She notes that the farm was passed on to Edward (William and Lydia's seventh child) not long after William died in 1958.

"By the time William passed away, the older children had already left the farm to pursue other things. But the younger children were still too young to take over the

farm. Edward was just working at odd jobs at the time. So, he came home to care for his mom, and to farm. His wife, Amy Jeanne was a teacher too. They had three children: Garth, his older brother, and a younger sister."

When Garth and Verna were married in 1978, they knew there was a possibility the family farm would become their home.

"When we first got married, we weren't really sure where we were going to live," Mrs. Patzwald remembers.

"Garth kind of thought that we might eventually be here — that this was where he'd do mechanics and farm. But, we started out living in Lemberg. The plan originally was that we would move out to the farm, and his parents would move into town."

However, circumstances forced the family to adjust their plans.

"Garth's mom suffered from Alzheimer's. In 1981, before he passed away, Garth's dad would ask me to come out and sit with her. He planted a crop, but then he died in July of that year. We came out to the farm,

and we managed. But Alzheimer's grabbed hold of Garth's mom very hard — it was very aggressive. So, we had to find a place where she could be cared for."

The couple's commitment to the farm meant that they earned would be diverted into sustaining their home.

"I was a school teacher, and my husband is a mechanic. He's always had an off-farm job. But, it always seemed that the money from the off-farm job was going back into the farm."

Still, the couple persevered, and raised their four children on the family farm.

As time went on, they approached a milestone in their family's history.

While he was working on the computer one evening, Garth came across something that caught his attention.

"He found information about the Century Farm Award and saw a place to apply," Mrs. Patzwald said. So, we decided to apply for it. But we'd sold the quarter that Garth's grandpa first tried to homestead on so we couldn't qualify for the award on that land. But, they told us that we certainly did qualify for the award on this quarter."

The family got notice that they would receive the award at a banquet held in Regina in June. However, Verna was unable to attend the banquet with Garth.

"June was just a crazy month. I was in the hospital. So, Garth passed on information about the award and the banquet to the kids, to see if one of them wanted to go. But, none of them could make it. So, Garth's cousin, Greg Patzwald, went to the ceremony



When Garth and Verna Patzwald were married in 1978, they knew there was a possibility the family farm would become their home. They raised their four children on the farm.

with him."

The couple is pleased to have received the award.

"A lot of farm families never make it to this point. So, we were really happy about this. Garth and Greg were very impressed by the banquet too. They were given a copy of the original homestead title and he thought that it was outstanding that they had gone to that much trouble. It made them feel that it was a real privilege and honor to receive this award."

As well, Mrs.

Patzwald says that the Century Farm Award became part of a special family celebration as well.

"The kids really got into this. Since it was our 40th anniversary this year, the four of them (Edward, Victoria, Katherine and Timothy) decided to get together and give us the money to buy the big Century Farm Award plaque. It was really nice that they thought to do that for us!"

It isn't yet clear which member of the Patzwald family might take over

the farm.

"We have one son who is a mechanic, but we're not sure if he's going to want the farm or not. Our grandchildren are all very young yet, so there's no way to know if any of them will want to farm either."

However, Mrs. Patzwald says that the couple is content to wait and see what the future brings.

"Our grandchildren all love coming out to the farm. That's enough for now."



Verna and Garth Patzwald received the Century Farm Award.

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Melville Millionaires Schedule

SEPTEMBER:
07- Notre Dame at Melville
08- Melville at Notre Dame in Ochap 7:30 p.m.
14- Mils Barbecue Kickoff Estevan at Melville
15- Melville at Estevan
16- Mils Golf Tourney
19- Melville at Weyburn
21- Notre Dame at Melville
23-26- SJHL Showcase at Warman
24- Melville at Flin Flon 1 p.m.
26- Humboldt at Melville 11 a.m.
28- Melville at Flin Flon
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INVITATION TO BID

Village of Fenwood invites contractors to provide a bid for the extension of 3rd Ave.

GENERAL CONDITIONS and INSTRUCTIONS:

Scope of Work

The Contractor shall furnish all labour, equipment and material to perform the work as specified herein.

The work in general shall include:

- extension of road way
- installation of culvert

Time of Completion

The work shall be fully completed on or prior to September 30, 2018 unless mutually agreed upon by both parties.

Interested parties may contact the village office at 306-728-2185 or email villageoffenwood@sasktel.net to arrange for a site tour.

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RM of Stanley No. 215

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Life and death at the touch of a hand

Neighbourly Advice According to Ed

RAY MAHER



“The baby did not like the touch of my cold hand on his head,” I told Ed yesterday.

In our Sunday service, I administered the sacrament of Holy Baptism to a month-old baby boy. In the sacrament, I placed my hand on his head while the Lord’s Prayer was said. The little guy thought it was a long prayer and was relieved when my cold hand had left his head. He did not like the warm water poured on his head either. When his baptism was over, he slept peacefully through the rest of the church service.

Ed had to point out that I can even put babies to sleep in a church service. He wanted to know if preachers ever keep track of the number of people who fall asleep during their sermons. I said that I do notice sleepers if they snore really loudly or fall

off their pew. I also notice those who read their bulletin during the sermon and or go to the washroom repeatedly. According to Ed, who does not attend any church, all churches should sell the sermons that have caused the most people to fall asleep. They would be safer and more effective than sleeping pills.

Putting my hand on the head of the little baby was a treat for me. There are no babies at our house and our grandchildren are beyond infants. Babies are a wonderful gift of amazement for their parents and family. Tiny little babies may not talk, but they are able to make themselves heard and cared for with their crying. To touch a baby is to feel a new life ready to sprout into growth, a new individual coming into recognition and honour in the days and years to come.

Last Sunday was also the day a church member passed away in old age. I will place my hand in blessing on his cold head in his casket before his funeral. It will be my cold hand on his cold head. His rest will be in the grave with no more days of earthly living.

After the baptism on Sunday, the baby was the centre of many pictures and much attention. Funerals focus on a final resting place for a body that can no longer respond to attention. Baptisms focus on the beginnings of life and funerals force us to recognize the end of life. Life and death are not in our hands but in God’s.

The Bible makes it clear that there is a time for everything. We each have a time of birth and a time of death. Who can set the date of his own birth? Who can know the hour of their death? With our life and death, God determines them both. In birth and death, God is there. Babies are baptized so that they can know and live in Christ.

We live at a time when many have shrunk God down, to an insignificant maybe for others. When believers in Christ face death they know it leads to heaven. They trust Jesus’ words: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

Vaccinate children early to help fight infections

Submitted

Children are vaccinated at a young age since this is when they are most vulnerable to diseases, according to Health Canada, as their immune system is not developed enough to fight serious infections.

While parents want to protect their children and keep them happy and healthy, vaccinating children is the best way to protect them from disease. This is why it’s important to be aware of vaccination schedules, which give the best possible protection against diseases.

In Saskatchewan, your child should be vaccinated: between birth to two months, at four months, at six months, between 12 months and 18 months, between four to six years of age, in grades 6 and 8, and influenza shots up to age 17.

For some vaccines, your child will require more than one dose at different times. This is needed because for some vaccines, the first dose does not provide as much immunity as possible.

Types of vaccinations
More than one dose is needed to build more complete immunity. The

DTaP-IPV-Hib vaccine, which protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and Haemophilus influenzae type B, is an example.

In other cases, the initial series of shots children receive as part of their infant immunizations helps them build immunity. After a while, however, that immunity wears off.

At this point, a booster dose is needed to bring immunity levels back up. The MMR vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps and rubella, is a good example.

These vaccines are usually referred to as booster shots. It is important not to miss any booster shots to ensure your child has full protection.

Your health care provider will let you know which vaccines your child needs at each visit. You can also use the CANImmunize smartphone application to record and keep track of your child’s vaccines and learn more about your child’s vaccination schedule.

Vaccinations at a young age
The vaccination schedule is based on infants’ ability to create an immune response. Vaccines are given to protect them against 14 serious diseases at a

time when they are most at risk.

Medical experts do not advise delaying or spreading out the recommended vaccines, says Health Canada. This does not provide any added benefit to your child. Fewer visits to the clinic mean fewer unpleasant vaccine experiences for your child.

If your child is missing a shot
Life can get busy and you may not be able to make every vaccination appointment for your child. If you miss an appointment, it is important to get back on schedule quickly. This would allow your child to get the most benefit from the protection vaccines offer.

Book an appointment with your health care provider quickly. They can help figure out what vaccines your child has already received and which ones are needed.

If your child can’t be vaccinated
Some children may not be able to get some vaccines, including those with specific medical conditions and those with severe allergic reactions to vaccine ingredients.

Examples include children who need to take high-dose steroids or who have a weakened immune system

from cancer treatment (chemotherapy). These children may need to avoid vaccines that contain a weakened live virus, such as measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and chickenpox.

These children are at risk of getting the disease(s) that the vaccine would have prevented. If your child can’t be vaccinated, you can protect them by encouraging others to get vaccinated to prevent the spread of disease to your child.

Vaccine advice
It is important to get the facts about vaccination from reliable sources. Talk to a trusted health care expert about your child’s vaccinations, including a nurse, doctor, pharmacist, or public health ministry

Moving to new locations
If you move to another province or territory, your child’s vaccination schedule may change. Once you have moved, contact your new health care provider or public health office. They will tell you which vaccines may be needed in that province or territory.

Remember to take your child’s vaccination record to the appointment with you.

Sask. in motion encourages kids to walk to school

Submitted

Since about 26 per cent of Canadian youths are considered overweight or obese, Saskatchewan in motion is encouraging parents to build more physical activity into their children’s routines, including walking to school.

Walking to school is one of the easiest ways to incorporate more physical activity into kids’ lives, the organization says. Sask. in motion recognizes parents may have anxiety about letting their kids walk to school and has addressed those concerns.

Concerns about safety
There are plenty of options for parents worried about safety:

- Take turns with a neighbour walking your kids to school
- Arrange for your kids to walk with an older neighbour or family friend
- Walk your kids part way — or all the way — if your schedule is flexible

Worries about traffic
Traffic is one of the things parents worry most about. The truth is driving your kids to school can actually contribute to traffic congestion and vehicle emissions around schools, making it less safe for those who do walk. Therefore:

- Make sure your children understand the rules of the road
- Talk to local officials if your route to school lacks cross walks, sidewalks or snow removal
- Talk to your principal, school community council or community association about addressing traffic issues around your school. Ask about setting up a plan to ensure students have active and safe routes to school

Living too far from the school
First, consider whether you really do live too far away. If the answer is yes, consider dropping your kids off part way and letting them walk the last few blocks. If children are bused, ask about an alternate drop off that gives them the opportunity to walk a few blocks.

Extra motivation required
For kids who aren’t in love with the idea, try these tools for making the experience more fun:

- Set up a reward chart
- Play walking bingo
- Have the kids wear pedometers and challenge them to increase their step count. Use a log to track your steps
- Have younger kids draw pictures of their route

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Restaurant now open in Balcarres rink

By JUDY HERSHMILLER
Balcarres Correspondent

Integrated Care Centre News

Sympathy to John O'Kell and family on the recent death of his wife, Margaret. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

On Aug. 27 our local talented maestros, pianist Linda Bray and soloist Chrystal Zeller, came in to lead the residents in a singalong time. In the afternoon residents gathered in the activity room to reminisce about harvest and the busy season that is taking place around our community.

Ball toss games were enjoyed on Aug. 28. In the afternoon bingo was enjoyed. Straight-line winners were Cecilia Flamant (2 games), Mervyn Schill, Audrey Large, Viola Gall and Kay Walters. Leon Stonechild won the letter L game and around the square game. Audrey Large and Jeannette Kirk also won the around the square game. Cecilia Flamant won the four corners game. Ted Hextal won the cross game and Leon Stonechild took the blackout game, as did Jeanne Smith.

Yahtzee was enjoyed on Aug. 29. In the afternoon residents boarded the handicap bus for a tour.

Sympathy to the Gall family on the sudden death of Viola Gall. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

On Aug. 30 the residents enjoyed playing bowling games. In the afternoon a resident family council meeting was held.

Shuffleboard games were enjoyed on Aug. 31. In the afternoon bingo was played. Straight-line winners were Audrey Large, Jeanne Smith, Flo Gherasim, Kay Walters and Lorraine Hextal. Lorraine also won the letter X and the letter L games. Leon Stonechild won the letter T game and two blackout

games.

Sept. 1, 2 and 3 had no planned activities for the residents, however, friends and family stopped by and some residents went out for the day visiting with family.

Extended Care Centre News

Richard (Barney) Desnomie enjoyed visits from Lindsey and Faith on Aug. 27, and Jean and Lorna on Sept. 2. He went out for supper on Aug. 28 and to a funeral on Aug. 31. He and Maurice Martin also enjoyed a visit with Oscar Pinay.

Joe Englot went to the farm at Abernethy on Aug. 25 and enjoyed a visit with cousins, Lawrence and Carole Englot of Montmarte on Aug. 28.

Violet Kerestech enjoyed visitors on Aug. 26 and a visit with her sister, Ruth, on Sept. 1.

Tom Kirk enjoyed a visit with his niece, Heather Bridges of Saskatoon, on Aug. 31.

Welcome back to Emma Middlekoop who has returned from hospital.

Nora Nakonechny enjoyed a visit with her niece,

Monica Wilson on Sept. 2.

Elsie Pekrul has been busy picking apples and enjoyed a visit with her son, Terry and daughter-in-law, Darlene on Aug. 30, and with brother Ervin and sister-in-law, Dorothy Baber.

Dorothy Wilkes went to the BICC and then to Abernethy to see son Brian busy with the harvest. She went with her granddaughter, CJ and great-grandchildren to the Motherwell Homestead and enjoyed the outing.

Around Town News

Bronco Joe's Restaurant and Hub is now open for business at the skating rink.

Hockey registration takes place for the upcoming season on Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Balcarres Lions and Lioness trip of the month tickets have arrived and members are eager to talk to you about the purchase of a ticket. Only 300 tickets are sold, and all proceeds go to local projects. All draws are made on the third Tuesday of the month at the Golden Age Centre.

... changes come to Lions fundraiser

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Hanley said, "but you have to start at the back of the line."

The club donated \$50,146.25 to the City of Melville for a new swimming pool from the inaugural fundraiser. Based on the increase to the overall prize money, Hanley believes the club could donate almost \$300,000 by next year.

"(We're) hoping to give the town a little boot," he laughed. "Get the fire going."

This year, the club plans to start selling tickets at 5:30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. since ticket sales were slow during the first half-hour last year.

The club also recognized this would allow the city to hold events in the afternoon in the convention centre and have enough turnaround time to prepare for the Lions' lottery.

The club now knows what to expect with the crowds, said Hanley, while club members know their roles better.

Only community volunteers worked the bar during the first fundraiser. This time, when club members work the bar, the Lions Club will donate 40 per cent of all bar sales to an organizational project at the local, provincial, national or international level, said Hughes.

This means on a \$5 drink, the Lions keep \$2 and give \$3 to a charity.

"We still want the local people to come and work the bar and give them a percentage, the same as last year," he continued. "But our members are going to work so we can support some Lions projects."

Community projects the Lions support regularly include a scholarship for Parkland College, the Lisa Orr Music Festival, the Agri-Park, school lunch programs, and both Melville Millionaires sports clubs.

Outside Melville, the club also supports the provincial eye bank and the children's hospital, as examples.

"Lions Club is the largest service club in the entire world," said Hanley, "and they help everyone. We've helped tsunami victims, rebuilt their houses — all over the world ... So with our bar sales, we'll be able to do that."

Lions Clubs have also supported Maple Creek and Fort McMurray when crises struck those communities.

Club members discovered last year that after working to raise funds for the pool, they hadn't raised anything for other charities, Hanley added. He hopes everyone is happy with the new arrangements this year.



Joe Kirwan with the Melville and District Community Foundation helps cook up hot dogs and hamburgers during a barbecue in front of the Prairie Co-op grocery store on Aug. 31.
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Dylan Calvert slips into his firefighting gear at Parkland College's firefighter training grounds east of Melville on Aug. 30, as he and other trainees prepare to practise extinguishing a vehicle fire and snuffing out a fire in an enclosed space. Firefighters wear several layers of equipment to protect them from both fire and smoke.

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Black
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