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League champs

The Melville U15 Ice won the league banner by defeating the Whitewood Elks in game three. Pictured are, back row (l-r) Andrew Martinook, Trystin Asplund, Tasia Serelo, Tykana Maydonick, Tristan Kutas, Michael Klus, Landon Olech, Judah Drinnan, Kale Schwitzer, Nixon Strandberg, Andy Hu, Keaton Munteanu, Colby Straker, William Coder, Michael Mann and Conway Maydonick. Front row: Kevin Stoll, Sutton Martinook, Chase Yakimoski, Noah Lubachowski, Beau Elliott, Connor Stoll, Logan Munteanu. See story on page 16.

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Toronto and Winnipeg Street subdivision

City slashes prices on vacant residential lots

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

Melville city council has approved a price reduction of between 42 to 56 per cent for residential lots on Winnipeg and Toronto Streets in hopes of spurring some movement with the vacant subdivision.

“Right now we have 45 fully serviced lots on Toronto and Winnipeg Streets,” Director of Public Works & Planning Services Andrew Fahlman told city council at their meeting on Mar. 21. “We had high hopes for last year in selling a couple of them. We started out the year really good with lots of inquires, however the cost impacts of COVID and the lumber as well as the price of the lots, we weren’t able to move any.”

To help determine how to move the lots, the City engaged with a local realtor who recommended lowering the price of the lots to make it more attractive for people and families to move and/or build in the community. Part of the recommendation was to reduce the price of Toronto Street lots, north of 3rd Ave, from their current price of up to \$43,075 down to \$25,000 (a 42 per cent reduction) and the those south of 3rd Ave, which currently cost up to \$45,215, down to \$20,000 (a 56 per cent reduction). The reason for the price difference north and south of 3rd Ave was because there is green space behind the houses north of 3rd Ave, making them more attractive. The suggestion for the lots on Winnipeg Street was to reduce their price from \$33,755 down to \$13,500 (a 56 per cent reduction).

In coming up with a recommendation to move the lots, Fahlman told council that the City also looked at other options such as tax incentives and what other communities are doing. But in the end, they felt that dropping the price was the best option at this time.

“Yorkton recently announced that they have a five-year, 100 per cent tax incentive for their lots. However, right now currently, Yorkton’s lots, and a lot of other communities with lots with tax incentives, quite

substantially have more costs to them. Yorkton’s lots range from \$67,000 to over \$200,000. So by pricing it at this, we are able to still come in a lot lower than our closest neighbours as well as other communities that do have tax incentives,” said Fahlman.

Melville currently does not provide tax incentives for residential property but the incentives pol-

icy is currently being reviewed and is expected to be brought back to council in the next several months for discussion. The city’s property sales policy does however stipulate that construction must begin within six months of a lot being purchased and completed within two years. Failure to do so can result in the lot being forfeited back to City for refund.

Agreeing with the need to reduce the lots and get them sold, Councillor Lori Kraft raised the question whether the recommended price reduction was aggressive enough to sell them or whether council should be looking at even lower prices.

“None of these lots have sold in the last eight years. I would rather take a further loss on the lots to get those houses in, to get those families in, to get those tax dollars in. I’m definitely not opposed to see that amount reduced even further,” said Kraft. “I know that that’s a huge reduction, 42 per cent to 56 per cent, my thinking is just that there are 45 lots, not 10 or 20, but there are 45 that have been vacant for eight years. I’m sure the realtor has given advice that will make them more attractive for people, that’s going to get people to take a second look. I want people to be running here with a shovel to start building their home. Let’s try to have a goal to fill these 45 lots in ‘X’ amount of years, not just hope we get two or three that come in a year because it looks attractive. I want it to be amazing and people to flock here and make Toronto and Winnipeg (Streets) their new home.”

Councillor Joe Kirwan agreed with Councillor Kraft, saying that the value of property is only what the market will bear and that he too wasn’t opposed to a further reduction if it means seeing the properties sold.

“Obviously, the market doesn’t have much appetite for the currently priced lots. I would rather see the lots sold and have buildings on there as opposed to sitting vacant,” said Kirwan.



Lots of lots

Melville’s Director of Public Works & Planning Services Andrew Fahlman, Mayor Walter Streelasky and Planning Services Manager Alex Popoff stand at the Toronto Street subdivision.

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Federal carbon tax increase is no April Fool's joke

25 per cent increase starts April 1, 2022

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

April 1, 2022 will see another 25 per cent increase to the carbon tax if the Trudeau government moves ahead with their planned carbon tax hike.

This increase to the tax raises the cost of greenhouse gas emissions from \$40 per tonne to \$50 per tonne with a proposed increase by the Liberals by \$15 per year until 2030 when it's expected to reach \$170 per tonne.

The hike comes even as gas prices hit record highs across Canada and will result in an increase of 11 cents per litre on April 1st.

The goal of the carbon tax is to encourage people to look for other alternatives—is it working?

The move to reduce carbon; the move to drive carbon down... it's felt that's only going to be achieved by people looking for other alternatives. Using public transit, walking, using bikes.

By people saying 'my gosh, it costs me so much to fill up my tank, I need to look at other methods' going to make the difference?

Many politicians, as well as others including the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is urging the federal government to freeze the carbon tax.

At present, many small businesses are unable to absorb additional cost increases.

In 2020, the CFIB's farm members estimated they were paying almost \$14,000 in federal carbon taxes when the carbon tax was set at \$20 per tonne of CO₂.

When one factors in standard inflationary costs for food, the tripling of fertilizer costs, and the meteoric rise in fuel for vehicles and heating, the CFIB feels that the Canadian farmer is reaching a breaking point.

"Despite the rapidly rising cost of fuel, and that only a third of small businesses have regained their pre-pandemic sales levels, the federal government

seems determined to move forward with increasing the federal carbon tax," said Corinne Pohlmann, Senior Vice-President of National Affairs at CFIB. "Small businesses need a chance to regain their breath and pay down their debt. This is not the time to be adding any new costs to struggling small businesses."

Along with urging the federal government to freeze the carbon taxes increase, the CFIB wants the government to provide a solution on ways to reduce energy costs for small business owners.

The CFIB suggests:

- Halting all current and future tax increases, including the alcohol excise tax, Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Employment Insurance (EI) premiums;
- Extending the Canada Recovery Hiring Program for six months (until September 2022) and expanding eligibility to new businesses;
- Accelerating plans to reduce credit card processing fees for small businesses.

"Small businesses may be on their way out of the pandemic, but it will be a slow and difficult climb," summed up Pohlmann.

The federal government could show small businesses that it's listening to them and cares about their recovery by freezing the carbon tax instead of increasing it.

Virginia Labbie, Senior Policy Analyst for Agri-business, CFIB, knows that "Farmers can not take on more costs."

She said that the Canadian government must provide relief to its ag industry.

"Freeze the carbon tax and halt any current or future deductions such as EI and CPP payments," Labbie stated, and take a "longer-term look at reducing the burden of carbon tax on farmers."

Labbie also mentioned Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (qualifying farming fuel), that died before receiving Royal Assent when the 2021 federal election was called.

She pointed out that the Parliamen-

tary Budget Officer had estimated that Bill C-206 would have saved Canadian farmers \$1.1 billion over 10 years if it had passed—monies that could have been utilized by farmers to reinvest in their business, continue to invest in technology, and contribute to their local community.

When fully implemented, Trudeau's carbon tax will add 38 cents per litre to the cost of gasoline alone.

The federal government is now raking in billions of dollars annually in new revenue from carbon taxes.

Rebates are being eroded once the provincial and federal sales taxes on carbon pricing are accounted for.

In December, 2022, Trudeau will introduce a second carbon tax called the clean fuel standard which, so far, does not include rebates to offset the higher costs for goods and services Canadians will pay because of it.

The federal environment ministry has said the clean fuel standard will increase energy poverty in Canada.

Trudeau says his government has earmarked \$100 billion of taxpayers' money for clean energy and to fight climate change since coming into office in 2015.

But it has yet to produce a plan showing how it will reach its climate targets under the United Nations Paris climate accord Trudeau has agreed to, lowering Canada's emissions to 40% to 45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to net zero by 2050.

The government says it will release its plan to reach the 2030 target by the end of March 2022.

There are some that do not believe targets will be reached. At the end of December 2021, the Toronto Sun released an article stating that there has been little progress in reducing green-

house gas emissions, which is what carbon taxes are supposed to do.

Up until now, the Trudeau government has presided over an increase in Canada's emissions by seven million tonnes annually, or 1 per cent, from 2015 to 2019, the last year for which federal data was available.

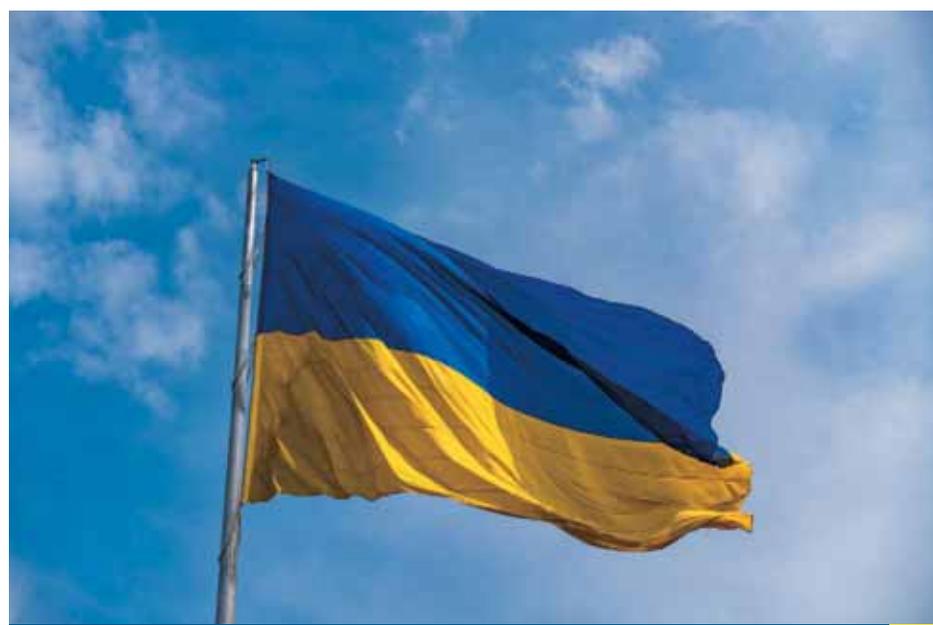
In 2015, Canada's annual emissions were 723 million tonnes. In 2019, marking the end of Trudeau's first, four-year term of office, they were 730 million tonnes.

With emissions having increased by seven million tonnes from 2015 to 2019, Trudeau will have to lower them by at least 286.6 million tonnes annually from 2020 to 2030, to meet his minimum target of 443 million tonnes of emissions in that year.

Reducing Canada's emissions by 286.6 million tonnes by 2030 would require the equivalent of eliminating all emissions from Canada's oil and gas sector in 2019 — 191.4 million tonnes — plus 51.2 per cent of the 185.8 million tonnes of emissions from the transportation sector in 2019.

When the Trudeau government reports Canada's emissions for 2020 in April 2022, they will be down significantly from 2019, but the reason for that will be the global recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic which decreased the demand for fossil fuel energy worldwide.

The UN says in order to avoid catastrophic warming, global emissions must decrease by an average of 7.6 per cent annually between 2020 and 2030 — meaning each year has to record a greater drop in global emissions than the 5.4 per cent decrease caused by COVID-19 in 2020.



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Strike over CP Rail labour dispute ends

Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

A labour dispute at CP Rail that began Sunday morning was the latest escalation that created a nation-wide stoppage of engineers, conductors and other train employees.

The company and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, the union representing the workers, started negotiating a new contract last September. The union said the main issues are wages, pensions and aspects of working conditions — such as not forcing employees to take federally mandated reset days when they're away from home.

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. issued a 72-hour notice on Wednesday to the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, planning to lock out almost 3,000 employees if the union and the company were unable to come to a negotiated settlement or agree to binding arbitration.

The Calgary-based railway received strike notice from the union on Thursday and on Sunday morning, as a result of the work stoppage, the railway was safely executing a Canada-wide shutdown of its services.

It was announced on Tuesday morning that by noon that day the workers

would be back on the job after CP Rail and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference agreed to final and binding arbitration to end the work stoppage. One labour relations expert says it could take weeks before matters are settled between the country's second-largest railway and the union representing 3,000 conductors, engineers, train and yard workers.

The work stoppage was a threat to the already impacted flow of goods due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current invasion in Ukraine by Russia.

Canadian business organizations and industry experts called on Ottawa to mandate a back-to-work order as the disruptions could have consequences throughout the entire food supply chain.

As Canada's economy grapples with inflation, supply chain issues brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic have already driven up the cost of food and other household items. If there is no rail capacity to transport goods, experts say the work stoppage would lead to increased prices, especially at the grocery store.

Now, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is threatening the worldwide supply of wheat and adding to increased gas prices at the pumps.

Perrin Beatty, president of the Ca-

nadian Chamber of Commerce, said back-to-work legislation must be tabled immediately.

"This work stoppage will have a deep and adverse impact for all Canadian businesses, both big and small, who rely on rail for their supply chain," Beatty said.

As spring seeding approaches for farmers, any delay on the rail lines could lead to production cuts that would affect everything from shipments of fertilizer and other inputs. Deliveries of emergency livestock feed to drought-affected parts of the Prairies will be affected and.

Farm groups have warned any delay on the rail lines could lead to production cuts that would affect everything from shipments of fertilizer and other inputs during spring seeding season to deliveries of emergency livestock feed to drought-affected parts of the Prairies.

"At a time where there is significant global disruptions in the flow of goods, this labour disruption would directly damage Canada's capacity to act as reliable source agricultural products to global consumers," the Canadian Federation of Agriculture said.

It is felt that grain farmers can't afford a work stoppage of more than a few days. Cattle farmers are worried about

getting enough feed for their animals. Last year's drought forced them to rely on corn being delivered by rail from the U.S.

Bob Lowe, president of Canadian Cattlemen's Association, had spoken to policymakers, Canadian Pacific and the union to explain how dire of a situation a halt to rail service creates.

He expects they will need to import 400 times the amount of feed from the U.S. than they did last year.

"A rail strike is never a good thing, but this one hits us right where it hurts."

Fertilizer Canada, a group representing manufacturers, wholesale and retail distributors, also called on the federal government to take immediate action.

"Canada cannot afford another disruption to our supply chain," Karen Proud, president and chief executive officer of Fertilizer Canada, said in a statement Sunday morning. "Seventy-five per cent of all fertilizer in Canada is moved by rail. During the lead-up to spring seeding, every day, frankly every hour, counts."

The House of Commons resumed Monday following a two-week break and stated they hoped an agreement would be reached in order to prevent government intervention being needed.

Sask. government fees, charges to see increase for 2022-2023

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The Saskatchewan government has announced that certain fees and charges paid in Saskatchewan will change in 2022-23 to better reflect the cost of related provincial services.

The changes are forecast to generate about \$2.7 million in additional revenue in 2022-23.

If you are a hunter, trapper or fisherman or woman, you will pay \$5 more. Most Saskatchewan resident hunting, trapping and seasonal angling licence fees will increase by \$5, with corresponding increases to Canadian resident and non-resident licence fees. Overall revenue increase of \$3.27 million in 2022-23 is predicted.

Gravel permit fees will increase, as part of a three-

year phase in to achieve rates that are more reflective of market value. Expected revenue increase is \$160,000 in 2022-23; \$287,000 incremental revenue annually once fully implemented.

Stunting and Street Racing Fines increase substantially effective October 1, 2022, for drivers that engage in stunting as well as drivers that engage in street racing. The fine for stunting in a motor vehicle increases from \$175 to \$580. The fine for street racing increases from \$150 to \$580 for the first offence, \$1,400 for the second offence, and \$2,100 for the third and subsequent offences. These fees will see increase revenue by \$95,000 in 2022-23 and \$176,000 in subsequent years.

Cottage Land Lease Fees for properties in the provincial parks system are being adjusted as follows: Average fee increase of \$118 per cottage lessee over the next four years, representing a 13 per cent increase. The revenue increase will be \$200,000 for 2022-23.

Cannabis Application and Permit Fees increase by 10 per cent to better reflect the administrative costs

associated with reviewing and approving applications and processing permits resulting in an annual revenue increase of \$112,000.

All fee increases can be seen on the Government of Saskatchewan website.

Rate Review Panel seeks input into proposed SaskPower increase

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The Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel is seeking comments and questions from the public regarding a proposed SaskPower rate increase for 2022/2023. The Panel will be receiving feedback from public meetings in Regina and Saskatoon as well as online, by phone, mail or email.

The Panel encourages participation in all of its reviews and urges the public to participate in the review. "It is important that people have access to the information, ask questions and can express their opinions regarding the Rate Application from SaskPower," said Panel Chair Al Johnston. "It is important that the Panel hears this input as we consider the application and make our recommendations to government."

The in-person/virtual public meetings will be in Regina on April 5 and in Saskatoon on April 6 as part of its review of SaskPower's 2022 and 2023 Rate Application. The panel is also welcoming comments and questions from the public through the following platforms:

- Online at www.saskratereview.ca under the "Contact the Panel" section
- Facebook at www.facebook.com/saskratereview
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- Mail: P.O. Box 1301, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 3N1
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As part of the review, the Panel provides the government with an opinion regarding the fairness and reasonableness of the proposed rate request, while balancing the interest of the customer, the Crown corporation, and the public. The provincial Cabinet makes the final decision on the rate request. When the review process is completed, the Panel's report will be available at www.saskratereview.ca.

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Prairie Valley Board of Education meeting summary

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A summary was released (by the Board of Education) of Prairie Valley School Division summarizing their regular meeting held March 16, 2022.

Transportation Report, North Valley/Balcarres

Parents in the rural areas south of Balcarres and west of Lemberg, along with residents in the community of Abernethy, will continue to have bus service to schools in either North Valley or Balcarres, even if they live outside of the school catchment area.

However, the Board confirmed this option will expire at the end of the 2023 school year. This comes following a boundary review and public consultations, requested by the Board of Education in the fall. The boundary review looked at bus transportation catchment areas for Balcarres Community School, North Valley High School and North Valley Elementary School. Public consultations were held in Balcarres and North Valley November 23rd and 24th, 2021. The issue traces back to a transportation services review, conducted by Prairie Valley School Division more than a decade ago. That review set the community of Abernethy and surrounding rural area as part of the Balcarres Community School catchment. However, an accommodation was made for families who wanted to send their children to schools in North Valley.

In February of 2011, the then-board confirmed the current catchment boundary, but said students at-

tending these schools could continue taking a bus to the school of their choice until they finished Grade 12. The last student covered by this accommodation is scheduled to graduate next year. Following a thorough discussion, the Board recognized ending this accommodation will not please everyone. However, it is a decision consistent with Prairie Valley's desire to operate a student transportation system that is safe, efficient, responsive and consistent. Parents wishing to send a child to a school outside of their local catchment area will have that option as outlined in the courtesy ridership policy, unless a school's enrolment is at capacity. The Board thanks everyone who participated in the public consultations for their thoughtful comments on this important issue.

Budget Development Process -2022-2023

With an important provincial budget days away, the Board received an update on development of a 2022-2023 budget for the Prairie Valley School Division. This budget development work is an ongoing process and is a continuation of the reorganization plan started last year. While final details won't be available until after the provincial budget is released, Prairie Valley is assuming it will receive additional funding covering the two per cent teacher salary increase—a commitment that has already been made by the province.

Further, it is expected an anticipated enrolment increase for next year, forecasted in January of 2022, will mean additional revenue for the school division. The Board hopes government will prioritize the needs of education and recognize inflationary costs, the cost of

commitments to staff beyond teaching staff with salary step increases as well as facilities' needs.

Quarterly Financial Update and Public Accounts

The Board received the first quarter financial update and supplementary public accounts for the period ending February 28, 2022. Overall, total revenues are up by an estimated \$2.5 million due to an increase in enrolment over numbers projected earlier in the school year. There is also an increase in tuition revenues, because of an increase in federally funded students.

Prairie Valley has also received confirmation of \$500,000 for a new portable at Pilot Butte School, due to significant population increases in that community.

Prairie Valley will be closely monitoring fuel and utility costs for the remainder of the school year. Severe weather and rapidly increasing gas and diesel costs are pushing spending higher.

The complete financial update will be posted at: pvpsd.ca/publications.

Director's Report

Safety system upgrades a Wolseley High, Whitewood and Kelliher Schools are proceeding on schedule. Work includes upgrades to main fire alarm panels, pull stations and smoke detectors. Exit lights and emergency lighting will also be upgraded.

Talks continued with the Town of White City on school site planning, Edenwold on a grant application for grounds development and with Pilot Butte on the development of a facility shared-use agreement.

Grenfell council approached by Zagime FN for pow wow

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Grenfell town council held its regular meeting on March 16 at 7 p.m.

Councillor Les McGhie was absent from the meeting but provided a written report to council. She described an incident in which a spectator fell and was injured on a wheelchair ramp at the Grenfell Regional Park (GRP) Arena

during a recent hockey game. The ramp was built many years ago to go over steps; it is now in poor condition and does not meet building code regulations. Mayor Rod Wolfe stated that the ramp should be discarded immediately and Councilor Dwayne Stone agreed. Public Works Superintendent Van Bot has already submitted estimates to council so a replacement ramp can be included in the 2022 municipal budget. Administra-

tion will reach out to the injured individual to express sympathy and inform them of the measures being taken.

Councillor Patty Cole, who participated by phone, reported that the Finance Committee had met and anticipates that a proposed budget will be available to council for review in a couple of weeks.

In 2021, the Town of Grenfell reopened the mini golf course at the Grenfell Recreational Park (GRP). During the summer, the town incurred a \$5,000 deficit primarily for employee salaries. As a result, the town is exploring other options for operating the facility and issued a Request for Proposals to lease the clubhouse and mini golf course. Candace Rienks, owner of the Weenie Wagon food truck, submitted a proposal to provide food services and operate the mini golf course. Council discussed the proposal, along with possible changes to the clubhouse interior. Council intends to continue discussions with Rienks, the public works department, and the Grenfell Golf Club before finalizing a lease agreement.

Council reviewed information from

Zagime First Nation Councillor Randall Sparvier and Grenfell Director of Recreation and Culture Andrea Nicholl regarding the possibility of Zagime partnering with the town to host their annual pow wow at the GRP. Organizers have noted a decrease in attendance and problems with inclement weather at Zagime's outdoor pow wow grounds. They are considering the option of renting the GRP arena and campground for three days of pow wow, June 17 to 19. Grenfell council saw this as a favorable proposition. It would support reconciliation efforts and build relationships between Grenfell and the First Nation. It would also provide economic benefits to the community through facility rentals and drawing visitors to local businesses. Council discussed logistics for the proposal and agreed to rent the campsites at regular rates but offer the arena for the family reunion discounted rate of \$1,500. They authorized Nicholl to manage the necessary arrangements and agreements.



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Province provides additional \$1.8 million to school divisions for 2021-22 school year

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The province announced that Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will be provided an additional \$1.8 million in funding to alleviate additional substitute teacher and other school-based employee costs. This funding will be used for additional costs incurred in the 2021-22 school year.

"We are happy to provide this additional funding to school divisions for the unforeseen costs they have incurred this school year," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said. "We appreciate the work of our school divisions, teachers and other school-based staff for their dedication to supporting students."

The funding will be dispersed among all the divisions by the end of March.

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation welcomed news of the additional funding, saying it is an acknowledgement of the significant costs and challenges schools have faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Federation expects that the government's 2022-23 budget will provide adequate funding to address the realities in the public education system. When the 2022-23 budget is released, the K-12 education operational budget will require a 4.7 percent increase over the 2021-22 budget to keep up with inflation costs and student enrolment. Anything less than 4.7 percent is a deficit budget and will force school divisions to cut programs, services and supports to students.

"Since 2017, the government has chosen to not maintain operational funding to schools," said STF President Patrick Maze. "Funding over the last five years has not kept pace with enrolment increase and inflation. School divisions have had less purchasing power and more students to serve. Students are the ones paying the price with high class sizes, fewer non-teaching supports and less access to programming to address their unique educational needs. All Saskatchewan stu-

dents deserve a quality and properly funded public education."

The Federation also calls on the Government of Saskatchewan to provide funding specifically for:

- Addressing class size, composition and complexity, including recommendations of the Provincial Committee on Class Size and Composition.
- Catching up students who experienced a learning loss due to the pandemic.
- Ensuring students have timely access to professional mental health supports.
- Timely access to professional services such as school psychologists, speech language pathologists and occupational therapists.
- Funding and supports to welcome additional students from Ukraine into our schools, including meeting the demands of increased enrolment and specific needs of those students.
- Making the child-care subsidy accessible to Ukrainian newcomers.

"If we want Saskatchewan to have a strong future, it must be a place where our young people choose to stay and build a life," said Maze. "A properly funded education system would not only make Saskatchewan an attractive place to raise a family today, but it would also ensure tomorrow's workforce is prepared with the skills and knowledge to be competitive."

Following the tabling of the provincial budget on March 23, the Federation will provide a response on behalf of Saskatchewan teachers.

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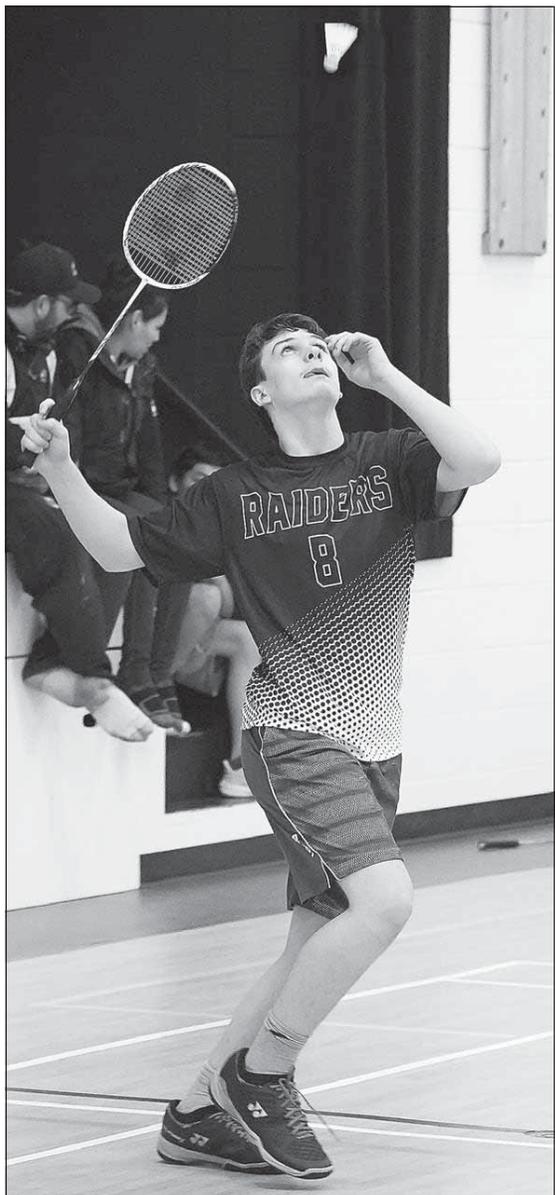
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OPINION

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the future in the distance and
the good that we can do."

Canada ranked as one of best countries for air quality

Less than one week prior to the next increase in carbon tax by the federal government, I read an article that states, "The Scandinavian countries, Australia, Canada, Japan and United Kingdom ranked among the best countries for air quality, with average levels that exceeded the guidelines by 1 to 2 times."

The report was given by IQAir, a company that tracks global air quality, who found that average annual air pollution in every country exceeded the World Health Organization's air quality guidelines. These are the guidelines designed to help governments craft regulations to protect public health.

So now we know, Canada is one of the best countries for air quality but we are continuing to pay increased carbon taxes to help produce even better air quality.

There were three territories found to have met WHO guidelines: the French territory of New Caledonia and the United States territories of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

In the United States, IQAir found air pollution exceeded WHO guidelines by 2 to 3 times in 2021.

Of interest though is that this report is based on WHO's annual air pollution guidelines that were updated in September 2021. The new guidelines halved the acceptable concentration of fine particulate matter — or PM 2.5 — from 10 down to 5 micrograms per cubic meter. PM 2.5 is the tiniest pollutant yet also among the most dangerous. When inhaled, it travels deep into lung tissue where it can enter the bloodstream. It comes from sources like the burning of fossil fuels, dust storms and wildfires, and has been linked to a number

of health threats including asthma, heart disease and other respiratory illnesses.

I'm not sure how many cities there are in Canada but the report says only 222 cities of the 6,475 analyzed had average air quality that met WHO's standard. My guess is that the majority of Canadian cities are registering near the air quality guidelines.

Now add to this that Saskatchewan continues to lead the world in the production of potash, which emits 50 per cent fewer emissions and is more sustainably produced here than in any jurisdiction in the world, and I'm left wondering why our Saskatchewan citizens are paying such a high price to clean up our air when the rest of WHO's countries are greatly exceeding the standards of air quality numbers?

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded in its 2021 report that, in addition to slowing the speed of global warming, curbing the use of fossil fuels would have the added benefit of improving air quality and public health.

Volcanoes produce gases that erupt into our atmosphere and water is a greenhouse gas but it was not until humans started emitting gases by using fossil fuels that problems began as the atmosphere could not absorb them all.

India, Pakistan and Bangladesh were among the countries in the recent report with the worst air pollution, exceeding the guidelines by at least 10 times. How many years will it take for these countries to reach the targets under the United Nations Paris climate accord? Trudeau has agreed to lowering Canada's emissions to

40% or 45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to net zero by 2050. And we are only maybe 1% over the desired air quality.

Are we, as Canadians, playing a high tax price to sit on the good side of the UN? Will these proposals ever be reached by all the other countries in the world and especially with the ever changing guidelines for air quality compliance?

Are the actions that Canada is undertaking really making any bit of a dent in global warming? When I read we are 1% over the guidelines and the United States are 2 to 3 times over the guidelines, and there are countries that are 10% over, I really am left wanting more proof that there is a light at the end of this tunnel of decreasing global warming and that as a Canadian citizen, I am not just paying money that is destroying our economy to buy a membership to look good in the United Nations.

What are the countries that are bogged down in pollution doing to stop what is predicted as the quick growing increase of global warming? Today, CO2 levels are higher than they have been in at least 3 million years. And although they still account for only 0.04% of the atmosphere, that still adds up to billions upon billions of tons of heat-trapping gas.

Is the whole world involved in decreasing heat-trapping gas? If not, I can only hope that all my carbon tax dollars turn us into a country like the Virgin Islands where the guidelines have been met and the sun shines brightly!

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

A tough budget made easier to take

By Murray Mandryk
Political Columnist

Getting the provincial budget right is no easy task in the best of years.

Suffice to say, the past two years of an economic downturn driven by the pandemic and accompanied by last year's drought that saw a 47-per-cent drop in crop production have not been the best of years.

It's been really hard for the Saskatchewan Party government to get the past couple of budgets completely right.

The massive \$2.2-billion monster deficit in 2021-22 likely tells you all you really need to know about how badly this budget has gone off the rails — something the government seemingly acknowledged in its 2022-23 budget that is themed back-on-track.

Unlike what's happened on the CP Rail lines, let's hope this train keeps running.

Perhaps the best news in the budget is the concerted effort to put the brakes on the runaway public debt.

Finance Minister Donna Harpauer's plan calls for a \$463-million deficit in 2022-23 — one-fifth the 2021-22.

However, it won't be enough to prevent public debt from soaring

past \$30 billion this year. Moreover, this year's deficit will be followed by a \$384-million deficit in 2023-24, a \$321-million deficit in 2024-25 and a \$165-million deficit in 2025-26, further hiking public debt past \$35 billion by 2027.

Worse, we will be paying \$622 million on the \$9-billion operational debt — the interest we are paying the cumulative costs of past deficits and other borrowing that we have to shell out before any of the bills are paid.

But unlike 2017 when the Sask. Party government slashed programs like the Saskatchewan Transportation Company bus service and implemented major tax hikes like a one-percentage point provincial sales tax increase, Harpauer opted for a gentler approach after two tough years for all of us.

Rather than a general PST increase, Harpauer expanded the PST to previously exempt items in which we are now paying the federal goods and services tax like "sporting events, concerts, museums, fairs, gym memberships and golf green fees". However, such changes won't come until Oct. 1 — after golf season and before the Grey Cup — to allow various organizations to have time to make adjustments.

The government also hiked sin taxes — two cents a cigarette for



that.

However, what's really driving the increase in 2022-23 government revenue — \$17.2 billion this fiscal year is our good old natural resources that have been the staple of the Saskatchewan economy for years.

A boycott of Russia and Belarus potash resulting from the invasion of Ukraine will result in \$420-million more in potash royalties this year. Oil now trading at \$115 US a barrel will result in \$77-million more in resource surcharge that might even go higher, given that the government is only counting oil to average \$75.75 US a barrel in the coming year.

The upside of the commodity windfall is that it helps get us out of a worse budget deficit. The downside is that this budget makes us further depend on such natural

resources that only accounted for about eight per cent of total government revenue last year. This year, resource revenues will account for about 16 per cent of revenues.

Better news is a recovering economy means an added \$104-million more in PST revenue.

This likely afforded Harpauer the option of spending more — \$17.6 billion in total in 2022-23 — \$3.2-billion of which is capital project spending. However, the government is largely counting on \$13.6 billion in private sector investment to drive the economy.

That is allowing the government to focus on program funding to reduce surgical wait times and to recruit doctors and nurses.

Many won't see it as doing enough. But coming out of two tough years, the budget is doing a surprising amount.

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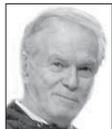
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Letter to the Editor - Our world has changed forever, what does the future hold?

Dear Editor,

Where are we now? At this time, March 15, it is day 20 of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Our world as we know it has changed forever. There are many ways we can look at what is happening in Europe today. One perspective is that we (myself included) will appreciate more than before this country Canada we call our home. Democracy surely needs to be guarded, but if we do not have a democracy to begin with, then what? Russia is ruled by a ruthless communist dictator. There are not enough words in the English language to describe Mr. Putin, non of them complimentary.

I believe all the countries of the world will now examine just how Putin's invasion of Ukraine will impact them - what trade relations they have with their own "allies", the multi national businesses from resource sectors, manufacturing, high tech companies, to armament industries, may now be seeking new alliances or bolstering new ones. Global security is now, more than ever only an illusion. There is no such thing as global security, and there never will be.

How can we live with the real time events that are happening in Ukraine? For the past twenty days, our senses have been on overload seeing and hearing the desperate cries of the people. The media has honoured their bravery and courage. All of NATO, the same, from one puppet master to the next, they have all lip synced to the same refrain over and over again. "Putin must pay. Russia will pay." I believe that our democracy and our past is paying NOW for what is happening. Greed and power have been the dominant influence on the world stage, in secular and non secular societies. Under the banner of national security and a higher standard of living, our minds have become poisoned by a mass hypnosis, saying "this is what we want and need". We have become blinded by our own pride and vanity as individuals, as a society, and as nations. "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity" Ecclesiastes 1:2. Is there any real compassion left in our hearts as individuals? Are we ready to put aside our personal pride, vanities and prejudices? To reach out to our families, our neighbours, (our enemies), in true love and fellowship from the heart, not just lip service from the mouth? Are we able to be introspective in a good way, come together and realize that what we really need cannot be gained by wealth, fame, power, or possessions? We must, each one of us accept that there is both good and evil "out there"; not only "out there", but "in here", in our own selves. It is likened to an addiction. How can we rid our minds and bodies of this addiction? How can we live in a society where there is evil? Firstly by recognizing that in some ways we are powerless to do anything about it, and need to change, to turn our own lives around in a better way - to put into practice, love for one another, caring and compassion not only on days of worship but every day with everyone we meet on the street, every day, to help

each other however we can, as much as we can, as long as we can.

We need a revival of our own spirit, to reconnect with ourselves and our God. We need to pray, not only for ourselves, our families, and neighbours, but also for our enemies. Who are our neighbours? Look at the story of the Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-37. Prayer may not change our circumstances, but it will surely change us. And that's where it starts.

The very young children of Ukraine, will they ever be reunited with their families? How deep will their emotional scars be? Will they grow up to hate or to love? How will their lives be forever changed by Putin's unquenchable thirst for power? Putin has had a very long time to think about this power grab; now he has acted on his thoughts. Putin has made alliances across the world. Asia- China north Korea, Europe- a strong Germany, the Mid East India, Iran. He has done this by his knowledge of capitalism and how it works in the minds of governments and industries. Trade between countries has been going on for thousands of years - exports, imports, trade routes, power and wars. They were and still are a common thread that is now unraveling.

We have all benefited by this growth and expansion, from our resource industries and scientific advances. All has contributed to our "standard of living", but again there was a price to pay. The balance in our daily lives is disrupted. The scales have tipped. The scales of justice perhaps? Man says "justice is blind". God is not blind. He sees and knows what is in our hearts.

Was it Abe Lincoln who said, "you can fool some of the people some of the time but you can't fool all of the people all of the time?" We can even fool ourselves, but we can never fool God.

Now I wonder if this opinion of mine will ever get into print. Under the Charter of Rights And Freedoms, I do have the privilege to express myself but the media is under no obligation to print it (for whatever reason they may have). You are under no obligation to read it (we are not in Russia). It may offend you or even bore you to tears! Either way, let us not take freedom for granted.

In Putin's world, the supremacy of authority is an absolute necessity in his communist regime.

Oh Canada. Glorious and free. Oh Canada, We stand on guard for thee. How do we stand on guard? We do not have any real army, air force or navy to defend our sovereignty over land, sea or air. Where or what is NORAD today? Switzerland, a "neutral" ally has more land and air defense systems than Canada. How then can we, stand on guard? We are a nation that has always looked to a strong government to keep us united from coast to coast. To keep us protected and secure in our daily lives. But now we increasingly find ourselves less secure, and happy then before. Why is that? May I give you my perspective?

A long, long time ago, in schools and public func-

tions, before the commencement of the program, we sang "Oh Canada" our national anthem. We always ended with "God save the (King) Queen". All our schools included "The Lord's Prayer" as part of the curriculum. This I believe, gave us all a sense of identity, a purpose, of who we are, what our values were, being "Canadian" in our own country under God.

Now, today every student and citizen, is told to be politically correct in everything we say, everything we do, and even what is acceptable to think! Our schools and our minds are exposed and vulnerable to this new code of ethics under the guise of inclusion, equality and FREEDOM. We whine and snivel and say our freedoms are being eroded. Do we not yet realize what freedoms are really lost? Will the people of Ukraine have any freedoms left in their war ravaged country?

In the 1970's era, Janis Joplin sang in part "freedom just another word, for nothing left to lose" - Is this where Ukraine is now? Have the U.S.A., NATO and Putin, underestimated the determination and courage of the people to remain free from Putin's enslavement? Was all of NATO willing to sacrifice this sovereign country and appease Putin's mad rush to power, hoping he would stop there? How long can the world stand by? The world is in fear. Where there is fear, love can not enter in. How can we learn to love our neighbours, our enemies? We can pray. Prayer may not always change our circumstances, but prayer will certainly change the man, woman, or child who does pray. And that's where it starts.

There is a man, name of Jack Jackson, also from the 1970's, who put out a gospel CD, entitled "Prison Called Freedom". God gives us the freedom to choose between good and evil, to follow His teachings and His laws. Have we abandoned His eternal laws in favour of the ever changing laws of secular society? I suggest to you that if we follow His Word, we will be free from that prison called freedom to choose.

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you, life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live," from Deuteronomy 30: 19 .

If there is to be a revival of the human spirit, it can only be through the revival of the Holy Spirit of God within us, "as of a rushing mighty wind" Acts 2-2.

- Lou Szucs
Veregin, SK

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Volunteers sought to help research Sask. lakes

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Dr. Kerri Finlay, an associate professor with the University of Regina's Faculty of Science, is looking for volunteer "citizen scientists" to help her research team test the water quality in over 70 of Saskatchewan's lakes this summer.

The water testing is part of the U of R's Community-Based Water Monitoring program, which involves volunteers working in partnership with professional researchers to collect samples from provincial lakes that can be used to monitor environmental changes on a local or large-scale level.

"People in Saskatchewan have many concerns about their water, from algal blooms to elevated salt levels and other pollutants," says Dr. Finlay. "This project helps us collect more data about water quality in the province and engages local communities to better understand the health of the lakes that they swim, boat, and fish in."

The U of R has partnered with Water Rangers on the Community Based Water Monitoring project. Water Rangers is a not-for-profit organization based in Ottawa that develops water quality test kits that all of the volunteers use.

The water test kits have everything that volunteers need to test for various attributes that help the research team to determine the water quality of the various Saskatchewan lakes. Each kit contains equipment that tests for water hardness, alkalinity, chlorine, salinity, pH, oxygen levels, and clarity — along with an

air thermometer, field guides and notepads to record data, water collection cups, stickers, postcards, and other useful items.

The volunteer citizen scientists then log the testing data onto their phones through an app, or they can use log books to keep track of the data if they prefer.

While the research team is looking for citizen scientists to test a variety of lakes throughout the province, they also have a "wish list" of 21 lakes that they are specifically hoping they can find volunteers for.

Round Lake is one of the lakes on the list for volunteer testing.

Citizen scientist Joni Darke began volunteering last year. She is a resident of the Resort Village of B-Say-Tah and tests the water in the nearby Echo Lake. Testing the water allows her to monitor the quality of the water, which is especially important to her because

her grandchildren go swimming in it. Darke plans to volunteer again this summer.

"I was new to this program last year, but I would really like to do a bit more in-depth testing this year," says Darke. "It's amazing how many people come up to me while I am doing the testing and ask me if the water is safe and if they should be swimming in it. I am able to tell them that I am gathering that information so that they will know."

For consistency, volunteers are asked to test on the last Sunday of each month but are welcome to test more frequently.

Anyone who would like to sign up to be a citizen scientist can visit www.waterrangers.ca/saskatchewan/. This page has more information about volunteering with the Water Rangers program, and an application to be a volunteer this summer.

Letter to the Editor - Federal government needs to look inward

Dear Editor,

Coming from first generation fully Ukrainian parents and having been warned over and over by both paternal and maternal grandparents of the horrible reasons why they left Ukraine at the beginning of the last century, I'm following closely what's happening now that Putin has declared a military action against Ukraine.

Of course many Canadians with Ukrainian origins have felt more could be done by our Federal Liberal Government during this dispute to lessen the death and disaster that's being imposed upon Ukraine! Of course Prime Minister Trudeau response when asked over and over for military aid has been; "Canada as a nation has developed into being Peacekeepers and developing peaceful solutions." Ever since the Second World War!

However on that front I believe I have a fair and reasonable question to pose to this trivial response! How can Canada say it's looking for Peace on the World stage WHEN the present Federal Liberal Government has been totally and unequivocally UNABLE to find peace between Eastern and Western Canada for as long as I have ever voted in an election? By the way I have never missed voting in a Provincial, Federal or munic-

ipal election since I was old enough to vote! And I'm 67 years old at present!

Personally I firmly believe it's time for those individuals in Canada whom hold Liberal memberships to speak up and out about the inadequacies that the current Federal Liberal Government is portraying on a daily basis.

Regardless if it's pertaining to the issue of purchasing more oil from Russia than Western Canada, allowing one or both of the two major railways in Canada to only do what appears right for their shareholders as opposed for the good of the nation that has subsidized them since Day 1, and now take a good hard look at the folks that the Canadian Government brought to Canada to settle the vast wilderness known as the Prairies decades ago. Who created homes, schools, churches and vast communities, all those things that has made Canada what it is today and now almost look the other way when a dictatorship is crumbling their homeland!

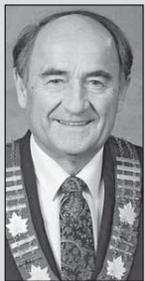
Shame, shame, shame on you the powerful but elitist Liberal Government of Canada!

- Micheal Halyk
Yorkton, SK

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As of February 14, 2022 the provincial government has announced the removal of vaccination requirements in the workplace. Our city will abide by recognized provincial government policy. In regard to the memo received we will continue to advocate that, as citizens of this province, we practice measures that will help impede virus advancement and spread. With the coming of spring and the easing of restrictions it is our community hope that brighter, better days are ahead.

Just recently the City Mayors' Caucus met virtually, as we have previously done during the pandemic, to discuss matters affecting our various communities. We were fortunate to hear from Minister Bennett on issues dealing with mental health and Minister Vandal on Prairie Economic Development as well as other agenda items. The City Mayors' Caucus meets for full day meetings at least twice a year to share common concerns that relate to managing affairs related to our cities. I should note that the City Mayors' group have had bi-monthly meetings with Minister McMorris dealing with pandemic concerns up to this date.

The Melville Millionaires have completed their 2021-22 hockey season. It was a season plagued by starts and stops because of the pandemic. We are grateful for the efforts of the players who came to our community from far and near to provide quality entertainment. Thank you coaches, executive, and faithful fans for your Millionaire support.

As a city we thank the residents neighboring our "Lift Station" construction project. The heavy truck-load back-fill noise issue is certainly challenging. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. The lift station is an essential infrastructure requirement for our waste disposal and so construction expediency is imperative.

Hats off to Isaac Hollinger and Bryden Wieggers who captured the Youth Bowl Canada provincial title recently.

Did you know that in 1907 Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier's government declared mile "297" to be a divisional Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad track site? Melville has enjoyed this status ever since.

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RCMP Detachments of Indian Head and Melville-Ituna

Indian Head RCMP seek B&E suspect

Indian Head Detachment

S/Sgt. Ryan Case

Reporting period:

March 14 to March 20

In the last week, there were 24 files created or calls for service.

Traffic

On March 18 the Indian Head RCMP stopped a vehicle on Highway 1 near Sintaluta and arrested the driver for impaired driving. The driver provided breath samples of 140 mg% and 140 mg%. The driver was already suspended and was also issued a ticket for having open alcohol in the vehicle. The driver has a future court date in Indian Head.

Break and Enter /Mischief

The detachment received a report of a break and enter to a rural property near Wolseley. The suspects stole a considerable amount of tools and anything else that could easily be picked up. It occurred just after midnight on March 14. The vehicle appears to be a newer Chevy or GMC white SUV and the male was wearing a Winnipeg Jets jacket. There was a female suspect in the vehicle. Photos of the vehicle and male suspect are attached. If anybody has information on this or is able to identify the suspects, please call the Indian Head RCMP at 306-695-5200.

Police were contacted on March 14. A resident of Qu'Appelle purchased a vehicle at an auction and he located some suspected illegal drugs inside the vehicle. The substance was turned over to police for destruction.

Police received a report on March 17 from a resident of Indian Head of



B&E suspect

Indian Head RCMP are looking for the identity of this person and the vehicle used in a break, enter and theft near Wolseley. Please call 306-695-5200 if you have any info.

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some loose dogs in town. She was out for a walk and a group of dogs approached her and were being aggressive, jumping and biting at her. Police are continuing to look into this incident. Owners of dogs can be held liable for the actions of their pets if they are loose and being aggressive which is contrary to the provincial Municipalities Act.

On March 18 Police received a call about an in-

toxicated male in Indian Head who had just broke a window at a residence. Police were familiar with the male and located him. He was arrested and lodged in cells until sober.

Police attended a residence in McLean on March 20 to keep the peace because the caller wanted to collect some of his belongings. He got some of his own stuff but then it got volatile when the occupants started arguing.

Police suggested that he make other arrangements to gather his belongings, which he agreed to.

Melville-Ituna Detachments

Cpl. Dave Kisters

Reporting period:

March 17 to March 22

Melville and Ituna detachment area had 46 occurrences over the past week.

Traffic

During this time, Melville and Ituna Detachments responded to 22 reported traffic occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 11 Charges and five Warnings.

Melville RCMP responded to three separate collisions during this reporting period. In all three instances, no one was injured. RCMP continue to investigate these matters.

Assault/Mischief

Melville RCMP was contacted by the complainant who reported that they had been assaulted by their brother. The complainant's brother also damaged the complainant's home. The complainant received minor injuries as a result of the assault, and was later treated at the hospital. The complainant's brother fled the residence prior to police arrival. Police continue to investigate

A complainant contacted the Melville RCMP to report that the back window of their 2014 GMC Acadia was broken sometime this past week in Melville. RCMP continue to investigate.

Anyone with information related to these incidents please contact your local RCMP Detachment, call 310-RCMP for immediate response, or you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Gene Hauta

It's A Strange World

As police pulled a man from his car and arrested him outside a McDonald's in Utah, they saw a gun emerge from the backseat. An officer was able to push it away just as it went off. The alleged shooter? The man's four-year-old son, whom police say was **directed by his father to shoot at police**. The father became enraged because his order wasn't filled properly. Employees said he brandished a gun when he was asked to pull around the side of building while his food order was re-done. The one officer was credited with saving lives when he hollered "kid, kid" when the gun went off so that other officers didn't start shooting. The father faces charges of felony child abuse and threatening the use of a dangerous weapon. An artisanal gin from South Africa has the distinct honour of having its **flavour and aroma blessed by an elephant**. That's because the high-end booze was passed through the digestive tract of the large animal before being bottled for high rollers to consume. Indlovu gin is available in Canada, if you are so inclined. According to the brains behind the distilling, Les Ansley, elephants find various herbs and fruits which give the gin its unique taste. He said because the animals digest so little, the gin has a quick gut in-transit time. The dried botanicals passed by elephants are combined with staples such as juniper and citrus to make the high-end product.



Ever heard of someone with a **tooth inside their nose**? A man in New York is blaming such a problem for his breathing problems. Doctors found a half-inch long tooth growing inside his nasal passage. The man had a deviated septum and bone-like growths in the nose. He had a 15-millimeter ectopic tooth, which is defined as "having a grub grinder in an abnormal place." The condition is exceedingly rare and normally entails teeth sprouting up in the jawbone under the gum rather than in the nose, a condition that affects from 0.1 to 1% of the population, according to a 2019 study. Doctors were able to remove the tooth and he is reportedly now doing OK.

Kelly Elkins, 49, entered the Beach Lounge in St. Pete Beach, around 2:15 a.m. but was "intoxicated to the point the manager refused to serve her." Following the refusal, Elkins went into the washroom and came out **"unclothed and completely naked."** When she refused to get dressed, police were called. She eventually put on a hoodie that she wouldn't zip up but was "too tired" to put on her pants. Besides being admitted to the Florida Bar in 2001, Elkins is also a licensed real estate broker.

This next one is just sad neglect. A woman with disabilities was **stuck in a car** at an impound lot in the state of Washington **for nine days** during "near freezing weather." The woman had last been seen when her mother parked her car at a gas station and walked off, leaving her daughter inside the car. The woman was burrowed under a stack of clothes and general garbage in the back seat, which was why she was not noticed.

Our mothers probably taught us all to layer up before venturing out into unforgiving winter weather. Albertan David Eliuk took it to the extreme. Thinking about setting a Guinness World Record, Eliuk competed in the Hypothermic Half Marathon in Edmonton while **wearing 90 T-shirts**. The old record was a mere 76 shirts set by British runner David Smith in 2019. Eliuk said "it hurt" (due to the weight and the restrictions to his movement) while running with 90 shirts on, but it "feels great to be done."

Meanwhile, David Rush of Idaho set out to break one Guinness World Record every week of 2021. On his website, Rush describes himself "one of the most prolific Guinness World Records title holders on the planet." **He says he is the world's fastest juggler, the world's slowest juggler, and has the record for most bowling balls juggled, most consecutive ax juggling catches, and longest duration balancing a bicycle on the chin.** He says he has broken more than 150 records since 2015. He says this record a week endeavour is to show students who struggle in Science and Math that difficult things are possible.

In Chicago, a female Metra Electric train conductor was robbed of about \$100 by a passenger who displayed a black pistol. Zion Brown, 18, was arrested and charged with robbery. How was he caught? Metra Police released photos of the robber taken by security cameras. Despite him wearing a full-face mask, Brown's **mother recognized her son**, and took him to the police herself so he could turn himself in. He told officers he needed money for lunch. Good for her.

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Budget 2022-23

Sask. economy and budget are back on track

Provincial News Grasslands News

Saskatchewan's 2022-23 Budget, tabled Wed., Mar. 23 by Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer, highlights a growing economy, improving finances and a clear path to balance with significant investments in government services for Saskatchewan people.

"Saskatchewan is back on track," Harpauer said. "We are seeing strong economic growth and job creation as we come out of the pandemic and as a result, the provincial's financial outlook has improved significantly."

"The deficit has been reduced by over \$2.0 billion. Our economy is growing, with 30,000 new jobs created over the past year and the second highest rate of job growth in Canada so far in 2022."

"Our finances will steadily improve and we are on track to balance as a result of careful management of spending and prudent revenue forecasts."

"This budget makes significant investments that will get important government services back on track as we come out of the pandemic. This budget will fund thousands of surgeries in the first year of a three-year effort to bring the waitlist down to pre-pandemic levels. This budget helps make access to high-quality child care more affordable. This budget invests in our economy, it invests in health, education, important capital projects and it ensures our investments in those priorities are sustainable into the future."

Strong Finances

The \$463 million deficit forecast for 2022-23 is a \$2.1 billion improvement from last year's budget.

Through the next three years, the path to balance shows successively smaller deficits of \$384 million in 2023-24, \$321 million in 2024-25 and \$165 million in 2025-26. A balanced budget is expected in 2026-27.

Revenue of \$17.2 billion is forecast in the 2022-23 Budget, up \$2.7 billion from last year's budget. Non-renewable resource revenue is projected to be \$2.9 billion, up \$1.6 billion from last year, largely due

to higher potash and oil price forecasts because of expected global demand.

"While volatile world events have made commodity prices difficult to forecast, as always our revenue forecasts are based on cautious oil price projections," Harpauer said. "It's too soon to tell if oil prices will remain high for an extended period and what impact that could have on revenues. We will continue to monitor the impact on both revenues and affordability and respond as required."

Expense of \$17.6 billion is projected in the 2022-23 Budget, an increase of \$531 million, or 3.1 per cent over last year's budget.

Investing in Health Care

"This budget includes key investments in health care," Harpauer said. "A record \$6.8 billion includes funding for thousands of additional surgeries to bring down wait times. It includes increases to hire and retain physicians, to hire and train more nurses, and to hire more paramedics to provide the best possible health care services for Saskatchewan people."

The 2022-23 Budget provides the Saskatchewan Health Authority with \$4.2 billion this year, up more than \$277 million, or 7 per cent, compared to last year - also record investment.

An increase of \$21.6 million will address the surgical waitlist, and fund thousands of additional surgeries this year, the first year of a three-year plan to deliver on the largest volume of surgical procedures in the history of our province. The aggressive plan targets a return to pre-COVID levels in surgical wait times by the end of March 2025.

This budget invests \$470 million into mental health and addictions programs and services - over seven per cent of total health care spending - including a targeted investment of \$8 million over last year, representing the highest investment ever in Saskatchewan for these programs and services. The increase will fund initiatives that provide effective counselling and treatments and introduce further proactive prevention measures.

A \$17.0 million increase in this budget supports our seniors to live safely and comfortably and includes a number of important initiatives, among them:

- \$4.8 million for home care services;
- \$4.1 million to provide high-dose influenza vaccine to adults 65 and older;
- \$1.6 million for operations at the Meadow Lake Northwest Community Lodge; and
- \$6.5 million in new funding for an additional 117 continuing care aide positions.



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The new care aide workers represent the second year of a three-year, \$18.4 million commitment to hire 300 continuing care aides to work in long-term care and expanded home care services. The two-year total is now 225, and the final 75 will be funded next fiscal year.

This budget establishes a new and independent agency dedicated to recruiting and retaining health care workers. This budget also includes a \$1.5 million increase to support recruitment initiatives including the development of a settlement and relocation incentive program, to recruit 150 health care workers to Saskatchewan from the Philippines. It is the first year of a two-year program aimed at bringing 300 health care workers from the Philippines to Saskatchewan.

There is also \$3.5 million in this budget for physician recruitment and retention initiatives, particularly targeting

family physicians working in rural areas of the province.

There is \$12.5 million in new funding for 11 additional intensive care beds across the province, the first year of a three-year strategy to add 31 ICU beds to bring the total to 110 by 2024-25, up from the current 79.

An increase of \$3.0 million will fund 10 new high acuity beds at Regina General Hospital to care for patients with more complex medical needs than a traditional inpatient bed. Acuity beds are important for flexibility and can ease the demand on ICUs.

To enhance Emergency Medical Services in rural and remote areas, a \$10.8 million increase in this budget will fund new paramedic positions for ambulance services, Community Para-medicine and the Medical First Responder Program.

Investing in Education

Education spending across government is \$3.8 billion in this budget, up more than \$47.2 million, or 1.3 per cent compared to last year.

Through this budget, the Ministry of Education will support pre-K to Grade 12 students, early learners and school and child care staff with \$2.9 billion, up nearly \$220 million compared to last year.

Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$1.99 billion in operating funding for the 2022 school year - a record level and an increase of \$24.9 million over last year.

A new \$7.0 million fund in this budget will allow school divisions to hire up to 200 additional, full-time educational assistants to support students and manage increasingly diverse classrooms.

This budget helps make access to high-quality child care more affordable. Funding for child care and early learning is \$309.6 million, including funding provided through the Federal-Provincial Early Years agreements.

Of that funding, \$4.3 million will create 6,100 new child care spaces, part of government's goal to create 28,000 new licensed spaces over the next five years.

"Starting in February 2022, parent child care fees were re-

duced up to 50 per cent on average in licensed care. This year's funding will support further reducing parent fees as early as September 2022, making life more affordable for Saskatchewan families," Harpauer said.

The 2022-23 Budget also includes a \$4.9 million increase to expand nurse training by 150 seats. More than \$680 million for operating and capital grants to post secondary institutions is included in this budget. As well, this budget includes \$38 million for student supports.

A Strong and Growing Economy

The rise in streaming services means the time is right to attract new investment from the film and television industry to Saskatchewan.

This budget includes an increase of \$8.0 million, bringing the total funds available to \$10 million, for the Creative Saskatchewan Production Grant Program, for film and television. Only Saskatchewan labour, goods and services are eligible for support under the program, ensuring dollars stay in the province.

"This investment is estimated to generate a \$50 million increase in film and television production and millions in annual economic activity, including significant increased spending in the hospitality industry, which has been hit hard by the pandemic," Harpauer said. "We are going to see a busy sound stage in Regina and today, I am honoured to announce that it will be renamed the John Hopkins Regina Sound Stage, honouring the memory of a strong advocate for our capital city, our province and our economy."

This budget includes \$3.1 million to fully fund the International Trade and Investment Strategy. The strategy advances the province's economic interests abroad. Funding is used to operate Saskatchewan's international office network. This year we established offices in the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Mexico and Vietnam, complementing our existing offices in Japan, India, Singapore and China.

The Saskatchewan Value-Added Agriculture incentive has been enhanced, and record agri-food exports of \$17.5 billion

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Future is bright for a growing Saskatchewan

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in 2021 show the province is on track to meeting its goals.

This incentive and others are key to Saskatchewan's competitiveness, attracting private investment from global companies like BHP, Richardson International, Viterra, Ceres Global Ag, Cargill, Federated Co-Operatives, AGT Foods, Paper Excellence and Red Leaf Pulp.

These companies and others are investing \$13.6 billion into Saskatchewan with projects including a new potash mine, new and expanded canola crush facilities, a wheat-based pulp plant, a renewable diesel facility, a lumber mill and others. It is expected that nearly 9,000 thousand jobs in the construction phase and 2,330 permanent jobs will be created.

This budget includes \$475,000 to create the Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation. The corporation will offer up to \$75 million in loan guarantees for private sector lending to Indigenous communities and organizations for investments into natural resource and value-added agriculture projects.

Investing in Capital to Build a Better Saskatchewan

There is \$3.2 billion for capital projects in the 2022-23 Budget, record investment in Saskatchewan.

This budget includes \$156.6

million for health care capital, including \$15.2 million for urgent care centres in Regina and Saskatoon, \$13.5 million to continue construction at the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital, \$6.0 million to continue the project to replace the Weyburn General Hospital, and \$6.5 million to continue design and procurement activities for specialized and standard long-term care beds in Regina.

The 2022-23 Budget includes \$846.0 million to operate, maintain, build and improve the province's roads and highways, through the Ministry of Highways.

The budget provides for over 1,100 kilometres of improvements on provincial highways - on track to meet the Growth Plan commitments to upgrade and build 10,000 kilometres of the provincial highway network by 2030.

Upgrades include Highway 3



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twinning west of Prince Albert, and Highway 5 corridor improvements east of Saskatoon. Planning and pre-construction for twinning projects on Highways 6 and 39 near Regina and Weyburn are part of this budget.

The 2022-23 Budget includes \$168.6 million for school infrastructure. This budget includes \$95.2 million to support the ongoing planning and construction of 15 new schools and the renovation of five existing schools, as well as \$55.9 million for preventative and emergency maintenance. An additional \$12 million provides for the purchase of relocatable classrooms.

The budget includes a few small revenue measures.

The existing application of PST is being broadened to match the federal GST base for admissions and entertainment events. Effective October 1, 2022, the PST will apply to sporting events, concerts, museums, fairs, movies, gym memberships, green fees - among others. There are exemptions for children's activities, amateur events and events run by schools and non-profits. This change is projected to add \$10.5 million in PST revenue this year, and \$21 million annually.

Mill rates for the education portion of property taxes (EPT) are being adjusted slightly, including a decrease to the differential between the highest and lowest EPT mill rates, to improve overall fairness. Slight increases to mill rates, combined with forecasted base growth are expected to total about \$20.0 million in 2022-23.

Tobacco taxes are increasing

by 2 cents per cigarette and 8 cents per gram and 1.3 cents per stick of heat-not-burn products. Tobacco tax increases are effective midnight on March 23, 2022, and are expected to generate \$12.1 million in additional annual revenue.

Total public debt is forecast to be \$30 billion at March 31, 2023, a \$2.3 billion increase from the public debt forecast in last year's budget.

A strong Saskatchewan economy and higher revenues have reduced operating debt requirements by \$450 million in 2021-22, bringing operating debt to less than \$10 billion.

The \$450 million lower operating debt requirement carries through to the 2022-23 debt forecast, as well.

"Saskatchewan is back on track and our future is bright," Harpauer said. "The investments made in this budget will ensure our economy remains strong, important government services continue to improve and our best days are still ahead in Saskatchewan."

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A bylaw pursuant to Section 184(1) of *The Cities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

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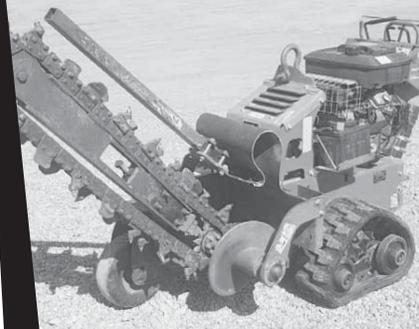
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Active students

Students at Whitewood School enjoyed indoor sports including dodge ball last week during their noon lunch break with an indoor sports tournament organized by a few grade 5 and 6 students.

Whitewood School

Fun indoor sports tournament

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

It may be a little too muddy outside to get your exercise but students at Whitewood School found the solution last week – an indoor sports tournament.

The noon hour at Whitewood School turned into a fun week for students and teachers. All it took was a few grade 5 and 6 students who planned some action-filled sports activities for all the

students from kindergarten to grade 12. The students who took part reported a fun time that concluded with a dodgeball game against a few teachers and then pies to the face.

Surprisingly though, this time it was the students who were the recipients of the pies to the face courtesy of the teachers!

Congratulations to the grade 5/6 students for organizing the tournament and to everyone that took part.

Letter to the Editor - reader says information is crap

Dear Editor,

Ms. Elaine Ashfield has outdone herself with this editorial in the March 11th edition. This editorial is so full of vile crap that it's hard to know where to start, so I'll start at the beginning. She trots out the old, tired meme of the "noble trucker fighting for freedom", when the protests in Alberta, and in Ontario, were nothing more than an attempt by the ultra-right, and White nationalists to attempt to take over the Government with a "memorandum of understanding" and by getting the Governor General to agree to the nonsense. Four of those peace loving "truckers" were also arrested with a large collection of weapons and ammunition at the Alberta border protest, and who can forget the two protestors who attempted to burn down an apartment building because one of the residents yelled at them for honking their horns. Luckily, a passerby spotted the flames, forced open the front doors that had been taped together, and extinguished the fire.

Before I move on, I must address the breath-taking arrogance of those protesters who wore yellow "Juden" stars comparing vaccinations to the Holocaust. For those not familiar, those stars identified Jews marked for eventual extermination in Nazi death camps. The Holocaust was the name given to the systematic extermination of 6 million Jews. Yup, one can really compare getting your jabs to the utter destruction of 6 million people.

Moving right along, Ms. Ashfield shows her racist side when she blathers on about both the Wet'suwet'en protest and the supposed costs involved. She fails to mention the Wet'suwet'en were protesting on their own hereditary lands to stop an illegal pipeline. The other racist nonsense she trots out deals with the Federal government giving a donation to BLM Canada. She equates the BLM Canada movement with Marxism (Oh please, won't someone think of the children!), Violence, and my favourite - The Destruction of the Nuclear family (I'm assuming she's referring to a White, Christian family of Dad, Mom, and 2.5 kiddies). In both of these cases, she doesn't include any information on how they relate to any points made in this article.

Finally, we reach the denouement of this vomitus mass of "journalistic excellence" - the vile comparison of the PM to Vladimir Putin, the murderous president of Russia. Prime Minister Trudeau used the Emergency Act to block the bank accounts of key protestors, and to increase police numbers from various municipal forces in order to arrest protest leaders and instigators and effectively end the blockade. I fail to see how a legitimate use of Government power compares to the machinations of an amoral sociopath like Putin.

- Robert Yake
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Ingenuity and passion on display at Kipling School Genius Fair

By **Connie Schwalm**
Grasslands News

Students were once again able to showcase their skills and passions to friends and family as well as other members of the community, at the Genius Fair that was held in the Kipling School Gym last week.

Students from Grades 6 to 9 took part in the two-day event, which featured various science and heritage projects that the students have been working on since the New Year.

Sherri Singer (Grade 6 Teacher) was one of the main organizers of the event. She says that having the opportunity to publicly display their projects was very important for both the students and the community.

"With the COVID restrictions, we had the students show their project in the classroom. That was ok. But it's just not the same as being able to show it to your parents and other people from outside the school. The kids were really excited that we were able to have a more 'normal' Genius Fair this year.

"It was also something that the community was happy to see. We had a great turnout with people coming to see the different projects on both days that we had displays open. Several community members also helped to evaluate the projects. So, I think that people were excited that the students were able to do this again."

Winners were chosen in each of the various categories. Singer explains that some of the winning projects will be included at the upcoming competition in Regina.

"The top science projects from Grades 7/8 and Grade 9 will be going on to Regina. The First, Second and Third place projects in the Heritage Category (which

includes students from all grades) will be going to Regina too.

"Unfortunately, the competition in Regina is still a virtual event this year. So, the students themselves won't be going, only their projects. But at least they will be included in the competition. And hopefully next year, the students will be able to go to Regina again as well."

The winners in the various categories were:

Science: Grade 9

1st Dezyree Plaza & Nevaeh Armstrong

Science: Grade 7/8

1st - Katherin Montaron
2nd - Sherwin Puffalt

Heritage (All Grades Combined):

1st - Kai & Kalli Armbruster
2nd - Gillian Meszaros
3rd - Adisyn Barath & Alex Reid/Ashlyn Dovell

Genius Hour: Grade 6

1st - Kyran Gallagher & Kale Varjassy
2nd - Hayley Brown & Bailey White
3rd - Danika Cancade & Isaac Teuw

Genius Hour: Grade 7

1st - Nigella Logrono
2nd - Cayden Bowley
3rd - Dawson Shoemaker

Genius Hour: Grade 8

1st - Sheldon Puffalt
2nd - Phoenix Gies
3rd - Teddy Antion

Genius Hour: Grade 9

1st - Sydney Moore & Brooke Allan
2nd - Kolbie Morton & Eva O'Greysik
3rd - Cooper Kish



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First place

Kipling School students Dezyree Plaza and Nevaeh Armstrong took First Place in the Grade 9 Science Category at the Genius Fair held at the school last week. Their project along with 4 others will go on to be included in an upcoming competition in Regina.

WHERE ARE WE NOW? IV

The saga of the Ukraine --- March 14, 2022 - 0600 hrs.

For years his plan smoldered in satanic flame;
It sprang to life on the borders of Ukraine;
His steeds of steel lumbered throughout;
They menaced mankind and freedom's reign;

His god, was a coin from the fires of hell;
One side was invader, the other was blank;
Now we may wonder, his soul did he sell?
The base was of fools gold, mired in lies, engraved with death;
Wherever it rolled, its purpose was met;

This idol of Man, of damnation and destruction;
Would encircle mankind and lead to his ruin;
The Ukraine backed not away from this terrible force;
They stood steadfast and strong against this horrific wrong;
The world with deaf ears stood by amazed;
Their eyes were blinded, their minds were crazed
With fear, and feet of clay, they murdered, what can we do, what can we say?
"Putin must pay, Putin must pay".

The Ukraine, with valour, stood firm in resolve. Their brave men and women
Heard the Russian bear roar. In madness and rage it tore through each city;
To the children and maimed, it showed no pity.

The Ukraine created their own special drink to give to the bear;
The "Lyiv Smoothie, "now was there; thrown into it's mouth;
With no trepidation or fear;

The love of their country and family was strong;
Stronger than steel, their strength was in God, to make right, this wrong;
Who would unite to destroy, the Putin idol?

His idol created by power and greed?
The nations proclaimed they would surley try;
But can they, will they, ever succeed?

As this saga unfolds, the world holds it's breath;
Is the war of all wars now on our doorstep;
We know not the answer, but know we must pay;

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Melville Art Club Show & Sale

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

After being on a hiatus due to COVID-19, the Melville Art Club will see the return of its Art Show and Sale next month, which this year will celebrate its 55th year. The event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 in the Art Works Art Gallery at the Melville Community Works building.

According to Melville Art Club president Jackie Wilson, the club is planning a huge show this year and the works displayed this year will be unique. She said that for the past few years, the club has offered the artists a challenge when creating art for the show and this year, that challenge was to use only two colours on the canvas.

"We are so excited to see what the community can bring to the gallery," said Wilson. "The heart of our group has always been the long time members that have always brought their best to the gallery, and they continue to do so. Our new members have brought an excitement and new energy that adds so much to the club."

The Art Show & Sale offers people an afternoon of art, a delicious dessert, beautiful music, a door prize and the opportunity to bid on the many pieces in the silent auction. Local artist Anita Bella has also offered a beautiful water colour framed painting for raffle. She hopes to once again see a huge turnout of both artists and spectators.

"We appreciate the support of our community who have always encouraged us and attended our shows throughout the years. We are back this year after our COVID downtime," said Wilson. "We promise you a



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Raffle draw

The Melville Art Club will host their Art Show & Sale this year where this painting donated by Anita Bella will be raffled.

afternoon of fun, creativity and inspiration."

The club is encouraging anyone to show their work in their art shows, which provides a colourful shout out to budding artists. She said space is limited though so anyone wanting to enter their art needs to do so by Apr. 14. They can do so by contacting Wilson at 306-720-0299 or emailing melvilleartclub@gmail.com.

Admission for spectators to the Art Show & Sale will be \$5, which includes an entry into the door prize draw. Your \$5 admission ticket gets you into that draw.

Melville RCMP warns public to be vigilant of fraud

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In early March, Melville RCMP investigated a report of fraud where an individual had been con-

tacted by phone, claiming that they had been randomly selected and had won a grand prize which consisted of a large sum of money and a vehicle.

The Melville RCMP are reminding the public to remain vigilant when receiving unsolicited phone calls, text messages, or emails and are providing some things to look out for and tips to help protect against fraud.

Circumstances of fraud may include:

- Individuals being advised that they have won a prize and in order to claim the prize they must urgently send payments such as fees and taxes

- Scammers sending multiple emails to try to prove they are legitimate - these emails and email addresses can be convincing and seem real, even if they are not

- Scammers advising individuals that money has been deposited into their bank account, but that it won't appear for several days

- Scammers asking individuals to send gift cards in lieu of payment - it is important to deny their requests.

Have you or someone you know been the victim of fraudulent activity? You are not alone.

From the beginning of January 2021 to the end of December 2021, Melville RCMP received 59 reports of fraud. These investiga-

tions ranged from fraudulent items being sold over social media and local buy and sell sites, to scammers claiming to be reputable businesses and Government agencies.

Scams can reach anyone, anywhere, at any time. It is important to have a conversation about fraud with those you care about, so they know what to do if they receive a similar call or contact.

There are steps you can take to protect yourself or loved ones:

- Start by asking yourself, did I enter a contest? If your answer is no, then chances are you weren't a "randomly selected winner."

- Never give out personal information including your name, address, Social Insurance Number (SIN) or banking information over unsolicited calls or emails.

- Use strong passwords for online accounts.

- Do your research - If someone is asking you for money or payment, make sure they are who they say they are. Verify the company and its services are legitimate before taking further action.

- When buying things from online sellers, try to inspect or test the item you are buying before purchase. If that's not possible, ask them for more pictures, receipts or other information.

- Don't be afraid to say no! Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics or requests to send money right away. Walk away or hang up the phone.

- It is important to remember that government agencies will NEVER contact you by phone to demand immediate payment, especially in the form of gift cards. Be cautious if you receive any communication that requests personal information.

- If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report it to your local police detachment. If you receive a phone call you believe to be a scam or fraudulent, you can report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. You can report by phone (Toll free: 1-888-495-8501) or online here: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centre-antifraude.ca/report-signal-eng.htm>

More information on scams and how to protect yourself can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/fraud-scams.html>

If you are ever unsure whether the last call or email you received was legitimate and that you're somehow the proud owner of a fancy new car, family inheritance from a long lost relative, or large sum of money from winning the lottery, come by and visit your friendly neighbourhood RCMP Detachment and speak with one of our officers. We'd be more than happy to assist you.

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U11 League Champs

The Melville Blades won the C-side banner by defeating the Grenfell Spitfires in two games. The Blades won game one 10-9 and game two 10-8. Celebrating with the league banner is, front row (l-r) Grayson Kendze, Bo Johnson, Blake Breikreuz, Caleigh Orden. Second row (l-r) Karter Bassingwaite, Nate Wionzek, Jaxon Koehn, Jett Kittleson, Chloe Kenze, Drue Chorney, Dylan Krieger, Jazer Smith, Owen San Martin, Eddy Myers, Chase Bierwagen, Zane Padar, Ryder Bierwagen, Bronson Alberts, Tessa Gottschalk, Holden Lopinski. Back row (l-r): Blair Gottschalk, Tom Myers, Tyler Bierwagen, Charles Bassingwaite.

Melville one of eight communities to receive gigabit internet service

Provincial News
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Access Communications Co-operative is providing customers in eight communities ultra-fast internet speed with the launch of AccessHyperSpeed 1 Gig. The service arrived on March 15 in Balgonie, Coppersands, Emerald Park, Melville, Milestone, Pilot Butte, Yorkton and White City.

“These new HyperSpeed 1 Gig communities are just the start,” said Jim Deane, CEO of Access Communications. “Access has even more launches scheduled for 2022 as part of our commitment to deliver the leading-edge communication and entertainment services the people of Saskatchewan deserve. Gigabit internet meets the demand of today’s technology, and we can’t wait for even more Access customers to experience

the service.”

AccessHyperSpeed 1 Gig delivers download speeds up to 940 Mbps and upload speeds up to 30 Mbps, with unlimited data. The service also provides users with these benefits:

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Melville residential lot prices reduced

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Agreeing that a price reduction was needed, Councillor Andrew Rondeau felt that the City should take the advice of the realtor and try and sell the lots at the prices that they are recommending first.

“I would like to see these moved and obviously see buildings built

and see people moving to our community. At the same time if we are being told by the professional who’s advice we’re planning on taking that \$25,000, \$20,000 and \$13,500 is reasonable then I don’t know that that’s unreasonable,” said Rondeau. “I would be more comfortable putting them

on the market at this point, especially with the realtor’s advice to price them this way, and then see how that goes because we can reduce it at a later time just like we reduced it now if we find they are still not moving.”

Council ultimately decided to follow the recommendation of the realtor and a motion was made to reduce the price of the Toronto Street lots to \$25,000 plus GST for the lots North of 3rd Avenue East and \$20,000 for the lots South of 3rd Avenue East; and to reduce the price for Winnipeg Street lots to \$13,500 plus GST; and that Council approve administration to engage a licensed realtor for the sale of City owned lots for a two-year period.



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New snow no help for masters racer

By Rosetown Eagle Staff
for Grasslands News

Racers who dutifully waxed their skis for wet, new snow recorded much better times than Whitewood native Keith Meszaros did at the Masters World Cup recently.

Meszaros, 66, also didn't do as much training for the event at Canmore, Alta., as he would normally, he said in a recent interview. He lives in Biggar but works as a chiropractor here and competes in masters running and cross-country skiing.

He was among 80 racers in his 65- to 69-year-old age category, with one other from Saskatchewan, in the 10-kilometre skate ski, he said. The event "more resembles ice skating on snow," with slightly different skis and poles than classical skiing.

"I did fairly well, but it had snowed four inches in the couple of hours before our event," he said. "Waxing has become very technical" for competition, he explained.

"My skis were really super slow compared to most of the racers in my category," Meszaros said. "It was still fun and enjoyable. (There's) lots of camaraderie there."

Forty men from 11 different countries raced in his event. He'd hoped to finish among the top 15 in under 40 minutes but he ended up 25th, he said. He also finished 10th in his division for the Canadian Masters competition, held in conjunction with the

World Cup.

Elevation changes of 800 metres over the course were the equivalent to "skiing up and down Eagle Creek 10 times," he added.

He's a competitive skier, although he hasn't raced much during the last 10 years, and had trained little this winter "because I was really hurting about a month before," Meszaros said. "I was reluctant to even enter because of limited training," partly because of "a nagging injury - nothing very serious."

He signed up on the final registration day but "you can't train for something like that in four weeks," he said. "It should have been six weeks of training, building up to it."

The World Cup event, which he equated to an annual Olympics for masters competitors, had been cancelled each of the past two years.

He'd skied the course the Saturday before his race - "It was really good skiing" - as were conditions for a shorter jaunt on the Sunday. However, "it just dumped" shortly before his race, saturating his pants so much it caused him some worry.

For racers "passionate about perfect waxing, it sure showed with their times compared to my time," he said. "Still, it was a lot of fun to be there."

People in his age group constituted a plurality among the over 700 masters from around the world who entered, he said.

"Sixty-year olds are

the ones who are freshly retired and have some discretionary income, so it's an excuse for a lot of 60- and 70-year-olds to travel to different winter countries and compete in the annual World Cup of cross-country skiing," Meszaros explained.

The Canmore event attracted about 400 Canadians, around 10 from this province, along with 150-200 from the United States and 150 from Europe, he said. They ranged from 35 to "a couple of 90-year-olds." About 15 people in the 85-89 category registered along with around 30, 80-year-olds, he said.

He wasn't sure about more ski racing this season, with warm weather due, but was considering running middle-distance races - 400, 800 and 1,500 metres - starting in mid-May at Regina.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEITH MESZAROS

Masters World Cup

Keith Meszaros finished well back in his Masters World Cup cross-country ski race at Canmore, Alta., on March 7 but enjoyed the camaraderie.

Melville U15 team wins league banner

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Melville U15 Ice team clenched a league banner after defeating the Whitewood Elks in the third and final game of the E-series division.

The series was a tough fought battle with the Elks winning game one in Whitewood on Mar. 12 and the Ice being victorious in game two in Melville on Mar. 19. With the series tied, a third mini-game was played at the end of the Mar. 19 match for the league champion.

Game one in Whitewood ended in a 6-5 win for the Elks with Alex Wyporowich scoring three of the

six goals, one on a power play, with the other three goals all being singles from Carter Jones, Lucas Ozirney and Carter Page. Three of Melville's five goals came from Chase Yakimoski for a hat trick, one of which was short handed, while the other two goals were scored by Conner Stoll and Sale Schwitzer.

Game two was a low scoring goal with Melville winning the match 3-1, scoring two of their goals in the last 40 seconds of play. Whitewood's Rudy Quibell scored the game's first goal in the first period with a short handed line and then Conner Stoll tied the game up in the second with the period's only point. With the clock count-

ing down and the game in the final minute, Chase Yakimoski scored the game winning goal with just 40 seconds left and then followed it up with another 16 seconds later to end game two.

The third and final game of the series, a one period mini-game, saw Whitewood once again strike first with Rudy Quibell scoring with six minutes remaining on the clock. Then, while on a power play, Melville's Michael Mann tied the game up at 1-1 with his first goal. And with the game in its final minute, Judah Drinnan got a hold of the puck and found the back of the net with just 20-seconds remaining to score the game winning goal and give Melville the league title.

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- Cody Fajardo
Quarterback for the Saskatchewan Roughriders

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Qu'Appelle Valley Junior Hockey

Mustangs are behind the eight ball in league final

Wolseley falls behind 2-0 to Yellowgrass in junior league final series

By Stephen Scriver
Grasslands News

Weekend action in the best-of-five QVJHL final series saw the first place Yellowgrass Wheat Kings take a 2-0 stranglehold over the Wolseley Mustangs in games Friday and Saturday.

On Friday in Yellowgrass, the Wheat Kings came out flying and were up 2-0 in the first five minutes of the game. The rest of the action was a fast back-and-forth struggle with each side scoring twice more for a 4-2 final. Eric Bruce and Travis Schmidt scored for the Mustangs, and each team took only four minor penalties.

On Saturday in Wolseley, a sluggish start by the Mustangs again saw the Wheat Kings score first and then three more times before twenty minutes had expired. In the second, the Mustangs finally scored, but Yellowgrass answered

quickly, and it was 7-2 for the visitors by the end of the second.

A flurry of offensive rushes by the Mustangs saw them score three times in the third, and with just over two minutes left, it was 7-5 with the Wolseley goalie pulled. However, an empty netter put an end to their hopes, and it ended 8-5.

Kody Macknak paced Wolseley with two goals; singles coming from Eric Bruce, Justin Schneider and Tanner Baran. Travis Schmidt and Sly Webster had two assists each.

The Wheat Kings were full value for the win, as Wolseley's efforts seem to come in fits and starts, while Yellowgrass kept their lapses to a minimum. Ten minors were assessed to the Wheat Kings and nine to Wolseley.

Game three goes on Saturday night (Mar. 26) in Yellowgrass. If a fourth game is necessary, it will be in Wolseley on Sunday, Mar. 27 at 4 pm.



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Fourth goal

Justin Schneider (left) has just scored Wolseley's fourth goal in the third, giving the Mustangs hope for a comeback. The goal was assisted by Reace Faubert (#17) and Travis Schmidt (right).

Breeze Park proposed for Katepwa

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

The Resort Village of Katepwa wants to develop Breeze Park on the south shore of Katepwa Lake. It has applied for a grant through the Canada

Infrastructure Program to finance the construction of a splash park that can be used as a skating rink in winter, changing and washroom facilities and improvements to the cross-country ski and walking trails.

The park, just off Maple

Drive, is named in honour of Edward 'Bud' Breeze, who was instrumental in the formation of the Resort Village of Katepwa South, and as mayor for 16 years was the driving force behind the amalgamation of several districts into the Resort Village.

Melville Bowl Arena Scores/Standings

MONDAY A.M.

March 14
Ladies' High Single, Angela Dobson, 215. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Margo Jordens, 569, 183.
Men's High Single and Triple, Doug Brewer, 353,750. Men's High Average, Don Jordens, 192.
Team High Single and Triple, Ostlund, 1368, 3799.
Team Pts.
Bateman 65.5
Ostlund 50
Dobson 47
Gelowitz 45.5

MONDAY COMMERCIAL

March 14
Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Brittany Boyarski, 269, 727, 221.
Men's High Single and Triple, Lucas Litzenger, 291, 771. Men's High Average, Randy Ostlund, 234.
Team High Single, 2 Pin Heads, 1314. Team High Triple, Professional Amateurs, 3829.
Team Pts.
2 Pin Heads 65
Not Guilty 59
Professional Amateurs 57
Blind Chickens 56.5
MnM's 47
Odd Balls 27.5

ST. HENRY'S

March 15
Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Pat Brown, 256, 636, 194.
Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Randy Ostlund, 393, 945, 240.
Team High Single, Just 4 Fun, 1353.
Team High Triple, Brooks, 3880.
Team Pts.
Brooks 57
A Team 52.5
Drifters 48
Just for Fun 50.5

WEDNESDAY LADIES

March 16
Ladies' High Single, Francine Stuckey, 184. Ladies' High Triple, Dianne Schmeider, 492. Ladies' High Average, Mary Lou Janiskevich, 162.
Team High Single, Biro, 1259. Team High Triple, Konechny, 3639.
Team Pts.
Konechny 73
Biro 66
Bender 68

TUESDAY YBC

March 15
Girls High Single and Triple, Helen Wang, 137, 382. Girls High Double, Lindsay Unterschute, 171.
Boys High Single and Triple, Zachary Curylo, 212, 554.
Team High Single and Triple,

Lavergne, 887, 2588.
Team Pts.
Wang 56
Lavergne 56
Giesbrecht 47
Weatherhead 40

THURSDAY YBC

March 17
Boys High Single, Triple and Average, Isaac Hollinger, 269, 709, 204.
Team High Single, Kohlenberg, 891.
Team High Triple, Hollinger, 2561.
Team Pts.
Wiegiers 54.5
Hollinger 54.5
Kohlenberg 51.5
Lechner 39.5

SATURDAY YBC

March 19
Girls High Single and Triple, Chloe Hall, 228, 495.
Boys High Single and Triple, Bryden Wiegiers, 198, 554. Boys High Double, Yuming Xie, 251.
Team High Single and Triple, Hall, 975, 2619.
Team Pts.
Hall 66.5
Faye 42.5
Thompson 33.5
Morgan 33.5



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Senior's Bonspiel

The Whitewood Senior Curling Club hosted a Senior Bonspiel on March 15 to 17. 9 Rinks from Grenfell, Kipling, Broadview and Whitewood participated. Gordon Blyth of the organizing committee said "This was our first 'spiel since 2019 because of the pandemic so we were unsure as to what to expect. We were pleased with the turnout and certainly enjoyed getting together with our friends and neighbours from our surrounding communities. While our event is more social than competitive, we do keep score and record the results of the games. The first place team (left photo) consisted of (l-r) Dexter Samida (skip), Marlene Gies (third), Gordon Blyth (second), Lee Stender (lead). The second place team (right photo) was (l-r) Karen Bernat (lead), Adele Nagy (second), Carol Anderson (3rd) and Jack Nagy (skip).

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Sports Column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

Is it fair in women's sports?

During my childhood, I was one of those kids who liked to question the rules and those who made them.

Whether it was a parent or a teacher or any other older adult, I wanted to know why things were the way they were.

I remember constantly thinking that life wasn't fair, because there were certain things I didn't get to do or take part in because I was just a little kid.

But there was nothing I could do to change the way things were done, because that's the way it was and on more than one occasion, one of my parents or the other would utter the phrase, "Life isn't fair. Get used to it."

So that's what entire generations of children did, they accepted that the rules were there for a reason and that they should be followed because you didn't want to end up on the wrong end of a parent's temper if you didn't absolutely have to.

You couldn't continue, as a for-instance, to play ball with the youngest kids in the school, even though you'd be a superstar for sure.

As you got older, you had to move on up that ladder. We started as Tiny Tots, then Junior Sandlot, soon to become Mosquito and then Bantam and Midget.

All those names have been changed by this point, but you can see what I'm saying: It's not alright for one of the bigger, stronger and more experienced kids, to play with those who are just starting out, just beginning their sporting years.

So I need someone to tell me, why was it alright for a transgender female swimmer to compete in the American NCAA swimming trials against biological females?

I understand that socially, we have an obligation to accept everyone for their views and their lifestyles when it comes to their sexuality, but it isn't fair to have someone who decided to be a female, rather than being born one, competing against females in a high calibre sporting event.

Again, I'm not knocking anyone's decision to be whoever they want, but I am totally knocking the fact that a biological male has a number of advantages over a biological female when it comes to any number of things, but sports is definitely at the top of that list.

All those really progressive and woke folks like to say that people who disagree with them are upset about the very existence of trans athletes, but I can tell you, that's not what the fuss is about at all.

Even Caitlyn Jenner, a former male Olympic decathlete has come out against having a trans person competing against women in high profile sporting events.

Everyone deserves to compete, but when I turned 13 or 14 or whatever age it was that I became a Bantam baseball player or hockey player, I wasn't allowed to stay with the Mosquito kids and dominate, not that I necessarily would.

But being bigger and stronger I would have had definite advantages.

This is how I look at this issue.

Women and girls train hard for their sports and they work hard in school to expect advancements in their career, where they also work hard, because as adults, that's just the way people are wired.

Take a look at women's hockey and how far it has come and in Canada especially, women's soccer.

You can't tell me that these females who have worked so hard at their craft deserve to lose their spot on the team to someone who was recently ranked the 554th best male in that same sport, competing against males.

All that hard work down the drain, only to be replaced by someone bigger and stronger.

Tell me where the justice is in that, because I'd really like to know.

And while I like to pretend I have all the answers, this one I obviously don't, but should there be a men's division, a women's division and a trans division in big time sports?

Now, because of the mind numbing stupidity of those who are in charge of these events and how people qualify for them, we're left looking as if we don't want the best for those in the trans world, which isn't the case at all.

We want fairness for everyone and a swimmer who is 554th among men in an event and first, among women, which she's chosen to be, shows how unfair this really is to those who compete in women's sports, and mark my words, if this continues down the path it's on now, it will spell the death knell for women's sports the world over.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to compete against their peers, if they so desire.

Don't ruin women's sport so you can appear woke.

It's not worth it – for anyone.

Offering services for Norman's tour

By Bruce Penton
Sports Columnist

Greg Norman
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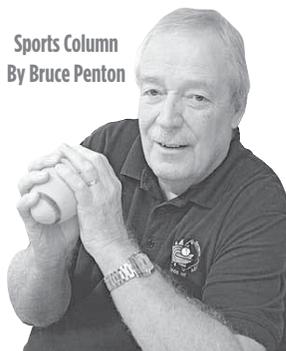
Congratulations on overcoming the Phil Mickelson setback and getting your new golf tour off the ground. Golf fans around the world were excited to hear the announcement of your eight-tournament schedule between June and October that each features \$25 million in prize money. There were gasps of astonishment when the PGA Tour's Players Championship, the flagship event of the PGA Tour, announced a \$20 million purse for its recently completed tournament, and then you turn around and one-up them offering \$25 million each.

Still waiting to hear about a TV contract, or sponsor affiliations, but I'm sure the Saudi backers of your tour aren't too concerned about a return on their \$200 million investment. Their money pit is reportedly rather deep.

Of course, the biggest concern is who will tee it up in your tournaments? Who will risk their professional reputation on what could be a fly-by-night operation, even if the pilots of the flying machine are made of money? Mickelson will presumably be on hand, and a couple of Korn Ferry Tour players will be lured by the cash you're offering, but if you're waiting for the biggest names in the world of golf to sign up, your blond hair might turn grey before that happens.

Here's where I can help. I'll be willing to sign the

Sports Column
By Bruce Penton



appropriate documents to turn professional, giving up my chance for glory at amateur events in Canada, in order to help you fill your fields. I understand last-place money is \$92,000, with no cut and only 54 holes. I've been a single-digit handicap player most of my life, and I'm sure I could break 100 on the courses you've picked. No doubt my game is second-, third-, or even 14th-tier, but that ability level describes most of the other players you might attract, so I might fit in nicely.

There would be nothing more embarrassing for you to advertise 48-player fields and then get Phil and only a couple of dozen others offer their services to play. A few guys like me might be needed to make sure you get 48 players in a tournament. See my bank information below to make sure the \$92,000 last-place money is deposited into the proper account.

Oh, and one more thing: I can't hit the ball too far anymore. Could you make sure I get to play the forward tees? I'll accept a 10-per-cent reduction of my prize money for your trouble.

Yours in golf, Bruce

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Mikey Williams, a 6-foot-2 high-school junior basketball star in North Carolina, has landed

a multiyear footwear and apparel endorsement deal with Puma. Heck, when we were 17 we thought having a paper route was cool."

• Golf journalist Jason Sobel: "Viktor Hovland on once struggling to splurge for added guacamole and now playing for a \$20 million purse: 'That's a lot of guac and double meat.'"

• Scott Hanson, on Twitter: "How'd ya like to be the guy who just bought Brady's 'last NFL TD ball' at auction for \$500,000?"

• Club Pro Guy, on Twitter: "That bogey/double bogey finish saved Keegan Bradley almost \$800k in federal income taxes. There's no better feeling."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "After learning that New Mexico State guard Teddy Allen has played for his fifth school in five seasons, some might wonder about his academic major. I'm guessing geography."

• Molinaro again: "You know gas prices are high when even Tom Brady has to go back to work."

• Blue Jays' Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., on Toronto's chances this year (via Sportsnet's Shi Davidi on Twitter): "Last year was the trailer. Now you guys are going to see the movie."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Yale has qualified for the NCAA tournament. Although Yale could use some work on their trash talking: 'Your matriarch is an unrepentant Wordle cheater.'"

• Jack Finarelli at sportscurmudgeon.com, imagining a potential March Madness matchup: "We might see the Miami Hurricanes facing the Iowa State Cyclones in a battle of the natural disasters."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Tom Brady decided to return and quarterback the Buccaneers just 40 days after he retired. That's right, he retired — what Brett Favre called the option play."

• Headline at the onion.com: "Report: Secretly Watching March Madness During Work Way Less Fun Working Remotely"

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, via Twitter, after the Dodgers paid \$162 million for Freddie Freeman and the Rockies \$182 million for Kris Bryant: "Yeah, I can see why MLB needed to lock out players because the owners couldn't afford to stay in business otherwise."

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Indian Head girls' team to host Hoopla tourney

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

The season has ended for the boys' senior basketball team at Indian Head High School, but the girls' team has continued its winning streak and will host the provincial championships.

Both teams entered tournaments the weekend of March 11 ranked first in the 3A conference. The girls' team remained at the top while the boys slid to sixth place overall.

On March 18 and 19 the Indian Head boys attended the regional tournament at Fort Qu'Appelle. They won their first game over Creighton on Friday, 65 to 52, but were eliminated by Fort Qu'Appelle

on Saturday afternoon, 81 to 61. The team from Fort Qu'Appelle will move on to the next level, Hoopla, and play against Unity for a shot at the provincial title.

The girls also faced two teams when they hosted their regional tournament last weekend. They solidly beat Shaunavon, 73 to 32, on Friday and had a similar victory over Shellbrook, 76 to 36, on Saturday.

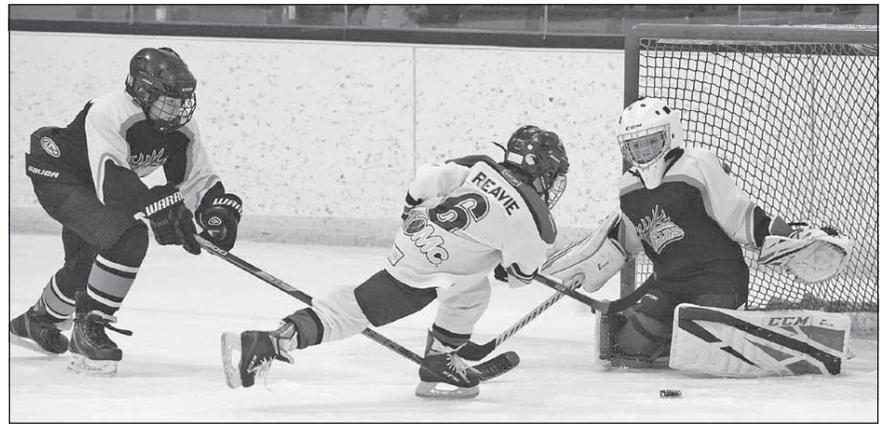
As a result, the girls continue to be ranked first and will host Hoopla, the provincial tournament, for 3A girls' teams on March 25 and 26. If the Indian Head team wins against Kamsack on Friday, they will compete against Unity or St. Walburg on Saturday, with the hope of securing the provincial title.



U11 playoffs

The Whitewood Elks U11 team hosted the Langenburg Warriors on Mar. 19 for game two of the G-side playoffs. Langenburg won game one 7-4 and game two 5-3 to clench the league banner.

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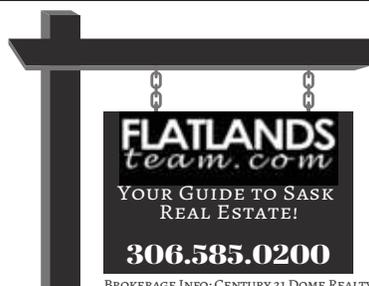
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WEEK OF
March 27 to April 2, 2022

The luckiest signs this week: Taurus, Gemini and Cancer

ARIES
You'll reflect deeply on your personal aspirations. You'll take up healthy habits to eliminate stress in your life. You're making plans to start fresh this spring.

TAURUS
You'll be a social butterfly this week. You'll constantly be surrounded by friends and enjoy going out on many occasions. Your laughter will be contagious.

GEMINI
You'll be inspired to start a new project. You secure a nice retirement by making the right decisions. Start building the future you want today.

CANCER
You'll go on a spontaneous getaway with friends. However, your trip may lead to headaches and disagreements. Don't be stubborn, and learn to let go.

LEO
If you need to finance a project, simply visit the bank. Your determination will help you meet the right people. You may feel a romantic spark with someone, which could lead to jealousy.

VIRGO
You may have to compromise with those around you to reach a fair agreement. You'll be tasked with planning an event, which won't be easy. Your work calls won't be answered quickly, even if they're urgent.

LIBRA
At work, some clients will be impossible to please. Don't take it personally, and do your best. In your relationship, don't hold back your feelings.

SCORPIO
If you're single, you'll catch the eye of several suitors and fall in love at first sight. Take the time to get to know this person before declaring your love. You'll be very productive at work.

SAGITTARIUS
You'll finally sell your house or find your dream home. If you've been living in the same place for many years, you may feel nostalgic. You'll be promoted to a management position at work.

CAPRICORN
Your ideas and opinions will bring people together. Others will listen to what you have to say. You'll have a lot of fun this week.

AQUARIUS
Your finances could complicate your relationship. It's important

to be affectionate with your partner, even if you have other things on your mind.

PISCES
This week is all about new beginnings and challenges. Some people may upset you. However, it's best to ignore them because you have better things to do. You'll enjoy spending time with others and feel creative.

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BREAK time

By Jim Barnard

Whizword

"THEY ACTED IN NICOLAS CAGE MOVIES"
Solution: 12 Letters
(2 Words)
THEME WORDS

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DIRECTIONS: All the theme words listed below will be found in the puzzle, either vertically, horizontally, diagonally or even backwards. The puzzle will be easier if you find the bigger words first. As you find a word, **CIRCLE EACH LETTER** and then check the word off the list of theme words. Some letters might be used more than once, so be careful to leave all letters visible. The letters left over will solve the puzzle, and may be one word or a phrase.

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Last puzzle's Answer: RUSHMORE AND MORE © 2012 Jim Barnard 4/8

CROSSWORDS

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ACROSS

- Radio promos
- Exchange
- "Of ____ I Sing"
- Church bench
- Operatic highlight
- Repair
- She-sheep
- Scot's skirt
- Strays
- In a dead heat
- Wander
- Middle Eastern bread
- Benefit
- Fight site
- Disintegrate
- Make a choice
- Clip
- Garbage
- By means of
- Pack animal
- To's opposite
- Used up
- Jars
- Neighborhood
- Bothersome dispute

DOWN

- Impersonate
- Mountain moisture
- Sugarcoats
- Welfare
- Twist
- Feel terrible
- Revere, for one
- Not us
- Seasoning green
- James ____ Jones
- Different
- Moving truck
- Pays up
- Mama's fellow
- Garden bloomer
- Fire-setting crime
- Horrible
- Passed beyond
- Evergreen tree
- So long, in London: 2 wds.
- Checks
- Duffer's goal
- Detest
- Jumble
- Throbbing pain
- Igloo material
- Embroiders
- Still sleeping
- Mislead
- Period of time
- Grown boys

Neighbourly Advice According to Ed - Ray Maher

Will power and won't power

It may be helpful to think of the church season of Lent as a kind of Christian spring training. It's similar to the professional baseball teams who prepare for their regular season with their early spring training.

Lent leads Christians to the monumental events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. One emphasis of the 40 days of Lent is the call for us to recognize our sinfulness and our need for God's Savior, Jesus Christ, anew.

A temptation is an invitation to do what is sinful. It is not always easy to recognize temptations as harmful or sinful. Most folks have their favorite sins.

We see how others get stuck repeating a sin like gossip, but we may not know we are repeating sinners ourselves without God's word. Evil seen in others reflects our own sin.

In Luke, Chapter 4, we have the account of the tempting of Jesus by the devil in the wilderness. There the devil invited Jesus to sin when Jesus was alone fasting and praying for forty days. The devil wanted his propositions and inducements to cause Jesus to sin.

When tempted by Satan, Jesus showed both personal willpower and won't power. Temptation in itself is not sinning, but if you accept the invitation to sin, you must

face the consequence of your action. We talk of giving in to temptation, but choosing to sin rests with ourselves.

If I invite you to dinner, you do not have to come, but if you do come, you will eat my cooking which could be a treat or a trauma leading to indigestion.

Can you trust the one inviting you to do something? The motives behind an invite to dinner could be one of friendship or one of poison.

Jesus could see beyond the proposals of the devil to the devil himself. Jesus knew the devil was using his hunger, his hidden power as God's Son, and the promise of world domination to invite Jesus to sin and destroy his mission on earth to be sinless for sinners.

Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, but He did not sin. (Hebrews 4: 15) He understands how powerful and deceitful temptations can be; that is why He came to rescue us from ourselves. "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8, 9

God knew we could not do the impossible, which is never sin. So he sent Jesus to do the impossible, remain sinless for us.

As Christians, we rejoice that "If anybody

does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

1 John 2:1, 2

Jesus faced temptations yet remained sinless for our blessing. God asks us to struggle against temptations guided by His word and prayer.

We cannot remain sinless facing our temptations, but God can guide and help us when we try to avoid sin. The devil gladly helps us to sin boldly to destroy us.

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Obituary

Charles Gelowitz
February 1945 – March 16, 2022

Treasured husband and father, Charles Gelowitz, entered his eternal rest Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina, at the age of 77, following a brave and extended battle with abdominal cancer.

Charles was born in February 1945 and grew up in his beloved community of Grayson, SK, moving back and forth between Regina and Grayson several times over his lifetime. It was in Regina where he met the love of his life, Anne, and where his three children, Cherie, Scott and Sheldon, were born.

Charles had an innate curiosity and talent for tinkering and fixing things, which led him to pursue additional education after Grade 12, earning a second class power engineer designation. With this combination of talent and education, he was gainfully employed at Co-op, Molson's and the Agriculture Canada Research Station. But his real passion was farming, so in 1978 he convinced Anne to move to Grayson and take over the family farm. He often said he couldn't have imagined a better way to live. While farming, he drove school bus, which he also enjoyed and took very seriously. Prior to retiring, he worked at the Yorkton Hospital. In 2004, Charles and Anne retired from farming and moved back to Regina.

Charles was a kind and generous soul, who always had a friendly smile and a contagious laugh. He loved to chat, debate the latest news of the day and cheer for the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Charles was an amazing father, with a natural talent for teaching his children the important things in life. He was a very dedicated grandfather, who had no qualms about running through the house with a laundry basket on his head if it meant the kids were having fun. He loved music and camping. Charles was always very dedicated to his religious life and donated his time and effort to the communities he lived in. In his retirement, he became an avid family historian and an artist, creating beautiful stained glass and metal art for his family.

Charles is survived by his devoted wife, Anne; his children: Cherie (Arlan) Frick, Scott (Jennifer) Gelowitz and Sheldon Gelowitz; seven grandchildren, Luke, Jessica, Zachary, Travis, Rachel, Rebecca and Ryan; his five sisters, Phyllis (Glen) Bailey, Hilda Derkach, Linda (Lorne) Smith, Jean (Lyle) Straker, Christine Jasper; one brother, Sam (Sharon) Gelowitz; and a large and loving extended family.

Charles was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Mary Gelowitz; and his in-laws, Adolf and Olga Dickoff.

The funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 11 a.m. from Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in Regina with Rev. Fr. James Owolagba as the Celebrant.

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Obituary

Frieda Philippina Graff
Oct. 14, 1927 - March 12, 2022

With sadness we announce the passing of our mother, Frieda Philippina (Rathgeber) Graff.

Mom was born on Oct. 14, 1927, to Joseph and Philippina (Litzenberger) Rathgeber on the family farm near Neudorf, SK. She followed four older brothers and was the first of three sisters. Mom was baptized by Rev. N. Honebein on Nov. 6, 1927, in her parents' home and confirmed on March 29, 1942, by Rev. A. Shira at Christ Lutheran Church, Neudorf. She was married to Frank Graff on Jan. 5, 1948, by Rev. E. Schmok in Vancouver, BC.

Sadly, Mom was widowed on Sept. 24, 1956. She continued to farm and raise her children with the help of her brother-in-law, Fred C. Graff. Although work on the farm was very hard and never-ending, Mom loved every aspect of farming: hand milking cows, raising chickens, gardening, seeding time and harvesting. In her "spare" time, she loved to sew. She served many delicious meals, as well as cinnamon rolls and kuchen to family and friends. Even after Mom left the farm, she remained interested in what was happening on the farm.

Mom moved to Southey for a brief period of two years. While there, she found employment at a local restaurant and a hotel, again baking, cooking and doing housekeeping what she knew best how to do.

Her longing for Neudorf and her new grandchildren brought her to Roadside Manor, where she resided for 32 years. She again remained busy baking and sharing countless trays of cinnamon rolls, kuchen, buns and loaves of bread. Mom greatly enjoyed following the lives of her grandchildren by attending many ball games, band concerts, music festivals and drama productions.

After celebrating her 90th birthday at Roadside Manor, a fall a short time later forced her to move to Echo Lodge Care Home at Fort Qu'Appelle and then to St. Paul Lutheran Home in Melville, where she passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the age of 94 years. She will be sadly missed by everyone.

Mom was predeceased by her parents, Joseph (1975) and Philippina (1996) Rathgeber; her husband, Frank (1956); her brothers, Fredrick William (2002), Valentine (2011), Henry (2002) and Arthur (2002). Remembering her are her CHILDREN: Gloria (Rev. Howard) Ulmer of Regina and Garnet (Shelley) Graff of Neudorf; her GRANDCHILDREN: Joscelyn (Marcel) Bona of Red Deer, AB; Lyndon (Danielle) Graff of Craven, SK; Evan (Kyla) Graff of Regina, SK; Kristen (Wayne) Jarocki of Weyburn, SK; her GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN: Nicholas Bona of Red Deer, AB and Inara Graff of Regina, SK; her SISTERS: Helen Gattinger of Melville, SK, and Alice DeMello of Regina, SK; her SISTER-IN-LAW: Helen Rathgeber of Neudorf, SK.

We thank God for the gift of our mother and thank everyone who loved and befriended her during her lifetime. Special thanks to Dr. Eshawesh and the staff of St. Paul Lutheran Home for their care and concern.

Frieda's funeral service was held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Christ Lutheran Church, Neudorf, with the Rev. Vivian Roberts officiating. Barbara Waldbauer led the congregation in the singing of the hymns, "Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me", "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant". The eulogy was presented by Garnet Graff, and readings were offered by Evan Graff and Lyndon Graff. Interment took place in Christ Lutheran Cemetery, Neudorf, with Joscelyn and Marcel Bona, Evan and Kyla Graff, Lyndon and Danielle Graff, and Kristan and Wayne Jarocki acting as pallbearers.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



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Obituary

Cary Neil Longfellow
June 13, 1943 - March 18, 2022

Neil could tie any knot for you, build a fire in the rain, and teach any kid.

He was born in Bengough, SK, a single child to Alf and Gwen. In 1950, while living in Wisconsin working in a business with his brother Norm, Alf passed away suddenly. They returned to Regina, SK where Gwen and Grandma O'Neil raised Neil. Jack (his scout leader) and Lena Woolley were lifelong influences. They pushed him to get his Queen's Scout in 1958, which he received from Elizabeth herself on the steps of the Legislature.

Gwendolyn married Phil Haffner in 1958 and Neil was blessed with a formidable, fun-loving father and three amazing siblings, Wayne, Phil Jr., and Maureen. In Regina he attended Central Collegiate and met the love of his life, Lynda Roney. They married in 1967. Daughter Sara came along in 1972 and Erin in 1974. After graduation from University of Alberta he earned graduate diplomas in Learning Disabilities and Counselling. He taught in Whitehorse, YK, Sherwood Park, AB, was the Director of the Learning Assistance Centre in Saskatoon, SK, and finally taught and was VP at Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary School, SK. He was a patient, caring, and inspirational man to many. He never gave up on any child.

Neil enjoyed everything outdoors, teaching his daughters the love of camping. He followed his girls with their passions, Sara horses and Erin skiing. He was a basketball coach, ski instructor, was involved in the Nancy Greene League, Adaptive Skiing, Sask Ski, branding calves. He was game for anything. Music made his world go round.

Predeceased by his father, Alfred Longfellow; step-father, Phil Haffner; mom, Gwen Haffner (the toughest most free-spirited woman we know); nephew, Doug Selinger; step-brothers, Phil Jr. and Wayne Haffner; and brother-in-law, Doug Kempf.

He will be remembered with a smile by his wife Lynda; daughters, Sara Longfellow (Adrian Traquair), Erin Newton (Darin); sister Maureen Selinger (Al); in-laws, Sandy Kempf, Pat and Roger Franklin; grandchildren, Maddoc, Burke and Evan; many nieces and nephews; O'Neil cousins and friends.

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Obituary Elmer Paul Parachoniak

June 27, 1940 - March 5, 2022

Elmer Parachoniak passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the age of 81 years.



Elmer Paul was born June 27, 1940, an identical twin, to Nick and Mary (Boyarski) Parachoniak at the family farm near Hubbard, SK. He attended public school in Hubbard, Ituna High School and St. Joseph's College in Yorkton, graduating in 1962.

Elmer was united in marriage to Joanna Lillian Wersta on June 1, 1963, at Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hubbard, SK. Elmer began his career working and training as a psychiatric nurse at the Saskatchewan Training School in Moose Jaw, SK, in 1965, graduating as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse on November 17, 1967. During his training, he was honoured to receive proficiency awards in Psychiatric Nursing and Recreational Occupational Therapy by the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan. He continued his education at the University of Regina in Social Sciences. Elmer was fortunate to become an Adjunctive Therapist III, teaching challenged handicap clients and students in a community setting. He was employed until his retirement in 1999 following 32 years of service.

Elmer was a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church for about 33 years. He volunteered during this time as a maintenance and landscaper at the church grounds. During this time, he received a certificate as a Plantsman from the Horticulture College of Olds, AB. He was involved in the Moose Jaw Horticultural Society as secretary for several years.

Elmer's leisure outdoor activities included canoeing, camping, gardening, landscaping and sports. He also enjoyed polkafeasts, family gatherings and winter trips to the United States.

Elmer was predeceased by his parents, Nick and Mary (Boyarski) Parachoniak, six brothers, two sisters, in-laws John and Annie Wersta, brother-in-law Ernest Wersta and sister-in-law Gladys Wersta. Memories of Elmer will be cherished by his loving wife of almost 59 years, Joanna; son Lionel and Pat, Alexis; and daughters Lisa and Allen, Austin and Alyssa, and Lauren and Ray, Catlin.

Memory Eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

A funeral service for Elmer was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Matthews Funeral Home, Melville, officiated by the Rev. Fr. Michael Faryna, with Yvonne Panchuk as cantor. Interment took place at the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery, Goodeve, with Jille Brackma, Catlin Kozo, Austin Fetsch, Glenn Stecyk, Kevin Stecyk and Allan Fetsch acting as pallbearers.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville.



Obituary Janelle Leanne Willoughby

Oct. 7, 1974 - March 5, 2022

Janelle Leanne Willoughby, age 47, of Indian Head, Sask, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022. Janelle was born on Oct. 7, 1974 in Ponoka, Alta. She grew up on a farm outside of Rimby with her parents and three sisters. She went to school in Crestomere for several years before moving on to high school in Ponoka.



She met her husband Mark in Ponoka in 1992 and they married in 1993. She had her first child in 1993. They later moved to Sinaluta, Sask. in 1995, where she had two more children. She started working for the Credit Union in Sinaluta until they closed, then moved to the Credit Union in Indian Head. In 2013 she moved to Indian Head.

Throughout the years she did lots of volunteer work. The most prominent ones being her work with Forever Friends of Hope, Girl Guides and music festival.

She was predeceased by her grandparents, Don and Peggy McLaren and Anne and Fred Sachs. She is survived by her husband Mark; her daughters, Steffanie, Pamela and Breanne (Brandon); granddaughter Alice; parents, Don and Lois; sisters, Shayna (Dean), Leah (Graham) and Angela (Derek); father and mother-in-law, Terry and Wendy; sister-in-law Cindy; brother-in-law Duane (Alicia); and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be missed by many.

A funeral service was held in the Indian Head Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 2 p.m. with officiant Rev. Koshy David. Interment will be held at a later date in the Indian Head Cemetery. Donations in memoriam may be made to Forever Friends of Hope Foundation Inc., Box 422, Qu'Appelle, SK., S0G 4A0. Online condolences may be made at www.tubmanfh.com



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Resort Village of Melville Beach Public Notice

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Melville Beach intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 3-2016, known as The Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw will amend the yard setbacks for all accessory buildings in the Residential District (R1) and change the foundation requirements for modular homes.

AFFECTED LAND

All properties located within the Residential District (R1) at the Resort Village of Melville Beach may be affected.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to provide clarity and uniformity to the setbacks for accessory buildings located within the Residential District (R1) and allow modular homes to be placed on foundations other than a concrete foundation in a Residential District (R1).

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw by contacting the Administrator at 306-730-5799, emailing the Resort Village at rvmelvillebeach@gmail.com or viewing the website at www.melvillebeach.com. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 5 p.m. through Zoom (online), to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Resort Village office before the hearing. Comments may be mailed to P.O. Box 3250, Melville, SK S0A 2P0 or emailed to rvmelvillebeach@gmail.com in advance of the meeting.

Issued at the Resort Village of Melville Beach this 1st day of March, 2022.

Kayla Hauser, Administrator
 Resort Village of Melville Beach

PUBLIC NOTICE

Discretionary Use Application
W 1/2 35-22-6 W2 - RM of Cana No. 214

The Council for the Rural Municipality of Cana No. 214 pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* gives notice of its intention to consider Discretionary Use Application at the above noted properties.

The Discretionary Use Application being applied for is to allow for vertical landfill expansion.



PUBLIC HEARING:

Any person may make written or oral submissions to the Council for the RM of Cana No. 214 at the public hearing Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the RM Office at 110-5th Avenue East, Melville, SK in respect to the proposed development applications.

INFORMATION:

Questions regarding the proposed development may be directed to:

RM of Cana No. 214
 110-5th Avenue East Melville, SK S0A 2P0
 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Monday to Thursday
 Phone: 306-728-5645, email: rmcana@sasktel.net
 Dated at the RM of Cana No. 214, this 25th day of March, 2022.

Kali Tourney, Administrator

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RM of CUPAR NO. 218

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the RM of Cupar No. 218 for the year 2022 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the following days: Monday to Friday, from March 23 to April 22, 2022, excluding holidays.

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

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

The Secretary of the Board of Revision, C/O Loretta Young, Box 251, Earl Grey, SK, S0G 1J0 on or before April 22, 2022

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2022.

Nikki Czemerer,
Assessor



PUBLIC NOTICE
Zoning Bylaw
RM of NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the RM of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 13-08 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

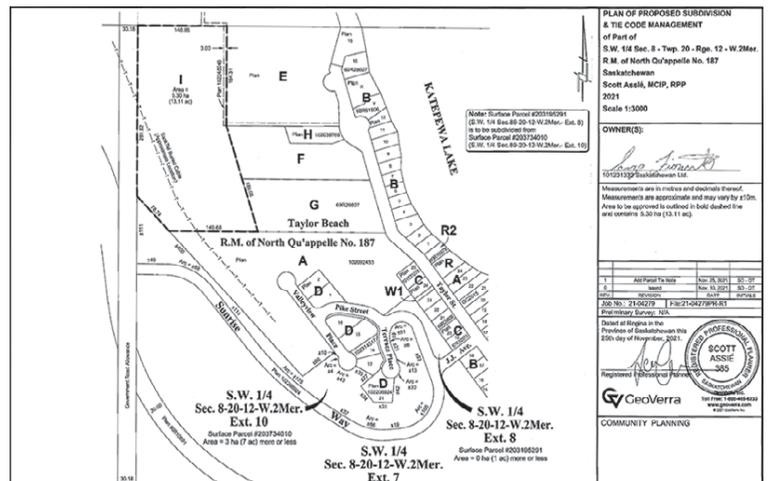
INTENT

The proposed bylaw will:

1. The Zoning District Map referred to in Section 4 - Zoning Districts is amended by rezoning from A - Agricultural to RR- Resort Residential District, the portion of the South West 08-20-12-W2, extension 10.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as part of the South West 08-20-12-W2, extension 10, as shown on the following map:



PUBLIC NOTICE

March 15, 2022

RE: APPLICATION TO MODIFY A CAVERN LICENCE TO A WASTE DISPOSAL CAVERN
AREA: SW-29-22-6-W2M (LSD 6)

Plains Environmental is making application to modify the license of three salt caverns located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 29-22-6-W2M. This application is to complement the current facilities/operations of two existing waste disposal caverns on the SW-29-22-6-W2M since 1999.

While the application is to modify the license of three caverns, only one of those caverns will initially be used for waste disposal. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources requires that Plains Environmental Inc. post public notice of this intention.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shaun Kozak at 306-790-4352, or at skozak@scottland.ca.

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

In the interests of community engagement, Plains Environmental is hosting an information session scheduled for:

April 5, 2022
Cardiac Care Room, Horizon Credit Union Community Centre
575 - 2nd Ave. W., Melville, SK
2 pm to 6 pm
Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

For information please contact:

Shaun Kozak (agent for Plains Environmental Inc.)
Freehold Mineral Manager
Scott Land & Lease Ltd.
306-790-4352
skozak@scottland.ca

PURPOSE

The affected land is proposed to be rezoned to retain the land in its natural state and append the land to the adjacent property holding in the SweetGrass Ridge hamlet.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office at 136 Company Ave. South in Fort Qu'Appelle between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available to interested persons at a cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 office at 136 Company Ave. South in Fort Qu'Appelle to hear any person or group that wishes to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office by regular mail, email or hand delivered before the meeting. Issued at the RM of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 this 17th day of March, 2022.

Dawn Lugin, Administrator
RM of North Qu'Appelle No. 187
Email: rm187@sasktel.net

Library commemorates 130 years

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

a book sale and cupcakes last week.

The library was originally established as The Mechanic's Library Institute in 1892. It amalgamated with the network of

branches known as the Southeast Regional Library in 1966 and held a grand opening at its current location in 2004.

Over the years it has continued to play an important role in residents' lives.

Some of the memories from those years are depicted on a poster created by local youth and displayed at the library entrance.

To celebrate its long history in the community, the library board

and staff organized a weeklong book sale.

A large selection of used books for children and adults were available for purchase during regular library hours from March 15 to 18.

Patrons not only acquired new reading material but were also given a cupcake beautifully decorated with the number "130."

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Summer Student Maintenance Position
The District of Katepwa seeking an ambitious and self-motivated student for the summer maintenance position.

Position: May 2nd to August 31st.
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7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Applicant: Must have a valid driver's license and be comfortable in operating a riding lawnmower.
Applications will be accepted until Monday, April 8, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.



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Duties to include but are not limited to:

- Plan and lead play programs focusing on movement skills, cultural and creative activities, and physical literacy.
- Prepare the weekly calendar of activities and provide information for Social Media and the District Website.
- Ability to work as part of a team with the other staff or volunteers from the community.
- Complete all evaluations and reports as required.
- Other duties as assigned by the District Council and CAO.

Qualifications:

- Preference will be given to those with a background or training in Recreations and Leisure, Kinesiology or Education.
- Minimum of 16 years of age.
- Experience working with children would be an asset.
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Spaghetti western fundraiser

By **Connie Schwalm**

Grasslands News

The Wawota Public Library's latest fundraiser promises to be a unique evening for young and old.

As Sarah Weatherald (Library Board Chair) notes, "We're still in the early stages of planning and applying for grants for our library expansion.

"Our Spaghetti Western evening will be a fundraiser for this. But our main focus is to hold a fun event, something different, that everyone in the community can come out and enjoy."

Weatherald explains that the event will feature "something for the whole family".

"We were originally thinking of screening a spaghetti western movie that evening, and we might still have a movie playing silently in the background.

"But we've decided to do something more than simply having people watch a movie.

"We'll be having the event in the Town Hall. Old George (Old George's Hidden Museum in Whitewood) has agreed to loan us some of his artifacts, so that we can decorate the hall in an 'old west' style.

People will be able to come out and enjoy a good spaghetti supper.

There will be a saloon set up, with fun non-alcoholic 'cocktails' available for the kids and other refreshments for adults."

Throughout the event, there will be an old fashioned carnival with games where guests can test their skills at the Ring Toss, Wishing Well, the Hook a Duck Game, the Shooting Gallery, and Toilet Roll Toss.

A vintage photo booth is also available so be sure to wear your west-

ern style gear and you might win a spot prize!

We have some excellent items up for grabs at our auction that have been donated including Hillberg and Berk Jewelry, a calving package, a booze basket and a scenic plane ride.

The Wawota Public Library's Spaghetti Western evening will take place on April 2. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (kids under 12 free). Doors open at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN TOWN OF BROADVIEW

The Town of Broadview is accepting applications for the position of Public Works Foreman. This is a permanent full-time position while directly responsible to the Town's Public Works Committee is accountable to Council to meet community expectations and is responsible to direct, control and administer all operational aspects of Public Works to do this.

Applicants must possess a minimum Grade 12/GED, valid Class 5 drivers license and have or be willing and able to obtain their Water Treatment and Distribution Level II Certification and Wastewater Collection and Treatment Level I Certification.

Individuals that are self-motivated with organizational, supervisory, communication and management skills are encouraged to apply. Previous experience in operating and maintaining large equipment also preferred.

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Municipal Maintenance Worker Full Time Seasonal

The Village of Lebrét is seeking a full time seasonal Municipal Maintenance Worker to commence work on or before May 2, 2022.

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Preference will be given to candidates with Grade 12 high school completion and previous equipment operation experience. The successful candidate will possess a valid Class 5 license and effectively work and communicate with Council, other employees, ratepayers, contractors, and the public.

The employee will be physically fit and able to perform manual labour, often outdoors, in all weather conditions. The position requires a weekend on-call rotation and occasional overtime.

The Village will negotiate compensation including pension with the successful candidate based on qualifications, education, and experience. Successful applicants will be required to submit a Criminal Record Check.

For more information, please contact the Village office. Interested persons should forward a resume and covering letter to the following by **April 14, 2022**:

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Turn them in but do not transport: Gun Amnesty

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

Saskatchewan.

The SACP Firearm Amnesty recognizes that our province has a long history and tradition of hunting, agricultural production and recreational marksmanship. Firearms are a necessary tool in these vocations and pursuits. The SACP distinguishes that legal, safe and responsible firearm ownership is the practice of most gun-owners in this province. The SACP Firearm Amnesty does not wish to have an adverse effect on responsible firearms owners. Instead, the SACP Firearm Amnesty is designed to lower the risk of violent offences involving firearms by safely collecting and disposing of unwanted firearms that may, otherwise fall into the hands of criminals through break & enters or accidental loss. Reducing

the numbers of these firearms in our cities, towns and rural communities will have a positive impact on public safety. An example of an unwanted firearm would be a firearm inherited as part of an estate, but no longer wanted by the surviving relative. The Amnesty also extends to replica or imitation firearms, and any unwanted ammunition or parts of firearms.

Between March 21st and April 10th, 2022, residents of Saskatchewan are encouraged to contact their municipal police service, nearest RCMP detachment, or conservation office to arrange to surrender their unwanted firearms, replica firearms and/or ammunition.

NOTE: Members of the public must not transport firearms to municipal services, detachments or conservation offices.

Improper transportation of firearms presents a safety risk and can result in potential criminal implications. By pre-arrangement, police officers or conservation officers will attend to pick up un-

wanted firearms from the homes of residents who wish to surrender them. During the period of the SACP Firearm Amnesty, police will not pursue any charges in relation to the unauthorized possession

of firearms surrendered as part of this initiative. Surrendered firearms will be checked by police to determine if they are involved in any ongoing investigations. Firearms will then be destroyed.

The Saskatchewan RCMP is participating in the 2022 Gun Amnesty from March 21 to April 10. To schedule the pick-up of your unwanted firearms, call your local RCMP detachment.

Find the contact information of your local RCMP detachment in Saskatchewan at: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/find/SK.

Saskatchewan municipal police services, Saskatchewan RCMP and the Ministry of Environment officially launched the 2022 Firearm Amnesty Program on March 21st. The program, sponsored by the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police (SACP), offers a proactive approach to the issue of gun violence in

SWF asks for donated guns, antlers hunting and fishing equipment

With spring just around the corner, and spring cleaning on everyone's mind, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation is reminding people that they can turn guns, antlers, and used hunting and fishing equipment into habitat for wildlife across the province, while receiving a tax-deductible receipt for their generosity.

For over 20 years, SWF's Guns for Habitat and Antlers for Habitat initiatives have allowed individuals to donate unwanted firearms and antlers for a good cause, raising over \$270,000 in the process.

Thanks to matching programs provided by SWF branches around the province, that number doubles!

This past year, Guns

for Habitat hit an impressive milestone of raising \$100,000 in total for Habitat Trust initiatives.

The Habitat Trust program acquires and enhances habitat for wildlife including species at risk. A tax-deductible receipt is issued to the donor upon sale of the antlers or equipment.

"We appreciate the generosity of everyone who has donated to these programs in the past.

All of the proceeds from the sale of these items are used to secure critical wildlife habitat in our province for the benefit of our wildlife resources and generations of Saskatchewan residents" said Darren Newberry, Director of Habitat Lands for the SWF.

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