



Rexentre upgrades
Saskatchewan's Minister of Government relations, Don McMorris, Mayor Gus Lagace and MLA Travis Keisig discuss upgrades to the Rexentre.

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Cowessess First Nation

751 unmarked graves discovered

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Following the discovery of 215 children buried at the residential school in Kamloops, BC, Cowessess First Nation began a Gravesite Restoration Project on its reserve north of Broadview. A staggering number of graves were found and the discovery has been making national headlines.

Starting June 2, Cowessess First Nation partnered with Saskatchewan Polytechnic to use ground-penetrating radar for locating unmarked graves in a cemetery on the reserve. At an online press conference facilitated by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) on June 24, Cowessess Chief Cadmus Delorme informed the public that more than 600 unmarked graves had been located.

Although the portion of land has long been known as a cemetery, Chief Delorme acknowledged that its proximity to Marieval Residential School could be an emotional trigger for individuals impacted by the residential school system. He encouraged them to reach out to the 24-hour National Indian Residential School Crisis Line (1-866-925-4419) and asked others to be empathetic.

"We ask of you listening that you stand by us as we heal and get stronger, and that we all must put down our ignorance and accidental racism of not addressing the truth that this country has with Indigenous people," Chief Delorme said. "We are not asking for pity but we are asking for understanding; we need time to heal and this country must stand by us."

One step in the healing process took place last Saturday evening. A vigil was held with traditional

smudge and prayers at a tipi erected at the gravesite. Councilors from neighboring communities and members of the public joined Cowessess for a moment of silence at 7:51 pm. It was a solemn and emotional evening as survivors and their descendants shared personal stories about the impact of residential schools.

It has not yet been determined how many of those buried on Cowessess were adults or children from the community, but many are suspected to have been children who attended the Marieval Residential School. Chief Delorme emphasized that it is not a mass grave, but rather the unmarked graves are part of a cemetery overseen by the Roman Catholic Church from the 1880s until the 1970s. There may have been headstones at the graves until the 1960s and it is unclear

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Fort Qu'Appelle arena

\$1 million in upgrades for Rexentre

Refrigeration, mechanical and HVAC being upgraded

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Work on \$930,000 worth of renovations to the Rexentre in Fort Qu'Appelle are expected to begin next month. The refrigeration and mechanical heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system will be replaced. Improvements will also be made to the dressing rooms and repairs to plumbing and the electrical system will be done. The upgrades will allow the facility to be used as an emergency relief centre for the area.

The province is contributing \$235,000 towards the cost of the improvements.

On Monday intergovernmental affairs Minister Don McMorris and Last Mountain-Touchwood MLA Travis Keisig, toured the facility with Mayor Gus Lagace. "The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to invest in these infrastructure projects which will help protect local economies, which are continuing to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic," said McMorris. "In the end, this ensures the Rexentre will remain an important community hub for years."

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- MLA Don McMorris

The Rexcentre has been closed since February and is not expected to open again until mid October. "A lot of my constituents are interested and will be happy to be able to once again use the arena" said Keisig, "It serves people from Lipton, Balcarres, Abernethy and rural areas of my constituency."

The federal government's share of the undertaking is \$282,000 through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The municipal government is responsible for the balance, about another \$188,000. "This is an example of what we can accomplish when we work together," added Jim Carr, the Trudeau government's Special Representative for the Prairies. "The federal participation, along with the provincial and municipal funding, will help communities across Saskatchewan build cleaner, more inclusive communities."

The Town of Fort Qu'Appelle dismissed the Rexentre's manager Joel Friesen last year and is looking for a part-time facilities manager who will be responsible for programming and scheduling when the building re-opens. In the meantime, Friesen has been hired as director of operations for the Dana Antal arena in Esterhazy and will oversee activities in various different municipal departments.

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Record heat wave blasts western Canadians

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

The temperatures continue to rise to unbearable numbers in western Canada and are forecast to be staying with us for the next few days.

Heat warnings were posted across B.C. and Alberta, large parts of Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories and a section of Yukon as the weather office forecasts temperatures reaching 40 C in some areas.

The all-time Canadian record, set in Saskatchewan at 45 C in 1937 was beaten on Sunday by the Village of Lytton, B.C. when temperatures reached 46.6 C. Sixty heat records fell on Sunday in B.C. while many others in the United States were also recorded. Forecasters say these records may be 1 in 1000 years.

Forecasters say humid conditions could make it feel close to 50 C in B.C.'s Fraser Valley and flood watches are in place across B.C. for the extreme snow-melt that is happening on mountain tops due to the high temperatures.

Grasslands News spoke with a resident in Penticton, B.C. who, on Saturday stated, "Holy this heat is not good. Down right dangerous. And still have 10 degrees to go."

"I took an infrared thermometer into the (construction) units the guys are

working in. 59 (degrees). That was the end of the work day," the resident stated on Monday.

Firemen were out on streets in the city and were providing spray from their ladder hoses situated well above people who gathered in parking lots under the cooling spray.

The highway to Kelowna was also closed that day due to a wild fire. The heat has increased the wild fire threat immensely.

Area raspberry growers say any cooling by next week may come too late for their heat-ravaged crops, with one farm posting on social media that its season is likely over before a single berry has been picked.

Penticton set a new record of 40.5 on Sunday with the old record of 37.8 set in 1925.

The forecast for areas of B.C. are for mid-to-high 30 C to 43 C until Tuesday of next week when they will decrease to highs of 28 C and 29 C.

In our areas of Saskatchewan, temperatures are forecast to reach the high 20 C to the lower to mid 30 C and remain for at least another week.

The searing temperatures are a result of a dominating area of high pressure, known as a heat dome, which is heating up all layers of the atmosphere.

The nighttime hours will provide little

in terms of relief as overnight lows are expected to remain abnormally high. This will make it even more difficult to control the buildup of heat in homes without cooling systems. While fans can be an effective means of reducing body temperature by evaporating perspiration, they can accelerate dehydration in some cases.

Experts urge residents to utilize cooler centers, drink plenty of water or sports beverages and avoid outdoor activity during the hottest times of the day in the extreme conditions.

Difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke

Heat exhaustion is the precursor to heatstroke and is a direct result of the body overheating.

Heat exhaustion is identifiable by heavy sweating, rapid pulse, dizziness, fatigue, cool, moist skin with goose bumps when in the heat, muscle cramps, nausea and headache.

These symptoms may develop over time or come on suddenly, especially during or following periods of prolonged exercise.

When heat exhaustion is not addressed, heatstroke can follow.

Heatstroke is the most severe heat-related illness and, without emergency treatment, it can lead to death. It results

when your body temperature rises to 104 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

At this temperature, your brain, heart, kidneys and muscles can also become damaged, leading to serious complications or death.

In the case of heatstroke, seeking medical attention is an absolute must.

In addition to a high body temperatures, the symptoms of heatstroke include altered mental state or behavior, nausea and vomiting, flushed skin, rapid breathing and racing heart rate.

A good rule of thumb but not always true is that generally with heat exhaustion, a patient is sweating a lot, whereas with heat stroke, they've stopped sweating and are actually dry.

If heat exhaustion is suspected, remove the sufferer from heat and cool them down, if possible.

This can be done by getting out of the sun and removing or loosening tight clothes, misting the body with water or placing ice packs in the armpits and groin.

Additionally, rehydration is key. Consume plenty of water and avoid beverages that contain alcohol, caffeine or high amounts of sugar.

If you or someone else is experiencing heatstroke, seek immediate medical attention.



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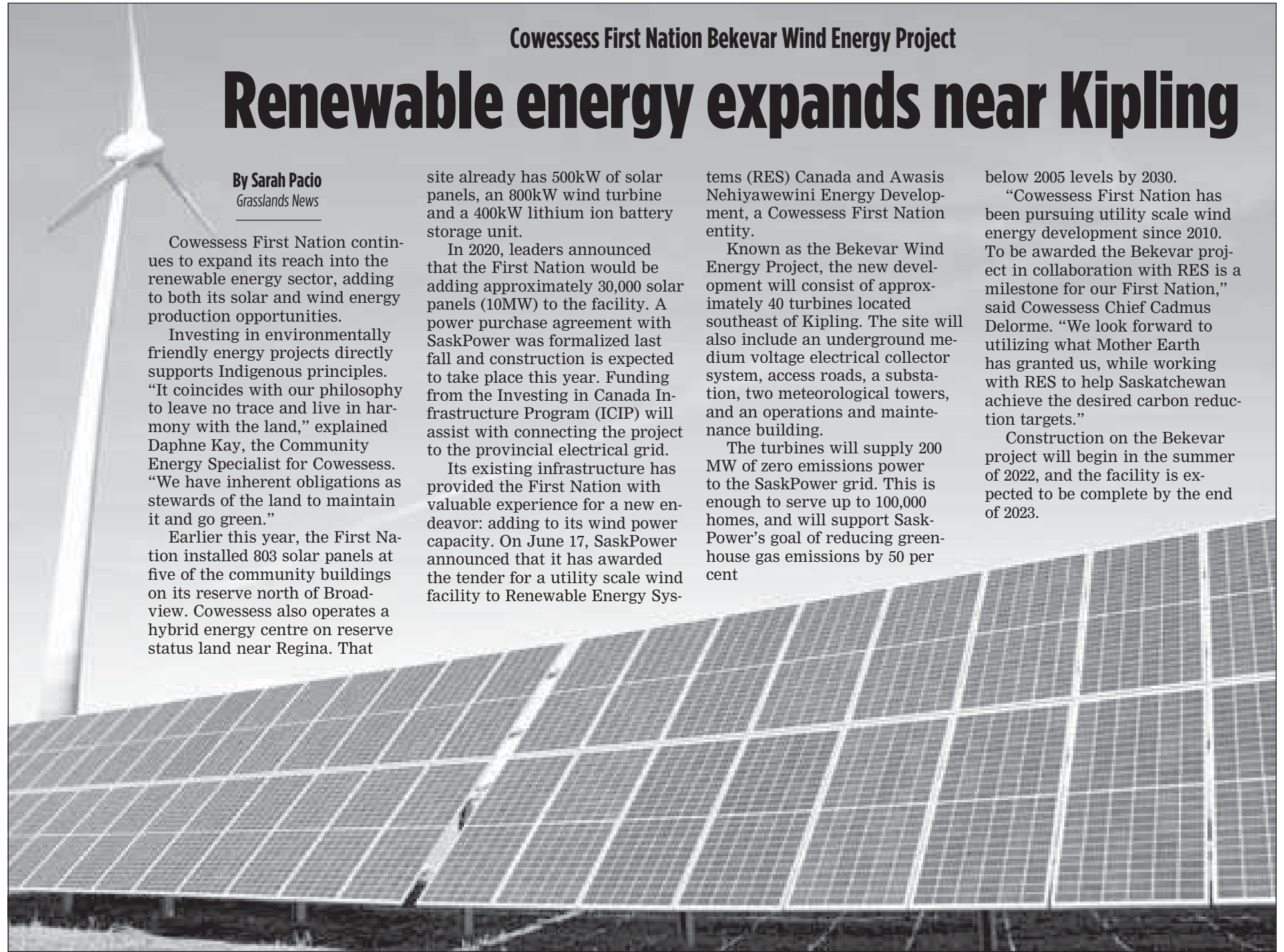


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Cowessess First Nation Bekevar Wind Energy Project

Renewable energy expands near Kipling

By Sarah Pacio
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Cowessess First Nation continues to expand its reach into the renewable energy sector, adding to both its solar and wind energy production opportunities.

Investing in environmentally friendly energy projects directly supports Indigenous principles. “It coincides with our philosophy to leave no trace and live in harmony with the land,” explained Daphne Kay, the Community Energy Specialist for Cowessess. “We have inherent obligations as stewards of the land to maintain it and go green.”

Earlier this year, the First Nation installed 803 solar panels at five of the community buildings on its reserve north of Broadview. Cowessess also operates a hybrid energy centre on reserve status land near Regina. That

site already has 500kW of solar panels, an 800kW wind turbine and a 400kW lithium ion battery storage unit.

In 2020, leaders announced that the First Nation would be adding approximately 30,000 solar panels (10MW) to the facility. A power purchase agreement with SaskPower was formalized last fall and construction is expected to take place this year. Funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) will assist with connecting the project to the provincial electrical grid.

Its existing infrastructure has provided the First Nation with valuable experience for a new endeavor: adding to its wind power capacity. On June 17, SaskPower announced that it has awarded the tender for a utility scale wind facility to Renewable Energy Sys-

tems (RES) Canada and Awasis Nehiyawewini Energy Development, a Cowessess First Nation entity.

Known as the Bekevar Wind Energy Project, the new development will consist of approximately 40 turbines located southeast of Kipling. The site will also include an underground medium voltage electrical collector system, access roads, a substation, two meteorological towers, and an operations and maintenance building.

The turbines will supply 200 MW of zero emissions power to the SaskPower grid. This is enough to serve up to 100,000 homes, and will support SaskPower’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent

below 2005 levels by 2030.

“Cowessess First Nation has been pursuing utility scale wind energy development since 2010. To be awarded the Bekevar project in collaboration with RES is a milestone for our First Nation,” said Cowessess Chief Cadmus Delorme. “We look forward to utilizing what Mother Earth has granted us, while working with RES to help Saskatchewan achieve the desired carbon reduction targets.”

Construction on the Bekevar project will begin in the summer of 2022, and the facility is expected to be complete by the end of 2023.



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Credit card fraud affects businesses

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Saskatchewan and Alberta RCMP Crime Analysts have identified a recent trend that all business owners should be aware of: a number of businesses across Western Canada have been victims of similar high-dollar frauds in the last six months.

What’s been happening? Someone calls the business to make a large transaction using multiple credit cards to pay. In these recent files, all contact is by phone and the caller asks to use several credit cards to make up the total purchase price. Only after the company has shipped the items are they alerted that

the credit card has been reported stolen or the true cardholder gets the charge reversed.

Although several of the victims have been tire and vehicle parts businesses, any type of business could be targeted in the same way.

Red flags for businesses include:

- New customers from outside the trading area asking to ship products long distances, often to another province
- Only a phone number and generic email information are provided (not a business email)
- Multiple credit cards are used and some cards may be declined but others go through

Businesses should

make efforts to protect themselves by being aware of potential frauds, educating their employees about fraud and by having good fraud protection policies. Business owners may also wish to discuss potential strategies with credit card companies or payment specialists to prevent such crimes.

In some cases, it appears the suspects use online platforms or other methods to recruit individuals to pick up items from the selling business, warehouse or other legitimate businesses. The individual meets the suspect in an area with no surveillance cameras, hands over the product and gets a small cash sum for their assistance. This way, the fraudster is never seen by the business making the sale and does not appear on any CCTV. If you see an offer like this, ask yourself if there might be stolen goods involved and use caution.

Anyone with information regarding similar offences should report it to their local RCMP detachment or police service. To submit information anonymously, one can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a tip online using the P3 App (www.p3tips.com/206) or at www.sask-crimestoppers.com

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Grenfell Legion selects winners in poster contest

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Remembrance is one of the Legion's primary activities. Through The Royal Canadian Legion's longstanding annual Poster and Literary Contests, Canadian school children honour Canada's Veterans through creative art and writing, and help perpetuate Remembrance.

In partnership with schools across the country and with The Legion National Foundation, we promote remembrance through the annual poster and literary contests. Students in Grades 1 through 12 are invited to submit their creative works, with a focus on Remembrance, through their local school to be entered into Legion Zone, District and Provincial contests. Grenfell students won awards at all three levels this year.

Breeelyn Guidry placed 3rd in our zone for her essay; Brooklyn Reiger placed 2nd in our zone for her Black and White poster. Samantha Krausher's black and white poster placed 2nd in our zone, and her poem placed 1st in our zone and 3rd in our district. Michaela Drinnan's essay placed 1st at the zone level, 1st at the district level, and 2nd at the provincial level. Jo-Marie Tourangeau placed 1st in zone and 3rd in the district for her color poster. Mackenzie Taylor placed 1st in zone for her color poster.

The Grenfell Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion wishes to thank all who took part in the contest, and look forward to judging next school year's entries.



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Legion winners

Students from Grenfell High Community School won awards at the Zone, District and Provincial levels of the Canadian Legion's Poster and Literary Contest. Left to right, Breeelyn Guidry, Brooklynn Reiger, Samantha Krausher and Michaela Drinnan.

APAS calls for AgriStability compensation rate

Provincial News
Grasslands News

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to support farmers by increasing the AgriStability compensation rate to 80 per cent.

"Farmers are once again facing a tough year," said APAS President Todd Lewis. "It's only June, and we've already seen record dry conditions, little rain in many areas, and now we have a heatwave coming through. We need the provincial government to support producers by increasing the compensation rate, just as farmers have always

supported Saskatchewan."

On Friday, the Government of Ontario announced it would be increasing the AgriStability compensation rate from 70 per cent to 80 per cent. The Government of British Columbia also increased the compensation rate, and Quebec offered its producers a financial top-up.

The AgriStability program financially assists farmers when they experience a substantial financial loss due to uncontrolled incidents such as weather events, production losses and trade disruptions.

"Producers only have until tomorrow to decide if they will enroll in the program," said Lewis. "There's a lot of uncertainty ahead,

and farmers and ranchers could use the extra support if these dry conditions persist."

APAS appreciates the federal government and provinces coming together last year to remove the Reference Margin Limit (RML). The agreement between the provinces and the federal government did not result in immediate changes to compensation rates.

"Both levels of government need to do their part in supporting producers right now," Lewis said. "Saskatchewan needs to be increasing the rate to 80 per cent, and Ottawa needs to give 60 per cent in cost-sharing to the provinces. We know agriculture will be driving Canada's economic recovery."

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“For the cause that needs assistance;
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Sensationalizing can also result in harmful reactions

News can be shared almost instantaneously through social media and online sites. The problem is, there is so much being shared that society has become what I call ‘headline readers’ or ‘one-liners’ and ultimately don’t read or at times don’t continue to read or concentrate to gather all of the related facts. Viewing only a headline or one line statement has become the norm with the invention of things such as Facebook or Twitter. But this doesn’t stop people from commenting or instantly sharing their opinion to which people react.

Recently, and by no means are these comments meant to reduce the seriousness or support needed resulting from the residential school situations, it was amazing to see how many people reported 751 graves were found from (and also stated at) the residential school at Marievale on Cowessess First Nation.

The word ‘near’, as Chief Cadmus Delorme stated in his news release, is not ‘at’ or ‘from’. The report of numerous graves from previous years in the community of Marievale where the cemetery is located soon became a monstrosity of comments of disbelief stating facts such as these people died as a result of the residential school.

People began to react – many showing their support to those that lived through these eras in history while others commented negatively towards the government and the churches and unfortunately also some still showing their prejudices with comments towards the First Nations.

The support shown is what we do as a caring and civ-

ilized society. It is important and needed.

Some may take offence to what I am about to comment and I again will state that this is in no way a reaction to only the finding of the graves but also pertains to many other events.

Events reported in this modern day and age contain way too much sensationalizing. Lining the steps of the legislature with 215 pairs of shoes or 751 backpacks got attention about the injustices that Indigenous people are wanting us to hear about and think about. There are obvious reasons for Indigenous communities to want more such as clean drinking water and better living conditions and support to get past previous experiences. But all the attention has also brought forward other reactions.

Many agree that they have learned more about residential schools following these announcements but many have also passed comments and opinions that are stressful and detrimental to not only the Indigenous persons but also towards the efforts of reconciliation.

Many are wondering why this is being pursued now when it has been known for years through the reports of the school’s residents and communities that the graves existed?

Unfortunately, bringing news to the public about headstones being removed may not help with reconciliation. It has resulted in untruths being spread with blame being placed mainly on government and churches for these deaths?

Past residents in these schools are being traumatized

by not only their memories but also by the reactions from the public as untruths and unknown facts are shared. They are now left to not only educate society about past history but now they must also correct the inaccurate facts – or better stated, the rumors – that are circulating, all while trying to care for themselves.

Chief Delorme stated they do not want pity but support and understanding. What some people think as showing support has turned into acts that are detrimental. The burning of churches are strong statements adding discontent.

The present information about unmarked graves has provoked public interest and excitement, at the expense of accuracy and that is the definition of sensationalizing. Hopefully, this was not the intention of the announcement of the 751 unmarked graves but merely results of what is being stated – learn all the facts and reasons before you react.

There will be more graves uncovered in other locations in the future due to various reasons or for reasons unknown. Just like at Marievale, the real reasons for the deaths and why some do not have headstones may never be known.

Eventually, the end result will be better understanding of the past history including what was the reasoning for the development of these schools initially, hopefully forgiveness for treatment in the residential schools and support for all that have been affected.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

Residential schools shake Canada’s pride and history

By Murray Mandryk
Political columnist

It’s hard to celebrate our past in the way we once did.

There was a time when we could be comforted by whatever we were taught in our school history books. Modern times are changing that. Those who once had no say in what was written about their ancestors are now getting their say. And new technologies are backing up their stories.

This is the reality after the “discovery” of Indian Residential School gravesites across the country like the one at the Cowessess First Nation.

Ground-penetrating radar is confirming the stories First Nations people and many others have long known about. And it’s making many very uncomfortable. For may it made for a very different Canada Day — a day in which we are supposed to revel in our history.

Canada Day celebrations that were already enduring the pallor of COVID-19 restrictions were cancelled in places like Melville, Meadow Lake and La Ronge.

This obviously did not sit well with some people who are struggling with this history.

Cowessess First Nation chief Cadmus Delorme actually did his best to keep the findings in factual perspective.

Delorme, during his online press conference that drew the attention from reporters around the world, repeatedly stressed this was a gravesite and not a “mass grave”. He further noted that the ground-penetrating radar has a margin of error of 10- to 15-per-cent, so the he estimated the numbers to be in excess of 600 rather than the 751 graves most often stated.

He also noted some of the interned may be adults — perhaps buried prior to the opening of the Marieval Indian School in 1899 or during its existence that lasted until 1997.

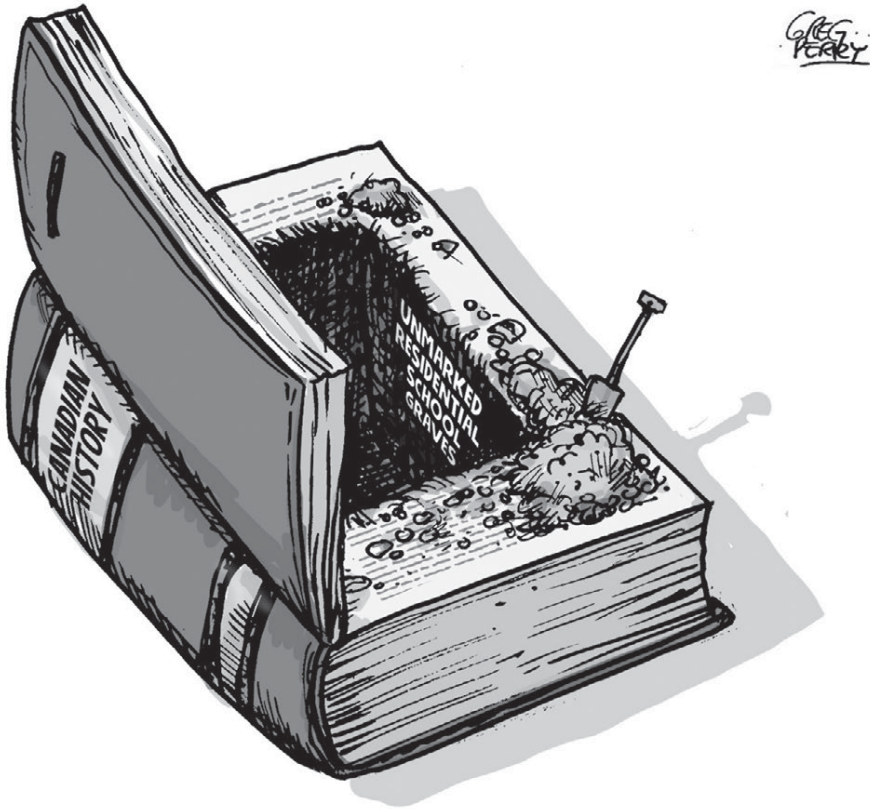
And he factually stated that there were once grave markers at the site, but they that were removed by officials of the Catholic Church in the 1960s.

All this has drawn some scepticism from those who just don’t want to let go of their views. One gets this. It’s no easier to deal with negative history than a negative news story in the present.

But Delorme’s fair-minded assessment isn’t cause to doubt what was the reality.

Yes, it’s possible that the graves are not all children and that many children died of things like the Spanish flu or tuberculosis rather than more violent means. Maybe the grave markers were removed from the church and never replaced for less-than-nefarious reasons.

But the reality is, no one should



expect their child to die at school, have them buried there and never be told about it. If even a single died at school today, it would be the biggest story of the day.

Thousands of these children died at residential schools over their existence — likely, far more than even the Truth and Reconciliation Commission estimated.

It is a fact that these children were taken from their families under the threat of arrest or cutting off food rations. And even if some First Nations families (especially in later years when the schools became less harsh) did voluntarily send their children there, it is a fact that children were treated poorly — often, brutally.

It’s undeniable that the schools’ long-stand-

ing purpose was to remove First Nations children from their language, culture and religion.

In a poignant moment, Premier Scott Moe said last week this is our history that we also need to reflect upon on Canada Day.

But Delorme likely put it best: “We all inherited this. Nobody today created residential schools. Nobody today created the Indian Act. Nobody today created the ‘60s Scoop. We all inherited it and we have to acknowledge that people are healing and people are hurting. Let’s do something about it.”

Maybe being Canadian is this pursuit of understanding who we are so we can be better. It doesn’t sound lofty, but it’s so Canadian.

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Fort student wins top place in Heritage Fair

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

When Hailey Tulik's teacher at Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary Community School announced that the class would participate in Saskatchewan's 2021 Heritage Fair, anecdotes related by her grandmother provided inspiration for a project on the Fort Sanatorium.

"I instantly thought Fort San," Tulik explained. "My grandma has mentioned it to me a couple times since she had worked there, and I was very intrigued and wanted to learn more about the old sanatorium."

The Grade 7 student created an outstanding display from the information that she gathered

about the sanatorium. Along with her classmates' projects, it was placed in the school hallway for other students to see and then submitted online to the provincial fair.

The online version of Tulik's project features a photo of the display board with audio links. Viewers can click the various elements to hear her share facts learned through her research about Fort San. The project described the founding of the facility in 1917 as a hospital for tuberculosis patients. It included photos of the hospital compound and staff. The display also mentioned ghost stories about Nurse Jane.

"The most interesting thing I learned is about the paranormal activities," Tulik said. "Even

though many guests believed they heard or saw something, many workers never have and that's interesting because they're the ones that are in the building the most."

More than 350 students in Grades 4-8 participated in this year's Saskatchewan Heritage Fair. Tulik's project was awarded the top score overall as well as the highest score in her grade level. It was also one of the top five projects in the mixed, non-video presentation category. Another student from Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary, Ruby Halbgewachs, also won a Digital Media Award for her project on Grasslands National Park.

The online gallery for all entries to the virtual fair will be accessible throughout the summer at heritagesask.ca



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Top score

Hailey Tulik from Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary Community School received the top score at the Saskatchewan Heritage Fair, for her Fort Sanatorium project.

Letter to the Editor: Cowessess FN

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the City of Melville, I would like to extend compassion and empathy on the recent discovery of 751 unmarked grave sites at Marieval, Cowessess First Nation.

The severity of this indignation is beyond comprehension and we, as your neighbour, join with you in a true spirit of solidarity and reflection as we work to right the past mistakes.

- Mayor Walter Strelasky
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CT scanner funding requested for Moosomin

By Kevin Weedmark
Moosomin Spectator

The Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation has written to Saskatchewan Health Minister Paul Merriman asking that the province fund a CT scanner for the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin.

Members of the Health Care Foundation discussed the issue at a meeting Monday. Dr. Erika Roets told the foundation that the local physicians have been advocating for a CT scanner for a decade.

MDHCF chair Bill MacPherson said that the foundation board has also been trying to get a CT scanner for the last several years and has not been successful.

“A frustrating part for the foundation is that if we were told we could buy it we’d have it here tomorrow,” said MacPherson. “We could get the money if we need the money because everyone here knows we need it. But nobody seems to be listening to us.”

Roets said a portable X-Ray machine purchased for SEICC has saved lives and she has no doubt a CT scanner would as well.

“I can’t tell you how valuable that piece of machinery is. I cannot emphasize it enough,” Roets told the foundation board members. “It has truly saved lives. I’m not a dramatic person, but it has saved lives.”

She said a CT scanner would be even more useful and she has absolutely no doubt that it would save lives. “There is no doubt in my mind,” she said. “I know it will save lives.

“We need a CT scanner to be able to diagnose a stroke or brain bleed or an aortic aneurysm. Right now if we think it’s a stroke the patient has to go to Yorkton or Regina to have it diagnosed, so we lose valuable time. We’re two hours from Regina, by the time the patient’s here the golden hour’s over and then we still

need to STARS lift them or ground transport them to Saskatoon, so another two or three hours. If we can diagnose them here, you would lift them right away to Saskatoon and save time and make a huge difference for people.”

“We wouldn’t just use it for strokes. We would also use it for serious motor vehicle accidents, ATV rollovers, ski-doo accidents and accidents like that, horse accidents, farm accidents, all those trauma cases that we deal with here in Moosomin.

“And of course, other conditions, people with complex abscesses in their stomachs and appendicitis that doesn’t follow the handbook and is not typical. You need a CT-scan to know because nothing else gives you that answer, a surgeon’s not going to touch them without a CT-scan. There are so many conditions that it would help diagnose.

“If you think about the amount of gas and amount of EMS time we’re wasting, sending people for CT-scans, it’s crazy. You have the EMS personnel pick them up, take them to Regina, wait half an hour, have the CT-scan, wait another half an hour to watch they don’t get a reaction, drive back. That’s five to six hours out of our EMS personnel’s time. So there’s an ambulance out of town, not available for anything else, because the ambulance is out of town with a patient for a CT-scan. So now you have another EMS team that has to stand in. It has a ripple effect, it’s not just the scan, it is everything else. If we have a CT scanner here we can make decisions earlier and we can make plans earlier.”

MacPherson said having a CT scanner available in Moosomin would also take patient load off the cities. Roets agreed.

“It will save time, it will save lives and it will save money,” said Roets. “And if you think of the disability after a stroke, the sooner you can dissolve that clot, the sooner the brain gets oxygen and the less damage there is long term. So we’re not

just talking about that patient walking again, talking again, but we’re talking about them not needing disability support from the government, being able to drive, being able to stay and have a quality life. It’s not just about being alive but quality of life too. Post stroke patients are very difficult because it’s so unpredictable what will happen, how much damage there is. So moneywise yes, it will be beneficial. Saving lives, yes. And quality of life, 100 per cent.”

Roets said that more specialists could provide services at SEICC if a CT scanner is available.

The cost of a CT scanner and building modifications to accommodate it would be in the \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million range, the foundation estimates.

“We’re pretty well set up for it,” said Roets. “One of our radiographers actually has CT training. If we do the same thing that we do with the x-rays, they take the images here and the physician’s here and the specialist in Regina or Saskatoon can see it, so we still have that second pair of eyes looking at it.”

MacPherson said the CT scanner would go hand in hand with improvements to Moosomin’s airport, which will allow the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance’s aircraft to transport patients quickly between Moosomin and Saskatoon.

“Our perfect scenario would be to have the grand opening of the airport and then have everybody move to the hospital an hour later and have the grand opening of the CT-scanner,” said MacPherson.

“The two really go hand in hand. Then our world would be perfect, if we could get those two things done. And there’s no reason it can’t happen. But we need to hear from the province on this.”

The following letter was sent by the foundation to Health Minister Paul Merriman:

“We are contacting you on behalf of the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, representing fourteen communities that support the efforts of the South East Integrated Care Centre

(SEICC).

“For many years the Foundation has been informally lobbying the addition of a Computerized Tomography (CT) Scanner for the SEICC.

“First and foremost, we believe a CT Scanner will improve the level of service to emergency head trauma patients, who currently travel an hour and half to Yorkton, or two and a quarter hours to Regina, to receive their scan. As you are aware, stroke protocol is extremely time sensitive and a local CT Scan would save precious hours. With the proposed new Moosomin airport, the region will soon be able to accommodate Sask Air Ambulance Service (planes), giving us direct access to the head trauma centres in Saskatoon. This new airport, coupled with a local CT Scanner, will work together to speed up diagnosis—vastly improving the prognosis for head trauma. Simply: lives will be saved.

“The SEICC provides healthcare services to communities within a 100 km radius. Moosomin’s 100 km radius population is 55,000. This compares to Estevan’s 100 km population of 45,000, and Melfort’s 100 km population of 19,500. Estevan has a CT Scanner and Melfort is slated for one in the 2020-21 Health Budget, along with \$28.5 million slated for capital equipment for health facilities.

“A local CT Scanner will also reduce the patient load in Yorkton and Regina, while providing an economic payback to SHA (reduced ambulance trips because negative scan results can be identified before the trip is made). Patient convenience is also an important consideration.

“In summary, based on population and distance from existing CT Scanners, we believe that this equipment is warranted for the SEICC and the entire area.

“The Foundation respectfully requests a written response to this letter. We are confident that a CT Scanner is justified, but if the Ministry decides otherwise, we would appreciate understanding the issues at hand.



Secret gardening tips

By Patricia Hanbridge

Growing Edibles in Containers

Container gardening is a great art and can even make gardening easier. Anywhere in the landscape containers can have a place. As life evolves we often have less space to garden in and time always seems to be in short supply. Containers can make life just a little bit easier.... the catch is to learn how to garden in containers wisely. Last week we talked about the media to use and proper fertilization and care. This week we are devoting the column to growing food easily in container.

It is not difficult to grow edibles in containers and there is actually a ton of different plants that can be grown. Use your imagination and make your containers attractive as well as the added benefit of feeding you and yours. I plant everything in containers but remember to only plant what will fit the container until after harvest. For example, if you wish to plant tomatoes in a container you need to use a 15 to 20-gallon container so your tomato will flourish and not dry out! Smaller plants like peppers or eggplant can use a container a little bit smaller or alternatively put 2 or 3 plants in the larger container. When you are planting it seems crazy for one little plant to take up all that space, but restrain yourself from planting more than one tomato as you will definitely regret it later in the season. To help stop yourself, plant short season crops like lettuce, green onions and radishes so you are not tempted to overfill the pot with tomatoes.

If you are thinking of vegetables that are harvested for their root, then it is important to plant the appropriate size for the container. My large pots will take full size parsnips or carrots but if you have smaller/shorter containers then there are a variety of mini vegetables you can grow.

‘Thorogreen’ beans, ‘Baby Head’ cabbage, ‘Early Sugar Midget’ cantaloupe, ‘Bunny Bite’ carrots, ‘Little Minnie’ cucumbers, ‘Easter Egg’ eggplant, ‘Ladyfinger’ potatoes are just a few of the tiny veggies available. Planting a container of spring onions is also a great idea. Nothing beats home grown veggies!

Some other things to consider that are both beautiful and edible include kale; nasturtium, calendula and bright lights Swiss chard. Even better is the more you pick, the better they grow which is also true of your herbs. Even growing lettuce and greens that have different leaf shapes and colours are fair game. Mix some of these in with longer season kale and have a container that will be beautiful from spring to fall.

One of the most important things you need to remember is to grow what you will eat. However, do not be afraid to experiment as there are endless plants out there just waiting for you to give them a new home. Go for a tour of your top three garden centres and shop for the unique and beautiful – but still edible!

Remember that you will have to feed your container garden in order to get any harvest. I like to use a slow release fertilizer when planting just in case I get busy and forget to feed my veggies. Each watering I also use a dilute mixture of 20-20-20 for those edibles which we do not wish to bloom and a dilute mixture of a high phosphorus complete fertilizer for those edibles we need to see bloom and fruit.

Good luck with growing edibles in your containers this growing season!

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Rogers Communication - Ted Rogers Scholarship

Caleb Lavallee receives \$2,500

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In a virtual ceremony on June 23, Rogers Communications surprised Fort Qu'Appelle's Caleb Lavallee, along with 25 other Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan youth, with a Ted Rogers Scholarship to support their post-secondary studies this fall, and in recognition of their community leadership and volunteerism. These scholarships help young leaders and changemakers overcome financial barriers to post-secondary education and achieve their highest potential.

For the second year in a row, traditional rites of passage for high school students – including in-person proms, seniors' trips, and graduation ceremonies – have been muted by the COVID-19 pandemic. But for young Prairie students, there are vaccines, acceptance letters, scholarships...and possibilities. And for 26 deserving students across the region awarded a Ted Rogers Scholarship, last night's virtual celebration was a moment to recognize their achievements and look forward to an exciting future.

"I am very proud to see Saskatchewan students awarded these scholarships. This support is an investment in our future and these students will continue to strengthen our economy and communities. Congratulations to the recipients, I wish you all the best in your future studies," said Gene Makowsky, Saskatchewan Minister of Advanced Education

Reports show youth from low-income households, equity-seeking groups, or remote communities are less likely to pursue post-secondary studies due to barriers like affordability. Ted Rogers Scholarships help reduce those education barriers, offering \$2,500 renewable scholarships for up to four years or \$10,000 to recognize young leaders nominated by our 18 community partnership organizations, including YMCA, Indspire, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada. The program also offers entrance scholarships of \$2,500 to eligible

Rogers employees or their children.

Collectively, our Class of 2021 recipients represent more than 10 communities across Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan including: Calgary, Cold Lake, Edmonton, Elk Point, Fort Macleod, La Corey, Lethbridge, St. Albert, Winnipeg, Fort Qu'Appelle, Langenburg, and Saskatoon.

Nearly three-quarters of recipients nationally self-identify as members of equity-seeking groups including Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, LGBTQ2S+, and young women. These scholars reflect a vibrant and diverse generation which will propel Canada forward with ideas and innovation, and power our growth and economy.

Ted Rogers believed that investing in youth and education is one of the most powerful ways we can build a stronger Canada. Since launching Ted Rogers Scholarships in 2017, Rogers has invested more than \$700,000 in scholarships to support nearly 300 Prairie students attending post-secondary studies, with the program now celebrating its first cohort of university and college graduates. Additionally this year to create more opportunities for young Canadians, OMNI Television launched a national scholarship program for post-secondary students pursuing third-language and ethnic journalism, Cityline created a new scholarship for BIPOC women, and we evolved the Rogers New Grad Leadership Development Program.

Rogers is proud to help remove barriers to education and keep young Canadians connected throughout their journey. In addition to scholarships, we empower youth through Ted Rogers Community Grants which provide mentoring and leadership programs for students in Grades 7 to 12, have provided hundreds of devices and plans to Big Brothers Big Sisters Canada and Pflag to keep youth connected to mentors, and are the largest funder for Jays Care Foundation programs like Rookie League which helps more than 14,000 kids facing barriers develop important life skills, through the power of baseball.

Gene Hauta

It's A Strange World

I can't say it any better than Randy Cassingham did. "The Randolph (N.J.) Board of Education met to consider proposals — and objections to proposals — to rename certain school holidays, such as changing 'Columbus Day' to 'Indigenous Peoples Day,'" A lot of people showed up but no one was really sure what was happening. Many, including those on the School Board, did not think it was the board's place to make those decisions, suggesting that all holidays should instead be taken off the school calendar. It would be much easier to simply follow whatever the governments are doing. Board member Dorene Roche agreed. "If we don't have anything on the calendar," she said, "we don't have to have anyone have hurt feelings or anything like that." So, there are no more holidays noted on the calendar; every 'holiday' is now simply called 'Day Off.' There has to be a limit to removing all objections.

Horse trainer Bob Baffert is the latest to blame "cancel culture", this time for the controversy surrounding the Kentucky Derby win of a horse he trained, Medina Spirit, who flunked a drug test after the race. "We live in a different world now," the trainer said. Baffert continues to insist no one on his team drugged Medina Spirit. Some of his ideas about how the sample was tainted are just weird. It could have been that someone who had been taking cough medicine urinated in the horse's stall, and the horse ate some of the urine-tainted hay. "Baffert said he rubbed Medina Spirit with an anti-fungal ointment that contained a steroid to treat a rash on the horse's hindquarters," added Argus Hamilton. "Next he races in Baltimore. While he's in town, hopefully Bob can drop by DC and treat the rash of horses' asses we've got sitting in Congress."

In Pine Ridge, Fla., a Burger King employee tried to calm down an angry customer, saying she couldn't help the woman if she didn't stop yelling. So, the irate, white customer, screamed at her, calling her a nasty name (with racist overtones) and then threw her apparently defective Whopper at the employee, hitting her, and then getting much more verbally abusive before fleeing as the manager called police. The **"major problem that set her off"** The thickness of the tomato slice wasn't exactly to her liking. Judith Ann Black, 77, was tracked down by her license plate and admitted the assault, verbal and physical. Black's racist language apparently enhanced the charge of Battery from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree. So much unreasonableness in our world!

One person has been fined \$600 after an explosive gender reveal party near Fort McMurray sparked a wildfire. While avoiding details, wildfire officials have warned Albertans about the unusual cause: an exploding target. The discs, often loaded with coloured powder, detonate when struck by a projectile, such as a bullet. This is at least the third unintentional wildfire started in such a way in Alberta so far this season. The fire was contained quickly with about half a hectare being destroyed by the fire.

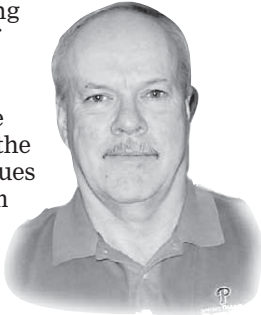
In Florida, the GFWC Woman's Club of Clearwater helps people in need, but when new management took over, they said the financials "didn't look right." An audit confirmed the worst. In two years, club treasurer Sharon Lynn Brindamour, 59, had embezzled more than \$160,000 in charitable donations. The money was spent on vacations and car insurance. The sheriff said her excuse for stealing the money was that it was just too easy.

The Southlake (Texas) Department of Public Safety says a man asked to take a bicycle for a test ride. You know where this is going... he rode out the door and has not been seen since. Employees normally hold a customer's ID when loaning a bike for a test ride, but they forgot this time. The bicycle, a Cannondale Jekyll Carbon 129, is valued at \$6,374.73. "We don't know if he brought the helmet with him or if he stole that too," the DPS said, "but our concern is that bike."

Argus Hamilton: "One of the reasons why the United States is number-one in the world in vaccinations is that we know how to do mass shootings." Although it's a joke, that's a sad observation.

Hamilton: "Don't get me wrong, I'm thrilled everything is opening back up. But it kind of hurts getting fired from unemployment." We do have to stop paying people to do nothing and make them get back to work!

Until next time... keep reading between the lines. Things are not always as they seem!



RCMP investigate MVA's, damage to fields

Sgt. Travis Adams
Melville / Ituna Detachment

Reporting period:
June 23 to June 30

Traffic

During this time, Melville and Ituna detachment responded to 47 reported traffic occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 18 Charges and 17 Warnings.

RCMP responded to five traffic collisions. Two of these collisions were a result of striking wildlife, and no injuries were reported. Melville RCMP responded to a complaint of a single vehicle rollover with minor injuries. Melville RCMP also received a report of a collision involving a motorcycle with minor injuries. RCMP re-

sponded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 10 west of Melville, involving injuries. RCMP continue to investigate all matters.

Melville RCMP received a complaint of a possible impaired driver. The driver was located and a mandatory Alcohol Screening Device (ASD) demand was made. As a result, the driver's license was suspended for 60 days, and their vehicle was impounded.

Mischief/Theft

A man contacted the RCMP to report that a construction company had damaged his fence on his

land. RCMP continue to investigate.

A farmer contacted the RCMP to report someone had driven an ATV through his field and damaged his electric fence. RCMP continue to investigate.

Another report to RCMP said that an 'army green' two-door SUV with large tires damaging his crop in the RM of Grayson. RCMP continue to investigate.

A report of a stolen bicycle that had been stolen overnight from her garage in Melville. The bicycle was later recovered. RCMP continue to investigate.

Correction

In the June 25 edition, the story "Archdiocese removes the Hugonard statue" that appear on page 10 referred to Joseph Hugonard as the founder of the residential school in Lebret. The school was in fact founded by the Dominion Government with Hugonard serving as its first principal from 1884 to 1917.

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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 July!

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July 1
Canada Day
Melville Canada Day Parade starting at 10 a.m. and will travel throughout the city. Fireworks north of Melville Community Works on Prince Edward St. at 10 p.m.

July 3
Stay Out of the Sun Day
Stay Out of the Sun Day encourages us stay cool in the shade, and to give our skin a rest from the hot, damaging rays of the sun. Here’s a great fun and relaxing way to stay in the shade. String a hammock between two shady trees. It sure sounds like a great way to go to me! (holidayinsights.com)



July 5
Work-a-Holic Day
Today is Work-a-Holic Day. It recognizes the guy, or gal, who works all of the time – even during holidays. It’s work because there either is work to be done, or there’s a perceived work project to do. (holidayinsights.com)

July 7
Chocolate Day
Chocolate Day is the perfect opportunity to eat you favorite chocolates in ample portions. Do you really need another excuse to over indulge with your favorite food treat? (holidayinsights.com)



July 9
National Motorcycle Day
It’s a day to celebrate and enjoy everything about motorcycles. It’s a day to celebrate motorcycles and everyone who rides them, driver or passenger. Do you hear the road calling? (holidayinsights.com)

July 11
Blueberry Muffins Day
Now here is a special day you can sink your teeth into. Blueberry Muffins are one of the most favorite muffins. In addition to tasting delicious, blueberries are very healthy for you. (holidayinsights.com)

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July 13
French Fries Day
French Fries are the most popular fast food item. Some of us get them with a burger, while others get a hot dog. However you eat them, just munch and enjoy the taste. (holidayinsights.com)



July 14
Macaroni and Cheese Day
Today is mac and cheese has always been a childhood favorite. It’s inexpensive, is easy to make, tastes good, and kids love it. Now, that’s a winning combination! (holidayinsights.com)

July 16
Fresh Spinach Day
Popeye the Sailor is right. Spinach is one of the healthiest foods you can eat. It tastes good, and there are many recipes. Celebrate this day by introducing some fresh spinach to your meals today. You could start by mixing in some spinach into your garden salad. (holidayinsights.com)

July 18
Ice Cream Day
When you get the urge for a snack on a hot, humid summer night, what’s the first thing that comes to your mind? That’s right – Ice Cream! Therefore, it’s only fitting that ice cream be given it’s own special day. (holidayinsights.com)



July 20
Ugly Truck Day
Beyond a doubt, Ugly Truck Day is a “guy thing”. Every guy can appreciate the importance of this day. Not to be left out,

a fair number of the ladies appreciate (their) ugly truck, too! Ugly trucks are loved and cherished by their owners. (holidayinsights.com)

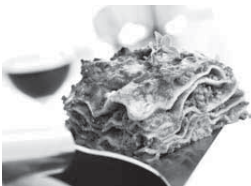
July 22
Hammock Day
Summer is in full swing. It’s time to slow down and to relax. During the Dog Days of summer (and all of the other summer days, too), there is no better place to slow down and relax, than on a hammock under a shady tree. (holidayinsights.com)

July 23
Summer Olympics Games
Rescheduled from 2020, the Olympics Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony, due to COVID-19. Opening Day Ceremony: July 23, 2021; Closing Day Ceremony: August 8, 2021. Location: Tokyo, Japan (holidayinsights.com)



July 26
Aunts and Uncles Day
Aunts and Uncles Day honors a very special pair of relatives. They are your mom and dad’s brothers and sisters. We hope you have a lot of Aunts and Uncles. The more, the merrier. (holidayinsights.com)

July 29
Lasagna and Chicken Wing Day
Celebrate Lasagna day with your favorite Italian dish. In between multiple layers of lasagna pasta are generous amounts of tomato sauce, cheeses, and sometimes hamburger and/or Italian sausage. It is also Chicken Wing Day is a celebration of a very popular snack and appetizer. It’s actually more than that, as some people consume chicken wings as the main meat course of their lunch or dinner meal. (holidayinsights.com)



July 30
Father-in-Law Day
Father-In-Law Day honors your loving, funny, and cheerful father-in-law. Okay, so perhaps sometimes he is a little grumpy and intimidating. Regardless of his personality and charms, this day is dedicated to your spouse’s Dad. And, he certainly deserves a little recognition. (holidayinsights.com)

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The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada says adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity per week, in bouts of 10 minutes or more. The activity doesn't have to be non-stop, such as an aerobics class. You can do 10 minutes or more at a time throughout the day to reach your daily total. For example, take a brisk 10-minute walk during lunch hour, play for 10 minutes with your kids after work, and then spend another 15 minutes walking the dog in the evening.

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Canada has begun to develop its own senior-centric fitness programs. The Healthy, Safe

and Strong group exercise program is an introduction to safe exercises available for adults age 60 and older in the province of Ontario. The program can help develop better stamina, maintain or improve balance and increase strength and endurance. StrongerU Senior Fitness is a relatively new program of pre-choreographed group fitness offering instruction in four program types: cardio, strength training, stretching, and circuit training. The program addresses a need in Canada for quality and consistent senior fitness programming.

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Sand dunes
As the Canada Day weekend kicks into high gear Carter Bigalky and Hannah Bear, both 10, of Regina have dug in for the holiday at B-Say-Tah beach. Record breaking temperatures are predicted, and the beaches are expected to be packed with people like these two sand dude cousins who have found a novel way to cope with the scorcher.

ALAN HUSTAK | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Town legal fees adding up with tax notices still not sent out

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

The Town of Fort Qu'Appelle has spent close to \$35,000 on legal fees since January without any detailed explanation of what advice was needed or any breakdown of why the payments were made.

By comparison, the City of Melville, which is twice the size of Fort Qu'Appelle, has set aside \$40,000 for legal advice this year but almost all of that, according to the city's financial officer, is for land and industrial development. And in Regina, which has a different system of accounting, the budget for

legal matters dealing with internal administration is \$2,273.

The most recent bill from the law firm of McDougall Gauley for \$9,274.75 was approved by council on June 24. In May it the same firm was paid \$12,595.82; in April, \$5,573, in March \$3,396.21 and in February \$1,219. Back in January the payment was \$791.47.

The invoices can be found in the town's accounts payable with the heading 'legal matters' but there is no specific explanation of what 'matters' required the expenditure.

In addition, these payments do not include fees being charged by Campbell Safety Consultants for a third party investigation into claims of a toxic work

environment in the municipal office. So far the inquiry has cost about \$5,000.

In a media release last month the town dismissed all allegations of a toxic workplace as 'groundless' yet it appears Campbell is still conducting his investigation. Asked to explain how the town was able to arrive at the conclusion that the complaints were 'groundless' if indeed Campbell is still conducting an investigation, or whether he conducting a second investigation into another matter involving another employee, the town's Chief Administration Officer told Grasslands News "I cannot provide no further details because they are confidential."

Campbell himself would not com-

ment either.

As reported earlier, there is no public record of council authorizing such an investigation or any explanation on the books as to why it is needed.

While expenditures are adding up, there has been a delay in completing the assessment roll and tax notices have still not been sent out to residents. As a result, council has agreed to extend the five per cent discount for early payment of the municipal portion of the taxes until Sept. 30.

While notices for this year are expected to be in the mail by the end of July, residents are still waiting for last year's audited statement of the town's finances.

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Progress made on Sask. made COVID-19 vaccine

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Canadian researchers are making progress on a domestically developed and manufactured COVID-19 vaccine. Scientists at the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization-International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac) at the University of Saskatchewan were the first in Canada to isolate SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. A year ago, experts from Dalhousie University and the University of Manitoba joined scientists at VIDO to study COVID-19 and explore options for a vaccine. Federal and provincial governments provided funding for their

work. In February, VIDO and their partners at the Canadian Center for Vaccinology in Halifax, Nova Scotia announced they would begin clinical trials for a subunit vaccine. Approximately 100 volunteers were to participate in the study, each receiving two doses administered 28 days apart, similar to COVID-19 vaccines currently available in Canada. However, the VIDO vaccine differs from the Pfizer vaccine in that it does not require ultra cold storage temperatures. On June 23, VIDO issued a news release stating that, "interim results from their Phase 1 clinical trial for COVAC-2, VIDO's COVID-19 subunit vaccine candidate, demonstrates

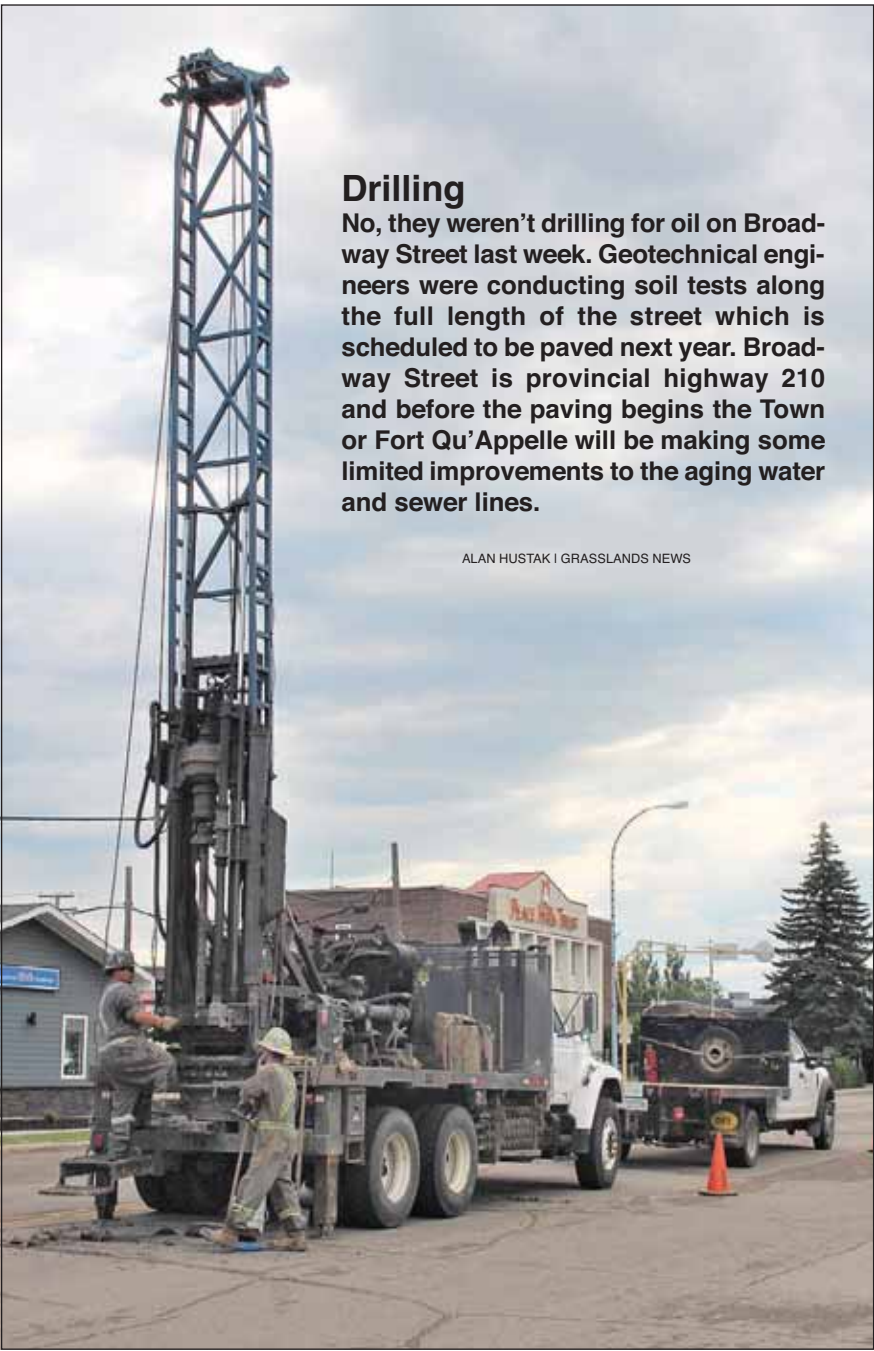
COVAC-2 is safe and well tolerated." Side effects include headaches and mild injection site pain, which are common to most immunizations. Researchers were also encouraged by the discovery that even the lowest vaccine dose that was tested caused a significant increase in antibody levels. Participants continue to be recruited for the clinical trial in Halifax and a new clinical trial site will open in Saskatoon later this summer. Volunteers who are 18 years and older and have not been infected with COVID-19 or received an authorized COVID-19 vaccine can contact the Clinical Trial Support Unit at cts@usask.ca or 306-978-8300 for more information. Depending on further trials and regulatory approvals, VIDO anticipates it will have a vaccine ready for use later this year. VIDO is also building a manufacturing facility that could produce up to 40 million vaccine doses per year. Construction should be done by the end of 2021, with vaccine production for facility certification planned for 2022.



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Drilling

No, they weren't drilling for oil on Broadway Street last week. Geotechnical engineers were conducting soil tests along the full length of the street which is scheduled to be paved next year. Broadway Street is provincial highway 210 and before the paving begins the Town or Fort Qu'Appelle will be making some limited improvements to the aging water and sewer lines.

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SPORTS



Champion bull rider Cody Fitzpatrick from Glenewen, SK, was thrown after 5-seconds at the Night with the Boys N Bullz in Fort Qu'Appelle.



A barrel racer competes in Whitewood over the weekend during the Prestige Barrel Race competition that saw over \$26,500 in winnings paid out.

By Alan Hustak and Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

Riding a bull, like busting a bronco, is one of the world's most dangerous organized sports. A rider is ten times likelier than a football player to be seriously injured. But that doesn't stop young men from getting on the back of a beast and trying to stay mounted for at least 8-seconds as the bucking bull tries to throw them. Few can do it. But 36 cowboys, some from as far away as Australia and Terrebonne, Quebec were eager to take part in the Top Line Rodeo event, A Night with the Boys N Bullz, at the Clearview Arena near Fort Qu'Appelle last Saturday.

Orrin Marshall, a 19-year-old from Big Beaver, started riding steers and young bulls with



the Saskatchewan High School Rodeo Association five years ago. He's had a few scrapes, but nothing serious. "I'm one of the lucky ones; I haven't been hurt, I haven't broken any bones; I got caught up in my rope once, but thank God I was wearing

Many of the same riders are expected to be back at the arena on July 11 once health

The weekend saw almost \$26,600 in prize money paid out with Prestige Warm Up Jackpot on Saturday having 163 entries with a payout of \$4,239 while the Sunday Prestige having 135 entries with a total payout of \$22,352. Dawn Halstead of Sedley took home the largest purse with \$415 in winnings on Saturday and \$1,565 in winnings on Sunday.

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Sports Column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

Hab’s look to extinguish Lightning’s reign

The winningest professional sports franchise of all time, is looking to add to its legacy.

That’s right, as much as it pains me to say, the Montreal Canadiens are looking for their 25th Stanley Cup championship and this year, they surprised everyone.

Well, everyone expect a Toronto Maple Leafs fan who I spoke to way back when the Melville Millionaires were in the midst of their handful of hockey games.

I mentioned a few moves his beloved Leafs had made and he said to me, “What about Montreal? They’re built for the playoffs. Look at the guys they picked up!”

So, this one fellow, code name ‘Fence Post’, who saw the writing on the wall way back in October or so, was probably the only hockey fan who really believed the Habs had any shot at all.

And yet, here we are, with the Montreal Canadiens and the defending champion Tampa Bay Lightning remaining as the last two playoff teams in the NHL.

Tampa being in the final isn’t a surprise to anyone.

With their wealth of talent and the great coaching of John Cooper, this looked like a team ready to contend again when the league fired up for the season.

With Andrei Vasilevskiy providing the last line of defence between the pipes, and doing it better than most NHL netminders for the last few seasons, you knew teams were going to have to work to create offence.

Add blueliners Ryan McDonagh and Victor Hedman to the mix with forwards Steven Stamkos, Nikita Kucherov and Brayden Point and you’ve got the begging of quite a hockey juggernaut.

It’s easy to see why the Bolts are in the final, but the Habs, quite another story.

Shortly before the playoffs, I actually heard fans of the team lament that Carey Price was perhaps finished, washed up as a goalie.

That’s certainly not been the case as the Price has been right all playoffs so far for the Rouge et Bleu, in fact, they likely wouldn’t have gotten past the Leafs in the very first round if not for Price.

The Habs also leaned heavily on Price as they knocked off the Winnipeg Jets and the NHL’s top team during the regular season, the Las Vegas Golden Knights.

Still, these aren’t the Montreal Canadiens of the smooth skating and elegant Jean Beliveau, or the fiery Maurice ‘Rocket’ Richard or even the speedy Roadrunner Yvan Cournoyer.

They aren’t the Habs that were led by big Kenny Dryden and the ‘Big M’ Frank Mahovlich along with the likes of Larry Robinson, ‘The Flower’ Guy Lafleur or Steve Shutt.

If there was a Habs team in the past that this squad resembles, it’s the 1993 team that hoisted Lord Stanley’s mug, incidentally, the last team from Canada to win all the marbles.

Sure, they had a few good scorers in Vincent Damphousse, Kirk Muller and Brian Bellows, but the guys who did the heavy lifting were goalie Patrick Roy, forward Mike Keane and rookie sensation Paul DiPietro who notched eight goals in 17 contests in a monster post season performance.

This year’s Habs are, of course, led by the aforementioned Price in goal, free agent signing Tyler Taffoli who led them in scoring and upstarts Nick Suzuki and Cole Caufield while veteran acquisition Corey Perry led the team in weasel-ness.

It would be nice to have the Cup come back to Canada this year, but after game 1, a 5-1 Tampa triumph, it’s looking like the Habs have their work cut out for them.

If we’ve learned anything about this Montreal team, it’s to not give up on them.

This playoff season they’ve found a way to stick around and knock off teams with perhaps more talent than they possess.

It’s not really that difficult to figure out.

To win hockey games, one team’s talent has to outwork the other team’s ability.

And it’s the playoffs, so no quarter is given.

I guess we’ll see if the Habs have any of that old magic they had back in the day, because they probably won’t be outworked.

If these lose, work ethic won’t enter into it.

With a young team, the future is bright in Montreal, and if they don’t get to the promised land this year, maybe it’ll be another 25-plus years before they get back to the final.

Or maybe it’s the beginning of another dynasty.

But to start one of their own, they might have to end Tampa Bay’s.

Dream continues for Habs, and their fans

Moving vans have been busy this late spring and early summer as hundreds of hockey fans take up residence on Cloud 9.

We’re talking Montreal Canadiens’ fans, of course.

The Habs, with only 24 wins in 56 games, barely made the playoffs in the National Hockey League’s Canadian Division, considered the weakest of the four in the realigned Covid-19 setup. They weren’t supposed to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in the first round, but they did, 4-3 in the best-of-seven, coming back from a 3-1 deficit to do so. They weren’t supposed to beat the Vegas Golden Knights in the Stanley Cup semi-final, because the Jets had finished four points ahead of Montreal in the regular season. But they did, impressively, a four-game sweep. And then they definitely weren’t supposed to beat the Vegas Golden Knights outpointed them by a whopping 23 points (82-59) during the regular season.

So here they are, the Cinderella Habs, vying for their first Stanley Cup since 1993 and creating a hockey frenzy in July in La Belle Province and dozens of pockets of Canada from coast to coast. Back in the Original Six days of the NHL, Canadian hockey fans generally rooted for either the Canadiens or the Leafs, and those cheering habits were often passed down through generations. As a result, it’s hard to walk into any bar, or any business, or stop on any block anywhere in English- or French Canada and not find an avid ‘CH’ supporter.

Whether the Habs’ playoff magic carries through to a victory over Tampa Bay Lightning remains to be seen, but it has been a glorious and unforgettable six weeks for fans of the Rouge, Blanc and Bleu. Goalie Carey Price has been sensational, recording a 2.02 goals-against average and .934 save percentage in games leading to the final. The defence, led by Shea Weber (remember when Habs’ fans lamented the trade bringing Weber to Montreal and sending beloved P.K. Subban to Nashville?), has been rock solid and up front, a collection of trade acquisitions, long-in-the-tooth veterans and blossoming draft picks have combined to provide just enough offence to make this magic happen. Through three playoff rounds, Montreal had a mere three players among the top 30 playoff scorers — free agent signee Tyler Toffoli was 10th; Nick Suzuki, acquired from Vegas in the 2018 Max Pacioretty deal, was 13th; and 2019 draft pick Cole Caufield, who joined the Habs with 10 games left in the regular



Sports Column
By Bruce Penton

season after a stellar college career, was 30th.

It’s been a great ride for the Habs, and their fans couldn’t be more excited. But really, they can’t be expected to beat the defending Cup champion Lightning, can they?

Can they?

- Phil Mushnick of the New York Post: “MLB fan marketing surveys now include a question as to the political party one is registered, Democrat or Republican. Seriously, as if that’s any of MLB business or should influence its business. I’d go with Bolshevik, on behalf of all the players who choose to Trotsky to first base.”
- Patti Dawn Swanson, on Twitter: “Toronto Blue Jays manager Charlie Montoyo calling to the bullpen for help is like relying on Tiger Woods for emergency roadside assistance.”
- RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: “A long-term study of musicians and chess players has led scientists to finally conclude that practice doesn’t makes perfect. Wouldn’t it have been easier to just follow the Toronto Maple Leafs?”
- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: “After failing to make his fifth Olympic team, Ryan Lochte said, ‘I wanted to prove so much to everyone.’ ‘That’s great,’ said a man, ‘but can I order my Starbucks latte now?’”
- Kaseberg again: Returning U.S. Open champion, Bryson DeChambeau, shot eight over par on the back nine

of the final round. Bryson refused to call it a meltdown. Really? Compared to him, Chernobyl was a slight glitch.”

- Ron Borges of si.com, giving his take on Buffalo wide receiver Cole Beasley saying he won’t get vaccinated and ‘I may die of Covid, but I’d rather die actually living.’”How many times has this guy been hit in the head again?”
- Headline at theonion.com: “Bob Baffert Once Again Denies Doping Allegations After Medina Spirit Wins Coca-Cola 600.”
- From Fark.com: “Aaron Nola strikes out 10 straight New York Mets, if you wondering why people are abandoning major league baseball in droves.”
- Another one from Fark.com: “Houston Astros have won 11 in a row. Forget foreign substances, MLB should start checking for cameras and trash cans.”
- Steve Simmons of Sun Media: “I’d like to golf with Buck Martinez, if only to hear him chant ‘Get out ball, get out!’ after I’ve hit yet another drive out of bounds.”

Care to comment?
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Melville Slowpitch Schedule	
Game Time 6:30 p.m.	
Monday, July 5: Whitecaps at Scared Hitless, RP1 Pitches Be Crazy at Ramrods, RP2 JayHawks at Crushers, RP3 The Runs at The Bucks, RP4 Unicorn Stamp. at Stag. Home 2.0, SP1 Balls N Dolls at Hilite Reel 1, SP2 Hilite Reel at Free Agents, FT	
Monday, July 12: Ramrods at Unicorn Stampede, RP1 Crushers at Whitecaps, RP2 Hilite Reel 2 at Balls N Dolls, RP3 Scared Hitless at The Runs, RP4 Hilite Reel 1 at JayHawks, SP1 Free Agents at Pitches Be Crazy, SP2 Stag. Home 2.0 at The Bucks, FT	
Wednesday, July 14: Crushers at The Runs, RP1 Unicorn Stampede at Free Agents, RP2 Pitches Be Crazy at Hilite Reel 2, RP3 Hilite Reel 1 at Whitecaps, RP4 Stag. Home 2.0 at Scared Hitless, SP1 Balls N Dolls at JayHawks, SP2 The Bucks at Ramrods, FT	

Parkland Expos sweep the White City Blacks

Submitted

On Saturday, June 26 the Expos travelled to White City to face the White Butte Black. While there they swept the Blacks 10 - 0 and 22 – 3.

Defensively the team was led by starting pitchers, Rowan Erickson (Melville) & Riley Stewart (Yorkton) who surrendered only three runs and six hits.

Xage Miraflor (Sturgis) was the offensive star, going 5 for 7 including 3 home runs, a triple and 6 RBI.

On Sunday the Expos beat Moose Jaw 17 – 2 and 14 – 4. Pitching again was strong. Parker Lowenberg (Grenfell) gave up only six hits and three runs.

Xage Miraflor (Sturgis) continued his hot streak going 3 for 4. He was helped by Rylan Pihach (Ituna) who scored four runs while getting two hits.

Next action for the league leading Expos (10 – 0) is this coming Saturday when they play the 2nd place Weyburn Beavers.



Parkland Expos team
Front row (l-r): Kimmuel Albarrrcin (Sturgis), Xage Miraflor (Sturgis), Wyatt Evans (Saltcoats), Kaden Pihach (Ituna), Ty Sleeva (Canora), Rowan Erickson (Melville). **Back row:** Tracy Erickson – Manager (Melville), Jordan Evans – Head Coach (Yorkton), Riley Stewart (Yorkton), Sam Christo (Yorkton), Liam Baron (Saltcoats), Parker Lowenberg (Grenfell), Joe Zarowney (Yorkton), Riley Pihach (Ituna), Troy Lowenberg - Assistant Coach (Grenfell). Missing Mike Christo – Assistant Coach (Yorkton).

Southeast Men's Fastball League

Fastball Schedule

July 1 Fleming at Kahkewistahaw Young Buckz at Round Lake	July 13 Grenfell at Kahkewistahaw Young Buckz at Whitewood Fleming at Round Lake
July 2 Ochapowace at Grenfell	July 15 Round Lake at Whitewood Kahkewistahaw at Ochapowace Young Buckz at Grenfell
July 6 Round Lake at Kahkewistahaw Fleming at Ochapowace	July 20 Whitewood at Kahkewistahaw Young Buckz at Ochapowace Grenfell at Fleming
July 8 Whitewood at Ochapowace Round Lake at Grenfell	July 22 Young Buckz at Kahkewistahaw Ochapowace vs Round Lake
July 9 Young Buckz at Fleming	July 23 Whitewood at Fleming

6:30 p.m. Starts
Whitewood and Kahkewistahaw

8:00 p.m. Starts
Round Lake, Fleming, Ochapowace, Young Buckz and Grenfell

Ochapowace, Round Lake and Young Buckz home games played out of Ochapowace

Topinka assumes assistant GM role of SJHL Klippers

By Travis Longman
Grasslands News

Mitch Topinka has played hockey all over the world, including a stop in Great Britain playing for the U16 Milton Keynes Storm. In addition to the Storm, the 29-year-old from Whitewood was a member of the Assiniboia Southern Rebels, Fort Knox, Regina Capitals, Midale Mustangs and Whitewood Orioles. Since the 2016-2017 season Topinka has been involved in management. He has been an assistant coach for the Regina Capitals, the OCN Blizzard, Dauphin Kings and in 2020 he served as an assistant coach for the Kindersley Klippers. Topinka will be returning to that role this upcoming season. Topinka will also be taking over the role of assistant general manager.

As we are all aware the COVID-19 pandemic has wrecked havoc on seemingly everything in the world. The SJHL is no exception. The league has faced a plethora of challenges. “I think one of the biggest ones at a coaching standpoint was just trying to keep everything fresh and new for the boys,” Topinka says; “the unfortunate thing of not knowing how long we will actually be allowed to play or when we were going to start. We got three pre-season games and three regular season games in and the boys reported in August. So trying to keep the boys engaged and wanting to come to the rink every day with them knowing it could be the last day would have probably been one of the biggest chal-



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Assistant coach and GM
Mitch Topinka stands on the bench of the Kindersley Klippers. The Whitewood native will return as the assistant coach for the SJHL team and will also be taking on the role of assistant general manager.

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The 2021-2022 season is scheduled to begin in September. Last season the Klippers only played three games, finishing with a 2-1 record. Topinka and the rest of the Klippers are busy trying to put the best team possible. “The off season is going good.” Topinka says, We Just finished up the schedule for the upcoming season and have been putting the finishing touches to the roster.

This year the Klippers are seeing a large number of returning players. Topinka believes this should be a good thing for his hockey club. “Obviously with returning a big group you hope to have a good regular season to get you into the playoffs and then have a deep playoff run,” Topinka says. “ I truly believe we have one of the best goaltending tandems in the league returning so that will be a big bonus for us. As well as

an older D-core and with Estevan hosting the Centennial Cup this year, it would be nice to have two Sask. teams representing. So I would say that would be the end goal for the season but take it a step at a time and accomplish the smaller goals.”

The Klippers begin their regular season on Sept. 24th. Other important dates for the SJHL 21-22 season are: October 4, 5, 6 – SJHL Showcase in Warman
Dec 19 - December 27 – Christmas break
Jan 25 and 26 – SJHL/MJHL Showcase in Winnipeg.
March 4 – Regular season ends
March 11 – First round of playoffs begins
March 25 – Second round of playoffs begin
April 8 – SJHL Finals
April 29 – ANAVET Cup starts
May 20 – Centennial Cup begins in Estevan

Fleming Jets alumni Doreen Banks was the biggest fan

By Travis Longman
Grasslands News

The Fleming Jets are a well-known fastball club which is seemingly always at or near the top of the South East Men's Fastball League. They have regularly have a strong team on the field but that's nothing compared to the support they receive off of it. If you were lucky enough to attend a game at Green Acres Ball Park back in the early 2000s, you were treated to some high class country ball on the field and very passionate fans in the stands cheering on the likes of Kenny Shaw, Jeff Cole or Curtis Wagner.

“There was no better lady than this lady,” Long time Jets’ player Jeff Cole explains. “She was realistically the governor of the team! She loved the Jets and the game and all the players loved her. The world would be a better place if people acted like this sweet heart lady we called Weenie.”

Banks saw a lot of Championships in her day. “She was there for my 10 league championships and three Provincial titles.” Cole adds, “Almost every game she had a pie made for me after the game. She was the team chef and chief in the stands keeping score and stats! You should have seen her details!”

“Doreen Banks was the most dedicated ball fan I have ever known; she lived and breathed Jet ball,” Fleming Jet legend Orev Hudvm savs. “She

would always keep her own score and dam well make it known if the score keeper made a mistake.”

Small Ball was not Banks’ favourite type of ball. “She didn’t care to much about the bunting game but she loved the home runs,” Hudym said “She always gave that “wup pee’ that would always bring a smile to our face.”

Banks had a heart of gold and was always thinking of others. “I guess what amazed me the most is when we went to a ball tournament in Kelvington and she made players’ favourite pies,” Hudym adds. “She must have had five or six different kinds, that just blew me away. The ball team was her family, everyone in the ball circuit knew who Weenie was.

“She had her “SPECIAL” spot at Green Acres ball Park right behind the back stop and home plate so she could watch the umpire make his calls.” Rick Hamm, Jets’ icon says, “Of which if she didn’t agree would certainly let them know. She adhered herself to all the players and at the end of the season we would hold our wind-up in the community hall and she would present all the players and coaches with their favourite home baked pie! Speaking of pies. in 2002 we competed in the Men's Provincial Championship hosted in Saskatoon. Which we won. It was our first of three consecutive men’s provincial championships. Weenie of course was there. Not only was

she there but she baked and brought with her “50” pies for the three day weekend. Even the fellas doing the play-by-play announcing and some of the umpires got a piece of pie. Thus one of announcers dubbed her the “Pie Lady from Fleming”!!

Doreen Banks or “Weenie” as she was affectionately known, because of her small stature, did not

miss many games up until her passing in 2013. She was not afraid to express her thoughts whether they were cheering on one of her beloved Jets’ players or letting the umpire know what she thought of a call.

“She kept all the blue (umpires) on their toes,” Long-time umpire Lyle Balogh jokes. “ She was always there whether

it was a home game or riding with Phil or Rick Hamm to an away game. Doreen’s homemade pies at the concession booth or made specially for Dave (Hill) and I; Doreen was a great fan and supporter of the Jets.”

If Banks was around today she would almost certainly still be attending games at Green Acres Ballpark. This season two

of her great grandsons are on the team.

Sadly Banks passed away in 2013 at 90 years of age. Her funeral service was fittingly held at Green Acres Ball Park in Fleming. Everyone who had the pleasure of interacting with Banks got to see a genuinely passionate woman who loved her Jets. A legend who will never be forgotten.

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Former chief runs for Assembly of First Nations

By Shari Narine
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Reginald Bellerose is confident that he has the experience and vision needed to be successful in the upcoming election for the position of national chief for the Assembly of First Nations. “To bring that experience—how to navigate the complexities of local First Nations politics and regional (politics) and then to bring it forward—to package all the experience, the longevity, the successes, the milestones, package it up and present it to the chiefs as a good option for the national chief,” said Bellerose.

Bellerose, former chief of the Muskowekwan First Nation (located 100 km northeast of Melville), isn’t concerned about any possible misgivings that the next national chief may come from Saskatchewan again. Outgoing National Chief Perry Bellegarde was former chief of the now named Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) in Saskatchewan.

“I’ve not heard that in my communication or in my talks. I believe I present myself as an option for the chiefs to consider, with experience. I’m a colleague of theirs for many years. I have a track record over the years that has demonstrated a position on jurisdiction, rights-based agendas,” said Bellerose, who has the support of the FSIN. “My vision is to bring to the chiefs a common agenda with a united vision. We’ve got to stand on as much common ground as we can no matter where we are in Canada,” he said.

“We need to unite as peoples. We need to unite as communities. We need to unite as nations. We need to unite... We need to make our own laws. We need to write our own laws. We need to legislate them. We need to get them active.”

Bellerose understands the diversity of the nations, but he also understands that all are rights holders and all have common areas: lands, peoples and histories.

For those who don’t have lands or who were “shorted acres” that needs

to be corrected, he said.

There are challenges with drugs and addictions at the community level, said Bellerose, and “we need to unite to keep our people well Addictions have put our people in jails, in graves.”

And while histories “may differ ... there’s a lot the same. There’s one Creator. Everybody has that one Creator.”

“The Elders told leaders that if the chiefs of Canada stand together that we will stand a better chance of succeeding with the federal government and really influencing public policy,” said Bellerose.

He says it’s important to build a common agenda, understanding that chiefs won’t agree on everything.

“The common agenda is on how much of us can stand together on more important issues than just one. That’s the common agenda. And I believe, I’ve worked with a lot of chiefs over the years and it is in their heart to try to work together, to collaborate, to support. Those are all common themes in our meetings,” said Bellerose.

The national chief is coordinator, facilitator, organizer, lobbyist, and, if “by resolution in the assembly by the chiefs ... the national chief gets that mandate,” says Bellerose, he also serves as spokesperson.

That direction from the chiefs is important, because the AFN is not a rights holder, he said. Politically, the national chief can facilitate meetings with and get political access to ministers for the nations.

In dealing with the federal government, Bellerose said it is about “creating the right balance. The right balance is the chiefs in Canada are the most important...leaders in the country.”



REGINALD BELLEROSE

However, he added, “You still need that relationship with the federal government, with federal ministers, with Cabinet. We also need a relationship with the other parties... You need that relationship building. There has to be that networking.”

Bellerose’s top priority is rights and jurisdiction, and includes First Nations writing their own laws. He says Ottawa needs to understand they have to stop transferring jurisdiction to the provinces.

“We need to be in that equation; we need to be in that discussion. We have our treaty. We have our inherent rights ... We in this country are the first people. We have these rights. We have this jurisdiction. And the settler community, they have a role in this country, but it’s not ahead of the First Nation,”

said Bellerose.

Economic sovereignty is his second priority and he says inherent rights provide First Nations with the ability to “make a living any way that we feel is important to us.” Bellerose also wants to promote small businesses and entrepreneurs and see First Nations getting a piece of the digital economy, green energy and cannabis.

Health and wellness with a focus on traditional approaches that include families in their entirety is Bellerose’s third priority. He points out that western medicine is not working.

When the successful candidate gets in “there’s work to be done. You’ve got to hit the ground running. You’ve got to focus on what’s going to be important, but I’m waiting to compile that until I’ve spoken to all the regions in Canada to know the priorities and topics. I can’t do it right now because I haven’t heard from everybody yet,” said Bellerose.

Also running for the position of national chief are RoseAnne Archibald, Lee Crowchild, Alvin Fiddler, Kevin Hart, Cathy Martin and Jodi Calahoo Stonehouse.

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Great Presbyterian Church Historic church on a small hill

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Inspired by the Great Reform church in Debrecen, Hungary, the twin spired “Great Presbyterian Church of Bekevar,” off a country road near Kipling, was built in 1912 to serve a community of Hungarian Reform pioneers who arrived at the colony in the early 1900’s. A school was built in 1905, and the settlers invited a Hungarian minister, Kalman Kovaszi, to Canada to establish a congregation and conduct services in their own language. Kovaszi designed the impressive building and it was built for \$8,000, (a considerable amount of money at the time) by a Manitoba contractor, Nesbit Construction, who also built a hotel in Kipling. The church opened on July 21, 1912, and the church became the spiritual centre. It

held annual fundraising festivals which historian Margaret Hryniuk says were “lubricated with homebrew from stills in the bush.” The congregation’s religious practices were questioned by Presbyterian Mission Board in Winnipeg, but regular services were conducted, first in Hungarian, then in English after the Second World War, until another church was built in Kipling. The last regular service was held in 1968

and the bells from the towers were moved to Kipling. The church was declared a municipal heritage property in 1996. Its historic value lies not only in the building itself, but its landscaping and its position on a small hill which makes it visible from the surrounding area. The careful landscaping of the grounds and the sign in Hungarian above the gates reminds visitors of the magyar heritage of its original parishioners.





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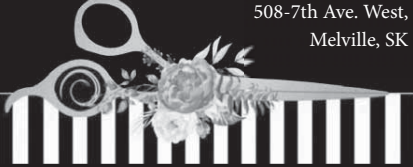
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Neighbourly Advice According to ED - Ray Maher

Friends and neighbors, come and rejoice with me

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We expect to do what needs to be done, and we rejoice when we successfully get it done.

If a machine stops working, we try to repair it. If something is lost, we search to try and find it. Life happens, and we rejoice when the broken is fixed or replaced and the lost is found.

Having my roots in generations of farmers, I readily relate to the picture of God in the Bible as a good shepherd. Every sheep is important to the shepherd, and each deserves the proper management. If a sheep gets lost, the shepherd needs to search until he finds it.

Jesus said it this way: *“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not*

leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ Luke 15:4-6

Jesus not only speaks of the joy of finding a lost sheep but also a lost coin and a lost son. In the Lost Coin Parable, Jesus said, *“Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors to-*

gether and says, ‘Rejoice with me, I have found my lost coin.’ Luke 15:8,9

The Parable of the Lost Son is found in Luke 15:11-32. I have shortened the story, but it is a significant portion of scripture to read in full.

The story (in brief) is: There was a man with two sons. The younger son asked for his portion of the estate even though his father was still alive. When the younger son got his share of the estate, he went to a distant country and squandered his wealth.

Broke and starving, the son realized that he would be better off working for his dad if he went home.

He wouldn't remain there hungry and feeding pigs.

When the son was returning, his father saw him coming, and he ran to his son, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him.

The returning son said to his father that he had sinned against him and

heaven and was not worthy of being called his son. Yet his father welcomed him home as a son, not as a hired hand.

He invited his friends and neighbors to rejoice that his son had returned home. For his son, who was lost to him, was found again.

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Obituary

Kenneth Robert Cyr
July 20, 1962 - June 19, 2021

Kenneth Robert Cyr, 58, of Grand Coulee, Sask., passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 19, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

He married Cindy, the love of his life, in 1982, and together they raised three sons: Sean (married to Ashley, grandchildren Colton, Jadyne), Joel (married to Carolyn, grandchildren Ben, Elle, Rachel) and Marc (married to Kim, grandchildren Eli, Audrey, Renaya).

Ken is predeceased by his mother, Erna, and is survived by his father, Adrien (Hilda). Ken will be lovingly remembered by his siblings, Ric (Charlene) and Bonnie (Mike) Newson; as well as nephews and nieces, Scott, Traci, Aaron, Jared and Amy.

Ken was born in Chilliwack, B.C. on July 20, 1962. He pursued a calling in ministry by attending Canadian Bible College where he received a bachelor's degree in theology. He spent 33 years in ministry – working as a pastor in churches in Nakusp, B.C., Fort Qu'Appelle, SK, and Quesnel, B.C. and then as the director of Freedom in Christ Ministries based out of Regina, SK. He loved hunting, fishing and spending time with family, but most of all he loved Jesus immensely and desired everyone he encountered to experience a saving relationship with Him.

Ken's personality was larger than life. His joy and humour were infectious (and sometimes annoying). He was kind, compassionate, courageous, brave and incredibly loving. He faced his battle with cancer with incredible perseverance, never feeling like he suffered unjustly, but instead often saying, "Why not me?". We are confident in this: that he is with Jesus in heaven, because he experienced the love of Jesus firsthand while here on earth. His hope rested on that promise and his passion was that others would find that same freedom in Jesus.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ken can be made to Freedom in Christ Canada Ministries. A celebration of Ken's life will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Rosewood Park Alliance Church, 1300 North Courtney Street, Regina, SK. The Celebration of Life will be live-streamed on the Rosewood Park Church YouTube channel.

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Proverbs 27:17



Obituary

Daniel Scott Stinson
May 17, 1954 - June 20, 2021

The family of Dan Stinson is deeply saddened to announce his passing after a short, but very courageous battle with a sudden illness, at the age of 67. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by love from his wife and children.

He is survived by his wife, Gail (Putz) of 44 years and their children: Scott (Danielle), Chris (Amanda), Craig (Megan) and Eric (Tanya). Missing him will also be his eight grandchildren, Grace, Kennedy, Anna, Arya, Cameron, Liam, Jacob and future baby boy Stinson who he could not wait to meet this fall.

Also mourning his passing are his mother, Beulah Stinson; siblings, Shelley, Richard, Wes, Betty-Anne and their families. Dan enjoyed a very close relationship with many of Gail's family members who will also miss him dearly.

Dan was predeceased by his father, Glen Stinson; his in-laws, Tony and Hattie Putz; and his brother-in-law Bob Hawkes.

Dan was born and raised in Regina and graduated from Campbell Collegiate in 1972. Dan spent nearly 40 years as an insurance adjuster, working in Regina and area, as well as disasters in the US. He was very well respected as an adjuster, and a well-known figure among insurance organizations, along with numerous other groups. Dan was a founding member of the Regina South Rotary Club and served as its first president from 1987-1988.

Dan was an ambitious man who never backed away from learning something new. He put his skills and ingenuity to use building a new house in Emerald Park in 1986, which served as the Stinson household for more than 25 years. Dan also spent countless hours renovating and adding on to the family cottage at Echo Lake, which had become Dan and Gail's retirement home since 2013.

Dan had a passion for travelling, often speaking of his love of Europe. As a young man he often traveled with family and friends, then after marrying Gail on Sept. 18, 1976 they continued their travels all over the world, visiting Europe, Australia and numerous other destinations. Lately, he and Gail enjoyed spending time in Las Vegas and California and he always loved meeting up with family and friends while on those travels.

Always quick with a joke, Dan was well known for his sense of humor, and took great pleasure in making others laugh. Even up to his last days, he always wanted to bring joy to those around him. A proud family man, his kids and grandkids all knew they could always rely on Grampa Dan to lend a hand, tell a joke or just listen. The love Dan received he gave back ten-fold, making the cottage the go-to location for family get togethers year-round.

Dan will be dearly missed by his wife, children, and especially, his "little sweeties and little buddies". We will feel his presence and love whenever we are at the family cottage on Echo Lake. This is the legacy that he built, with his own hands, for his family.

His final resting place will be Lakeview Cemetery overlooking Echo Lake.

A private service will be held for family and friends at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Lung Association of Saskatchewan.

Arrangements entrusted to Conley Funeral Home, Fort Qu'Appelle SK. 306-332-0555.

Danny Boy

*Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling
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Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow,
It's I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow,
Oh, Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so!*



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Card of Thanks

The family of the late Harvey Mucha would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives and friends for the phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook messages/comments, gifts of food, memorial gifts, cards, floral arrangements and generous donations in Harvey's memory and to those that attended the visitation and funeral both on-line and in person as well as your continued support.

Thank you to the staff at the Regina Pasqua Hospital and our deepest gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Kipling Hospital who accepted Harvey/dad in his time of need and for providing compassionate care during his final days.

Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Kim Sherwin for officiating a very meaningful service and to the pallbearers, Lorna Tressel for reading the obituary, Amanda Mucha for reading the thank you and Tyler Sawchuk for leading us to the cemetery in Harvey's tractor.

Our appreciation to Doug Hanley and Mark and Gaylene Matthews for their assistance with arrangements and music, and Bryce for playing our slideshow.

Please know that we appreciate and are grateful for every act of kindness shown to Harvey/dad as well as to our family during this difficult time. We are reminded how precious life is and to live each day to the fullest.

–Donna, Brandi and Jason, Traci and Colan, Derek and Amanda and families.

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Petition distributed to reopen Broadview Hospital

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Nearly two years ago, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) temporarily suspended acute and emergency services at Broadview Hospital, citing staff shortages. Residents are anxious to have the hospital reopen and are gathering signatures in an effort to show officials just how badly the service is needed.

A hospital has operated in Broadview for 85 years, initially opening as the St. Michael's Hospital under the direction of the Sisters of St. Martha in 1936. It was transferred to a board led by community representatives in 1966 and given the name Broadview Union Hospital. Although Broadview itself has a relatively low population, the hospital also serves people from Whitewood, Grenfell, the RM of Elcapo, and four nearby First Nations. Without acute services in Broadview, residents must travel an hour to hospitals in Moosomin, Indian Head, or Yorkton. This poses transportation problems and puts additional strain on those facilities.

Since the closure in August 2019, the Broadview & District Health

Foundation has tried to work with the SHA toward service resumption. They assisted with staff recruitment by providing housing allowances, effectively resolving the lab technician shortage.

A few months ago, the foundation formed a new committee, specifically focused on advocating for the resumption of acute care at Broadview Hospital, but they feel their concerns are falling on deaf ears. The committee has spoken with SHA representatives, MLA Stephen Bonk, and Minister of Rural Health Everett Hinley. While some offi-

cials agree that the hospital should reopen, there appears to be little action on the matter.

"It's been very frustrating as a person on this committee and mayor of Broadview. I worry about the citizens here; I don't want people feeling like we can't offer what they need," Colleen Umpherville told Grasslands News. "For small towns, as you reduce the services that should be afforded to us, it forces people to leave the community which is devastating to rural Saskatchewan."

Mayor Umpherville

says the hospital now has multiple lab techs and three physicians. She said the SHA has failed to explain why emergency services have not resumed and has not even been open to suggestions such as providing part-time acute care from 8am-8pm.

Grasslands News reached out to the SHA for an explanation and received the following statement, indicating there is still not enough staff to support acute services:

"The Saskatchewan Health Authority continues efforts to fill vacant positions at the

Broadview Hospital. We have been successful in recruiting for some positions, including physicians and laboratory/X-ray staff. However, we continue to recruit to ensure we have stable staffing in place to support these communities and avoid future service disruptions."

After a meeting last Wednesday with representatives from neighboring communities, the Broadview committee determined that a petition could help make their voice heard. "As Saskatchewan rural residents we need to speak

loudly to our representatives," Mayor Umpherville commented.

The petition was prepared immediately and distributed to businesses in Broadview and Whitewood; signatures are also being collected in Grenfell, on the reserves, and online. Anyone wanting to support the community by signing the online petition can find it under the heading "Reopen Broadview Union Hospital" at www.petitions.net

Signatures will be collected until July 8, after which they will be forwarded to government officials.

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Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP Report

Grandmother's name used for fraud purposes

By **Trudy Senft**

Fort Qu'Appelle Detachment

Reporting period:
June 18 to June 24

Fort Qu'Appelle detachment dealt with 130 occurrences over the past week.

Traffic

Fire, EMS and police were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision near the turn-off to File Hills. The 33-year-old and 58-year-old passengers were intoxicated and passed out in the vehicle. They were both medically cleared by EMS and then arrested for public intoxication and returned to detachment cells. The driver, a 52-year-old male, was arrested and charged with Driving While Prohibited under the Criminal Code, Driving While Impaired and Refusal to Comply with a Demand. He was lodged in cells as well until he was sober.

As a result of a traffic stop, a 22-year-old male was charged under the Cannabis Control Act for possessing, consuming or distributing cannabis in a vehicle. He also received a warning for having an inadequate license plate light.

Members were called to a moose/vehicle collision on Hwy. 10 near Edgely. Vehicle was towed. No injuries except to the moose who had to be euthanized.

A vehicle was stopped for speeding and the driver registered a 'fail' on the screening device. The 25-year-old driver was arrested and returned to the detachment

for breath sample analysis. As results of testing were low, no criminal code charges were laid and the driver received a three-day driving suspension.

Members stopped to assist a vehicle on Hwy. 210 with its hazard lights flashing. The driver of the vehicle displayed signs of impairment and failed the ASD. The 24-year-old male driver provided breath samples that were well over the legal limit and was charged with Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle and Impaired Operation Over .08

A report was received at the detachment about a car that had backed into the water treatment plant on Muscowpetung First Nation. The generator and vehicle were damaged, however, the vehicle drove away from the scene. Investigation determined the driver of the vehicle was a 72-year-old female who was charged with Drive Without Due Care and Attention under the Traffic Safety Act.

Mischief

Members were called to a residence in Fort Qu'Appelle for threats of assault with a weapon. It was determined no threat had been made, but that those involved were looking for a person regarding an incident that occurred the night before. That person was no longer at the residence.

A report of a break and enter into a shed in Lipton. Several items were taken, however, one of them was located in the bushes. The break-in is still being investigated.

SaskPower reported a transformer had been cut down in the RM of Lipton. It appears that copper wire was the incentive for the damage. Investigation is continuing into this incident. If anyone has information with regards to this file, please contact the Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP.

Crimes Against the Person/Property

A complaint of fraud under \$5,000 was reported by a person purchasing items on kijiji. He was advised it was a 'first come first serve' type purchase. In order to hold the items he made an e-transfer as a deposit. When he went to pick up the items, after a second e-transfer, the address was not legitimate and his phone calls were blocked. This file is still under investigation.

Fraud complaint received from a grandmother whose granddaughter had fraudulently used her name to

set up an account with an alarm system company. A collection agency is now contacting grandma to advise her she owes more than \$2,000. The file is still under investigation.

Kingdom Hall reported a fire had been set on their property and damage had resulted to the building. There have been several reports of vandalism to this place of worship over the past weeks. If anyone has information as to who is responsible for this damage, please contact the Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP.

A second break and enter into the Balcarres bar within a week was reported. This time several thousand dollars of alcohol was stolen. Surveillance has been obtained from the business and the matter is still under investigation.

A break, enter and theft was reported at a seasonal residence on Pasqua Lake. Several items, including power

tools, TV, play station and games were taken from both the house and the shed. Photos have been obtained and further investigation will be completed on this incident.

Other

A couple of calls have been received about noisy parties. Now that the weather is nicer and you're taking your gathering outdoors, be respectful of your neighbours as they may have to work tomorrow. Keep the music and noise down and try to have a 'shut down' time determined.

Members responded to the residence of a 911 hang up call and found an injured male who had cut his foot with an axe while splitting wood. EMS attended and transported the individual to ANHH for treatment.

Court

Fort Qu'Appelle Circuit Court has returned to functioning locally. The first day back for court

here was June 24. Please be aware of the following information in regards to court appearances.

There will be a Sheriff doing COVID screening at the entrance of the court house. Anyone exhibiting COVID symptoms will be sent away.

If you have COVID symptoms and are unable to make an in-person appearance, you need to call the court house so that you can appear by phone. That number is 306-787-5250, option 8.

Everyone must wear a mask. There are plexi-glass barriers set up around the judge, clerks, court liaison, witness box, crown and defence areas. There are limited chairs in the body of the court room so it does take a little longer to get through the docket.

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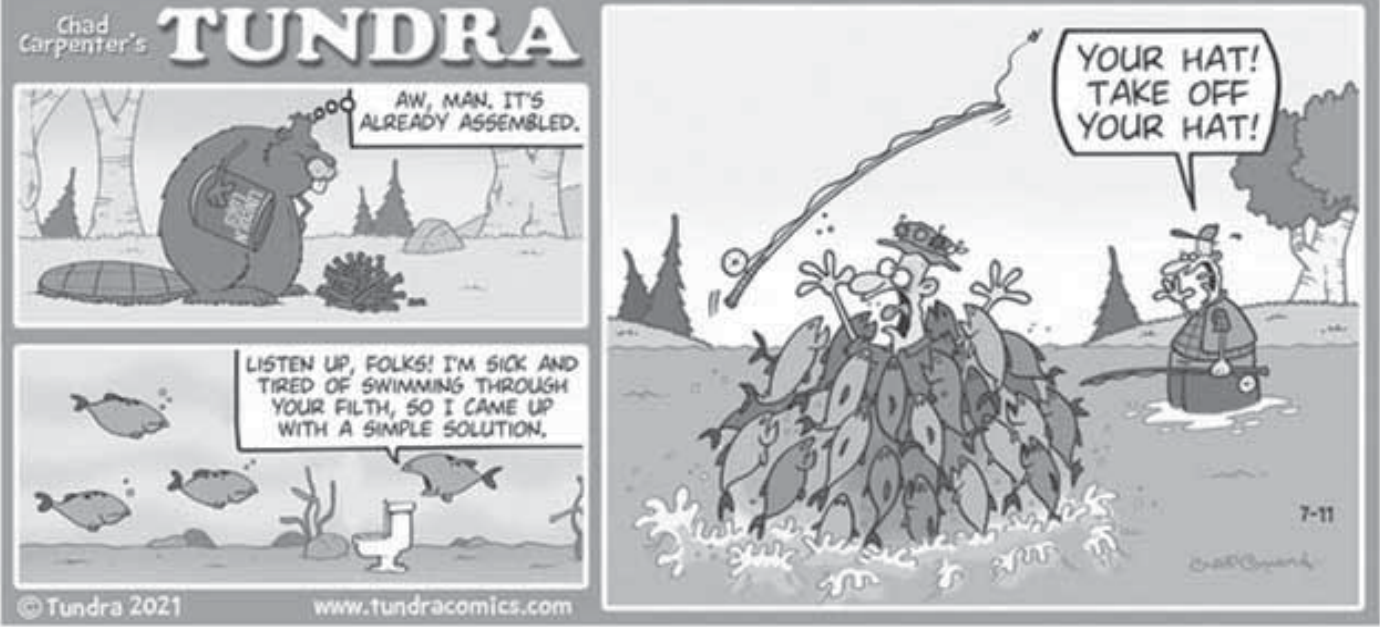
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ARIES

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TAURUS

You'll calculate your vacation budget more than once to make sure you can afford every activity. However, since details are easily overlooked, it's best to plan to do more rather than less, even if it means sacrificing some things later.



GEMINI

Your initiative will be at the forefront. At work and elsewhere, you'll create opportunities for yourself and take full advantage of them. You'll feel more energized after drinking a second cup of coffee and taking your vitamins.



CANCER

You'll likely review your finances before leaving on vacation, which may generate some anxiety about spending money. But don't forget that happiness is priceless. As for matters of the heart, love will come knocking when you least expect it.



LEO

You'll want need to spend time with those around you. Doing so will give you a chance to take a break from work. You'll indulge in longer lunches so you can better connect with your colleagues, employees and associates.



VIRGO

You'll take advantage of your vacation to complete a few projects, both work-related and around the house. Don't forget to take a break though, and remember to set aside some quality time for yourself.



LIBRA

Your love of life will prevail, and there will be an opportunity to celebrate in some way. You might select some reading material for your vacation, but it won't be easy to decide. Also, make sure certain responsibilities don't get overlooked.



SCORPIO

Change is long overdue, and now's the time to take action. Whether you're on vacation or not, you'll start implementing a new business strategy or looking for a better job. You'll also freshen up your decor at home.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll participate in training sessions, conferences and negotiations at work. In your love life, you'll get tired of being at your partner's beck and call. It's going to take a lot of effort to change certain habits at home.



CAPRICORN

If a vacation is fast approaching, you won't be able to truly get away from it all, as certain matters will keep you in contact with the office. In your love life, you'll meet someone who keeps you waiting before your next encounter.



AQUARIUS

You'll be able to tie up loose ends and finish the projects you've been putting off for quite some time. Avoid improvising your vacation plans. Given the circumstances, many tourist spots will be completely booked, so make your reservations this week.



PISCES

You'll want to spend your vacation at home. However, you'll quickly find that projects like improving your gardens and landscaping get in the way of more fun activities and your ability to relax. This will be the theme of your vacation.

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A passion for reading shared in Melville by Kresowaty

By Emily Jane Fulford
Grasslands News

Have you ever heard the line; “Having fun isn’t hard when you have a library card”. That fact is alive and well in Melville. Kayla Kresowaty has been running the TD Summer Reading Club in town for the past three years. It’s a program that is designed to encourage participants to join their peers and enjoy some summer fun as well as get the opportunity to check out some great materials. “The program is open for all children ages 0-12,” explains Kresowaty. “There is also a teen section for our older participants that we started in 2019 and are carrying

forward to this year. Together we play games, read books and do unique activities.” It’s very important for children of all ages to discover that reading is not merely a chore but can also be very rewarding and fun. Programs such as this help to foster that bond and create a passion for reading and learning that is priceless. “Through our program, we help children to discover the genre and format of reading material they enjoy whether that be graphic novels, audiobooks, non-fiction, tutorials/guides, magazines, and more,” says Kresowaty. “I want our partici-

pants to recognize that reading doesn’t have to follow rules or fit into the box of traditional chapter books.” Kayla is currently working on completing her Bachelor of Education – Middle Years degree at the University of Regina. With a passion for non-traditional classroom learning, she hopes to one day find employment in a setting where she can teach and inspire her students in a way that makes them more actively involved in the learning experience. The summer programs have been an opportunity for her to hone the skill of teaching even prior to obtaining the degree. “The best part of the

summer program this year will definitely be seeing everyone’s face again,” says Kresowaty. “It will be so wonderful to see all of our amazing kids all summer as long as regulations continue to allow us to do so!” The Melville Public Library has received an Honourable Mention on a national level from TD for our program two years in a row. This year, the team is hoping to get to the next level and win one of the grand prizes. This would mean that they would receive funding for the library which would be used to continue more programs such as this one. “As participants sign-up to read and attend, our chances of winning a prize will also increase,” says Kresowaty. “It’s a win-win for everyone!”



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Reading passion
Kayla Kresowaty is well on her way to becoming a teacher. Part of that journey has been to help local kids find a passion for reading.

Cenotaph relocated

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The cenotaph in the center of the hamlet of Summerberry was erected and dedicated in 1946 in honor of the veterans from Summerberry and area that lost their lives during the Second World War, 1936-1945. A decision has been made to move the cenotaph to the Summerberry Cemetery for better maintenance, more visibility to the public, and to join the gate posts that honor the First World War veterans. Anyone wishing to donate to the cost of this move and receive a tax donation receipt please forward donation by cheque made payable to RM of Wolseley #155, P.O. Box 370, Wolseley, SK S0G 5H0 or e-transfer to rm155@sasktel.net



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Cenotaph relocation
This cenotaph in the hamlet of Summerberry will be relocated to the cemetery of Summerberry, to provide better maintenance and visibility

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Second new STARS helicopter is welcomed to Regina fleet



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Together with patients, crew, community supporters and government officials, STARS officially welcomed its newest Airbus H145 helicopter to Regina and the province. The aircraft, which entered service in Saskatchewan weeks ago, is the fifth of ten helicopters needed to replace the air ambulance's fleet across Western Canada.

"Today is about bringing us another step closer to making our fleet renewal program a reality," said STARS president and CEO Andrea Robertson. "It is also about paying tribute to the man who brought STARS to Saskatchewan and has since helped it flourish."

The helicopter's official registration marks are "C-GFRG," and the last three letters stand for "Founder Rod Gantefer" in honour of the well-known community leader, provincial politician, and member of the Saskatchewan Order of

Merit.

Gantefer was instrumental in establishing STARS' operations in the province a decade ago and led the STARS Foundation in Saskatchewan for a number of years. Most recently he volunteered to chair fundraising efforts to build a heliport at the hospital in his hometown of Melfort, where a similar event was held in his honour.

"Rod has done so much for the thousands of patients we've helped across Saskatchewan since 2012," said Robertson. "We're thrilled that the new aircraft named after him will help us fight for the lives of thousands more patients for decades to come."

One such patient was at the event, thanking Gantefer for making STARS possible. Regina resident Carrie Derin was cared for and flown by STARS after being critically injured in an ATV incident in 2012.

"When I see that red helicopter in the sky, I know that it's holding angels and carrying the best

gift of all — life," said Derin. "We're lucky to have STARS in Saskatchewan."

Also welcoming the new aircraft and recognizing Mr. Gantefer were Hon. Paul Merriman, Minister of Health and Hon. Everett Hindley, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health. The Government of Saskatchewan announced in December 2018 its commitment to fund the first of STARS' new fleet in the province.

"For nearly a decade, STARS has played an integral role in helping save the lives of Saskatchewan residents," said Minister of Health Paul Merriman. "STARS will continue to be a vital part of emergency health care services in our province. With a renewed fleet of helicopters comes a renewed feeling of comfort, knowing our health and safety are in very capable hands with STARS."

The Fleet renewal is important for STARS' sustainability. In 2018, STARS unveiled its multi-year Keep the Fight in

Solar light vigil

Solar lights mark each of the 751 unmarked graves that were recently located at the cemetery in Marieval on the Cowessess First Nation. A vigil was held on June 26 at the cemetery.

Flight capital campaign to renew its fleet of BK117 and AW139 aircraft with new, medically-equipped Airbus H145 helicopters, at a cost of CAD \$13 million each.

Thanks to government, community and corporate support, the not-for-profit charity began taking delivery of the state-of-the-art H145 helicopters in 2019. Since that time, STARS has flown hundreds of missions from its Saskatoon base with its first new aircraft in

Saskatchewan, named "LLS" as a nod to "Land of Living Skies."

Although it has millions of dollars left to raise, STARS hopes to wrap up its ambitious fundraising campaign by the end of the year and see the remainder of the new fleet enter service across Western Canada through 2022.

"We're so grateful to our donors for helping us make a generational investment in a new fleet," said Robertson. "We've got more work ahead of us, but we're hopeful the community will continue to support the campaign so we can reach our fundraising goal by the end of this year."

Cowessess locates 751 graves

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why the Catholic Church removed them.

Marieval Residential School

The Marieval Residential School was associated with the Sacred Heart of Mary Church, built in 1888 at the east end of Crooked Lake. Along with the church, priests established a school in 1899. Written records were removed from Cowessess in the 1970s, but oral reports indicate that children from First Nations in southeast Saskatchewan and southwestern Manitoba attended the school. The institution continued to operate under the direction of the Roman Catholic Church until the Department of Indian Affairs took over in 1968. The residential school was closed in 1997 and demolished shortly afterwards. It was replaced by a day school.

As of June 23, ground-penetrating radar made 751 hits in a specified 44,000 square-meter area of the cemetery affiliated with the church and residential school. Small flags and little solar lights now indicate the location of each hit. The technical team said the radar has a potential 10 per cent margin for error so they will assess each of the spots in the coming weeks. In the meantime, Chief Delorme has cautiously stated that there are more than 600 graves, rather than exaggerating the specific number.

First Nation leaders will continue to work with the local archdiocese and senior band members to acquire records and compile information so every grave can be identified and respectfully marked with a headstone.

Widespread Response

Following Cowessess' announcement, there has been an outpouring of condolences.

Neighboring First Nations voiced their sorrow. "Words cannot convey the shared grief, sadness and anger that envelopes our people," Zagime First Nation Chief Lynn Acoose said in a statement. "We also carry with us collective resolve to create change from this time of reckoning. We extend our love and prayers to our relatives at Cowessess First Nation and all survivors and their families affected by this awful news."

Premier Scott Moe likewise expressed his sympathy and commitment to helping Cowessess and other First Nations. "All of Saskatchewan mourns for those who were discovered buried in unmarked graves near the former Marieval Indian Residential School site," he said via social media. "I have spoken with Chief Cameron of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations and Chief Cadmus Delorme to offer the full support of the provincial government as Cowessess deals with this tragic discovery."

Federal leaders have pledged support as well. The Government of Canada has promised to give the FSIN \$4.88 million in funding to find and commemorate the burial sites of First Nations children who were forced to attend residential schools in Saskatchewan, ensuring that the gravesite project on Cowessess and similar locations can continue.

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