

Okanese swears in first new chief in 40 years

Richard Stonechild replaces longtime First Nation chief Mary-Ann Daywalker Pelletier

By Alan Hustak
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End of an era

Richard Stonechild is embraced as the new chief of Okanese First Nation by Mary-Anne Day Walker-Pelletier who was chief for the past 40 years. Stonechild was sworn in as the new chief at a ceremony on Tuesday.

“It’s all yours now Richard.”

With those words Canada’s longest serving First Nation Chief, Mary-Anne Day Walker-Pelletier turned over the office to Richard Stonechild, 48, who was sworn in Tuesday as chief of Okanese First Nation.

It was the end of an era. During her almost 40 years as chief Day Walker-Pelletier has been an influential voice in Ottawa. Two years ago, she was awarded the Order of Canada for her leadership.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better teacher,” said Stonechild, who is a capable and experienced leader who spent 17 years as a headman. Many of those at the swearing in ceremony could not remember a time when Day Walker-Pelletier wasn’t their chief. Because of COVID restrictions, the installation ceremony was witnessed by only a few people, including Chief Stonechild’s father, John who conducted the pipe ceremony. Stonechild and his four councillors, Tyson Creely, James Dictor, Ed Dumont and Penny Tuckanow, took the oath to “uphold the dignity of my people...with honesty, integrity and accountability.”

The new chief says education is his first priority. “A lot of our people are skilled and grounded in our traditions, but we are faced with challenges right off the bat,” Redmond said. “We faced years of suffering from the effects of the Industrial school system, and we still face systemic racism. We want to work with our educational and with our justice systems and with our elders to give our people the tools they need.”

Okanese First Nation has its own procedures for electing its tribal government. It doesn’t follow the rules of the Indian Act, which limits the term of elected officials to two years, but elects its chief and councillors through a Custom Code, which allows for a more stable government.

Asked what she now plans to do now that she is no longer chief, Day Walker-Pelletier quipped, “Sleep.”

Duraline runs into another roadblock with Town

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Duraline Medical products has sold its property in Fort Qu’Appelle and the company was prepared to move its warehouse to the south side of town next to Qu’Appelle Valley Motors, but its plans to relocate have again unexpectedly run afoul of the town’s zoning regulations.

“We have encountered nothing but frustration,” says company owner Norm Jones. “We’ve been on a bumpy ride with this for a long time. We’ve now sold our building to Don Williams and are about to enter into a warehouse leasing agreement. Now there is confusion as to whether our planned new location is zoned commercial. The owners have been denied a

building permit because of zoning issues. They have applied to subdivide the property, but it is still not a done deal.”

For the past three years the company’s plans to expand have been thwarted by the red tape. When Duraline moved from Biggar and set up shop at its present location on 2nd St. E. 11 years ago, zoning bylaws in place at the time allowed for the planned expansion. But after the floods of 2011, Community Planning changed the rules and prohibited the proposed addition because Duraline was in a flood zone. The company levelled the land at its own expense, and council gave first reading to a bylaw to rezone the area and allow construction to begin at the end of March. But the legislation stalled, Duraline withdrew its application

and decided to build in another location.

In the latest development, the town’s Chief Administration Officer, Victor Goodman, has advised the parties involved that the parcel of land on 9th St. chosen for the warehouse “does not conform to the current zoning or policy direction in the town’s official community plan,” and has suggested they look into having the property subdivided, or have the present zoning bylaws amended, a process which Goodman says could take between six to 18 months to complete, “depending on circumstances.”

Jones says he doesn’t have 6-months let alone 18-months to make up his mind. Duraline has to vacate its present building on 2nd Street by October 2021, and had hoped to have everything

settled by April - six months from now.

“This town has not exactly been business friendly. We’ve done everything by the books, everything they have asked of us and more,” Jones stated bluntly. He credits two councillors, Lee Finshen and Larry Shultz, for their support during the company’s ongoing trials. “At least they are pro business. They understand business. I’d also like to thank the outgoing mayor and the councillors for their contributions.”

Acclaimed three years ago by the Chamber of Commerce as the Fort’s Business of the Year, Duraline began operations as a hardware store in Biggar 112 years ago. Not only does it pay taxes on its own property but on an adjacent easement owned by the town.

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Kahkewistahaw First Nation

Planning for new hockey arena, community centre



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Rink plans

A team of leaders look over plans for a new hockey arena on Kahkewistahaw First Nation. Left to right, Michael Bob, Kahkewistahaw Councillor; Paul Amsler, Architect; Courage Bear, Ochapowace member with more than 20 years of experience coaching hockey; and Cory Alexson, Kahkewistahaw Councillor.

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

With a growing minor hockey program, Kahkewistahaw First Nation is preparing to build a hockey arena and community centre on its land north of Broadview. Players from the Kahkewistahaw Storm teams currently use the Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex on the neighboring Ochapowace First Nation as their home rink, but Kahkewistahaw would like to provide

them with their own facility.

Leaders toured three hockey rinks last winter in order to gather preliminary information for the project. Design and engineering work has just begun and will continue through next spring. Council will also spend the upcoming months acquiring funds for the project. The new facility will be located north of the existing Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School and new governance building that is currently under construction. Leaders hope to begin construction on the rink in fall of 2021.

Melville taxi vouchers see increase

Program for seniors continues

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

Seniors without a vehicle in Melville will continue to receive financial relief through the senior taxi voucher program as the city has decided to continue the 15-year long program as well as increase the amount they subsidize when taxi rates increase from \$7 to \$10 on Nov. 1.

City council approved a recommendation at their Oct. 14 meeting that the price of taxi vouchers will be increased from \$5.75 to \$8.00 each, with each one used being redeemed to the taxi company at a rate of \$9.50, an increase from the previous \$6.50. The taxi company will continue to subsidize the remaining \$0.50 of the normal fare rate.

The city says that increasing the subsidization rate for the taxi vouchers from \$0.75 to \$1.50 will have a minimal financial impact on the city and will de-

pend on the number of vouchers sold. If it was compared to 2019 usage, the additional cost would be \$1,067.

Since 2016, the city has subsidized \$5,770 worth of taxi fares through the senior taxi voucher program, with each year having seen a decline in usage. In 2016, there were 2,365 vouchers sold which dropped down to 1,997 in 2017 and even lower to 1,556 in 2018. Last year, in 2019, voucher sales fell to 1,423 and then because of COVID, 2020 has seen only 352 vouchers sold to date.

To qualify for a taxi voucher, a resident must be at least 65 years of age and no longer be driving a vehicle. The vouchers can be used in November, December, January and February and are limited to eight tickets per month. With a doctor request, the number of tickets per month can be increased to 12.

The vouchers, which are non-refundable and non-transferrable, must have the recipient's name and date issued on them to be valid.



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Melville Legion makes Remembrance Day changes

Submitted by **Brian Morris, Poppy Chairman**
for Grasslands News

Remembrance Day is a time to remember reverently the sacrifices made by our Veterans, their families and those affected by all the world wars since 1914 to present day.

COVID-19 has changed everyone's lives. The Remembrance Day services and activities have to change accordingly.

Melville Legion Branch #61 will hold a virtual Remembrance Day Service beginning at 11 a.m. and it will be posted in real-time on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/melvillelegion61/

This will be followed by a short service at the City Cenotaph at 12:30 p.m. The public are welcome to attend the outdoor service while observing the Public Health guidelines. Once the outdoor service is complete you may place a wreath or poppy on the cenotaph in remembrance. You may also place a poppy or wreath at the Cemetary Cenotaph or gravesite of a veteran.

There will be no Remembrance Day Banquet this year, however, the Legion Lounge will be open from 1 to 7 p.m. COVID restrictions will apply.

There will be no Remembrance services at St. Peter's Hospital, St. Paul's Lutheran Home and any of the local schools.

Local businesses will receive a letter explaining the Wreath Drive. They are encouraged to display their wreath from Nov. 1st. to Nov. 11th.

The Poppy Campaign will begin with the pinning of the Poppy on the Mayor and flag raising on Friday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

Poppies can be purchased at some local business throughout Melville, as due to restrictions the cadets will not be able to help.

Melville Legion Branch is reaching out to the youth in all our schools to participate in the Poster (Black



and White), Poster (Color), Essay and Poetry contests. This contest is a great way to learn about the history of Remembrance Day plus to challenge your ability to create artistically and literally. Last year one of our students won 1st Place in the Province.

Our President, Trevor Bancarz, has posted on our Facebook page a way for the public to participate in Remembrance Day from their homes. Visit our Facebook page for more information and items you can download and display in your windows.

Why should you support the Remembrance Day by wearing a poppy and displaying a wreath? The money raised is placed into The Poppy Fund that is for the support of any veteran and their family who may have come on hardship.

Our branch has assisted veterans last year in the amount of \$1,500. Locally we have donated \$1,000 to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation for Medical Supplies and \$1,000 to St. Paul's Lutheran Home Foundation for Heart Monitors.

Our Branch supported Veteran Transition Programs:

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Our Branch also has a \$500 Bursary available to any veteran's son, daughter, nephew, niece (grand or great grand) who is a graduate of Melville Comprehensive High School and is enrolling in Post Secondary Training.

On the War with COVID-19, we do have Legion Face-masks available at the Branch Lounge at cost of \$10; we are presently sold out but have another order arriving on Nov. 2.

If you require more information about Melville Branch #61 Remembrance Day activities feel free to contact Brian Morris at 306-728-8988.

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Small business helping in many communities

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

Businesses you will find in many of our communities are our financial institutions. As part of Small Business Week and as Co-operative Month continues in October, Grasslands News spoke with the Bank of Montreal and Conexus Credit Union about their efforts in the communities they serve, and especially what they have implemented to keep their customers and their own staff healthy and safe doing this unprecedented time of COVID-19.

It is a very different time during the pandemic and small businesses have taken a hard hit in many of the industries. Businesses rely heavily on their financial institutions.

Susan Hess, Manager at the Bank of Montreal in Whitewood, confirmed with Grasslands News that they have been open for business throughout. "Since March 16, 2020, we only allow five customers in our branch at a time; one customer in the ATM room when the branch is closed. We provide lines on the floor for customers to follow for social distancing. We also put up shields in offices and at the customer service representative wickets."

Hess continued to explain, "After every customer, wickets and desks get wiped down as well as pens etc. As of Aug. 8, 2020 it was made mandatory by BMO that all customers and staff wear masks while in the building and also to use the hand sanitizer when entering and leaving. The Bank has a supply of masks for customers to use when they are here. We just received a supply of children's masks so they have something that is a better fit for them."

The manager also commented that

the bank staff has tried to slow down in branch appointments and now most things are done through customers email.

"Phone appointments are still preferred," Hess concluded.

Laura McKnight, Public Relations Specialist for Conexus Credit Union shared what precautions the credit union is taking at this time and especially with cases becoming more known in the smaller, as well as the larger centres.

"Conexus feels a great responsibility in helping prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among our employees, members, our communities, and has implemented several protocols within its locations since the beginning of COVID-19 in March," McKnight commented.

These protocols include increasing their hygiene and sterilization measures at all branches and offices across the province including wiping down surfaces, devices, pin pads, and ATMS routinely, and having hand sanitizer available at all times for employees and members. They have also installed plexi-glass at all of the branch teller stations.

Conexus is practicing physical distancing within all of their locations by always maintaining a 6-foot distance or having a physical barrier between others. When this distance cannot be achieved, they encourage facemasks to be worn.

They are asking all employees, members and public to not visit a branch or office location if they are feeling ill or have travelled recently.

There are a number of ways to do day-to-day banking, and they encourage their members to do their banking via phone, mobile banking or online banking where possible, helping reduce vis-

its to a branch.

Stricter regulations for COVID-19, other than regulated shut downs by government or Saskatchewan Health, would be dependent on situation and risk level to the employees, members, and communities.

"We are following closely to what Saskatchewan Health is advising and as our network spans the province, individual branch decisions are something we determine as the situation changes in that community, and as directed by health officials. We have a COVID risk assessment process that is consistently and routinely used at all of our locations to determine risk levels and associated protocols," says McKnight.

Conexus was asked how they are offering their services at this time to protect their customers and staff and McKnight responded that "As noted above, we have a number of COVID protocols in place at all of our branch and office locations. Where possible, we are encouraging our members to bank differently whether that be through online, mobile or phone banking. Members also have the option to meet with us virtually vs. in-person for appointments.

"These are unprecedented times for everyone, and though we had to adjust the ways we delivered our services to our members, we remain fully operational to our members and their banking needs. We immediately enhanced our banking capabilities to serve our members differently including introducing e-signature for documentation and increasing our member contact centre ability to help keep call wait times minimal. In one day alone, our member contact centre responded to 2,250 calls and kept wait times to an average of 22 seconds. We also reallocated approximately 50 of our corporate employees to help our branches manage the traffic of members in and around our busiest locations, and help our members learn different ways to bank when they visited a branch."

McKnight says they received great

feedback from their members during this time, many saying how much they appreciated us being there for them and helping them to learn new ways of banking that they hadn't used before.

"Everyone was impacted differently by COVID-19 and the economic downturn, and we were there, and continue to be there, for our members. We provided a number of personalized solutions and financial support for our members over the last six months including deferred payment plans and banking options for consumer, commercial and agricultural banking, and administered the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) federal loan program to our business members."

"Of all the unknowns over the last few months, one thing we did observe throughout was the acts of kindness by individuals and businesses across Saskatchewan. When the pandemic happened, Saskatchewanians did what they do best and stepped up to help others. We saw this and wanted to do something to showcase all the good that was happening. We leveraged the unexpected revenue we received for administering the CEBA federal loan program and launched the Conexus Kindness Capital Fund, awarding 42 individuals and businesses across the province with \$5,000 for their acts of kindness during COVID-19," McKnight added.

In regards to the maintaining positions or having to hire new staff to accommodate customer needs, Conexus, since encouraging their members to bank differently via online, mobile or phone banking, they internally shifted some of their staff to help support these service-delivery options including increasing the number of staff within their Member Contact Centre.

"We were very intentional with our hiring practices and did not layoff any staff during COVID-19. We were able to adjust our operations to ensure we continue to be fully operational to our members and their banking needs," the Conexus specialist commented.



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OSS garbage bins delivered to Melville residents

Zone 1 pickup begins on Nov. 13, Zone 2 begins on Nov. 6

By Emily Jane Fulford
Grasslands News

It's very clear, these bins are here to stay. Not for a year but forever and a day; or at least, for another 10 years. Ottenbreit Sanitation Services (OSS) will be officially taking over garbage pick up for the City of Melville and the new black bin disposal units made their way to homes in the city on Monday, Oct. 19.

The company began work in Melville earlier this fall with the introduction of curbside recycling pick up done bi-weekly.

The service drove up the take-part attitude when it comes to local recycling since the previous service required sorting and drop off at a location near Sarcan on First Avenue East. While there is still yet to be a service offering recycling for used glass, OSS recycling bins

allow residents to dispose of cans, plastics, paper and cardboard all in the same container.

The City of Melville's residential back alley garbage will be collected from residents on a weekly basis until the end of October, 2020. The new residential curbside garbage (OSS black bins) will be collected from residents on a bi-weekly basis starting Nov. 6 in Zone 2 and Nov. 13 in Zone 1.

Information and FAQ's on this topic have been posted on the City of Melville website. When the new garbage collection service begins in November, it will be done on a bi-weekly basis and the garbage day will be de-

termined by a zone map, much like the one already in place for recycling. If you're already familiar with the recycling pickup for your zone, the process is simple; recycling and garbage will simply rotate. So in other words, if you are due to have a recycling pick up in Zone 1 on Nov. 6th, your garbage will be picked up on Nov. 13th. If your recycling in

Zone 2 is due for pick up on the Oct. 30, your garbage will be picked up on the Nov. 6th and so on. Remember, bins need to be out either the night before garbage day or before 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

While the rules for curbside recycling bins stipulate not to use plastic bags for recyclables, the same is not the case

for garbage. The public is reminded that it is not a requirement to place unbagged loose garbage into these black bins.

Melville residents with additional questions relating to the service are encouraged to either email the City of Melville at: cityhall@melville.ca or call the City of Melville Public Works Department at 306-728-6865.



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Curbside garbage pickup

The new Ottenbreit Sanitation Services (OSS) black garbage bins have arrived in Melville, but don't start filling them quite yet. Curbside garbage pickup starts Nov. 6 in Zone 2 and Nov. 13 in Zone 1 and will rotate with recycling pickup every second Friday.

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OPINION

"For the cause that needs assistance;
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the future in the distance and
the good that we can do."

Get out and vote

The main message here is "Get out and vote!"

If there has ever been an election where people need to become a part of the democratic society of Canada, this is one of the years. Take just a few minutes to scan the news, and even if you only believe that 50 per cent is true, that 50 per cent should be enough to make you realize that the freedom to vote is an important right that we need to value more than we presently do.

While critics say only 50 per cent of the news may be real or correct, 50 per cent also hits the mark for the allowable voters that seem to care about the news. That's right, only about half of the voters take the time to mark a ballot to decide who and what political party will determine what happens in our province and country.

Just this morning, prior to writing this column, I read an article under the heading Education experts slam leaked Alberta curriculum proposals.

"Curriculum advisers hand-picked by the Alberta government are recommending changes to the Kindergarten-to-Grade 4 curriculum for fine arts and social studies that would eliminate all references to residential schools and "equity." The advisers also recommend that seven- and eight-year-olds learn about feudalism, Chinese dynasties and Homer's Odyssey in social studies classes.

"They also say first graders should learn Bible verses about creation as poetry and fourth graders should learn that most non-white Albertans are Christians.

"Curriculum experts familiar with the province's process say the suggestions are a huge departure from where work was heading before the United Conservative

Party was elected in 2019." - CBC News.

Education curriculum, that will be taught to your children and will influence the minds of the future generations that may govern, is just one example of why people should vote to decide who makes these decisions.

Following this article was another, "All that's standing in the way of Canadians being called to the polls in a general election this fall is this afternoon's vote on the creation of a Conservative-proposed committee to probe alleged Liberal corruption." The result may be known before we go to press but it all stems over the controversial government spending in the WE program. Your tax dollars and mine.

Of course, there is also the controversy in several areas surrounding the pandemic - the government shut downs of businesses, the lockdowns of long term care homes, schools, hospitals and even parliament. And what about the billions of dollars of deficit we are now facing or should I say our future generations will be paying?

Did you cast a vote in previous elections or in this election or will you be? Are you one of the two people who didn't cast a vote but are living within the province or country where all these things are happening?

If you are one of the people who says that your vote won't make a difference or doesn't count anyhow, remember that there may come a day when your attitude becomes more common place and only one-quarter of the voters mark a ballot. And then maybe only one tenth in the elections of the future until - well, you get the picture - who is going to hold the government that is in

power accountable.

Our provincial election result give a voice for not only here but also directed to the federal government.

Adrienne Ivey, a rancher, agricultural advocate, blogger and mom from Ituna, Sask. wrote an Opinion column that I also read today. She states, "The policies introduced this month will have both immediate and lasting effects on me, as both a farmer and a mom who would like to see my children succeed here at home. The environment, connectivity and trade are top of mind to farmers during this campaign."

She comments that farms pay carbon tax on many things, but farmers are not compensated for the carbon pulled from the atmosphere and stored in their soil through our grasslands or zero-till methods... The world has recently learned that working from home is possible, but rural people have been doing it for ages. The greatest barrier to rural home offices and businesses is access to dependable broadband... Many people see trade and exports as a federal issue, but Saskatchewan is an export province, so this is not something that can be left to other jurisdictions. Trade is not exclusive to agriculture. Forestry, energy, mining and manufacturing all depend heavily on healthy export markets. Maintaining relationships with our main trading partners and seeking new trade agreements must be a top priority for any Saskatchewan government.

This is a just a tiny bit of proof of your need to vote that I came across in just one day. Does your vote matter - you bet it does! Get out and vote.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

Saskatchewan election aftermath worrying

By Murray Mandryk
Grasslands News

Barring the most unexpected upset in Saskatchewan political history, we will be seeing this week a Saskatchewan Party government carry on with a fourth term.

And in the winner-take-all world of politics, it becomes easy to write off any misgivings with the winning party as irrelevant.

But maybe that's why we are always so frustrated with our politicians and the political process. Maybe this is where our problems begin.

Of course, the problem is that there are no easy fixes.

If an election doesn't produce a minority government or at least a very close race, governments wind up pretty much doing what they want.

As has been previously mentioned in this space, the Sask. Party went into this election having won 31 seats in the 2016 campaign by 2,500 votes or more. On only six occasions in the 115-year of our province has a party that won a seat by 2,500 votes or more then lost that seat in the next election.

Unseating government was always a hopeless unrealistic for the NDP. And it can surely be argued that the New Demo-

crat campaign didn't do all that much to help its cause.

Many will legitimately argue that the NDP didn't deserve to win because it virtually wrote off half the seats in the province before the campaign started.

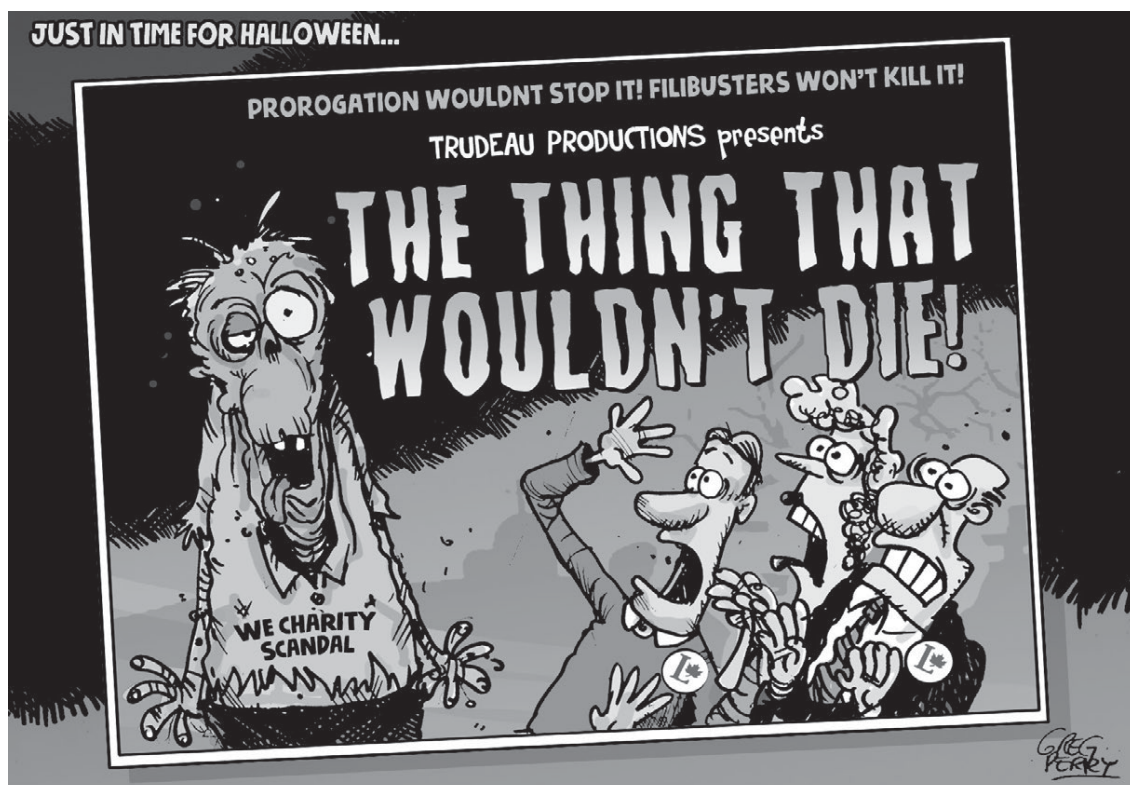
Sure, the NDP ran candidates in all 61 seats - many of which deserve credit for putting up a feisty fight in rural seats where some of them didn't stand much of a chance.

If we are ever to change the system to something better, it likely begins with the re-establishing the recognition that anyone who puts up his or her name for public office deserves respect for doing so.

That said, it did not go unnoticed that leader Ryan Meili's Ford campaign van hardly veered off Highway 11 between Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. And if it did, it was only for a short detour to Moose Jaw.

One can accuse Sask. Party leader Scott Moe of pretty much the same tactics, but why would the Sask. Party spend much time in seats it was guaranteed to win?

Moreover, the NDP's "People First" campaign can rightly be criticized for offering rather little to people in agriculture, oil and mining that have also been hard hit by the COVID-19 economic downturn.



Its costly \$2.1 billion in new spending was largely aimed at increased hiring in schools, hospitals and nursing but also at those economic disadvantaged. By its own admission, the NDP platform would leave Saskatchewan with massive billion-dollar-a-year deficits and still \$600 million short of a surplus after four years.

But maybe it's about here where we need to begin and rethink what we want out of a process that leaves us stuck with the lesser of evils after an election.

After all, the Sask. Party

promises of only slightly smaller deficits and \$849 million in new spending over the four years is clearly deserved of the criticism it received.

And we will soon be left paying for all this - a road we've been down before as recently as four years ago.

After the 2016 election that saw far less generous platforms from the two major parties, we were hit home with the 2017 Saskatchewan budget that hiked taxes and tripled the deficit to \$1.2 billion.

It hammered us by increasing the provincial sales tax to

six per cent and broadening it, shuttering the Saskatchewan Transportation Company and doing away with the 44-year-old Saskatchewan Hearing Aid Plan that supported preschool children with cochlear implants.

It wasn't what voters signed up for, but there's now a very realistic possibility - with a large majority Sask. Party government - we'll be in for this again.

Until we can somehow improve government accountability, it's, unfortunately, the system we're stuck with.

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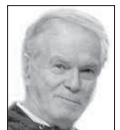
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Grenfell care home replacement plans underway

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Grenfell town council held its regular meeting in the council chambers at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct. 15 with all members present.

During councilor reports, Ken Hamnett noted that a portion of Highway 47 has been temporarily repaired. He is hopeful that it will hold until next spring when the problem can be properly addressed. Mayor Rod Wolfe reported that he spoke with Minister of Rural and Remote Health Warren Kaeding, who once again assured the mayor that plans for a new Level IV care home in Grenfell continue to move forward.

Later in the meeting, council formally transitioned oversight of the Level IV care home project to the Grenfell Healthcare Foundation. Council has taken a lead role in the efforts to replace the Grenfell Pioneer Home, working closely with provincial officials to get the project started. Council will continue to provide advice as necessary but the Foundation will assume leadership for the next stage of the project.

Council reviewed a bid from Terry Scott to purchase 414 Stella Street for \$6,100, plus GST. The town acquired the property through tax enforcement proceedings; taxes and utility payments on the property have not been current since 2014. The house needs extensive repairs and the town received no other bids for the property.

"It doesn't cover our costs but it's a decent tender,

and nobody is going to stick their neck out for more this time of year if we re-tender," Mayor Wolfe commented. "At least it starts accruing current taxes the minute we accept it." The other councilors agreed and the tender was awarded to Scott.

Administration presented council with a draft for the town's 2021 Fees and Charges Bylaw. The current council will review the document and provide their recommendations for the councilors elected on Nov. 9, who will revise and approve the bylaw.

Following an in-camera session, council addressed a matter that had been presented at the Sept. 17 meeting. They approved a request from Wei Moon's Café to abate the 2019 municipal taxes for the 172 days that the establishment was forced to close for structural repairs.

RCMP investigate B&E near Neudorf

Sgt. Travis Adams
Melville-Ituna Detachment

Oct. 14 - Oct. 21

Traffic

During this time, Melville and Ituna detachments responded to 38 reported occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 19 charges and 15 warnings.

RCMP attended a single vehicle roll over on Highway 47 which resulted in minor injuries. A cube van entered the ditch and then tipped on its side when coming back onto the highway. Highway was reduced to single lane while the van was removed.

RCMP are reminding motorists to SLOW down as winter driving season is upon us.

Mischief / Theft / Fraud

A call to RCMP reported that a campaign sign was vandalized for a Melville area candidate.

RCMP were contacted to report a Break and Enter at a business near Neudorf had occurred. Several items stolen including industrial knife sharpener, reciprocating saw, three laptops, a Carlisle server, first aid supplies, 40 plastic meat tubs as well as other items. RCMP continue to investigate.

A report to RCMP said that between October 10 and 13 someone dumped a large quantity of shingles on the grid road near Hubbard Cemetery. The shingles were also on the grid road from Ituna to the location they were dumped. RCMP continue to investigate.

Crimes against Person/Property

A person phoned Melville RCMP to report a fire. Possible structure fire near Birmingham. Melville Fire Department and RCMP attended. The owner was woken up and he stated that he was burning at that location earlier in afternoon but thought the fire was out. No signs of foul play/anything out of ordinary.

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Safety upgrades planned for Hwy. 1 and 9 intersection

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

The regular meeting of the council of the Town of Whitewood held on Oct. 6, 2020 included motions to hire a new foreman, payment of accounts, as well as discussion of staff requirements for wearing masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chris McRobbie has been hired as town foreman effective Nov. 2, 2020.

The monthly report from acting foreman Trent Merkel was presented by

Cindy Baumgartner, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), that revealed a large number of items had been completed as well as many needing to be done.

Council emphasized that the ditches get cut this fall to allow for proper drainage from the town. Due to a shortage of public work's staff, with only one employee at this time, the CAO was instructed to contract out the service if necessary to get it done and email council members for approval.

The CAO reported she is seeking information from additional banks that

people are requesting to make payments and is also looking into the cost for Neptune water reading equipment.

"This would save the cost of employees going house to house to read meters monthly, plus this cannot be done at this time due to COVID-19 precautions. There are some Neptune meters installed in some places already but these will probably need to be added onto to update and there would also be the expense to install them to everyone. Being a fairly expensive project, we are only investigating pricing at this time," Baumgartner commented.

Accounts for payments were approved in the amount of \$98,938.66 that included one account of \$55,500 to Southwest Paving 2006 Ltd. The pre-authorized payments totaled \$68,146.46. These payments included fulltime payroll (\$11,254.50 and \$11,348.49), MEPP employer contribution \$6,261.86), Mastercard (\$6,454.82) and the Government of Saskatchewan Education Property Tax monthly return (\$26,696.86) as well as Cemetery and Landfill contract payments, council payroll (\$3,009.83), foreman top up pay (\$848.09) and postage (\$700.00).

In Old Business, the CAO reported she spoke with the department of highways regarding the intersection of highways 1 and 9.

"We are aware of two collisions that have occurred since the speed limit reduction was put in place – I did speak with an older gentleman who was injured in the collision late last year and listened to his safety concerns. We will continue to monitor this intersection, and typically need 3-5 years of data to determine how effective the speed limit reduction has been in reducing the number of collisions or the severity of those collisions," the official informed the CAO.

"However, there are new safety improvements planned at this intersection. We anticipate that the flashing LED over-

head stop signs will be installed before the end of this year. There are also plans to construct a median acceleration lane for southbound to eastbound left turning traffic, although it has not yet been programmed for construction, pending budget availability."

In new business, a motion was carried to purchase a Munisoft software program for Licensing and Permits at a cost of \$842.00 (the introductory price less 35 per cent loyalty discount).

A request to plant a Memorial Tree in the cemetery was approved and a letter regarding coyotes will be responded to suggesting the DNR be contacted.

The 2019 Audited Financial Statements, due to the time lines, received approval by a motion from Coun. Lee Aldous and Coun. Donna Beutler and were sent to the government by the end of September deadline. No objections were received at the meeting regarding the motion approving the financial statement.

In regards to COVID-19 regulations, "I would like to suggest that employees should be wearing masks as per the SHA recommendations," Coun. Denise Istace commented.

Recreation employees have included the usage of masks in their operating instructions and Istace felt that all employees, if they could not social distance, should also wear masks during work hours.

An In Camera meeting for staffing was then approved before adjournment.

A request from Grasslands News regarding the cost of the office renovations done over the summer was answered by the CAO stating "The total cost to do renovations/repairs to library/office, that were found throughout the year to date is a total cost of \$50,795.07 which will include the PST." The request for a breakdown of the costs has not been received as of yet.

WFD battles fire in rough terrain

Bush fire takes 7.5 hours to douse

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

A bush fire northeast of Whitewood last weekend took firefighters more than seven hours to extinguish and was just the latest in a long list of calls the Whitewood Fire Department (WFD) has responded to in the last three weeks.

The latest was just after 10 a.m. on Oct. 18 when the WFD was dispatched to a fire northeast of town in the RM of Willowdale, near the Forrest Farm district, where a dozen firefighters spent almost seven and a half hours battling a fire in the bushy terrain.

The fire – believed to have started sometime in the early morning hours or evening prior from a piece of machinery parked in an old farm yard – burned

throughout the yard, destroying a combine and an old house before spreading into and burning approximately 20 acres of bush and grass.

Due to the location of the fire in the thick brush, firefighters were unable to reach much of the flame front with vehicles or ATV's so had to resort to fighting the fire on foot using small tools and manpower. Where trucks were able to access, several thousand gallons of water were used to douse the flames and help keep the fire contained.

Firefighters were on scene until 5:30 p.m. before it was contained enough that it was not considered a threat to spread

or re-ignite.

Since Oct. 1, the WFD has responded to more than a dozen calls including five vehicle accidents, four fires, a STARS landing and three fire alarm calls.



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The next Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Council meeting will be held on: Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Comment

COVID-19 & Halloween!

- Incidents of confirmed cases in the province have spiked recently. Stay current with the Sask. Health Authority updates and check out the related Fall Activity Guidelines at www.saskatchewan.ca for specific recommendations for a safe Halloween. Please respect the wishes of households and businesses who choose not to take part this year. Look for a welcoming porch light or similar indication of participation. Hand washing, safe distancing, masks, gathering sizes, ... still prevail.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

- We have some choices to make! Three people have stepped forward for the mayor's seat and nine residents are vying for six councillor positions.

- Over the next four years, seven of these candidates will be representing you as they guide the town's initiatives. Your choices and the candidates' levels of commitment to the task are key to our community's future prosperity. Please make an effort to become informed in the interim, then make sure you get out and Vote!

- Options for voting will be confirmed shortly by our Returning Officer along with information regarding the steps that will be employed to ensure voter and worker safety during the election process. Ministry best practices for Municipal Elections during COVID-19 and SHA directives will be referred to as guidelines are completed

- Stay up to date through the town website (www.fortquappelle.com) and Facebook page.

HAVE A SAFE WEEKEND ALL!

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• 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

Garbage Collection Requirements

Just a friendly reminder to all residents that any accumulation of garbage will be addressed per Bylaw 458. Per the bylaw under Section 3 – Garbage being accumulated and stored for the purpose of being collected and taken to a waste disposal ground for disposal shall be kept in covered, fly-proof and watertight containers. Section 4 – Each dwelling is allowed a maximum of two 25 gallon closed containers and with contents not to exceed 50 pounds each. The containers shall be equipped with handles and shall not have a capacity greater than twenty-five gallons by volume and contents are not to exceed 50 pounds each. Failure to comply with any provisions of this bylaw will incur a \$100.00 violation charge per week.

Please be advised, it has to come to our attention the above bylaw is not being followed by many property owners. Therefore, the bylaw officer will be issuing tickets for violations regarding garbage.

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Do you run a home based business or are a business working in Fort Qu'Appelle? If so, you're required to get a business license from the Town office. We offer a Daily or Annual License, please contact the Town Office at 306-332-5266 if you have any questions.



ALAN HUSTAK | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Advance polls

Election week in Saskatchewan started on Tuesday as balloting in the advance polls began. In spite of the season's first snowfall and below zero temperatures, people in Fort Qu'Appelle lined up outside the Legion hall and kept their distance from each other, as they cast ballots at the polling station. The advance polls will be open every day from noon until 8 p.m. until Saturday, Oct. 24. Elections Saskatchewan has opened more advance polling locations, and they will remain open one hour longer than before to make sure everyone can vote safely during the pandemic.

Feathers fly in downtown core

By Emily Jane Fulford
Grasslands News

A topic front and center on the council agenda on Monday, Oct. 19 was the alleged issue of pigeons in the downtown core. According to bylaw enforcement officer, Madison Blackstone, recent relocation efforts may result in the birds being seen as they are attempting to find new homes.

"On everyone's mind lately is the concern for the pigeons in the downtown core. This has been actively pursued to find a remedy and is currently being addressed," said Blackstone. "Residents/business owners will see an increase in movement concerning pigeons in the downtown district as these pigeons will be seeking relocation; they are currently being evicted."

Exactly how the city has planned to address the issue was not clear, however, it was indicated that it would be thorough enough that locals should keep an eye out for birds seeking alternative accommodations. While pigeon

sightings as of late have been very low, whether this correlates to the number of reported stray cats has not yet been determined, although the 20 cat cards issued this year compared to the zero amount issued in 2019 is undeniably a statistical conversation starter.

"The City Public Works Department, Bylaw and Pest Control have been working through the spring/sum-

mer to address this issue and concern," explains Blackstone. "It is being advised that the businesses downtown maintain their properties/check and monitor that their homeless birds do not make homes on their roofs or can get into their buildings."

With colder weather quickly progressing to snow in the weeks ahead, local residents are encouraged to make

sure that there are no openings in their roofs as such vacancies may be too good to resist for some unwanted house guests.

For those who may discover that they already have winged tenants in need of a speedy eviction, they are encouraged to contact the City of Melville Bylaw Enforcement office at 306-728-6840 or fill out a complaint form online.



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Gene Hauta

It's A Strange World

Lev Parnas is facing new federal charges, this time, for **allegedly defrauding investors** with a company he started called Fraud Guarantee. "We couldn't say it better ourselves — the behavior alleged today is indeed fraudulent — guaranteed," said FBI assistant director Bill Sweeney. Parnas and business partner David Correia lured investors into putting over \$2 million into the company, which was designed to provide fraud protection. Parnas and Correia allegedly spent the money on themselves.

"Last week a Beverly Hills man who threatened to kill his wife was ordered to get professional help," observed Argus Hamilton. "So, he hired a hit man."

Officials had a big decision to make: **keep the name of Swastika, NY, or change it?** The name was used between 1913-58 for the post office. It is true that since the 1940s that word evokes images of the Nazi invasion of Europe, the Second World War, and the Holocaust. Michael Alcamo who recently raised the issue said it was obvious the town should update its name and should pick a name that is not so offensive to so many Americans and so emblematic of intolerance, hate and tyranny. But on Sept. 14, the council was unanimous in keeping the name. There is also what is now part of Kirkland Lake, ON named Swastika. Council explained that the word is Sanskrit for 'well-being', and the symbol was considered good luck in Indian religions for thousands of years.

A man with a lengthy criminal record was able to leave a maximum-security federal penitentiary in Port Cartier, even though everyone was "**cer-tain**" that he would reoffend. Éric Lefebvre, 51, reached the automatic statutory release date on a six-year sentence he received in 2016, but within days of his release **he committed at least four armed robberies** in Montreal.

The proprietor of a "U Break It I Fix" mobile phone repair shop in Daeland, Fla., went to get a customer's phone in the store's "cage" but found it missing. A review of the security camera video identified employee Brian Francis, 29, as the culprit, likely responsible for **\$9,000 in electronics going missing**. The man worked as a "sign spinner" (standing on street corners flipping an advertising sign around to attract customers). Francis, who has an arrest record including for robbery and escaping police custody, was charged with grand theft.

Every morning for 18 months, an entire Welsh village would lose its broadband internet connection, or else see speeds slow to a crawl. The problem persisted through several different fixes. Engineers eventually traced the problem to a resident of Aberhosan, Powys, who **turned on an old second-hand TV at 7 a.m. every day**. Unbeknownst to everyone, the set emitted electrical interference that killed the internet. The 'mortified' owner immediately agreed to turn off the TV and never use it again, and the connectivity issues were resolved.

A customer at a Wendy's burger drive-thru in Deltone, Fla. asked to speak to the manager because the **server at the window was a "smart-ass"** when she asked him to pull forward to wait. Manager Julia Martin, 22, heard the exchange and told the staff she would deliver the man's meal to his car. When Martin went to the vehicle, the customer was threatening to call Wendy's headquarters to report the restaurant. Martin was not happy and punched the man through the open window. She walked away for a minute and then came back to smarten him up a little more. She also had her keys in her hand, and threw them at his face. He kept the keys as evidence until sheriff's deputies arrived. Deputies noticed Martin's story kept changing, and she was arrested for battery.

Rescuers in Alabama say Rosetta Kimbrough is lucky to be alive. The resident of Mobile wasn't feeling particularly lucky when Hurricane Sally sent a tree through her roof. It happened that a colony of bees had made the tree its home. Kimbrough found herself pinned to the bed as a **swarm of angry bees filled the room** sometime after 4 a.m. Besides being stung 15-20 times, there were other bugs in the tree that invaded her ears. Rescue workers arrived within minutes to lift the debris off Kimbrough while trying to avoid being stung by the bees. The beam that came down missed killing her by a few inches.

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Sask. Teachers' Federation wants COVID transparency

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Saskatchewan set the highest-ever single-day increase in COVID-19 positive tests on Monday, Oct. 19 with 66 new cases, and at least 50 cases are in 41 schools since Sept. 8.

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation President Patrick Maze suggested that these increased numbers confirm what the province's Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab has been predicting – as colder weather arrives, it results in people coming indoors

more.

“Dr. Shahab has been talking for some time about a second wave, and it appears it is upon us so we need to be vigilant and continue to take all the proper precautions in our schools,” Maze said.

Maze has frequently questioned the approach to the re-opening of schools on Sept. 8 with the provincial government providing school divisions with guidelines that were not consistent with the advice of public health relating to gathering sizes, cohorts and physical distancing.

“Yes, you want to give divisions some flexibility in terms of their own needs, but at the same time a sound, scientific response is what is required for a

virus like this,” he stressed.

Citing a lack of consistency across the province as a result, Maze reiterated the STF's stance on the need to suspend extracurricular activities.

“We need to give this some serious thought, at least until this virus is showing some signs of being under better control,” Maze added. “School divisions have made changes to schedules, implemented cohorts, social distancing expectations, timetable adjustments, staggered start times and other precautions. Extracurricular activities undermines these efforts.”

Maze also questioned why there isn't more transparency in the reporting of in-school cases. “Parents, students and school staff deserve to know and understand what the impact of school opening is on case-load, and how the risks in schools and communities are changing,” said Maze.

The Federation encourages the government to consider what resources and directives can be provided to better protect the health and safety of students and staff, and maintain students' access to learning.

Flu vaccine available for Sask. residents

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The influenza vaccine is available to Saskatchewan residents as of Oct. 19, 2020.

The Government of Saskatchewan is encouraging everyone to get their flu shot this season to help prevent the spread of influenza.

“Getting a flu shot provides double protection—for yourself and also for those close to you,” Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. “It is a vaccine that is freely available, proven to be safe, and is particularly important this year during flu season as part of our ongoing efforts to mitigate the additional challenges to our provincial health care system from COVID-19. We encourage everyone to do their part to help keep Saskatchewan's communities as healthy as possible.”

Flu shots are recommended for those at higher risk, including seniors, people with underlying chronic health conditions, children under five, and pregnant women. Seniors often have chronic health conditions (like heart or lung disease or diabetes) and weaker immune systems, which makes them particularly vulnerable to complications from influenza.

Flu shots will be available to residents at pharmacists, physicians, local public health offices and flu clinics.

Please visit 4flu.ca for up-to-date information on where and when clinics will take place. There will be modifications to where and how flu shots will be administered this year.

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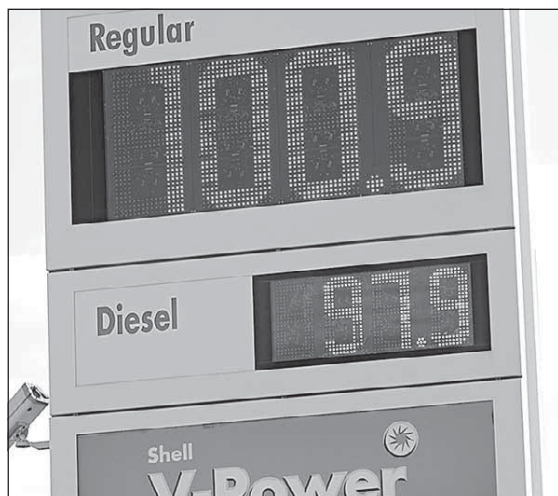


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Party Leaders outline plans to help small businesses recover

Canadian Federation of Independent Business Grasslands News

With the Saskatchewan Election less than one week away, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is releasing the results of its 2020 Leaders' Survey on Small Business Priorities. Party Leaders responded to important questions on the need for small business tax relief to help economic recovery, sustainable spending, red tape reduction, and improving employment policies and training programs.

"As Saskatchewan's Election Day nears, it is important for Leaders to directly address the issues most important to Saskatchewan small businesses across the province," said Marilyn Braun-Pollon, CFIB's vice-president, Western Canada and Agri-business. "In particular, what is their Party's plan to help small businesses and the Saskatchewan economy recover, which is especially important as many small businesses continue to struggle due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

CFIB conducted a pre-election survey that found the majority of small business owners (67%) in the province believe it is very important for the next government to provide tax relief to help small businesses recover, even if it delays balancing the budget. "We know there is no economic recovery without a small business recovery. However, the recovery has been slow for most small businesses. While 83 per cent of Saskatchewan small businesses are fully open, only 32 per cent are making normal sales," added Braun-Pollon.

The Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Green Party, Saskatchewan New Democratic Party and Saskatchewan Party all provided responses to the survey. No survey responses were received from the Buffalo Party of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Liberal Party. As a non-partisan organization, CFIB posted the responses, unedited on CFIB's Saskatchewan Election website to help small business owners make an informed decision on October 26th.

Positive Commitments for Small Business:

- Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan – Will position small business taxes to be the most competitive in Canada by introducing a plan to reduce Saskatchewan's small business corporate tax rate from two to zero per cent.

- Saskatchewan Green Party – Will immediately work to ensure provincial supports for small businesses who are struggling to help get through this temporary period of economic turbulence; work collaboratively with small businesses to design co-op programs that give students free work training and future job opportunities upon graduation.

- Saskatchewan NDP – Will remove the PST from construction labour; interested in working with small businesses to reduce red tape by finding improvements and eliminating wasteful processes.

- Saskatchewan Party – Will introduce a three year reduction to the small business tax rate from two per cent to zero, beginning Oct 1, 2020; reduce SaskPower bills by 10 per cent for one year for all SaskPower customers; plan to balance the budget by 2024 – without tax increases or reductions in programs and services.

Concerning Commitments for Small Business:

- Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan – Supports giving municipalities new taxation powers; no plan to balance the budget.

- Saskatchewan Green Party – Will introduce a Guaranteed Livable Income without outlining the significant program costs; no plan to balance the budget.

- Saskatchewan NDP – Will increase the minimum wage to \$15.00 by the end of its first term while only exempting some small businesses with a new credit; no plan to balance the budget. While not currently considering giving municipalities new taxation powers, concerns remain that this could be considered in the future.

- Saskatchewan Party – While not currently considering any expansion of taxation powers for municipalities, concerns remain that this could be considered in the future.

"We were pleased that the Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan NDP and the Saskatchewan Party outlined plans to improve high speed internet across Saskatchewan," added Braun-Pollon.

Prior to the election, CFIB met with three of Saskatchewan's political parties (The Saskatchewan Party, Saskatchewan New Democratic Party and the Buffalo Party of Saskatchewan) and presented pre-election priorities and urged

Party Leaders to commit to small-business friendly policies. Read CFIB's Saskatchewan Small Business Pre-Election Priorities: Roadmap for the province's economic recovery on CFIB's Saskatchewan website.

"We're encouraging all small business owners to ask their candidates how their party plans to help Saskatchewan's economy recover," concluded Braun-Pollon. "Now let's get out there on October 26th and vote."

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Grasslands Lifestyles

Staying safe on the Trick or Treat trail

By Emily Jane Fulford

Grasslands News

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and this year the event will be falling on a Saturday. However the traditional Halloween parade involving school children wearing their costumes to school might have a few extra guidelines. While safety in schools is already a hot topic that the school board is working on in conjunction with Sask. Health, it may be weather that puts a wrench in the works this year regardless, unless anybody is planning to dress up as an Antarctic exploration crew doctor. Without further adieu, here are the health guidelines recommended by the provincial government for this year's celebration of tiny individually wrapped candy.

First of all, two metres distance must be maintained between individuals who are not in the same household/extended household at all times. So if you had plans to dress as Siamese twins with your cousin's neighbor from the Netherlands, this plan will probably need to be put on hold for the foreseeable future.

The second rule states that no direct

physical contact should occur between trick-or-treaters and the people who are distributing Halloween treats. They recommend that participants should consider using tools such as tongs to distribute candy at a distance. It may also be the perfect opportunity to throw on that Rush jersey you've had stowed away in your closet all summer and put your lacrosse stick to some off-season use.

Crowds can happen, especially if the display is especially cool. However, physical distancing still needs to be used when approaching houses so remember to take turns. For houses or neighbourhoods anticipating a high volume of trick-or-treaters, or for houses with especially awesome displays sure to attract a lot of attention, people distributing candy are encouraged to place tape markers every two metres between doorways and sidewalks/drive-ways to promote physical distancing. There are also no stipulations stating that this can't be incorporated into a display either. After all, there's nothing quite like a talking corpse on the front lawn to inspire the idea of acknowledging personal space.

Because there's the potential for a lot of touching of treats to occur prior to them being handed out, cleaning candy wrap-



pers with disinfectant wipes or holding the treats for 72 hours before consuming is a good idea for both the giver and receiver. They can also be handled or unpackaged using gloves. Of course, as has been the case for many decades now, it is also recommended that only wrapped, store-bought treats should be distributed or consumed.

Common touch areas of houses such as handrails, doorbells, doorknobs and knockers should be frequently cleaned and disinfected while trick or treating is happening. This can be done in between handing out candy. Trick-or-treaters have been asked to practice frequent hand hygiene by carrying portable hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada, but let's face it, kids should not be solely responsible for this, consider having hand sanitizer at the door.

Of course the people distributing the candy also need to practice hand hygiene while handing out Halloween treats.

Sask. Health has suggested that people distributing candy wear masks such as non-medical cloth masks. They have also hinted that trick-or-treaters might consider incorporating non-medical cloth masks into

their costumes, while ensuring their eyes are not covered for safety reasons. There are many options for costumes that could incorporate non-medical masks, for example, if your child wants to dress up as a fighter pilot, olympic skier, veterinarian, Joe Biden or Batman you're in luck.

Quarantined? Here is an idea that might save the day. Consider taking a liberal leaf from the 90's phenomenon Electric Circus; scary sounds, fun lighting or a strobe light, halloween music and a window dance can be just as fun for those stuck indoors as it is for those walking by outside. Of course, if it doesn't get the attention you're looking for on October 31st, a repeat performance on November 3rd is sure to be a head turner.

So whether you're dressing up to hand out candy, turning your yard into a creepy ghoulish infested nightmare of horror, taking your family out for an evening of trick or treating, shutting off all the lights and pretending you're not home because escaping to Florida was out of the cards this year, or sitting back for an evening of fun filled spooky movies, don't forget, November 1st the chocolate goes on sale. Happy Halloween!

Recycling your old electronics is good for our planet and landfills

By Sarah Pacio

Grasslands News

Electronics that have outlived their normal usefulness can get a second chance through recycling. In fact, 80 per cent of a smartphone is recyclable. The Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) provides oversight for the process. The theme for the organization's Recycle My Electronics initiative is "What's Inside Counts," because not only does recycling an old phone or computer reduce the pile of waste at a landfill, it is also an opportunity to reuse copper, aluminum, gold and plastic.

"We can make new devices out of the material that's in the old devices," explained Gayleen Creelman, Program Director for EPRA Saskatchewan. "The metals, glass, plastic all can be reused, lessening our need to mine that product or use our natural resources to make new devices."

Saskatchewan electronics recycling program was started in 2007 and since then, over 37,000 metric tonnes have been processed. Creelman said the list of items that can be recycled is extensive, and includes "anything that keeps you connected to the world and allows you to print and visualize or listen." Computers, printers, phones, ear buds, televisions (old console styles as well as newer models), microwaves, stereo equipment, and gaming devices, along with all the cables that accompany the products, can be recycled.

Items can be dropped off at a designated collection site, free of charge. The products are then shipped to an authorized

processor in western Canada where hazards like lead or mercury are responsibly removed. Components like glass are also separated from items before they are shredded. The shredded material is sorted and sold to manufacturers who use it to make plastic tables, gold jewelry and even Olympic medals.

Prior to recycling phones and computers, consumers are encouraged to back up and then erase data. Whether there is data on a device or not, EPRA partners at collection points and processing plants will not turn on the device, it is simply broken down into reusable parts. Strict policies and auditing procedures ensure the processors handle the electronics and sell the shredded material legally.

There are more than 90 drop off locations in the province; these include Sarcan facilities in Broadview, Grenfell, Fort Qu'Appelle, and Melville. This creates an easily accessible network for most residents and many are aware of the electronics recycling program. However, Creelman said more than 80 per cent of people have at least one device in their home that should be recycled.

"We're encouraging people to take them in for recycling because they're really not doing any good sitting in the garage, Quonset, or the basement," Creelman concluded. "The resources within them can be reused, but they can't be reused unless they're taken in for recycling."



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Kahkewistahaw purchases factory in Melville

By Emily Jane Fulford
Grasslands News

On Oct. 19, 2020 Chief Evan Taypotat announced that Kahkewistahaw First Nation's fabrication company, Kihew Fabco, had acquired the former 55-thousand square foot Babcock Wilcox building along Highway 10 in Melville. The Kahkewistahaw First Nation is part of the Treaty 4 located in Broadview, SK.

The building, once given an exterior makeover including a new paint job in the Kihew Fabco official company colors, will be used for welding, engineering and design and 3-D modelling services. The property the factory is located on will remain as part of the city.

"We will not be making the building reserve land. When that is done it cannot be reversed," said Chief Evan Taypotat. "At Kahkewistahaw we don't operate that way."

Kihew Fabco is one of many organizations under holding company, KEMC. The organization is led by a Chief Executive Officer and governed by five board members. KEMC provides management and operational guidance to other companies and their partners and is part of the Economic Development Strategy, which aims to guide and shape all business decisions for the next five years.

KEMC continually seeks new opportunities in various industry sectors, such as re-

tail, gas and hotels and are in the process of expanding into areas of renewable energy, construction, value-added agriculture, oilfield and mining.

KEMC purchased the Babcock and Wilcox manufacturing plant in Melville, in 2019, which assembled large equipment for a variety of industries, such as mining, oil and gas.

By operating this way, factory jobs would be open to all demographics and not limited to those who hold a status card.

According to the Kahkewistahaw First Nation, the Chief and Council are committed to ensuring KFN retains as much capital and employment opportunities as is possible. To accomplish this, KEMC has been in the planning stages to create its own construction company so as to meet the needs of numerous planned upcoming developments. The Melville factory is a major step in this direction.

The sale of the abandoned Babcock-Wilcox building is good news for the city, which mayor Walter Streelasky hopes will help encourage younger people to move to and remain in the city. He says the economic development of the facility will be great for both Melville and Kahkewistahaw.

Following the announcement of the building being purchased by the local area First Nation, Melville city council hosted the delegation at city hall where a presentation about the plans for the building were presented to council.



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Kahkewistahaw unveils plans

Chief Evan Taypotat shown here doing a tobacco presentation with Mayor Walter Streelasky of Melville. It was the beginning of events which took place on Monday, Oct. 19 to celebrate KIHAW Fabco's plans for the former Babcock Wilcox building which will bring new jobs to Melville.

"It was truly a very positive event with Chief Evan Taypotat, along with the Kahkewistahaw council members, outlining their development plan for the

former Babcock Wilcox plant," says Mayor Walter Streelasky. "This manufacturing industry, Kihew Fabco, will bring added life to our Highway 10 indus-

trial area while providing job opportunities and economic growth for our community."

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Voters to choose new Sask. government Oct. 26

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

We are just days away from knowing who will be the new official members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan following the general election on Monday, October 26, 2020.

The writ was dropped on September 29, just in time to hold the election on October 26 under Saskatchewan's fixed election date law. Poll hours on Oct. 26 are 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Although Premier Moe hinted at the possibility of a snap election in the spring of 2020, Moe announced on March 12 that he would not do so, citing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Saskatchewan.

Monday's election in Saskatchewan is the third provincial election held in Canada during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic after New Brunswick and British Columbia.

The October 26, 2020 provincial election will be different than past electoral events in Saskatchewan. "Elections Saskatchewan is working hard to make sure everyone can vote safely," Moe said. "This election, there will be more advance poll locations and advance polls will be open an hour

longer each day than in previous elections. This should help ensure the polling places are not crowded, so voters should consider avoiding the rush on Election Day by voting this week at an advance poll.

"This election, we should probably think of it as Election Week rather than Election Day, and Election Week starts today," Moe stated at the beginning of the week. "The polls are open until 8 pm every evening, so it's a great chance for people to vote after work."

There will be new processes and safety measures in place to protect voters, election workers and candidate representatives at the polls and returning offices. These measures include:

- Physical distancing in the polls. Voters will be asked to stay 2 metres (6 feet) apart
- Elections Saskatchewan strongly recommend wearing a mask at the polls
- Hand sanitizer available at all polls
- Surfaces in the polls will be disinfected throughout the day
- Single-use pencils will be provided
- Voters who feel unwell on Election Day should stay home. Avoid not being able to vote by exploring other voting

options such as advance voting.

A provincial general election is the biggest event Saskatchewan holds:

- 815,189 registered voters (as of July 13, 2020)
- 800,000 single-use pencils
- 13,000+ election workers (needed for returning offices, head office support, and at polls for 5 days of advance voting and election day Oct. 26)
- 3,150 polling stations across province
- 1,700 unique poll locations across province
- 61 returning offices.

Added to election expenses will be the PPE supplies. Quantities that Elections SK procured in July in preparation of an election call included 400,000 masks, 8,750 litres of hand sanitizer for use by election workers and voters, 8,500 litres of disinfectant, 6,360 boxes of gloves, 6,000 rolls of paper towel and 5,200 acrylic shields for use at polling locations. Additional supplies may have been added as election planning developed.

Due to present COVID-19 numbers increasing in some northern communities, an Elections Saskatchewan employee will be travelling to people's houses on the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) this week and

handing out ballot kits to anyone who successfully applied for one.

There were 61,451 Absentee ballots (vote by mail) approved applications in this 2020 election compared to 4,420 in 2016 and 4,000 in 2011.

Every voter has the choice to vote in advance of Election Day. If you have not registered to vote, you can still do so in person at the polls either during advance voting (Oct. 20 - 24) or on Election Day (Oct. 26).

Advance voting for this year's election is designated for 5 straight days, Tuesday, October 20 to Saturday, October 24, Noon to 8 p.m. each day. Check your voter information card or elections.sk.ca/wheredoivote for the advance voting location recommended in your constituency.

If voting in the Advance Polls from now until Saturday, October 24, remember to bring ID and a mask.

In the last election of 2016, there were 110,716 voters who voted by advance poll compared to 66,392 in the 2011 election.

The government is formed with 61 seats in the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. 31 seats are needed for a majority.

One of the latest polls released, for the dates Oct.

8 - 13, 2020 conducted by Angus Reid, shows that of the 759 polled, the Sask Party garnered 60% of the popular vote and the NDP garnered 33%, leaving 7% as other. This is a lead of 27% for the Sask Party at that date.

Candidates running in the provincial election include 17 for the Buffalo Party, 61 for the New Democratic Party, 31 for the Progressive Conservatives, 60 for the Green Party, 3 for the Liberal Association, 61 for the Sask Party and 3 Independent.

There are 11 retiring incumbents this election.

Past Election

The previous election re-elected the Saskatchewan Party to its third consecutive majority government under the leadership of Brad Wall. On

August 10, 2017, Wall announced his resignation as leader, pending the election of his successor. On January 27, 2018, Scott Moe was elected leader of the Saskatchewan Party. He was appointed and sworn in as premier on February 2.

The last election saw the Saskatchewan Party elect 51 seats while the New Democrats elected 10 seats.

There were 434,244 people who voted in the 2016 general election, an increase of more than 30,000 from the 403,873 who cast their ballot in 2011. A more accurate estimate of voter turnout was shown as a percentage of eligible voters – in 2011, it was 51.1 percent and in 2016, it rose slightly to 53.5 percent.



Correction Notice

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Sgt. Drew Wagner
Fort Qu'Appelle Detachment

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Oct. 13 to Oct. 19

Traffic

A hit and run collision is being investigated that occurred in a restaurant parking lot. The suspect vehicle has been identified.

A collision with a moose on Highway 10 near Edgeley resulted in the vehicle being towed and a trip to the hospital for the driver and passenger for minor injuries.

A 28-year-old male driver was arrested for driving while prohibited. An officer observed the vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign as it entered onto highway 10. The vehicle was also impounded.

Traffic tickets issued for: driving while disqualified, operate an unregistered trailer, operate an unregistered vehicle, drive without a valid license, speeding, exceed 60 km/h when passing an emergency vehicle with lights activated, tint of front windshield, speed greater than 35 km/h above the posted limit, driver fail to wear seatbelt, drive a vehicle while holding, viewing, using or manipulating electronic communications equipment, and fail to produce driver's license upon request of a peace officer.

Mischief

Police were called to a disturbance at a residence. Officers determined the disturbance to be over a civil agreement. Both parties advised to come to an agreement.

Crimes Against the Person/Property

Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP assisted Punnichy Detachment with the recovery of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was spotted by the registered owner who began to

follow the vehicle. Officers located the truck driving on grid roads and began following the dust cloud from a distance while additional officers set up a road block. The spike belt was deployed to stop the vehicle which was successful in deflating three tires. The female suspect driver gave herself up without incident. The 23-year-old female driver is also suspected in another vehicle theft from the Punnichy area as well. She is facing numerous property and driving charges. She remains in custody pending a court appearance.

A scam was reported to police involving Publisher's Clearing House. The complainant received a phone call he won \$1.5 million dollars. The complainant told the caller he never purchased a ticket for such a prize. The caller said the complainant's name was automatically entered when purchases are made from "big box" stores. A quick online query on the Publisher's Clearing House website says all winners will NOT be contacted by phone and any such call should be considered a scam. The complainant did not provide any personal information to the caller.

A complaint of harassing communications was looked into. The suspect and victims are known to each other from a previous relationship. The text messages were not threatening in nature, just annoying. The suspect was spoken to and warned that future unwanted messages may lead to a charge.

A black 1979 Chevrolet truck was stolen from an acreage. The vehicle does not have a plate on it and the matter is still under investigation.

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Operation Christmas Child kicks off 2020 campaign

Canada's 2020 Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection season has started. Individuals, families, churches, businesses, sports teams, and community groups are now packing shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, plus personal notes and photos, to be delivered to children in need around the world.

Operation Christmas Child is an annual initiative of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization that works in more than 100 countries. Last year, Canadians filled more than 490,000 shoeboxes with gifts that shared God's love and hope with struggling children in West Africa and Central America. In this unprec-

edented year, children need great joy more than ever.

Thanks to all the items that Canadians lovingly put in their shoeboxes, and the \$10-per-box they donate to cover shipping and other program costs, Samaritan's Purse is able to deliver the boxes to children around the world living in the midst of poverty, disease, war,

and natural disaster.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and distributed more than 177 million shoebox gifts in over 100 countries.

"Every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share God's love with so many searching for hope," said Randy Crosson, director of Operation Christmas Child. "These simple gifts are a tangible way to remind children that they are not alone or forgotten."

Shoeboxes are given as unconditional gifts regardless of the child's race, religion, or gender. When given, they often open doors for Samaritan's Purse to work with community leaders in identifying and addressing important needs such as clean water, literacy, vocational training for women, school meals for children, etc.

National Shoebox Collection Week is Nov. 16-22: Each gift-filled shoebox packed, donated, and delivered to one of hundreds of collection centers throughout Canada by Nov. 22 will make a long journey into the arms of a child in need. Visit their COVID-19 updates page to stay informed and find answers to frequently asked questions. Another great option is to pack boxes

online at PackABox.ca.

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief and development organization that aids victims of war,

disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution.

Visit SamaritansPurse.ca for more information.



CHRIS ASHFIELD | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Bridge replacement

Work continues on a bridge replace project five kilometers north of Grenfell on Highway 47. During the work, traffic has been detoured onto a temporary by-pass that is controlled by stop lights

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Creepy creations

Jada Bellegarde, Koby Redman and Ava Bellegarde show off their 'dead dolls' that were made as part of a library craft program in Fort Qu'Appelle.

Haunted library plays host to the ghosts

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

The library in Fort Qu'Appelle has re-opened with "Dead Dolls," a children's craft program designed to play host to the ghosts.

Koby Redman was among six youngsters who spent a couple of hours turning an ordinary doll into a spooky creature he calls Becky that he plans to give to his sister. Jada and Ava Bellegarde painted dolls with "real blood" that will haunt their mantelpiece at home on Halloween.

The Dead Dolls event was inspired, in part, by the widespread belief that the library on Company Avenue is haunted. No one has seen it but there are those who swear that they have experienced a supernatural force that is said to haunt the library in Fort Qu'Appelle. "I was caught up late one night, doing some stuff, and "Thump" went a book out of the stacks," said librarian Mal Heard. Similarly, an assistant, Barb Batiuk, was working at the front desk when books in the far corner of the library fell from their shelves. Adding to the mystery

is that the alarm goes off when no one is there to activate it, the door has been known to unlock itself, and no matter how hard they try, they can't regulate the heat in the building. "It is always cold in here," said Heard.

Paranormal investigators say that while books may dance around and things in the stacks go bump in the night, whatever is haunting the building is not a malevolent spirit but a soul that is deeply connected to the place that either won't or can't leave. If, as some suggest, they have imagined a "grey lady," tossing things around, it has to be Agnes "Jennie" White. White was a formidable teacher who was the town's librarian for 17 years until the new library opened in 1985. She died a decade later. The other possibility is the spirit of long time Justice of the Peace, Ernie Miller, who lived in a shack that occupied the site of the present library until his death in 1945. Miller came to Canada as a young man from England in 1882, was principal of the first school in Fort Qu'Appelle in the 1890s, and for several years published the Vidette newspaper.

If you want to catch a ghost or two in action, you might want to attend a screening of The Grudge at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Only 11 people will be seated for the screening, so reserve ahead: Call 306-332-6411



Good Spirit School Division #204 Elections Notice of Advance / Regular Poll

For the office of Board Member (1 per Division)

Subdivision No. 4

Monday, November 2, 2020

Village of Calder - Calder School Facility 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Village of Ebenezer - Ebenezer Community Center 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Village of Springside - Springside Centennial Town Hall 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 5, 2020

City of Yorkton - Gallagher Center - Flexi Hall 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Subdivision No. 7

Monday, November 2, 2020

Village of Stockholm - Community Hall 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Town of Esterhazy - Esterhazy Town Office - Council Chambers 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Regular Polls will be held at the above locations on November 9, 2020 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

I will declare the results of the election at the Good Spirit Education Complex, 5B Schrader Drive, on the 10th day of November, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Jennifer Lizuck, Returning Officer

Notice of Abandonment of Poll

Good Spirit School Division Elections

Whereas a poll is **not** required pursuant to the Local Government Act for the office(s) of:

BOARD MEMBER, GOOD SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 204

Sub-Division No. 1 Representing the incorporated area of the Villages of Arran, Pelly and Togo, the Towns of Kamsack and Norquay, and associated rural areas.

Sub-Division No. 2 Representing the incorporated area of the Villages of Endeavour, Hyas and Stenen, the Towns of Preeceville and Sturgis, and associated rural areas.

Sub-Division No. 3 Representing the incorporated area of the Villages of Buchanan, Invermay and Rama, the Town of Canora and associated rural areas.

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Sub-Division No. 6 Representing the incorporated area of the Villages of Duff, Goodeve, Grayson and Killaly, the City of Melville and associated rural areas.

Sub-Division No. 8 Representing Key First Nation Reserve No. 65

I hereby give public notice that NO voting for the said office(s) will take place and that the following persons are elected by acclamation:

Sub-Division No. 1 - Jamie Johnson

Sub-Division No. 2 - Christopher Balyski

Sub-Division No. 3 - Shannon Leson

Sub-Division No. 5 - Lois Smandych

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SPORTS

Millionaires return to ice with Yorkton series

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Melville Millionaires will begin their season in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) with four exhibition games against the Yorkton Terriers – two at home and two on the road – before kicking off the regular season on Nov. 1.

The Melville-Yorkton pre-season exhibition series will begin in Melville on Oct. 23 at the Horizon Credit Union Centre (HCUC) with game two taking place Oct. 24 at the Farrell Agencies Arena in Yorkton. The two teams will be back in Melville on Oct. 30 and finish the four-game match-up on Oct. 31 in Yorkton. All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Millionaire's general manager and head coach Mike Rooney feels allowing teams to play with a limit on spectators is a step in the right direction for the short term basis during exhibition games but smaller crowds certainly can't be something that can be maintained for the long term. He says in order to be financially viable, the team needs 500 to 550 fans per game.

"As we move forward to operate, we certainly do need to expand on that and we do have to get to somewhat of a normal type crowd where we can operate," said Rooney.

Even when the number of fans permitted is increased, Rooney says that the team will need to come up with some creative ways to make the budget work. He says that just like any other business affected by COVID, the team has more costs with things like disinfecting, masks, individual towels and sanitizing the showers on a daily basis. He says smaller fan bases also affects more than just the income from gate admission but it flows down through the entire system.

"It's a trigger affect where it impacts your corporate sponsors if you have fewer people in the building possibly or fewer games. It impacts your 50/50. It impacts your beverage and food sales. All those things all the way down the line so everyone gets a little less piece of the pie so to speak," said Rooney.

While any coach would love to have a packed arena for their games, Rooney says he hopes

guidelines are followed so that COVID cases remain low enough that the number of fans in arenas will be allowed to increase.

The year has already been a financial blow to SJHL teams across the province, with fundraising events, sponsorship and other revenue streams that have helped finance the team all down substantially. The financial impact has already been so hard hitting that Rooney feels even a dramatic increase in fan capacity – which is a good

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ALAN HUSTAK | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Fort Knox adds to roster

Fort Knox players Jayden Bender, Cody Levesque, Tanner Hoffman, Shane Collins and Trey Stovin visit on the bench during a practice.

Fort Knox rounding out team roster

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Five new players joined the Fort Knox for practice at the Rexentre in Fort Qu'Appelle on Monday as the team prepares for the regular Prairie Junior Hockey League season opener against the Pilot Butte Storm on Friday, Nov. 6.

Trey Stovin, Cody Levesque, Tanner Hoffman, Shane Collins and Jayden Bender are five new additions to the team this season.

Stovin, Bender and Hoffman were affiliate players of the Knox last season while Collins and

Levesque both spent last season at the Junior A level.

"We're close to completing the roster. We're happy with the way things are shaping up," said team manager Jarrod Williams. "We beat the Regina Silver Fox 7-1 in an exhibition game on Saturday. But because the town of Fort Qu'Appelle won't let more than 30 people at a time in the stands, the facility was closed to everyone."

Williams said the team is working with rink manager Joel Friesen, who returned to work Tuesday after a six-month absence, on a seating arrangement that would allow at least 150 fans to at-

tend a game.

"Our organization has mapped out the Rexentre and put a plan in place that would see 150 spectators able to attend Fort Knox home games in a safe manner. It would follow all Sask. Health and Return to Play guidelines," said Williams.

"We have seen a great showing of support by our fans through season pass sales, although we are limited to how many passes we are able to sell. A Knox' season pass guarantees entry to all 15 home games," said Williams.

For season pass information email the team at fortknox.pjhl@yahoo.ca.

Jessica Campbell to star on 'Battle of the Blades'

By Travis Longman
Grasslands News

This coming season of the Battle of the Blades will have a local connection. Jessica Campbell considers Melville and Rocanville, Saskatchewan to be her hometowns. She will be lacing up her skates for the popular CBC TV show which features NHL, Olympic male and female hockey players paired up with world class figure skaters for a chance to win \$100 thousand for charity.

Campbell is competing for the charity called Do it for Daron. It is a charity that encourages youth to be open about mental health. It also offers support, education and awareness to youth dealing with mental health issues. The charity was

started by former NHL hockey player Luke Richardson and his wife Stephanie after the couples 14 year old daughter committed suicide.

Jessica will be partnered up with retired figure skater Asher Hill. Hill, 29, is the 2008 National Junior ice dancing champion. Hill will be skating for the black legal action center which is a non-profit community based legal clinic that supports low or no income black people in Ontario.

They are competing against the teams of Carlotta Edwards/Kris Versteeg, Jennifer Botterill/Eric Radford, Kaitlyn Weaver/Bryan Bickell, Megan Duhamel/Wojtek Wolski, Meghan Agosta/Andrew Poje, Vanessa James/Akim Aliu and Violetta Afanasieva/ Anthony Stewart.

Campbell says "It is special to even be in the cast with all these professional, world class skaters."

Campbell and Hill face tough competition. They will have to be on top of their games to impress a judging panel consisting of Scott Moir, Natalie Spooner and Elladj Balde. Legendary figure skater Kurt Browning will be an elite battle expert and the show will be hosted by Kesha Chante along with Ron Maclean.

The show was originally scheduled to debut earlier this month but was delayed due to medical precautions. Campbell says "The delay allowed for more time to work on further skill development, while preparing for show day." All the action begins at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22 on CBC and CBC Gem.



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Sports Column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

Sports, in the most recent successful situations, has been all about the bubbles.

In baseball, hockey and basketball, the games were in league determined bubble cities where all the playoff teams faced off and to be perfectly frank, it didn't work out too terribly bad.

In the National Basketball Association, the LeBron James led Los Angeles Lakers found themselves on the top of the heap, knocking off the upstart Miami Heat in the league final.

Twenty-two NBA teams spent their autumns inside the big bubble in Orlando, leading up to the recent six-game final between the aforementioned Lakers and Heat.

It was an experiment used to get the games in while the entire world faced all sorts of different lockdowns during the recent COVID-19 pandemic, and the league passed the test with flying colours for the most part.

The games themselves were entertaining for the most part, but they missed the interaction with fans and the excitement that a crowd can impart to their team.

Still, for a television audience, it seemed to go quite well and one would suppose the sponsors got their money's worth as well.

The National Hockey League came to its conclusion of a 2020 champ in a similar fashion, with teams competing in two bubble cities in Canada.

The Tampa Bay Lightning won their second overall league championship during this split season, knocking off the surprising Dallas Stars in six games at Edmonton's Rogers Place.

There's no question that the Lightning have been one of the NHL's top clubs for the last few seasons but they just couldn't seem to get over the hump and win a Stanley Cup.

Perhaps the Tampa Bay gang didn't enjoy home cooking as much as they thought, because this season, when they didn't play one home playoff game, they managed to get back into the winners' circle for the first time since the 2003-2004 campaign.

Once again, it was all about the bubbles.

Each player individually was responsible for where he went and what he did, leading to a team concept of living, eating, sleeping and playing in another bubble, surrounded by only teammates and staff for the most part and while it wasn't perfect, I'd be remiss to deem it anything less than a success. For the viewers at home, anyway.

Major League Baseball, with its usual 162 game schedule, seemed to have been the biggest challenge as far as the bubbles were concerned.

The league came up with the idea of a 60-game schedule in four different bubbles and while the games have been entertaining, the lack of fan interaction and even crowd noise seems to have really hurt the product on the fields.

Even so, there has been some fantastic baseball for home viewers to watch and now it's down to two teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers – hardly a surprise – and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Their bubble will burst for one team or another in Arlington, Texas as that's where they'll square off in the World Series.

Now, the Melville Millionaires get to see how strong their bubble is, as the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League kicks off its exhibition season.

These young men who will play on this team will have a much tougher row to hoe than players of the past.

They'll be expected to compete at a high level against other players and they'll have to do it while a pandemic awaits a chance to shut it down.

The fact is, if something happens and the powers that be think that cancelling the season would be in the best interests of everyone, there might not be an SJHL for the players to return to.

That's not some sort of bold prediction, that's simple, basic math.

These teams need a season like crops need rain and sunshine.

I don't know what it's like in other centres, but this scribe has been asked several times when things are going to get going and I've never had any sort of tangible answer to relay -- that is, until now.

There's going to be an exhibition season and then if all goes well, a regular season and it absolutely must happen.

In a world where many folks have lost their livelihoods and others live in fear of a virus which by all accounts, isn't the threat it was supposed to be, we need to have our game in our rink in front of our fans.

Lace 'em up boys. It's game time.

James adds fuel to debate: LeBron or Jordan?

He really didn't need to prove it again, but LeBron James has confirmed he is the face of the National Basketball Association.

In fact, the 35-year-old Ohioan may have climbed the almost impossible mountaintop: As good as, or better than, Michael Jordan? Discuss.

Annoyed that he was overlooked again as the NBA's most valuable player after leading Los Angeles Lakers to first place in the Western Conference, James made sure everyone took notice of his greatness by taking the Lakers to the 2020 NBA championship, the weird one within a 'bubble' at Orlando, Florida's Disney World complex. Oh, he had some help from Anthony Davis and a few other minions but it was the LeBron James show from start to finish, as James won his fourth NBA title (with his third team) in the Lakers 4-2 Finals' victory over Miami Heat.

It was with the Heat — "I'm taking my talents to South Beach" — where James won his first two NBA titles, abandoning his hometown Cleveland Cavaliers to team up with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh to win NBA titles in 2011-12 and 2012-13. Appeasing his home state, the Akron-born-and-raised James returned to the Cavaliers in 2014, and in the spring of 2016, led the Cavs to their first, and his third, NBA title. But then Hollywood beckoned and ... well, LeBron and Hollywood simply go together. He starred in Space Jam and is involved in next year's Space Jam — A New Legacy. He has three mansions in Greater L.A. — reportedly valued at \$36 million, \$23 million and \$21 million. And oh, by the way, he can still play a little ball.

When he signed with the Lakers prior to the start of the 2018-19 season, the team was an also-ran, coming off a non-playoff season. After missing 27 games due to injury in his first season with L.A., LeBron was absent from the playoffs for the first time in 13 seasons.

But the supporting cast was improved, Davis the most important piece of the puzzle, and LeBron made the most of the opportunity. While the Lakers wanted to win another title for LeBron, they also wanted to win one in memory of Lakers' legend Kobe Bryant, killed in a helicopter crash in January.

No one has played more NBA playoff games than James. But some critics still say he doesn't qualify for the NBA's 'Mount Rushmore', something to which James takes exception. "I think personally thinking I have something to prove fuels me," James told Joe Vardon of The Athletic. "It fuelled me because no matter what I've done in my career

... there's still little rumblings of doubt or comparing me to the history of the game ..."

Different players, different eras. LeBron or Jordan? The discussion could go on forever.

• NOT SportsCenter, on Twitter: "Did You Know: This is the first time Lakers fans have had their team win a title since 2018, when they were Warriors fans."

• Funny guy Steve Burgess of Vancouver: Everything is different in 2020. For example Canucks fans are calling for Jim Benning to be carved up like a Thanksgiving turkey, whereas it's usually Easter when they want him crucified."

• Jay Busbee of yahoo.com, on the mid-October NFL game between Jacksonville and Detroit: "If you are not a fan of either of these teams and you willingly watch this game, seek professional help."

• Phil Mushnick of the New York Post: "Sunday has been declared LeBron James Day throughout Red China. All Nike factories will remain open late."

• Mushnick again: "MLB Network flatly reported that the Astros' George Springer had surpassed Babe Ruth for total 'postseason home runs.' Makes sense. Ruth went homer-less in wild-card, divisional championship and league championship games."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha:

"Pinnacle Bank Arena is hosting a Husker Watch Party during the Ohio State game. Admission is free but they won't cover your funeral expenses."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Leafs have signed Joe Thornton. They're aiming to win the 2012 Stanley Cup."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "What were the odds of Tom Brady forgetting it was fourth down? Only time Greg Cote gets mixed up on small numbers is when he shoots a six on a golf hole and 'mistakenly' writes five on his scorecard."

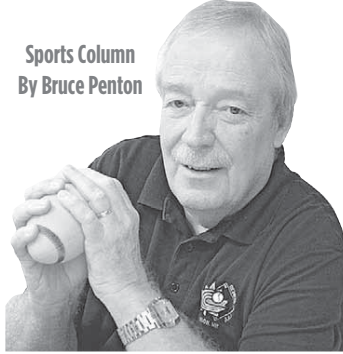
• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The Ocean (N.J.) high-school football team once forfeited a game because six players had a skin infection. The boys were listed as healthy scratches."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "A Zamboni resurfacing a hockey rink in Rochester, New York, caught fire and, with the operator still on board, wildly zoomed around the ice. No truth to reports they got it from the Calgary Flames."

• Perry again: "Rafael Nadal won the French Open for a record 13th time. Coincidence? The sun also came up east of Paris that very same day."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Sports Column
By Bruce Penton



Melville bowling scores, standings

Melville Bowl Arena
Scores/Standings

MONDAY A.M.

Oct. 12

Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Margo Jordens, 227, 626, 186.

Men's High Single and Triple, Ted Bateman, 198, 480. Men's High Average, Gordon Ostlund, 176.

Team High Single and Triple, Zorn, 1280, 3697.

Team	Pts.
Dobson	11.5
Zorn	10.5
Ostlund	8.5

MONDAY COMMERCIAL

Oct. 12

Ladies' High Single and Triple, Crystal Schofer, 255, 649. Ladies' High Average, Brandy Lechner, 212.

Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Randy Ostlund, 300, 760, 237.

Team High Single, Professional Amateurs, 1305. Team High Triple, Blind Chickens, 3710.

Team	Pts.
Blind Chickens	13
Professional Amateurs	11.5
M n M's	10.5
Not Guilty	10
Odd Balls	9
2 Pin Heads	6

ST. HENRY'S

Oct. 13

Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Crystal Schofer, 210, 549, 184.

Men's High Single, Triple, and Average, Randy Ostlund, 266, 703, 243.

Team High Single, Drifters, 1331. Team High Triple, Cheery O's, 3781.

Team	Pts.
Hittin the Ditch	17.5
Cheery O's	34
Drifters	28

WEDNESDAY LADIES

Oct. 14

Ladies' High Single, Linda Bender, 210. Ladies High Triple, Jeanette Heil, 522. Ladies' High Average, Marylou Janiskewich, 181.

Team High Single and Triple, Konechny, 1292, 3709.

Team	Pts.
Konechny	24.5
Bell	12.5
Biro	11.5

GRAYSON LEAGUE

Oct. 15

Ladies' High Single, Elsie Gelowitz, 226. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Beth Hoedel, 535, 158.

Men's High Single, Triple and

Average, Dennis Hoedel, 276, 743, 180. Team High Single and Triple, Welke, 1316, 3895.

Team	Pts.
Welke	29.5
Gelowitz	17
Crosswell	13.5

TUESDAY YBC

Oct. 13

Girls' High Single and Triple, Chloe Hall, 144, 370. Girls' High Double, Haven Weatherhead, 150.

Boys High Single and Triple, Colton Zwisky, 163, 371. Boys High Double, Nolan Delorme, 218.

Team High Single, Curylo, 620. Team High Triple, Zwirsky, 1809.

THURSDAY YBC

Oct. 15

Girls' High Single and Triple, Lacy Stevens, 229, 436.

Boys High Single, Bryden Wieggers, 250. Boys High Triple, Isaac Hollinger, 605.

Team High Single and Triple, Koval, 997, 2572.

SATURDAY YBC

Oct. 17

Girls' High Single and Triple, Elyssa Thompson, 106, 287. Girls High Double, Emmi Hollinger, 169.

Boys High Single and Double, Layne Thompson, 195, 505. Boys High Triple, Carlin Thompson, 145.

Team High Single and Triple, Hollinger, 658, 1911.

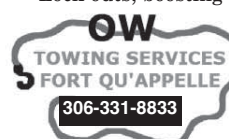
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Curling returning to Whitewood in Nov.

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

Whitewood Curling Club will begin activities in just over a week's time. All of the curling leagues (except junior) will start the first week in November!

New Curl Canada COVID restrictions will apply. "We will make this season a fun & safe season for everybody!!" Chad Kelly of the curling club stated.

The Whitewood Curling Club is committed to junior curling in town and will be helping with costs for junior players. The Junior League will run Mondays from 4:30 - 6:00 and the club will once again bring in Andrea McEwan and Barb Swallow for instruction. The kids learned a lot last year. Juniors is open to all kids 7 years and older of all levels. Cost is only \$50 for the season due to the financial support from the curling club. Contact Chad 1-306-735-7810 to register.

A Social League will run Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. "It's a fun league for beginner and intermediate curlers," Kelly commented. "This league is our fastest growing league." The fee is \$460 per team, so teams can have as many as they need on their team. Contact Lisa Holmes-Istace 1-306-735-7301 to register.

The newest form of curling and a lot of fun is the Doubles League being held on Mondays at 7 pm. This league is open to all levels of curlers for a fee of \$150 per team. To register, contact Braeden Restau at 1-306-853-7185.

Skins League is open to intermediate levels of curlers. This real fun league with \$ on the line runs Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The cost is \$170 per curler. Contact Chad 1-306-735-7810 to register.

Seniors League runs Tuesday & Thursday afternoons and is open to all senior curlers. Take part in this fun social gathering and a chance for some phys-

ical activity. To register, contact Gordon Blythe 1-306-735-2896.

New members are always welcome at the Whitewood Curling Club. "Come and join one of the fastest growing clubs in Saskatchewan and enjoy our hospitality and fun atmosphere!!" concluded curling member Chad Kelly.



Kipling KidSport
Grocery Manager Jessica Solomon (left) presented a cheque for \$1,370 to Kipling KidSport committee member Susan Hengen. The funds were raised at Hometown Co-op's Fuel Good Day barbecue last month.



Grenfell KidSport
Sherry Yagelniski (left) presented a cheque for \$1,370 to Grenfell KidSport committee member Laurie Kelly at Hometown Co-op C-Store in Grenfell. The funds were raised at the Fuel Good Day barbecue last month.

SHA announces return to hockey for Saskatchewan

By Travis Longman
Grasslands News

It was the announcement many people have been waiting for. Hockey games can now be played in the province of Saskatchewan. Up until recently there were restrictions on the amount of people allowed on the ice at one time, which made it difficult to practice and almost impossible to play games. A recent announcement by Kelly McClintock, General Manager of the Saskatchewan Hockey Association with approval from the Saskatchewan Health Authority, has eased some of the earlier restrictions.

As of October 17th, teams can begin playing exhibition games and league play can begin shortly after. League play will look different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Teams will be in mini leagues within their current leagues based on geography and each mini league will consist of up to six teams. Back to back games will be the norm during the mini leagues as a five-day layoff must occur before teams can play a different club. With travel restrictions in place, McClintock believes that was a big selling point to the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

The six-team mini leagues can begin as of November first and leagues will go until January 18th. After January 18th mini leagues will increase to eight teams. McClintock does add however these plans are contingent on the spread of the coronavirus. If case numbers go up, numbers get scaled back and this will determine how playoffs are coordinated.

Restrictions are a little tighter for the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. They will have restrictions on attendance but they will have to follow the same mini league restrictions as well. The Melville Millionaires will battle their archrivals from Yorkton in four preseason contests. The other action in preseason sees Weyburn and Estevan face off in a highway 39 show down; LaRonge tangle with Flin Flon, Notre Dame square off against Humboldt, Battlefords battle Kindersley and Melfort collide with Nipawin. The regular season is expected to open November second weekend.

While interprovincial and tournament play is still not allowed, this is certainly a step in the right direction for hockey in Saskatchewan. A step towards normalcy, in what has been a very abnormal year.

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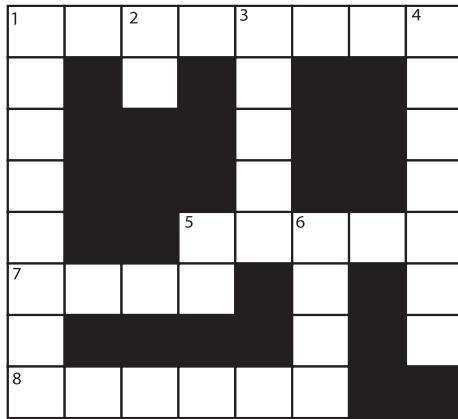
• **1879:** THOMAS EDISON APPLIES FOR A PATENT



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ANSWER: EMAIL

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ACROSS

1. A person who commits a crime
5. Digital mail
7. Message on a phone
8. Device that sends data to a network

DOWN

1. Electronic device for storing data
2. Abbreviation for identification
3. Expression
4. Done within the law
5. Beloved alien
6. From a distance

Answers:
Across
1. Criminal 5. Email 7. Text 8. Router
Down
1. Computer 2. ID 3. Idiom 4. Legally 5. ET 6. Afar



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How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Data

SPANISH: Datos

ITALIAN: Dati

FRENCH: Données

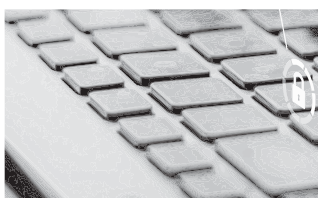
GERMAN: Daten

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ANSWER: LAPTOP KEYBOARD

Neighbourly Advice - Ray Maher

Ed, my old neighbor in Saskatchewan thinks that too many Christians can seem to be judgmental and unloving. Sometimes we all do things with good motives but end up hurting instead of helping. That happened to me yesterday.

I went for a Sunday walk around our neighborhood, which includes an area known as the Historical Downtown of Chilliwack called Five Corners. I think it is a charming part of our city, but some others see it as a place for the homeless and drug addicts to congregate. Sometimes you will find some of those folks in the seating area around the large clock tower there. Mostly it is an empty area for a pleasant walk. Yesterday one homeless man was resting there, and a young man was walking there, like myself.

Two men with Bibles came upon us with confrontation on their minds. They concentrated on the young man and the homeless man, asking them if they believed in God. I heard the homeless man

say, "Sure, I do."

I continued walking along Wellington Street, feeling I had left the two interrogators behind me. They did not talk long with the two others, for they caught up to me as I waited for a traffic light a block away.

The one asked as I waited for the light, "Are you a Christian?" To which I responded, "Yes, I am." He responded accusingly, "Are you a truly born-again Christian? Do you believe every word of the Bible?"

I sighed and was not inclined to talk with the person. It seemed that he was determined I could not be a Christian except as he defined being a Christian.

The fact that I said I was a Christian was not an acceptable answer to this gentleman. He demanded that I prove to him I was one.

At the heart of this situation is the truth that the words we use may not mean the same thing to others as they do to us.

For myself, I believe a Christian is a person who believes or has faith

in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of sinners.

After his death and resurrection, the apostles witnessed that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and Savior of all sinners. Believers in Christ became known as Christians. It was the name given by Greek or Romans to the followers of Jesus. It was first used at Antioch. The names by which the disciples were known among themselves were "the faithful," "the elect," "saints," "believers."

Whom am I as a Christian? I am a sinner saved by grace through faith a gift of God. God gave me faith in my infant baptism and has encouraged me with His word and Holy Supper ever since. I am a believer in Christ by faith, which is invisible to human eyes.

"The kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21. My faith "Is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone." Eph. 2:20

Like Paul I resolve not

to know anything except Jesus Christ and him crucified for sinners.

Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

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Pastor Doug Lancaster

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Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
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Pastor Samuel Jung


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Service - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

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October Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

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115 - 11th Ave. W.
Pastor Doug Braun - Office Ph. 306-728-0197
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Oct. 25: 10:30 a.m. In Person Church with COVID-19 protocols in place.
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THE LUCKIEST SIGNS THIS WEEK:
TAURUS, GEMINI AND CANCER

ARIES
A task at home or at work that you've been putting off will finally get done. Before you start a new project, get some rest. Otherwise, you could develop one or more health issues.

TAURUS
If you've been waiting to hear back about a medical test, the results will put you at ease. You'll finally be able to sleep and your anxiety will subside.

GEMINI
You'll have a few minor personal or professional concerns to deal with. A promotion may require you to adjust your schedule, but the compensation will make taking the position a quick and easy choice.

CANCER
Now's the time to plan a vacation for the holidays. Regardless of whether you want to travel alone or with others, you need to book early. A trip will be hard to organize if you wait until the last minute.

LEO
You could be assigned to international clients or enrolled in a training program at work. At times, you might have trouble being understood by people who aren't fluent in English.

VIRGO
Your focus will be on your significant other. You'll need to be more spontaneous and emotionally available if you want to rekindle the magic. Changes will be necessary to avoid conflict.

LIBRA
You'll need to put in a lot of effort to prepare for negotiations and reach an agreement that suits everyone. Radical changes will be necessary to improve your health and quality of life.

SCORPIO
A major success or form of recognition is on the horizon. This could lead to a promotion or a change in your career path. If you've been sick for a while, you'll finally see an improvement in your health.

SAGITTARIUS
You might find a property that offers more than enough space for the entire family. At the very least, you'll change your daily routine to better accommodate all the members of your household.

CAPRICORN
Remember to plug in your phone or computer every night. Otherwise, a dead battery could interrupt an important communication. Your children might ask you to drive them around more often than usual this week.

AQUARIUS
While others might speak in hushed tones, you won't be afraid to voice your concerns loud and clear. If your partner makes unnecessary or expensive purchases, you won't hesitate to speak up.

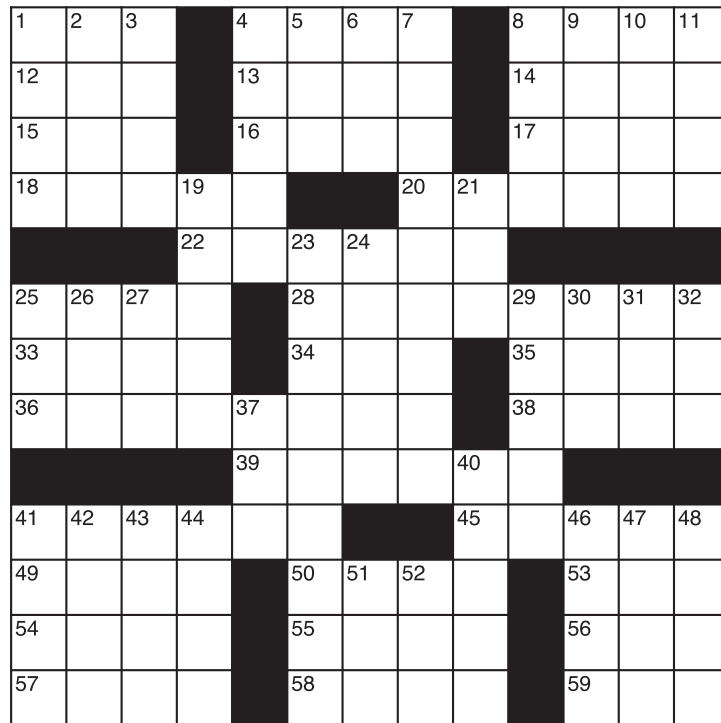
PISCES
You'll demonstrate a youthful energy this week. At work, everything will be urgent and you'll have to act quickly to avoid disaster. You'll be pleased about a promotion, despite the changes and stress that come with it.

BREAK *time*

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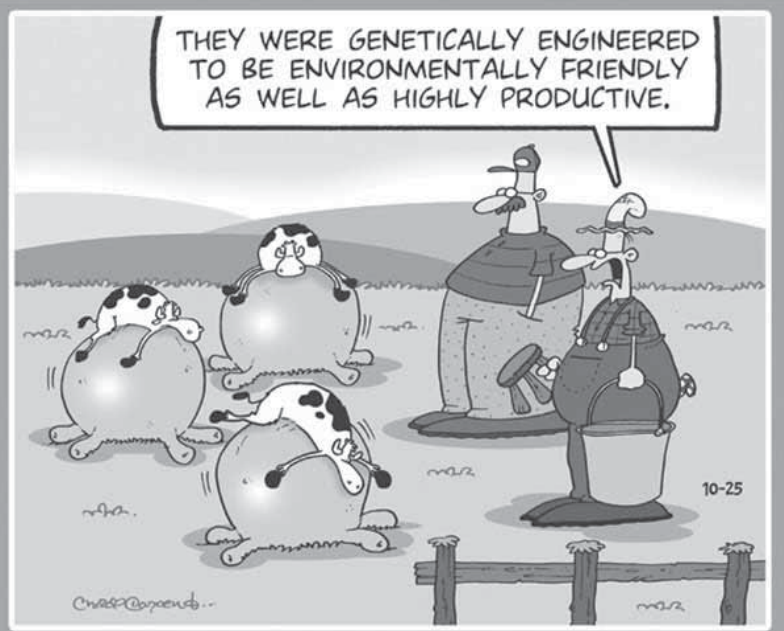
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8. Baby cow
12. Tall tale
13. Earring's site
14. Arena shape
15. Frost
16. Messages
17. Food staple
18. Beat
20. Cushioned
22. Pearl maker
25. Norms
28. Detained
33. Many moons
34. British brew
35. Dock
36. Small sofa
38. Lone
39. Most senior
41. Spread out awkwardly
45. Paper
49. Tower
50. Unused

53. Notable time
54. Land amid water
55. Hitched
56. Telecast
57. Formerly
58. Hens' products
59. Zipped

21. "We ____ the Champions"
23. Moon, e.g.
24. Step
25. Best friend
26. Earlier than present
27. Gun, as a motor
29. Blemishes
30. Container
31. Slippery as an ____

DOWN

1. Touched ground
2. Craps cubes
3. Regard
4. George Jetson's son
5. Not me
6. Ease off
7. Frantic
8. String
9. Spirited
10. Open fabric
11. Escaped
19. Sheriff's gang
32. Not damp
37. Stitch together
40. Plant starters
41. Cut
42. Stylishly elegant
43. Star's quest
44. Blessing ender
46. Broil
47. Opera solo
48. Narrative
51. Get
52. Foot's limb



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Chocolate Crumble Pie

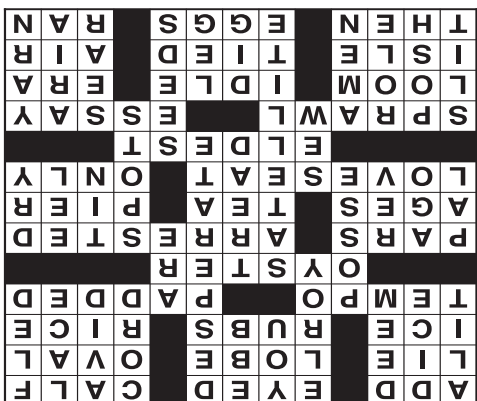
Few people can resist the combination of chocolate and nuts, and that's what dessert lovers will get in this recipe for "Chocolate Crumble Pie," which features toasted pecans along with amaretti cookies in the topping.

INGREDIENTS Serves 8

- Pie Dough**
Scant 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1/4 cup superfine sugar
1 egg yolk
1 to 2 teaspoons cold water
- Filling**
2/3 cup heavy cream
2/3 cup milk
8 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
2 eggs
- Crumble Topping**
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 cup toasted pecans
4 ounces semisweet chocolate
3 ounces amaretti cookies
1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make the pie dough, sift the flour and baking powder into a large bowl, rub in the butter, and stir in the sugar, then add the egg and a little water to bring the dough together. Turn the dough out, and knead briefly. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and let chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Roll out the pie dough and use to line a 9-inch loose-button tart pan. Prick the pastry shell with a fork. Line with parchment paper and fill with dried beans or baking beans. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes, remove from the oven, and take out the paper and beans. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 F.
3. To make the filling, bring the cream and milk to a boil in a saucepan, immediately remove from the heat, and add the chocolate. Stir until melted and smooth. Beat the eggs and add to the chocolate mixture, mix thoroughly and pour into the shell. Bake for 15 minutes, remove from the oven, and let rest for 1 hour.
4. When you are ready to serve the pie, place the topping ingredients in a food processor and pulse to chop. (If you do not have a processor, place the sugar in a large bowl, chop the nuts and chocolate with a large knife, and crush the cookies, then add to the bowl with the cocoa and mix well.) Sprinkle over the pie, then serve it in slices.



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Obituary

Robert (Bob) Berryere
Dec. 6, 1934 – Oct. 12, 2020

The family of Robert (Bob) Berryere announce his passing at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 at the age of 85 years.

Bob will be forever in our hearts and lovingly remembered by his children, Roberta (Greg) Heinrichs, Lori Gardipee, Tom (Natalie) Berryere; grandchildren, Christina (Christopher) Jones, Cherise, Micheal, Jodi and Nathan Gardipee, Justin, Reanna and Joel Berryere; great-grandchild, Kilian O'Brien; sister, Judy (Eric) Strom; brother, James; sister-in-law, Sylvia Berryere and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was predeceased by his loving wife of 56 years, Arlene (nee Redenbach) in 2011; by his parents, George and Christina (nee Rathgaber); brothers, William (in infancy) and Edward; sisters, Ermina Farley and Jean Daley; granddaughter, Sara O'Brien.

Bob was born in Neudorf, SK on Dec. 6, 1934. His family moved to Melville where he grew up. After high school, Bob moved to Saskatoon where he resided until his passing.

Robert was a hard-working guy. He started working for the CN at the age of 16 calling crews and retired 37 years later as a Police Lieutenant.

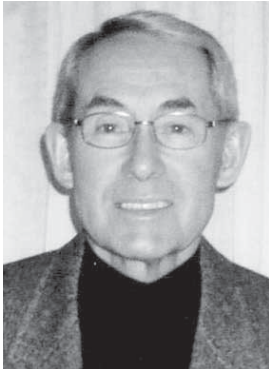
Bob loved all things construction. He built his family home where he resided until early this year and poured his own side walks and driveway as well as many of the other driveways in the neighborhood. He built family cabins at Weyakwin Lake and at Napatak near Lac la Ronge. He was an avid gardener and was very particular about his yard. He loved hockey and played in a hockey league until he was 79.

Thanks for everything dad. Love your kids and family.

Bob's ashes were interred at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery where he will once again be with Arlene. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was no funeral service. A private family interment was held.

Donations can be made in Bob's memory to the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan.

To share memories and condolences, visit www.parkfuneral.ca "Obituaries-Guestbook". Arrangements entrusted to Greg Lalach, Park Funeral Home, 306-244-2103.



Obituary

Frederic Jacob Daunheimer
May 8, 1934 – Oct. 17, 2020

Frederic Jacob Daunheimer passed away Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at the age of 86 years.

Fred was born May 8, 1934, to Henry and Minnie (nee Adam) Daunheimer on the family farm in the Melville area. He was the youngest of five children, John, Margaret, Doreen and William. Fred spent most of his young life in the Melville/Lemberg area, where he received most of his education. After school, he tried his hand at numerous occupations, including two years in Weyburn as a store clerk. After returning to Melville, Fred hired on with the CNR. His career took him to Winnipeg, MB, The Pas, MB, and Sioux Lookout, ON, returning to Melville where he retired in 1988 as equipment foreman. Fred then took up his boyhood dream and became a farmer, which he would admit turned into a nightmare. He and Ruth continued farming for 15 years. The funny farm mission statement was "We the users of this land shall sow and reap, enjoy the serenity and thus maintain our sanity." During this period, he also was a salesman for Century 21, where he had very good bosses and enjoyed meeting new people.

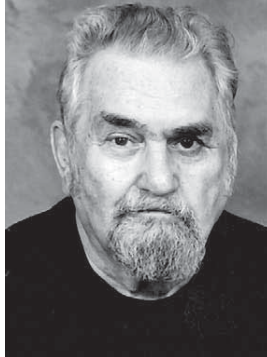
Fred married Ruth (Dietz) Capewell in 1971 and enjoyed their time together, along with Cathy and Jimmy, spending most summers at their cabin at Crooked Lake. He loved, adored and was very proud of his children and grandchildren. His nephews and nieces were a big part of his life, and he was proud of them all.

Fred was very active in the community, serving on church council, 14 years on St. Paul Lutheran Home board and 20 years on the executive of the Shesheep Cattle Owner Association. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and most sports. He will be missed by family and many friends.

Fred was predeceased by his father, Henry Daunheimer, stepfather John Assman and mother Minnie Assman; brothers John and William; sisters Margaret (George Lay) and Doreen (Joe Wihlidal); seven stepbrothers, Philip, Ernie, Carl, John, Fred, Elmer and Bernie. He leaves to celebrate his life: his wife, Ruth; stepdaughter Cathy (Kevin Sarty) and stepson James (Kathy) Capewell; grandchildren Ben, Kyla, Victoria and Tanisha Sarty, and Michael Capewell; two sisters-in-law, Sharon Daunheimer of Edmonton and Irene Assman of Moose Jaw; Ruth's family, Henry, Trudy, Carl, Art and Paul, and their families; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private funeral service will be held Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Melville, with the Rev. Doug Schmirler officiating. The family invites everyone to view the live-stream of the service on the Matthews Funeral Home Facebook page at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or STARS Air Ambulance.

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



Obituary

Elizabeth Kullman
July 31, 1922 – Sept. 21, 2020

We are saddened but not surprised by the sudden passing of our dear sister and aunt, Elizabeth Helen Kullman, on Monday, Sept. 21, 2020.

Elizabeth was born Monday, July 31, 1922, the third child of Jack and Laura Kullman of Melville, SK. She will be deeply missed by her sister, Dorothy Knight; her brother-in-law, Richard Dale; nieces and nephews Cheryl, Rodney (Eugenie), Gail, Barbara (Dave), Lynn, Doug (Penny), Jim (Ann), Debbie, John (Ann), Joanne (Terry), and their families; cousins Elsie Pederson, Gloria Ritter, Ruth Anderson, Wally and Margreta Gilpin, Don and Vangy Whittmire, and their families; her dear friends, Doreen and Ferd Hack, Olga Besler and the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where she, at 98 years of age, was the eldest lifetime member at the time of her passing; her neighbour and special caregiver, Tina Latrace and her family; and those who knew and loved her.

The house on 3rd Avenue in Melville was the centre of most family gatherings. Keeping a family of eight children who lived from British Columbia to Newfoundland in close contact was very important to her parents, and Elizabeth continued to open the house to all over the years, especially her siblings and our beloved Aunt Kay, who came to stay and visit. She was predeceased by brothers and sisters Karl, Rudy, George, Harold, Eleanor and Walter, and recently by brother-in-law Wally Knight.

Elizabeth loved to read and excelled at mathematics. She worked at the post office in Melville after finishing high school, and then on she went to Western Produce as bookkeeper in their office for many years, which she enjoyed immensely. However, she longed to become a nurse, and at age 43, moved to Toronto to attend Qu' Vadis School for mature students. As an RN, she returned to St. Peter's Hospital in 1967, later becoming DOC at St. Paul Lutheran Home, where she worked until her retirement in 1987. Genuine caring and dignity for the elderly were very important to Elizabeth - compassion, dedication, kindness, communication, cleanliness and excellence in care for the residents was expected, and she encouraged her staff to give their best.

Elizabeth was a hard worker and took pride in serving her church and her community. She enjoyed cake decorating, baking and recipe books. Elizabeth liked to be in touch with current events and happenings in Canada and around the world. She enjoyed travelling and felt fortunate to have seen many countries and most of Canada.

Elizabeth will be remembered for her independent spirit, her belief in the value of education, her generosity and her un-failing interest in her family and always made a point of asking what her great-nieces and -nephews were doing.

A private graveside service was held Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at the Melville City Cemetery with the Rev. Kim Sherwin officiating.

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



Obituary

Duane Ernest Uhl
March 20, 1955 – Oct. 9, 2020

Duane Ernest Uhl, better known as "Taz" entered his eternal rest in his sleep on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 at St. Paul Lutheran Home at the age of 65 years.

Duane Ernest Uhl "Taz" was welcomed into our lives to Ernie and Patricia Uhl on March 20, 1955 at St. Peter's Hospital in Melville, Sask.

To everyone who knew "Taz" he was a very happy "upbeat" fellow. He got his nickname in elementary school from his schoolmates and it stuck to him all throughout his life. He also most definitely lived up to the short version of "Tasmanian Devil".

Taz loved adventure and challenges which he accepted with open arms. His lengthy disability was proof of it, in it self.

One of his adventures and the highlight for many years was the commanding of Forestry Towers which took him to several different places all over Alberta.

His last job being a behind the scenes "Component Technician" for Telecommunications System named Ketco.

Taz loved his life and lived everyday to the fullest. His daily sunny and upbeat disposition was expressed in his (most self-taught) musical talent by playing the drums, guitar and mouth organ.

Taz was loved by all who knew him because of his positive and sunny personality. He shone a ray of sunshine on so many who knew him.

He was predeceased by his dad, Ernie; his grandparents, Adolph and Margaret Uhl and Len and Clara Davis.

Taz truly will be sadly missed by his mother, Patricia; all of his family and by his many, many friends.

He may have been named Taz here, but God has a very "Happy Angel".

Arrangements were by Bailey's Funeral and Cremation Care, Melville.



Obituary

Kathleen "Kay" Vera Busby
June 25, 1927 - Oct. 5, 2020

Kay joined her husband John, and her daughters, Barbara and Doreen in Heaven on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020 at the age of 93.

She is lovingly remembered by her sister, June Berube; her son, Campbell (Lise Bourret); grandchildren, Sara Miller (Ian), Trevor Henderson (Haley), Robert Preston, Alexis Prezloff (Mark), Erin Busby (Ryan Shaver), Mia Fonkalsrud and David Ridgedale (Tanya) and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and daughters, she was also predeceased by her parents, Billie and Fannie Ferguson and her siblings, Jean Smith and Alex Ferguson.

Memorial donations may be made to The Grenfell Legion Poppy Fund by e-transfer to grenfellpoppy@sasktel.net. Memorial and interment will be held at a later date.

To view and share photos, condolences and memories of Kay, please visit www.choicememorial.com



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Card of Thanks

The family of the late Albert Serfas would like to thank friends and family for their kind thoughts, cards and flowers received during this difficult time.

Thank you to the pallbearers, Rev. Kim Sherwin and Matthews Funeral Home for their compassionate assistance.

A special word of thanks to the RCMP and the media for their very professional assistance.

—Mary, Dennis and Elaine Serfas.

40-1p

A heartfelt thank you to our extended families, friends and neighbours for all the kind words and cards, visits, calls and gifts of food during our loss.

—Tony Topinka, Trevor and Heather Topinka, Ken and Donna Matsalla and families.

20-1p

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20-4p

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Notice

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27-4c, 1nc

Notice to Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Estate of **Marion Doreen Bear**, late of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, deceased.
All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by statutory declaration and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before the 30th day of October, 2020.

CHERYL THOMAS
Administrator
c/o McDougall Gauley, LLP
500 - 616 Main Street
Saskatoon, SK
S7H 0J6

29-2c

Birth Announcement

BORN TO: Rylie Matsalla and Estelle Holman on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, a son, Jasper Anthony. A grandson for Mike and Sue Holman of Newdale, Man. and Ken and Donna Matsalla of Whitewood, Sask.; and a great-grandson for Tony Topinka of Whitewood, Sask.

20-1p

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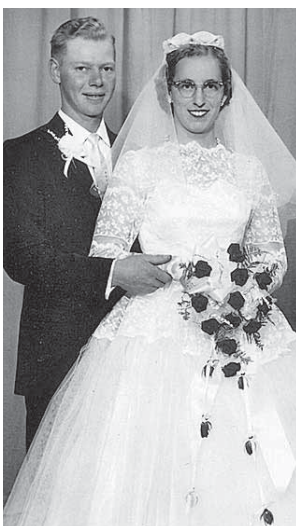
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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

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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									
Part of Lot	Lot	Blk.	Plan & Extension		Title Number	Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears & Costs	
Part of Section	Sec.	Twp.	Range, Plan & Extension	Meridian / Subdivision					
NE E1/2	06	19	10	2	135508181	\$707.83	\$61.30		\$769.13
		A	102011724		164696260	\$1,663.22	\$61.30		\$1,724.52

Dated at Abernethy this 23rd day of October, 2020
Karissa Lingelbach
Administrator

**TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ELCAPO NO. 154
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

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 December 30, 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									
Part of Lot	Lot	Blk.	Plan	Meridian	Title No.	Total Arrears	Advertising Cost	Total Arrears & Advertising	
Part of Section	Sec	Twp	Range						
NW	30	16	05	2 Ext 1	142336368	\$359.88	\$17.80		\$377.68
SW	30	16	05	2 Ext 0	142336379	\$243.52	\$17.80		\$261.32
NE	24	16	06	2 Ext 38	142333256	\$264.34	\$17.80		\$282.14
NW	24	16	06	2 Ext 0	142336223	\$197.19	\$17.80		\$214.99
SE	24	16	06	2 Ext 39	142336335	\$357.15	\$17.80		\$374.95
SW	24	16	06	2 Ext0	142336289	\$204.50	\$17.80		\$222.30
		A	101249827 in NW-05-17-06-W2	2 Ext 4	138931432	\$1,560.07	\$17.80		\$1,577.87
NW	35	17	07	2 Ext 0	107279545	\$730.84	\$17.80		\$748.64
		A	101222839 in NE-08-18-07-W2	2 Ext 15	107155739	\$2,762.18	\$17.80		\$2,779.98

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2020.
Mervin Schmidt, Administrator



**EMPLOYMENT
GENERAL LABOURER**

The Town of Whitewood is inviting applications for the position of General Labourer. This is a full-time position and will cover both Public Works and Recreation Departments.

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Please submit resume, cover letter and references; including salary expectation to cao@townofwhitewood.ca, drop off at Town Office, 731 Lalonde Street or mail to Town of Whitewood, Box 129, Whitewood, SK S0G 5C0.

Deadline for applications is October 30, 2020.

We thank the applicants for their interest; however only candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted.

The Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187

Notice of Poll and Advance Poll

Public notice is hereby given that:

- In addition to the Municipal Election on Monday November 9th, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

FOR:

Councillor for Division 3;

AND

Councillor for Division 5;

AND

Office of Reeve

- ADVANCE POLLS** will take place on: Saturday, October 31, 2020 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

AND

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

at the: RM of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 Council Chambers, 136 Company Avenue South, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan.

Dated at Fort Qu'Appelle, this 19th day of October, 2020.

Dawn Lugin
Returning Officer

Notice of Call for Nominations RM of Willowdale No. 153 By Election (Term of Office - Two Years)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nomination of candidates for the office of:

Councillor: Division 2

Will be received by the undersigned during regular business hours from Oct. 18 to Oct. 30, 2020, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Nov. 2, 2020 at the RM of Willowdale Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the RM of Willowdale Office.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2020.

Andrea Smyth,
Returning Officer

NOTICE OF VOTING

Rural Municipality of Lipton #217
Municipal Election 2020 for Reeve

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

1) A vote will be held for the election of a Reeve for the Municipality of Lipton, No. 217

2) The vote will take place on **Monday the 9th day of November, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lipton Seniors Centre located on Main Street, Lipton, Saskatchewan.**

3) I will declare the result of the voting at the Municipal Office on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 2020 at the hour of 9 a.m.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2020.

Frank Kosa
Returning Officer

Town of Grenfell Municipal Elections 2020



NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTING

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Council has made provisions for advance voting for the benefit of qualified voters who have reason to believe that they will be necessarily absent from their place of residence on election day.

Advance voting will take place on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 2020, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Community Hall at 807 Desmond Street in Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2020.

Brenna Ackerman, Returning Officer

**VOTER IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO VOTE
ONE MUST BE PHOTO ID**

NOTICE OF POLL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

(1) A vote will be held for the election of Councillors(6)

(2) The vote will take place on: Monday the 9th day of November, 2020, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Hall at 807 Desmond Street in Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

(3) I will declare the result of the voting at the Town Office located at 800 Desmond Street, Grenfell, SK, on Tuesday the 10th day of November, 2020 at the hour of 9 a.m.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2020.

Brenna Ackerman, Returning Officer

**VOTER IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO VOTE
ONE MUST BE PHOTO ID**

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office will take place and the following person is elected by acclamation:

Mayor: Rodney Wolfe

Dated this 8th day of October, 2020.

Brenna Ackerman
Returning Officer



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NOTICE OF POLL 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

- A poll has been granted for the election of:
Mayor: Town of Whitewood - 1 position
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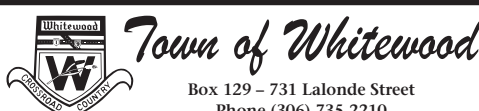
2. Voting will take place on **Monday the 9th day of November 2020, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** at the polling place listed below.

3. I will declare the results of the election at the Town of Whitewood Office on the **10th day of November 2020 at 10 a.m.**

Polling Place **Address**
Whitewood Legion 738 Lalonde Street

Dated at Whitewood, this 8th day of October, 2020.

Cindy Baumgartner
Returning Officer



Box 129 - 731 Lalonde Street
Phone (306) 735-2210

NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

- A poll has been granted for the election of:
Mayor: Town of Whitewood - 1 position
Councillor: Town of Whitewood - 6 positions

2. Voting will take place on **Saturday, the 31st day of October 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the polling place listed below.

3. I will declare the results of the election at the Town of Whitewood Office on the **10th day of November 2020 at 10 a.m.**

Polling Place **Address**
Whitewood Legion 73 Lalonde Street

Dated at Whitewood, this 8th day of October, 2020.

Cindy Baumgartner
Returning Officer

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Prairie Valley School Division #208 Board Elections

Notice of Abandonment Poll

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to The Local Government Elect Act for the office(s) of:

Board Members:

Prairie Valley School Division No 208 Subdivision #5

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office(s) will take place and that the following persons are elected by acclamation:

Board Member Subdivision #5 - Jana Wolfe

Dated at the RM of Sherwood this 21st day of October 2020.

Philip J Benson
Returning Officer

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Prairie Valley School Division #208 Board Elections

Notice of Poll

Subdivision #10 (Zagime Anishinabek First Nation)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a poll has been granted for the election of **Board Members** for the **Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 Subdivision #10** and that voting will take place on Monday November 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the polling places listed below, and that I will, at the RM of Sherwood on the 10th day of November, 2020 at the hour of 1:00 P.M., declare the results of the election.

Zagime Anishinabek First Nation - Education Complex
Zagime Anishinabek First Nation
November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Notice of Advance Poll
Subdivision #10 (Zagime Anishinabek First Nation)

Zagime Anishinabek First Nation - Education Complex
Zagime Anishinabek First Nation
November 3, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dated at the RM of Sherwood this 22nd day of October 2020.

Philip J Benson
Returning Officer

3080 Albert Street North Regina, SK
T: 306.949.3366 www.pvsd.ca



Prairie Valley School Division #208 Board Elections

Notice of Poll

Subdivision #4 (Abernethy, Lemberg, Neudorf, Indian Head, Wolseley, Sentaluta and surrounding area)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a poll has been granted for the election of **Board Members** for the **Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 Subdivision #4** and that voting will take place on Monday November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the polling places listed below, and that I will, at the RM of Sherwood on the 10th day of November, 2020 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. declare the results of the election.

Abernethy - Abernethy Senior Centre - 137 Main Street
November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lemberg - Lemberg Community Hall - 302 Main Street
November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Neudorf - Neudorf Community Hall- 803 Railway Ave.
November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Indian Head - Memorial Hall - 421 Grande Ave
November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wolseley - Wolf Creek Friendship Centre - 117 Sherbrooke Sreet.
November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sentaluta - Town Office - 604 Durward Street
November 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Notice of Advance Poll

Subdivision #4 (Abernethy, Lemberg, Neudorf, Indian Head, Wolseley, Sentaluta and surrounding area)

Abernethy - Abernethy Senior Centre - 137 Main Street
November 2, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lemberg - Lemberg Community Hall - 302 Main Street
October 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

RM of McLeod - RM of McLeod Office
104 Main Street Neudorf, SK
October 28, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Neudorf - Neudorf Health & Social Centre - 410 Main St.
November 3, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Indian Head - Memorial Hall - 421 Grande Ave
November 4, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wolseley - Wolf Creek Friendship Centre - 117 Sherbrooke Sreet.
November 4, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sentaluta - Town Office - 604 Durward Street
November 4, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dated at the RM of Sherwood this 22nd day of October 2020.

Philip J Benson
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“The Deadly Five”

Striking it rich the hard way in 1859

By Raymond Maher
Author of “The Deadly Five”

“The Deadly Five,” is a new historical fiction novel, that explores the actual events of the Fraser River Gold Rush as it gave birth to present-day British Columbia. (Published Sept. 22, 2020 FriesenPress)

Five fictional characters travel the gold rush route along the Fraser, rubbing elbows with authentic figures like Hanging Judge Matthew Begbie.

Striking it rich today may be as easy as buying a lottery ticket, but most ticket buyers don't win. The expectation of winning seems to be enough for those buying tickets.

Only a few went home rich after the Fraser

River Gold Rush ended. All that dared to look for gold faced the danger of death in their desire for gold.

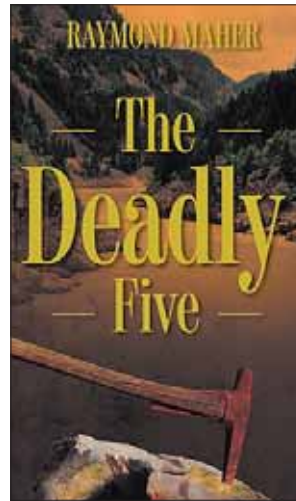
Mean Mike, Nothing Brown, Jacque, Seth, and Old Man Magee struck it rich when many others didn't. They found that their success was overshadowed by accusations that they were, “The Deadly Five,” guilty of murder, among other things.

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Raymond Maher



death. A good truth for any time.

The Deadly Five is by author Raymond Maher known for his regular newspaper column in several Saskatchewan weekly newspapers for the last decade. (www.acordingtoed.com)

A lifelong storyteller, Maher was inspired to

write The Deadly Five after research into the Cariboo Gold Rush, a development following the Fraser River Gold Rush.

Maher is a retired schoolteacher and ordained minister of religion. He has a passion for

gardening and writing and enjoys creating art, curling, and making people laugh.

He now lives in downtown Chilliwack, B.C., near Historic Five Corners with his wife of 53 years. (raymondmaher.com) (author website)

The Deadly Five is available from Friesen-Press Bookstore in eBook, paperback and hardcover.

The book is also available in eBook from Kobo Store, Google Play, Nook Store and iTunes Bookstore. eBooks are the safest choice for COVID-19 times.

Paperback editions are also available at offices of The Melville Advance, The Watrous Manitou and The Battlefords News-Op-timist.

NOTICE of ABANDONMENT of POLL

Village of Bangor

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act* for the office(s) of **Mayor and Councillors**, for the Village of Bangor, I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office(s) will take place and the following persons are elected by acclamation:

MAYOR: Jason Kunkel
COUNCILLOR: Jamie Kunkel
COUNCILLOR: David Gray

Dated at Bangor, Sask., this 20th day of October, 2020.

Allyssa Schlechter, *Returning Officer*

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NOTICE OF POLL NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL

[Section 81 of The Local Government Election Act, 2015]

Whereas a poll is required pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act* for the office(s) of:

Mayor (1): Village of Neudorf
Councillor (4): Village of Neudorf

Public notice is hereby given that:

1. A vote will be held for the election of Mayor (1) and Councillor (4).
2. The Advance Poll will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at the Neudorf Health and Social Centre, 410 Main Street, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
3. The Vote will take place on Monday, November 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Neudorf Community Hall, 803 Railway Ave., Neudorf, SK.
4. Results from voting will be declared at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 2020 at the Neudorf Village Office, 102 Main Street, Neudorf, SK.

Dated at Neudorf, SK, this 20th day of October, 2020.

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Ms. Michelle Shmigelski, Chairperson
Mobile: 306-331-8601
Dysart Housing Authority
Box 22
Dysart, Sask. S0G 1H0
Email: shmig71@sasktel.net

The deadline for submissions or expressions of interest is 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Submissions must include references with phone numbers.

NOTICE of ABANDONMENT of POLL

Village of Duff

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to the *Local Government Election Act 2015* for the offices of:

COUNCILLORS: Village of Duff and
MAYOR: Village of Duff

I hereby give notice that no voting for the said offices will take place on Nov. 9, 2020 and the following persons are elected by acclamation:

MAYOR: Donald Bieber
COUNCILLOR: Louise Thompson
COUNCILLOR: Phyllis Keller

Dated at Duff this 9th day of October, 2020.

Tracey Schuman, *Returning Officer*



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Village of Grayson NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for two advance polls for the election of Mayor (1) and Councillors (2) for the Village of Grayson.

Voting will take place on:

Saturday, October 31, 2020 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the polling place listed below.
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the polling place listed below.

Polling Place:

The Grayson Senior Citizen's Center – 111 Main St., Grayson, SK

Dated at Grayson, 16 day of October 2020

Colleen Stinson, *Returning Officer*

NOTICE OF POLL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for the election of Mayor (1) and Councillors (2) for the Village of Grayson:

Voting will take place on:

Monday November 9, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the polling place listed below.

Polling Place:

The Grayson Senior Citizen's Center – 111 Main St., Grayson, SK

Dated at Grayson, 8 day of October 2020

Colleen Stinson, *Returning Officer*

Divide between small and large business grows

Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Grasslands News

While big businesses, like Amazon, are reporting significantly larger revenues compared to last year, small retailers are falling further behind, with the majority (62 per cent) still below normal revenues, warns the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). In light of Small Business Week this week, CFIB urges Canadians to shop consciously by choosing local, independent businesses every time they can.

"Most of us don't think too much about where we shop—if we can get everything we need with a few clicks or if we assume a big box store carries the best value, we may overlook the hundreds of small businesses around us that offer fantastic products and services while creating jobs and giving back to our communities," said Laura Jones, Executive Vice-President at CFIB. "When we choose to shop local, we choose to keep the money we spend in our economy, to

support Canadian jobs and to invest in the businesses that make our communities vibrant. It's a choice we can all feel good about."

Holiday shopping may deepen the divide between small businesses and large retailers

Nine in 10 small businesses say the dominance of big businesses selling online, such as Amazon, threatens Canadian small businesses. This situation may worsen during the lead up to the holidays, as Canadians are planning to spend two thirds of their holiday budgets at big businesses, according to new public opinion research conducted by Maru/Matchbox.

"Small and big businesses didn't enter the pandemic on a level playing field and things have only gotten worse. During lockdowns, big box stores like Costco and Walmart were allowed to remain open and sell all kinds of goods because they have grocery sections, while many small businesses were shut down. Small businesses really need a good holiday season to even things out," added Jones.

CFIB estimates that one in seven independent retailers is at risk of closing before the end of the pandemic.

Be a conscious consumer

Consumers can help small businesses recover by being thoughtful about where they shop and choosing independent businesses as often as possible, including finding them online.

Earlier this week, CFIB launched the Big Thank You contest* as part of #SmallBusinessEveryDay to make it fun for Canadians to support small business through the holiday season. Consumers can enter to win one of six Big Thank You boxes that include \$500 cash to spend at a local business and unique products from across Canada, like an olive oil sampler pack from All Things Olive in Nova-Scotia and a cuffed beanie from NWT Brewing Co. in the North West Territories. The contest is sponsored by eBay Canada, Scotiabank and Mastercard. More information is available at smallbusinesseveryday.ca.

"Conscious consumerism is about empowering our spending to make a difference in our communities, to support our local economies, to align with our values, and to celebrate the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who own and operate a small business," stated Marilyn Braun-Pollon, CFIB's vice-president, Western Canada and Agri-business.

Melville Mils to return to ice

- continued from front

chance may be unlikely this season – there's no way the Millionaires will recoup what has already been lost. He said that as things currently stand, the season is about trying to live with the COVID – we can run from it and not do our daily things or we can learn to live with it.

"It's going to be a hard road to really work our way down but at the same time, these teams, we feel the league is important to Saskatchewan, we feel the teams are important to these communities," Rooney said, adding hockey won't be put above anyone's safety or well being.

Yorkton series

The upcoming Melville-Yorkton series is something the entire Millionaire's club is looking forward to with the four games giving the players the opportunity to play after not having played a real game since March. In addition to the extra month added on for the season to start, Rooney said it is a moment everyone has been waiting for.

"I'm really excited for the players to just to get out and play. We have been preparing – you can practice all your want but at a certain point that gets long and old. Now we can have some reference points to continue our development. We also have to continue our evaluation phase and keep moving forward with our player selection," he said.

Rooney realizes that there may be people upset they are unable to attend the games due to the limit on spectators but he says the team's goal right now is to do a good game day presentation so that Saskatchewan Health and the Saskatchewan government can see that teams in the SJHL can coordinate 500 people through their buildings and have as few issues as we possible can with the COVID.

"That's what I want to get out of this next four games is to prove that we operate and we can live within COVID and still do it faithfully," said Rooney.

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During the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Conexus recognized the need to support Saskatchewan small businesses. They saw how businesses, facing adversity on their own, were stepping up to support their communities in incredible ways. When the Government of Canada set up the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA), Conexus stepped up to administer the program for their members, but they wanted to do more. They took the administration revenue from the CEBA program and launched the Kindness Capital Fund. A fund designed to deliver over \$200,000 back to Saskatchewan residents and businesses who were supporting their communities during the pandemic. Over the course of the campaign, the Kindness Capital Fund received over 200 nominations from communities across Saskatchewan, and awarded 42 recipients with \$5,000 each, to continue to support their communities in extraordinary ways.

Conexus is also paving the way to support innovation and tech in the province from the idea stage with Cultivator powered by Conexus, Canada's first credit union led incubator. Cultivator helps local tech startups launch, grow and scale their companies right here in Saskatchewan. Located at Conexus' head office in Regina, it welcomes founders from all over

Saskatchewan who have an idea for a tech startup that improves the economic well-being of Saskatchewan. Launched in 2019, Cultivator saw immense success:

- 32 companies incubated
- 86 jobs created
- \$1.7 million in private capital raised
- \$1.4 million revenue generated

That's huge success for a prairie incubator, who is directly addressing gaps for startups in Saskatchewan. Their purpose is clear and built on simple principles. Provide space for founders to grow their ideas. Offer an inclusive community and provide founders access to the culture and collaborative support they need to succeed. Facilitate access to mentors and experts and work to provide programming and events to bring the Saskatchewan community together.

To further support the growth of businesses in Saskatchewan, Conexus also created the Conexus Venture Capital Fund. Launched in 2019, its first fund grew to over \$32 million, providing much needed capital to Saskatchewan technology startups. This investment helps Saskatchewan startups grow and remain in the province, providing financial returns, local jobs and other benefits for the communities in which they live and work. Investing in agriculture technology is also a focus for Conexus, which is why a new fund, Emmertech, has been created with investors across Canada. The new fund, to be launched this year, specifically helps Canadian agtech startups gain access to essential capital to grow their businesses and advance agriculture.

Conexus remains focused on the financial well-being of its members and the growth and success of Saskatchewan's small businesses by staying true to its cooperative values - focusing on sustainability, relevancy and a prosperous future through its vision of the credit union of the future.



This October 18-24, celebrate Small Business Week with Conexus by shopping local. Supporting Saskatchewan's small businesses does more than improve the economy, it enhances the communities in which we work, live and play.

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