

O'Toole takes helm of party from Scheer

*Lamenting Lewis' loss.
Reaction to O'Toole's win.*

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Erin O'Toole won the Conservative leadership on Sunday, but Dr. Leslyn Lewis won the hearts and minds of Saskatchewan voters.

Lewis, a Jamaican born Toronto lawyer, was the first choice for party leader among delegates in the province who voted. Saskatchewan was accorded 1400 points in the ranked ballot system and Lewis took 554 points - or 40 per cent of the vote on the first ballot; O'Toole 369, Derek Sloan 252 and the perceived front-runner, Peter MacKay came in last with 224 votes.

Public opinion in Andrew Scheer's riding appears to be one of frustration. Voters in Regina-Qu'Appelle still are unhappy that Scheer was forced out as leader after reducing the Liberals to a minority government. But at the same time, the talk on coffee row the day after O'Toole's win suggests local Conservatives fear he won't do any better than Scheer against Justin Trudeau.

"My first choice was

Lewis," said Modern Propane's Bill Carter. "She earned my respect for what she has accomplished. I admired her courage to come to this country as a child, get a good education, and even think of running for party leader. A leader should not be elected based on colour, sex or religion. Saskatchewan people respect hard work, courage and honesty." Carter said people will "probably be happy enough" with O'Toole but said he is still a relative unknown, and now that he is getting ready to lead, he must take into account the fact that leadership means including the west.

"I voted for Lewis. I thought she would bring something different to the party," said long-time Conservative supporter, Humphrey Bartlett. "Scheer may not have been the best man, but he was our man. He deserved another chance," said Bartlett who said he could not forgive Peter MacKay for the disparaging remarks MacKay made about Scheer after the election.

Voters say the challenge is to stem the



A detailed breakdown of the Conservative leadership results in Regina-Qu'Appelle reveals the strength of the Leslyn Lewis campaign in Saskatchewan. Lewis took the lead in every Saskatchewan riding except one.

SASKATCHEWAN RESULTS:
Leslyn Lewis - 36.78 per cent
Erin O'Toole - 35.09 per cent
Derek Sloan - 15.64 per cent
Peter MacKay - 12.47 per cent

New Conservative leader

Connie Wowchuk watches the results of the Conservative leadership results which saw Erin O'Toole elected with 57 per cent of the votes. While O'Toole beat out Peter MacKay on the third ballot, it was Leslyn Lewis that won over the people of Saskatchewan.

growing tide of western alienation in the west and avoid a split in the party. At the same time, they agree he has to build support in the greater Toronto area if he hopes to defeat the Trudeau government. "The west is secure with O'Toole, but the Conservative Party itself still has a problem," said Brad Brathwaite, who won his bet that MacKay would lose the race. "The results speak volumes about the state of the party," he said.

Former Fort Qu'Appelle Mayor Connie Wowchuk said she can live

with the results. "I'll be voting for O'Toole. But I like Lewis. If she sticks to something scripted, she's fine, but she lacks experience." Lewis, campaigned on a promise to abolish the carbon tax, is against assisted suicide and wants to cut foreign aid to countries that offer abortion.

Erin O'Toole, 47, made it clear in his acceptance speech that the party needs to broaden its base if it is to win the next election. "I believe that whether you are black, white, brown or from any race or creed, whether you are LGBT or straight, whether you are an Indigenous Canadian or have joined the Canadian family three weeks ago or three generations ago," he said; "Whether you're doing well or barely getting by; whether you worship on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or not at all ... you are an important part of Canada and you have a home in the Conservative Party of Canada."

That message may not appeal to hard-core social conservatives like Brad Trost who remain an influential voice within the party. "I suggest O'Toole take a few days off to think about where he wants to take the party," said Trost, the former Saskatoon MP who came in fourth in the last Conservative leadership race. "He should come back after Labour Day with a plan that lays out four positive things he wants to accomplish for the

country."

Lynda Morton is not impressed with the new leader either. "Truthfully, I am not a fan of lawyers. I was hoping to see Lewis win. That would have been real change from the 'good old boys club,' who are in charge of the party."

O'Toole is the third leader of the Conservative Party which was brought about when the Canadian Alliance and former Progressive Conservative Party merged. A former minister of Veterans Affairs in Stephen Harper's cabinet for six months, he came fourth in the leader-

ship race that chose Andrew Scheer as leader.

O'Toole has a month to come up with a policy and react to the Trudeau government's Throne Speech when Parliament opens for a new session in September. He will have to explain exactly how the conservatives would handle the economic turmoil the country faces as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis.

The most recent polls suggest the Liberals have a 90 per cent chance of winning the most seats if the government is brought down in a vote of non-confidence.

Andrew Scheer expresses confidence in Erin O'Toole

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Andrew Scheer says he is confident his successor, Erin O'Toole, will "stand up for Saskatchewan, and address the very real issue of western alienation."

In an e-mail to Grasslands News, the Regina-Qu'Appelle MP says he is handing the party over to O'Toole in stronger shape than when he took over. "We have more seats that ever before in opposition, won the popular vote and the party is debt free."

The former Conservative leader said he will campaign to ensure that O'Toole becomes the next Prime Minister of Canada.

"Erin has a plan to stop the attacks on Canada's energy sector. I am confident his message will resonate with Canadians."

In his farewell speech as leader, Scheer said he believes "Millions of Canadians share our conservative values, they just don't know it yet."

Scheer said he considered it an honour to be party leader for three years. "I cannot thank the people of Regina Qu'Appelle, and indeed all of Saskatchewan, enough for their support during the last few years."



Leadership hand-off

Newly elected Conservative leader Erin O'Toole (left) raises his hand in celebration with outgoing leader Andrew Scheer following the results of the vote. Scheer says he has complete confidence in O'Toole as the new leader.

K3 Potash Mine - Esterhazy, SK

Slip-form concrete grows over six inches per hour

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A continuous slip-form concrete pour to construct a 313-foot-tall south headframe to accompany the sky-high existing north headframe at K3 in Esterhazy, SK, began on Aug. 14.

Being done by Mosaic contractor Hamon Custodis Cottrell Canada, Inc., the continuous pour height will reach 307 feet and will take a massive 784 concrete trucks and 24 back-to-back days to complete.

Once the main slip-form is completed, an additional six-foot section is poured for the top 'pent-house' base which will take another week or so, with Hamon demobilizing at the end of September.

Incredibly, every hour the structure grows another six and a half inches. A concrete truck arrives every 45 minutes – delivering a total of 4,350 cubic meters of concrete. Another three million pounds of rebar (reinforcing steel) is also part of the build.

The new south headframe is a replacement for the smaller temporary 'headframe' which was previously used for shaft sinking and for the installation



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Headframe takes shape

A continuous slip-form concrete pour of the new south headframe, at Esterhazy's K3 potash mine, will take 24 back-to-back days and 784 concrete truck loads to a total of 4,350 cubic meters of concrete, that will reach 307 feet above ground.

of shaft bottom steel in the mine.

Once the headframe structure is complete, work will shift inside the

headframe to prepare it for operation. This includes adding the infrastructure needed to hoist millions of tonnes of potash ore from the new K3 mine, which will be transported on overland conveyors to the existing K1 and K2 mills for processing.

"Safety will continue to be the top priority as the Mosaic and Hatch project team carefully and continuously build on Esterhazy's potash legacy and Mosaic's future, one inch at a time," adds Director, Capital – K3, Bernie Boutin.

The K3 Project in Esterhazy is next door to the existing K1 and K2 sites. K3 is the third mine to be built in Esterhazy

and is considered to be in a 'transition phase' as the company shifts underground mining operations at K1 and K2 over to K3. An overland conveyance system will carry K3 ore to the existing K1 and K2 mills. As development continues at K3, underground operations will incrementally shift to the new, state-of-the-art mine.

With a headframe rising 375 feet above the land of living skies, to a shaft sinking 3,350 feet below, the new K3 mine signifies the future of potash for the area and the company. The \$3 billion-dollar project is nearing its final phases with the full transition planned by mid-2022.

The project, which kicked off in 2009, has brought significant capital investment and contract work to the area as the first new underground shaft to be sunk in the Province. In 2011, shaft sinking began and continued into 2017 when the potash ore body was reached. Surface infrastructure and underground preparations continue to be completed alongside our global contracted partners.

Nutrien purchases subsurface rights

253 square miles near Stockholm, SK

By Kevin Weekmark
for Grasslands News

Nutrien acquired more than 253 square kilometres of mineral rights near Stockholm earlier this year in what the company describes as an investment for the very long term. "That acquisition is looking decades into the future," a Nutrien spokesperson said.

"In May, we completed a Crown lease agreement with North Atlantic Potash that provides Nutrien with another 263.5 square kilometers of subsurface mineral rights north-west of our Rocanville potash mine," a Nutrien spokesperson said.

The amount of the sale contract was not revealed.

The lease area, known as KL-279 or the Stockholm Project, is rich in potassium chloride – in the range of 30 to 45 percent at the depth of 1.1 to 1.2 kms – and holds the potential to add 30 years of mining to Rocanville. This was a strategic long-term investment to support future expansions of Rocanville and ensure that our potash network remains strong and competitive.

"Adding decades of potash production at Rocanville is also good news for our employees, customers and communities who rely on our operations to grow and thrive.

"That acquisition is looking decades into the future. It's not medium term or long term, it's the very long term. That's not on the horizon at the moment; it was a strategic acquisition. It has the potential to add to the life of the mine, which is always good when you have any big resource asset. It's al-



ways good to look decades ahead and ensure you've got ongoing potential for development. It's a really key investment for Nutrien in that part of the world."

Nutrien adds over 500 contractor jobs

Between 500 and 600 contractors will be working on a project at Nutrien Rocanville in October.

"The 500-600 workers are contractors. This involves 24-7 coverage, so typically 100-150 contractors on-site at one time during the peak periods. Nutrien employees are also completing maintenance work as well," a Nutrien spokesperson said.

"Rocanville will be completing the planned turnaround over a four week period in October," Nutrien said.

"The number of workers involved will vary over the four weeks, with

500-600 during the peak.

"This is typical for turnarounds at Rocanville and in line with previous years' work. The timeframe for the turnaround has not been affected by COVID-19."

"Further out, the focus will be sustaining essential capital, and replacing and modernizing equipment in the original mill to match the functionality of the new mill."

Rocanville is a low-cost producer within Nutrien's system, and the mine is important to the future of the company's potash production.

"Long term, the outlook for Rocanville remains positive and productive," said Nutrien. "Rocanville will continue to carry the production load for our potash network, and we will continue to invest in safety, technology and operational efficiencies to maintain its strong, low cost production within the network."

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Pastor Lowell Dennis

Dual parish pastor retiring after more than 30 years

By Dianne Dennis
Grasslands News

Pastor Lowell Dennis, of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cupar and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Southey, is retiring from full-time dual parish ministry! Pastor Dennis was ordained in Brampton, ON, in June of 1988 after convocating from St. Catharines Concordia Lutheran Seminary. He married Diane at the end of July and then they drove to serve his first parish in Luseland, SK, from Aug. 1988 to April, 1990, then he accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church in Regina (April, 1990 to Jan, 1995). He then accepted a call to Hope Lutheran Church, Winnipeg and was there from Feb. 1995 to Sept. 1999.

On Oct. 3, 1999, Pastor Dennis started in the dual parish ministry of St. Paul, Cupar and Zion, North Southey (a rural parish), until Southey joined in 2009, and it became a triple parish with services rotating each Sunday from 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. When the North Southey church flooded in the fall of 2014, the congregation closed and joined Emmanuel, Southey. The dual parishes rotated weekly between 9 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Pastor Dennis was involved as a Cir-

cuit Counsellor for this area, overseeing the churches from Southey to Fort Qu'Appelle. He served as the Zone Counsellor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada in the Regina (Capital) Zone from 1993 to 1995; for the Winnipeg Zone from 1995 to 1999, and back to Capital Zone from 2008-2011. He was the Manitoba-Saskatchewan District LWMLC Counsellor from 2009 to 2013.

Pastor has also helped at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, here in Fort Qu'Appelle over the years, serving at vacancies after Pastors Greg Lutz, Mike Keith and Todd Guggenmos left, as well as leading Advent/Lent services and helping in family emergencies. He also helped many times as a Camp Counsellor at Camp Lutherland. During the initial months of the pandemic, Our Saviour used the online taped videos of worship services from St. Paul Lutheran and posted to their Facebook page.

In the Cupar community, he was a soccer coach when his children were young, set up for events at Cupar Public Library and helped with Meals on Wheels. He loves music and sang with the North Southey/Southey choirs, which travelled around the area. He was the meat-cutter for the North Southey/

Southey famous July Beef Pit BBQs! He had been on the "Holy Rollers" bowling team in Lipton for many years as well.

Because of COVID-19, his retirement plans changed and his two congregations have not yet found his replacement. He will be staying in Cupar for the year to help with St. Paul's services, only on a part-time basis. There won't

be any retirement parties but you are invited to send your greetings through the St. Paul Lutheran address at P.O. Box 427, Cupar, SK S0G 0Y0.

We wish you well in your retirement and subsequent move! Thank you for your years of service to your communities and area!



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Pastor retiring

Pastor Lowell Dennis from the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cupar and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southey is set to retire after more than 30-years of service.

Armed robbery in Esterhazy

Shortly before 8 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, Esterhazy RCMP were dispatched to an armed robbery in progress. An adult male and an adult female had entered a business on Kennedy Drive in Esterhazy and demanded money from the employees. It was reported that the female was armed with a handgun.

An employee disarmed the female and restrained her while another employee called 911.

The male exited the building and got into a white 2008 Ford F250, licence plate 218 ILB. He proceeded to drive into the front door of the business numerous times. At this point, the employee released the female and she got into the suspect vehicle and the two individuals fled the scene.

The truck has been reported stolen from the Whitewood area.

If anyone has any information about this armed robbery, please call the Esterhazy RCMP at 306-743-5600. Information can also be submitted anonymously to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

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Council Remuneration

TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with the Public Notice Policy No. A 180 adopted by the City of Melville and in accordance with *The Cities Act*, the following item will be discussed by the Council of the City of Melville at the Regular Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Melville City Hall at 420 Main Street in Melville, Saskatchewan:

- A proposed Amendment of the Policy to set Council Remuneration effective November 16, 2020..

Dated this 24th day of August, 2020.

Ron McCullough
City Manager/City Clerk

Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan Safe School Plan

As summer starts to wind down, students, teachers and school staff are preparing to get back to the classroom. Of course, the COVID-19 pandemic has ensured that the coming school year will be unlike any other. The Government of Saskatchewan, alongside our Chief Medical Health Officer and education officials, is focused on providing more information, more time, more testing and more resources to ensure a safe return to school in September.

Recently, it was announced that an additional \$40 million will match and complement \$40 million that school divisions have realized in savings, making for a total of \$80 million available to divisions for a safe return to school. This funding will cover pandemic-related costs such as staffing and sanitation supplies, non-classroom options like distance learning to help ensure immunocompromised and medically fragile students, as well as the procurement of masks, PPE and other supplies.

School-specific operation plans are being finalized, posted online and communicated to parents and students. Working within provincial guidelines and public health guidance provided in the Safe Schools Plan, school divisions are implementing initiatives like block scheduling, cohorting, and considerations for alternating school days. Additional staff to reduce class sizes in exceptional circumstances will also be considered.

Students will not be returning to the classroom until Tuesday, September 8. This extra time will provide an opportunity for teachers and staff to return to schools across the province to get training on new protocols, properly reconfigure classrooms and, where possible, hold virtual meetings with parents to discuss new procedures.

The province is also working toward daily testing capacity of 4,000 tests and will continue to offer universal testing for anyone who wants it. Regina and Saskatoon will be introducing drive-thru testing sites which will require only a health card, not a referral. All teachers and school staff are being encouraged to seek testing prior to returning to school and at frequent points throughout the school year. Priority access to testing will be established for teachers and school staff, with referrals available through 811.

Targeted school testing is a key focus of expanded testing plans which include targeted monitoring, testing of students with parental consent, and priority testing for teachers and school staff. Participating schools will be selected based on a number of factors such as number of students in the school and if the community is experiencing a recent surge of new cases. In-school public health visits for routine childhood vaccinations will now include COVID-19 testing, where parental consent is granted.

As part of the school specific plans, parents will receive detailed information that includes instructions about what to do if a child tests positive, and what a classroom and school would do to follow up and protect others.

While there is uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, Saskatchewan's Safe Schools Plan takes the necessary steps to ensure students, teachers and school staff can return to the classroom safely. You can learn more at Saskatchewan.ca. And as always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact my constituency office.



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Melville’s 2019 Financial Statement shows good year

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

The 2019 Financial Statement for the City of Melville was summarized by Mayor Walter Streelasky when he stated, “2019 was a good progressive year in our city.”

The 2019 Financial Statement was presented at the Aug. 17, 2020 meeting of council showing \$2,485,420 profit for the year. This was down from the \$3,167,636 profit in the previous year.

The decrease in profit is not discouraging though with all the contractual work done in 2019, increasing the costs over \$896,000 in this area alone. Projects such as the North Dyke rehabilitation completion, relining or replacing sewer lines, recreational improvements and the replacement of the City Hall roof are just a few of the many projects completed.

An allocation in 2019 of \$2,224,462 to Reserves, utilized to allocate equity and designate funds for future projects, brought the Total Reserves as of Dec. 31, 2019 to \$15,901,611.

Revenues

The 2019 revenues of \$12,795,247 have steadily increased on a year-to-year basis, mostly due to changes in utility rates in preparation for the implementation of operations of the new Water Treatment Plant. Revenues have also increased due to expiration of certain tax exemptions on new property within the city and a land sale, which took place in 2018 and account for approximately \$665,000 of a gain on sale.

Revenues increased in all areas of operations except for a decrease of \$77,651 under Grants in lieu of taxes. Rounding off figures to the nearest thousand, revenues include:

- Taxation and charges accounted for \$4,843,000 (an increase of \$212,000),

- Unconditional grants \$831,000 (an increase of \$28,000),
- User charges and fees \$5,812,000 (an increase of \$624,000),
- Operating grants and donations \$305,000 (an increase of \$75,000),
- Interest and penalties \$272,000 (an increase of \$80,000),
- Tangible Capital Asset Sales \$15,000 (an increase of \$6,000) and
- Land Sales \$2,066 (a decrease of \$663,000).

Total revenue was \$12,795,247, an increase of \$284,864 over the previous year. The main sources of the City’s revenues are through taxation, 37.9 per cent of total revenues, and user charges and fees, 45.4 per cent of total revenues.

Expenses

Expenses, again being rounded off to the nearest thousand, totaled \$10,310,000.

Expenses increased by approximately \$967,000 with most of this attributable to contractual costs, showing an increase of just over \$896,000 to \$3.6M in this expense category. Contractual costs increased due to the repair work done on Melville North Dyke as budgeted for and the remainder relates to costs for the operation of the Water Treatment Plant and also for repairs on the HCUC ice chiller.

Other expenses showing increases were Salaries, wages and benefits \$2,961,000 (increase of \$73,000), Grants and contributions \$434,000 (increase of \$63,000), Amortization \$1,554,000 (increase of \$22,000) and the allowance for uncollectable was increased from \$12,500 to \$135,000.

Expenses showing decreases included Council remuneration (decrease of \$800), Utilities \$682,000 (decrease of \$30,000), Maintenance, materials and supplies \$769,000 (decrease of \$110,000), Interest and financial charges \$64,000 (decreases of \$25,000), Landfill closure costs \$124,000

(showing credit of \$4,000) while Other was \$1,750 (decrease of \$6800).

Expenses by Functional Area 2019 were:

- General Government \$1,754,000 (17 per cent of expenditures)
- Protective Services \$743,000 (7.2 per cent)
- Transportation Services \$1,632,000 (15.8 per cent)
- Environmental & Public Health \$64,000 (0.6 per cent)
- Planning & Development \$327,000 (3.2 per cent)
- Recreation & Culture \$3,169,000 (30.7 per cent)
- Water Utility \$1,668,000 (16.2 per cent)
- Sewer Utility \$390,000 (3.8 per cent)
- Refuse Utility \$467,000 (4.5 per cent)
- Transit Utility (0.9 per cent).

Mayor & City Manager comments

Mayor Walter Streelasky stated in his message regarding the 2019 Financial Statement that “The City of Melville’s futuristic vision statement that Melville will be a city of choice by being a clean, safe and welcoming community, with sustained growth through citizen involvement and employee dedications, continues to be the goal we strive for.”

He continued to comment about the personal pride through cleanliness in the community living space and the support for World Earth Day and Melville Beautification committee’s volunteerism. Policing priorities have created an effective communication bond between the local police force and the city-community based committee. The Volunteer Fire Department is well equipped with modern equipment and staffed by highly trained dedicated personnel.

Other highlights mentioned by the mayor include the new SaskWater Regional Plant and the Prairie Co-op “Hospitality Corridor” land purchase. CN Rail constantly makes necessary expansions and improvements such as a 20 million marshaling upgrade that

occurred in the Melville yard with an additional 20 miles of double tracking constructed in 2019.

“Horizon Credit Union Centre, built as a ‘Gathering Place,’ is certainly addressing our needs by serving as a major regional community recreational and entertainment site,” Mayor Streelasky added and also commented the Kinsmen Regional Park has undergone major changes as the city attempts to make the family park as functional and enjoyable as possible.

“Looking to the future, we believe Melville is well positioned for imminent growth and development,” he concluded.

Ron McCullough joined the team as city manager in Feb. 2019 and feels the City of Melville Leadership Team has been disciplined and diligent in developing a comprehensive asset management plan over the past several years and 2019 saw some of the early stages of investment or plan implementation.

Some highlights include the water purchase agreement with SaskWater resulting in an approximate \$500,000 reduction in future annual costs from 2020 and beyond.

“This helped reduce significant water utility rate increases for 2020 and beyond ... clean potable water should not be taken for granted and when faced with a \$37 million water treatment facility (infrastructure investment), it generally is not cheap,” McCullough commented in his message to the report. Of mention was also the necessary steps taken to review and renegotiate the water purchase agreement with Yorkville Public Utility Board.

McCullough also noted the changes in 2020 for solid waste management that will lead to maintaining the landfill through improved management and operational systems with curbside pickup of garbage and recycling.

“Melville truly is a great place to live, work, play, raise a family and retire!” the city manager added.

Be cautious of phone scams

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

A reader from Grenfell contacted Grasslands News last week with an important reminder for her fellow senior citizens: “don’t believe everything you hear.”

The individual said she received a phone call from someone claiming that she had won a large sum of money from the

STARS Lottery. Although she has donated to the popular Saskatchewan fundraiser, she was immediately suspicious when the caller insisted she send a check to him in order to claim her prize.

“This really bothers me – they just pester you on the phone something awful and they make it sound real,” she told Grasslands News. “I do support STARS, but I

didn’t expect an \$80,000 check from them so that tweaked my mind and I knew right away that it couldn’t be.”

According to the STARS Lottery website, winners will never be required to send money in order to claim their prize. Winning tickets can be verified on the official STARS Lottery website or by calling 1-855-449-2444.

Unfortunately, seniors are often vulnerable targets for telephone scammers and the RCMP in Alberta and Saskatchewan have received several complaints about this particular scam over the past year. Individuals who receive a similar call are encouraged to hang up the phone immediately, record the number calling and inform their local RCMP detachment, or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.



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New Transit bus now operating in Whitewood

By Volunteer Transportation Committee
for Grasslands News

In 2018, interested individuals from the Whitewood Volunteer Transportation Committee met with representatives from the Whitewood Town Council to commence fundraising to replace the 2003 transit bus. This was followed by a year of fundraising.

The committee was delighted by the response from the local seniors, community groups, local individuals, the RMs of Silverwood and Willowdale, the Whitewood businesses and some businesses from the surrounding area.

The generous donations rolled in over the course of 2019. Every donation, small or large, was gratefully accepted.

The Town of Whitewood applied for and received a provincial transportation grant, which covered 38 per cent of the total cost of the new replacement vehicle.



Four donors contributed \$10,000 or more, to cover 30 per cent of the total cost. These generous donors are Whitewood Farmers and Friends Curling, Borderland

Co-op, Mosaic and Kinsmen Telemiracle. These donors are being recognized by having their business decals placed on the new 2019 transportation vehicle.

That left 32 per cent of the cost to be fundraised locally. Businesses and Rural Municipalities were canvassed and responded generously. The RM of Silverwood and Enbridge jump started the fundraiser, each contributing \$5,000. Individuals and local seniors and local groups got creative with their fundraisers. Soup and sandwich events, barbecues, basket raffles, golf tournament proceeds, and memorial contributions, all quickly contributed to the total.

In early June 2019, the fundraising Committee, made up of volunteer transit bus drivers and representatives from town council, had reached their fundraising goal of \$145,000 so that the order for the 2019 Ford Transit Connect could be placed. It was a great feeling for the committee and a terrific achievement for the community of Whitewood. The 2019 Ford was delivered at the end of March 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no bus service was offered from the middle of March through to the end of July.

The Town of Whitewood and the committee are very pleased that as of the beginning of Aug. 2020, the transit bus service is once again available. The new 2019 Ford Transit bus is in operation and can be booked by calling the Whitewood town office at 306-735-2210. Congratulations to the community of Whitewood and a huge "Thank You" to every contributor for your generous support!

Pickled egg business expands from Cupar to the coast

By Dianne Dennis
Grasslands News

Nanjo's Gourmet Cackleberries – Totally "EGG" DICTING Pickled Eggs – is a business located in Cupar. It originally started out at the farmer's market level in 2012 and has expanded to a retail level in 2015, and, only recently, developed a partnership with larger trading partners such as Federated Co-op and Save on Foods, all the way to the west coast!

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Help our schools as they open with regimental lifestyles

As our children and the staff in our schools return to the classrooms in a few short days, we all have high hopes that we will not hear of COVID-19 cases in any of our communities or our schools.

But if – or should I say when – a case arises, people need to remember a very important fact. The case of Covid-19 that may occur in your child’s school probably did not come from that facility.

The infection has obviously been carried into the schools by someone, or something, from the outer world, at no fault of their own.

The school divisions, their teachers and staff are entering a new world of responsibilities within our schools. These people are just as aware of the pandemic as everyone else and they have no desire to see any of those within the bounds of their school day become inflicted with the coronavirus.

Some of the new regulations are beneficial not only for students during a pandemic but hopefully will also help instill some actions that have been lost over the years – as you see, there is going to need to be patience, order, respect, obedience and calmness.

It will be up to the teachers to not only teach the A,B,Cs but they are now tasked with teaching the students a whole new lifestyle of actions and restrictions that have been imposed on them by a virus.

There will be no more buddies grabbing their friends hand as they run off to play or teenagers roughhousing or

snuggling with their friends. A change in hair color may not be (or for some may be) a good idea as you may not be recognized under your mask! Students will have to follow the rules continually and learn to understand that the teachers didn’t make the rules but they have been put in place for safety – and are necessary.

Of course, there will the ‘smart’ kids who cough as a means of testing their hopes to be sent home and other kids that will live in daily fear that this guy or gal may really have the virus.

Teachers, staff and students are now entering a new school year regimented like no other term of learning has seen in the past while. This may not be the worst thing to happen – there probably needs to be a lot more order, respect, obedience and a much slower pace in life for us all.

We are all in this together. The child, teacher or staff that enters the schools have all come from another place, where other people who have been other places also live. Is your home following the suggestions and regulations to keep the curve levelled?

Are you, as a parent, running to the store or to your place of employment, all the while avoiding social distancing, wearing of masks when necessary and are you continuing to wash your hands and/or disinfect?

Are you as a parent or guardian, teaching your children what a pandemic is, what could happen when others contact COVID-19 and the reasons why each regulation has been put

in place?

Have you given them knowledge to understand so they do not live in fear of their own safety or their family and friends? Have you told them that masks filter the droplets you project so others cannot breathe them in? They prevent you from spreading the virus when you may have no symptoms that you are a carrier. Have you told them that social distancing means they will be in their own area (or invisible bubble) so their space is cleaner? Droplets carrying the virus are believed to not carry any further than the 2 meters suggested for social distancing.

Actually, it is a very simple procedure for all of us to follow. It’s kind of like, if you don’t like the smell of the barnyard, would you walk in and sit in the middle of it? No, you would probably cover your mouth and nose and avoid being near where the problem you dislike is. So, cover your nose and mouth to stop the ‘smell’ of the virus and distance from others that may be creating the problem.

The sooner the cause of the virus, the control of it and our return to more of our social lifestyles, the lesser the effects on all people in our communities will be. This regimented lifestyle is a whole new unknown that will have long lasting effects.

Right now, let’s help our schools who have the daunting task of supervising, teaching and dealing with the psychological needs of our children in this new normal.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

O’Toole may be taking better approach

By Murray Mandryk
Political Columnist

They say religion and politics don’t mix, but nobody really ever explains why.

It’s really because there isn’t much compromise in our religious views, which is perfectly fine.

Politics, however, is all about compromise – not only just a need to compromise religious beliefs, but also a need to make concessions on a whole variety of views to fit the needs of a society that encompasses a lot of different views.

It’s early in the tenure of new Conservative Party of Canada leader Erin O’Toole, but it does seem he may be getting this concept in a way that Andrew Scheer perhaps didn’t.

In a free democracy, we are all entitled to our private religious beliefs. Frankly, we are all still entitled to our private beliefs on most anything.

It’s only when individuals spout their private views on personal matters – often, for the explicit purposes of converting others that they should share that view – that such views become a problem. And they especially become a problem for politicians who either promote specific views because they sincerely believe them or

because they see some political advantage in promoting them.

This has become a significant problem for the Conservative Party – a problem that O’Toole needs to address.

Since the demise of the old Progressive Conservative party that re-emerged without the “progressive” aspect in their title, some have questioned whether they can form a national government.

Well, clearly they can, as we have seen the past couple decades.

Stephen Harper – who will be seen as the father of the modern-day Conservative party – certainly held many social conservative views. But that didn’t prohibit him from leading the then very new party to 10 years in power (albeit, only one of his four elections produced a majority government).

For Harper and his era of Conservatives, it was a matter of re-focusing on other things like the economy. It was also a matter of being able to address social issues when they come up, as Harper clearly did when he issued an apology to First Nations and Metis survivors of residential schools.

That the CPC, itself, would force Scheer to resign after just one election in which he forced the Justin Trudeau Liberals into minority government territory and secured the most votes



was an admission of something that was right.

For whatever qualities Scheer demonstrated as a family man who was personally likable, there was uneasiness both inside and outside the party that he could not be seen to separate his personal beliefs from party policy.

Whatever Harper’s personal views were on social issues, he defined himself as a fiscal conservative who would not change laws on issues involving things like women’s reproductive choice or protection of those in the LGBTQ community. (And make no mistake that there was considerable pressure on those inside and outside caucus to do so.)

Scheer struggled in these areas. Coupled with the fact that many Canadians were looking for a leader with serious environmental policies, Scheer faced an erosion of trust.

O’Toole seems to be determined not to make the same mistake and is perhaps better positioned to not repeat errors.

For starters, his voting record as an MP and minister in Harper’s government was one of pro-choice and supportive of

LGBTQ issues.

In other words, he did not come to the helm of the Conservative party beholding to the social conservatives, although it was evident social conservatives were more comfortable with them than they were with rival Peter MacKay.

O’Toole has also sent out strong early signals his priorities will be Western alienation and support of the oil, gas and agriculture sectors.

This is critical not just for the CPC but also for the good of the country as a whole.

In his early days, O’Toole is demonstrating he gets it.

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City of Melville creates bylaw for mail-in ballots

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The City of Melville has passed a bylaw that will allow residents to cast a ballot in upcoming municipal elections using a mail-in ballot.

The Mail-In Bylaw was officially passed by city council at their Aug. 17 meeting.

Ron McCullough, city manager, said that the process for mail-in ballots has been available for a while but it is not something that Melville had previously established. With the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing now a con-

cern for many people, the city felt now was the time to implement the bylaw.

“As Returning Officer, I believe that voters should have alternative methods available to be able to exercise their right to vote, COVID-19 or not. While I have not experienced a high demand with mail-in ballots elsewhere in the past, there may be more voters consider this method due to COVID-19,” said McCullough.

According to the new bylaw, anyone wishing to vote in a municipal election by mail must apply in person no later than 15 days before Election Day. They will be required to fill out a Voter's Registration Form. They will then receive a

ballot kit that consists of the ballot they are entitled to, a security envelope and an outer envelope addressed to the returning officer, as well as a copy of the mail-in bylaw.

As with casting a ballot in person, voters will be required to properly mark their ballot and insert it into the security envelope, seal it, and insert the sealed security envelop with the ballot into the voter confirmation envelope. The confirmation envelope must then be dated and signed by the voter be-

fore sealing it inside the outer envelope to return by regular mail, registered mail, courier, in-person or by any other means. Any ballots received after the close of polls on Election Day will be deemed spoiled and not counted.

The next municipal election in Saskatchewan is Nov. 9, 2020 at which time voters will elect a mayor and councillors in urban municipalities (cities, towns, villages) and elect reeves and councillors representing odd-number divisions in rural municipalities.

Letter to the Editor - Safe Restart Agreement

Dear Editor,

As our economy starts to reopen, the health and safety of Canadians is our number one priority.

That's why the Government of Canada is acting now to put the right tools in place before a potential second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic hits.

We have negotiated a Safe Restart Agreement with the provinces and territories that will invest \$19 billion to protect the health of Canadians and ensure they can safely return to work.

This Agreement bolsters the capacity of the provinces and territories to conduct contact tracing and testing, with a goal to have capacity for up to 200,000 tests a day across the country. This is vital to containing future outbreaks quickly before they spread.

To better protect seniors in long-term care homes, we are funding infection prevention measures and

expanding eligibility for federal infrastructure funds so they can be used to modernize and renovate long-term care facilities.

We have set up a contingency reserve of personal protective equipment so front line and essential workers have the vital protection they need to do their jobs.

The Agreement also makes a significant investment to ensure sufficient and safe childcare is available for families. By ensuring staff and children are safe, parents will have the peace of mind to feel confident returning to work.

The federal government is creating a tempo-

rary national sick leave program so no one feels pressured to go to work when sick. The program will provide 10 days of paid sick leave to workers who do not already qualify through their employers to ensure they can stay home and get well.

Throughout these difficult times, Canadians have stood together to look out for one another and protect our communities.

Our government will continue to ensure that Canadians have the supports to stay safe and get through this pandemic.

- Deb Schulte
Canada's Minister of Seniors

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Grenfell town council deals with dirt bikes, ATVs

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Grenfell town council held its regular meeting on Aug. 20 with all members present.

Bryan Moorhead from the Broadview RCMP detachment attended the session to discuss council's concerns regarding illegal dirt bike and ATV use by minors in town. They informed the officer that children are frequently operating these vehicles near the railroad and Highway 47, as well as speeding along the airstrip on the north side of town. Council offered to provide the RCMP with photos and video footage of those involved.

They explained that they are concerned for the safety of youth in the community and are seeking to prevent a tragic collision with a car, grain truck, or even a plane. "It's not so much about penalties as I don't want to see the kids get hurt," Councilor Ken Hamnett stated.

The issue falls under the RCMP's jurisdiction since it violates Saskatchewan's ATV Act and Traffic Safety

Act. Moorhead indicated that there are several violations that could be cited, including operating a vehicle on public property without a license and exceeding a reasonable speed. Moorhead assured council that he would contact the parents to issue a warning, and proceed with fines and seizing of motorbikes, if necessary.

As the council meeting continued, members discussed plans for constructing a new Tourist Booth and Bulk Water facility. They voted to consult the town's engineering firm, Pinter, for assistance with layout. Mayor Wolfe told council that the lumber supplier recommended waiting until winter to order materials since demand during the COVID pandemic has tripled the price of most items.

Council discussed options for streetlight installation along the Service Road. SaskPower provided a \$92,000 quote to install 23 incandescent lights along 1,745 meters of roadway. Each light would cost \$2,800 plus \$4,000 for installation. Based on previous inquiries, the town had only allocated \$50,000 for the project in this year's budget. Mayor Rod Wolfe sug-

gested the town consider purchasing solar LED light heads and task the Public Works department with installation. This could result in considerable savings since the solar lights would cost \$600 each and there would not be additional monthly electricity fees from SaskPower. Wolfe said he would further investigate the solar light option and inform council at the next meeting.

Council acknowledged a report from Superintendent Van Bot describing repairs done on Alice Street and Athabasca Avenue. Sinkholes had developed along sewer line trenches where soil had settled more than one foot. "When the lines were put in, they didn't put a proper base, they just used dirt so the dirt is all shifting," explained CAO Brenna Ackerman "It's been so wet and now it's been so dry that everything is shifting." Bot's report stated that the impacted area was excavated, refilled with proper base, and hydraulic compaction used.

Council reviewed another report from Superintendent Bot regarding maintenance at the Community Hall. A sloped roof was being added to one section of the building, changing the original slope from 2/12 to 4/12, but the existing chimney would no longer meet code. Either a new liner needs to be installed, at a cost of \$1,400; or the furnace needs to be replaced and the hole in the roof closed, at a cost of \$3,948. Since the furnace is very old and inefficient, council voted to replace it using surplus funds from 2020, with the condition that the new high efficiency furnace be installed before the end of October.

SaskPower encourages look up for safety

Farm equipment and power lines do not mix

As harvest begins, SaskPower is reminding farmers, producers, and anyone else operating large machinery to watch out for power lines. Since January 2020, there have been over 200 incidents involving farm machinery contacting power lines and poles – each with the potential for serious injury or death.

"We're reporting roughly 30 fewer incidents involving farm equipment from this time last year – which is encouraging – but that's still too many incidents," Kevin Schwing, Director of Safety at SaskPower said. "We still need to remind everyone to be extremely careful when operating equipment near power lines, and to get home safe at the end of the day."

SaskPower reported 327 incidents involving farm equipment in 2019, resulting in damages in excess of \$635,000. Specifically, during the 2019 harvest (August 1 to October 31), 81 incidents involving farm equip-

ment occurred.

All power line contacts are completely preventable. SaskPower encourages operators to take their time, locate overhead lines, understand the size of the equipment, and identify the risks before setting out to work. SaskPower also recommends using a spotter, lowering equipment when working around power lines and guy wires, as well as operators having conversations with family and employees about the hazards of working around overhead and underground power lines.

In the event that a line or pole is contacted, an operator should remain in the vehicle or farm implement (if safe to do so) and contact SaskPower immediately at 310-2220.

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Property Tax Notices

Due to COVID-19, Council passed resolution 2020-0242 stating: THAT Council approve a mill rate of 6.1 and extend the early payment discount (5%) on the municipal portion to September 30, 2020 for the 2020 tax year notice." This is an extension from the usual date of July 31.

Utility Billing

With careful deliberation, Council has decided to return to QUARTERLY UTILITY BILLING. You will receive a utility bill in July for the month on June. Then billing will return to:

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Quarter 2 — April 1 – June 30	Billed beginning of July
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• Our **E-Transfer email** has **changed** to fortreception@sasktel.net Phone 306-332-5266 for a password.

• In an effort to be **environmentally friendly**, we are updating our accounts so we can e-bill utility bills. Please provide an updated telephone number and EMAIL address to: forttown@sasktel.net

Council Comment

Decisions, Decisions — Continuing COVID-19 Impact

This has been an exceptional year for all of us with decisions about the most basic of personal activities being restricted or the subject of extra deliberation out of concern for our safety and that of our community. The "Re-opening" has brought with it some relief but with the end of summer comes another round of challenges.

Many organizations, including service and recreational groups, are working through the process of deciding if they can now resume their functions in a manner that is safe, affordable, and within Provincial COVID-19 guidelines. Perhaps nowhere is this exemplified more than in schools where administrations, teachers, students and parents have important and relatively unprecedented decisions to make.

The Town and its Council are not immune from these new-season hurdles. Decisions must be made about the re-opening of our winter recreation facilities. Even in a normal year the timing of the Rexentre opening receives consideration as it carries significant season start-up and ongoing operational costs. It is an important facility with user demand essential to its function. This year the level of that user demand is not yet clear.

The Province is still reviewing its COVID-19 guidelines for such recreational facilities, which will have a bearing on both user groups' and operators' decisions relating to what "seasons" might look like this year. It will require everyone's input to come up with appropriate decisions for safe, functional start-up dates.

**Keep up the good work
in safe distancing,
hand washing, masking ...!**



Bert Fox High School plans for fall

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

As students prepare to return to school on Sept. 8, plans have been posted to the Prairie Valley School Division's website for individual schools. Bert Fox High School is enacting the following in order to keep the safety of all students and staff as a high priority in their school.

- Classroom hand sanitizer will be supplied and secured by classroom teacher. Additionally, students will be encouraged to have a personal supply of hand sanitizer with them at all times.

- All students Grades 4 to 12 shall use non-medical masks on buses and in high traffic areas in schools in areas where two metre physical distancing cannot be maintained. Students in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be encouraged, but not required to wear non-medical masks. The division will supply masks.

- The school will create additional middle level cohort to allow for grade 8s and grade 9s to be across the hall from each other. Students will remain in the room, and have an am and pm teacher who will come to them.

- Grade 8/9 students will be in semester courses to allow minimal personal contact.

- Grade 10's are in two cohorts and taking required courses. They will remain in their cohorts. Cohorts will each have 2 teachers who will

move to them.

- Grade 11/12 students will have one semester course, and then will be in 2 classes for 3 days, and then 2 different

- EA's will be attached to one classroom as much as possible

- Staggered release of students during class change will take place to minimize students in the hall.

- All shared instructional spaces will have schedules with time allotted for cleaning.

- Parent drop off; no entry into building except the office.

- Students may enter through the main doors, assuming that all busses can follow the soft landing procedure

- Grade 8 and 9 will use an alternate entrance, if required. Grade 8/9 will use an alternate door for breaks and will not be permitted to the front of the school.

- Breaks: time will be attached to learning blocks and teachers will manage the break needs of their students by setting break schedules and locations with their students, and between each other. No common breaks.

- Limiting the number of students who use individual devices will be done. Students are using the same device each time and 1 - 2 other people will use the same device during the day. Students can wipe down devices when finished or bring their own.

- Library books sit for 72 hours before book restocking.

- No shared use of facilities, until authorized

to do so.

- Elders and Knowledge Carriers will follow visitor protocols but are permitted to work with students within the class or Culture Room. Masks will be removed for smudge, as necessary.

- No more than two students allowed at a time in the bathroom. Grade 8/9 students will use the east washrooms (daycare). Grade 10-12 students will use the main washrooms.

- Student eating areas will match their third period class unless not possible (no eating in the science lab), and in this case will be provided an alternate room.

- Entry of students is staggered (soft landing) as students are arriving anywhere between 8:30 and 8:55. Students will be asked to proceed to their locker and go to their first period class, and not linger in the hallway

- Students accessing breakfast at the canteen will be permitted to pick up pre-packaged items and return to their period one class. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:00 am, or delivered to the classroom.

- Students will be released from their 5th period class via announcement in the following order: grade 11/12 drivers, 11/12 remaining, 10, 9, 8, in sequential order. Walking traffic will be asked to hang back for a few minutes to allow the hall to clear.

- Parent pick up will be designated on three separate streets.

- When classes are accessing their lockers, teachers will be asked to release half (every second locker) and then release the other half when students have completed their business. Students will not be permitted to share lockers.

- Town students will be asked to go home for lunch and return just prior to period 4 starting.

- Students are asked not to linger in other businesses as to reduce contact time with the general public.

- Students will be asked to complete a Google form to indicate their lunch hour needs. Students are able to utilize the free lunch program, bring a lunch, purchase the canteen lunch (monthly, weekly or daily), or go home for lunch. Students are encouraged to eat outside, on school grounds.

- Students with compromised immunity or anxiety will be supported in the event of non-attendance.

- Family Liaison will assist in family communication for the PVSD Remote learning option.

- Learning Support Teachers will support students as required with individualized plans.

- Bert Fox will use Google apps as our preferred platform for online learning.

Gene Hauta

It's A Strange World

An employee at an Orlando Burger King lost his life because someone **didn't receive their order fast enough**. That's how stupid this world can be. Desmond Joshua, 22, was shot in the parking lot by Kelvis Rodriguez-Tormes, 37. It seems the latter was standing up for a woman who was upset that her order took too long. The woman had been refunded \$40 and asked to leave by employees. She backed up her threat of bringing in 'her man'. Rodriguez-Tormes was **hit with three charges**: murder, destruction of evidence, and weapons possession.

Forgetting his sister's birthdate has finally paid off for a Calgary man whose repeated use of **"wrong" numbers produced a \$6-million Lotto 6/49 prize**. Albert Fleury has played the same combination of birthday and anniversary numbers for decades, but the number chosen for his sister's birthday was initially incorrect. He decided almost 40 years ago to stick with the numbers. His plans for the windfall include paying off his mortgage or buy a new home, and maybe some travel when COVID subsides. Fleury is the sixth Calgarian to claim a lottery prize of at least \$1 million this year.

A West Virginia woman and her husband **faked her disappearance** by pretending she plummeted from an overlook as part of a scheme to keep her out of prison. Julie Wheeler and Rodney Wheeler were arrested on multiple charges including conspiracy and giving false information to West Virginia State Police. Wheeler was reported missing by her husband and son. Authorities searched for her for days but found her "alive and well" hiding in a closet in her home. It's unclear whether the 17-year-old son will face criminal charges. Earlier, Julie Wheeler pleaded guilty to federal health care fraud after an investigation into "pill mill" clinic operations.

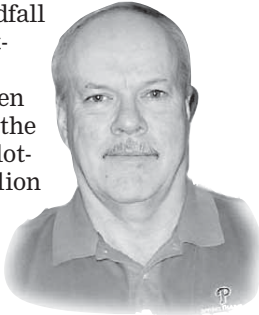
An Alberta brewery thought they had a cute name when they tagged their **new brew as Huruhuru New Zealand Hopped Pale Ale**. Well, Hell's Basement Brewery was called out by Maori TV personality Te Hamua Nikora. He explained that anyone who speaks in te reo, the dialect spoken by Maori people, would think of 'pubes' before 'feather'. Yes, 'huruhuru' refers to pubic hair and not a lot of people would rush to buy a product with that name. "Don't call it pubic hair unless you are selling pubic hair, and don't call beer pubic hair unless you make it with pubic hair. Some people call it appreciation, I call it appropriation ... It's that entitlement disease they've got. Stop it. Use your own language."

Coquille Indian Tribe booked the band The Village People through Howard Harlib, 67. Booking the band to play in the North Bend, Ore, casino, the Mill Casino sent Harlib a signed contract and a cheque for \$12,500. A few months later, casino employees noticed the band was scheduled to appear in Florida on the same day it was scheduled in Oregon. It turns out that Harlib has nothing to do with this band, but he has a lot to do with a **string of fraud and "brand theft"**. He pled guilty to wire fraud in the Village People case, and was sentenced to time served, plus three years of supervised release, and ordered to repay the \$12,500.

A Hong Kong ice cream parlour wanted "to make a flavor that reminds people they still have to persist in the protest movement and don't lose their passion." The **new flavour is "tear gas."** One customer said, "It feels difficult to breathe at first, and it's really pungent and irritating. It makes me want to drink a lot of water immediately." Tear gas was heavily used against protesters during the independence movement that began last year, but largely faded because of the pandemic. Potential customers will have difficulty finding the product. The owner does not want his identity revealed lest the authorities come after him.

Oregon State Troopers responded to a call for help from a man complaining of being shot on the highway. They caught up to him 20 miles from where he called, and found the driver obviously under the influence of marijuana. The 'gunshot' was attributed to **paranoia following a blown tire** that was then driven on for 20 miles. A search of the vehicle revealed marijuana and paraphernalia, along with almost \$30,000 in cash, hidden in a package of diapers. Juan Moreno, 20, and passenger Jose Guisjon, 30, were arrested.

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Regulations for safety vary as schools open

By Elaine Ashfield

Grasslands News

The return to school this year during the Covid-19 pandemic brings new regulations for each school division, who in turn is allowing each school (due to the diversity of facilities), to develop new plans for school safety for the staff and students.

"There certainly is some angst with lots of questions and the uncertainty of the virus but also some excitement for a return to school," Luc Lermينياux, Director of Education for Prairie Valley School Division, commented to Grasslands News.

"We can assure you we have followed the advice of the Chief Medical Officer throughout this pandemic and will continue to do so this fall. We will continue to keep the health and safety of students, families and staff our first priority in all decisions we make," Lermينياux added.

The following are highlights from the schools in Grasslands News' area. Please note that there are extended explanations in the Back To School Plan for each school. These newest plans are posted to Prairie Valley School Division's website.

Grenfell, Broadview and Whitewood

The buildings are closed to the public and no shared-use is permitted.

School will start on September 8; it will be Day 5 of PVSD's 6-day rotation.

Classes will enter through assigned doors and everyone will use hand sanitizer when entering the building.

Classrooms will have designated seating arrangements.

Each class will use a designated washroom within the building.

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.

Signs will be posted showing proper hand-washing technique, entry protocol and other procedures.

There will be staggered entry/exit times for classes that share a door or boot room.

Facemasks may be removed during lunch and when on the playground.

P.E. classes will be held outside whenever possible.

Shared spaces, electronic devices, and other equipment will be sanitized between uses.

Students will eat snacks and lunch at their desks; town students are encouraged to go home for lunch.

There will be no access to microwaves for lunch.

Students will not share lockers.

If a student demonstrates COVID-19 symptoms, he or she will be isolated in a designated room with designated supervisor and parents will be notified to pick up the student.

Regulations and changes may take place during the weeks ahead to contin-

ually provide the best safety in any of the schools.

Broadview School (Pre-K to Grade 12)

Grades 4-12 must wear a mask when 2 meters cannot be maintained between students.

After entering the building, students will go directly to locker, then to their designated desk in their first period classroom.

Washroom capacity will be limited to 2 people.

There will be a chime two minutes before the end of every period so students and staff can wipe down desks and any materials being used.

Students will remain in the same room and seat where possible; otherwise, desks will be sanitized between groups.

Library resources will sit for 72 hours before re-shelving.

Water fountains will only be used for refilling water bottles.

Students are encouraged to bring their own device (phone, tablet, laptop) for use in school.

Parents and visitors must only enter the north doors and check in at the office.

As part of the contingency planning, staff will continue to use Seesaw and Office 365 as their main learning platforms.

Whitewood School (Pre-K to Grade 12)

Staggered days for Elementary Students K-9 in first week of return to school

8:40 is arrival time; first bell is 8:45; class starts at 8:50. Please send your children between 8:30 and 8:40. Bus drop off in the morning will have the first drop off on the west side of the building, then drop the rest at the north side. All bus pick up will continue on the north side (front of building). Bus students will be dismissed at 3:22

Morning drop offs – K and all elementary bus students will enter through the main front doors; all other elementary students will enter through the elementary doors at the southwest side of the building; High school students enter through the main high school doors

All bus students will be required to wear a mask on the bus

Face masks must be used for grades 4 - 12 where social distancing of 2 meters cannot be maintained. All students from K-3 are encouraged to wear a mask.

Students go straight to their classroom on entrance (or locker and then direct to classroom).

Breakfast program 8:30 to 8:40 am. No use of playground equipment before school begins in morning.

Staggered recesses and dismissal times. K – grade 6 recess and noon hours will be staggered. Gr 4-6 will head out to play at 12:05; gr K-3 will eat at this time. At 12:35 recess will end for the gr 4-6 students and they will come in for lunch; K-3 lunchtime will end and they will head out for recess. Regular noon time for gr 7-12.

Use of water fountains will be discouraged. Please send a filled water bottle with your child daily. They can be refilled during the day at the school.

There will still be a canteen but it is no longer a walk up canteen. Food must be pre-ordered and pre-paid and will be delivered directly to the student's classroom

Cohorting will take place during instruction, recess and noon periods when possible in designated areas.

Where possible, student will remain in assigned seat and classroom and teachers will rotate.

Homeroom teachers to grade 9. HS teachers are using a block system to reduce contact.

Teachers will pre-test students to gauge current level of ability in academic program.

Scheduled use of washrooms (only 2

students at a time).

EA schedules altered to ensure working with same students or small number of students daily.

Classroom furniture adjusted to maximize distance as much as possible and hallway seating in HS will be removed.

Students sanitize desk before they leave classroom. Tables, desks and materials are cleaned at the end of each day by students and staff.

Materials leaving or entering school are limited whenever possible. No change out of clothing for phys-ed (phys-ed done outdoors as much as possible).

Shared materials minimized with small groups and sanitized before and after use.

Students encouraged to bring their own device.

Will be assigned laptop/ipad so always use the same one and disinfect when done.

Library resources will sit 72 hours before re-shelving

Blocks/manipulatives/toys will be individually packaged for students grades 1 – 6 for use at their desk.

No EA subs other than for extended leave

Contingency plans are also developed so that the full Saskatchewan curriculum will be delivered with multiple modes of delivery considered to accommodate all students.

As part of the contingency planning, all teachers will use SeeSaw app and Google Classroom and TEAMS.

Grenfell Elementary Community School (Pre-K to Grade 6)

Students in Grades 3-6 must wear masks inside the building because room sizes do not allow for 2 meters between all occupants.

After entering the building, students will go directly to their classroom.

Students will remain in their regular classroom for art lessons.

Library books will not be taken home.

Teachers will supervise their own class during recess. Classes will have designated play areas.

Students will wipe their desks before and after eating lunch.

Water fountains will not be accessible; students can only use the water bottle filling station.

Social distancing markers will be located in the hallways and at the pick-up area.

Parents will only be allowed to enter the north doors and office area of the building when specifically necessary.

As part of the contingency planning, all teachers will use SeeSaw app and be introduced to Google Classroom.

Grenfell High Community School (Grade 7-12)

All students must wear masks inside the building because room sizes do not allow for 2 meters between all occupants.

After entering the building, students in Grade 7-8 will go directly to their classroom.

After entering the building, students in Grade 9-12 will go to locker, then to their designated desk in their first period classroom.

If students are unable to maintain appropriate physical distancing, lockers will be removed and students will carry all materials in their backpacks.

Washroom capacity will be limited to 2 people.

Water fountains will only be used for refilling water bottles.

Library resources will sit for 72 hours before re-shelving.

Students are encouraged to bring their own device (phone, tablet, laptop) for use in school.

Parents and visitors must only enter the main doors and check in at the office.

As part of the contingency planning, all teachers will use SeeSaw app and Google Classroom.

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Designer creates inspired works of regalia

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

A few years ago, Julie Paul sat in her apartment surrounded by colorful little jewel stickers and bolts of fabric. As she admired the Indigenous regalia that she had designed, Paul was convinced that God was fulfilling a promise from nearly ten years before.

Paul is from Ochapowace First Nation and spent her youth dancing at pow wows with her kokum (grandmother) Lily Daniels. However, she never had her own regalia and eventually stopped dancing. After years of pain and suffering caused by drug and alcohol abuse, Paul's life reached a turning point in 2008 when she became a born again Christian. At the time of her conversion, a man told her that God was going to give her a lot of jewels and garments. She assumed these would be for herself since she planned to study law in Saskatoon.

Seven years later, after her kokum Lily passed away, Paul decided to honor her by dancing at pow wows again and she began considering how to create

her regalia.

Paul's plans for becoming a lawyer had not been realized and instead she was working at a children's protection home. A recent project for the girls at the home inspired Paul to use gem stickers to decorate vinyl material that she purchased from Fabricland.

When she wore her homemade regalia to a pow wow in Regina, a woman was so impressed that she asked Paul to make a women's traditional dress for her. Paul worked steadily for three days to complete the new regalia. When it was finished, she looked at the beautiful garment, and understood what was meant by the prediction made in 2008.

Paul continued to dance and make traditional Indigenous clothes, while also working at the children's home. She knew that other Christians might not approve but she felt certain that she was obeying God. "I was so happy! I knew in my heart that that's what I was supposed to do, that God wanted me to continue with it," she explained. "It's so important that I give God that acknowledgment because I wouldn't be here doing all this if it wasn't for him."

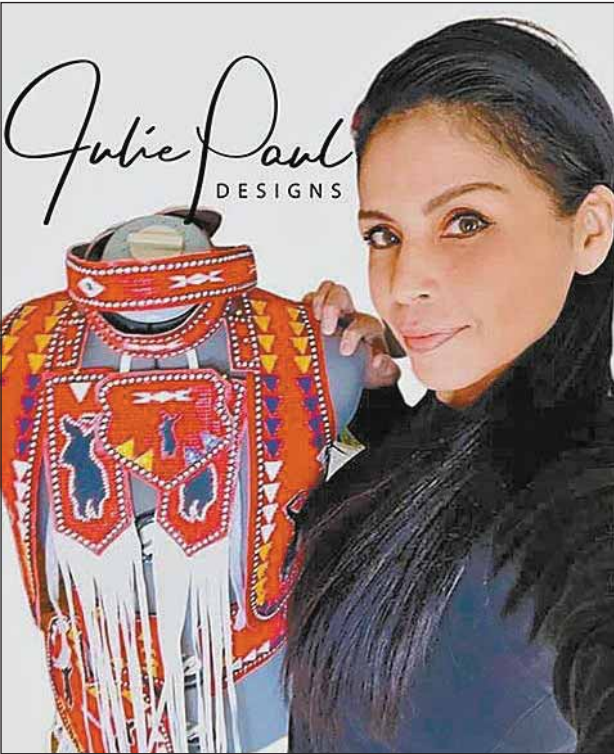
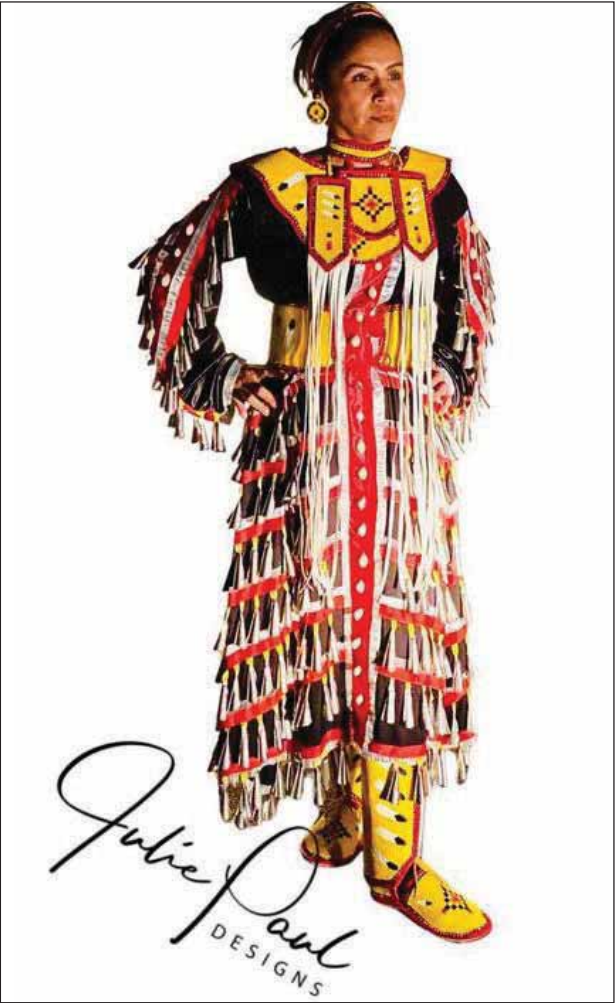
In 2017, someone shared a trade secret with Paul that improved her product. The imitation beading looks authentic and is more secure than her original designs.

Earlier this year, Paul took a step of faith and resigned from her job to start her own home-based business in Regina, called "Julie Paul Designs." She initially hired two employees, but has since gained a business partner, who is also a lawyer, and the company has expanded to six workers. They began using old equipment but Paul has now been able to purchase a new sewing machine and a new embroidery machine.

The group creates custom regalia of all types and works together very efficiently. Paul designs each item based on the customer's color choice or native name and then the teamwork begins. The process that took Paul a week to complete by herself is now much faster. A women's jingle dress with 265 cones can be made in eight hours and it only takes two days to make a full regalia order. The quality of work is high but she strives to keep prices affordable. The customer base has grown, with orders coming from Canada and the United States and Paul said she is excited to see what

the next year will bring.

Individuals interested in ordering regalia can visit juliepauldesigns.ca or contact her via Facebook or call 306-550-4775.



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Beautiful regalia
Julie Paul from Ochapowace First Nation creates custom-made regalia using a unique imitation beading technique.

Thank You

We, the Ervin Wolfe family, would like to thank everyone for all the cards, food and the visits with Paula. She so enjoyed the time spent with neighbours and friends. Thank you to all our special friends for coming and helping do all the things we could not. You will forever be in our hearts. God Bless you all

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4 ways to ease back-to-school jitters

If you have children who are starting school soon, they're probably a bit nervous. Here are four tips to ease their worries.

1. ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS

Don't shy away from the subject. Tell children what to expect and be sure to highlight the positives of going to school, such as making new friends. Above all, encourage them to come to you with any questions.

2. MAKE SURE THEY'RE PREPARED

The school will send you a list of supplies your child is going to need throughout the year. Avoid waiting until the last minute to purchase items. Even if you don't think your child will use them right away, it'll be easier if they have everything they need ahead of time.

3. PROJECT CALM AND CONFIDENCE

On the first day of school, it's imperative to not let your

nervousness show. If you're worried, your child will likely pick up on it and start worrying too. Smile and try to remain upbeat.

4. DON'T BE OVERPROTECTIVE

Remember that your children will have to socialize with their classmates by themselves, so make sure you don't hover. That said, don't just leave as soon as their back is turned. Notify your children before you leave, but avoid drawing out the goodbyes.

When your kids get home from school, make sure to have a snack prepared and be ready to discuss their first day.



5 health-care professionals to see before school starts

To help ensure your child's academic success, it's important to identify any potential health problems that can negatively impact their progress. Here are five key health-care professionals your child should visit before the school year begins.

1. THE OPTOMETRIST

Often, kids don't report vision issues because they have no other frame of reference for what the world is supposed to look like, which is why eye exams are so important. Myopia, hyperopia, astigmatism and other eye issues could make it hard for them to see the board and follow along in class.

2. THE AUDIOLOGIST

If your child suffers from frequent ear infections, you should make an appointment with an audiologist. You should also visit one if you suspect your child has trouble hearing or if hearing issues run in your family.

3. THE PODIATRIST

Some types of foot problems develop as kids grow, and a visit to the podiatrist will help uncover them. Early detection and intervention are key, otherwise your child may develop irreversible issues that could prevent them from enjoying a full range of motion later in life.

4. THE DENTIST

Children should visit the dentist for a routine exam and cleaning at least twice a year. This is essential for their oral health and the early detection of problems that may require orthodontic intervention, such as misaligned teeth or an overbite.

5. THE PEDIATRICIAN

Finally, don't forget to visit your family doctor. They'll be able to assess your child's overall health and make sure their vaccinations are up to date.

Many health-care professionals tend to get busy in the fall, so be sure to make your appointments sooner rather than later.



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SPORTS

McEwen to assume duties as head coach and is GM of Winnipeg Blues

Whitewood resident takes on dual role with Manitoba Junior Hockey League team

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The Winnipeg Blues Hockey Club of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) announced on Aug. 21 that General Manager Taras McEwen, of Whitewood, will assume the responsibilities as Head Coach for the 2020-2021 season.

This will be his first season as the Head Coach of the Blues and second season as the General Manager of the Winnipeg Blues.

McEwen takes over as head coach with a lot of experience behind the bench. He was the head coach of Fort Knox for a year before moving on to being an assistant coach for Team Saskatchewan for two years. McEwen

also spent time as the assistant coach of the Notre Dame Hounds in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League for one season before moving on to becoming the Manager



“It’s a great opportunity to work hand in hand with a young group of players who want to make it.”

- Taras McEwen

of Scouting for the ICE Franchise in 2016.

“I am extremely excited to step into the position as head coach,” said Taras McEwen. “It’s a great opportunity to work hand in hand with a young group of players

who want to make it to the next level.”

The Winnipeg Blues have also announced that Zach Heisinger will join McEwen behind the bench as an assistant coach for the upcoming season.

He was the assistant coach for Vincent Massey in the Winnipeg High School League. Before then, he spent two seasons as an assistant coach for the Fort Garry Twins in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League. Zach spent three seasons in the MJHL playing for the Winkler Flyers and Neepawa Natives.

“I am excited to have Zach join our staff,” said head coach and general manager Taras McEwen. “Zach has a passion for the game and will be a great fit for our program.”



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Head coach and GM

Taras McEwen of Whitewood has been named the head coach of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League’s Winnipeg Blues. McEwen will also continue his role as general manager, which he took over last season.

Melville’s sights set on major disc golf events

By Emily Jane Fulford
Grasslands News

It’s a sport perfect for Saskatchewan and so it’s no surprise that it was invented right here; disc golf. What started out as a backyard game in 1926 would take shape into a sport played around the world and then return home in the hopes of becoming officially recognized.

“It was in Bladworth, Saskatchewan that the first ever known game of disc golf was played with paint can lids and fishnets,” says Murray Gordon of Disc Golf Saskatchewan. “I started building my disc golf in 1995 after I closed my driving range. The golf course in Manitou Beach built a driving range so I sold them the balls and other equipment and I decided I will make a disc golf course.”

Four years later, Murray became a member of the Professional Disc Golf Association, the PDGA.

“Back in 1999 and there was no professional disc golf association for professional coordinators, so I became that, more as a builder,” explains Gordon. “I didn’t run any sanctioned tournaments until this past weekend at the Sask Open.”

Together Murray and his associates formed Disc Golf Saskatchewan, which they hope by next year to be officially recognized by the Sask Sport umbrella. In the meantime, they continue to travel across the province holding tournaments and sharing the sport with people of all ages.

On August 22nd the 2020 Trilogy Challenge was held at Melville Regional Park and other than a little bit of wind, it was a perfect day for disc golf. It was

also an opportunity to go over a course that may have the opportunity to play host to a provincial tournament next season.

“I had a friend that decided that he wasn’t going to take ‘No’ for an answer and asked me for a year back in BC to come out and play disc golf. I went out just to shut him up but I got hooked after about three holes and I’ve been playing in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta and BC ever since,” said Duncan Holness of the Professional Disc Golf Association.

The Melville tournament was a trilogy challenge, which is a specialized competition where individuals each get three different discs to play with for the duration of the tournament and only those three discs can be used. In recreational disc golf, it is quite common for players to walk the course with an array of their own discs.

“Usually we would have our own bag but with this one you learn the discs as you go. It’s also really good for beginners because you get plastic out of it, (players get to keep the discs after); it’s good for intermediate players because you get better with different discs and it’s good for advanced players because you get to try out new discs that haven’t been released yet,” explains Holness.

The group hopes that with enough donations, the course at Melville Regional Park can be brought up to meet league regulations; this would open the doors to large tournaments, which benefit not only the sport, but the city as well.

“A whole bunch of individuals have helped out. Disc Driver Disc Golf Pro Shop has been a great supporter of the event, helping me get it going. We’re trying to

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Disc golf

Chris Istace of Moosomin makes a throw for Hole 2 at the Trilogy Challenge in Melville on August 22.

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Sports Column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

We are living in a world where everything moving forward is an unknown.

No one really knows if tomorrow we'll all be asked to wear surgical masks to keep ourselves and others safe, or if we'll be able to stop worrying about this ridiculous virus that has caused so much stress and strain over the last half year or more.

So far, there have been a number of sporting events cancelled or postponed or shelved for the time being. There will be no Canadian Football League games this year, for instance.

If you're a football lover, the National Football League is planning to have some semblance of a season, but no one really knows what it's going to look like if and when it happens.

Major League Baseball has had a few set-backs in their attempt at a shortened season, but for the most part, it's gone quite well, unless you want the little things – such as fans at the games.

The same can be said of pro hockey as the NHL is into its playoffs, finally.

I never thought I'd see the day when they'd have playoffs in August but before COVID-19, there were all sorts of things I thought I'd never cast my eyes on.

Closer to home, the Melville Millionaires' brass, led by new head coach and general manager Mike Rooney, has started to get the pieces in place for a training camp and to be honest, it looks like he's doing a terrific job thus far.

This new fellow has actually gotten youngsters, who, over the past five years or so, wouldn't give Melville a second thought as they moved on to another centre to play hockey; he's actually gotten them to stay.

That tells me he can walk the walk and talk the talk when it comes to assembling a team.

Of course he's got many things to tie up before a training camp would start, but questions remain about when, or if, the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League season will start for the 2020-2021 campaign.

Recently, the SJHL's top dog, Bill Chow, was supposed to have a meeting with the Saskatchewan government in regards to a season, but like so many other things these days, it has been postponed.

The plan Chow will present to Sask Health has the schedule moved back a couple of weeks, so it would get underway is some form – whether it be training camps or exhibition contests – on Oct. 9.

Chow, still needs to get approval for the plan, which is similar to the plan the Manitoba junior league has submitted.

Right now, the SJHL and its fans, are in limbo.

In a normal year, the league would have kicked off around Sept. 10, but this year planning for the worst is pretty much the only way things can be done.

Everyone knows it's all about the safety and health of the people of Saskatchewan and at the end of the day, Chow knows hockey is only a game, but, for many centres, it's the only game in town.

If there's no hockey, this will be the bleakest winter in memory for many.

One positive hockey fans here can see is that there is ice in the Horizon Credit Union Centre and there are practices and camps going on.

Perhaps this is a harbinger of things to come and there will be junior hockey – and hopefully a much better product than we've seen the last few seasons will be performing on the ice.

One thing is certain, and Chow has already stated it.

The league is probably going to get the chance to open with a laundry list of new rules and regulations to deal with the current pandemic and it's extremely important that everyone takes them seriously, because if the season is stopped for any reason, it's going to be a back-to-the-drawing-board kind of thing and we may not see any more SJHL hockey.

This time around, everyone has to get it right every single game.

If they don't, a season could easily fall by the wayside.

Cycling season is far from over

By Emily Jane Fulford
Grasslands News

With the end of summer coming right around the corner, many stores are packing away their spring sports gear or posting sale stickers on tennis racquets, pool toys and bicycles. However, if you've been procrastinating because of the harsh heat or simply lost track of the weeks, it's not too late to get out and get active or even buy that new bicycle. There is still quite a bit of time before the streets will turn white with snow and ice.

If you haven't gotten the chance to get out and see nature close to home, the Melville Regional Park has a number of bike trails throughout the grounds which are open to the public. Most of these are dirt paths so if you're looking for an adventure, a mountain bike might fit your needs best.

For those who prefer the open road, the quiet streets are fairly safe for cyclists looking to take in the summer breeze and stop to chat with neighbors along their route. Even side streets are scenic when considering the many parks, playgrounds and landmarks that the city has to offer. Consider a tour of the silhouettes of Melville or even a picnic lunch in a backpack or bicycle basket. After a long secluded spring of

being stuck indoors, if not due to Covid-19, then dreary or cold weather, it is never too late to enjoy the summer breeze.

Seen it all and looking for more adventure? Consider checking out the mountain bike trails of the majestic Echo Valley Provincial Park in Fort Qu'Appelle. Situated just

45 minutes southwest of Melville, Fort Qu'Appelle defies Saskatchewan's flat stereotype with a picturesque mountain landscape carved into the valley.

Whether you're getting out on the road close to home or taking a day trip to some epic trails, always make sure to bring

plenty of water, an emergency tool kit in case you need to do minor adjustments to your ride, and of course the proper safety equipment. Also, even though bicycle helmets are not mandatory for children under the age of 18 in Saskatchewan yet, it is still a recommended best practice.



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Canadian Football League victimized by Coronavirus

Gainer the Gopher gets a year's vacation to frolic with the tumbleweeds in Saskatchewan. Calgary Stampeders' white stallion is being sent to the pasture. Ottawa's lumberjack won't be firing up his chainsaw. Sad, but true: The Canadian Football League won't entertain fans in 2020.

COVID-19 has put every sports operation — amateur and professional — in precarious positions and while some have managed to cobble together some action, others have been victimized by the requirement that games must be played with no fans in the stands. The CFL, so dependent on fans paying \$30 to \$70 per seat, couldn't possibly afford to operate without ticket sale revenue. Their only hope was a \$30 million loan, or grant, from the federal government but word came in mid-August that the feds weren't going to co-operate. Goodbye 2020, hello a one-year hiatus. Hopefully it's only a one-year hiatus.

Winnipeg Blue Bomber president Wade Miller was convinced the season would go ahead in a reduced fashion, with the \$30 million in federal money paying a key role. A Bomber-led

committee had set things up for Winnipeg to serve as a hub for the nine CFL teams to play perhaps an eight-game season. The City of Winnipeg had contributed \$500,000. The Province of Manitoba had \$2 million to kick in. The city was excited because about 50,000 hotel-room nights would be used through the season. But the feds backed out, the plan fell apart and the CFL is not only planning its one-year shutdown, but worried about its long-term future.

The CFL is strong in the West, with small profits reported in Winnipeg, Saskatchewan, Calgary and Edmonton, and negative financial pictures in two or three of the four eastern cities, Ottawa and perhaps Hamilton being the exceptions. TSN's broadcasting rights money has been a nice bonus, but all in all, the CFL runs on a shoestring. The shoelace has snapped.

When the coronavirus is under control, and the world returns to normal, the CFL will be back, perhaps with a restructured foundation. The business model is sound, and Canadians love their football. But instead of a national holiday, the fourth Sunday in November — nor-

mally Grey Cup Sunday — will be just another day.

- From the BBC, via fark.com: "Racing Point F1 team fined and docked points for designing their car using photographs of a Mercedes and some tracing paper. Ferrari set to appeal because that's their plan for next year."

Sports Column
By Bruce Penton



- From Facebook: "Hippos can run faster than humans on land, and swim faster than humans in water. Which means the bicycle is your only chance of beating a hippo in a triathlon."
- Patti Dawn Swansson, aka The River City Renegade: "According to Arash Madani of Sportsnet, the Toronto Argonauts don't want to participate

in a shortened CFL season. Reaction in the Republic of Tranna: 'We have a football team? Who knew?'

- Headline at TheOnion.com: "Cardboard fan in stable condition after being hit by foul ball."
- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Seattle cut Kemah Siver and after the rookie cornerback was caught on video trying to sneak a woman — dressed in Seahawks players' gear — into the NFL team's hotel. That's what you call disguising your coverage."
- Jack Finarelli, aka the Sports Curmudgeon: "A headline in the NY Post said 'Penn State football players charged after cops find pot, LSD in apartment.' That headline gives me a warm feeling of nostalgia; we may indeed find our way out of the confusion of 2020."
- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The World Egg Throwing Competition is held each year in Swaton, England. That's no yoke."
- Another one from Currie: "I just saw a replay of a home-run-saving grab by Angels sensation Mike Trout. Probably not the last time Trout is the catch of the day."

- Blogger Chad Picasner: "CC Sabathia has come out with a new line of men's clothes. If you've seen him in his uniform, you have to wonder if they come with tent poles already attached."
- CBSsports.com, via fark.com: "Nephew of Peyton Manning named No. 1 QB for the Class of '23. Before you get too excited, remember Eli Manning is also his uncle."
- Headline at theonion.com: "NCAA Reminds Boosters That Full Bribes Still Due Even If Football Season Cancelled"
- Dwight Perry again: "Cardinals reliever Roel Ramirez got chased in his MLB debut after yielding back-to-back-to-back-to-back home runs against the White Sox. In other words, a four-gone conclusion."
- Another one from Perry: "Twenty big-league teams — two-thirds of them, that is — have amassed more strikeouts than hits at the plate this season. Belated 2020 MLB motto: 'Get a whiff of this.'"

Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni, to reporters, on what it's like coaching with a mask on: "Good. The referees can't tell what I'm saying."

Katepwa Golf holds tourneys & elections

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

Katepwa Beach Golf Club held their annual general meeting conducted virtually and election of officers using Election Buddy.

Elected as executive were Bib Gibson as President, Kurt Lindskog as Vice-President, Don McMillan as Treasurer and Jamie Alport as Secretary. Board of Directors will be Wayne Borys, Garth Hurford, Jaime Watson, Leo Verhelst, Wendy Kater, Ron Coutts, Jane Johnson and Del Jones.

Katepwa Ladies Championship was held on Aug. 19 and 20 while the Men's Championship was held Aug. 22 and 23. Both tournaments were 36-holes with 18-holes played on each day.

The ladies champion this year was Sandra Williams while tied for second place was Elaine Banbury and Pat Pratt.

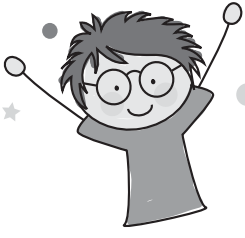
At the Men's Championship the following weekend, Neil Tulloch was the champion with Matt Shabell coming in second and Ken Peakman placing third. The flight winners were Neil Odegard (1st), Kelly Mason (2nd) and Dwayne Savage (3rd).



Sandra Williams



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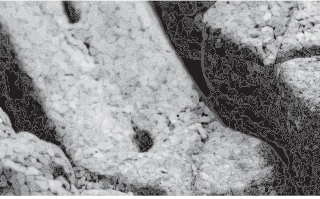
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Broadview School will provide breakfast for kids

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Scientific studies have demonstrated that breakfast is key to student success; however, many children do not have access to a healthy meal prior to entering the school building each day. This can be a result of poverty, poor time management, family emergencies or a variety of other causes. Improper nutrition is detrimental to children because it slows their cognition and hinders their ability to focus or control emotions. School-based programs, like the one at Broadview School, help to offset the negative impacts of these factors. Each morning before classes start, a nutritionist prepares a healthy meal for any student who arrives

SaskPower smart meters coming for all commercial and industrial customers

All Saskatchewan businesses will soon experience the benefits of a smart meter free of charge. With more than 21,500 smart meters installed since 2017, SaskPower is ready to begin installing smart meters for remaining commercial and industrial customers. Between September 2020 and December 2021, SaskPower will install approximately 27,000 more meters. Of those, most will go to small and medium businesses. An additional 3,200 farmers and 1,100 residential customers are eligible for the type of meter being installed. They will be offered a smart meter so they can begin to access the benefits. This will also provide SaskPower with more visibility into the power grid to begin improving outage response times. “The smart meters we’re installing have been tested rigorously, have proven safe after four years in Saskatchewan’s toughest weather, and meet our own industry-leading standard for smart meters,” said Shawn Schmidt, Vice President of Distribution and Customer Services at SaskPower. “Meters we have installed have performed as expected, with no unacceptable failures.” “Customers getting a smart meter will receive bills based on actual meter readings every month – no more estimates. They’ll also get access to detailed information that can help them reduce their power use,” said Schmidt. SaskPower will contact all customers receiving a meter ahead of their installation by mail and phone. Customers may choose to decline a smart meter at that time.



at the “Breakfast Room” with hunger pangs in their stomach. Last year, approximately 125 students were enrolled at the Kindergarten-Grade 12 school, and an average of 35 of those students took advantage of the free meal each day.

Breakfast Club of Canada partners with schools and community groups to support programs similar to the one in Broadview. In a statement last week, the organization said that more than 1 million Canadian children went to school hungry last year. The group predicted that unemployment caused by COVID-19 could result in two-million Canadian children going to class on an empty stomach this fall. “Back-to-school is supposed to be exciting time and a fresh start for students. However, given the pandemic, not having enough food is a major concern for some children and their families,” said Tommy Kulczyk, General Manager of Breakfast Club of Canada. “COVID has severely disrupted the economy and caused severe job loss. We know many families are

struggling even more than before to put food on the table. Children are among the most vulnerable, but we can’t let hunger get in their way.” When Broadview School opens on Sept. 8, it will continue to provide breakfast for any student who needs it. Because of new COVID-19 protocol, a staff member will serve the food to students in their classroom, rather than in the communal Breakfast Room. Staff and students will also adhere to proper hand hygiene and sanitization of utensils. There is no charge to students accessing the meal because of funding from the school division and various grants. “Community support and grants allow us to offer a hearty variety of breakfast food options to our students,” Principal Kayla Vargo said in an email to Grasslands News. “Although food donations would be appreciated, we have some students with severe allergies and therefore have to be careful of what we serve to our students.” Individuals or organizations from the community who wish to support the breakfast program in Broadview should contact the school.

RCMP attend truck/swather accident

Melville-Ituna RCMP

Sgt. Travis Adams
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Traffic

During this time, Melville and Ituna detachment responded to 38 reported occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 21 charges and 14 warnings issued. RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision between a truck and a swather near 9 Highway and 22 Junction. EMS assisted in taking the truck driver to Yorkton Hospital where they were assessed and released with minor injuries. The driver of the swather had no injuries. RCMP responded to call regarding kids driving a golf cart around Ituna. The caller said there are four to six kids on a golf cart and driving all around and is worried that someone will get hurt or hit the kids as they drive around close to dark. RCMP continue to investigate and are reminding the public that golf carts are not permitted on the streets. The operator can be fined under the *Traffic Safety Act* and the golf cart impounded.

Mischief

A complainant contacted RCMP to report a loud party at Crooked Lake. RCMP attended and spoke with the individuals involved. Another complainant contacted RCMP to report there is a dog that is not fenced or leashed following him around. The owner was identified and the dog was captured as per the Bylaw. RCMP are reminding the public to have their dog’s licenced and kept on their private property by either a fence or tied up. If the dog escapes, it can then be identified easier as it waits to be bailed out of jail. RCMP was contacted by a person to report the licence plate on their 2011 Ford Taurus was missing. RCMP are reminding the public to pay attention to their vehicle licence plate. These are often switched

or taken by thieves to lessen the ability to be identified by police, as a stolen vehicle. The sooner these plates are identified, the quicker the stolen vehicle is identified.

Crimes against Person/Property

RCMP attended an assault, uttering threats and theft at Crooked Lake. A warrant for arrest was sworn and the suspect was later located by Broadview RCMP and taken into custody.

RCMP Reminder - ATV Act

The *All-Terrain Vehicles Act* enforces the use of all ATV vehicles including but not limited to quads, mini-bike, three wheelers, and UTV (Utility Task Vehicle). These vehicles cannot be licensed through SGI and are ONLY permitted on private property with the expressed consent of the landowner. In the event these vehicles are located, on a public roadway or private property without the landowners consent, the driver can be charged and the vehicle impounded. Please use common sense when operating these vehicles by ensuring the driver has a valid driver’s license (required), using an appropriate helmet (required), safe speeds, only carrying passengers when vehicle is equipped to do so and only travelling at night when the vehicle is equipped with lights. Proper training is available through local ATV retailers or Canada Safety Council.

Detachment Update

Saskatchewan RCMP would like to advise the public that detachments across the province have resumed limited front counter services on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Members of the public are asked to only attend the detachment in person when it is absolutely necessary and only if you are NOT showing any signs or symptoms of illness. Please call the detachment well in advance to confirm the priority services available, new limited hours of operation have been applied at Melville and Ituna detachments.

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ARIES
Your friends may invite you to join them on a weekend get-away, or your significant other will take you on a romantic adventure. A bit of solitude would do you a world of good.



TAURUS
You'll be given new responsibilities at work that will lead to an exciting career opportunity in your field. You should anticipate needing a bit of extra time to complete all your projects.



GEMINI
Your boss will likely encourage you to sign up for a training program that will open doors to a more promising future, or at least a promotion. A vacation to celebrate is also on the horizon.



CANCER
September offers you a fresh start. You'll take the opportunity to thoroughly assess your daily routine and make sure your life-style is in line with your values.



LEO
You're not always comfortable in a crowd, but it'll be up to you to plan a large-scale event. Sometimes you need to step out of your comfort zone to be successful.



VIRGO
You'll have a lot on your plate at work, with a number of urgent matters to settle at home as well. Don't hesitate to ask a family member to lend a hand — they'll be happy to help.



LIBRA
Loved ones will encourage you to sign up for a weekly activity to help you stay in shape this winter. The experience would also be great for your self-esteem.



SCORPIO
You'll dedicate considerable time and resources to creating the perfect love nest at home. You'll find a lot of joy in this project, but it'll be hard to get you out of the house.



SAGITTARIUS
You'll be on the go more than usual this week, and it'll likely be to ferry loved ones around. You'll also spend a fair amount of time on the phone or social media. You'll be motivated by curiosity and find it easy to speak your mind.



CAPRICORN
You'll have a pile of paperwork to get through at work. Although this will be a source of considerable stress, the additional income will surely be welcome.



AQUARIUS
You'll feel more energetic and optimistic. There's a good chance you'll find a way to treat yourself. Friends will convince you to go on a fun outing or shopping spree with them.



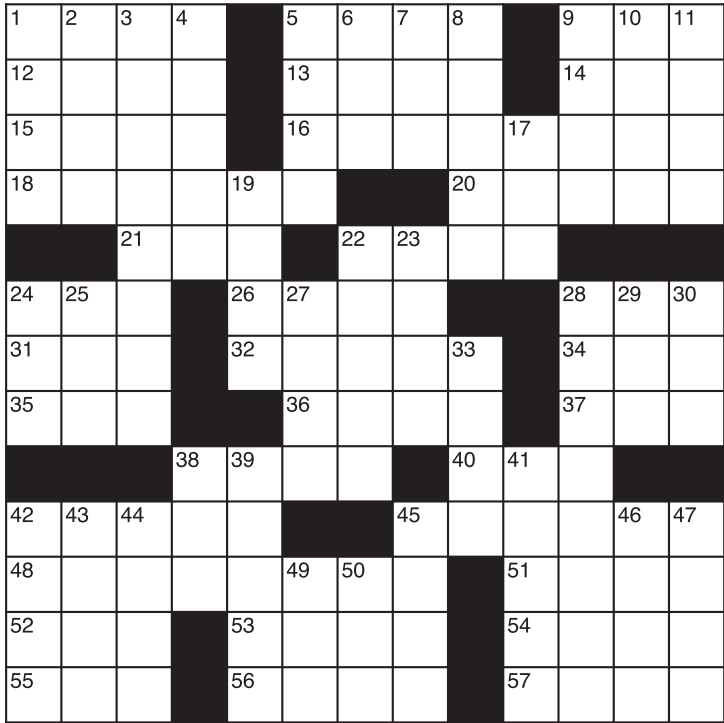
PISCES
Stress is ubiquitous these days, so it's important to occasionally take a step back and relax. Doing so will help you gain a better perspective, and the new outlook will make everything easier.

BREAKtime

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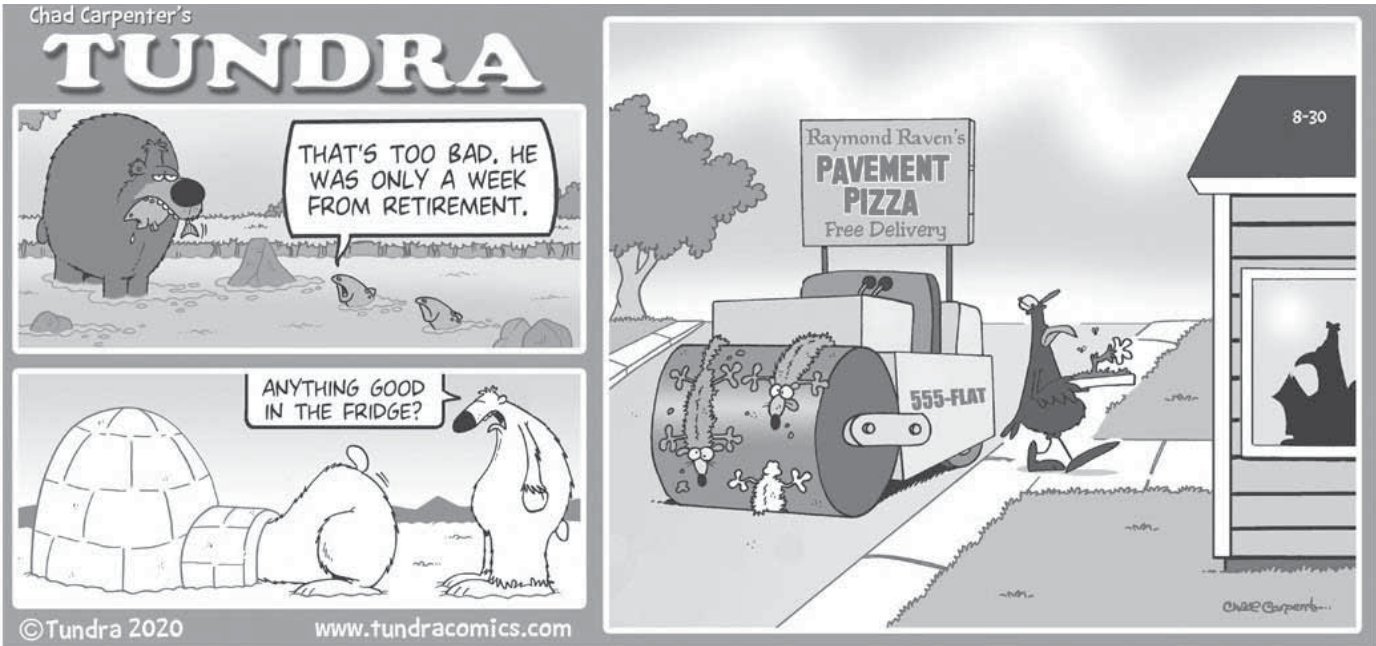


ACROSS

- Cry of dismay
- Drench
- "A Nightmare on _____ Street"
- Faction
- Expression of pain
- Round vegetable
- Step
- More visionary
- Zooms
- Hits with the foot
- NHL athlete, e.g.
- Damsel
- Learn
- Milky jewel
- Eavesdrop
- Pirate's yes
- Actor Sal _____
- Water tester
- Dominated
- Excuse
- Elect
- Curds and _____
- Dance noisily
- Witness again
- Metallic auto trim

DOWN

- Certain vipers
- Bound
- Received
- Take the wheel
- Puts down turf
- "_____ Town" (Wilder play)
- One who excels
- Uniform color
- Long heroic poem
- Onion's cousin
- Damages
- Halfway
- Fate
- Mimic
- Level
- Brightest star
- Hubbub
- Poverty
- Road bend
- Beef dish
- Boats like Noah's
- Masculine
- Out of the weather
- "Has Anybody Seen My _____"
- Check out
- Conduit
- Brief stay on a journey
- Dad
- Thus far
- Promise
- Moistened
- Warms
- Gladiator's spot
- Move upward
- Ostrichlike birds
- Moral transgressions
- Black bird
- Humble
- Results
- Tyke
- Emotional poem



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BBQ kefta

This delicious traditional dish from North Africa is perfect for a quick lunch in the backyard. The amount of fresh herbs (parsley and cilantro) you use is a matter of taste; feel free to experiment! Serve with tzatziki sauce or with plain yogurt, fresh vegetables and pita bread.

INGREDIENTS (for six servings)

- 1 kg of ground meat (beef, lamb or a combination of both)
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- A little salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS:

- Combine all ingredients in large bowl.
- With wet hands, shape mixture into sausages about 15 cm long. Use wood or metal skewers, if desired; they will make your work easier, both for the look of the sausages as well as for serving.
- Grill on the barbecue.
- Serve.



Neighbourly Advice - Ray Maher

Ed, my old neighbor in Saskatchewan, calls the COVID-19 virus, “The Spoiler!” Instead of a boy and girl walking hand-in-hand along the shady lanes, they are to keep six feet apart these summer days. I told Ed that teenagers no longer go for romantic strolls holding hands, because they talk, text and tweet by phone. Walking has been replaced by their skateboards or their cars.

In past summertime, we have had an invasion of tourists. More than six million visitors a year, but now with COVID-19 restrictions, travelers are unwelcome and limited in number. Cruise ships cannot dock in Vancouver until September. The population of the province of British Columbia is diverse, with many different cultural groups living and working here. It has been a province where anyone and everyone could feel at home.

Sadly, since the pandemic, hate-motivated incidents and crimes here have multiplied. Generally, people are frustrated and feel trapped by a virus that is like a forest fire burning out of control. If lightning causes a forest fire, people will accept it as an act of nature. If the forest fire is blamed on a specific camper, Henry chain-smoker Smith, those most

affected by the fire, may hold a grievance towards Henry and his carelessness.

Accusing, arresting, fining, or imprisoning Henry Smith will not put the forest fire out or bring back what has been destroyed. Blaming a particular country and anyone from that country for the COVID-19 virus is pointless and spreads the disease of hate. Blaming others even for good reason has all the value of a Canadian penny.

We are often quick to hold a grudge when someone else’s actions adversely impact us. Easily we broadcast our past grievances and find fault with others in our present situations. We may take offense at some other people because we see them as different from ourselves. Often the prej-

udices that we carry are unknown to us.

In the time of Jesus, his people had a superior attitude when it came to their neighbors and distant relatives, the Samaritans. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other, but Jesus could see beyond their history of rejection and lack of honor and respect. Some Jewish people were displeased with Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan. In the story, a Samaritan acts compassionately towards a Jewish man beaten and left at the side of the road. Some were offended in Jesus’ story when two Jewish people had an opportunity to help the injured man, but they did not do so. They did not want a Samaritan to be the hero of the story. A common understanding

among the Jews was that they were better than the Samaritans. Jesus had a different attitude as he came to his own people to gather Jewish outcast sinners for God and others.

In Matthew 15:21-28, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon, perhaps to rest from his hectic ministry among the Jews. There a Canaanite woman (not Jewish) of the area came to Jesus begging him to heal her daughter oppressed by a demon. Although Jesus was sent to minister to the Jews, he healed her daughter because she needed help. Don’t exclude others needing your assistance.

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Obituary

Johanna Mary Pawelko
Nov. 7, 1941 – Aug. 13, 2020

It is with heavy hearts we share with you the passing of Johanna Mary Pawelko (nee Augustine) of Melville on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at the age of 78 years. Our Heavenly Father and a choir of Angels will welcome her with open arms.

Johanna leaves behind to mourn her loss her loving husband of 60 years, Edward (Ed); children Bernadette (Vernon) Giesbrecht, Cecilia (Raymond) Kessel, Angela (Kurt) Oehler and Dwight Pawelko, as well as her sister, Rose Grona.

She was predeceased by her parents, Margaret (Hickie) and John Augustine; her sisters, Mary, Katie, Anne, Margaret, Minnie, Caroline and Gertie; her brothers, Charlie, Joe, Frank, John, Jack and Rudolph, as well as great-grandson, Elliott Pawelko.

She is survived by her nine grandchildren, Vanessa (Neil) Quaid, Evan (Kelsea) Giesbrecht, Amanda (Britt) Kessel, Brendan (Amelia) Kessel, Shaun Kessel, Cameron Oehler, Mitchell Oehler, Jared Pawelko and Jade Pawelko, as well as her five great-grandchildren, Landon and Lucas Quaid, Oliver and Jeremy Giesbrecht and Saydee Kessel.

Johanna retired after 18 years of working at the Balcarres Integrated Care Centre, where she lovingly cared for the residents in her role as a nurse’s aide. She loved to do crossword puzzles, word searches and crafts, sew, knit, crochet, cross stitch, garden, read, bake and attend garage sales. She especially loved her bingo nights!

A graveside service was held at St. Michael’s Parish Cemetery, Lemberg, on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, with the Rev. Fr Andrew Sowa, OMI presiding. Memories were shared on behalf of the family by Amanda Kessel, and Jade Pawelko sang a tribute song.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville and Whitewood.



Obituary

Dr. Paula Michelle Wolfe
Oct. 10, 1966 - Aug. 10, 2020

Paula passed away at the Broadview Memorial Hospital, after a one-year battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving parents, Eleanor (nee Zorn) and Ervin Wolfe Sr. of Grenfell; her brother, Ervin Wolfe Jr. (Bev) of Regina; as well as numerous cousins and friends.

After graduating with honours from Grenfell High School, Paula went on to receive a double degree - Bachelors of Education and Arts - as well as a Masters of Education at the University of Regina. Being the brave adventurous person, she was, Paula left the homeland and family she loved to earn a PhD of Philosophy from Arizona State University. Her life was dedicated to the research and teaching of English as a second language. Her passion was ensuring that all adolescents, regardless of race or societal standing, receive a proper education.

Paula loved cats and was forever taking in the ones no one else wanted. She also loved Canada, although she left it behind, it was never far from her thoughts. She kept in constant contact with her parents in Grenfell, as they were never far from her thoughts either. Paula loved talking (arguing) politics with her father and brother.

Paula was an adventurer, she travelled to many different countries, continually researching and embracing their cultures. She has been all over the United States, Mexico and Canada as well as Brazil, Taiwan, Thailand, Greece, Italy and India. Paula brought back many precious mementos from those trips.

In the fall of 2019, Paula’s scheduled trip to Israel was cancelled when she was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. Once again, Paula bravely left her life behind, moved back to Saskatchewan for treatment and to be with her family. During chemo treatment, Paula kept busy with little projects around the acreage, playing out her Mom and Dad. A couple of projects she left behind were a rainbow boardwalk and a fairy garden, which will both be cherished for years to come.

Even though Paula passed away in hospice care, her mother devotedly cared for her at their home in Grenfell. Paula spent less than a day in Broadview, for that we are grateful. We were so fortunate to have had Paula with us in the final months of her life. She is now at peace and free from pain. She will forever be in our hearts.

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By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

A company other than SaskTel will be installing high speed fibre optics internet to Round Lake residents.

A resident from the Village of Bird's Point, Sandra White, told Grasslands News that RFNOW, a company based out of Virden, MB. was, as of last week, punching through approaches north of Whitewood and hope to start running the fibre optic wire by possibly the following week.

RFNOW is celebrating their 20th year in business, beginning with a need for better internet to support business operations. They have grown into a wireless and fibre optic internet provider with over fifty staff and serve over 30 communities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Communities in Saskatchewan presently served include Carlyle, Esterhazy (new), Gerald (new), Moosomin, Redvers, Rocanville, Spy Hill (new), Wapella, Welwyn and Whitewood (new).

White also told Grasslands News that she inquired if SaskTel were considering anything down there (Round Lake) in the future and there was nothing planned. Curious as to why a private company could provide the services and SaskTel could not, White told Grasslands News, "The SaskTel rep said to message the CEO so I did."

The CEO responded to White that he regretted to hear that they and other Round Lake residents were considering another

provider to obtain High Speed Internet services.

"Although I cannot speak on the operations or costs projected by a competitor to bring service to your community, I can assure you that SaskTel works very hard to bring communications services to communities across the province in ways that are economical and sustainable for us as a company," the CEO stated.

SaskTel had investigated a potential Community Participation model with the Resort Village of Bird's Point in 2019 as a way to extend high speed services to the area. Communities that do not meet SaskTel's selection criteria for service expansion are given the opportunity to use this program. Through the program, communities provide a portion of the funds required to cover the capital costs to bring the services to their residents.

"Unfortunately, we are not able to build a positive business case at this time to extend additional services without a community contribution or additional source of funding, the CEO from SaskTel responded.

White continued to explain that the Village of Bird's Point didn't go with the Community Participation program, due to considerable costs to the taxpayers and additional needs SaskTel had.

Grasslands News contacted RFNOW and spoke with Chris Kennedy, Chief Operating Officer (COO) for RFNOW Inc.

Kennedy stated that when the company

started, they worked hard to find a way to provide the services they do so that "We now have our own construction crew, with company employees that provide service right from the leads where people are looking for service, through to the installation and right up to the hook up of the port as a client."

"We pride ourselves in bringing a service to smaller communities, farms, resorts or areas

that nobody else is interested in," Kennedy commented.

In regards to Round Lake, the COO stated that the company received a call from an interested person and the company has now received enough people signing up for the service that they can run the fibre optics from Whitewood, down the highway and to Round Lake. Customers using the service are located at Bird's Point, Pelican

Point and West End resorts that are located on the lake.

"Our internet speeds are up to the speed of the city's and not only do customers get the satisfaction of high speed internet, this makes good business sense. It's a long-term investment for people, adding value to their home if they ever sell," Kennedy stated.

Kennedy also states that the rates of RFNOW are competitive with the

market area and he feels "In this modern day, and now with the onset of COVID-19, we have really noticed how households in any location are now needing the use of high speed internet to deal with things in their daily lives - whether it be work or education, it is becoming a necessity."

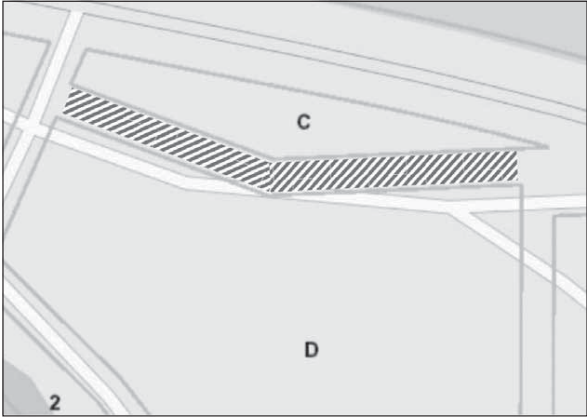
Information on RFNOW can be found on their website where there is also an email address listed with phone numbers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RM of Grayson No. 184

Please take note that pursuant to Section 13 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Rural Municipality of Grayson No. 184 intends to consider the initial report on a proposed bylaw to close and transfer Parcel X, Plan 71R27757 NW 07-19-05 W2 Exner's Twin Bays to Ron and Crystal Miller and Six Star Development. The reason for the closure is that no physical road exists and there is sufficient access on both the East and West side of the property.

Parcel X, Plan 71R27757 NW 07-19-05 W2
Exner's Twin Bays (Description of Road)



Public Hearing:

Any person claiming to be affected prejudicially by the proposed bylaw or that person's agent has the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Municipal Office located at 131 Taylor Street, Grayson, Saskatchewan.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2020, 131 Taylor Street, Grayson, SK.

Sarah Dietrich
Administrator



PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the District of Katepwa intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 6-2014, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will allow for a reduction of the rear yard setback in the LS – Lakeshore Residential District Low Density at the discretion of Council considering identified criteria.

AFFECTED LANDS

This amendment will affect all land within the LS-Lakeshore Residential District Low Density.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to accommodate proposed residential development along Lake Lane and address the variance of minimum setbacks from the lake resulting from dedicated land and municipal right-of-way in select locations.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the District of Katepwa Office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the bylaw will be made available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on the 15th day of September, 2020 at 8 p.m. in the Katepwa Beach Community Centre locations at 41 Elm Street, Katepwa Beach to hear any person that may want to comment on the proposed bylaw. In response to COVID-19, any person wanting to comment on the proposed bylaw is encouraged to submit written comments to the undersigned at the municipal office prior to the meeting. For anyone wanting to attend and submit verbal comments, please contact the municipal office by Friday, September 11, 2020 to make arrangements. Council will consider all comments received.

Issued at the District of Katepwa this 19th day of August, 2020.

Gail E. Sloan, CAO

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SEPTEMBER 2020

During this month we offer suggestions and a few event 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 September!

All Month

Melville Legion Bingo - Tuesdays

Doors open at 6 p.m. games run 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. 136 - 3rd Ave. W, Melville, SK

September 1

Cherry Popover Day

Today is a sweet day. Cherry Popovers are tasty treats made from an egg batter and flour mix. This doughy muffin is filled with cherries, then baked. It is baked in either a muffin tin, or a special popover tin. either, way it is totally delicious! (source holidayinsights.com)

September 5

Cheese Pizza Day

You can have Cheese Pizza anyway you want. There’s thin or thick crust. Extra cheese is the “norm” for many cheese pizza lovers. To celebrate Cheese Pizza Day, just order a cheese pizza. Or, make a homemade cheese pizza. If you decide you just have to add other toppings, its okay. We won’t tell. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 7

Labor Day

Labor Day is also viewed as the official end of summer, but is recognized as a statutory holiday in Canada. While the Fall Equinox is still a couple of weeks away, kids go back to school soon and summer vacations are over. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 9

Teddy Bear Day

A Teddy Bear is a special friend to children all over the world. He’s cuddly. He makes you feel secure in an otherwise insecure world. He’s lovable. Your Teddy Bear is both a companion and a comforter. And, he’s not afraid of the dark. Spend the day and night with your teddy bear. Cuddle up to him. Talk to him. And, do all of your favorite things together. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 11

Make Your Bed Day

Many of us seldom, rarely, or never make up our beds in the morning. No one can claim that making the bed is a fun chore. It just might be a good idea to change the sheets first. (source holidayinsights.com)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1★	2	3	4	5★
6	7★ Labor Day	8	9★	10	11★	12
13★	14	15	16★	17	18	19★
20	21★	22★ Fall Begins	23	24	25★	26
27	28★	29	30★	1	2	

September 13

National Grandparent’s Day

It is only right and fitting that one day of the year is set aside to honor our grandparents. If you can, enjoy the day with them. That is the greatest gift they can receive from you. If you can't see them, call them, or skype. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 16

National Play-Doh Day

Its fun and easy to celebrate National Play-Doh Day. Simply pull out the Play-Doh and ... Play! There are other brands of play clay on the market. (source holidayinsights.com)



September 18

Butterscotch Pudding Day

A good reason to enjoy a tasty dessert. Like all food related special days, its easy to participate and enjoy. In this case, just eat some Butterscotch pudding. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 21

International Peace Day (UN)

Created by a vote of the the United Nations General Assembly in 1981, this day is dedicated to establishing and promoting World peace. It is celebrated by countries around the world. World peace is a valuable and worthy proposition. You would think it easy to accomplish, as no one really wants war and unrest. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 22

Autumnal Equinox Day

The Autumn equinox signals the beginning of Fall. It is the point where there is exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness at the equator. If you live anywhere else, however, you will see a little bit more or a little bit less than 12 hours of daylight. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 25

Comic Book Day

Comic books are great reading. They either tell an ongoing story, provide humor, or offer intrigue and suspense. In all comic books, good eventually prevails over evil. So, comic books always make us feel good. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 28

Ask a Stupid Question Day

It’s your opportunity to speak up, and to ask all those questions you were afraid to ask. All those questions that you thought were too stupid or dumb to ask, have been piling up all year long. Today is the day to unload them. C’mon give it a try. Nobody will laugh... we hope. (source holidayinsights.com)

September 28

Mud Pack Day

Slop on the facial. Ladies, this is your day. Guys, you can get a mud pack facial, too. Just don’t let your buddies know that you did!! Guys, make this a special day by buying a gift certificate for a facial for your special lady.. (source holidayinsights.com)



Have Fun

We remind you to have a fun time, no matter what you decide to do! Remember social distancing.

Watch for the October Calendar

Grenfell and area hit by torrential downpour

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

A torrential downpour hit Grenfell on Friday, Aug. 21, causing flash flooding in low-lying areas of the town.

Environment Canada issued a severe thunderstorm watch at 10:09 a.m. on Friday for RMs from Wolseley and Chester all the way to the Manitoba border. An hour later the alert was upgraded to a severe thunderstorm warning for the RM of Elcapo and RM of

Willowdale.

Shortly after the alert was issued, a deluge of rain fell on Grenfell, forming enormous puddles at the golf course, GRP pool lawn, and elsewhere. Some reports indicated that five inches of rain fell within 30 minutes. One section of the Health Centre parking lot was submerged near Wolseley Avenue and Stella Street. Similar flooding occurred in front of the old Windsor Block, on Front Avenue and Anderson Street.

By early afternoon, the water had receded in most areas but public works crews continued to work on affected intersections where the storm drains were

unable to keep up with the suddenly high volume of water. Several residents also spent the afternoon dealing with damage to their basements.



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Charges stayed against landlocked resident

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

The Crown has stayed charges of public mischief that had been laid against B-Say-Tah resident Dustin Grant, who remains landlocked on his hillside cottage overlooking the resort village. The charges were initially laid when Grant attempted to clear a road to his property without approval from the resort village.

The village recently approved amendments to two bylaws which are designed to enable a land

swap with his Elsie Street neighbour, Joseph Moser, which would permit a 20 foot lane to be built to satisfy Grant's wish to drive up to his cottage.

Although Grant claims he has now spent \$30,000 out of his own pocket in legal fees, surveys, and paid to reinforce the hill and rebuild a staircase up to the property, the road to his summer retreat has still not been built.

"It's nuts. It is not happening. It has been six summers now, and I still can't get to my property. It is now up for sale. I am trying to get rid of it. I'm selling the place," Grant told the Grasslands News.

The resort village declined to respond to Grant's accusations.



Third person charged in death

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

A third person has been charged in connection with the shooting death in Regina of a Lebreton resident, Earl Dufour.

Dufour, 30, died in hospital on Aug. 15 of gunshot wounds after he was shot two weeks earlier in a house a few blocks north of the RCMP training depot in Regina. His funeral was at the White Calf Gymnasium in Lebreton on Aug. 22.

James Dustyhorn, 20, is the latest person to be arrested following a police investigation into the killing. He is charged with being an accessory to murder after the fact. If he is convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of seven years in prison.

Dominick Cochrane, 22, and Angelica Taypotat, 23, have also been charged with first degree murder in connection with Dufour's death. They both face life in prison.

Shauntay Keewatin, who has been charged with second degree murder in the shooting death last January of 17-year old Tyrell James Keewatin on the Star Blanket reserve is expected to be sentenced in Fort Qu'Appelle on Oct. 19.

Initially the File Hills Police Service was called to the Star Blanket First Nation last Jan. 31 after a report of a family fight, and the RCMP Crimes Unit was called in to help.

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COUNCILLOR: RM of McLeod, No. 185, Division No. 1
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will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 102 Main Street, Neudorf, Sask. and during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday) from the 3rd day of September, 2020, at 102 Main Street, Neudorf, SK to the 6th day of October, 2020.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location: 102 Main Street, Neudorf, Sask.
Dated this 28th day of August, 2020.

Tara Harris
Returning Officer



Town of Whitewood

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FOR TENDER

Town of Whitewood is inviting tenders for the following: Roof Repairs

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West Canopy: Replace deteriorated fasteners, new snow fence, repair the bottom portion of metal panels that are torn.

East Canopy: Replace Deteriorated fastener, new snow fence, repair bottom portion of torn metal panels.

Tenders close August 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Lowest tender not necessarily awarded.

Tenders must be marked "Whitewood Community Centre Roof Work." **NOTE** at this point we are just looking for estimates on the work.

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Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before October 28, 2020 an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Description of Property	Title No.	Total Arrears	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
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*Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2020.

Richelle Haanstra, Administrator

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

TOWN OF BROADVIEW
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land described in the following list are fully paid before the 30th day of October, 2020, a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY						
Lot	Block	Plan	Title Number	Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
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09	36	OLD41	145923723	\$847.83	\$7.90	\$855.73
11	36	OLD41	151037872	\$752.55	\$7.90	\$760.45
12	36	OLD41	151037883	\$752.54	\$7.90	\$760.44
17	38	OLD41	140391941	\$767.75	\$7.90	\$775.65
18	38	OLD41	140391996	\$767.75	\$7.90	\$775.65
19	38	OLD41	140392032	\$767.75	\$7.90	\$775.65
28	46	OLD41	145948911	\$209.25	\$7.90	\$217.15
29	46	OLD41	145948922	\$209.25	\$7.90	\$217.15
30	46	OLD41	145949057	\$209.25	\$7.90	\$217.15
31	46	OLD41	145949068	\$209.25	\$7.90	\$217.15
32	46	OLD41	145949147	\$209.25	\$7.90	\$217.15
17	48	OLD41	150610485	\$568.34	\$7.90	\$576.24
18	48	OLD41	150610496	\$568.34	\$7.90	\$576.24
19	48	OLD41	150610520	\$568.34	\$7.90	\$576.24
30	56	OLD41	144797800	\$495.47	\$7.90	\$503.37
31	56	OLD41	144797923	\$495.48	\$7.90	\$503.38
32	56	OLD41	144798003	\$495.47	\$7.90	\$503.37
14	63	OLD41	142539239	\$1,454.86	\$7.90	\$1,462.76
16	63	OLD41	149484202	\$709.44	\$7.90	\$717.34
21	63	101214100	149484224	\$709.44	\$7.90	\$717.34
14	65	OLD41	127608486	\$513.69	\$7.90	\$521.59
15	65	OLD41	127608464	\$513.69	\$7.90	\$521.59
16	65	OLD41	127608442	\$513.69	\$7.90	\$521.59
04	76	OLD41	136303770	\$1,258.53	\$7.90	\$1,266.43
25	08	AD2086	149508995	\$599.63	\$7.90	\$607.53
26	08	AD2086	149509064	\$599.64	\$7.90	\$607.54
27	08	AD2086	149509020	\$599.64	\$7.90	\$607.54
05	01	AG774	103672065	\$538.51	\$7.90	\$546.41
06	01	AG774	103672087	\$538.52	\$7.90	\$546.42

Dated this 28th Day of August, 2020

Mervin Schmidt, Treasurer



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