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## Chainsaw art on Broadway

Chainsaw artist Doug Lingelbach and Summer Arts Festival chair Julie Bedel stand in front of Lingelbach's latest chainsaw sculpture in Fort Qu'Appelle. The five-meter tree, located on Broadway Street, was transformed into a "living, organic totem." The project was commissioned as a gift to the town to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Mid Summer Arts Festival.

# Chainsaw artist transforms tree into totem

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

A burlled maple tree, five-metres tall in the pocket park on Broadway Street in Fort Qu'Appelle, has been transformed by chainsaw artist Doug Lingelbach into what he describes as a "living, organic totem."

Commissioned as a gift to the town to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Mid Summer Arts Festival, the sculpture was unveiled Thursday during a light snowfall.

"The festival has been here for 25 years, and this

year we were looking for a project to give something back to the town," explained Julie Bedel, festival chair. "We were planning a metal sculpture near the post office, but that didn't materialize. So when Communities in Bloom said they were looking for funds to preserve the tree, we were happy to contribute to something everybody could enjoy; all the volunteers, all the people who've come and supported the festival; it's great." The tree was blessed by Nellie Rider in a traditional ceremony. "It represents mother earth and all of her teachings - harmony, peace and good will," Rider told the small crowd of about two dozen that gathered for the unveiling.

The tree has been sculpted into a collage of hummingbirds, bees and flowers. It is also a tribute to Lingelbach's grandparents, who are represented in the work with a heart. He took 18 days, working on a scaffold in winter's chill, to complete it. "It comes from the love of my grandparents, Gus and Edith. They're from the valley so I had that vision in my mind and then the heart appeared on there," he said.

The Midsummer Arts Festival was cancelled this year because of the pandemic. Bedel says that until a vaccine is found, the future of the festival is on hold, but perhaps a scaled down version might be staged in 2021.

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# Paice has passion for making handcrafted furniture

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Jason Paice, a White-wood area man, has taken a step back in time and is making wooden furniture, with each piece becoming an original creation.

It was common in the 'olden days' to see a piece

of furniture hewed from a fallen tree as necessity demanded for the family home. Over the years, furniture then became mainly manufactured in larger factories or at least from factory developed lumber.

Paice began a hobby of woodworking and he now is building beautiful furniture, from logs that

have fallen or need to be cut down, into amazingly beautiful rocking chairs, armoires or other pieces of furniture.

"It all began with a tree in our own backyard that I took to a sawmill to be cut down and I made our dining table from that. Furniture is manufactured so poorly now that it doesn't last

or is made from laminate or imitation finishes. My favorite is elm wood but I have developed a real appreciation for all varieties of wood for my products," Paice told Grasslands News.

"I now have acquired a sawmill and there are logs everywhere so I use or even cut down requested trees for people to get the lumber to make whatever piece people may want," Paice told Grasslands News. (A sawmill or lumber mill is also a piece of equipment where logs are cut into lumber).

Paice went on to explain how it has always been a lifelong dream to have time to work with wood to build furniture and now with the slowdowns in the oil field and from the pandemic, he has more time to work at his passion.

"I have never had a job like this where I can work all day, enjoying my time and not stressing over things. I just become entranced while working with the wood and creating."

By using logs and trees from the area, he can produce the furniture that is feasible for people to order. He commented how with the high price of wood now-a-days, he



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This one of a kind rocking chair is almost complete as the real leather seat covering is applied. Each piece of furniture made comes from area wood.

would not be able to produce products of better quality at better prices if he were buying the lumber.

"I hope anyone who is interested in asking about a product will give me a call. I will pick up your log(s) or even acquire logs from a favorite tree in a yard or farmland for a memorial piece of furniture. Of course, this wood would have to season for

about a year to be ideal for working with but I am willing to do that," Paice stated.

Any leather Paice uses on products is real leather. Each design is unique and they are numbered as each original product is handcrafted by Jason at Paice Wood Creations.

Jason Paice can be contacted at cell: 306-434-5905 or house: 306-532-4869.



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## Sawmill on site

Paice Wood Creations has their own sawmill on site so logs can be made into lumber that Jason Paice then designs into original furniture pieces. This makes the furniture much more affordable and personal for people.

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# Historic Camp Knowles sold for over \$1 million

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

The cash strapped Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle has sold its church camp on the south shore of Mission Lake to Avana for \$1,050,000.

The company plans to build a lodge that will be used as a corporate retreat and as a summer camp for women and children living in shelters.

For more than five decades, Camp Knowles operated as a summer retreat for young adults until it closed its doors in the 1990s.

When it opened in 1950 it was named for Edwin Hubert Knowles, who for 15 years was the fifth bishop of Qu'Appelle.

The church ran it under a number of diocesan programs but archival records detailing the history of its operations appear to have disappeared. Even though the camp was put up for sale about ten years ago, there were those that had hoped against hope that it could one day re-open. Faced with dwindling congregations, the diocese decided to consolidate its camping facilities in the Cypress Hills where it operates Camp Harding. After commissions and legal fees were paid, the diocese collected \$994,243.

Avana CEO Jennifer Denouden told Grasslands News the property will not be subdivided, the integrity of the site will be maintained, and that the name Camp Knowles will continue to be used.

## Extra-Curricular

# PVSD postpones activities

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The Prairie Valley Board of Education have updated the Division's masking protocol to now include all students, including those in Pre-k to Grade 3, and have also paused all extra-curricular activities until the New Year.

This change follows the provincial announcement on Nov. 17, which increased the measures across the province in

order to slow the spread of COVID-19, including mandatory masks in all public spaces.

"The safety of all students, staff and the broader community remains the top priority for the Prairie Valley Board of Education and senior administration. This change in protocol is a proactive measure to ensure Prairie Valley schools remain open, safe and operational," said

Alana Johnson, Manager of Communications for PVSD.

Prairie Valley is also postponing all extra-curricular activities until January 4, 2021, recognizing the rising number of COVID-19 cases provincially and in Prairie Valley's school communities, as well as the additional public health measures including a reduction in private gatherings and physical distancing lim-



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## New safety measures

New flashing stop signs were installed on Highway 9 at the intersection with Highway 1 in Whitewood last week. The signs were installed to help improve safety at the accident prone junction.

itations for fitness facilities.

The PVSD administration acknowledges these changes may be challenging for some but stated that they must all do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 so students can continue learning in their schools.

## St. Henry's Parish - Melville Basket Raffle Winners

Congratulations to:

Lloyd Sastaunik, Betty Threlfell, Ellen Bateman,  
Marion Kreklewich and Alvina Appel.

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# Men receives six years for manslaughter

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

A resident of the Star Blanket First Nation, Shauntay Keewatin has been sentenced to six years in prison for the shooting death of his brother last January. Keewatin pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter in the death of 17-year-old Tyrell James Keewatin. The RCMP Crimes Unit was called in to assist the File Hills police. Shantay was originally charged with second degree murder but the charge was reduced. When he appeared in court in Fort Qu'Appelle earlier this month three distraught family members, including his father, August, spoke on the accused's behalf. "These are my sons. I never thought I would lose a kid," he told the court. "But wherever Shauntay goes, I will always be there for him."



## S.W.F. Measuring Night

Melville Fish & Game will hold its Annual "Horn/Antler" Measuring Night at Melville Community Works  
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# New Grenfell council sworn in, appointments made

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Grenfell town council met for its regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19. The meeting was held in the Lilac Room to allow for sufficient physical distancing.

The session was called to order by CAO Brenna Ackerman and began with the formal swearing in of Mayor Rod Wolfe and Councillors Patty Cole, Elvis Kardash, Leslie McGhie, Wes Overand, Corinne Stieninger, and Dwayne Stone. The newly elected group acknowledged the outgoing council and expressed appreciation for their accomplishments. The mayor then extended a welcome to the new group.

"I'd just like to welcome everybody," Mayor Wolfe said. "I look forward to working the next four years with you and moving forward, hopefully we can keep

up the progress that was going in the last four years."

As the meeting progressed, the mayor assigned councillors to various standing committees. The following appointments were made:

Finance, Administration, and Risk Management Committee: Patty Cole, Corinne Steinger.

Land Use Planning Development and Economic Development Committee: Wes Overand, Patty Cole.

Transportation Services, Public Works and Utilities Committee: Dwayne Stone, Elvis Kardash.

Community Services Committee: Corinne Steinger, Wes Overand.

Environmental Services Committee: Leslie McGhie, Dwayne Stone.

Mayor Wolfe noted that these initial appointments are fluid and could be changed if necessary as the group becomes better acquainted with each other.

The town received \$65,560 from the federal government's Safe Restart Plan to be used for PPE and other expenses accrued because of COVID-19. Council made a motion to allocate some of this grant funding to cover the wages earned by Information Officer/Sanitizer Megan Anderson, who worked during the municipal election's advanced poll and regular poll.

The Grenfell Lions Club has been meeting in the upstairs room of the Community Hall for the past eight years. The group notified council that, beginning January 2021, the Lions Club would change its meeting location to the Grenfell Friendship Club because the "Club is getting up in years and the stairs are a bit too much for some of the members."

The owners of 725 Anderson Street submitted a request to coordinate sewer line installation with the town. There is

currently a shared sewer line for 723 and 725 Anderson Street, which were both previously owned by the Anglican Church that is located on the corner of Anderson Street and Wolseley Avenue. "The Ellis Hall has its own line; the house joined in to the Ellis Hall line," Mayor Wolfe explained. "It's not a common practice; it should have never happened. In this case, because the same owners owned everything, it was what they felt prudent."

Since the properties have been sold, the new homeowners wish to install a separate sewer line. Council approved the request; the property owners will be responsible for installing a sewer line from the property edge to their house and Grenfell Public Works Department will install a line from the property line to the main sewer pipe.

## CPP premiums go up Jan. 1, 2021

Provincial News  
Grasslands News

With one in three small businesses losing money every day they are open due to COVID-19, things are about to get even worse with an upcoming hike in Canada Pension Plan (CPP) premiums scheduled for January 1, 2021, warns the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). In fact, more than 70 per cent of small businesses say government should not increase payroll taxes, like CPP, as part of their economic recovery plan.

"Payroll tax increases are bad news for small businesses in any year, but hiking them in 2021 will make the tough months ahead even harder," said CFIB President Dan Kelly. "Let's not forget that the premium hike hits employees too, ensuring that every working Canadian will see a drop in their take-home income unless their employer is able to give them a larger raise on January 1."

As part of a seven year plan to raise CPP premiums in order to provide for greater CPP benefits decades from now,

CPP premium rates for all workers are to rise by 3.8 per cent in 2021. The amount of income subject to premiums is also rising by 5.3 per cent. This means for workers earning \$60,000 or more, both the employer and employee will see more than a 9 per cent increase in their CPP premiums.

One major concern heading into 2021 is that the planned CPP hike will decrease businesses' ability to hire staff. Currently, only 42 per cent of businesses are fully staffed. Payroll taxes are more burdensome on small businesses as they tend to be more labour intensive. They also have to be paid regardless of whether the business is profitable or not, which will be an additional blow to firms that end 2020 in debt.

"Given the difficult situation many smaller firms are facing simply trying to hold on to their staff, now is not the time to raise taxes," added Jonathan Alward, CFIB's director, prairie region. "Small firms are counting on the federal and provincial governments to put a temporary freeze on this harmful plan."



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### Bottle money donated

Employees with Fort Qu'Appelle's department of public works this summer collected \$300 worth of bottles and cans from the campground. Campers also donated to the cause. Proceeds from the sale to SARCAN were donated to the Food Bank. Pictured are Michael Forrester, public works manager Bruce Betteridge, Daboo Alalibo, Cera Pinay, Ellen Gillies (Community Outreach), Myja Lamont and Carina Schwab.

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# Lucky Paws Dog Rescue opens location in Fort

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

An extension of a dog rescue for abandoned or abused puppies and dogs has opened in the valley.

Linda Leslie, the retired manager of the Conexus Credit Union, has volunteered to be the local representative for the Regina/Moose Jaw based Lucky Paws Dogs Rescue, a non-profit organization that has helped place more than 500 dogs in the three years it's been in operation.

"It all started when I was driving and saw puppies running around by themselves. I stopped and asked the owner if she needed help with them, and she not only told me to take the pups, but she had a friend who had a dog that gave birth to 12 puppies and there were six left, so we took the litters into care and spayed the moms."

This summer, Leslie has taken in 36 puppies and six adult dogs from the surrounding area that

she has helped place in foster homes.

She's been getting support from local businesses such as Beach's Pet Place, Prairie Valley Pet Services and D'Tail's Grooming. Leslie said she's worried about dogs being left out in the cold this

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**“Dogs don't just need shelter in winter, they need warm shelter.”**

- Linda Leslie

winter. “Dogs just don't need shelter in winter, they need warm shelter,” she said. One of the dogs she rescued had a harness tied so tight, it cut right into his skin. “They just tied him up when he was small, and left him. It was pretty disgusting.”

The Leslie's themselves adopted one of the dogs that they started fostering and they just couldn't give up – an 11-month old mixed breed Labrador and Rottweiler

they call Opal.

Lucky Paws finds foster homes for the animals, and Leslie says she's happy knowing that the dogs she rescues are going to have a good life. “We need to know what kind of a home they're going to go to. We are volunteer based and are always looking for donations (blankets, food, kennels, Sarcan or monetary). There is always a need for new fosters who will look after the dogs for a minimum of two weeks or as long as a month. We supply everything, the food, the kennels, leashes at no expense. The fosters provide a safe loving home environment where the dogs are socialized with family and possibly their own pets.”

Anyone wishing to foster or adopt a rescue dog can contact Lucky Paws Dog Rescue on facebook or the website. It costs \$350 to adopt a puppy (\$150 of that is refundable) and \$300 to adopt an adult dog (\$50 of that is refundable).



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## Rescue dogs

Linda Leslie with some of the puppies she's rescued at her recently opened Lucky Paws Dogs Rescue in Fort Qu'Appelle. Since the summer, Leslie has already helped 36 puppies and six adult dogs from the area.

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## SUMA promotes out-of-town shopping

Turn on your computer, your phone, your television or your radio and all we are reading or hearing these days is "Show Local - Support Your Local Businesses." So at a recent council meeting of one of our local municipal governments, I was discouraged and more than dismayed to hear the chief administrative officer report she had taken part in a seminar from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipal Association entitled GTO Kinetics - Central Stores (Municipalities of Saskatchewan).

In plain language, a seminar regarding shopping out of town from cooperating larger businesses that SUMA has made deals with. Thank you for your support SUMA!

Look at the website [suma.org](http://suma.org) and you will see a quote "The Voice of Saskatchewan's Hometowns."

We are a small business in a Saskatchewan municipality. Go to SUMA Central Stores and you will see they are encouraging your municipal office to buy from the large box stores and not your local businesses. To me, the 'Voice of Saskatchewan Hometowns' is saying - shop elsewhere and leave the small businesses to pay the taxes in your municipality.

In Saskatchewan, there are 774 municipalities; 454 of them are urban municipalities (16 cities, 147 towns, 250 villages and 41 resort villages), 296 are rural municipalities and 24 are northern municipalities (2 northern towns, 11 northern villages and 11 northern hamlets). Now if each one of these municipal offices purchase their supplies out of town, there is a lot of money going to businesses elsewhere.

CentralSource, formerly SUMA Advantage, was created to harness the purchasing power of Saskatchewan's hometowns, SUMA's website says. Your municipal governing office and staff can now purchase grounds maintenance, mowers, tires, workwear, office machines and stationary, printed products, automotive supplies, engineering services and financial benefits, to name a few, through CentralSource. That pretty well covers every business in our community being a victim to your municipal government's outsourcing for supplies.

How many of these businesses supported by the Association of Municipalities, as they are now called, pay taxes in your community, donate their time to your community, donate financially to community events - or to put it bluntly - could care one bit whether you lose your businesses or not. They could care less whether the people paying the taxes have a job to go to when the retail sector fails as a result of your tax dollars buying out of town.

The municipality may see it as saving themselves money but I could bet that if pricing was compared to that same business in your small community, there is not a lot of saving or your local business would be willing to match a price for continual support.

You need to keep your dollars at home. Every dollar spent will touch six more hands in the community and every dollar spent outside the community is gone for good. A reduced level of economic activity will weaken and eventually kill your entire community.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. I

am not in favor of our governments, and especially our local community governments, supporting out-of-town businesses.

If we continue to sit back and say it's fine for our taxpayer's money to be spent elsewhere, just like some people think it's fine to shop elsewhere, it isn't long before you will have to move elsewhere because you have lost all of your services, and your people, to areas where the services are located that have been supported - better known as the cities. SUMA should be representing us all, not just the large suppliers.

Too much goes on behind closed doors in our governments and this is trickling down into our smaller communities and municipal areas. Governments are removing the tender process or are increasing their secrecy towards what they are doing by cancelling policies regarding notifications. Now they want to join together to spend our budgets with a big supplier.

I want my money circulating in my community to help keep our services, our service clubs and our communities healthy, productive and good places to live.

I want my government to know that I do not want them purchasing their needs elsewhere when they can acquire the same thing right in their own center.

If people agree with the association for our municipalities to develop policies and provide alternate methods to purchase outside our community, then you are the people who should be packing, as your job, your home and your business won't be around for long.

Speak up people - it's your money, your community.  
- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

## Big COVID numbers require better understanding

By Murray Mandryk  
Grasslands News

Premier Scott Moe had to self-isolate the week before the beginning of the new session.

He did so because he came into contact with someone at a restaurant in Prince Albert after a family funeral.

Essentially, Moe was simply staying home and self-monitoring - really, no different than the reality for thousands of others in this province who have faced the increasingly growing prospects of encountering someone with COVID-19 that is now everywhere in the province.

For his political enemies, it became an opportunity to take a few cheap shots. This is one of the big problems in the COVID-19 fight.

It's been far too politicized by fear, exaggerations and misinformation that have become the favour weapon of both sides.

The only way to defeat this virus is with facts, fair-mindedness and reason.

And that fight needs to begin with the stated and collective goal of reducing new and active cases by all of us doing what's reasonable to reduce the spread.

The challenge, however, is that to accomplish this requires a buy-in from everyone without the distractions of political references about things like rights and freedoms.

That shouldn't be much different than following the rules of the road, but even traffic laws need to be enforced by fines.

This is where it's up to Moe's government to impose stricter rules of the road and make sure through enforcement that people are following those rules.

We need to do this because where we are at right now suggests that we will soon be in trouble if we don't get a handle on the spread.

Sure, we have so far managed to avoid the death toll we've seen in Alberta or even Manitoba because we aren't seeing as many deaths in care homes as elsewhere.

The problem, however, is Saskatchewan cases are on the rise because of the recent more rapid virus spread.

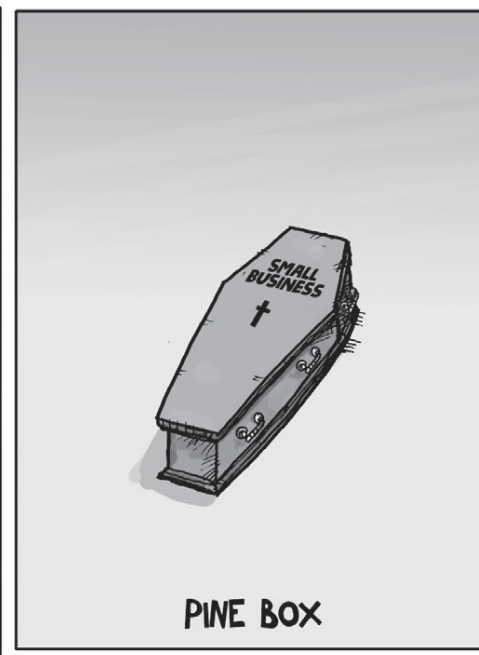
In fact, Saskatchewan had just surpassed Quebec for the second-most per capita COVID-19 hospitalizations in the country.

This is why medical professionals are ringing alarm bells.

While the dispute is one that's been frequently categorized as one between the doctors and the business community, this really doesn't really reflect the core concerns on either side.

One can understand why businesses - especially small businesses that have been barely hanging on for the past nine months - are frustrated by the prospects of shut-

### PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN RULES



down. Coming at the business crisis season for retail, this is a particularly frightening prospect.

But what cannot be lost is the concern of the doctors, nurses and others in the medical community of the health system being overrun with COVID-19 cases.

The prospects of hospitals - specifically, ICU beds - being overrun by COVID-19 patients is as frightening to medical professions as temporary shutdowns are to business people.

And their fear isn't just their patients. The fear for many medical professionals is the health of themselves, their own families and their staff as the people most likely to be exposed to COVID-19.

It is more important than ever for everyone to understand what hundreds of new cases each day might really mean. With only

around 100 ICU beds in the province, that means no beds available for those in serious car accidents or those suffering heart attacks if these beds are already occupied by COVID-19 patients.

We need to understand how this virus spreads and have rules in place like the recent limits on household gatherings.

Recent information from government shows close contacts in household is the top spreader of the virus.

However, the information also showed 25 per cent of infections come from recreational facilities like rinks, bingo halls, bowling alleys and casinos.

We need to set aside our personal and political views and look objectively at what needs to be done.

We can win this battle through knowledge, understanding and co-operation.

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## Broadview council notes

# Town and RM look at new joint administration office

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

On October 21, Broadview town council held its final meeting before the municipal election. All members were present.

Council acknowledged that the Town of Broadview had submitted a claim to Canada Life for short-term disability benefits for the town's Public Works Foreman, who had been off work since October 5 for medical reasons and was to remain off work until October 30 when he would be reassessed. Council then made a motion to add short-term disability benefits to the coverage for all the town's regular full-time employees. This will include a taxable seven-day waiting period and become effective January 1, 2021.

Council accepted the written resignation of the town's pest control officer, John Rygh. Dudley & Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants was



appointed to audit the Town of Broadview's 2020 financial statements. Council acknowledged that Mike Kardash, a Level II Water Treatment and Water Distribution Operator from Grenfell, has agreed to be on call for the Town of Broadview during the absence of Brent Bagshaw.

Arrangements were made for a key to the Broadview Community Centre to be kept at the Broadview Hospital in case the EMO Committee needs emergency access to the Community Centre when no town staff is available.

Jenny Lerat submitted a development permit for a 28-foot by 32-foot detached garage. Council approved the permit.

The Town of Broadview and RM of Elcapo wish to construct a new joint administration office that will include space for the Broadview Public Library and provide sufficient area so that the offices and library can adhere to COVID regulations for distancing. The town and RM will submit an application

to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's (ICIP) COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for financial assistance. Colliers Project Leaders will assist the administrator in preparing and submitting the application.

## Changes to legal tender for 2021

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Anyone with older Canadian bills will have until the end of the year to spend them after which they will no longer be accepted as legal tender for transactions.

The Bank of Canada (BoC) issued a reminder last week that effective Jan. 1, 2021, the legal status will be removed from some older bank notes that are no longer being produced. The move, which helps ensure that the bank notes used by Canadians are current, in good condition, easy to use and difficult to counterfeit, will affect the \$1, \$2, \$25, \$500 and \$1,000 notes.

"Most Canadians will

not be affected because the bank notes targeted by this announcement have not been produced in decades and are rarely used in transactions," the BoC said in a statement.



The \$1 and \$2 notes stopped being issued in 1989 and 1996, respectively, and were replaced with Loonie and Toonie coins. The \$25 note was a commemorative note to mark the 25th anniversary of King George V's

ascension to the throne. Both the \$25 note and \$500 note were discontinued shortly after they were issued in 1935. The \$1,000 note stopped being issued in 2000.

While the bank notes will no longer be accepted for transactions, the Bank of Canada stated that people will still be able to redeem them at face value at most financial institutions or by sending the bank notes directly to the

Bank of Canada.

With some older bills, selling them to collectors may be more profitable as some rarer notes could be worth significantly more than face value to collectors however. According to the website Canada Currency, the \$500 bill is one of the rarer bank notes in Canada, and with just over three dozen of the bills in existence, they are extremely hard to come by. The value of one bill can range from \$20,000 to \$60,000 depending on its condition. The \$25 bill can also fetch thousands of dollars depending on condition.

The federal government has indicated there are currently no plans to remove legal tender status from any other bank notes.

## Break and enter and theft reported near Indian Head

On November 19, the Indian Head Detachment received a report of a break and enter and theft in the rural area near Indian Head. The incident occurred to a site where some construction was being conducted and was about one mile southwest of Indian Head.

RCMP report that the suspect(s) broke down the door of the building that was under construction and stole a generator, saw and some hand tools. The generator was a Canadian Tire brand and the saw was a DeWalt chop saw. The theft occurred sometime over the

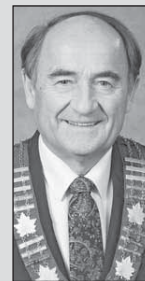
previous week but the exact day is not known.

If you have information related to this crime please call the Indian Head detachment at 306-695-5200 or 310-RCMP for immediate response, or you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



## Mayor's Corner

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I would like to thank the citizens of Melville for allowing me the privilege to serve another term as the Mayor of the City of Melville. This I will do to the best of my ability. I want to recognize, with appreciation, the members of our new council. I very much look forward to continue to work with council as we set the course for good governance and further growth and development. I wish to acknowledge all those who stood

for office at the November 9th election and thank them for their willingness to let their names stand.

The November 11th Remembrance Day Service paid tribute to the heroic defenders of our nation by laying down their lives so that we may enjoy the many freedoms afforded us. The event also allowed us to honor our veterans for their commitment to our democratic way of life. We commend the Melville Legion Branch for initiating a commemorative Remembrance Day event despite the impact on COVID-19 restrictions.

Our City Staff have been working diligently to provide services for our citizens while attempting to follow SHA health guidelines, providing for essential services, resolving minor sport procedures, working with the SJHL, facility disinfections and a host of other duties and procedures that consume their day. Citizens, we must do our part. Please respect and respond to the established COVID-19 protocols.

Congratulations to Chris Bruce - Director of Community Planning for receiving the Provincial Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Award for his exceptional community development leadership. Well done Director Bruce!

Hats off to Irene Pilon and her dedicated team at Caleb Village who donate their time and knitting skills in order to supply Teddy Bears for less fortunate children around the globe.

Did you know that Canada experienced the 1914 Typhoid Fever and the 1918-19 Spanish Flu? We, too, will overcome the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

Walter Streelasky, Mayor of Melville

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# School bands adjust to deal with COVID-19

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Melodies from saxophones, euphoniums and flutes are finally being heard at local schools again.

When classrooms reopened in September, COVID-19 guidelines from the Saskatchewan Health Authority stipulated that wind instruments could be used for band programs if certain precautions were taken.

However, Prairie Valley School Division took a more cautious route and did not allow its students to use wind instruments at that time.

Sherry Schoepp is the band teacher for Grades 6-12 in Broadview, Grenfell, and Wolseley. Because of PVSD's restrictions, Schoepp had to adapt her usual lesson plans and spent much of the first two months of classes working on rhythm with the students. They practiced drum-



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## Band classes resume

Band students in Wolseley and neighboring communities must sit four meters apart when they practice, as a precaution against the spread of COVID-19.

ming on plastic buckets, watched a STOMP movie and learned to play a "trashcan piece." Although curriculum outcomes were still being covered, Schoepp and her students were eager to begin normal sessions.

The school division finally permitted students to use all types of instruments on November 1 but

the young musicians must sit four meters apart. In order to accommodate this extra space, band classes now take place in the schools' gymnasiums. Schoepp acknowledged that practicing in the gym can be challenging because of poor acoustics but students have willingly followed the new rules. "They're so happy to be playing that everybody is making it work," Schoepp stated. "I think part of the reason they're so excited to be playing is because it's one more part of normal – the kids want normal."

The students had not been able to play instruments together since schools closed last March but they are improving rapidly. "[After] seven and a half months of no playing, it's coming back really quickly," Schoepp noted. "I think they're surprising themselves with just how well they're playing already – even after a couple of weeks, they're sounding good."

Traditionally band groups from all three towns join together for concerts in December, March and June. Since students must be spaced so far apart while playing right now, a Christmas

concert is impossible. Instead, Schoepp hopes to record a Christmas carol with students in each town and post it to social media for families to view. She said they might be able to arrange

a virtual spring concert involving students from all three communities, but only if regulations change and permit them to use bell covers and sit only two meters apart.

# Drive-in fireworks display to be held in Melville Nov.27

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

There's never a bad time for fireworks or celebrating being Canadian. That's why the City of Melville will be hosting a Drive-In Fireworks Display today, Friday, Nov. 27.

"Usually, we have our fireworks on Canada Day. Of course, this year was a different year regarding events and we did not have them on Canada Day," explains Jennifer Stein, Communications, Community Development and Events Manager for the City of Melville. "We wanted to still have our annual firework show. After a lot of conversation and planning to try and keep all the COVID-19 guidelines in mind. We have decided to have a drive-in firework show. This is a free event for our community."

The show will be starting at 7 p.m. There will be plenty of room to see, but make sure to arrive a little early if you want that perfect parking spot.

"The firework display will be located on the field north of Melville Community Works. Parking will be available at the Melville Comprehensive School parking lots," says Stein. "Thank you to the Melville fire department who will be in attendance to help with the event. They have been out to the firework show for the last 11 years and we are very thankful for their assistance. Bottom line is that 2020 has been a tough year. We wanted to give the community something special to enjoy."

The City of Melville is asking that people stay in their vehicles during the show to help follow the social distancing guideline set out by the provincial government.

## Melville Community Foundation welcomes new board members

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

The Melville Community Foundation last week welcomed newly elected directors Joe Kirwan, Randy Albers, Judy Schofer, Doug Hanley and Walter Streelasky who will be serving the foundation for a two-year term, as well as Brian Reinson and Kathy Love who have signed on for one year. For 2020, the group is happy to announce Walter Streelasky as the elected President and Brian Reinson as the elected Vice-President.

While no funds were able to be raised during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation has high hopes for the upcoming year.

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# New Whitewood council sworn in

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The newly elected mayor and six councilors for the Town of Whitewood read their Oath of Office prior to the November 17, 2020 meeting being called to order.

Newly elected Mayor Rhett Parks welcomed the re-elected and newly elected members of council and asked each one to give a short introduction of themselves. The agenda was then approved, followed by approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held.

Ryan Dale, Director of Recreation and Facility Operations Manager (FOM), presented his report stating "The announcements regarding restrictions due to COVID-19 that were made today (Nov. 17) shouldn't make any difference in the operation of the Community Centre if the protocols already set are followed. There shouldn't be any issues – unless of course more restrictions are put forward."

Dale also explained the policy for a maximum 150 people in the arena stating that this is being closely monitored and once the capacity is reached, the doors are locked.

The only situation at present, Dale explained is the removal of tape from the inside seating that has been placed to maintain social distancing. It happens at practices when most like to sit inside so the recreation staff are now unbolting the seats and removing them to ensure social distancing continues for everyone's safety.

The FOM also informed council that the Zamboni will not be used on the outdoor rink and that other means of cleaning the ice have been investigated and will take place. Public response to the outdoor ice surface has been favorable and work is continuing to have it constructed.

As a result of the new recommendations regarding COVID-19, council meetings will again revert back to being zoom meetings, effective for the December 1 meeting date.

Cindy Baumgartner, chief administrative officer (CAO), made a request for the Town to pay for classes for Lisa Istace, office staff, to register for beginning in January, allowing her to act in the capabilities of the administrator if the administrator is absent once she has completed all of the courses.

Council approved the request,

stating they felt it important to have someone trained when required if the CAO is absent.

The appointment of council members to the various committees was discussed and tabled to the next meeting so that opinions from council members on what committees are needed could be given to the mayor prior to him making the committee appointments.

Councillor Donna Beutler was serving as Deputy Mayor under the past council prior to the election and the CAO stated, "It is nice to have someone that is readily available in the absence of the mayor." Beutler was again asked by the new mayor to sit as Deputy Mayor.

Lorri Matthewson, consultant to the Town of Whitewood, gave some information regarding the importance of council duties, many that are mandated by government or policies and procedures designed for local municipal governance. She reviewed the duties of the council and the administration and pointed some of the positive, as well as some negative issues council deals with.

The meeting is available to be viewed on Facebook at the Town of Whitewood site.

Gene Hauta

## It's A Strange World

Less than a week before Remembrance Day, the American-owned Whole Foods **banned its employees from wearing** the symbol of remembrance, **the poppy**, while on the job. Executives said poppies were not allowed under its recently updated uniform policy, which affects employees at its 14 locations across Canada. Apparently, that could be taken as "supporting a cause"! After being ripped apart on social media, Whole Foods did rescind that order.

Jill Biden has said she will continue to teach English, usually to immigrants and refugees, at Northern Virginia Community College. She will be the first **First Lady in history to maintain a full-time job**. She was the first VP's spouse to hold a paying job, while their other half was in office. However, Doug Emhoff (the first ever "second gentleman") won't do the same. The husband of vice president-elect Kamala Harris has resigned from the law firm he has been working with. Biden will lobby for free community college tuition and cancer research funding. Biden has a doctorate, which no other first lady has had in the first 231 years of the role.

President Trump has finally appeared to recognize Biden as the winner of the presidential race, but quickly sought to clarify that **he still has no intention of conceding the election** as his long-shot legal bids aimed at challenging the results in several states continue. There is no solid evidence that the Democrats rigged the election.

A Michigan couple finally got the daughter they have been hoping for. Unfortunately for the world population, the little girl has 14 older brothers. Maggie was born almost three decades after Jay and Kateri Schwandt had their first child. The oldest, Tyler Schwandt, 28, said, "I don't even know if my mom owns any pink clothing – or anything."

Police in Topeka, Kansas say three teenagers were **shot in a dispute over Trump campaign signs** allegedly stolen from a yard. The teens were confronted by the man, who believed they had stolen his signs in the past. One kid had life-threatening injuries.

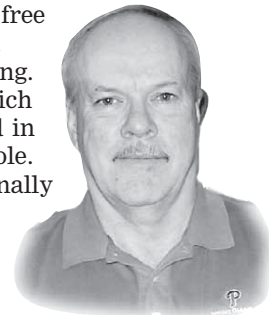
Some people are just more rational. Tim Place was hoping for a Biden win; Josh Schoemann was pulling for Trump. But these two Wisconsin neighbors still found a way to come together after Place's Biden/Harris yard sign went missing from his yard in the very heavily Republican neighbourhood. Schoemann, a Washington County executive, said that his 12-year-old and 16-year-old sons had told him they'd noticed signs disappearing from people's yards, including Place's place. Sensing a learning moment for the boys, he went to the local Democratic Party office, picked up a new Biden/Harris sign, and with his 12-year-old in tow, headed over to Place's house to **"right a wrong"**. Place and Schoemann, who did not know each other, were briefly able to put politics aside in the name of being neighborly.

In Utah, deputies were called to help an unconscious woman and discovered thousands of people gathered at an **unauthorized Halloween party** advertised as a protest of pandemic restrictions. The woman had been hurt while crowd surfing. Officials estimated there were 3,000 to 10,000 partiers (weak estimation!) at the rave-like gathering. Officials might still file charges against the party's organizers for hosting a mass gathering without a permit. And, even before the party, virus cases were way up in Utah.

In Richmond, Texas, Angela Nava just wanted to have fun with her Halloween display this year. Her collection of skeletons was rearranged every day, but the homeowners' association was not pleased. It was somehow judged that the **skeletons were "offensively positioned,"** and told her to remove the decorations. In fact, Nava's display was "modeled after an adult club." Even with pole-dancing skeletons, a VIP section, DJ, and patrons who moved every night, she had no complaints. The letter arrived six days before Halloween and required her to comply within 30 days. She agreed to comply — after Halloween!

**Thanksgiving** is such a huge holiday in the States, and family gatherings **will lead to more COVID outbreaks**, but still, Argus Hamilton said, "This year, American families will gather at the Thanksgiving table to re-count their blessings." A little more electoral humour...

Keep reading between the lines... we can maybe figure out this weird world...



## Melville Community Works RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC!

- Thrift Shop open - Tuesday and Thursday 12 - 4 p.m.
- Gift Shop open - Tuesday and Thursday 1 - 3 p.m.
- Kidsville opening to be determined
- Canadian Mental Health Association - Melville Branch  
- Meeting 1st Wednesday of every month 7 p.m.
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# Grasslands Lifestyles

## There is help to managing children's anxiety

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

The Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbors (SIGN) will be visiting Melville in December and it's part of an initiative to help parents guide their children through dealing with anxiety.

The program is called the Triple P Fear-Less Seminar and it will be taking place at Melville Community Works Auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

"This is one of many Triple P Programs we offer, and one of two that we have that is specific to parents with children who have anxiety," explains Jamie Devos of SIGN. "The Seminar is a one off program that will provide parents with tips on how they can teach their child to learn to manage their anxiety. This session is two hours in length and will cover what anxiety is and how it works, know how to help their children develop coping skills and face feared situations, and finally how to manage children's anxious behavior effectively."

SIGN also offers a program called Fear-Less which is designed for parents with children ages six to 14, who are also suffering from anxiety. With mental health services for children often being expensive as well as difficult to arrange, getting on top of issues such as anxiety can help to prevent further issues later down the line.

"Reasons for anxiety are endless. Everything from not sleeping in their own bed, to separation, to being around certain animals, right into anxiety about being at school, or presenting in front of a group of their peers are all anxious situations. Anxiety is in everyone, and it's normal. It's what we do, or not do about it that is really important. Anxiety is the body's normal response to a threat on something that makes us uncomfortable," says Devos. "When the

way of everyday life becomes an issue, for example, not going to school in fear of catching COVID-19, is one thing. Not physically leaving my house in 8 months because COVID-19 is out there and I don't want to get it, could be identified as an anxiety."

After the way the world operates changed so drastically over the course of a year, it has made a significant impact on how children learn and grow. While it was unarguably a good safety move to close schools at the beginning of spring and may happen again, it can also be disruptive to a child who thrives on routine or kinesthetic learning. In such circumstances, parents need to step up to the plate not only as tutors but also as guidance counselors. The programs designed to cope with anxiety are another step in the direction of self sufficiency within the family unit. However, Covid-19 in some cases may be bringing issues to light that were already present rather than be responsible for them occurring in the first place.

"We need to factor in how things were, and the changes in a child's behavior, making sure it's not just a newly created behavior, especially when we see new anxious behaviors in children attending school. The previous year ended abruptly, and then their "new routine", or maybe no routine kicked into gear. Then all of a sudden summer was here, but it too wasn't how it normally would be, or maybe for some, it was, hard to say," says Devos. "In September children were told to go back to school but there were all kinds of changes that came along with that - masks, sanitizing, keep your hands to yourself, don't hug your friends, stay in your bubble. All these new terms now came into play, and if they were not explained to the

children, we may see some anxious behaviors resulting from that, not necessarily meaning they have anxiety. Like perhaps that is just too much change, too soon - I am not going back to school, because it's different. Sometimes

though, we may identify anxieties as straight-up disobedience. When we tell our children to do something, and they don't - that's disobedience. We see that child not adapting well to the change, so parents allow them to not go to school. We call this avoidance, which can now also create a behavior. One great way to deal

with their anxiety is by exposing yourself to it."

As parents, there are a number of different things to consider when raising a family and physical health is just one piece of the puzzle. Anxiety can be caused by a number of different factors from fitting in to bullying, to fear brought on by misinformation online to the stress of worrying about stability at home during a pandemic which has impacted many jobs. How children behave is also often related to observation and so it comes down to a team effort on some level how adults in the community speak to each other and communicate, whether that be online, on the phone, or in person. Often issues that cause children to experience anxiety symptoms

are not obvious to adults and when parents know how to recognize this, it can speed up the process of addressing the issue.

"In terms of anxiety, I think a big thing parents face is the education aspect. "Anxiety" is the new BUZZ word. So many things are talked about to fall under the anxiety term, but maybe really it isn't. Just because a child has a meltdown when you ask them to clean their room, doesn't mean they necessarily have anxiety; they are being disobedient. Just because your child suddenly doesn't want to go to dance class, doesn't mean they necessarily have anxiety; maybe they want to play hockey instead," said Devos. "Also, where to go for help is a big one. There are some resources out there, but parents need to know where to look. The social stigma. No one wants their child to act out or have an anxiety attack in public. Everyone is worried about what people may think and say about you as parents. Increasing confidence in parenting is drilled into all our programs. This is one key factor in raising confident children as well."

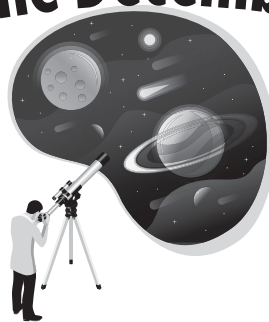
SIGN will be following the seminar up with a group program in Melville which is designed to be more intense and help parents to create a plan specific to the anxiety their child is coping with. Parents can call for more information regarding this group program.

To attend the seminar call 306-783-3080 or text 306-621-3084 to register. Registration is required in order to attend.

“Anxiety is in everyone, and it's normal. It's what we do, or not do about it that is really important.”  
- Jamie Devos

## Watching The December Nite Skies

By James Edgar  
for Grasslands News



The Moon starts off just past full phase and just past a shallow lunar eclipse. So, we should expect another eclipse just 14 days later—more on that below. On the Dec.

2, the Moon is only 0.2 degrees north of the cluster M35. By the Dec. 7, the minor planet Vesta is occulted in the Eastern Hemisphere, only 0.8 degrees away for us in the west.

With the new Moon on Dec. 14 comes the second eclipse of the season, this time a total solar eclipse beginning in the southern Pacific Ocean, crossing southern South America, and on out into the Atlantic. Many intrepid eclipse chasers will be in Santiago or Valparaiso to bask briefly under the Moon's shadow. A few days later, on Dec. 17, Jupiter and Saturn are both 3 degrees north of our satellite. Neptune shares the sky with the Moon on Dec. 20, but a telescope is required to see the disk of the blue-green planet. On Dec. 23, Mars is 3 degrees north of the Moon and Uranus is slightly further east. Once again, M35 is 0.2 degrees south of the Moon on the Dec. 29, and the Moon is full that same evening.

Mercury is not visible this month. Venus gradually drops lower and lower

to the horizon as the month progresses, rounding in its orbit to soon pass behind the Sun. The Moon passes by on Dec. 12.

Mars, while still a prominent evening object, loses much of its glory as the month goes by. It shrinks in apparent size and fades from magnitude -1.1 to mag. -0.2, so only half as bright by month end. The waxing gibbous Moon passes by on Dec. 23.

Jupiter and Saturn reach conjunction on Dec. 21. They have been gradually closing together for months now, culminating in this very close approach of 0.1 degree, a relatively rare event. Look for the two gas giants near the western horizon just after sunset. The Moon will have passed by on Dec. 16.

Uranus is high in the sky at sunset, falling below the western horizon near midnight.

Neptune likewise sets near midnight, offering only a brief window of opportunity for viewing.

The Geminid meteor shower peaks on the 14th, and a total solar eclipse occurs in the Southern Hemisphere.

The winter solstice is on Dec. 21 at 10:02 UT, as the Sun reaches its furthest point south and begins its long journey north.

December 22 marks the peak of the Ursid meteor shower at 9 UT.

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# Top 10 COVID transmission sources listed by SHA

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has released a list of the top 10 sources for COVID-19 transmission in the province and leading the list for community transmissions are people participating in recreation activities or being at recreational facilities.

The most likely acquisition source continues to be households and close contacts according to the SHA but for people who acquire COVID-19 in the community, the top 10 sources include:

- 25 per cent—Recreation/recreational facilities (e.g., ice rinks, bingo halls, bowling alleys, casinos)
- 17 per cent—Gatherings (e.g., weddings, funerals,

house parties, celebrations, break rooms)

- 14 per cent—Group homes, shelters, outreach programs
- 8 per cent—Educational institutions (cases more likely in teachers/staff; in students, test positivity is higher in 14 to 19 year olds)
- 8 per cent—Food services establishments (cases more likely among co-workers)
- 7 per cent—Long-term care, retirement and personal care homes
- 6 per cent—Fitness centres
- 6 per cent—Transportation and trades (e.g., taxi drivers, medical taxis, meat packing facilities)
- 5 per cent—Nightclubs
- 2 per cent—Places of worship

According to the SHA, the common risk factors in the top 10 sources is shared indoor airspace without masking, physical distancing and frequent hand hygiene.

“Saskatchewan has high rates of community trans-

mission. Case counts, active outbreak investigations, hospitalizations and deaths continue to increase,” said the SHA in its weekly update.

For the week of November 12 to 18, the average daily case count was 174 cases per day (up from 129 last week). The daily test positivity rate in Saskatchewan was 6.7 per cent (up from 5.9 per cent the previous week). It is highest in adults 20-39 years old and lowest in children under 10 years old.

New provincial Public Health Orders that went into effect on Nov. 19 have made mask wearing mandatory in public spaces and reduced the permitted size of private gathering to five persons or fewer. All Saskatchewan residents are required to adhere to current Public Health Orders or risk fines.

The SHA continues to state that non-pharmaceutical interventions, such as limiting our contacts, physical distancing, wearing a mask in public spaces and frequently hand washing, are effective in slowing and stopping the spread of COVID-19.

## Multiple break and enters investigated by RCMP

Sgt. Travis Adams  
Melville / Ituna Detachment

Reporting period:  
Nov. 18 to Nov. 15

### Traffic

During this time, Melville & Ituna Detachment responded to 51 reported occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 22 Charges and 25 Warnings.

RCMP responded to a single vehicle rollover involving a pickup truck near Melville along Highway 10. The collision was a result of icy road conditions. There were no injuries reported to the police. RCMP would like to remind motorists to take their time and allow for extra time when heading out on the road.

### Mischief / Theft / Fraud

A call to RCMP reported a break and enter to several sea can containers belonging to a business in Melville. The suspect(s) cut the locks off the containers to gain

entry. RCMP continue to investigate.

Another call to RCMP to report a break and enter to a residence in Lemberg. Several items were taken from the residence. RCMP continue to investigate.

RCMP continue to investigate a report that an attempted theft of their vehicle in Neudorf sometime in the early morning of Nov. 18, 2020. The suspect(s) caused extensive damage to the vehicle's steering column.

Another report of a break, enter and theft from a business compound in Kelliher. The theft occurred in the early hours of Nov. 24, 2020. Suspects entered the compound and stole a grey 2004 Ford F-150. The suspects then used the vehicle to crash through the locked gate on the compound causing extensive damage to the gate, as well as the vehicle. RCMP continue to investigate.

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# Latest COVID restrictions include suspension of sports

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Additional public health measures will go into effect across Saskatchewan on Friday which includes additional masking measures, reduced seating sizes at restaurant and bars and the suspension of all team/group sports and activities. The move is aimed to help reduce COVID-19 case numbers over the coming weeks and ease the strain on health care resources.

The new guidelines were announced on Wednesday after 1,500 new cases and five deaths were recorded over the last seven days. The new measures will go into effect at 12:01 am, Friday, November 27 and, along with current health measures, remain in effect until December 17, 2020. At that time they will be reviewed by the provincial Chief Medical Health Officer.

The biggest change will be the suspension of all team/group sports, activities, games, competitions, recitals, practices, etc. that are suspended, including amateur and recreational leagues for all age groups. These include sports such as hockey, curling, racquet sports, cheerleading, and dance practices in group setting.

Athletes and dancers 18 years of age and under may continue practicing, conditioning and skills training in groups of eight or fewer, abiding by the required mask use and at least three metres of physical distancing between participants at all times. Individual groups of eight may not share a training/rehearsal surface or space at the same time. Coaches/trainers are not in-

cluded in the training group numbers as long as they are masked and maintain a minimum physical distance of three metres. Fitness activities and group fitness classes in groups of eight or fewer continues to be permitted, for all ages. Mask use and at least three metres of physical distancing between participants must be maintained.

Restaurants and licensed establishments, including bars, taverns, nightclubs, will also see tightened restrictions that include limiting four people to a single table. If there are impermeable barriers between the tables, tables must be placed two metres apart. If there are no impermeable barriers between tables, there must be a three metre distance between all tables. The curfew on liquor service of 10 p.m. will remain in effect.

For performance and gaming venues, capacity will be restricted to 30 people at all casinos, bingo halls, arenas, live theatres, movie theatres, performing arts venues and any other facilities that are currently supporting a capacity of 150 people. Where any of these facilities offer food or beverage service, they must keep the activity separate (i.e. cordoned off) from the food and beverage service. No food or drink may be in the activity area.

Indoor public event gatherings, including conferences, wedding and funeral receptions and places of worship in public venues will also be limited to 30 people. Food or beverages may not be present or served.

The maximum allowable gathering size for private gatherings in the home setting remains at five. This includes in the home or in buildings located on the pri-

vate property (e.g. garages, sheds). If your immediate family is five or greater, you cannot have additional visitors. Individuals, recurring caregivers, support personnel (i.e. therapists, nursing staff) and tradespersons (i.e. housekeeper, plumber) are permitted, though they should maintain two metre distancing and be masked during service provision.

Mandatory, non-medical masking is also being extended across the province to both schools and businesses. Effective Friday, all students, employees and visitors in all schools and daycares (except while consuming food or beverage or engaging in aquatic fitness activities) must wear a mask. Children ages 0-2 years are exempt while children ages 3-12 should wear a mask if they are able to. Masks will also be required by all employees and visitors in all common areas in businesses and workplaces, even in those areas which the public does not have access (e.g. construction sites, manufacturing facilities) and to all residents, employees and visitors in all common areas in provincial and municipal correctional facilities.

Retail businesses must enhance the expectation of mask use and mitigation measures (reduced traffic, directional flow signage, hand sanitizer, etc.) through signage and staff training. Meanwhile, large retail locations are required to limit customer access to 50 per cent capacity or four square metres of space per person, whichever is less. Large retail locations are defined as retailers with a square footage larger than 20,000 square feet, and 50 per cent capacity is determined by half of the specified fire-code capacity.

# Young singer standing up to bullying with music

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

It was a twist of fate when former resident Shona Rhinas was visiting friends and happened to meet Moose Jaw's Nicholas Hennink, an Advanced Care Paramedic, recording artist and mental health advocate. Hennink was working on a project about anti-bullying and after finding out that Rhinas had a son, Zachren, who was a singer, the stars began to align. Later that night, Shona received a message suggesting that they all collaborate on the anti-bullying video campaign, one that was sure to make a positive impact on a large scale.

"Zachren's always loved singing and started from a young age, usually just singing at home, singing his favourite songs and mom video taping," said Rhinas. "He then joined Encore (a singing, acting, dancing production that was once in Melville); he found there he loved singing and performing."

Before the family relocated to Moose Jaw, Zachren, who also goes by the stage name Zach Rhine, used to sing Take Me Out To The Ballgame & O' Canada at Melville ball games and even had the chance to perform O' Canada for a provincial ball game in Melville when he was quite young.

"He did many talent shows, always singing at his previous school, Davison School in Melville," explains Rhinas. "Since moving to Moose Jaw, he has been singing lots, posting cover videos to his YouTube (Zach Rhinas) and Tik Tok pages. He sang O'Canada for his own hockey team last year and has met Jared Robinson from Nebulus Entertainment and recorded a

few songs in his studio. Zach sent in an audition tape to Toronto this summer & made it through the first few rounds but because of COVID, they only took kids from the Toronto area, but that did not deter him; he found it a positive experience and his hard work paid off as we have recently been in contact with a representative from the Mini Pops and they passed along information for an audition we are currently working on for a part in a musical in Toronto for a role in a Netflix Musical. He has also just sent in videos and headshots looking at finding further representation in Toronto."

Eighth grader Zach is currently working on learning guitar but also has many interests beyond that of music including a number of sports such as hockey, basketball, volleyball, track and cross country and was also part of the Student Representative Council (SRC) up until the closure from COVID-19.

The aim of the music video project is to raise awareness about bullying. The video not only has a hard focus on the recent epidemic of cyber bullying and alienation, it also demonstrates the effects and solution.

"I feel it's important because I believe everyone

has been bullied in some way or another. Everyone is their own person and is different from the other and unfortunately not everyone is going to like & accept that," says Rhinas. "People get bullied for many different reasons. Talking and keeping the communication open right now is extremely important with all that's going on in our world. Many people are preoccupied and busy with COVID that even though we are limited to whom we can be in contact with, some people/kids don't always feel they have someone to talk to or a way out & turn to suicide, drugs or self harm. We need to keep the lines of communication and awareness open and let people know there are others who feel the same have gone through the same things, and there is Help out there!"

Since the invention and wide spread use of social media, new forms of cyber-bullying have caused detrimental consequences in the lives of victims. Some have even lost their lives as the result of on-line bullying.

"This needs to be stopped & be dealt with immediately, this needs to be shared and made public, cyber bullying is a terrible and maybe one of the worst forms as many bullies hide behind a

screen and terrorize their victims thinking there are no repercussions being it's not physical, but they do not realize the damage and side affects they are doing to the other person, what that person is doing at home or the damages it is causing. Many don't see the affects of bullying until it's too late.

With the behavior happening to people of all ages, races, genders and cultures, it's never too late to become educated on the harmful effects of bullying or the solutions.

"Absolutely keeping the lines of communication open are key, definitely letting people know they can

talk about their feelings and share experiences is a necessity. We need to feel we have support/help and others with similar experiences and know there is help and somewhere to turn to. People/kids need to know they are not alone," said Rhinas.

The video is now making its way around the internet and being shown at various events to promote awareness about the issue.

"It was a great experience working with Nick & Jared and my friends in the video. We worked on it for over a month doing pieces at a time, COVID definitely put things on pause and created some

challenges, but everyone involved was very positive & saw the good in the making of this video! The schools/studios put in place all the necessary precautions and we even had paramedics on site at the shoots," explained Rhinas. "The video is being shown on the We Are Warriors page and all their platforms (YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, Tik-Tok, trying to raise awareness, hoping people share. Nick & Zach will be doing many interviews and public speaking in the future. Hopefully many people see & play the video and the message gets out!"



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We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

# Melville photographer wins ExploreSask contest

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

Tracy Kerestesh is a photographer from Melville, Saskatchewan who has been involved in photography for many years. Recently she won first prize for the Wildlife category in the ExploreSask Photo Contest.

"I've been a professional portrait photographer for almost 40 years now. I started doing scenics about 10 years

ago," explains Kerestesh. "I love storm chasing, aurora photography, eagles, and even bison (my frosted bison got Top Shot in National Geographic). I even do scuba diving and love photographing sea creatures and my favorite is sharks."

Tracy is no stranger to the ExploreSask contest, having received a number of honourable mentions. This time she was a winner with the photo which was taken off the

deck in her backyard of sunflowers that she had grown during the summer; a detail that made the win more personal.

The image of the sunflower and bee entitled "Bees Please" won in the Wildlife category and another of Tracy's images, "Throated Female Approaching Flower" of a hummingbird, won an honorable mention.

In other contests, the a photo titled "Richardson Grain Elevator and Train" won 3rd in Richardson Pioneer Photo contest and a photo showcasing Clydesdales owned by Twylla Newton of Yorkton got a Runner up in the Celebration of Horses Photo Contest in the category of "Open - Professional Photographers." Information on this image and others from the contest are available at [www.HORSE-Journals.com/photo-contest-winners/7](http://www.HORSE-Journals.com/photo-contest-winners/7), as well as in the Winter 2020 Digital Edition of Canadian Horse Journal."

With these and many more images of the beautiful nature scapes of Melville and the surrounding area, so long as she takes care around the sharks, it is likely that there will be no limit of contests that Kerestesh might enter.



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## Winning photo

"Bees Please" was announced this year's winner of the Wildlife category in the ExploreSask photo contest. It comes as a pleasant surprise to local photographer Tracy Kerestesh who has entered the contest many times.

## COVID-19 response Sask. healthcare workers approaching breaking point

The largest union representing health care workers in Saskatchewan, CUPE Local 5430, says conditions are approaching a breaking point, and is calling on the provincial government to act quickly to avert disaster in the middle of the pandemic.

"Cases of COVID are skyrocketing across the province, and infections and exposures among health care workers in particular are making a bad staffing situation even worse," said Sandra Seitz, President of CUPE Local 5430. "We need the provincial government to act right away to ensure we aren't falling even further behind when there are outbreaks, and we need them to ensure every health care worker has access to the PPE they need to do their job safely."

Seitz says mandatory overtime, understaffed shifts and a lack of transparency with workers about potential outbreaks in facilities are causing high levels of burnout and low morale among health care workers.

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# SPORTS

## Jessica Campbell off to the finals in Battle of the Blades

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

Jessica Campbell and Asher Hill are off to the finals on CBC's Battle of the Blades! Jessica Campbell of Rocanville and her partner Asher Hill have made it to the final episode. Joining Campbell and Hill are the pairs of Vanessa James/Akim Aliu, Meagan Duhamel/Wojtek Wolski BC as well as Carlotta Edwards and Kris Versteeg.

Last week, the pair danced to Honey I'm Good by Andy Grammar. In the beginning of the routine, it features Campbell and Hill waiting at a train station to go to Melville. The stop to Melville is delayed. Moosomin was also listed as a destination.

Once again, Campbell and Hill impressed the judges.

"There is so much going on in your performances," Judge Eladj Balde says. "I see transitions going into difficult entries of tricks and then you have the tricks and then the difficult exit, then the transition into the next trick. It's so jam packed there's always something happening. That is hard to do and you are making it look so effortless." He adds that Jessica is "the best at high energy programs." Next week he would

love to see more dynamic, softer and more elegant movements.

For Judge Scott Moir, the highlight was the jump into the rotational lift. "You tried that jump in week two; it didn't go so well but tonight you nailed it," Moir said. "Good for you for going back to that; it will pay off well."

Judge Jessica Spooner loves the characters which are so loveable to draw people in and how it changes each week. She was also impressed with the footwork, the lifts, the dance moves. Spooner goes on to say that she (Jessica) may have entered as a dark horse but now she feels she has a real good shot of winning.

All three judges scored the performance a 5.9 for a total score of 17.7.

Based on the judging from this week's episode, Carlotta Edwards and Kris Versteeg had the highest score with a 17.8. Second place was Jessica Campbell and Asher Hill with a score of 17.7. The team of Meagan Duhamel and Wojtek Wolski also had a score of 17.7. In fourth place, Vanessa James/Akim Aliu received a score of 17.4.

Next week the champion will be crowned. The final skate is scheduled to go Thursday November 26th. Will Campbell and Hill be champions? Find out next time on CBC's Battle of the Blades.



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### Mils vs Terriers

The Melville Millionaires got off to a slow start in their recent matchup with the Yorkton Terriers and it cost them, as they dropped a 5-4 decision on home ice. Here, Mils' forward Jonny Krahn partially fans on a shot at Terriers' netminder Philippe Bond.

## Mils split series with Terriers

By Darcy Gross  
Grasslands News

The Melville Millionaires didn't sweep their weekend series with the Yorkton Terriers, but they did prove that they could beat them, taking one of two SJHL Viterra Division contests to push their record to 4-2.

### Melville Millionaires 5

#### at Yorkton Terriers 3 (Nov. 21)

After a slow start the previous night, the Mils weren't going to make the same mistake again, with Jaydon Dureau scoring the opening goal – his sixth of the season – just after the midway point of the first period.

Within the next five minutes the Terriers got a pair of tallies but the visiting squad fired a couple more goals before the first period buzzer went off, with shifty Luke Nkwama notching his third marker of the campaign while Landon Kosior picked up his first as a Millionaire.

Dureau's second of the game gave Melville a two-goal edge and stood up as the only goal of the middle frame.

The Terriers got to within a goal early in the final stanza but the Millionaires were not going to be denied on this night, as Melville netminder Bryan Thomson kicked out 18 of 19 third period shots and Reece Newkirk fired his fifth goal of the season late in the game, to give the Mils a little insurance as they went on to win by a couple.

Dureau added an assist for a three point outing while Nkwama also earned a setup point to give him two on the night as well.

Jonny Krahn did a solid job distributing the puck, collecting a couple of helpers.

Thomson made a total of 34 saves to earn his third win of the season as Melville skaters peppered Terrier' goalie

Nolan Maier with 43 shots.

The Terriers got the gate for six of 10 minors and the teams split fighting majors and game misconducts.

### Yorkton Terriers 5 at

#### Melville Millionaires 4 (Nov. 20)

This looked like two games as the Mils came out with their feet in quicksand and the Terriers made them pay, scoring three times in the first period to take a three-goal lead into the second period.

Newkirk set Dureau up with a brilliant cross-ice pass to get the Millionaires on the scoreboard in the second period but the Terriers responded quickly restoring their three-goal edge.

The Millionaires wouldn't quit on this night, with Zach McIntyre denting the mesh with his third of the season on the power play, followed by a seeing-eye point shot from Dylan Wells that eluded the Yorkton netminder.

In the final frame, Melville forward Cole Stevenson showed why the Mils pried him out of Notre Dame as he scored his first goal of the season to get the teams back on even terms.

The Terriers had a bit left in the tank, however, and went ahead 5-4 just past the eight-minute point of the final frame to secure the victory.

Despite being outshot 22-10 in the first period, the Mils outshot the Terriers 45-42 with Kaleb McEachern suffering the loss in Melville's crease.

The Millionaires were whistled for six of the game's 11 minor infractions with each club taking a major, a 10-minute misconduct and a game misconduct.

### Ice chips

The Millionaires have traded veteran defenceman Payton Jerome to the Notre Dame Hounds for future conditional draft picks.

The Millionaires have also parted ways with forward Dawson Springer who has been given his release by the club.



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### Off to the finals

Jessica Campbell and Asher Hill perform to *Honey I'm Good* during last week's Battle of the Blades competition. The pair have made it to the finals.

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Sports Column – Darcy Gross

# Gross Misconduct

## Millionaires showing tenacity

It isn't the best set-up of all time, but warts and all, going to a Melville Millionaires' game is fun again.

The Mils faced off against their longtime rivals, the Yorkton Terriers, last weekend, and while they lost their game at home in front of 150 loyal patrons, it was still an outstanding effort where the boys almost came away with a victory.

Last season, and a few prior to it, you knew that if the Mils were down 3-0 after the first period, it was probably just an installment on a four of five goal win by the opposition.

This year, with some new coaches and new players in the city, it's not that cut and dried.

The Millionaires have displayed more tenacity, more skill and more faith in each other as teammates, then they have since Jamie Fiesel was at the helm of the hockey club.

It certainly doesn't hurt that the Mils have four or five solid players from the now idle Western Canada Hockey League wearing the blue and white, but those players aren't the sole reason for the turnaround.

New Millionaires' GM Mike Rooney and his staff have done a tremendous job of beating the bushes and getting some new players – and some new life – into a once proud hockey club that has landed on hard times in recent seasons.

They've done it with the addition of character players who understand the game and are improving each night out. They've done it with players more interested in team success than personal achievements and that's a testament to the way Rooney has sold his product.

The players who returned from last year's edition have found out that they need to adapt or hit the highway and thankfully, the better players have changed their tactics enough to be productive in Rooney's system.

It was unbelievably refreshing to watch a team chip away at a three-goal lead until they were all the back with a tie, even though they came out on the short end of the score by one goal.

Something that the Millionaires haven't had in a few seasons is back, and that's swagger. Over the last number of seasons they have had it in spurts, usually due to some players thinking they were better than the others, and once in a while, there was a lot of spaces between talent levels.

There are still quite a few players who lag behind the lead group of WHL talent that may be iced on any given night, but these guys still show all the signs that they're capable of becoming a solid team once again.

They work hard, they stick up for each other and for the time being, they all look like their veins are pumping the blue and white through them.

Playing with pride isn't easy when you're getting your butt handed to you night in and night out and the better players from the last few seasons got frustrated when it happened, and rightly so.

The frustration that the guys feel now looks like it comes more on a shift to shift basis and not a week to week and month to month time span.

The shift to shift stuff gets addressed on the bench by the coaches. Where the last two guys would steam in silence when the players made gaffes, now, the coaching staff uses these teachable moments to explain how the outcomes could have been better, and you don't have to be an expert on hockey to see it happening.

These guys are buying in and have their nose to the grindstone and while keeping the WHL guys might be a fan's pipe dream for now, the rest of the team is improving every time they step on the ice.

It's certainly a welcome change for the fans who have supported this club through thick and thin, many of them not able to even get into the arena because of the new COVID-19 protocols.

Hopefully, the provincial government can get these attendance rules lifted in time to save some hockey teams, because right now, the people who are getting into the rink are seeing some of the best players they've seen in Melville in half a decade.

The product is improving and the fans deserve to be able to see it.

Let's hope it happens sooner as opposed to later.

# TV cameras never stray far from Tiger Woods

Since TV golf broadcasts usually begin with film and audio about Tiger Woods, no matter if the greatest golfer of all time is in the lead, middle of the pack or back home resting his back — "... Even though he's not competing this week, let's look at some Tiger highlights from last year's event" — let's join the party and start our 2020 Masters report with Tiger.

Why? Well, he didn't win — Dustin Johnson did, but you already know that — but two things Woods did were among the most newsworthy happenings at Augusta.

First, he made a final-round 10 on the par-3 12th hole, the pivotal in 2019 when Woods took control of the tournament with a par while four of his closest rivals were putting their balls into Rae's Creek and making either bogey or double bogey. Karma caught up to Woods this year with a seven-over-par 10. He dunked his first two shots into the creek, hit his third into a bunker over the green, nailed the next one back into the creek and ... well, by this time, hands of the Tiger haters — yes, sadly, Tiger haters really exist — were starting to bleed from all the high-fiving they were doing in their living rooms or dens.

Second, however, illustrates why Tiger Woods is who he is: Following his embarrassing 10, which sent him from three under par for the tournament to four over — he proceeded to make birdies on 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 to get back to one under par for the tournament.

It might have been the most amazing accomplishment of the week at Augusta and if you think I'm saying that just to irritate some of the Tiger haters among my circle of friends, you might be right. But it's also true, and that's just another reason why the TV networks never allow their cameras to stray too far from Woods. The most famous golfer in the world attracts viewers no matter where he sits on the leaderboard.

The next iteration of the Masters is scheduled to take place in just five months. If the coronavirus allows somewhat of a return to normalcy in our world, the 85th Masters will tee off in mid-April, a tradition unlike any other. And — sorry, haters — Tiger will continue to garner good chunk of the media attention.

• Patti Dawn Swansson, aka the River City Renegade, on the laid-back Dustin Johnson: "Johnson strikes me as the kind of guy who'll take one look at The Masters champion's green jacket and ask, 'Does it come in different colours?'"

• PGA player Rory McIlroy, on the casual approach

Sports Column  
By Bruce Penton



Masters champ Dustin Johnson brings to the game: "See ball, hit ball, see putt, hole putt, go to the next."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Another sure sign it's 2020: Illinois punted on fourth-and-goal against Minnesota. But then again, it was fourth-and-48."

• Headline at @NotSportsCenter: "Report: Trevor Lawrence says his doctors have told him he'll be cleared from COVID to play football again as soon as the Jets draft another QB."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va), on Drew Brees' injuries: "Broken ribs on each side of his body and a collapsed lung. Was Brees sacked or was his car T-boned?"

• Molinaro again: "Grandma's sweet potato casserole and collard greens haven't given Thanksgiving Day revellers as much gas over the years as the Detroit Lions."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "History and irony: The mayor of Montreal is calling for all the citizens to wear masks. Her name is Plante."

• Simmons again, on the White Sox hiring manager Tony LaRussa, one day after he was charged with drunk driving: "The original LaRussa hiring was described as LaRussa 2.0 in Chicago. Now

it's being called LaRussa 0.8, as in his blood alcohol numbers "

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Vasek Pospisil's three-set loss in the Sofia Open final made Canadians 0-6 in ATP finals in 2020. You might call it Mission Im-Pospisil."

• Headline at theonion.com: "N.Y. Jets Sued For Millions After Using Unlicensed Cheering Sounds From Other Teams"

• From fark.com: "Century Link Field renamed to Lumen Field because 'Our Defence Blows Field' was too long of a name"

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on college football trying to flail its way through a pandemic: "Maybe it's not just the players but NCAA powers-that-be we should be checking for concussions."

• Saints coach Sean Payton, reluctant to answer a question about injured quarterback Drew Brees: "No update, I'm eating a bagel. I was hoping to be chewing it when you asked."

Patti Dawn Swansson again: "New Kim, a two-year-old female Belgian racing pigeon, recently sold for \$1.9 million at auction. No bird has ever landed that large a windfall. At least not since Elin Nordegren flew the coop on Tiger."

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# Melville bowling scores, standings

## Melville Bowl Arena Scores/Standings

### MONDAY A.M.

Nov. 16  
Ladies' High Single and Triple, Jam Xie, 230, 483. Ladies High Average, Margo Jordens, 180.

Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Gordon Ostlund, 212, 529, 176.

Team High Single and Triple, Dobson, 1324, 3654.

Team	Pts.
Dobson	58
Ostlund	47.5
Zorn	45

### MONDAY COMMERCIAL

Nov. 16  
Ladies' High Single and Triple, Crystal Schofer, 218, 570. Ladies High Average, Brandy Lechner, 221.

Men's High Single, Landon Litzenberger, 305. Men's High Triple, Garry Houston, 683. Men's High Average, Jordan Sinclair, 219.

Team High Single and Triple, Blind Chickens, 1295, 3648.

Team	Pts.
Blind Chickens	26.5
Professional Amateurs	22
Not Guilty	21
Odd Balls	19
M n M's	18.5
2 Pin Heads	13

### ST. HENRY'S

Nov. 17  
Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Crystal Schofer, 308, 733, 190.

Men's High Single, Lawrence Kosedy, 278. Men's High Triple and Average, Ron Messner, 657, 195.

Team High Single and Triple, Drifters, 1386, 3885.

Team	Pts.
Drifters	73
Cheery O's	68
Hittin the Ditch	58.5

### WEDNESDAY LADIES

Nov. 18  
Ladies' High Single and Triple, Jeanette Heil, 255, 584. Ladies' High Average, Marylou Janiskewich, 181.

Team High Single and Triple, Biro, 1278, 3697.

Team	Pts.
Konechny	59
Biro	50.5
Bell	50

### GRAYSON LEAGUE

Nov. 20  
Ladies' High Single and Triple, Cec Brisebo, 196, 502. Ladies' High Average, Beth Hoedel, 160.

Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Dennis Hoedel, 209, 570, 171.

Team High Single and Triple, Welke, 1276, 3702.

Team	Pts.
Welke	68.5
Crosswell	57.5
Gelowitz	54

### TUESDAY YBC

Nov. 17  
Girls High Single and Triple, Chloe Hall, 134, 380. Girls High Double, Haven Weatherhead, 154.

Boys High Single, Colton Zwirsky, 137.  
Boys High Double, Blaine Curylo, 311.  
Boys High Triple, Nolan Delorme 216.  
Team High Single, Curylo, 648.  
Team High Triple, Hall, 1820.

Team	Pts.
Hall	63.5
Zwirsky	60.5
Curylo	44

### THURSDAY YBC

Nov. 19  
Girls High Single and Triple, Lacy Stevens, 122, 345.

Boys High Single, Caden Zwirsky, 286. Boys High Triple, Parker Koval, 655.

Team High Single and Triple, Koval, 949, 2553.

Team	Pts.
Koval	72
Hollinger	69
Kohlenberg	51

### SATURDAY YBC

Nov. 21  
Girls High Single and Triple, Elyssa Thompson, 130, 341. Girls High Double, Emmi Hollinger, 195.

Boys High Single and Triple, Layne Thompson, 183, 429. Boys High Double, Carlin Thompson, 181.

Team High Single and Triple, Xie, 645, 1883.

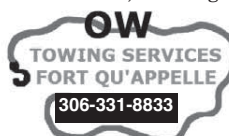
Team	Pts.
Hollinger	55
Thompson	48
Xie	29

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# Ochapowace junior team continuing to struggle

Goals against and goals for sitting at 106-10 after six straight losses

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The Ochapowace Thunder's struggles continued in the Qu'Appelle Valley Hockey League's Junior C division over the weekend when the team suffered another two lopsided losses against the Regina River Rats. The team is now sitting with a season record of 0-6 and have a goals against and goals for standing of 106-10.

The Thunder hosted the River Rats on Nov. 20 where Regina defeated Ochapowace 12-1. Rhett Gherasim scored three goals for Regina in the game while teammates Josh Lang, Cody Gerber, Max Kotyk and Jacob Arsenaault each scored two goals during the night. Zak Prystal rounded things off for Regina with a single while Ochapowace's lone goal came from Levi Shingoose in the first period.

Penalty minutes for the game totaled 30 minutes, including a 10 minute misconduct handed to Ochapowace. Three of Regina's goals were scored on a power play.

The River Rats hosted the Thunder

the following evening where despite it taking almost 9-minutes for the first goal to be scored, the River Rats silenced the Thunder with a 25-2 thumping.

Rhett Gherasim and Nick Malakoff were a pair of unstoppable scoring machines for Regina during the game with the two players scoring a combined 15 of the 25 goals. Gherasim lit up the goal light eight times and assisted on five others while Malakoff scored seven goals and assisted on two others. Rounding off the goals for Regina were Josh Lang, Nathan Halverson, Ethan Klebek and Jacob Arsenaault with a pair each and Max Kotyk and Trevor Price, both with singles. Ochapowace's two goals came from Chase Desnomie in the second with a short handed goal and Brody Yuzicappi late in the third.

Penalty minutes in the game totaled 35 minutes, including a 10-minute misconduct and 5-minute major for cross checking that was handed to Ochapowace's Noah Isaac in the first period.



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## Youth curling

Melville Curling Club held their first night of Junior and Learn to Curl Program on Monday, Nov. 23 with 12 youth enjoying the event.

# SJHL partners again with STARS for 50/50 fundraiser

The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) is pleased to announce its continued partnership with STARS

air ambulance for another STARS/SJHL 50-50 lottery.

The 50-50 will last through the remainder

of the 2020-21 SJHL season. Half of the proceeds will go to the winner, and the rest will be divided equally between STARS

and the SJHL.

Bill Chow, President of the SJHL, stated, "STARS has made a significant impact across Saskatchewan, saving many lives with their air ambulance service. We hope that the 50-50 partnership with STARS helps raise the funds needed to replace the STARS helicopter fleet in Saskatchewan."

Since its inception in 1985, STARS has flown more than 45,000 missions

across Western Canada. Last year alone, STARS flew 884 missions in Saskatchewan. The proceeds to STARS from the SJHL partnership will support the non-profit's fleet renewal efforts in the province.

"Just as the SJHL was built for communities by communities, so was STARS. Both organizations want to invest in our communities, and the progressive 50-50 fund-

raiser is a good way," said Tammy Beaugerard, development officer with the STARS Foundation. "The 50-50 is a win-win for both organizations and one lucky ticket buyer!"

In addition to ticket purchases at the games, people can support the initiative and get a chance at winning by going to [SJHL5050.ca](http://SJHL5050.ca) to purchase tickets. The 50-50 runs until April 1, 2021.

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# Mustangs solidify first place

By Stephen Scriver  
Grasslands News

In the first two years of their existence, the Wolseley Mustangs had a number of offensive snipers who appeared on the scoresheet game after game. Think Rawley Lingelbach, Avery Lepage, Brent Koch, Brandon Shiels. So when these guys aged out, they may have been irreplaceable, but did the Mustangs roll over and die? The standings say no.

This was shown clearly when, in games last weekend, Wolseley took both ends of a home-and-home with the Emerald Park Wizards by scores of 4-1 and 3-1, and only one Mustang scored in both games. Fourth year forward Wade Roppel, this season's captain, potted a goal in the first game and added an assist in the second to help his team move into first place over the Wizards on Friday at home and vault further ahead in the standings on Saturday in Pilot Butte.

The series with the Wizards had been anticipated, as Emerald Park came into this season with much the same roster as last year, while the Mustangs were putting 13 rookies on the ice. But after

Friday's game, GM Trevor Baran enthused, "The rust is coming off; they're playing like a team on the ice and acting like teammates in the dressing room."

On Friday, three Mustangs contributed two points apiece to the 4-1 win. Tyler Krausher, a D-man in his fourth year with the team, scored two goals and was solid in his zone to lead the home side. Kody Macknack and Ryland McCall each had two assists. Single goals came from Sly Webster and Wade Roppel. Tanner Baran and Reace Faubert each contributed an assist.

On Saturday, it was Dylan Florek leading the Mustangs with a goal and an assist, while Braedyn Wozniak and Cain Thompson scored singles. Observers say that Thompson should have been credited with two goals. Single assists went to Roppel, Noah Horvath and Stephen Manovich.

So rather than a few players dominating the scoresheet this season, it's scoring by committee for the Mustangs, backed up by the solid goaltending of Dustyn Lowenberg and Caleb Hamilton. And while Wolseley has always had great penalty killing, the team has had a marked decrease in their time in the sin bin.



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# Several teams still searching for first win in SEHL

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan East Hockey League (SEHL) is only a few weeks old but some teams are already approaching must win territory while some teams are rising to the top and some teams have yet to play a game.

The Theodore Buffaloes and Ituna Avalanche will begin their seasons on Saturday. Theodore travels to Hudson Bay then on Sunday they host the hunters. Ituna heads to Canora to battle the Cobras on Saturday at 8:30. The next night the Cobras slither their way to Ituna and look to avoid getting buried by the Avalanche.

Friday night sees a couple unbeaten teams face off. The Rocanville Tigers head to Langenburg to tangle with their longtime rivals, the War-

riors. Both teams enter the weekend with two wins and no losses after sweeping the Moosomin Rangers in each team's opening weekend.

The Moosomin Rangers are winless in their first four games and the Esterhazy Flyers are winless in their first two. Moosomin have faced Langenburg and Rocanville to start the year. "(I) thought we played well at moments throughout our first 4 games," Moosomin coach Ferrel Horn says. "Just not consistent enough to win. Not firing on all aspects to win. Esterhazy should have a decent team."

The start of the season has not been kind to the Flyers. First the club was told that no Manitoba residents are allowed to play due to COVID-19 restrictions put in place by the Saskatchewan Government. They lost three

players because of that and now another five players quit. The team is looking for players and if you are interested in playing contact coach Mike Kaczmar

This game is as close to a must win game as it gets for both teams. "For us it's fairly big," Esterhazy Flyers' coach Mike Kaczmar says. "(We) would like to get four points but I would take a split. We can't dwell upon losing both to Bredenburg to start the season as they appear to be possibly the top in our division!"

Bredenburg is off this weekend. They won convincingly over Esterhazy but have not played since. League president Mike Stackhouse was in Bredenburg and was impressed with what he saw. "I think we've had a good start," Stackhouse says. "Personally, I was only at the one game in

Bredenburg last weekend and they had just under 150 people there. They didn't sell out but we had

100 per cent compliance with regards to masks and distancing as well as no lineups for the con-

cession. Bredenburg was using a cell phone text method to get everyone their food/snacks."

## COVID-19

# Fort Knox player tests positive

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

Through the first four games of the Prairie Junior League season nobody has been able to beat Fort Knox. Opponents have come close to putting a halt to their momentum but nothing has been able to stop it...that is, nothing

until now.

This past weekend, Fort Knox was supposed to be in action against the Regina Capitals. Unfortunately a member of the organization is taking on a different opponent... the dreaded COVID-19.

The Fort Knox team must isolate and cannot even practice for the next two weeks.



## Tie-die crafts

The Melville Town 'N' Country 4-H Club promotes members to Learn By Doing and the theme for this year is Let's Get Creative! The first 4-H project meeting was held on Nov. 3. Members got creative tie-dying face masks and t-shirts. Ariana and Aeowyn Kapitoler display their finished tie-dyed face masks and t-shirts.

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# Improvements continue at Lions Field in Grenfell

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Improvements at Lions Field, the main ball diamond at the Grenfell Recreational Park, continued into the next phase this fall with the construction of a storage shed behind the home team's dugout.

Since 2018, significant upgrades have been made at the ballpark. New shale was installed at the main diamond, along with a sprinkler system and a digital scoreboard. New seating was also added at the secondary ball di-

amond. Volunteers and financial support from local organizations have made the projects possible.

The Grenfell Gems, a men's fastball team, and the Grenfell Minor Ball Club both use the facility. The community softball and baseball programs had outgrown the smaller, existing storage shed at the field. Grenfell Minor Ball Club received \$5,000 in grant funding this year from Sask Lotteries through Baseball Sask, Softball Sask and the Community Grant Program. The funds were

used to purchase new equipment such as bats, balls, helmets, and catcher's gear. The club also partnered with the Gems to buy a pitching machine and automatic feeder.

The two recreation organizations shared the cost of constructing a new 12-foot by 16-foot storage shed for the equipment. "We are extremely fortunate and extremely excited about it!" said manager Tyler Thomlinson. "The old shed was pretty old and beat up, plus with the increased amount of equipment we needed more storage. We want all the resources available to our coaches right on site."

The men's team provided the labor under the direction of Josh Schutz. Grenfell town council supported the project by paying the mandatory building inspection fee. Preparations began in the summer but work could not be completed until after harvest. A few days



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## Wall raising

Volunteers took advantage of warm weather in early November to finish building a new storage shed for the Grenfell Gems and Grenfell Minor Ball Club at Lions Field. Left to right: Kale Haylock, Skyler Reeve, Josh Schutz and Justin Hollinger.

of warm weather in early November enabled volunteers to finish constructing the shed, just before a winter storm hit.

## October Traffic Safety

# Over 650 people fined for distracted driving

Put down your phone and focus on the road ahead. Based on the results of October's Traffic Safety Spotlight on distracted driving, it's a message worth repeating.

Last month, 658 people were caught not paying attention to the road and issued tickets for a distracted driving offence. Of those, 538 were for cell phone use, while 120 were for driving without due care and attention.

This is a significant drop from the all-time Traffic Safety Spotlight record set in October of last year, and all the drivers who decided NOT to drive distracted deserve credit for the reduction. But 658 distracted driving offences is still a number that is higher than it should be.

SGI continues to encourage drivers to change their bad habits on the road. This month, you may see or hear SGI's powerful new distracted driving awareness campaign that encourages drivers to focus on the road ahead, because everything else can wait.

Stories like those featured in the campaign should be enough to deter people from picking up their phone while driving. Anyone who needs further convincing should keep in mind that a distracted driving ticket starts at \$580 and four demerit points and the penalties increase for repeat offences, including vehicle impoundments.

Distracted driving is a serious safety concern on Saskatchewan roads. In 2019, distracted driving contributed to 16 deaths and more than 4,500 collisions.

When you're driving, #JustDrive. Put your phone out of sight, hand it over to your passenger, turn on the "do not disturb" function, or finalize your plans before you start to drive. These are just a few ways you can avoid distracted driving and arrive safely at your destination.

Other results reported by police in October include:

- 437 impaired driving offences, including 352 Criminal Code charges
- 6,906 tickets for speeding/aggressive driving
- 403 improper seatbelt or child restraint use

November's Traffic Safety Spotlight is on catching suspended drivers and unregistered vehicles.

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Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BIRTHDAY	PURCHASE	SALE
CLOTHING	REGISTER	SHOPPING
GIFTS	RETAIL	STORE
HOLIDAY	RETURN	TOYS

N K M I S B P R R P S Y  
M Z H T E H A R E R K A  
Q I O W L U E V T U Q D  
G R E R A T O S U W B H  
E N L E S A H C R U P T  
R G I I B O C A N X J R  
R E G H P Z S T F I G I  
S E T P T D F S J R T B  
R Y I A H O L I D A Y V  
E N O B I T L Q L L Y E  
G T A T D L Z C J I B Z  
H Z E Y D Q T W M E K C

## Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

E O N - D Y A L A E S

Answer: One-day sale

## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

• **1783:** U.S. GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS OFFICERS AT FRAUNCES TAVERN IN NEW YORK CITY.

• **1881:** THE FIRST EDITION OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES IS PUBLISHED.

• **1954:** THE FIRST



THE AVERAGE PERSON SPENDS MORE THAN \$800 ON THESE EACH DECEMBER.

ANSWER: CHRISTMAS GIFTS



## TRANSACTION

an instance of buying or selling something

## How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Receipt

**SPANISH:** Recibo

**ITALIAN:** Ricevuta

**FRENCH:** Reçu

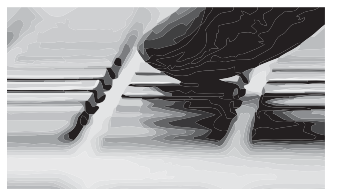
**GERMAN:** Kassenzettel

## Did you know?

WHEN SHOPPING FOR GIFTS FOR CHILDREN, IT IS WISE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE SUGGESTED AGES ON THE PRODUCT PACKAGING. THIS HELPS ENSURE SAFETY.



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ANSWER: LAPTOP KEYBOARD

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Neighbourly Advice According to ED - Ray Maher

# Be as patient as Job in the days ahead

Ed asked me a question that has no definite answer. We were talking recently about the increase in COVID-19 cases across Canada. I said, "With this second wave of COVID, we will need the patience of Job in the days ahead."

Ed countered, "How long did Job suffer?" He was skeptical when I answered that the Bible does not specify how long Job suffered.

Job refers to his suffering in terms of days and months. No place does he mention years of suffering. Job says in 7:3, "I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me."

When we suffer, it can feel like a year, even if it's only several days or a month.

Job heard of his grown family's death and the loss of his wealth on the same day, but his suffering in sickness dragged on for days.

Ed and I agreed that it is easy to blame others, maybe even God, when things go wrong. Illness and loss can mature us if we allow God to bless us when He is ready to do so. Sometimes we need to wait and endure for as long as it takes.

Patience means more than waiting, but behaving without frustration and making the best of a challenging situation. Everyone is called to wait for a vaccine or a cure for the COVID-19 virus.

For those tired of staying six feet apart, wearing a mask and isolating from others, think of the insect, the cicada. The fe-

male lays her eggs in slits in twigs and branches. The eggs hatch into nymphs and drop to the ground and burrow into the dirt for 13 to 17 years. They subsist there on the juice of plant roots. After many years they burrow out of the soil, climb a tree shed, their skin and emerge as an adult. The cicada knows about being patient for as long as it takes.

The Book of James speaks of Job's perseverance in his affliction, and that the Lord brought it to an end. After Job's suffering, God commended Job, restored Job, and gave him a long, full life. Job was tested, but instead of blaming God, Job endured his loss of family and the loss of his wealth and persisted in his painful suffering until God blessed him.

When we are waiting on God, we are allowing Him to mature our souls. We tend to see restric-

tions, waiting for new cases of COVID to flatten, like having a gun without a trigger. Just because the COVID-19 virus cases are increasing presently, that doesn't mean they always will.

Is it our time to pray for God to bless the efforts to develop a vaccine to save lives and subdue the virus? Presently it's our waiting time to endure for as long as it takes.

Romans 12:12 instructs us to, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer."

James teaches us to remember that the Lord is full of compassion and

mercy.

He says, "Brothers, take the prophets as an example in the face of suffering. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You too, be patient and stand firm without grumbling."

James 5:7-11

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(Ages 11 & Up)

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Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.

Friday Youth Bible Study -

6:00 p.m.

Pastor Samuel Jung

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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

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\*November Saturday Mass

5:00 p.m.

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\*Nov. 29

No Service

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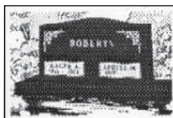
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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 5, 2020

THE LUCKIEST SIGNS THIS WEEK:  
LEO, VIRGO AND LIBRA



**ARIES**  
You'll discover a new gadget that makes it easier for you to communicate. People will find it easier to get a hold of you. You'll need to run a lot of errands, so make sure your GPS is up to date to avoid going in circles.



**TAURUS**  
You'll go all out to impress people this holiday season. You may even decide to replace some of your furniture. You'll also get rid of certain items that are taking up too much space in your home.



**GEMINI**  
You'll take initiative on a new project. You want to be in charge so that you can ensure that the work gets done right. New beginnings are on the horizon both in your career and your love life.



**CANCER**  
After a tiring few weeks, it's important to take time to recharge and set new goals. If you haven't been spending enough time with your family and friends, a reunion might be in order. You'll be surprised by how much they've missed you.



**LEO**  
You'll find yourself in a crowded environment, and you'll need to organize a large-scale event. Accept a friend's invitation to go out. You need a night to let loose and relieve some of your stress.



**VIRGO**  
Sometimes you need to take a step back in order to gain the will to move forward. A reprieve will allow you to see things from a new perspective. With more information, you'll be able to analyze the situation and find the best solution.



**LIBRA**  
Luck will be on your side at work and in your love life. People will come into your life at the right time and make things easier. Your ability to empathize will continue to be your superpower, and you'll make good use of it.



**SCORPIO**  
A major change may bring up a stream of emotions. Nonetheless, you'll benefit greatly from a new experience. Additionally, you'll reconnect with a family member following an argument.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
At work, you'll reach an agreement that has a positive impact on your career. Since you foster a peaceful and collaborative environment, people will blindly trust you to guide them in the right direction.



**CAPRICORN**  
You won't be taken advantage of this week. At work and in other areas of your life, you'll make changes that improve your efficiency. You'll also become more dexterous after you take on a new creative project.



**AQUARIUS**  
You'll be sensitive and emotional this week. You might bring clarity to a complicated love affair. At work, you'll be deeply moved by an award or some other form of recognition.



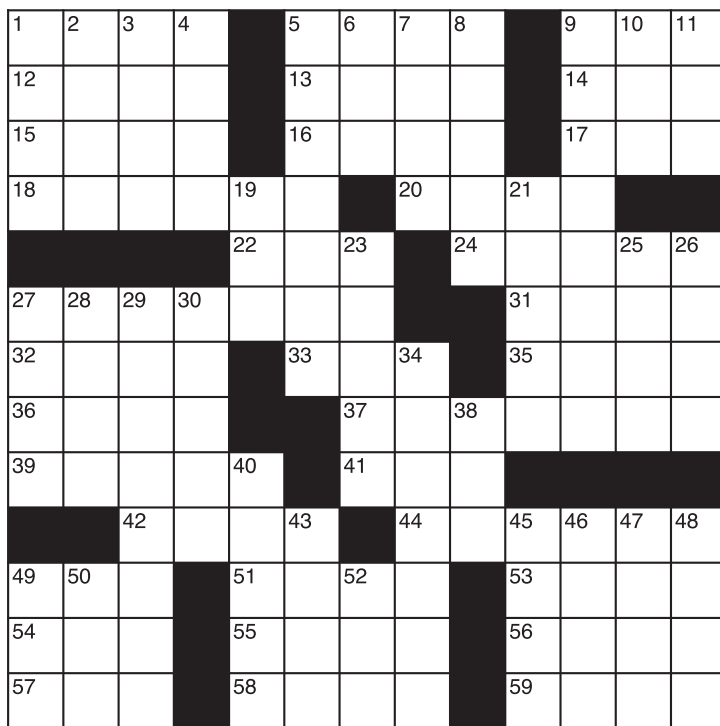
**PISCES**  
You'll be able to get your work done at home. If you have young children, one of them might require a lot of your attention. You'll need to talk to certain people and get a few things off your chest.

# BREAK *time*

## CROSSWORDS

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### ACROSS

1. Birds of prey
5. \_\_\_\_-control
9. Messy stuff
12. Manner of walking
13. Fuel source
14. Immature
15. Exec's auto
16. Toward
17. Coffee vessel
18. Slip by
20. Cape of Good \_\_\_\_
22. Writing liquid
24. Musical symbols
27. Relieve an itch
31. Remove heat from
32. Weeder
33. Lobe's place
35. Bullets and bombs
36. Cry of dismay
37. Most eager
39. Actor James \_\_\_\_
41. Cream or pick
42. Dollar bills

### DOWN

44. Firstborn
  49. "The Music \_\_\_\_"
  51. Bellow
  53. Tempo
  54. \_\_\_\_ before beauty
  55. Nothing
  56. Tied, as a score
  57. Seed holder
  58. Finishes
  59. Cried
11. "My \_\_\_\_ Private Idaho"
  19. Hold a session
  21. Thin-shelled nut
  23. Uniform color
  25. Male turkeys
  26. Mailbox opening
  27. Farce
  28. Pop flavor
  29. Concluded
  30. Fire-setting crime
  34. Archives
  38. Elongated fish
  40. Pluck
  43. Before much longer
  45. Depicted
  46. Roofline detail
  47. Stair
  48. Pup or circus
  49. Page of an atlas
  50. Back in time
  52. Give help to



## Hometown FAVORITES

### Bacon, Onion & Stout Braised Short Ribs

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Slow cooker meals can be prepared in advance and then left to simmer for hours while they develop deep flavours as meats become tender and succulent. It's best to choose cuts of meats and poultry that can stand up to long cook times. These cuts tend to be more fibrous and tough, but will tenderize with time. Short ribs, for example, are a prime option

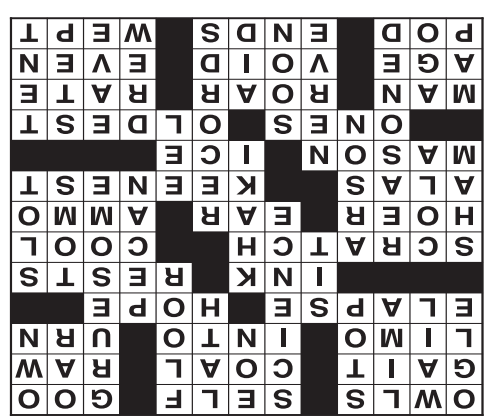
#### INGREDIENTS

Serves 4

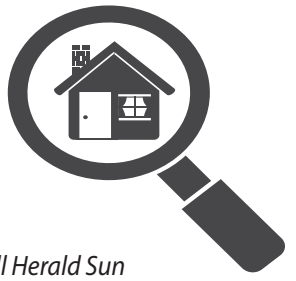
- 4 lbs. bone-in beef short ribs, well trimmed
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional for seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, plus additional for seasoning
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 6 ounces thick-cut bacon cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 1 large onion, halved and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) Irish stout
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley leaves
- Hot mashed potatoes or cooked egg noodles (optional)

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Season beef with salt and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat until almost smoking. Working in batches, cook short ribs in skillet, turning to brown on all sides. Transfer each batch to a slow cooker as it is finished. Wipe out pan with paper towels and return to heat.
  2. Cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisp, about 4 minutes. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Remove and discard all but 1 tablespoon drippings from pan. Reduce heat to medium and add onion. Cook until softened and translucent, stirring occasionally. Add tomato paste, flour, mustard, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Remove from bottom of pan. Pour over short ribs. Add drained bacon, bay leaf and beef broth. Cover and cook on low 8 hours, or until meat is tender and falls off the bone.
  3. Remove beef and skim fat from cooking liquid. Remove bay leaf and stir in parsley. Serve with mashed potatoes or egg noodles.
- Tip: This recipe can be cooked ahead and refrigerated overnight.



# CLASSIFIEDS



ONE AD, THREE NEWSPAPERS: All classified ads appear in the Melville Advance, Fort Qu'Appelle Times and Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun

## Obituary Wayne Albert Gardner

Dec. 24, 1941 - Nov. 8, 2020

Wayne Gardner passed away Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 at William Booth Care Home in Regina.

He was born Dec. 24, 1941 at Grenfell, SK to Albert and Jean (Foster) Gardner. He grew up at Grenfell with his three sisters.

He was always a hard worker, starting in his early teens doing deliveries for the local butcher on his bike to help with household expenses. He started working on the oil rigs as soon as he was old enough and worked all over Saskatchewan, Alberta and North West Territories.

In 1963 Wayne married Lola Marshall at Summerberry. They had four children together: Mitch, Shayne, Tracy and Pamela. When the children were young they moved to Summerberry so that Lola and the children could be closer to extended family while Wayne continued to work in the oil industry. Wayne tried working for the CPR with track maintenance for a few years so he could be home with his family more, but the oil was in his blood and he returned to that. In 1975, Wayne had a life-changing accident on the job and was not able to work again. He managed to rebuild a life on his own for a few years, but then had to move to a group home and spent his last years at the William Booth Care Home in Regina.

Wayne was predeceased by his son, Mitch; and his parents. He is survived by his three children: Tracy of Martinsville; Shayne of Regina; and Pamela (Phil) Horvath of Southey; three granddaughters: Preston, Jaedan and Caitlynn. He is also survived by his three sisters, Ruth (Claire) Rein of Kamloops; Pearl (Les) Elliott of Indian Head; and Debbie Perrin of Kindersley; one aunt, Shirley (Foster) Busch of Calgary; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donations in Wayne's memory can be made to William Booth Care Home.

Interment of cremated remains will take place at Grenfell at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at [www.tubmanfh.com](http://www.tubmanfh.com)



## Memoriam



**HALYSK** – Margaret, Nov. 29, 1998. In loving memory of my dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. In a silent, lonely graveyard Where gentle breezes blow, Lies one we loved so dearly Whom we lost 22 years ago. There's always a lonely heartache And often a silent tear, Always a treasured memory Of the day when you were here. –Dearly loved and missed, remembered by Bunny, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. 45-1p



**SKALSKI** – In loving memory of Bruno and Lucy Skalski. Dad, Nov. 19, 1988; Mom, Dec. 7, 2000. We thought of you with love today We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. We think of you in silence We often speak your names, You will never be forgotten You are in our hearts forever. –Mary, Dorothy, Cathy, Tish, John and families. 35-1c

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the many kind words through visits, cards, calls and messages plus gifts of food and flowers due to the sudden passing of our beloved son, husband and brother, Paul. It was so very much appreciated. Thank you to all. God bless all. –Martha, Susan, Rita, Marj, James, Karen and families. 25-1p

## New Novel For Sale

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# Law enforcement officers set up check stop

By Sabrina Bailey  
Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP Detachment

asleep at the wheel and hitting the ditch. Luckily no one was injured.

Our members teamed up recently with Highway Patrol and Saskatchewan Environment Resource Management (SERM) officers to conduct a check-stop. Approximately 200 vehicles were checked on Hwy. 10 with SERM checking 50-60 vehicles containing firearms for compliance with regulations. Another stop was conducted at the Hwy. 56 and 35 intersection, stopping roughly 30 vehicles. These proactive initiatives took two impaired drivers off the road, one impaired by alcohol, the other by drugs. Other charges such as driving an unregistered vehicle, and driving without a licence were issued.

A call of an impaired driver prompted a quick response by police. The 45-year-old male stopped



at a restaurant to get a pizza. The male got into his vehicle with his pizza when members arrived. The male was arrested, the vehicle and pizza have been towed.

Traffic tickets issued for: drive while using cell phone, unlawful tinted windows, and exceed 60km/h while passing stopped emergency vehicle while lights activated.

### Mischief

Police were made aware of two males walking in town who appeared to be intoxicated and holding each other up. When police arrived, a

relative of the males was helping them out. Officers helped the males get to the relative's residence.

A call was received of an unknown female sitting in a backyard and had not moved for 20 minutes. When police arrived the female was gone, but a wallet containing ID was found.

Police are familiar with this subject and found her hiding nearby behind a dumpster.

The female attempted to run and resist police. She has been charged with public intoxication and resisting a peace officer. Officers gave her a ride home and helped search for her phone the next day.

### Crimes Against the Person/Property

Police responded to a call from a bar where a fight broke out between two females. Both females

were intoxicated and got angry that alcohol would not be served after 10 p.m. They started grabbing other customers' drinks, one tried to take the other's and they started fighting. This event is still under investigation.

A female came home to find a broken window and her coffee table outside. Police arrived to find a 36-year-old male barricaded himself inside. With the assistance of File Hills Police Service the male was removed from the wrecked residence and released for court at a later date.

Police were called for two vehicle thefts in progress. Turned out to be a question of Power of Attorney. Both parties have

rights to the vehicle; they will be working it out with their lawyers.

Reports received of a 30-year-old female breaking into a home and living there while the owners are out. No damage to house was found, nothing appears to be taken, only her belongings left there. Police are still investigating the situation.

### Fraud

Reports have been received of calls claiming to be the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Please be vigilant when answering calls and giving out personal information.

Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre if you suspect fraudulent activity, 1-888-495-8501.

### Traffic

Fort Qu'Appelle detachment dealt with 136 occurrences over the period of Nov. 17 to Nov. 23. Two calls were received about vehicles not having tail lights. The first was during a foggy evening where the caller almost rear ended a trailer due to poor visibility. The trailer was allowed to continue with four-way lights flashing. The second call came about when a driver nearly hit the ditch to avoid a slowing and stopping utility truck. The truck hit the breaks for a deer crossing. An inspection ticket was issued for the truck's lights.

A 30-year-old male has been charged with driving without due care and attention after falling

## Christmas trees and money donated

By Judy Hershmilller  
Balcarres Correspondent

Activity workers are busy getting the Balcarres Integrated Care Centre decorated for the holiday season. They are much appreciative of the receipt of three CSA approved pre-lit Christmas trees; one seven foot and two, four foot trees which were donated by the Friendship Club.

The trees can not be decorated at this time due to the COVID-19 restrictions, however, will look very nice and will brighten the residents day when they come into the fireplace area.

The Centre also received a donation of

money from the Remembrance Day poppy sales effort in the community. The Balcarres Royal Canadian Legion always donate the funds raised

from the poppy sales, and this is utilized by the recreation department for craft supplies which keep the residents busy throughout the year.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF DISCRETIONARY USE

### RM of Grayson No. 184

In accordance with The Planning and Development Act, 2007, and the RM of Grayson's Zoning Bylaw No. 2004-02, public notice is hereby given that the RM of Grayson will be considering an application for a discretionary use.

**APPLICATION:** Development permit for a discretionary use.

**PROPOSED DISCRETIONARY USE:** Temporary Campground at the following property:

**LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** SW-07-19-05-W2, Blk/Par F, Plan 101938888 Ext 3 Surface Parcel Number 203186572.

**ZONING:** Agricultural District

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at 131 Taylor Street, Grayson, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed application. Written comments regarding the application may be submitted to the RM Office by mail or email. Submissions will be accepted until Tuesday, December 8, 2020 by 4 p.m. Issued at the RM of Grayson this 27th day of November, 2020.

Sarah Dietrich, Administrator  
RM of Grayson No. 184  
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### Rural Municipality of Cana No. 214

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

**COUNCILLOR:** RM of Cana No. 214 - Division No. 6 will be received by the undersigned on the 16th day of December, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and during regular business hours on November 27th to December 16th, 2020 at the municipal office.

**\*\* A completed Public Disclosure Statement MUST accompany a Nomination Paper \*\***

Nomination Forms and Public Disclosure Statements may be obtained from the municipal office located at 110 - 5th Ave. East, Melville, Sask or on the municipal website at www.rmofcana.ca Dated this 27th day of November, 2020.

Kali Tourney, Returning Officer

## TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CUPAR NO. 218

#### 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 the 31st day of January, 2021, 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 & Extension		Title Number	Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
Part of Section	Sec.	Twp.	Range, Plan & Extension	Meridian / Subdivision				
NE	34	24	18	W2	139435263	\$765.60	\$15.00	\$780.60
SW	34	23	18	W2	109675929	\$370.97	\$15.00	\$385.97
NE	24	23	16	W2	141682046	\$567.67	\$15.00	\$582.67
SE	24	23	16	W2	108320688	\$530.29	\$15.00	\$545.29
SW	24	23	16	W2	109144818	\$479.63	\$15.00	\$494.63
SE	25	23	16	W2	108322646	\$345.06	\$15.00	\$360.06
SW	25	23	16	W2	108322654	\$550.79	\$15.00	\$565.79
NW	34	21	18	W2	152072175	\$1,075.67	\$15.00	\$1,090.67
SW	34	21	18	W2	152072197	\$863.09	\$15.00	\$878.09
PT SE	15	23	17	W2	112119342	\$3,218.98	\$15.00	\$3,233.98

Dated this 24th day of November, 2020.

Nikki Czemes, Treasurer

## TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

### RESORT VILLAGE OF FORT SAN

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Description of Property	Title	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 10-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN FB4643 EXT 60	107325435	\$4,600.15	\$364.00	\$4,964.15
LOT 15-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN 101314011 EXT 61	107325446			
LOT 3-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN FB4643 EXT 0	142684049	\$1,379.34	\$364.00	\$1,743.34
LOT D-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN FS560 EXT 0	134684848	\$2,019.13	\$364.00	\$2,383.13
LOT B-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN FS560 EXT 1	134684859			
LOT 6-BLK/PAR 4-PLAN FY2663 EXT 0	107324827	\$922.52	\$364.00	\$1,286.52

\* On January 1, 2021 the 2020 taxes will become arrears and be added to the amount required to remove the property from tax enforcement proceedings. Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2020.

Victor Goodman, Chief Administrative Officer

## TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

### Rural Municipality of Stanley No. 215

#### 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 the 30th day of January, 2021, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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*The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Part of Lot	Lot	Blk.	Plan		Title Number	Total Arrears	Cost of Advertising	Total Arrears & Costs
Part of Section	Sec.	Twp.	Range	Meridian				
		4	102061774		141674104	\$507.15	\$20.89	\$528.04
PT NE	19	23	08	2	122965713	\$320.45	\$20.89	\$401.38
						\$60.04		
SE	19	23	08	2	140439281	\$644.50	\$20.89	\$665.39
SW	02	24	08	2	129311401	\$1,154.06	\$20.89	\$1,174.95
NE	06	24	08	2	123464516	\$1,496.83	\$20.89	\$1,517.72
SW	30	22	07	2, Ext. 1	112273769	\$10,039.55	\$41.78	\$10,081.33
SW	30	22	07	2, Ext. 2	112273770			

Dated this 30th day of November, 2020.

Dawn Oehler, Administrator

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

All Month

Melville Legion Bingo - Tuesdays

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

Melville Legion Chase the Ace - Fridays

Draw made at 6:15 p.m. 136 - 3rd Ave. W, Melville, SK

Melville Millionaires - SJHL

The SJHL has resumed play for the 2020-21 Season with modified rules. The league has 150 fans.

Melville Millionaires home games played at the Melville Community Centre:

Tuesday, Dec. 8 - 7:30 p.m. vs Humboldt  
 Saturday, Dec. 12 - 7:30 p.m. vs Yorkton  
 Saturday, Dec. 12 - 7:30 p.m. vs Estevan  
 Friday, Dec. 18 - 7:30 p.m. vs Weyburn

Fort Knox - PJHL

The PJHL has resumed play for the 2020-21 Season with modified rules.

Fort Knox home games played at the Melville Community Centre:

Saturday, Dec. 12 - 7:30 p.m. vs Capitals  
 Wednesday, Dec. 16 - 7:30 p.m. vs Capitals

December 4

Santa's List Day

Have you been good all year? Have you been Naughty? Or, have you been nice? Santa knows. Kids - make sure to be especially good around the holidays. That's when parents need children to be on their best behavior, as they are busy preparing for the holidays. (source holidayinsights.com)



December 8

National Brownie Day

Brownie lovers - enjoy this special day. First, select your favorite brownie recipe, and bake a batch of brownies. You can add nuts, if you prefer. Topping the brownies with chocolate frosting is a good thing, too. Finally, eat them! (source holidayinsights.com)



December 9

Melville Fish and Game Horn Measuring Night

No social evening. Please wear a mask. Early scoring recommended before Dec. 9, call 306-730-6671 or 306-728-5193. 1 to 8 p.m. Melville Community Works, 800 Prince Edward Street, Melville.



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

December 16

National Chocolate Covered Anything Day

Chocolaholics rejoice! Its a great day to indulge, binge, "pig out", and otherwise consume to excess, your favorite food - chocolate. We believe the timing of this day, during the holiday season, couldn't be better. (source holidayinsights.com)



December 24

National Egg Nog Day

National Egg Nog Day comes but once a year. It celebrates a special, traditional holiday drink. It is consumed with or without Rum. The timing couldn't be any better-the day before Christmas-Christmas Eve! (source holidayinsights.com)



December 18

Bake Cookies Day

Bake Cookies Day comes at an opportune time. It arrives amidst the major December holidays. It serves as a reminder to bake holiday cookies, if you haven't done so already. People, young and old, celebrate this day by baking their favorite cookies. It's especially fun for the kids! (source holidayinsights.com)



December 20

Go Caroling Day

Go Caroling Day is a wonderful, rewarding, and memory filled day. By far more popular decades ago, Christmas holiday caroling remains a great opportunity to enjoy the holiday and appreciate its meaning, by going out in a group to sing Christmas carols. (source holidayinsights.com)



December 21

Winter Solstice

Winter Solstice marks the beginning of winter and is the shortest day of the year. On this day, it seems as if the nighttime darkness lasts all day and all night. At the North Pole, the sun never rises on this day. (source holidayinsights.com)



December 25

Christmas Day

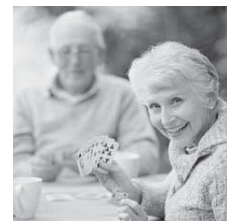
Ah! Christmas, the biggest holiday of the year. Christmas has both a strong religious and traditional meaning. It has a certain feel, all to itself, that you usually do not feel at any other time of the year. It creates within us, a sense of kindness and concern for fellow man. At no other time are we more generous and giving. It creates a sense of family and belonging. (source holidayinsights.com)



December 28

Card Playing Day

Card Playing Day is the perfect time to spend an hour or so playing cards with family and friends. And, it arrives at just the perfect time of year..... a few days after Christmas. The holiday hustle and bustle is over. (source holidayinsights.com)



December 31

New Years Eve

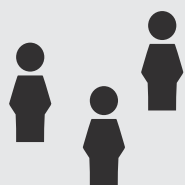
New Year's Eve is when all the fun and festivities are. We see out the old year and ring in the new. While it is often thought of as a time to drink and be merry, many people take it as an opportunity to eat and be merry. (source holidayinsights.com)



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, please pay attention to your your local, provincial and national guidelines and abide by them to keep everyone safe this year!

# The COVID-19 pandemic in Canada is serious.

Continue to practise all public health measures:



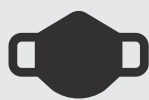
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