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## Businesses adapting to COVID virus

Restaurants switch to pick-up while others adjust services

By Sarah Pacio and Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the provincial government has implemented mandatory closures for numerous types of businesses. However, some retail outlets remain open and local stores are quickly adapting to new protocols in order to ensure that people continue to safely receive the supplies they need.

Pharmacies will stay open during the pandemic, since they provide an essential service. However, locations in Broadview, Grenfell and Wolseley are encouraging customers to either call ahead so prescriptions are ready for pick-up or to take advantage of free delivery options. Whitewood pharmacy is asking customers if they have traveled recently or have any symptoms DO NOT enter the store! Call the pharmacy for your prescriptions and they will arrange delivery for in-town customers, or meet you at your vehicle outside. The provincial liquor outlet is located within the pharmacy as well as lottery ticket sales so staff continue to maintain a strong policy of social distancing and cleanliness within the store. The sale of lottery tickets was discontinued as of Tuesday, March 24 in the store until further notice.

Hometown Co-op grocery stores in Broadview, Grenfell and Kipling hours are reduced to Monday – Saturday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. In an online video posted on March 19, general manager Albert Outhwaite addressed customers regarding precautions that the store is taking to protect staff and customers.

“Thank you very much for your patience; it’s been a very trying time,” Outhwaite stated. “None of us had to go through anything like this before – it’s all new to us.”

Like most stores, Co-op has implemented increased hand washing and sanitizing routines to help prevent the COVID-19 virus from spreading. The store hour changes allow staff to sanitize and stock the store. The grocery stores also continue to offer free delivery within each community.

Borderland Co-ops, which include Whitewood, Moosomin and Rocanville, are operating with their usual hours of business but have also added an Early Shopping Hour for Seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. This is for seniors (ages 65+), those with mobility concerns and vulnerable members of the community. Vulnerable members are not people in self-isolation. Free delivery is also available at the grocery store and at the home centre for call-in orders. Co-op stores are cleaned and sanitized daily as part of normal business, but all stores are increasing the frequency of cleaning. They’re also ensuring that available preventative resources are made available to both customers and employees that includes social distancing and sanitation wipes (when available).



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### Intersection accident

Emergency personnel from Whitewood responded to a two vehicle collision at the intersection of Highways 1 and 9 on March 23. Neither of the two people in the westbound car or the two people in the northbound flat deck truck were seriously injured in the collision. Traffic on Highway 1 was restricted to one lane in the westbound lane while Broadview RCMP investigated and until the scene was cleaned up. See story on page 28.

Conexus Credit Union in Whitewood have announced a reduction in their hours of operation and are limiting the number of members into their locations, enforcing strict social and physical distancing practices. They are able to deliver banking services remotely and their employees are available via phone to help you manage your finances through this pandemic.

If they determine you must come into a branch, expect to possibly be asked to wait outside as they are limiting the number of people inside the branch.

## STAY HEALTHY

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth



Avoid close contact with people who are sick



Only one person is permitted in the ATM vestibule at a time, so again, you may be asked to wait outside. As they are practicing strict social and physical distancing, you will be asked about your visit to the branch, and every effort will be made to utilize remote banking channels. Most banks are encouraging online use of services.

Sarcen has announced the closure of all of its facilities in the province as well during this time.

Small businesses, like Broadview Bazaar, have made similar adjustments. The store offers a large range of products including toys, clothes and craft supplies. It was open to the public until March 20 but, as of March 23, customers must call ahead with their shopping list. The owners can then pre-bag items and meet customers at the door for digital payment.

Recent announcements regarding the closure of restaurants and bars have resulted in take-out orders only while one restaurant, Archie’s in Whitewood, have closed their doors to wait out the pandemic.

Livestock sales at Whitewood Livestock are now limited to the staff and buyers. Producers are being asked to stop and drop off their cattle and continue home.

The optometrist’s visits to the Whitewood office have been cancelled for the week of March 24 and 31. Those with appointments will be called to reschedule.

Lines that are taped on the floors in businesses are a common sight now as businesses try to maintain social distancing with their customers. Many are also requesting the use of cards for payment to reduce the handling of cash by their employees.

While some people are finding it difficult to stay at home, it is important that people do not visit stores frequently or as a means of social contact. If you must go to a store, it is suggested that you get your necessary items in a timely manner. Workers in stores must also be given as much social distancing as possible to help stop any spread of the virus.



# Fire department receives delivery of new truck

By Wade Walz  
Grasslands News

Melville Fire Department took delivery of its new fire truck last week after months of unexpected delays.

Winnipeg-based Fort Garry Industries originally delivered the 2020 pumper truck in October but it arrived with a frozen pump which the man-

## Spike belt helps RCMP make arrest

On March 22 shortly before 6 p.m., Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP received a complaint of a theft of gas and merchandise from a service station in Fort Qu'Appelle. A description of the two suspects and the vehicle was obtained and police confirmed the vehicle was stolen earlier in the day from Regina.

Approximately 90-minutes later a complaint was received of a suspicious vehicle in the RM of Abernethy that matched the description of the vehicle involved in the gas theft.

An officer observing traffic flow on Highway 310 north of Balcarres saw a vehicle driving in and out of farmyards. The officer followed the vehicle, which turned off the highway onto a gravel road. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle refused to stop. The road was a dead end and the suspect made a u-turn and avoided the officer's attempt to block the road.

The officer disengaged as additional officers were in the area and a spike belt was utilized just north of Balcarres on Highway 310.

The spike belt was successful and deflated all four tires on the vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued to refuse to stop at speeds under 40 km/h through Balcarres. One female suspect jumped out of the moving vehicle and was arrested. The suspect vehicle came to a stop and the male driver was arrested without incident.

Thomas Kenneth Chartrand, 28, of Regina is in police custody. He appeared before a Justice of the Peace and further held to appear in a Regina court. He has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, theft under \$5,000, dangerous operation of a motor, flight from a peace officer and driving while prohibited.

The female was later released from custody with no charges. She was not injured jumping from the vehicle.

ufacturer had to replace back in its Manitoba facility. The replacement took longer than anticipated and finally arrived in the city last Tuesday.

"We're glad to finally have it in the hall and in service to continue providing the best fire protection possible to residents of Melville," says fire chief Tyrone Mogenson.

The bones of the vehicle is a Freightliner chassis with a 1,000 gallon pump, 911-style seats for four passengers along with the necessary equipment to protect the community. Another feature of the new design is LED

lighting, found throughout the pumper.

"The LED lighting is something new but will come in very useful during night calls," explains Mogenson. "Not only does it make it easier for firefighters to do their job, it also makes things a lot safer."

The cost of the truck (the original tender) was \$344,000 which was originally budgeted for in 2018 under the city's capital projects portion of the budget. Considering the time to build it and the frozen pump, the process wound up cruising through three budget cycles as it will now be in-

cluded in the 2020 budget process.

The new pumper was necessary as the old one had run its course, in line with government regulations which say fire emergency vehicles should be replaced after 25 years: the old pumper was sold to the Ituna Fire Department.

It compliments Melville's fleet of vehicles which includes one rescue truck, two pumpers (one used for rural fires), two tanker trucks (partially funded and operated under the auspices of the Melville & District Fire Protection Association), a one-ton wildland

fire truck and a command vehicle. The MDFPA encompasses several other surrounding communities and rural municipalities.

The newest of the two tanker trucks holds 2,500 gallons of water while the "old girl" in the fleet – a 1984 GMC Brigadier – holds 2,200 gallons. The GMC was purchased new by the city in 1984 and is the oldest active member of the fleet. "Because it's past the 25-year window we only use it as a backup water supply in rural areas."

Next up for replacement will be pumper No. 2 and the rescue truck

which come due in 2025. Mogenson says he's looking at replacing the two trucks with one combined unit to best serve the needs of the community and keep budget costs down.

"When the rescue van was purchased the department needed a dedicated vehicle for that purpose. However, with technological advancements today I believe we can have one vehicle built with everything we need for both facets of the job, saving money for the taxpayers without compromising their safety."

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We are there with you.



During this time of uncertainty, we want our community members to know we'll be there for you through the difficult days, weeks and months ahead. As an essential service, we'll continue to provide you with trusted news and information and do our best to find and promote the good causes and happenings in our communities as well as keep you up-to-date on the COVID-19 events as they unfold.

We are here to support our vulnerable community businesses and members alike. With time and adequate preventative measures, COVID-19 can and will be contained. We will find the light at the end of the tunnel together.

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# Recommendations rejected by Co-op in refinery dispute

*Global economic circumstances forces company to reassess financial position*

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Co-op Refinery says it is “unable to accept” the recommendations made by the special mediators over the refinery labour dispute.

“We thank Special Mediators Amanda Rogers and Vince Ready for their time and effort in meeting with us and thoughtfully considering both parties’ positions,” Federated Co-op Ltd. wrote on their Twitter.

In a news released issued by the Co-op Refinery who said they carefully analyzed the report, CRC determined it is unable to accept all aspects of the report’s recommendations in their entirety and will need to make modifications out of their responsibility to its employees, the co-op owners, their customers and the broader communities that depend on the long-term sustainability of CRC. CRC went on to say that the report does contain a number of helpful recommendations, which the company hopes will stand to move negotiations toward a res-

olution and a signed deal with Unifor 594.

CRC went on to say the company must now also consider the stark world developments that are presently unfolding and their impacts to both their business reality and their ever-more critical responsibility to their multiple stakeholders.

“Global economic circumstances have changed, and with that, we have seen a drastic decline in the consumer consumption of fuel and rapidly declining oil prices that have put the CRC in a more difficult financial position than when negotiations began. Like all businesses, the refinery is now reassessing how to manage through the financial turmoil. As a company, we must consider how to reduce costs, delay capital spending, protect jobs and make decisions around cancelling projects that are no longer viable. As negotiations proceed, CRC will ultimately need to make decisions that are responsible and responsive not only to its employees but also to our local co-op owners, custom-



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## Dispute continues

Co-op Refinery has rejected the recommendations of a mediator in the labour dispute, just days after Unifor said it would accept the recommendations. The dispute has seen protests at local stations like Whitewood and Melville.

ers and the broader communities across Western Canada,” the news release said.

The CRC said they continue to be committed to reaching a fair deal and will be presenting the Unifor 594 mem-

bership with an offer in the coming days.

On March 20, Unifor Local 594 said it was prepared to accept the recommendations made by the special mediators.

## Broadview Potash Project

# Solution mine still being planned despite slowdown

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

International affairs have slowed progress on the Broadview Project, but investors are still determined to establish a potash solution mine south of Grenfell. Once it is operational, the mine could employ 130-160 people and produce 1 million tons of potash per year.

Canada Golden Fortune Potash Corp (CGFPC) is the private Canadian company responsible for developing the mine and has its headquarters in Saskatoon. However, it is a subsidiary of a company based in Shanghai, China and trade disputes that started last year caused unexpected delays for the project. Michael Xiao, CEO of CGFPC, is optimistic that these issues will be resolved soon.

“Recent political trade discussions between Canada and China look positive,” Xiao stated in a letter to the Herald Sun

last week. “China has resumed the import of Canadian meat products and negotiations on other agricultural products, including canola and wheat, look optimistic.”

The recent coronavirus pandemic is likely to cause further setbacks for the project, but Xiao hopes it will be short-term. “The latest snapshot of economic implications of the COVID-19 outbreak indicates a major disruption in the global supply chain, including Canadian exported goods such

as oil and gas, potash and agricultural products,” he wrote. “We are hopeful that this is just a temporary bump for the global economy but, nevertheless, it has complicated the Broadview Project.”

In spite of these challenges, CGFPC continues to work on various aspects of the project. The company is currently evaluating equipment and service providers,

while also working to optimize the potash solution mining techniques that will be used. CGFPC is also in the process of obtaining construction approval from the Chinese government. This could be received by mid 2020, allowing for access road construction to begin by the end of this year.

“CGFPC is committed to building a potash mine that is both environmen-

tally and economically sustainable, and that will benefit both our company and our neighbours,” the CEO stated. “Community

relations are a primary focus for CGFPC and together we will build a potash mine that we can all be very proud of.”

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### Fort Qu'Appelle Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 35

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Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 crisis, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #35 in Fort Qu'Appelle has made the decision to close temporarily.

These precautions needed to be taken for the health and welfare of our members, staff and clients.

We appreciate the loyalty of our members and clients and remain committed to reopening as soon as possible.

Inquiries may still be made at 306-332-4604 (leave a message) or email at fqlegion@sasktel.net

Please continue to stay well and look after each other.

Ralph Martin, President and the Executive  
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# Melville author recognized by SaskBooks

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

A prominent Melville author was recently recognized on a provincial scale when her latest book was named one of SaskBooks best sellers. Susan Harris, through her new book, *Touched By Eternity*, aims to help remove the stigma of near death experiences; a phenomenon that has occurred in her life more than once.

"I was totally taken unaware that *Touched By Eternity* had been one their picks. I knew the book had been selling well but when SaskBooks contacted me in February for new stock, I decided to check out their Facebook page. That's when I saw that it had made the list back since December 2019.) I was astonished, and thrilled. My one regret is that I did not

enter it for the awards, as the deadline had passed in November" said Susan Harris, author of *Touched By Eternity*.

Harris' inspired the popular non-fiction piece third near death experience (NDE), which occurred in 2017.

"I figured that there was a reason that these NDEs were happening, and I might continue to have them if I did not share them. As a speaker who was already sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, my heaven-based NDEs were aligned," explains Harris "I hope that readers will be encouraged in their own suffering, that they will know that this world and its happenings are temporary, and that they can live with God in eternity by accepting Jesus' invitation to have their sins forgiven. Many dismiss Heaven and Hell but apart from my own

biblical beliefs, I've read too many works to disregard the spiritual and the afterlife."

Susan says that the NDEs changed her life dramatically. Although she was always a kind person, the experience has



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- Author Susan Harris

jump-started her compassionate side. Harris also feels that it's important to help others combat their fear of death and recognize what's important.

"Material things are no longer as desirable as they once were. I was always outspoken

but now I am driven, bold, and confident in taking on a controversial subject like the afterlife."

Susan Harris also hosts an Access7 television series called *ETERNITY* where she aims to normalize the conversation of spiritual experiences. She is also working on an upcoming book on the subject geared towards children.

"I'd like to mention that I came back healed from Heaven from two conditions in 1998 during my first NDE. One condition was what the doctor was attending to when I had slipped out of consciousness and found myself in a meadow in Heaven. The second I discovered totally by accident upon requesting my medical records in order to write my book factually," explains Harris. "Also, the greatest challenge in writing my

story was opening my private life. I battled with this decision, but after the third NDE I knew that in order to influence more for Heaven, I'd have to tell it all."

Susan notes that one of the greatest satisfactions she received from telling her story is that many people now tell her of their similar experiences which they do not share with others. She says that even church leaders keep quiet. Keeping the topic at bay may hide the truth about the commonality of NDEs.

On March 9, 2020 the Near Death Experience Research Foundation (NDERF) in the United States featured Susan Harris' story as an Exceptional Experience. The NDERF is run by Dr. Jeffrey and Jody Long and is the largest database of such internationally.

# SHA document shows 'worst case scenarios' for COVID-19

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

An internal document released by the Saskatchewan Health Association has created anticipation that further actions towards the COVID-19 virus will be taken.

The mission statement of the province states "SHA acute services will adapt and expand to meet the projected COVID-19 patient demand while continuing to deliver acute services to non-pandemic patients throughout the duration of the pandemic in order to

minimize loss of life."

The internal document titled COVID-19 Planning Doc: Strategy for Continuity of Health Services and Surge Capacity, dated March 19-20 was circulated among SHA employees and states "Demand for acute services will exceed existing capacity for hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilators as well as creating a major burden on other acute services, supports, HR, supplies, and equipment."

The processes are still being refined about what capacity the health care system will need.

"Over the course of 12 to 18 months,

30 to 70 percent of us will get COVID-19," Dr. Saqib Shahab, Saskatchewan's chief medical health officer had suggested on March 18th.

Even if there is a 50 per cent error rate, this still must be done, the document reportedly stated.

## What could happen?

The document estimated that in "the worst case scenario" that 9,000 to 15,000 people could die from the virus in the province.

"Early social distancing will delay and lessen the peak of the outbreak. However, even under conservative assumptions, COVID-19 will almost certainly overwhelm the health system."

The same page says that "over the course of the event," if 30 per cent of the province's population is infected, approximately 15,000 people will require ICU beds.

It says Saskatchewan currently has 109 intensive-care (ICU) beds province-wide.

As of Monday, the health authority had 91 respirators, with more on order.

A plan is also shown to expand the bed capacity for COVID-19 to about 2,900 beds with field hospitals at sites such as gymnasiums, commercial spaces, community centres and arenas.

One page suggests using rinks to house casualties.

The plan also states to protect the physical and mental health of their allied and health care workers whom will be critical to maintain care capacity.

## Bed Capacity

Saskatchewan currently has 2747 acute and sub acute beds and 109 ICU beds province wide.

With the 30% expected infection rate (300,000), of those, 80% will be at home and 15% or 45,000 may require hospitalization with 5% (15,000) requiring ICU.

## Continuation of Operations

Additional capacity will be based on an understanding of forecasted peak demand in the provincial, area and facility levels.

To accomplish this there would be a province wide slowdown of non-essential services to increase bed availability, preserve supplies, and support a labour pool for reallocation. Dedicated spaces would be created for cohorting of COVID-19 within facilities as well as the creation of COVID-19 designated hospitals in Saskatoon and Regina. If warranted, additional community acute care capacity would be created where warranted (e.g. field hospitals).

In progress at present is the plan to cancel elective procedures, postpone non-urgent surgeries and close patient

clinics.

## 2 - 6 Weeks

As demands are reviewed in the days ahead, it is expected that the next 2 to 6 weeks will see the plans developing to repurpose space in existing facilities and if need be to create the field hospitals for in-treatment capacity and potentially regular acute patients in community settings. Preparing these operations will include workforce, processes, materials and equipment.

COVID-19 hospitals would be created in Saskatoon and Regina and may also include other designated COVID-19 hospitals within Rural and North.

The increased capacity for care also includes developing additional specialized intubation capacity, plans to meet patient oxygen requirements through high oxygen delivery and ventilator equipped spaces. Virtual care options will be implemented as well as an Ethical Framework for decision making (when it becomes available).

## Ongoing Plans

Strategies are being developed to manage COVID-19 patients and are being initiated at alternate locations. Triage/screening implementation and an admission algorithm is under development.

Health Care Workers will be screened and tested and security will be initiated to secure spaces.

Service and support requirements such as Human Resource Planning and Plans for Blood and Blood Product Management are also listed in the plan.

Supply planning is procuring necessary equipment and actively centralizing inventory control of supplies.

## Actions for people and communities

People need to continue practicing good hygiene, washing hands regularly and practicing social distancing (two meters apart wherever possible), abide by provincial and local travel, self-isolation, event and gathering restrictions.

Use medical supplies effectively and efficiently so that they are there when needed and also avoid visiting hospitals and long-term care facilities unless there are compassionate reasons for doing so.

"We strongly urge every resident in Saskatchewan to abide by the restrictions, guidelines and orders enacted by the Government of Saskatchewan, and help our province slow the rate of transmission of this virus," SHA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Susan Shaw said. "The success of preventive measures will have a direct impact on health system demand for hospital care. The actions of the public will help save lives and ensure our health system is there for when you need it, regardless of the circumstance."



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## Early Shopping Hours for Seniors

and other vulnerable community members

Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, Whitewood Food Store will open one hour early on **Tuesdays and Thursdays (8 to 9 am.)**

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- 👍 Vulnerable members of our community

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# Fort Q RCMP dealt with 82 occurrences over the past week

**By Sgt. Drew Wagner**  
Fort Qu'Appelle Detachment

Reporting period:  
March 17 to March 23

## Traffic

A 30-year old female was stopped after a complaint was made of her driving while intoxicated with her young daughter in the vehicle. Officers located her on Highway 10 weaving in her lane of travel. A breath sample was demanded from her, but she failed to supply an adequate sample. She has been charged with impaired driving and refusing a breath test.

Traffic tickets issued for: Operate unregistered vehicle and speeding.

## Mischief

Five 911 calls were received this past week. One was due to a problem with a phone line, two were from a pay phone in a business in which children were seen playing with the phone and one involved a fight at the skate park in Texas, USA. However the caller's GPS location identified Fort Qu'Appelle. When the 911 operator asked if they were in Fort Qu'Appelle, the caller hung up. Lastly, a 37-year old male called 911 to have police drive him to Ontario. Big nope on that one.

A 23-year old female was arrested for mischief after a complaint of her causing damage to a house. This is not the first incident of this nature and the complainant is the mother to the female.

A call of two people drinking in an alley. Officers located the two and called EMS to have a look at them as drugs may also be a contributing factor. Both were taken to the hospital for further treatment.

Another call of trash being dumped in the RM of Abernethy. Matter still being investigated.

Numerous complaints of intoxicated people causing issues within a residence. Most were resolved in removing the intoxicated person.

## Crimes Against the Person/Property

Seven assaults were reports this past week. 1. Domestic assault charges have been laid against a 21 year old male after police were called by a 22-year old female. Minor injuries were reported by the victim. 2. Police were called to a residence where three intoxicated adults were less than forthcoming with information on how one of them came to be bleeding from the ear. The alleged victim was given a ride to another residence. Child and Family Services notified as there were children in the residence under 6 years of age.

3. A dispute between ex's is still being investigated in which a 37-year old female assaulted a 38-year old male. No injuries were reported. The two share custody of a child which causes conflict between the two. 4. A 30-year old female alleged she was assaulted, but later recanted. The matter is still under investigation. 5. The same 30-year old female was later arrested for an impaired driving investigation and while in custody kicked an officer in the head. The officer was not injured, but charges of assault police officer are being laid. The kerfuffle was over the female refusing to relinquish a lighter in her hand after she threatened to burn herself while in custody. 6. A call of people fighting at a bar is still under investigation. The 32-year old victim is not cooperating with the investigation. He was injured and required medical treatment. There is security video that is helping determine what happened. A 34-year old male suspect has been identified. 7. A 19-year old male was arrested for assault with a weapon after a 36-year old female was stabbed in the head with a pencil. Charges were laid in this instance and it appears an argument over loud music lead to the assault.

A complaint of a break and enter at a hobby farm that occurred between November and now. A snowmobile and welder are missing.

Several complaints of frauds were reported. 1. The victim received a Facebook message from a friend advising her of Federal grant money available to seniors. The website that was referenced needed a copy of a driver's license for the application. Unfortunately, the victim did just that and now has no idea who has her personal information. 2. A business complained of a NSF cheque that was passed. The suspect is known and police are still investigating. 3. A complainant received three automated calls advising her SIN was compromised. The complainant hung up each time and I'm sure their SIN is just fine. 4. The complainant received a call from "Lotto Canada" advising they had won a car, but needed to send a money order to some guy in Port Hardy, BC. The complainant didn't do anything and knew it was a scam. Remember if you win something, then you shouldn't have to pay for it and if you don't remember participating in an event, its probably too good to be true. 5. Another call about a compromised SIN, but this one was not automated. The complainant hung up after getting suspicious. 6. Another call about winning a car and \$3.3 million, not \$3 million, \$3.3 million exactly. The complainant was to go to Vancouver to pick up their winnings. They did not and provided no further information.

A complaint of harassing text messages was handled without charges. The victim knew the suspect. The suspect was spoken to and intoxicated. The suspect was warned any further messages would result in charges.

## Detachment Closed... Again

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the detachment is closed to the public. There is a poster on the front door with directions on how to contact staff inside. We are still working, only meeting face to face with the public for essential matters.

## COVID-19

We received a few calls about people not isolating after travel from outside Canada. Officers educated the people and were told to stay inside or face fines. Can't stress enough the importance of self-isolation and physical distancing.

## Court

The Fort Qu'Appelle Circuit Court is now closed until June 1, at least as it stands now. Please visit the sasklawcourts.ca for updates. For example, if you had a matter or were set to appear on March 30, you are now required to appear June 8. If you do not appear on June 8, a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

Provincial Court of Saskatchewan  
Adjournment Dates in response to COVID-19

### Fort Qu'Appelle

Original Court Date	Adjourned to Date
March 23, 2020	June 8, 2020
March 26, 2020	June 11, 2020
March 30, 2020	June 8, 2020
April 2, 2020	June 11, 2020
April 6, 2020	June 15, 2020
April 9, 2020	June 18, 2020
April 13, 2020	June 22, 2020
April 16, 2020	June 25, 2020
April 20, 2020	June 29, 2020
April 23, 2020	July 2, 2020
April 27, 2020	July 6, 2020
April 30, 2020	July 9, 2020
May 4, 2020	July 13, 2020
May 7, 2020	July 16, 2020
May 11, 2020	July 20, 2020
May 14, 2020	July 23, 2020
May 21, 2020	July 27, 2020
May 25, 2020	July 30, 2020
May 28, 2020	August 6, 2020

# Funeral Homes have challenges during pandemic

**Elaine Ashfield**  
Grasslands News

One area of social distancing that people may not even think about, and hopefully one area that not many will have to deal with during the COVID-19 pandemic, is the death and final rights of a loved one. Grasslands News contacted Mark Matthews, funeral director at Matthews Funeral Home, to discuss their services at this time and inquire about the challenges for their business during the pandemic.

"Yes, Covid-19 has created a few challenges - not so much for us, but certainly for families," Matthews commented. "Logistical challenges for us are one thing, but the extra emotional toll on families is an issue that requires far more consideration and attention."

Matthews continued to share that normally there are a number of difficult decisions to be made when a person dies, but the issues surrounding the pandemic have caused there to be additional considerations that are not generally addressed when arranging funeral services.

"In terms of the de-

ceased, if their wish was to be cremated, certainly the ashes can be held for a service at a future date. If a person has directed a traditional earth burial (with a casket), then the only option would be to have a graveside burial with only immediate family members present. In both cases, a public funeral service or memorial gathering can be held following the lifting of restrictions on social gatherings," Matthews stated.

"In terms of how we operate as a funeral home, we have protocols in place all the time with

respect to how we handle the deceased to protect our own health, and our provincial regulating body has a pandemic plan in place to coordinate and regulate the efforts of funeral homes in coping with any extra stress put on their resources."

The company's compassion for families was obvious by the funeral director's comments concerning the families of the deceased. "The worst part of the whole situation is that these families do not get opportunities for gathering with relatives and friends within a

reasonable time following the death. We often hear how having a service provides "closure", but that has become somewhat elusive now that families have to wait weeks, perhaps months, to say their goodbyes and feel the comfort and support offered by those attending an immediate service or celebration. Recognizing this, we as a funeral home are actively encouraging people to understand that families need support in the short term, and even though there may be a public gathering in the future, they should still

make contact with families to offer condolences, comfort and support, be that personally (if all parties concerned are comfortable with that) or by electronic means such as phone, email, etc."

Funeral homes' greatest challenges are not the number of deaths from the COVID-19 but the challenge to help the families of those who have died from other causes as the social distancing requirements are so necessary to be followed at this time. It is hoped the curve can be flattened and the number of deaths

from the virus will not increase thus requiring the services of our funeral homes.

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# OPINION

“For the cause that needs assistance; for the wrong that needs resistance; the future in the distance and the good that we can do.”

## A pandemic should not change democracy

Any government that tries to impose actions while those they are responsible to are in distress is a government that solely has their own interests as their goal.

So somebody explain to me why our Prime Minister of Canada would even begin to think that those from the opposing parties would ever agree to give him unsupervised control of the country's finances until the end of 2021.

“No man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent” is a quote by Abraham Lincoln. A very true statement. There is no political representative that should think they are entitled to actions that are not a cumulation of consent from the people.

When the world, our country and our communities are struggling at this time with the unbelievable COVID-19, it would be totally unforgivable for any government representatives to enact laws or policies that are strictly beneficial to themselves and are only introduced for approval under times of turmoil.

Governments, including our municipal governments, need to understand that social distancing is not operations behind closed doors. The laws of our governments still need to be followed.

Policies and laws (this includes bylaws) still need to be handled in a manner that has been set out by the government. In our municipalities, the Municipal Act still must be followed.

Sometimes it seems that time may not be on the side of those needing to enact upon their ideas but officials cannot overstep their powers even when a disaster such as the present day pandemic is taking place. There is no reason in today's modern world, with the convenience of conference calls and live streaming, that any government would need to be given consent to spend and borrow as they feel is justified just because they were elected, or as in the prime minister's case, because he is the man in charge of a minority government.

This also applies to our communities' governments. With the availability of live streaming, all citizens in any municipality can witness public meetings by live streaming to your computers or phones. Our elected officials will then also be totally accountable to the people who elected them. This may be the future of 'open' meetings.

This may also be the way that many governments can cancel any input during meetings from the public unless

the public are a delegate at a meeting. Question periods and addressing any matters at 'open' meetings are already not permitted during many 'open' meetings and once live streaming becomes the norm, it will probably be the end to any public input at other meetings that now allow this.

If this is to happen, then possibly the regulations to be followed by elected officials may need to be changed so that bylaws or resolutions cannot be passed at just one meeting before the people they are representing are even made aware of the matter being voted on and passed. Very few laws are under a time line that they cannot vote on the 3rd and final reading at the next meeting.

The foundation of democracy is the exchange of opinions. Governments need to act in democratic ways even during a pandemic and into the future. A government official once told me, “Simply put, public funds are just that. The discussion surrounding their expenditure should be public as well.”

Be aware, a pandemic does not eliminate your rights as a citizen or your responsibility as an elected official.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

## Get behind our leadership; let's all do our part

By Murray Mandryk  
Political Columnist

We're not exactly built to put blind faith in our politicians.

For this, I will take my share of the blame as a member of the fourth estate and, specifically, as political columnists whose job it is to critique public policy.

One gets that. It's just the nature of the beast and is certainly no grounds for complaint.

But maybe what we all shouldn't be thinking about right now is how we view our political leadership at a time of crisis in a adversarial parliamentary democracy that isn't exactly built of times of crisis.

The thought crosses one's mind in the middle of this COVID-19 pandemic scare – one that's become even scarier because it's the responsibility of government's right now to examine “what-ifs” and “worst-case scenarios.”

Such a scenario for this province – one was modelled by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) as a tool to prevent this very thing from happening – was recently leaked to reporters in this province. What it suggested was, taken in isolation, rather frightening.

Called “COVID-19 Planning Doc: Strategy for Continu-

ity of Health Services and Surge Capacity”, the power point presentation suggested COVID-19 will “almost certainly overwhelm the health system” because our hospitals simply cannot be designed for the influx of thousands of patients at once.

Based on a scientifically estimated infection rate of 30 per cent (which some suggest is the low-end for potential COVID-19 infections), we could see more than 300,000 Saskatchewan people infected by what is viewed as pretty contagious virus.

And while the worldwide rate of death is only between .5 and two per cent, statistics take on a different meaning when you talk about the potential of 9,000 to 15,000 people here dying. The document talks of a potential need to turn hockey rinks into hospitals if we see a severe outbreak in certain area.

It takes this stuff pretty seriously and so should we.

“Demand for acute services will exceed existing capacity for hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilators as well as creating a major burden on other acute services, supports, HR, supplies, and equipment,” the report forewarned.

But maybe it's about here where we need to put things in perspective ... and maybe even reassess how we usually criticize our politician.



We first need to understand that this scenario is based on doing nothing. Instead, we shut down most things and need to keep them shut down so we don't swamp the health system.

We could also avoid the politics of pointing fingers at a government leadership.

That seems to be how things are going in the United States where the COVID-19 outbreak is far worse and U.S. President Donald Trump is blaming New York Governor Andrew Cuomo for not buying more ventilators five years

ago. And there are certainly things governments could have done better especially in Saskatchewan when, a few weeks ago, the focus was on an early election rather than where it should have been.

Or we could accept that no one could have truly anticipated the magnitude of the crisis.

Certainly, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe deserves credit – and our support – for implementing some of the strictest COVID-19 prevention measures in our county.

Moe could obviously do more. It would be more than just a gesture to bring municipal leaders and even NDP Opposition leader Ryan Meili (a doctor) into the decision-making fold.

These are unprecedented times.

But at the very least, we should be doing what our politicians and the experts are telling us to do: Don't gather in groups bigger than 10 people. Keep six feet apart. Wash our hands. Stay at home.

Our leadership needs our support right now as much as

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# Letter to the Editor - COVID-19 curve will require more stringent monitoring

Dear Editor,

Officials across Canada are stressing that "we must flatten the curve" to avoid a healthcare crisis. Saskatchewan declared a State of Emergency after known COVID-19 cases doubled to 16, in one day. We went from 1 to 26 cases in a week. A few days later we were at 66. Across Canada known cases doubled to over 1,000 in just 3 days and are now over 2,000 in another three days. If this trend continues, we would find ourselves like Italy. With 1/25th the population, Italy has passed China for having the most deaths from this pandemic.

Flattening the curve will take more than asking Canadians to voluntarily self-isolate, especially if they travelled abroad. Asked about people just arriving home who feel all right going out in the community, Premier Scott Moe reacted, "This cannot be happening".

We have been cavalier about the threat from travelling. Concerns about the economy slowed health emergency measures. All initial cases across Canada were travellers from outbreak countries. Only then did community spread occur. Canada was vigilant about returning Canadians from infected cruise ships, flying them to military bases for quarantine. But we have been lax about air travel and cross-border travel with the U.S.

Trump's regime has been very slow to expand testing and maximize harm reduction. The U.S. is becoming an outbreak country.

China initially suppressed medical whistleblowers. But it then took actions across society in a coordinated way. South Korea, Japan, and Singapore have used mass testing to reduce the infection speed. Now that China is reporting no new cases, it prepares for a second wave from returning citizens, requiring negative tests before boarding domestic flights home.

Chinese nationals live all over the world; Italy has one of the highest Chinese populations in Europe.

Here, with snowbirds about to descend, after the federal advisory to immediately return home, people are simply being told to self-isolate for 14 days. Such self-regulation is very clumsy and could backfire. Some returnees have reported that this advisory didn't even occur.

Canadians with symptoms will no longer be able to board flights home. But this virus spreads long before symptoms appear, which can be up to 2 weeks. Infected people won't know they are infecting. Targeted information explaining why there must be mandatory self-isolation after travelling, with no shopping and visiting

on the way home, simply must occur. So must tracking, testing if symptoms appear, and containment.

WHO is calling for more testing, everywhere.

Thorough testing is needed to protect front-line health and care workers.

Thirty-five deaths are linked to the Life Care Centre outbreak in Kirkland, Washington. The Centre for Disease Control (CDC) found 57 patients were infected and 25 per cent had already died. The care staff "fueled" this outbreak. "They need the money. They don't have sick leave. They don't recognize their symptoms", the CDC said. Many earn minimum wage and work in other care homes or retail. Staff lacked protective equipment. Staff were not systematically tested to contain the spread.

Health and care workers should not face economic pressure to work; conversely, those who don't test positive should know it is safe for them and others to continue work. The federal aid package will help, but testing is still required. After China locked down, the spread grew within families. They used facilities for infected people not requiring hospital care, so they didn't spread the virus. Treatment areas were completely isolated and monitored. Testing was required to make these adaptations.

We need to quickly learn from elsewhere. The town of Vo reported Italy's first death. It became COVID-free. All

3,300 residents were tested. Asymptomatic people played a "decisive role" in viral spread. The regional Governor said, "We found 66 positives, who were isolated for 14 days, and after that 6 of them were still positive. And that is how we ended it." While contagions are constantly evolving, stringent testing clearly helps flatten the curve.

Calling for physical distancing, and for returning travellers to voluntarily self-isolate, while limiting testing to those with symptoms and risk factors, is not likely to "break the chain of transmission". It is good that 200 Saskatchewan doctors called for changing commercial practices to prevent infectious social interaction. Doctors who attended a curling bonspiel where the virus spread should be taking their colleagues' advice.

In Saskatchewan the first 20 Covid-19 cases were located from about 2,000 tests. Testing symptomatic travellers and then tracing their contacts was a vital beginning. To get in front of this we have to do much more. Physical distancing is a must. Systematically testing for worker and patient protection, and more stringent screening, isolation and follow up of travellers, returning in the thousands as spring arrives, needs immediate attention.

- Jim Harding

Qu'Appelle Valley Environmental Association

## APAS happy with Cash Advance Program

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The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is welcoming the announcement by the Prime Minister of five billion dollars to assist farm financial liquidity through Farm Credit Canada and an extension to repayment for the Cash Advance program.

"While much of the Canadian economy has shut down, Saskatchewan farmers are getting ready to put in this year's crop, and they need to know that credit is available to allow them to seed," said APAS President and farmer Todd Lewis. "This announcement is a good first step to help spring seeding move forward."

Lewis pointed out that more must be done in the coming weeks to ensure the viability of Canada's farm economy. "Our net farm incomes have dropped by over 40 per cent in the last two years, and many farm operations have been impacted by low commodity prices, poor weather, and trade and transportation disruptions. With COVID-19 we are now facing unprecedented business instability going into the 2020 production year and our Business Risk Management programs do not provide us with an adequate financial backstop needed to manage these risks," Lewis explained. "We need further measures to ensure that we have the cash flow and financial means needed to produce food for Canadians and for export customers."

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## Mayor's COVID-19 Message

March 24, 2020

My dear residents of Melville – we are now citizens of a world-wide pandemic. This universal health issue that must and will be overcome is so dependent on what we as individuals may choose to do. The World Health Organization, the Government of Canada, The Province of Saskatchewan and the City of Melville is desperately trying to "Flatten the Curve" and overcome this life-threatening disease.

To the Citizens of Melville rest assured that we, as a city, are doing our utmost to provide for your needs. Essential services are of top priority and we will be there for the maintenance and continuity of these services. City Hall is closed but email-message-phone access is available – If the situation demands, appointments may be scheduled.

What do we need to do? – We must self-isolate as much as possible and practice physical distance. Essential needs such as food, medical prescriptions, and travel needs to occur only as required. This is not the time for group activities, but a neighborly telephone check or food delivery assistance would help overcome the possibility of undue anxiety. We are, and need to continue to be, that community that values each other and adheres to health directives issued by the various governing bodies. For many years my mantra has been "Working Together to Grow Melville. Now is the time for "Working Together to Overcome this Pandemic."

Mayor Walter Streelasky

# Grenfell Museum AGM

Submitted  
Grasslands News

The Grenfell Museum Association held its AGM on March 6, with seven members present. Since Secretary Lucille Wolfe and President Joan Velestuk stepped down, a new executive was elected, including Leslie McGhie, president; Debra Pekrul, secretary; and Florine Campion, treasurer. The vice president position remains unfilled.

Committee reports reviewed many successful programs and projects from the past year. From July 1 to August 25, 2019 the museum was open for 55 days over nine weekends, during which time 243 guests signed the register.

Since the Grenfell Museum belongs to the Qu'Appelle Valley Network, the spring meeting was held at the Grenfell Friendship Centre. Twenty folk from six networks attended, along with representatives from the Museum Association of Saskatchewan and a representative from South East District.

Access Cable 7 contacted the museum on a recommendation from a member of the community. Museum members gave a 2-hour tour of the Adare house and the annex, which was condensed into a 40-minute segment broadcast on July 31.

The museum had two tables at the Fall Fair and raffled off a hamper of nonperishable goods. The winner was Barbara Mills of Windthorst. Museum



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## Museum gutters

Last month, Sundown Eaves & Exteriors of Yorkton, Sask. used a lift to replace the original eavestroughs on the Grenfell Museum Adare house, which was built in 1904. The project was discussed at the Museum Association's AGM on March 6.

members also hosted a two-day Christmas Tea, with two sittings each day. This allowed guests time to visit and enjoy the ambience of their surroundings. Angie Christie knit a little Red Fox and outfit for raffle, and it was won by Suzette Stone.

Museum members started a new project of putting collected obituaries from newspapers into an album to help families doing research. A family in Omaha, Nebraska, who are ancestors of the Hydes that had a village in the bottom of the Qu'Appelle Valley, bought a page in the Heritage Family Album.

The miniature elevators from the tourist booth on Highway 1 needed a new home, so the

structures were moved onto the museum's front lawn. Cecil Leech is finishing up a sign that will accompany them. Several artifacts have also been donated to the museum; namely, a 2-foot model of the HMCS Snowberry, made by Doug Kent, and a gorgeous pure silk apron.

Last fall the ramp at the annex was replaced. Heavy rain also revealed a serious leak in the roof so new metal roofing was installed, ensuring that artifacts and uniformed mannequins would be protected.

In February 2020, the Grenfell Museum replaced the original 4-inch eavestrough on the Adare house, which was built in 1904. New 6-inch eavestroughs were installed

along with extended downspouts to provide better water drainage. Sundown Eaves & Exteriors of Yorkton, Sask. did the work, using a lift to reach the high places. The museum members appreciated the Town of Grenfell's help and generous support for this project.

The museum members also expressed their appreciation for the Grenfell Public Works crew plowing the Adare house parking lot and removing twenty-five one-gallon jars of pickles made by cooks at the Grenfell Pioneer Home in the 1970s. These had initially been stored with root vegetables in the former coal room in the basement of the Adare house.

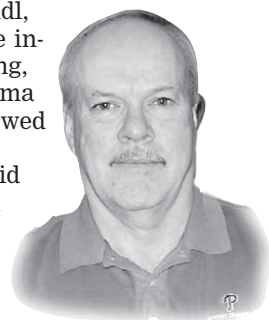
Gene Hauta

## It's A Strange World

Firefighters from the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service in England were called to battle a blaze at a farm near Bramham, West Yorkshire. Their investigation seemed to indicate the **fire started in some straw when a pig defecated**. A pig had eaten a battery-operated pedometer. It is believed the copper from the pedometer's batteries negatively reacted with the pig poop and dry hay, causing a fire. When the Fire Service informed the public, the announcement indicated that this "should be an oink not a tweet." In the end, **'the bacon was saved'** with no loss of life.

A Gainesville, Fla., woman was having some home repairs done, but a contractor found a surprise in the crawlspace, a half-dozen **jars of human tongues**. Detectives traced the jars to Ronald Baughman, the resident's ex-husband. He was an oral pathologist, who had obtained the body parts while researching thyroid and neck conditions. He'd planned to go back to get them but never did, and eventually forgot about them. The jars were turned over to the medical examiner's office to run tests, and help track down the tongues' original owners.

Riva Weinstock was upset on her wedding day, and most people would empathize with her. Apparently, her brother, Mendl, had warned her that, if she insisted he attend the wedding, he was going to bring a llama as a date. The pictures showed a **well-dressed llama and a fuming bride**. Mendl paid \$400 to rent the llama used in county fairs, then had a custom tuxedo made. "It was worth it just to see her reaction."



Actor William Shatner and his ex-wife split up their menagerie of pets in their divorce. It was the headline that got me – **"Shatner gets all the horse semen in divorce."** The Star Trek icon got two horses and two dogs, while his former spouse, Elizabeth, got another two horses. The horse-breeding Shatner got semen that had been collected and the equipment linked to his stables in CA. Various homes and vehicles were split up. She can also visit the horses her ex has won in the divorce as long as she gives him prior notice of her plans.

As Homer Simpson once wisely said: **"Here's to alcohol: the cause, and solution to, all of life's problems."** In Vietnam, Nguyen Van Nhat, 48, was brought to emergency with a BAC 1,119 times higher than normal in his stomach. It turned out that more alcohol saved his life. Doctors transfused 15 cans of beer into his stomach over a 12-hour period in order to slow down his liver's processing of methanol, that came from the home-brewed hooch. The beer was pumped in until he regained consciousness. Doctors were able to perform dialysis before the man suffered true alcohol poisoning.

Understandably, Victor Oddo is unhappy with Mustang Speed & Restoration, a car repair shop in Clearwater, Fla. He took his Jeep Liberty in because the "check engine" light was on, and the shop kept it for three weeks. Apparently, it was very mobile during those weeks. He **received two parking tickets in the mail**, as well as **two toll road charges**. That's not to mention the pair of lacy thong underwear under the newly stained back seat. He says it is obvious the vehicle was used for joy-riding while it was in for service. Shop owner Jeff Arthur dismissed the complaints saying his employees wouldn't joyride in a "\$250 Jeep."

Armed robbers hit a pharmacy in Clearwater, Fla., but **they were smart**, wearing gloves to ensure they didn't leave fingerprints. They loaded up so many drugs (more than 10,000 opioid pills) they had to haul them off in garbage bags. The carefully planned robbery resulted in the perps being long gone before deputies arrived. However, Christopher Rachell Jr., 19, and David Dobbins, 19, were caught almost immediately. Outside the store, detectives found an empty pill bottle. Then another, and another, all tossed out of the getaway car. They followed the trail for eight miles, eventually arriving at a home with the getaway car parked outside. Both men were arrested, and police recovered Dobbins' cell phone, **complete with the videos that implicated himself and Rachell**, as well as Roy Lampkin, 18. The latter was the apparent mastermind. He was seen on security camera video, casing the store the day before.

"Hand sanitizer," concluded Hamilton, "another product for high school kids to be embarrassed when buying at the drug store."

'Til next time, keep reading between the lines and wash your hands...

# Senior band students travel to Alberta

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Spring is typically the time of year for Mainline Band students from Wolseley, Grenfell, and Broadview to visit festivals and attend workshops in other cities.

On March 8-9, senior band students travelled to Alberta where they worked with Gareth Jones at the University of Calgary. Jones is an adjunct professor and directs the university's wind ensemble and symphonic band. The group also visited the Calgary Zoo and attended a Calgary Flames game, where student Rooney Thompson had an opportunity to ride the Zamboni.

The intermediate band was scheduled to attend the annual Jazz Festival in Brandon, Manitoba on March 19 to 20. The trip was initially cancelled because of teacher sanctions in Saskatchewan, but the festival itself was



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## Zoo trip

Band students from Wolseley, Grenfell, and Broadview explored the Calgary Zoo during at trip in early March.

cancelled shortly afterwards due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Band students from Grenfell, Wolseley, Broadview, Whitewood, and Montmartre were also preparing for a trip to Italy during the school break, April 9-17. This has been postponed until Easter 2021 as a result of current travel restrictions.

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# Fun things to do and keep active!

# APRIL 2020

During this month we offer suggestions and activities for you and your family to do. Some of the dates are actual observances, while others are just ideas you can use. Feel free to add your own to the list. Have fun and enjoy spring!

## April 1 April Fool's Day



Kick this month off on a cheeky note. Play a safe but funny prank on someone in your house. Be creative and have a giggle.

## April 3 Date Night for Couples and Families

Plan a special day or evening activity for you and your loved one(s) Here are a few ideas: • Cook a fancy meal, •Have a picnic on the floor, • Go stargazing the backyard, • Camp out in the living room, • Go through old photos, • Have an ice cream sundae night.

## April 5 Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. (source Wikipedia.org)

## April 8 Passover (at sundown)

Passover is one of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals during which the entire population of the kingdom of Judah made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. (source Wikipedia.org)

## April 11 Ride a Bike, Run or Take a Walk Day

Although you can do this any day you wish to ride your bike or take a walk, make this day relaxing and fun. You never know what you will see on your travels.



## April 12 Easter Sunday

A religious festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. (source Wikipedia.org)

### Easter Egg Hunt

Plan an Easter egg hunt for children. Hide colourful eggs, chocolates and small toys in your house and/or yard and let the kids find them in all types of obscure places.



## April 14 Sidewalk Art Day

A fun and creative way for children to be creative. Find colourful chalk and help your kids create wonderful designs and games of your sidewalk for all to see.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 ★	2	3 ★	4
5 ★ Palm Sunday	6	7	8 ★ Passover Begins at Sundown	9	10	11 ★
12 ★ Easter	13	14 ★	15	16	17	18 ★
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26	27	28 ★	29	30 ★	1	2

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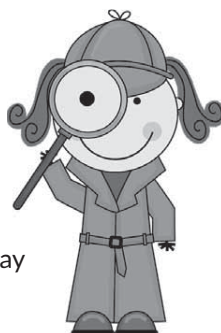
These are not cancelled:

- Family
  - Music
  - Reading
  - Pets
  - Singing
  - Laughing
  - Hope
  - Having Fun
- Let's embrace what we have!*

## April 18 Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt

Head outside for a walk with your children and have them try to find these items, (the only rule is you can't use your own house). Choose a suitable reward to help make it more fun.

- house with a black railing
- blue car
- plant in a window
- Someone out for a walk
- camper in a driveway
- dog or cat
- license plate that spells a word
- house with a "9" in the number
- bird
- fire hydrant
- house with no cars in the driveway
- bicycle
- porch with two chairs
- basketball net
- "for sale" or "sold" sign
- "WELCOME" sign
- house with three cars in the driveway.



## April 20 Homemade Cookie Day

Find your favourite recipe and gather the ingredients to make your own cookies. A fun activity for everyone to join and do and taste!

## April 22 Earth Day



During this day it is important for all of us to consider our impact on our worlds ecosystem. It is a time to plant a tree, pick up garbage in our communities and help make our world a nicer place to live for years to come.



## April 28 Phone a Friend or Family Member Day

Stay in touch. It is most important to call friends and family and stay connected. It may just to chat or send birthday wishes.

## April - All Month Have Fun

We remind you to have a fun time, no matter what you decide to do!

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# Local services being affected by COVID-19

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

As the country continues to try to flatten the curve in the fight against COVID-19, notices are appearing almost daily for services in our communities that are also being affected.

Visitation to all hospitals and care homes is limited to only compassionate visits by contacting the facility you wish to enter.

Diagnostic departments at Grenfell Health Centre, Whitewood Community Health Centre, Broadview Union Hospital and Montmartre Health Centre are temporarily closed. Acute care diagnostic departments also have limitations on testing that can be performed.

Saskatchewan Health Authority

(SHA) request people to call ahead prior to travelling to another location and ask that you return for testing or booking appointments after the restrictions are lifted.

Doctors' clinics have new rules that must be followed as well to limit the spread of COVID-19. Moosomin, Whitewood, and Elkhorn clinics request to call the clinics first before appearing in person. The staff will offer everybody that calls the office a telephone appointment except for prenatal and those under 1 year of age.

Rocanville and Maryfield clinics are closed until further notice.

If the doctor deems it necessary to see a patient, the doctor will give instructions on how the process will work. Persons appearing at clinics will be

screened at the door.

If prescription refills are required, call the clinic to send a refill to the pharmacy. Do not ask the pharmacist to fax their office.

No complete physicals or chronic disease management appointments will be offered at this time.

Moosomin Family Practice is getting ready for virtual care and will notify people once they are closer to having the system online.

Schools have been closed since Friday, March 20. The Saskatchewan government will assign all students a 50 per cent mark in their classes, even if they are failing. This includes those in grade 12.

Students with any grade will have the opportunity through the end of the school year to improve their grade through work provided by teachers, but it's not mandatory.

There will be further details to come on the education front, as school division staff are expected to stay home through to the end of the day on Friday, March 27.

This period of time is meant to allow school divisions and the ministry to develop and communicate additional short-term and long-term plans for students, staff and families.

School divisions will make arrangements for communication with parents, families and staff if they have questions during this time. There will be no layoff notices or loss of benefits.

All university, campuses and learning centres are now closed to classes. All Southeast College students should have been contacted March 20 either via email, text or telephone call to alert them on the next step(s) for your respective program. If you haven't been

contacted yet, send a message at communications@southeastcollege.org with your name, program name and program location.

The colleges are closed to walk in traffic but most employees are working from home offices and will continue to serve the public. Call your local campus 9 - 4 Monday through Friday or the toll free information line at 1-866-999-7372 Option 1.

Transit buses have been discontinued until further notice in Whitewood, Broadview and Grenfell as well as the municipal government offices and facilities are closed to the public. People can contact their town administration through telephone, email or mail.

Canada Post has reduced their hours this week as well. Monday to Friday the hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday is 10 to 11 a.m. Non-contact payment methods are appreciated and an effort to serve the senior citizens and people with disabilities for the first hour of the day is also requested.

All Southeast Regional Library branches are closed until Saturday, April 18th.

For those staying home, the library encourages you to visit the library remotely, at www.southeastlibrary.ca where you can access Southeast's online resources such as magazines, ebooks and movie streaming.

Churches are also cancelling events and services. Some are live streaming services through their Facebook sites and there are also many online services that can be accessed.

Another service that may be vital to some is the Online AA Meetings. Contacts include reference to aa-intergroup.org/directory.php.

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With the April 1 implementation deadline looming, the Western Canadian Wheat Growers are calling for the federal government to eliminate the move to increase the carbon tax from \$20 to \$30/tonne for those provinces under the federal backstop.

"The Canadian economy is facing a serious challenge. Adding a 50 per

cent increase in the carbon tax is a further hit to grain farmers' bottom line and Canadian consumers' food bills. Now is not the time to be adding to our household expenses," said Gunter Jochum, President. "Our focus should be on the health and economic well-being of all Canadians."

Carbon taxes start long

before the farm gate and continue to add up all the way to port. Transportation, machinery manufacturers, input suppliers all add to the carbon tax cost and the farmer must fully bear it. Farmers, processors and truckers are working long and hard to ensure our food security, our government should not be adding to this burden.

"Rather than increasing the costs for consumers, the government should be doing everything necessary to ensure our transportation system stays operational. From our trucking system to rail and ports, we need to keep our grain moving both domestically and for export," stated Daryl Fransoo, Saskatchewan Director.

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# 1918 Spanish Flu virus infected people world-wide

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

A century ago, another invisible foe like COVID-19 gained a foot hold in the province.

That virus known colloquially as "The Spanish Flu," was similar to the current pandemic. Like COVID-19, some say it originated in the Orient, but was called the Spanish Flu, because Spain was the first country to recognize the disease. Others suggest it started in the American midwest. Everyone, however, agrees it was spread by undernourished soldiers returning from the great war which was then winding down in Europe.

World-wide the virus infected a half a billion people and killed 50,000 Canadians, 4,000 of them in Saskatchewan.

There's a memorial to the local victims in Regina's cemetery, but that horrific chapter of our history has, for the most part, been either ignored or forgotten.

The virus responsible for the pandemic in 1918 was H1N1 that attacks the respiratory system. COVID-19 is another strain of the same virus. What makes this pandemic different is the ease with which it can be transmitted. One person can unknowingly give the virus to three or four other people; by comparison, the rate of transmission of Spanish Flu from person to person was much lower. In 1918 the disease was carried from east to west by train; COVID-19 spreads much faster by jet plane.

A century ago healthy people were

stricken, which was unusual, because the virus normally attacks the very old more than it does the young.

The initial cases in Saskatchewan in 1918 were reported at the end of September in The Qu'Appelle Valley, in Francis and in Markinch. First nations were especially vulnerable. Rural areas were especially at risk. The Avrill family who homesteaded near Togo was especially hard hit. "The flu hit suddenly. We got no assistance from the town doctor. My brother got so sick we thought he was going to die. We sent for the doctor, he refused to come," Harold Avrill told a researcher. "The only help that we received was from a bachelor neighbour who did not contract the flu. He went into town to get lemons for us. That was the cure, hot lemon juice. The winter of 1918/19 was terrible, and digging graves through the heavy ice and snow was not possible." The bodies were stored in an empty grain bin until the spring when there were long funeral processions.

The first in the province to die from the Spanish Flu was Robert Callander, an immigrant from Scotland. He died in Regina on Oct. 6, 1918.

Hospitals were too small or too widely scattered to accommodate those infected. In Regina the Grey Nuns hospital vowed that as long as it had beds available its doors would be open to patients, "although they could not speak for the future."

Fort San was expanded to accommodate 260 patients and the staff there put in 10 hour shifts to care for those infected.

Records show that preparation were being made to convert the Fort Qu'Ap-



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## Spanish Flu

CIBC employees pose for a picture in 1918 in an effort to thwart the Spanish Flu at that time.

pelle High School into an isolation hospital if need be. The Presbyterian minister, Rev. Robert Rollo, asked for an additional \$100 from the Home Mission Society to handle the extra workload at The San and funerals.

On October 8, 1918 the provincial government issued an order in council requiring all cases to be reported and those who tested positive to be "isolated and placarded." Within a week of the order, the Regina Leader reported that the influenza was "tightening its hold." Schools, theatres, and churches were shuttered, and public gatherings of more than six people forbidden. All shops, with the exception of drugstores were ordered to close each day at 6 p.m.

Then, as now, all kinds of fake cures were circulated. "Inhaling the oil of eucalyptus," was the most popular. One

family refused medical help claiming they would resort to "Christian Science" healing.

The War in Europe ended in November.

With the coming of winter the Spanish Flu epidemic ended as quickly as it began. By December, everything was back to normal. On the 50th anniversary of the pandemic in 1947, Premier Tommy Douglas recalled that Saskatchewan survived the Spanish Flu better than most places because of "a special capacity to meet and to solve problems that by far exudes more fortunate places in the country."

(This story could not have been written without the co-operation of Archives of Saskatchewan who helped with the research for Grasslands News even though the archives are closed to the public.)

## 2020 budget affects rural Sask.

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) appreciates the 2020 Provincial Budget's increased dollars to initiatives and programs that benefit rural Saskatchewan.

The new budget increases municipal revenue sharing to \$278 million, \$27 million more than the previous year. RMs will receive \$79 million. Municipal revenue sharing is a reliable funding resource that RMs count on to serve their communities.

Additional funding for the RIRG program to 15 million will assist with additional bridge funding. SARM will continue to work with the government to identify additional ways to solve the ongoing bridge infrastructure challenges. \$1.7 billion is allocated to our Crown Corporations for upgrades to improve services over the next year.

During this uncertain time, the \$85 million for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is positive. The SPSA supports the province's people, municipalities and service providers, and is positioned to address any emer-

gency that may arise, such as the current pandemic we are facing.

SARM looks forward to learning more about the new tax incentive to support new and expanded pipelines, as well as new pipeline terminals, to flow oil to markets through the Oil Infrastructure Investment Program.

The investment of \$244.3 million for Business Risk Management programs offered under the federal-provincial Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) is welcome news for our members and an important investment for our agriculture industry.

"As we are all experiencing in these challenging times, reliable internet is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity," expressed SARM President Ray Orb. "Our economy and the livelihood of Saskatchewan residents and people worldwide is uncertain. We are grateful of the support provincially and federally to help everyone through this unprecedented situation, and we will continue to work on behalf of rural municipalities."

## RCMP Academy suspends training, events

As of 1:30 pm, March 20, there are no presumptive or confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the RCMP Academy.

RCMP Depot Division continues to work closely with provincial and national health agencies to monitor and respond to the situation.

The primacy of operations, and the safety of the public and their employees are their primary concerns.

In addition to suspending all public events, the RCMP Academy is taking, or has taken, the following measures.

At 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 19, most training at Depot ceased.

One troop, which has finished their training, will graduate as scheduled on Monday, March 23. The ceremonies will be closed to all visitors, including family. There will be no family orientation, chapel service or banquet.

Three more troops will complete their training and graduate over the next week under the same conditions. Their training schedules have been modified to permit this. This will enable the RCMP to deploy over 120 new police officers to front line operations across Canada.

All remaining troops are being sent home and a departure plan based on the availability of flights and other transport is now being implemented.

All incoming troops have been postponed.

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# Environment class project helps Australia fire effort

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

A young lady from Melville is making a positive impact on the other side of the world this year, and it looks like the momentum isn't going to wear off any time soon. Kacie Hulston is an Environmental Science student in Sharon Roach's class at Melville Comprehensive School (MCS). During the winter semester of 2020, Hulston came up with a way to turn a class project into a fundraiser and the success of the project was beyond expectation.

"In my Environment Science 20 class, which I've been teaching for a couple of semesters now, I wanted my students to do a final project rather than a final exam. I really felt it was important for them to try and apply their learning's in a more practical sort of sense," said Ms. Roach, Teacher at MCS.

"As we understand, our environment is certainly in need of this next generation to protect it, in order to ensure that there will be an environment for future students to enjoy. So with that in mind, I thought of this idea whereby students could pick any topic that they were passionate about and turn it into an action piece," Roach explains. "This particular student was very well aware of the scenario that was happening in Australia, and she wanted to do something to help. So she came up with this idea of doing a fundraiser where the proceeds would go to the people in Australia."

When Kacie saw the pictures and footage of the fires taking place in Australia she was inspired to find a way to help. A fundraiser seemed like something that could be incorporated into the project but it was difficult to decide which charity to send the funds to, as so many were involved in the disaster relief.

"It is about raising money to help with the wildfires. I was looking for organizations that were looking for do-

nations and how they would use the donations. When I went to the Red Cross site they had a whole description of what they were going to use the money for. It was for my environmental science class so I was looking to help with the animals mainly but I thought about how the people suffered too and how they had a lot of damage and these people are helping the animals too and taking them in. So I thought it would be helpful to give the money to Red Cross because they are also helping with rebuilding homes as well."

The idea of making the hoodies was inspired by their universal popularity. A small markup on the cost of each one sold would allow for more profits to go to the Australia Red Cross. Soon after, the teacher proposed an idea that would take the fundraising to another level.

"I said, well what if you were to instead of you know, just charging a bit more, raise more money by printing on the back some sponsors and go get some sponsors. So the project really evolved from just 'hey, I want to sell a couple of hoodies to raise a little bit of money to send to Australia, to 'how can I get the entire community involved in this project?' So it spiraled into something much greater than I even imagined it would."

What originally started as a class project quickly became a community project and even extended into other surrounding communities after a school in a neighboring community put in a large order for multiple hoodies.

Local sponsors included E&H Redi Mix, D'Lashes, Bar C7 Ranches, Moose-Bay Greenhouses, Double D Fencing Company, Innovative Quilting, LMK Hair DeZingn, Royal Drug Mart, Kim Weime Massage Therapy and Scotty's Towing. Over \$1,600 have been raised so far for the cause.

For more information or to purchase a hoodie in support of the Australia Red Cross please contact Kacie Hulston at 306-730-5989.



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## Fighting fires one hoodie at a time

Kacie Hulston is shown here sporting the beautiful hoodie she designed to raise money for the wildfire recovery efforts in Australia. To her right, Brendan Stevenson shows off the many local sponsors who supported this cause.

## Chief praised in magazine article

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

The popular USA Men's magazine Esquire has recognized Chief Todd Peigan as a hero for the way he prepared the Pasqua First Nation for the COVID-19 pandemic. But Peigan brushed off his new found celebrity saying he doesn't waste his time with media attention. "Seeking media publicity was never my intent," he told the Grassland News, "This virus isn't about that."

In the magazine article, acclaimed journalist Charles Pierce compared Peigan's efforts to deal with the pandemic to those of President Donald Trump. Pierce is the respected author of four books, his latest entitled *Idiot America*, and a political commentator on USA television. The article points out that Peigan anticipated the spread of the virus three months ago and began preparing



CHIEF TODD PEIGAN

to keep the virus outside the borders of his reserve west of Fort Qu'Appelle. His band council made the decision to start gathering supplies that his 2,000 residents needed to survive - "the bare essentials, groceries, meat, vegetables, to protect the people we serve as best we can."

In the Esquire article Pierce suggested that President Donald Trump could take a tip or two from Peigan.

"Consider the comparison," he writes, "(Peigan) sees this coming from

months off and prepares to protect his people accordingly. It is now the middle of March and the President of the United States is just now getting around to committing the fullness of the government's power to the fight against the disease that a chief in Saskatchewan saw coming in January."

Back on Jan. 7 Peigan sent an e-mail to health officials asking what the government was doing to prepare for the mystery illness that had just surfaced in Wuhan, China. At the time he was advised by the tribal council that he didn't need to worry because COVID-19 was low risk in Canada.

"My comment at the time was 'that doesn't matter. The way this seems to be going is that we are going to be impacted anyway and that we should be getting ready. I'd rather have a plan in place and nothing come about than have no plan and we end up panicking,'" he said.

## A new way to hunt for Easter eggs

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Colorful eggs have appeared in dozens of windows throughout Indian Head, Broadview and nearby communities. In addition to homes, eggs and bunnies can be seen peeking out of businesses and long-term care facilities.

Great creativity is evident as eggs display a variety of techniques. Some posters are filled in with markers, while fabric scraps cover others. There are also tie-dyed coffee filters and window paintings that look like stained glass.

The initiative is one of the ways that community spirit is being fostered when government officials and healthcare

workers worldwide are urging people to practice social distancing due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Laurie Heisler helped start the egg hunt in Broadview. "I saw this idea on a Facebook group and I wanted to share this with Broadview," she wrote to the Grasslands News. "There have been a lot of community members responding they are going to participate, which is great!"

Parents are encouraged to take their children for a walk around the neighborhood, searching for the pictures posted in windows. Since schools are closed and large gatherings are prohibited, this provides an alternative to traditional egg hunts.



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### Egg Hunt

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## Report from the Legislature

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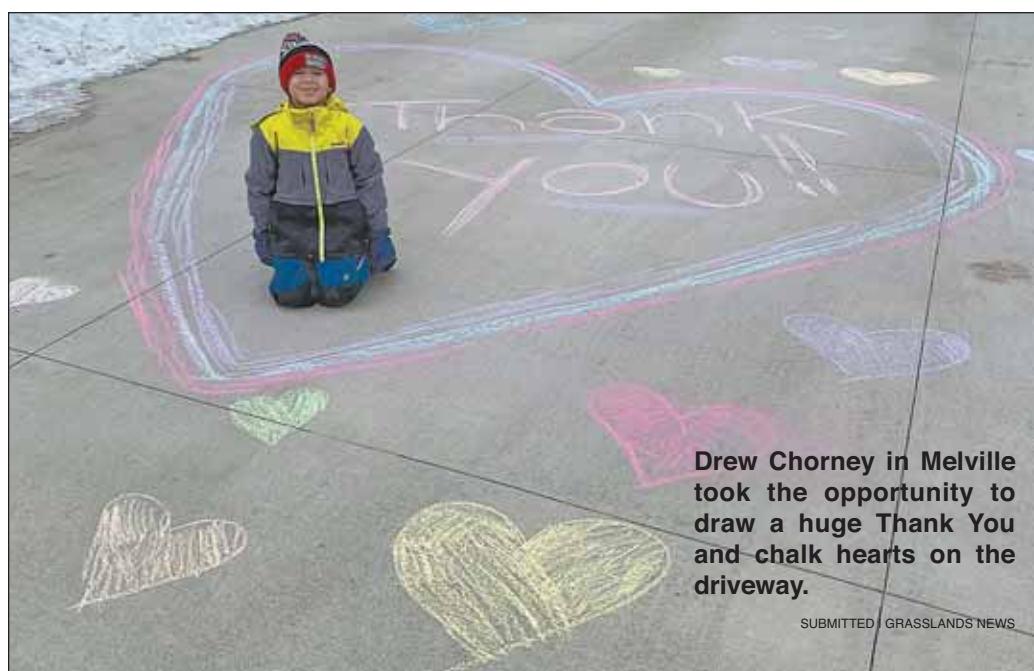
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# Communities show their heart, art and projects during COVID-19



Drew Chorney in Melville took the opportunity to draw a huge Thank You and chalk hearts on the driveway.

By Donna Beutler  
Grasslands News

For those who are not on the front lines of COVID 19 like Saskatchewan's health care workers and essential workers, many residents in communities across this province would like to physically be doing something – helping in some way in the fight against the virus. For many people though, there may not be much that can be done, other than to practise physical distancing.

Residents in the communities across this readership area are getting on board and are trying to spread a bit of colour and hope and encouragement by decorating their front windows in an array of themes, often with heart shapes and messages of hope, so that those out walking and driving around town can see them and be encouraged because of them.

In Whitewood for

instance, a Facebook post encouraged residents and businesses to join together in a community effort to decorate their front windows and/or to put up Christmas lights just to spread a bit of light, warmth and colour. And residents everywhere across this readership area and beyond, have been creating and displaying many art projects in their front windows and in their yards. It's incredibly heartwarming to everyone to see people come together to offer encouragement in a way that totally encompasses physical distancing.

Along with the art work that is beginning to cover many front windows in this part of Saskatchewan, comes so many encouraging messages as well. Messages like, "Praying," "Stay strong," "Hope," are a reminder of what's at the heart of Saskatchewan people – a will to fight, a desire to help others in need, and a heartfelt of love.

As Christmas lights start to be hung across railings and in front windows and in store-front windows, and as hearts and praying hands and Easter decorations continue to brighten up our communities, Saskatchewan residents are reminded of the one thing that no one can change: "We are all in this together."

And so, as heart-warming messages as simply as, "Stay Home, Keep Well" and those, for instance, with one single heart surrounded by Christmas lights, continue to be placed in windows everywhere, residents can take some comfort in these messages as they walk or drive by, keeping in mind the youngsters of our communities who are living in a much different world than they were just a week or two ago. Bringing a little joy to the lives of the little ones, not only for them to see and enjoy, but for them to participate in as well is some-

thing many families are doing – by having them create art work to display for all to see!

So for all of our readers out there – join your neighbours in bringing a little light, colour and encouragement to others by decorating or lighting up your front window, yard or business place. Getting out for a walk as the temperatures (hopefully) go up, will be that much more enjoyable for all if we all get to see the creativity of our neighbours.



Sophia Stav from Melville painting a heart for the window of their house.



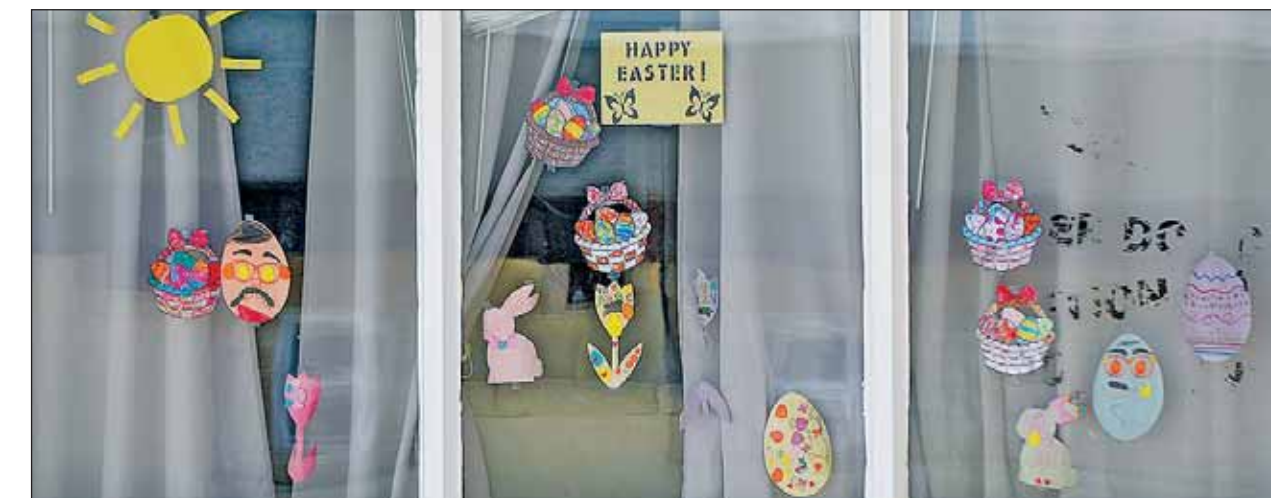
Carson Raffey of Whitewood has been working on cooking skills, science experiments, math (he had to make a correction in his math but I love the written answer!) and reading.



Glenna Giesbrecht kept her children, Lucas age 8 and Nevaeh age 4 busy with purchased science kits at the store and it has been an awesome hit!



Paper heart balloons with a prayer in Whitewood.



Easter decorations made by children in Whitewood.



A Melville daycare called Alexis' Childcare colored hearts and stuck them in the window to show their love and support to the health care workers and everyone else.

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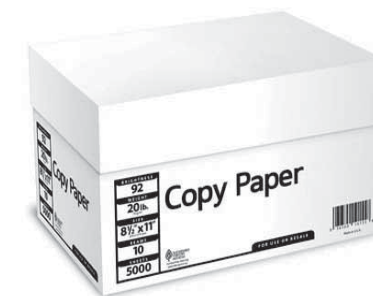
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# SPORTS

## Melville made TV series picked up in USA

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

Many sports are surprisingly harder than they look when you watch them on television; but that shouldn't discourage people from trying new things and learning how to play different sports or taking part in activities. That's the point behind a new Saskatchewan-made TV series that has been picked up for US syndication. Go/Nitro, featuring the Saskatchewan Rush, the Rattlers, Sask Golf and CURLSASK began airing on Fox, ABC and CBS affiliates south of the border, in December, as well as on SaskTel MaxTV. Go/Nitro is also the only other Saskatchewan-made television show since Corner Gas to be picked up for US syndication.

The show's motto "They had half their lives. We have half an hour. Every athlete has a first day" is a premise as well as a reminder that all professional athletes, at one point, were beginners. Show hosts have to learn a new sport in each episode and have the opportunity to train with professional athletes. The newest co-host, Mayor Walter Streelasky of Melville, took to the ice with CURLSASK's own Mat Ring for an exclusive lesson. While the Scotties and Viterra Curling tournaments took place in Melville earlier in the year, it was the perfect opportunity to bring the show back home that is produced by Melville, SK resident and former CTV producer Cory Carlick.

"We try to get guest co-hosts when-



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**Every athlete has a first day**  
Mayor Walter Streelasky takes to the ice for a curling lesson on Feb. 28, 2020 from professional curler Mat Ring on the new US syndicated television series Go/Nitro.

ever we can because it makes the show more interesting to have more than one person out there learning," explains Carlick. "Having the mayor get out on the ice and try this sport was really awe-

some and that episode was lots of fun to shoot. I also want to thank Larry Peterson and the Melville Curling Club for all their help preparing the facility so that we could do the episode in conjunction

with the tournaments."

Go/Nitro has already filmed eight episodes with major market teams, both in the US and Canada: NASCAR champion Alex Tagliani is featured in the show's first episode. The crew then went on to work with NCAA's Syracuse Orange, shot at the famous Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York.

"Everybody on the crew has been involved in at least a provincial level sport, and is keeping up with their fitness level," explains Carlick. "When we're training with these athletes, whether it's the Rattlers or Curling or lacrosse with the Rush, they're not dialing it down, the hosts have to try to keep up. It's often not as easy as it looks, so we don't make fools of ourselves, but the idea is to show that level of conditioning and it's pretty typical to wake up sore the next morning."

The show features a major athlete and team as "master" and the hosts train directly under the team at the same level to show the difficulty.

Major Saskatchewan teams are also well represented. The show's basketball episode featured the Saskatchewan Rattlers, with champion guards Alex Campbell and Lawrence Moore. For Lacrosse, Jeff Shattler took the mantle for a major episode filmed with the Saskatchewan Rush. Saskatchewan Golf was filmed at the Willows Golf Club and CURLSASK came out to the Melville Curling Club.

"We've sort of hit on a formula that works," says Carlick. "We love sports. We all play something. The show has a fast pace and graphics. Pretty much every athlete we've asked has said yes. It helps people see what goes into competition at a high level."

The production company, SKYCRON, also produces television commercials and corporate videos, which is reinvested in the show. It also donates roughly 20 per cent of the sale of each advertising spot to Brayden Ottenbreit's Close Cuts for Cancer and the Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton.

The show is also available freely in a serialized format on its official website, [www.gonitro.tv](http://www.gonitro.tv), and on YouTube.

GO/NITRO can be seen by Access subscribers on FOX (FOX East in your program guide) starting May 9 at 4 p.m. Eastern time (6 p.m. Sask. time) on Channel 34 and Channel 500 in HD.

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## Farmers and Friends Bonspiel holds Online Auction

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan's largest curling bonspiel under one roof may not be going ahead as planned this weekend but the Whitewood Curling Club is hoping to salvage some of the purpose of the annual event by holding an online auction of items that had been donated by sponsors as auction items or prizes.

The Farmers and Friends 64-team bonspiel was scheduled to take place on March 26 to 29 but was cancelled with the closure of the Whitewood Community Centre as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The committee was devastated by the cancellation of our annual bonspiel but

we decided to try and make some good out of an unfortunate and uncontrollable situation," said committee member Jenalee Beutler.

As the main purpose of the bonspiel is to raise funds for the community centre and other non-profit community groups in and around Whitewood, Beutler said the committee felt they could still serve that purpose by holding an online Facebook auction.

"The support from the sponsors was overwhelming and we will have over 50 items for the auction. We also had some of the cash sponsors be generous enough to leave their sponsorships in this year to go towards the funds raised. All of the funds raised will go into the grant program (like previous years) to be given

out to community groups in Whitewood and surrounding communities," said Beutler.

The auction began on Mar. 24 and bidding will continue until 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 29 at which time any items that have not had a bid placed on it in the last 5-minutes will be pulled and considered sold.

"If there are any bids in the last 5-minutes, the bidding on that item will be extended for another 5-minutes and this will continue until there are no bids in a 5 minute time frame," explained Beutler.

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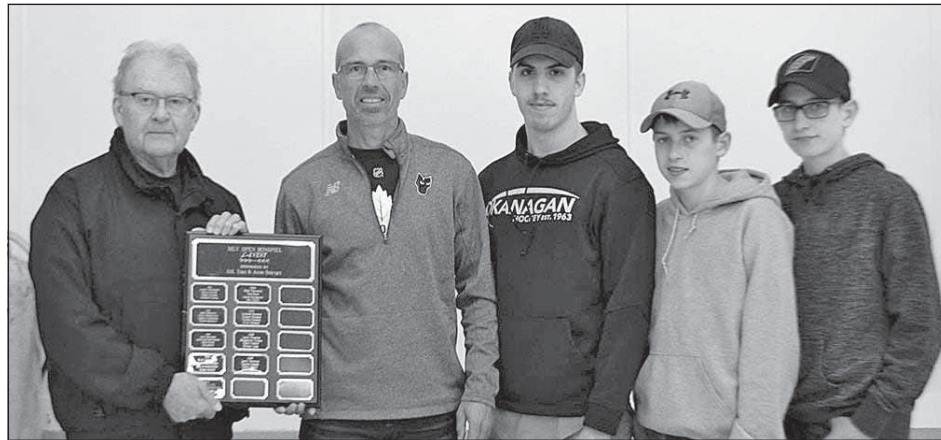
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# Melville Curling Club 2020 Open Bonspiel winners



## Bonspiel winners

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Melville Curling Club held its annual Open Bonspiel from March 13 to 15. Presenting the A-Event winners (upper left) is Tim Beres of Fairland Seeds to skip Hunter Chesney, third Dustin Chesney, second Hudson Chesney and lead Corey Chesney. Presenter Tricia Grimes (above) on behalf of Richardson Pioneer, congratulates the B-Event winners, skip Deana Schenher, third Tracey Schmidt, second Tara Waldbauer and lead Ronelle Schick. Larry Kreklewich on behalf of OK Tire, hands the C-Event plaque to skip Kelly Hollinger, third Tyson Hollinger, second Jordan Hollinger and lead Bryce Hollinger (left).

# Farmers and Friends hold Online Auction

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raising Auction" Facebook page. Some items will have starting bids and minimum bid increments depending on their value. To place a bid, people just need to comment under the photo of the item they want with their bid

until the item is not longer being bid on.

Once the auction is finished, someone from the committee will comment with payment and pickup information.

Since the Farmers and Friends

Bonspiel began in 2016, a total of \$217,661 has been raised for the community centre and other local area groups and organizations. Every year has seen a year-over-year record raised with last year raising \$65,500.

## Gross Misconduct

### Sports Column – Darcy Gross

One day recently, while perusing the interwebs, I came across a post with someone wanting hockey fans to vote on their favourite – or best – players from their hometown junior hockey team.

It got me thinking about our own Melville Millionaires, who haven't exactly had the best run over the last few seasons, but still had some great players over the years prior to this recent playoff drought.

In fact, I soon realized that if I were to choose the top-six players – three forwards, two defencemen and a goalie – I'd probably miss a lot of really good players.

Anyway, I've given it some thought and here's my personal list, jumbled and weird and certainly not containing only six players.

For a lot of Melville fans, it would be easy to choose a bunch of guys from the 1970s and be done with it.

The highest scoring line of all time for a season could be the forwards and I'm sure a number of people would be happy with.

Brian Propp, Kelly Dean and Dwaine Turberfield definitely made up the most explosive line in the history of the Millionaires.

Propp, who went on to play around 15 seasons in the NHL, was a not so raw rookie in 1975-'76, when he tallied 76 goals and 92 assists for a 168 point total. The guy was otherworldly, a great skater and shooter, who seemed to be able to score at will.

Linemate Kelly Dean, who was the best setup man in the history of the SJHL, at least in my estimation, had 112 assists to go with 41 goals that same season, while Turberfield, a true sniper, struck for 67 goals and 44 assists.

You could stop with the forwards right there, but there were other players who were as prolific.

Grenfell's Sheldon Gorski, another player with a nose for the net and a blistering slapshot has to be on the list.

In the 1984-'85 season, Gorski dented the twine a mind numbing 79 times, adding 49 assists for 128 points. The guy was as fearsome as any in the league, terrorizing goalies with that shot that could come from anywhere on the ice.

Melville's own Jim Lay was also a scorer of some renown. The smooth skating and rangey forward scored 85 times in 86 games as a member of the Millionaires.

Other great scorers for the Mills were all-time leading point-getter Scott Beattie, hometown Dave Broshko, Jerry Jones and Dale Jones, to go along with longtime NHLer Chris Kunitz and big Gene (Don't Wake Him Up) Daum.

The Millionaires also had their share of great blueliners.

I think Dick Dempster must have played most of six seasons for the Mills. Dempster possessed a great shot that was seldom higher than six inches off the ice and he was a selfless player and a strong skater.

Another great skater that suited up for the Mills was Brett Clark, who played 14 seasons in the NHL. Clark played only one season with the Mills, but scored 51 points, including 19 goals, over 62 games.

No list of Melville Millionaires defenders would be complete without mention of Lionel Danielson.

The smallish blueliner was a great playmaker, a smooth skater and was fearless. To my way of thinking, he was the best, or at least my favourite defenceman of all time for Melville.

You can't make a list of Melville defencemen without mentioning another Gorski – Leroy. Gorski was small in stature but played huge, knocking players on their rumps with one of the most vicious hip-checks the SJHL has ever seen.

Another defender who could deal out crushing checks was Kevin Ekdahl, probably the hardest hitter to ever wear the dollar sign. The guy was an absolute beast and made opponents pay the price when they went down his wing.

Between the pipes, the Mills had a ton of talent, going all the way back to Bob McDonald, George Silva, Larry Mazur, Presley Shingoose, Bruce Hoffart and Melville's own Matty Stelmak.

A few of the greats were, of course, Ronnie Hextall and Tim Cheveldae, both of whom carved out solid NHL careers.

It's difficult to overlook netminders such as Blaine Lacher, Clint Hooge, Alex Wakaluk, Isaiah Plett and Berk Bereliev, who all did great work in goal for the Millionaires.

Since I've existed on this planet for nearly 57 years, I'm going to have to call this a partial list.

Every time I start typing about one of Melville's best, another name comes to mind, and it would be impossible to mention everyone in one column. I could probably add another column just mentioning the characters – you hear that Don Chesney? Ron Nowlan? Garth 'Space' Erbach?

Maybe it's time to write a book about the Mil? I hope this sparks some debate, even if people have to be six feet apart to make their points. Stay safe and stay healthy folks.

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# Olympic committee postpones games

World Sports  
Grasslands News

On March 24, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president and the prime minister of Japan have concluded that the games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo must be rescheduled to a date beyond 2020 but not later than summer 2021, to safeguard the health of the athletes, everybody involved in the Olympic

games and the international community.

Following that decision, the International Paralympic Committee announced that the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games have been postponed until 2021. "Postponing the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak is absolutely the right thing to do. The health and well-being of human life must always be our number one pri-

ority and staging a sport event of any kind during this pandemic is simply not possible", said IPC President, Andrew Parsons, on a statement.

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) and Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) issued a statement in reaction to the conclusion made to rescheduled the games to a date beyond 2020, saying they supported the decision to uphold its commitment to safeguard-

ing the health and safety of athletes and the world community.

"We also renew our commitment to work with the IOC, IPC and the Tokyo 2020 organizing committee and offer them our full support in helping navigate all the complexities that rescheduling the Games will bring," said the COC and CPC in their statement. "With this postponement, the IOC has given Tokyo hopefuls worldwide the clarity they need about the immediate future, so we can all concentrate on our collective health and wellbeing and take all necessary steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

The COC and CPC said it is confident that when the time comes, the IOC and the Tokyo 2020 organizing committee will deliver a world-class Games that celebrates the Olympic and Paralympic values and unites and inspires the world. The Olympic and Paralympic Games have long been a symbol of hope and Tokyo 2020 will be a celebration of all that we now seek to overcome. The Canadian Olympic groups said they feel there may be no better way to move on from this most difficult time than seeing the world brought together through sport the way only a Games can.

"We are incredibly proud of the leadership and resilience that our athletes, National Sport Organizations and the Canadian sport community have demonstrated in these unprecedented times. While postponement comes with its own set of challenges, Team Canada will rise to the challenge to showcase our very best on the international stage."

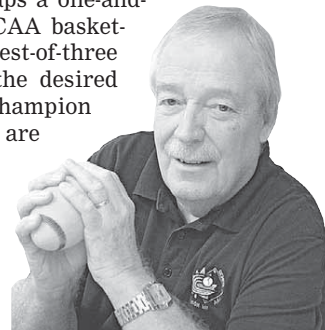
## Sports Column - Bruce Penton STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: WHY NOT A ONE-AND-DONE?

It's the last week of March and fans of the National Hockey League are going stir crazy while the coronavirus rages on, with seemingly no end in sight. The reality? There could be no Stanley Cup playoffs this year. And really, with what's going on in the world, who really cares? On a 0-to-100 priority list of things we need, a Stanley Cup playoff is a solid zero.

Still, with no sports going on to satisfy the sports-hungry crowd, that crowd can't quit talking about sports, or listening to people talking about sports. The sportswriters have to keep writing about sports. The broadcasting panels occasionally get together with big bottles of liquid sanitizer and wipes to talk about sports. When will the playoffs start? Will the playoffs start? Will there be a Stanley Cup winner in 2020? Was firing Don Cherry the right thing to do? What will the new Seattle team be called? Will there be a new Seattle team? Given the situation in Washington State, will there still be a Seattle after all this COVID-19 stuff shakes down and fades away?

Presently, however, the NHL playoff situation seems to be attracting the most attention from the sports media and fans. A variety of proposals are being suggested, even the most dire one that starts with the letter 'C' and ends with 'ancellation'. One recent suggestion had the NHL playing no more regular season games if and when play resumes, but simply picking the top 24 teams, 12 from each conference, and holding some sort of a mini playoff system — perhaps a one-and-done affair, like the NCAA basketball tournaments, or best-of-three series that will have the desired effect of crowning a champion before training camps are scheduled to open for the 2020-21 season.

Personally, I love the one-and-done suggestion. Top four teams in each conference get a bye; the other eight play to eliminate four. Endless overtime. No shootouts. No five-on-five. Once that first round is done, and eight teams are left, only seven games will be needed to decide a conference champ. Then, have the two conference champs play a two-game, total-goal series — one home game each — to determine the new home of the Stanley Cup.



Hey, we're in uncharted waters. There are no scripts that need following.

Twelve teams from each conference puts all but one Canadian team — sorry, Ottawa — into the post-season. It just might be Montreal's best chance to win their first Cup in 27 years. Toronto's first in 53 years? C'mon, get real, this is the Leafs we're talking about.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "At the NFL combine, 364-pound lineman Mekhi Becton ran a 5.10 in the 40-yard dash. When Tom Brady ran the 40 at the combine, he ran a 5.21 at 220-pounds. Becton ran faster with an entire Joe Buck in his belly."

• Alex Kaseberg again: "At Kobe Bryant's memorial, it was revealed Kobe once showed up for his daughter Gigi's school parents' day in full Laker uniform with his Olympic gold medal. How would you like to be the dad after that with the Geico-Insurance-Agent-of-the-Month plaque?"

• Dallas forward Kristaps Porzingis, to reporters, when asked if the recent Mavs-Pelicans game felt like a playoff atmosphere: "I mean, I wish I had that experience to tell you."

• Chris Long, on Twitter: "(Tom) Brady just left Boston on St. Paddy's day and i believe that's a hate crime."

• Golfer Shane Lowry, on the 2020 Open Championship (from golf.com): "I guess if they do call off the Open, I will get to be Open champion for two years and I will have to go celebrating again."

• Headline in the New York Post: "San Juan catches a break, MLB cancels the Mets-Marlins series scheduled for April."

• Headline from The Hill: "Major League Baseball officially postpones start of 2020 season. Orioles rejoice they're officially still tied for first."

• At Faux John Madden on Facebook: "Breaking: Dak Prescott's latest contract demands to include month supply of toilet paper."

• From @GaBoy\_Shockley on Twitter: "Day 6 no sports. Watching birds fight over worms. Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Twitter: "My favourite First-Day-That-Tom-Brady-Is-Not-a-Patriot Stat: He could lose his next 283 starts and still have a better career record than the Tampa Bay Buccaneers franchise."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson: "The XFL has cancelled the rest of its season. Great, the one place where you have groups of 10 or less watching and we can't go anymore."

• Dickson again: "Right now my thoughts are with the elderly. But enough about Tom Brady leaving New England."

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### Lemberg Memorial Open

Lemberg 6th Annual Don Gardiner Memorial Open Bonspiel held on March 4 to 7 saw 14 teams compete in the 4 event tournament. Presenter Kate Gardiner hands the A-event plaque to skip Dan Krupski, third Krystal Englot, second Matt Krupski, and lead Stan Englot.

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# Senior Curling League playoff, league champions



## Melville Senior winners

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Senior curling playoffs wrapped up on March 16. The A-Side winners (upper left) being presented the trophy from Gerry Safronik to skip Merv Douhaniuk, third Tom Haas, second Ron Yuzik and lead Darlene Exner. B-Side winners (above) receiving the trophy from Gerry Safronik to skip Larry Peterson, third Glenn Walchuk, second Betty Kotzer and lead Doug Kotzer. Winners of the Season League play was lead Lorraine Rathgeber, second Gary Hack, third Alex Molnar, skip Brian Morris. Presented by Senior Club President Gerry Safronik (left).



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## Ice removed for season

The Public Works Department in Fort Qu'Appelle was busy at work on March 24 as they were removing the ice from the Rexentre for another season. The ice is normally taken out at the end of March.



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A: A stick.

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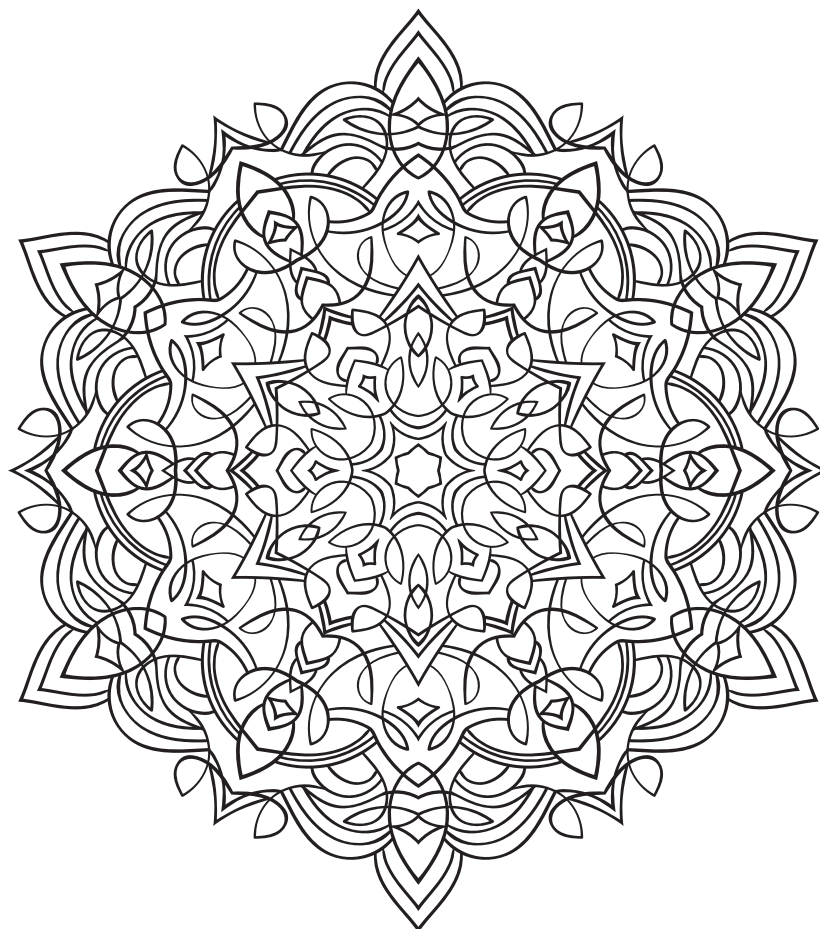
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▽	+	□	◇	×	○
○	×	◇	□	▽	+

ANSWER

## Make a mandala





### New Staff Sargeant

Staff Sargeant Dion Eddy recently took over at the Broadview RCMP detachment. Born and raised in Saskatchewan from a farming background, Eddy has 20 years of service in the R.C.M.P. with all of his service done in "F" division communities such as Strasbourg, Ahtahkookop First Nation, Regina, Shellbrook, Prince Albert, Deschambault Lake and Broadview. He is married with two young children.

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# Nearly a third of small businesses may close within one month without more relief

Business News  
Grasslands News

The COVID-19 outbreak is quickly becoming a disaster for small businesses, warns the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). A full 60 per cent of small firms have seen a significant drop in sales (55% in Saskatchewan), with more than one in three reporting a reduction greater than 75 per cent, according to a new study of nearly 11,000 small business owners taken over the weekend.

"More than half of small firms have begun laying off staff, with a quarter reporting they have already been forced to lay off their entire workforce," said CFIB president Dan Kelly. "At this rate, the only way to prevent massive additional unemployment is for government to introduce a much larger wage subsidy program."

While last week's economic measures were welcome initial steps, CFIB is proposing a COVID-19 Job Retention Program that would subsidize wages of employers able to retain their staff. This would cover at least 75 per cent of wages for all employers, up to a cap of \$5,000 per worker per month. CFIB proposes the program include the self-employed and small business owners.

"On top of the 930,000 new Employment Insurance applications filed last week across Canada, many small business will be forced to make additional lay-off decisions in the next few days," Kelly noted. "Announcing a wage subsidy now will protect many jobs and keep employees connected to their employers, helping to speed the recovery when the COVID-19 emergency phase is over."

Nearly one in three businesses say they can survive less than a month under the current conditions, up from a quarter last week (25% in Saskatchewan). The average cost of the outbreak for affected businesses has also doubled since last week to \$136,000 (\$75,000 in Saskatchewan).

"In addition to these impacts, small business owners are facing a lot of uncertainty and thousands have been calling CFIB with questions," added Marilyn Braun-Pollon, CFIB vice-president, Western Canada and Agri-business. "The record of employment process is very onerous, especially if a business is forced to lay off all its staff at once. Businesses are looking for ways to keep their staff employed but reduce their operating costs so they can weather the massive disruption. Others want to know what the loss of their business means for them and their employees, how Employment Standards apply to this extraordinary situation and how to access the new government programs that were announced last week."

"We're pleased Premier Scott Moe announced a financial support plan for Saskatchewan employers and employees hit by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes a number of measures such as the Self-Isolation Program, as well as cost saving measures such as the three month PST remittance deferral and Audit suspension," said Braun-Pollon. "We also welcome the establishment of a Business Response Team, which will be a single window information webpage for businesses to help them navigate and find relevant information on programs and support."

The survey found that more than half of small businesses across Canada were already at least partially shut down, led by firms in the service and restaurant sectors.

In addition to the urgent need for a bigger wage subsidy, governments should consider:

- Simplifying and providing immediate access to EI Work-Sharing for all employers.
- Ensuring that the self-employed receive some income support due to loss of income as a result of COVID-19.
- Providing tax relief by deferring sales taxes, forgiving the payment of income, sales and payroll taxes for the next three months for those particularly hard hit, delaying all filing deadlines, and delaying upcoming carbon tax and CPP hikes.

"While governments are working hard on the health emergency created by COVID-19, much more needs to be done to address the related economic emergency," Kelly concluded. "It is essential that governments move quickly to safeguard local jobs and our economy by putting in place measures that will allow businesses to survive these unprecedented circumstances."

# Zoning changes in Bsaytah give property owner access to cottage

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

The Resort Village of B-Say-Tah has approved two bylaws to enable a land swap that will at last allow a land-locked resident access to his hillside cottage. Bylaws to amend existing zoning regulations and create a new subdivision were passed last Thursday at a meeting of the village council.

The head of community planning recommended that part of what is now Elsie street become residential and part of what was residential be zoned street, and to ensure that no buildings are encroaching on the undeveloped street.

It was also suggested a 20 foot lane be included

which would allow Dustin Grant to drive up to his property.

Grant hasn't been able to get to his cabin because access has been blocked. A back lane off Grove Ave is closed with no trespassing signs and buildings have gone up in a haphazard manner over the years on Elsie Street.

"The bylaws we have passed are designed to accommodate everyone," Mayor Isaac Sneath told council. "It is a win-win situation for everyone."

Grant insists that a road up the hill once existed and that the village of B-Say Tah allowed his property to be landlocked by neglect. He is facing two counts of public mischief for ignoring no trespassing signs on Grove St. but has pleaded not guilty to the charges. The matter is still before the courts.

# Historic Synagogue building turns 100

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

A piece of Melville history turned 100 years old this year. The Melville Hebrew Synagogue was the center of the Jewish community for many years serving as a social hall and cheder (a traditional elementary school with an added educational component of Hebrew and the basics of Judaism.)

As one of the larger synagogues in the region, Melville hosted a number of attendees from neighboring communities. It was the dedication of the teachers and members, some travelling upwards of two hours or more to keep the doors of the establishment open.

The Melville community was home to over 50 Jewish families at its peak in the 1920's, opening the doors to expand and add the school in 1932. The teacher at the time was Max Goldstein, a Russian immigrant who had settled in the prairies in 1877.

The most prominent of the Jewish families of Melville at the time was the Kanee family. Samual and Riva (Rose) Kanee were parents to five boys, two of which became doctors later in life. Their eldest son, Sol, became one of the most influential members of the Jewish community for the good part



of 50 years, making his mark on Winnipeg in the arts and academia world. He went on to win the Distinguished Service Medal in 1994. If the name seems familiar, it may be because Sol's accomplishments within the Jewish community stretch much further than that of Melville. The Sol Kanee Lectures on International Peace and Justice, as well as the University of Manitoba, as well as those done in conjunction with Florence Kanee at the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada are known worldwide.

The positive impact of the Kanee family didn't stop with blood relatives. In fact, Meyer Waldman who

served as Mayor of Melville beginning in the 1920's served in office many years, including the year of the famous Royal Visit of 1939.

The Melville Hebrew Synagogue was one of only two historic synagogues still standing in the region when it was restored in 2014 by Don Robinson, the Montreal contractor who took a shine to the almost dilapidated building. After pouring a new foundation, amongst a full plate of other restorations, Robinson was determined to breath new life into the building. After investing over 60 thousand dollars of work, the building now looks brand new and remains a rich part of the city's heritage today.

# Municipal funding programs increased for SK RMs

Municipalities of Saskatchewan appreciates the increased support for Saskatchewan's cities, towns, villages, and northern municipalities recently announced in the provincial government's statement of expenditures.

"As we face uncertain times, we appreciate the provincial government's recognition of hometowns through increases to municipal funding including revenue sharing and transportation programs" said Municipalities of Saskatchewan president Gordon Barnhart.

Municipal revenue sharing will increase by \$27 million to \$278 million. The statement of expenditures also includes an increase in funding for the Urban Highway Connector Program, Community Airport Partnership Program, and funding for northern highways.

"Though funding levels to the Urban Highway Con-

necter Program are not back at 2018-19 levels, we are pleased to see an additional \$672,000 announced as our highways connect our communities," says Barnhart.

An additional \$12 million for addictions and mental health initiatives is also a welcome increase as municipalities passed a resolution at the 115th Annual Convention in February calling for an increase in funding to ensure financial resources are in place to help address the crystal methamphetamine crisis being faced in the province.

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is pleased to see a PST rebate on home construction to aid the current economy, but disappointed municipalities will continue to pay PST on construction projects, projects like water and waste-water facilities that support the quality of life for Saskatchewan's residents.

The removal of PST on municipal construction

projects was a request in the Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2020 budget submission. Municipalities of Saskatchewan also asked that the Community Rink Affordability Grant be reinstated, and other recreational facilities be considered, the province support a Municipal Climate Change Action Centre, and an agreement be developed to share cannabis excise tax revenues with municipalities.

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Ed is not a person to do you a favor and then make sure you don't forget the favor that he did for you years later. It is his nature to help or willingly serve others if he can.

In the season of Lent, there is an emphasis on the willingness of Jesus to serve others. Serving may be a small action to assist another person, or it may be a very hard or costly action in caring for someone. When Jesus was on earth, he made it clear that he was willing to go all the way in serving others.

The Bible says, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many."

Serving others was at the heart of Jesus' ministry. He was willing to serve in the brokenness of the sin of our world. He was freely, ready to give his life in service to others, even at the cost of his own life. He was willing to serve God, his Father in heaven that salvation could be given to sinners on earth.

Why do Christians pre-

fer to get involved in projects at church in giving that is mainly effortless?

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Jesus' serving was a personal life and death relationship with sinners needing his help for the forgiveness of their sins. Giving some of our wealth to feed the hungry or help those suffering in natural disasters like forest fires or floods is commendable. Yet, some people must also serve by filling and placing sandbags. Who will help serve food at an evacuation center?

Many of us may start and stop at what is easy

service. Who will go beyond what is undemanding service? Who will care for the sick when it could cause infection to the caregiver? Who will visit the imprisoned? Who will listen to the grieving and comfort them with a listening ear and caring hug?

In Lent, we consider our involvement in serving others in the example of Jesus. Jesus was willing to pay the full price of service on our behalf.

We are often like the disciples who missed the opportunity to serve because they were more focused on themselves than how they might care for each other at the Last Supper.

We often dismiss service that calls us to do something that seems like

someone else's job. There was no slave to wash people's feet at the Last Supper. Jesus did it. He served the others there, by washing their feet. Showing others acts of loving sacrifice is always our Christian challenge in following the example of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

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## Obituary

**Edward Schofer**  
April 2, 1936 – March 19, 2020



Edward August Schofer was born April 2, 1936, on the family homestead near Westview, SK, to William and Hilda (nee Krieger) Schofer. He grew up with 19 siblings on a busy farm and road construction outfit. Ed attended Miller School in Melville, was a member of the Melville 4-H poultry group and grew up wanting to be a boxer.

Ed had his eye on boxing in his late teens. As a member of the Melville Boxing Club, he was able to travel to matches in places such as Prince Albert, Regina and Weyburn. Shortly after, at the age of 20, he hired out with CN in 1956 as a fireman and gradually made his way up to engine man. He retired in 2001 after enjoying 45 years of riding the rails, sometimes with his son.

The rails may have been Ed's joy, but his passion lay with the land and farming. He bought his first land in his early 20s. This land would eventually become his family's first home on NE-36 with Judy. He met Judy Hahn through her father, John, while using John's grain hauling business. The land would be his passion, the rails his joy, but Judy would be his love. They would marry on April 24, 1965, and shared 55 years together.

Ed and Judy began their years raising three children - Crystal, Shannon and Douglas. They spent 31 years on the farm and moved to Melville in 1996 because the family was growing. The addition of four grandchildren began in 1996, and Jewels, LouLou, Sunshine and Dolly were spoiled with mini-boxes of smarties out of "grandpa's closet" before they could leave his house. When the farm was covered with snow, Ed and Judy would head out for parts known and unknown. They traveled on cruises and bus tours, from Hawaii to Thailand, Australia to Alaska. They would meet lifelong friends on each journey.

Retirement from CN may have ended the rails, but Ed continued to farm with his son, Doug. As Doug took over more responsibility for the farm, Ed would become the master rock picker and chief harrower - both jobs he relished and Doug appreciated. Come harvest, Ed and Judy would tag team the grain hauling. Ed would keep these jobs until Alzheimer's made it too difficult to help, yet he would still come for rides at harvest.

Ed's last move would be in August 2014 to St. Paul Lutheran Home. He always knew when Judy was there, and his face would light up with each visit. He had joy, passion and love in his almost 84 years.

Edward was predeceased by his parents, William and Hilda Schofer; four half-brothers, five half-sisters and their spouses; his two brothers, one sister and three brothers-in-law, as well as his in-laws, John and Evelyn (nee Flesjer) Hahn. He is survived by his wife of almost 55 years, Judy; his children, Crystal Schofer; Shannon (Aaron) Mack, with grandkids Silkyn and Shakira Mack; Doug (Heidi) Schofer, with grandkids Julia and Graeme Schofer. He also leaves three brothers, four sisters, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law and spouses.

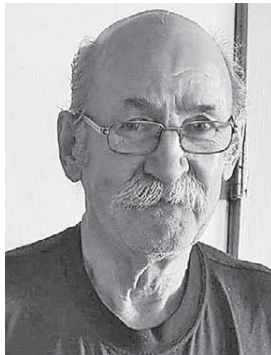
The funeral service, which was scheduled for March 19, 2020, was postponed due to concerns over Covid-19 and will be re-scheduled at a later date; announcements will be posted.

Arrangements are entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



## Obituary

**Gene Council**  
March 10, 1943 – March 16, 2020



It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of husband, father, brother, uncle and grandpa, Gene Council, who died in his shop with his boots on and wrenches in his hand on Monday, March 16, 2020, at the age of 77 years.

William Gene was born March 10, 1943, in Hamiota, MB, to Charles and Eva (nee Breed) Council. He attended school at Harding, MB.

Gene moved to Melville in 1971, where he met his wife, Linda. They were married Oct. 11, 1975. During his life, Gene had worked with Melville Motors, Northern Motors and numerous places in Melville. He was well known for his mechanical abilities, fixing everything from lawn mowers to combines. For a time, Gene and Linda also operated a mobile food stand; this was a social time for Gene to visit and joke with the Melville community. He enjoyed people and being around them. Anyone could stop by his garage on Highway 47 north at any time and have a good, fun conversation with him. His caring, gentle nature was known to all.

Gene's children and grandchildren were the joy of his life. Watching all their accomplishments gave him so much pleasure. He always had a loving story to tell about them.

Predeceased by his parents and two sisters in infancy, Gene leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Linda; his son, Eddie (Dawn) of White City, grandchildren Brittany, Travis, Tyler and Gabe; his son, Trevor of Melville; his siblings, Janice Stanley of Brandon, MB, and Clark (Carole) Council of Lethbridge, AB. He will be sorely missed by nieces and nephews, members of Linda's family, other relatives and friends. Rest in peace, Gene.

A private graveside service was held for family members Friday, March 20, 2020 at the Melville City Cemetery, with the Rev. Brian Mee officiating. A public memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

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## Memorium



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We miss her dearly and cherish each memory we share. We know she is that bright light that shines down on us.

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## Obituary

**Anne Petrowsky**  
Dec. 22, 1934 – March 19, 2020



Anne Petrowsky of St. Paul Lutheran Home, loving wife of Frank Petrowsky.

Anne entered her eternal rest with family at her side on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at St. Peter's Hospital in Melville at the age of 85 years.

Anne was born to John and Mary (nee Wera) Fiferowich in Ituna, Sask.

She was raised on the family farm north of Ituna. Anne was the eldest of five children and attended a one-room school not far from her homestead.

At the age of 20, Anne met the love of her life, Frank, at a local dance in Kelliher, Sask. Two years later on Nov. 17, 1956 Anne and Frank were united in marriage. The couple were blessed with three children, Eunice, followed by a son Elgine and finally Lawrence who completed their family.

Anne enjoyed baking, sewing, playing bingo, playing cards, cooking, crocheting, needlepoint and making afghans. She was an active member of St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church, donated many hours helping at the Ukrainian Catholic Hall and helped at the Melville Thrift Shop.

Predeceased by her parents, John and Mary; and son, Elgine. Anne leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved husband, Frank, of Melville; daughter, Eunice Novak of Melville; son, Lawrence of Winnipeg; grandchildren, Calvin, Colleen, Barry, Ricky and Chasity; great-grandchildren, Telanne, Nhtanis, Brianne, Brayden, Jessica, Jack, William, Mary, Brianna, Kristopher and Justin; great-great-grandchildren, Cameron and Thereese; brothers, Ted Fiferowich, Joseph Fiferowich and Glenn Fiferowich; sister, Sylvia Fiferowich; as well as nieces and nephews.

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## Job Postings Town of Grenfell

### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (Term Position)

The Town of Grenfell is currently accepting resumes for a full-time Chief Administrative Officer to cover a maternity leave with a start date by June 15, 2020. This will be at least a one year term position. Although preference is for a full-time CAO, Council is willing to consider a more flexible schedule for the right candidate.

Ideally you are a motivated leader who is comfortable working within a policy governance environment, are experienced in a senior management role within a complex and diverse organization and are an effective communicator with technical skills in municipal administration.

The future focused Council is looking for candidates with a Standard or Class "C" Saskatchewan Municipal certificate or equivalent, combined with post-secondary education in Public Administration or a related field with a specialization and/or direct experience in municipal government administration. Experience in planning and development management and municipal accounting is an asset.

Council is prepared to compensate the right candidate with a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefit package.

In confidence, qualified candidates are encouraged to electronically submit their resume, a cover letter, three work related references, and salary expectations to the following address below **no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 24, 2020.**

A CAO job description is available upon request and only those candidates selected to be interviewed will be contacted.

### FRONT OFFICE SUPPORT (Term Position)

The Town of Grenfell is currently seeking a responsible and well-organized Front Office support staff person to work a six month term with the strong potential of full time employment after the term. Starting in June and working alongside the outgoing Front Office Clerk, the primary responsibilities include, but are not limited to; receiving and preparing tax, utility and other payments for processing and deposit; providing excellent customer service both in person and by telephone; batch balancing, filing, clerical work and other related duties while supporting the needs of a busy town office.

The ideal candidate will have completed grade 12 supplemented by business administration or accounting courses plus some previous office experience preferably in related clerical or cashier work, or an equivalent combination of training and experience. You should possess basic accounting knowledge; fast, accurate calculator and data entry skills; solid cash handling skills; prior experience dealing with the public; be customer service oriented; and have strong teamwork skills and the ability to work independently when required. Prior municipal experience and/or experience using MuniSoft software would be an asset.

The Town of Grenfell offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefit package.

In confidence, qualified candidates are encouraged to electronically submit their resume, a cover letter, three work related references, and salary expectations to the following address below **no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2020.**

A job description is available upon request and only those candidates selected to be interviewed will be contacted.

Email Resumé to: cao.grenfell@sasktel.net  
**RE: Chief Administrative Officer (Term) Competition OR  
RE: Front Office Support (Term) Competition**

Inquires may be made to:  
Victoria MacDonald, CAO, Town of Grenfell, SK  
1.306.451.7755

## Katepwa Assessment Roll NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Resort Village of District of Katepwa for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from Monday to Friday (9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) on the following days: March 20, 2020 to April 20, 2020.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment to the Board of Revision is required to file a notice of appeal in writing, accompanied with a \$50.00 appeal fee by April 20, 2020 to:

The Secretary of the Board of Revision  
Aileen Swenson  
2405 Gordon Rd. Regina, SK. S4S 4M4  
Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.

Gail E. Sloan  
Assessor

### LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Horizon Credit Union offers the following property in the RM of McLeod No. 185 for sale by tender:

**PT NW 34-21-09 W2**

This unserviced, 5 acre parcel of land is located approximately 17km West of Melville on Highway 10.

#### Terms and Conditions of Tender:

- Seller makes no warranties or representations about the property's size/measurement, condition or environment status.
- Buyer is responsible for all legal costs, title transfer fees and applicable taxes, which will be in addition to the bid.
- Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.
- To participate in the tender, one should submit a certified cheque or bank draft for 10% of the bid, along with the tender bid to Horizon Credit Union no later than 12:00 noon on April 15th, 2020.
- The successful bidder will be informed of the offer being approved and such bid will be valid for a period of 14 days from the date of acceptance.

*Please submit all sealed tenders to:*

*Horizon Credit Union  
P.O. Box 1900, Melville, SK S0A 2P0  
Attention: Glenn Colley, Manager of Lending*

# HOROSCOPE

WEEK OF MARCH 29  
TO APRIL 4, 2020

THE LUCKIEST SIGNS THIS WEEK:  
VIRGO, LIBRA AND SCORPIO



**ARIES**  
You'll finally succeed in selling your home. If you've lived there for many years, you'll feel nostalgic and maybe a little rueful about the change.



**TAURUS**  
You have everything it takes to become a public figure. Your ideas and opinions could bring people together to defend your interests. People will listen attentively to what you have to say.



**GEMINI**  
A complicated financial situation won't make a difficult romantic relationship any easier. It's important to be affectionate with your partner, despite your concerns.



**CANCER**  
You'll start the week ready to conquer the world. However, certain people will be upset and as a result, you may not be very kind to them.



**LEO**  
Some reflection about your career is a must this week. Your health concerns will lead you to make a lifestyle change that eliminates stress. Prepare yourself for a new beginning.



**VIRGO**  
Your social life will be in full swing this week. You'll be surrounded by people and you'll accept every invitation, regardless of how much it strains your budget.



**LIBRA**  
You're inspired to begin a new project. Making the right decisions now will guarantee that you have a comfortable retirement later. The future is built one day at a time.



**SCORPIO**  
You may take a spontaneous trip with friends this week. Travel and communication may be difficult, however, so you'll need to learn to let go.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
A meeting at the bank is all it takes to secure the financing you need for a certain project. As a result, you'll be thrust into action this week. In your personal life, affection takes on new importance.



**CAPRICORN**  
Compromises will need to be made if you want there to be harmony around you. You'll be in charge of organizing a professional event that will bring many people together.



**AQUARIUS**  
At work, you do your best to make all your customers happy, but some people just can't be satisfied. Don't take it personally; you'll still accomplish the impossible.



**PISCES**  
If you're single, you'll be more popular than ever and will fall in love at first sight. Take the time to get to know the other person before declaring your love.

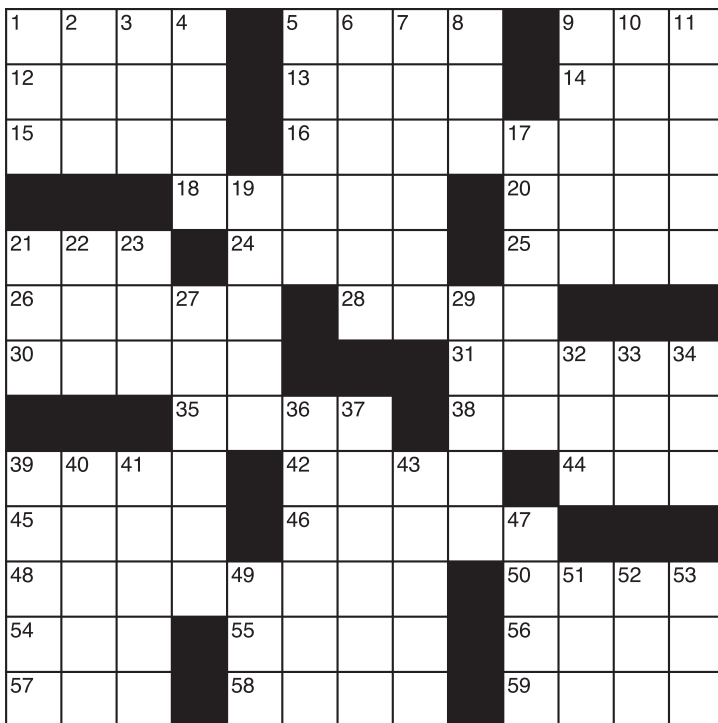


# BREAK *time*

## CROSSWORDS

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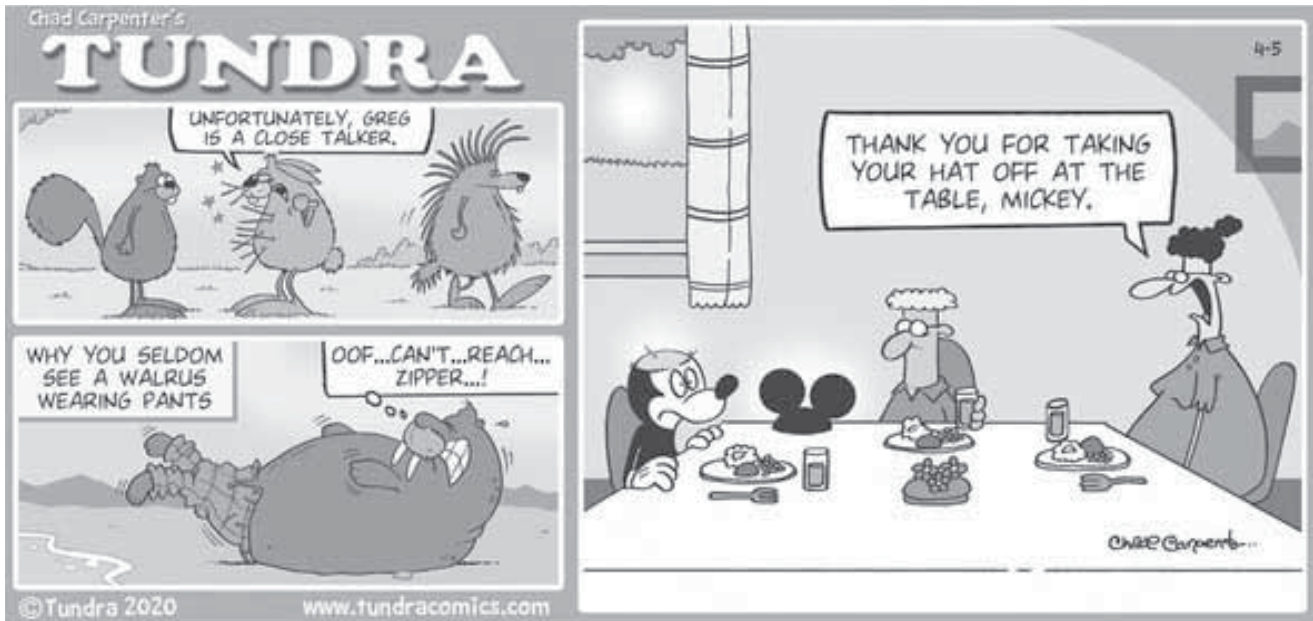


### ACROSS

1. Curds' partner
5. Guess
9. Pass with flying colors
12. Take to the trail
13. Deal (with)
14. Chap
15. Bird of ill \_\_\_\_\_
16. Leaving out
18. Fry in oil
20. Woodwind instrument
21. Speck of residue
24. Gator's kin
25. Layer
26. Snapshot
28. Menu item
30. Male singer
31. Gall
35. December forecast
38. Broccoli's color
39. Rump
42. Peeve
44. Nourished
45. "\_\_\_\_\_ in a Lifetime"

### DOWN

46. Type of clock
48. Pupils
50. On a boat
54. Bro or sis
55. Gets older
56. Coal products
57. Not nay
58. Advice from a decorator
59. Needles' holes
10. River craft
11. Lawn tool
17. Stagger
19. Oak starter
21. Liable
22. This woman
23. Sweetie
27. Like some salads
29. Infuriate
32. Ump's relative
33. Sign of triumph
34. Finale
36. Pumpkin color
37. Drooped
39. Like some tree trunks
40. Let loose
41. \_\_\_\_\_ diver
43. Lariat
47. Comrade
49. Set on one's \_\_\_\_\_
51. Remark
52. Earlier than, in poems
53. Pack animal



## Hometown FAVORITES

Submit your favorite recipe to [ads@grasslandsnews.ca](mailto:ads@grasslandsnews.ca)

### Homemade fried chicken

If you want fried chicken that's crispy on the outside and perfectly cooked on the inside, then try this recipe. You won't regret it!

Start to finish: 5 hours  
(1 hour active)  
Servings: 6

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 whole chicken
- 2 quarts 2% milk
- Juice of half a lemon
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano, divided
- 2 teaspoons dried basil, divided
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger, divided
- 2 teaspoons paprika, divided
- 2 teaspoons black pepper, divided
- 2 teaspoons white pepper, divided
- 2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt, divided
- 2 teaspoons celery salt, divided
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme, divided
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 quarts vegetable oil

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Cut the chicken into 8 pieces (2 breasts, 2 thighs, 2 drumsticks and 2 wings).
2. In a large bowl, combine the milk and lemon juice to make buttermilk. Let sit for about 10 minutes.
3. Add a teaspoon of each herb and spice to the buttermilk mixture and stir to combine. Put the chicken into the milk to marinate and refrigerate overnight or for at least 4 hours.
4. After marinating, put the flour into a bowl and add one teaspoon of each herb and spice. Mix well to combine.
5. Remove the chicken from the buttermilk marinade and coat it completely in the flour mixture. Let rest for a few minutes.
6. Heat the oil in a large, deep pot until it reaches 400 °F.
7. Carefully put 2 pieces of chicken in the oil, and fry until they reach an interior temperature of 165 °F. Repeat until the entire chicken is cooked.
8. Drain on a piece of paper towel and serve with your choice of sauce.



# Scheer concerns stall COVID-19 stimulus package

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

The \$82-billion dollar federal emergency aid package designed to alleviate some of the economic hardship created by the COVID-19 pandemic was adopted by the House of Commons early Wednesday, but not before the legislation stalled in the House of Commons.

## Toth elected in Lebret by-election

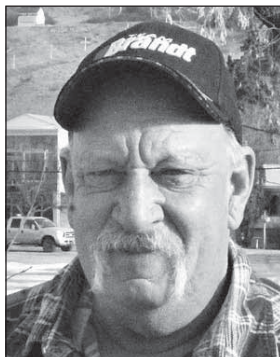
By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Ken Toth is back as a Lebret village councillor. He defeated former councillor Theresa Fayant, who lost her bid to return to council by a vote of 45-30 in a March 11 byelection.

Toth served on council for 25 years before he stepped down in 2012 "to let others have a chance."

He decided to run again because he felt his experience as an equipment operator could be useful as the town builds a \$2.5-million wastewater plant. The federal and provincial governments have contributed \$1.7-million towards the cost of the project which is being shared with the Star Blanket First Nation.

Toth, 50, was sworn in as a member of the five man council on March 19.



Ken Toth elected

Opposition leader Andrew Scheer was not willing to give the government unlimited power until 2021 to raise taxes without a parliamentary vote. In a CTV television interview he denied he was playing politics with the welfare of Canadians. "We want to build in some measures that ensure that parliamentary oversight is going forward; we have to be able to know there are some safety measures there on behalf of the Canadian people."

The bill passed with amendments curbing the government's spending power and has gone to The Senate for final approval.

"One of my jobs is to show Canadians that we can put partisan differences aside so we can get through this pandemic together, and provide the stability that Canadians are looking for," the MP for Regina-Qu'Appelle said in an interview last week. "There really isn't much philosophical difference between conservatives and liberals when it comes to fighting a virus or keeping Canadians healthy and safe," he added. Scheer said his job now is to focus on the health and financial security of all Canadians.

"We are trying to make sure we can communicate with the government when we do have concerns, or when we think there might be gaps, and that we are doing it directly with the government when we do have concerns, and through channels that are aimed at getting results, and not so much scoring political points."

Scheer was isolated in Regina with his family but was one of a handful of MP's who were back in Ottawa for Tuesday's extraordinary parliamentary session. He echoed the Prime Minister's call asking Canadians to stay at home, or if they have to go out, to keep a safe distance from each other.

Scheer has resigned as leader of the conservative party. A leadership convention to replace him is scheduled for June. But there is growing pressure to have the party postpone the leadership race and have Scheer stay on as leader until the crisis is over. "It is up to each of the leadership candidates to govern themselves accordingly," he said "When this is over we can resume the battle of ideas and the philosophical differences."

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

#### Resort Village of Melville Beach

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Melville Beach for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open for inspection by appointment until April 23, 2020.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with: Kayla Hauser, P.O. Box 3250, Melville, Sask. S0A 2P0 by the 23rd day of April, 2020.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2020.

Kayla Hauser, Assessor  
Phone 306-730-5799 – rvmelvillebeach@gmail.com

### ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

#### Rural Municipality of Cana No. 214

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Cana No. 214 for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspections in the office of the assessor from 8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during regular office hours on the following days: Monday to Friday, March 27 to April 27, 2020.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal along with the appeal fee of:

- **Residential:** \$75.00 per alternate number
- **Agricultural:** \$75.00 per alternate number
- **Commercial:** Assessed Value 0-499,999 - \$150.00 per alternate number  
Assessed Value 500,000-1,000,000 - \$500.00 per alternate number  
Assessed Value 1,000,001 and Over - \$750.00 per alternate number:

with the Assessor, RM of Cana No. 214, P.O. Box 550, Melville, SK S0A 2P0 by the 27th day of April, 2020.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2020

Kali Tourney, Assessor

### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

#### Resort Village of B-Say-Tah

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of B-Say-Tah for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm and 12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal his or her assessment to the Board of Revisions is required to file his or her notice of appeal in writing, accompanied by \$100.00 per parcel appeal fee, by April 27, 2020 to:

Resort Village of B-Say-Tah  
Box 908 Fort Qu'Appelle, SK S0G 1S0

Dated this 27th day of March, 2020.

Richelle Haanstra,  
Assessor

### TENDERS

#### Resort Village of B-Say-Tah

The Resort Village of B-Say-Tah welcomes groups or individuals to tender for each of the following contracts:

- Lawn Care and General Village Maintenance 3 year contract
- Waste Collection 3 year contract
- Snow Removal 2020-21 Winter Season
- Street Sanding 2020-21 Winter Season

All interested persons/groups to contact the Resort Village office for details of job requirements. Tenders must include list of type of equipment to used, and hourly/monthly rates. All tenders must be in writing mailed, emailed or faxed by April 10, 2020, during regular office hours to:

Resort Village of B-Say-Tah  
Box 908  
Fort Qu'Appelle, SK S0G 1S0

The lowest tender may not necessarily be accepted.  
Dated this 24th day of March 2020.

Richelle Haanstra,  
Administrator

### Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

#### Village of Neudorf

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Neudorf for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Thursday, April 3, 2020 to May 4, 2020.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Village of Neudorf, P.O. Box 187, Neudorf, SK, S0A 2T0 along with a fee of \$100 by the 4th day of May, 2020.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2020.

Lisa Fayant, Assessor

### RM of Silverwood No. 123

#### MOWER TENDER

Sealed tenders will be received until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at the office of the Administrator for the following:

- 2009 Schulte XH 1500-S2, 15' Rotary Mower with 1000 PTO and walking axles on the wings.
- Mower can be seen on the north side of the RM shop.

Send sealed tenders marked "Mower Tender" to:  
**RM of Silverwood No. 123**  
**P.O. Box 700, Whitewood, SK S0G 5C0**

For more information please contact:

Phone: 735-2500  
Email: rm123@sasktel.net

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** during this time the RM office will only be open Tuesdays and Thursdays.

*Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.*

# CRIME STOPPERS

1-800-222-TIPS

### RM of Silverwood No. 123

#### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Silverwood No. 123 for the year of 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor by appointment only by calling 306-735-2500 from March 26 to April 27, 2020.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, RM of Silverwood No.123, P.O. Box 700, Whitewood, SK S0G 5C0, by the 27th day of April, 2020.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2020.

Jennalee Beutler,  
Assessor

## Highways 1 &amp; 9

# Two collisions in 24-hours at intersection

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The intersection of Highways 1 and 9 at Whitewood was the site of two more major collisions this week, both happening just over 24-hours apart.

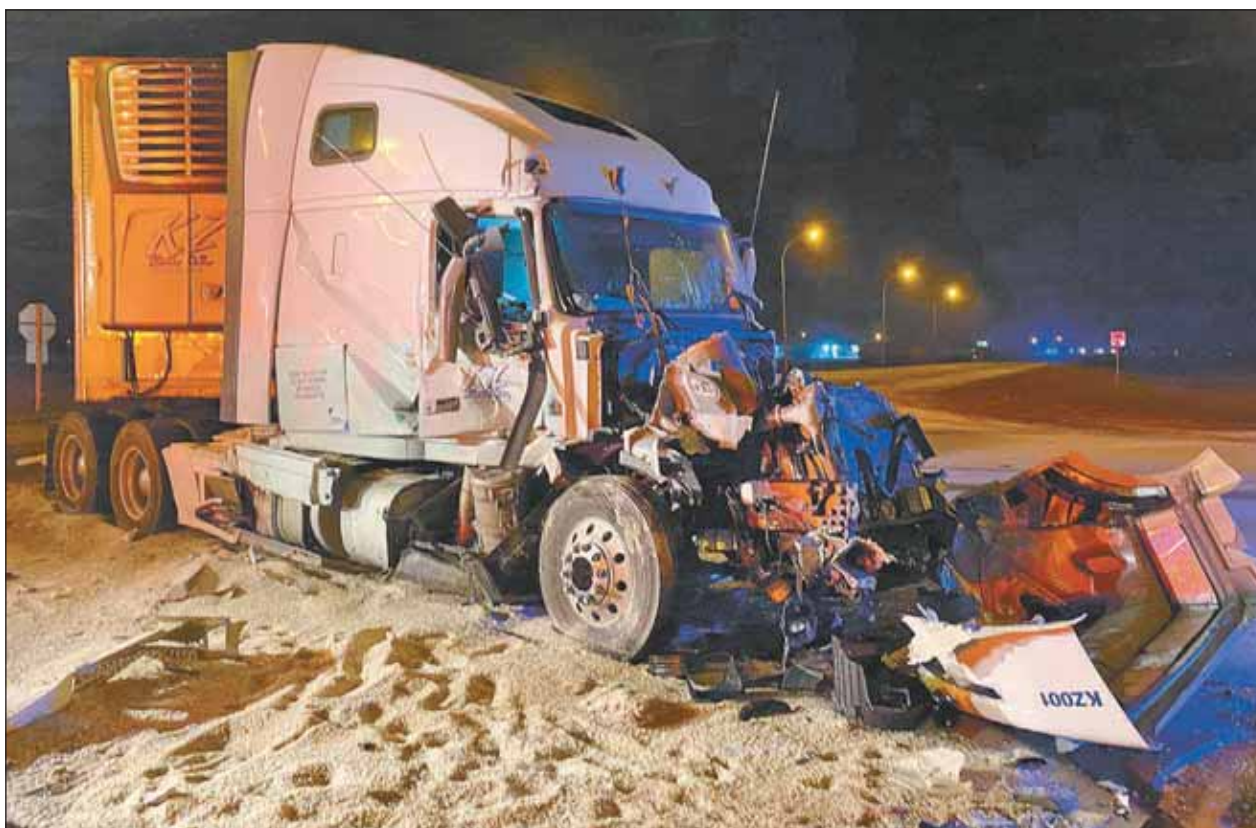
The first accident occurred at around 6 p.m. on March 23 when a flatdeck truck driving north in Highway 1 was attempting to cross Highway 9 when it was struck broadside by a westbound passenger car. The car was slingshot backwards into the north ditch of the twinned Highway 1 while the flatdeck stopped north of the intersection on Highway 9.

The two occupants of the car were treated by Whitewood EMS and one was transported to hospital for further examination. The two passengers in the flatdeck were not injured.

The westbound lane of Highway 1 was restricted to one lane for approximately an hour while Broadview RCMP investigated and the scene was cleaned up.

Just over 24 hours later, at 8:30 p.m. on March 24, another accident happened at the same intersection when a Dept. of Highways salt truck that was travelling northbound was hit broadside by a semi unit travelling east on Highway 1. The collision sent the Highways truck into the ditch between the two lanes of traffic while the semi came to rest in the medium on the highway, blocking both north and southbound traffic.

The eastbound lane of Highway 1 was shut down and traffic detoured down the service road into Whitewood. Both north and southbound traffic was rerouted around the scene while one westbound lane remained open. The highway was not reopened until almost midnight after the scene was cleaned up and vehicles were removed.



CHRIS ASHFIELD | GRASSLANDS NEWS

## Semi vs snow plow

The drivers of this semi and a snow plow escaped serious injuries after a collision at the intersection of Highways 1 and 9 in Whitewood on March 24 resulting in the highway being shut down and rerouted for over three hours. The collision was the second to happen at the junction in just over a 24-hour period.

Both the driver of the semi and the Dept. of Highways trucks were assessed at the scene and neither were transported to hospital by Whitewood EMS.

The accidents this week were the second and third collision at the intersection since the speed was reduced from 110 km/h to 80 km/h on Nov. 6, 2019. The first happened just three weeks after the speed was reduced. In all three situations, none of the eight people involved was seriously injured.

Local firefighters say that while the collisions seem to continue to plague the dangerous intersection even after the speed reduction, the slower speeds are likely saving lives.

“Reduced speed definitely resulted in a better outcome in all three collisions. That and proper seatbelt use. Had any of those accidents happened with the vehicles driving 110 km/h or faster on Highway 1, it is very likely that one, two or even all three of those accidents would have resulted in very serious

injuries or deaths. Instead, most people walked away with minor injuries,” said deputy chief Chris Ashfield.

Motorists are reminded that it is the law to slow to 60 km/h and move over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with its emergency lights activated.



## UPDATE ON FEDERAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES DURING COVID-19

Conservatives are calling for the government to do more to help individuals and small businesses during this difficult time. We believe the government should increase the amount available for wages to keep Canadians working. We have also called for the government to refund the GST that small businesses have collected for the past few months. This would assist small business survive this downturn and protect many jobs.

The federal government is working to support Canadians affected by COVID-19. The following are some support actions that you should be aware of:

### Tax Filing Deadlines

- Instead of an April 30 filing deadline for the 2020 tax season, Canadians will have until June 1 to submit their income tax return to CRA. The deadline to pay off any outstanding balances interest-free will also be extended to July 31.
- Businesses will also have more time to pay their taxes without paying interest or penalties. The new deadline will be July 31 to pay any corporate taxes or make scheduled instalment payments.

### Employment Insurance

- Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits provide up to 15 weeks of income replacement and is available to eligible claimants who are unable to work because of illness, injury or quarantine, to allow them time to restore their health and return to work. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online at [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca) or by calling ahead at 1-800-206-7218. This line is very busy, but if you leave a message they should return your call by 4:30 the same day.
- The one-week waiting period for EI sickness benefits will be waived for new claimants who are quarantined so they can be paid for the first week of their claim
- People claiming EI sickness benefits due to quarantine will not have to provide a medical certificate
- People who cannot complete their claim for EI sickness benefits due to quarantine may apply later and have their EI claim backdated to cover the period of delay

### Emergency Support Benefits

- For Canadians without paid sick leave (or similar workplace accommodation) who are sick, quarantined or forced to stay home to care for children, the government is introducing the Emergency Care Benefit by providing up to \$900 bi-weekly, for up to 15 weeks. This benefit will provide income support to:
  - Workers, including the self-employed, who are quarantined or sick with COVID-19 but do not qualify for EI sickness benefits.
  - Workers, including the self-employed, who are taking care of a family member who is sick with COVID-19, such as an elderly parent.
  - Parents with children who require care or supervision due to school closures, and are unable to earn employment income.
- Application for the Emergency Care Benefit will be available in April 2020, and will require Canadians to attest that they meet the eligibility requirements. They will need to re-attest every two weeks to reconfirm their eligibility.



HON. **ANDREW SCHEER** MP  
REGINA-QU'APPELLE

My staff and I are available to answer questions and assist constituents in Regina-Qu'Appelle. My office can be reached by phone at 306-790-4727. You may also contact Service Canada at 1-800-O-Canada, and you can find national updates at [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus).

[www.andrewmp.ca](http://www.andrewmp.ca)