



Indian Head Days are fast approaching

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

A busy weekend of family-friendly activities will take place later this month when Indian Head Days returns on June 24 to 26. Collaboration between town staff and local organizations, along with sponsorship from the RM of Indian Head and SaskTel, make a variety of events possible at this year's community celebration.

Organizers are promoting the theme "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" in recognition of the famous 1950's Indian Head Rocket's team that will be inducted to the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in August. Individuals or groups can design a float for the parade or decorate their homes and businesses to reflect this theme. Indian Head Museum has also planned several events to highlight the baseball team, including the grand opening of a new exhibit.

Depending on team availability, events may start on Friday evening (June 24) with baseball games at Jimmy Robison Field.

On Saturday morning (June 25), the fire department will host a pancake breakfast. Starting at 10:30 a.m., a parade will make its way through town. The minor hockey group will serve a BBQ lunch outside Memorial Hall and in the afternoon families can enjoy free swimming or other activities at Dixon Park.

Throughout the day, there will be a slo-pitch tournament at Jimmy Robison Field. Organizers are also working to arrange a Farmers Market outside Memorial Hall and vendors are welcome to register through the Town Office.

The new exhibit at the Museum, featuring the Indian Head Rockets, will be unveiled at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Afterwards Max Weder will give a special presentation at the Grand Theatre. Weder is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and wrote "Indian Head and Canada's Greatest Baseball Tournament 1947-55" in the recently published book, *Our Game Too: Influential Figures and Milestones in Canadian Baseball*.

The day's festivities will end with a cabaret at Memorial Hall featuring the Bromantics.

"Fitting with our 1950s theme, they're going to be doing an hour of swing and jive lessons before the dance so people can also register to do that," said Meagan McEwen, Community Development Officer for Indian Head. "There are prizes for costumes, too, so we're encouraging people to get dressed up."

Indian Head Days will continue on Sunday (June 26) with Flatland Cruisers' 14th annual Show and Shine on Grand Avenue. The car show will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but vehicle registration will start at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

In keeping with the weekend's sports theme, the documentary film *Sleeping Tiger: The Asahi Baseball Story* will be showing at the theatre on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

A detailed schedule of events for Indian Head Days has been posted to the town's website and Facebook page, and any questions can be directed to the Town Office at 306-695-2742.



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Work begins on park

One year after the tragic death of Cst. Shelby Patton in Wolseley, construction has started on a memorial park in the community. More than \$222,000 has been raised for the project, which will include benches and an eight-piece exercise equipment circuit.

Construction starts on Cst. Shelby Park

By Sarah Pacio
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One year after the tragic death of Cst. Shelby Patton, age 26, construction is starting on a park in his honor.

The RCMP officer served with the Indian Head detachment for six years and was killed on June 12, 2021 while responding to a call in Wolseley. The incident shook both communities, as well as neighbours for miles around.

In August 2021, a committee was formed to develop a memorial park in Indian Head. They set a goal of \$150,000 and began fundraising to purchase benches, fitness equipment and a monument for a greenspace on the corner of Eberts and Water Streets. It is located along the Sunbeam Creek Walking Trail and will be called the Constable Shelby Patton Memorial Park in honour of the young officer. Six months after the committee was formed, their goal was reached but donations continued to come with the most recent

total reported as \$222,538. Support has been monetary as well as in-kind.

"I think we were all positive that we would be able to fundraise for this project but I don't think any of us on the committee expected it would happen this fast, so that was really nice," MacKenzie Craigie, Facilities Operations



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- MacKenzie Craigie

Manager for Indian Head, told Grasslands News. "It hasn't even been a year and we're already starting construction."

This tremendous support enabled the committee to purchase benches, an eight-piece exercise equipment circuit, and garbage receptacles. Supply chain problems caused by the pandemic caused

some delays in procurement, but most of the park components have now been acquired. An archway will be delivered soon, as well as a granite monument with a bronze hat and boots, which will be installed on the southwest corner of the park.

There is already a cement pad on the north side of the park where a covered picnic area is being installed. Additional concrete pads must be poured before other elements can be placed.

"It's definitely coming along; we have everything in motion, we're just lining it up because it needs to be in a little bit of a sequence," Craigie explained. "Once we get the cement pads poured, we can continue with the underground irrigation; everything is ready to go; we're just coordinating getting everyone in there."

After the cement pads are prepared, benches and exercise equipment can be installed and landscaping completed. The development committee anticipates the park will be finished in time for a grand opening in mid-August.



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Bear sighting shuts down kids' ball game in Cupar

Animal shot and killed due to safety concerns

By Alan Hustak
Grasslands News

Sherry-Lynn Desfosses was in her back yard in Cupar on Tuesday evening when she saw what she thought was a really

big dog eight to ten feet away wandering down the back alley. "I took a second look and saw that it was a bear. I was more surprised than scared," she told Grasslands News. "It glanced at me and just kept on going. I

grabbed my cat, ran back into the house. I wasn't going to stick around and ask any questions."

John Groh and his wife, Marjorie, were on the east side of town watching their 7-year old great grandson, Walker Chernick, play ball when the bear interrupted the game. "We were already into a couple of innings when everyone saw a full grown black bear running parallel to the diamond," Groh said. "The animal stopped, paused then reversed course. Needless to say softballs and bats were quickly gathered up and the game was called on account of bear." Walker was 'quite excited,' Marjorie Groh recalled. "Some of the other kids were quite scared, but Walker was really excited."

They were among hundreds of people in Cupar, a town of 600 people 40 km northwest of Fort Qu'Appelle, who saw the bear lumber across the fields from the baseball diamond on the east end of town and make its way through streets and alley ways to the soccer pitch on the



Bear shot

A bear that was wandering around Cupar, including the ball diamonds where a kid's game was underway, was shot and killed for safety reasons.

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Bear on the run

A number of residents in Cupar photographed the bear as it made its way throughout the community including the ball park. The bear, estimated to be 300 to 350 lbs., was eventually shot by a farmer out of safety concerns.

west side. The town's foreman, Mike Pearce started fielding dozens of phone calls from people alarmed by the sighting. "There's never been a bear in town before," he said. "It ran through the town and headed north. It probably came up from the Qu'Appelle Valley."

Meanwhile, Ethan Hart was driving home from the family farm when he saw the bear fighting with dogs on a property two kilometres

north of town. Hunt, who has a black bear tag license which allows him to shoot the species legally, said he was worried about the safety of the family and the livestock on the farm.

He shot the bear twice with his rifle. "I hunt deer, I hunt moose, but this is the first bear I bagged," he said. "I shot it twice. One shot probably killed it, but I wanted to make sure it was dead. It was a 300, 350 pound

bear."

Officers with the Southey RCMP detachment were at the scene shortly afterwards. They allowed Hart to keep the bear as a trophy. A spokesman with the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment says the bear population in the province has been on the increase in recent years, and more bear sightings are being reported.

Deadly mix: Impaired & unbelted is an even more dangerous duo

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Bad – and potentially fatal – decisions often come in pairs.

Impaired driving is the leading factor in auto crash fatalities in Saskatchewan... but in many of those tragic deaths, it's not the only factor.

Did you know more than one-third of impaired driving deaths also involve someone not wearing their seatbelt? Over the last five years*, a total of 172 people have been killed in impaired driving collisions on Saskatchewan roads. In 60 of those cases, people were also not properly restrained in their vehicles.

"Driving impaired is dangerous, and not wearing a seatbelt is reckless; unfortunately, where you find one, you often find the other," said Kwei Quaye, SGI Vice-President of Traffic Safety. "The combination significantly compounds the risk of a bad outcome, because driving impaired greatly increases the chance you'll be in a crash and being unbelted increases the chance the crash will kill you."

"Driving while under the influence can lead to a litany of bad decisions – including not buckling up," said Staff Sergeant

Chad McLeod of Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan RCMP. "When you're impaired, you're not making sound decisions and have no business being behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Our plea to the public is this: Please don't become a statistic. We don't want to be going to your family's door one day to tell them that you're never coming home again. Drive sober, drive safe – or plan a safe ride home – and don't break the good habit of wearing your seatbelt each time you get in a vehicle."

For the June Traffic Safety Spotlight, SGI and police want to remind drivers that road safety comes down to making good decisions, like:

- Always driving sober.
- Planning a safe ride if you're not going to be sober (i.e. designating a driver, or taking a taxi,

rideshare, or designated driving service.)

- Buckling up. Every time.
- Never getting into a vehicle with a driver who is impaired.
- Helping impaired friends find a safe ride home or letting them stay the night.
- Calling 9-1-1 to report suspected impaired drivers.

Aside from the potentially fatal outcome of a crash, being caught driving impaired results in a host of consequences that include licence suspensions, vehicle impoundments, financial penalties, driver education, a requirement to install and use Ignition Interlock, and the potential for a criminal record and incarceration. A ticket for not wearing a seatbelt costs the recipient \$175, plus three demerit points.

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McDonald's' construction underway

As of June 2 crews from CCR Construction LTD started pouring the concrete for the new 4,845 sq. ft. McDonald's restaurant located between Sobeys Liquor and Tim Hortons adjacent to the number 10 highway. Besides the concrete, steel supporting beams have also been erected at the site. Work on the new restaurant started at the beginning of May.

Funding to revitalize community spaces provided

Over \$1.2 million to support community renewal and recreation across East-Central Sask.

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Main streets, community centres and recreation spaces are at the heart of small towns and cities across Saskatchewan. These spaces play a key role in bringing people together and helping to build strong local economies and communities where people want to live

and work. That is why the Government of Canada is supporting new infrastructure and the revitalization of existing public assets in seven communities across East-Central Saskatchewan.

On June 7, the Honourable Daniel Vandal, Minister for PrairiesCan announced a federal investment of \$1,236,821 for seven community-led infrastructure projects that

will support community vitality and bring people back together. These funds, provided through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, will help these communities in rural Saskatchewan build and improve community infrastructure so they can rebound from the effects of the pandemic.

"Our government is investing in projects

that provide people with access to modern, accessible spaces to help communities connect, ensure the well-being of Canadians, and support the vitality of local businesses through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund. These recreational spaces, community centres and main streets are the hubs of communities and are an important part of local economic recovery," said Daniel Vandal, Minister for PrairiesCan.

The projects announced include:

- The City of Yorkton received \$450,000 to upgrade the dehumidifier and air exchange system at the Access Communications Water Park.

- The Town of Porcupine Plain received \$450,000 to develop new recreational amenities at Larwood-Shaw Memorial Park, including a water park, skate park and fitness and obstacle course.

- The Town of Preeceville received \$139,000

to construct a bike and skate park.

- The Town of Esterhazy received \$125,000 to improve the downtown area and Main Street.

- The Town of Bredenbury received \$28,500 to revitalize and add recreation amenities on the grounds of the new community centre.

- The Village of Grayson received \$23,688 to build a covered outdoor gathering space at Heritage Park.

- The Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 received \$20,633 to renovate the Rose Valley Senior Drop-In Centre.

"The Town of Esterhazy is an active growing community with a busy downtown core, attracting both residents and travelers on a daily basis. With this funding from the Government of Canada we will be able to add to our Main Street by purchasing solar lights for our sidewalks and self-watering flowerpots

made from recycled materials. This will allow us to continue to promote green initiatives. Without this funding we would not have been able to meet our downtown beautification goals. Thank you for this opportunity, we could not be more excited," said Grant Forster, mayor of Esterhazy.

These investments demonstrate the Government of Canada's commitment to support economic development in rural communities of all sizes in Saskatchewan and across the Prairies.

First Nations' and School Division hold pipe ceremony in Fort Q.

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Representatives of the Files Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council and Sun West School Division held a Pipe Ceremony at the Treaty 4 Governance Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle on June 8.

The File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council consists of 11 First Nations in the Treaty 4 Territory and represents over 15,000 First Nation citizens both on and off reserve. Sun West School Division is located in west-central Saskatchewan and provides K-12 education to over 6,000 students. Communities served by Sun West include Kindersley, Rosetown, Biggar, Outlook and Davidson.

"Sun West is committed to working towards Truth and Reconciliation and honouring our Treaty responsibilities

and we understand that to do this we need to build relationship with Indigenous peoples," stated Vicki Moore, Sun West's Acting Director of Education. "We are honoured to start building this relationship with the Files Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council," she added.

Following the Pipe Ceremony, officials from the Tribal Council and the School Division met to discuss the next steps in developing a more formalized relationship. Areas of proposed cooperation and learning include opportunities for Sun West teachers to build relationships with File Hills teacher so they can learn from each other. In addition Sun West would discuss further supports from Sun West's Distance Learning Centre, which is Saskatchewan's largest online school as well as the online resources available through its Resource Bank.



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Pipe ceremony

Representatives of the Files Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council and Sun West School Division held a Pipe Ceremony at the Treaty 4 Governance Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle on June 8.



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Survey work underway for new parkade at General Hospital

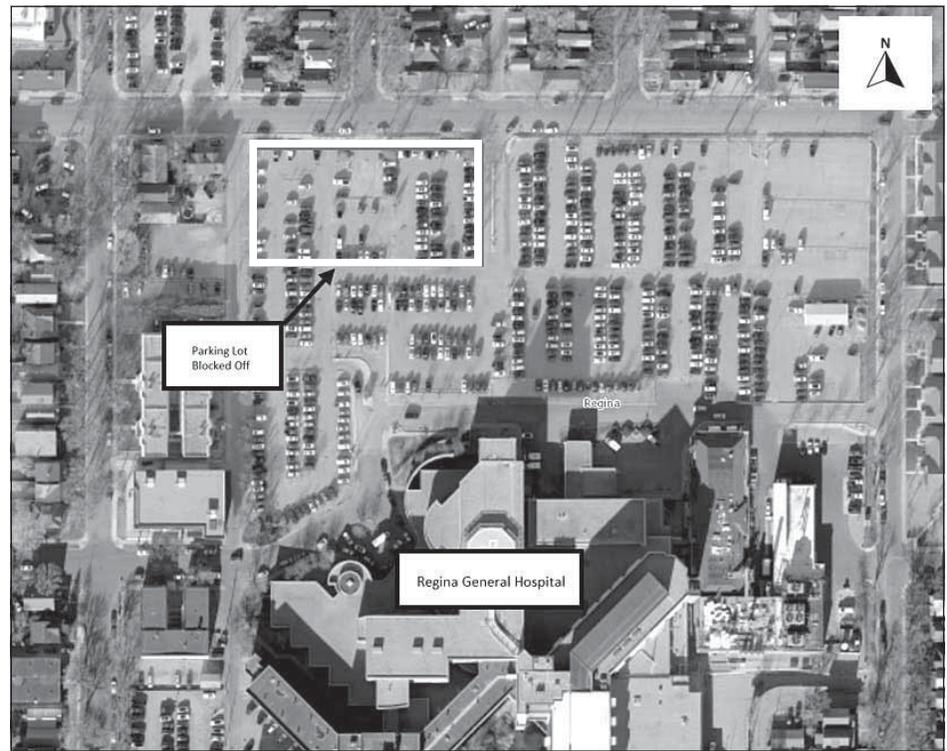
Visitor parking lot restrictions expected over next few weeks

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Visitor parking in the northwest portion of the visitor lot at the Regina General Hospital (RGH) will be temporarily reduced while surveying and geotechnical assessments are carried out as part of the planning work for the construction of a parkade.

A technical site assessment with ground penetrating radar has identified anomalies that require further investigation before proceeding. This will require an archeological assessment including on-site excavation to positively identify the nature of the anomalies and is part of the due diligence to ensure a suitable site for a parkade. The anomalies could be old foundations, building structures, other excavation activities but could also potentially be historical burials.

There are historical gaps in information re-



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Parkade survey underway

A portion of the parking lot at the General Hospital in Regina will be closed as a geotechnical assessment of the lot is carried out for the construction on a parkade. Lack of parking at the hospital has been an issue for decades.

garding buildings and occupants over the years but the first cottage hospital was opened on the RGH grounds in 1895 with subsequent additions and changes in owners and operations. There was also a Children's Aid Home in the vicinity.

Appropriate agencies and Ministries have been notified of the exploratory work underway and the Ministry of Saskatchewan and Procurement and the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) will work closely with partners on next steps in

the event that any human remains are discovered.

The SHA and Ministries apologize for any inconvenience this poses for visitors to RGH.

An update on the findings of the exaction and archeological work will be provided at a later date.

Latest fuel increase runs risk of breaking Sask. farmers

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Recent, and multiple, fuel increases have left Saskatchewan farmers with a discouraging outlook on this year's growing season. "This year, one tractor and air drill, which are used for seeding crops, would have cost that farmer an additional \$1,500 a day to operate. The integrity of a farmers' operation relies on running large equipment, which includes ranchers who will be baling next month. Fuel prices need to be manageable, or we'll soon be eliminating the small farmers as well as young farmers starting their operations because no one can account for rapid fuel inflation," explains Ray Orb, President of Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM). This is on top of the federal carbon tax; how can producers here afford to compete globally?

"Farmers and ranchers in parts of Saskatchewan once again carry the burden of another dry spring, and potential for another devastating year of drought. The financial stress of last season's dry dugouts, poor grazing land, feed shortage, and grasshopper destruction has led to an undeniable pessimistic outlook on the future of farming and ranching. How can they be expected to add the financial burden of soaring fuel prices?"

"We hear the frustration from rural members, seeding is ending, and soon you'll see RM roadways busy with sprayers. The price to keep these vital

pieces of equipment on the road has jumped nearly one hundred percent. "If you're a small family farm operation, you're looking at an additional \$1,000 a day to fuel equipment this year; if you're a larger operation upwards of an additional \$5,000 a day; those are astronomical financial increases," says Orb.

This week's price increase has left Saskatchewan farmers in disbelief; harvest begins in southern Saskatchewan in early August and many wonder how they will profit if poor crops are taken off, along with the extreme expense of diesel required to operate the added equipment needed during harvest. SARM has been, and will continue, advocating for farm exemptions from the federal carbon tax, as well as a meaningful carbon offset program for producers to help shelter them from some of the added burden.

SARM stated that they continue to stand united with Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers and are committed to finding a solution for immediate relief in rising fuel prices from both the provincial, and federal governments.

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Interlocutor appointed by Canadian Government

Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News



KIMBERLY MURRAY

The Canadian government announced on Wednesday morning (June 8) that Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada David Lametti has appointed Kimberly Murray as Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools.

Murray is a member of the Kahnésatake Mohawk Nation and has recently been involved with work at unmarked burials at the Mohawk Institute. From 2010 to 2015, Murray was the Executive Director of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Prior to that, she worked as a lawyer in Toronto.

Murray will hold her

new position of Special Interlocutor from June 14, 2022 until June 13, 2024. She will act as a liaison between various parties to ensure the respectful identification, preservation, and protection of unmarked graves and burial sites. She will work with First Nations, Inuit and Métis governments, as well as provincial and other leaders. Consulta-

tions will also include discussions with survivors, impacted families and community members. Murray will examine current laws and regulations regarding burial sites in order to identify areas of improvement for the legal framework.

Murray is required to conduct her tasks with impartiality and in a transparent manner. She will provide a progress report on activities at the end of the first year and a final report after two years. The federal budget for 2022 included \$10.4 million over two years to fund this work.

"I am honoured to have been entrusted with this important responsibility of being the Special Interlocutor. I am committed to supporting the work of Survivors and Indigenous communities to protect, locate, identify, repatriate, and commem-

orate the children who died while being forced to attend Indian Residential Schools," Murray said. "I pledge to do this work using my heart and my mind in a way that honours the memories of the children who never made it home."

The interlocutor's appointment comes two weeks after the Attorney General toured a cemetery on Cowessess First Nation where over 750 unmarked graves were discovered with ground penetrating radar. The cemetery on Cowessess is located near the former site of Marieval Residential School, which operated from 1899 to 1997.

"Cowessess First Nation has progressed on addressing the technical and research areas when it comes to validating

unmarked graves at the former Marieval Residential School," Cowessess Chief Cadmus Delorme said in a statement. "The Special Interlocutor will be that direct contact and advocate to assure Cowessess First Nation attains the end goal of assuring unmarked graves have markers and, with research, names to unmarked graves."

A National Crisis Line

is available to assist those impacted by the residential school system. It can be accessed any time by calling 1-866-925-4419. A Hope for Wellness line has also been established with counseling available any time in English, French and, upon request, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut. This can be reached by calling 1-855-242-3310.

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After two decades of leadership in carbon dioxide capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS), Saskatchewan remains the best place in Canada to invest in CCUS technology and infrastructure.

In fact, Whitecap Resources Inc. expects to expand its Weyburn CO2 facility, already the largest of its kind in the world which uses CO2 captured from industrial facilities for enhanced oil recovery. CO2 capture significantly lowers GHG emissions from industrial facilities and when coupled with enhanced oil recovery, reduces emissions when compared to traditional oil production.



This year, the province is partnering with the Saskatchewan Research Council and the private sector to research the development of a hydrogen hub using CCUS.

Interest in extracting lithium from subsurface brine water continues to grow, and inroads are being made by companies into geothermal energy.

The future is bright for Saskatchewan as industry, supported by the provincial government, continues to make strategic investments into sustainable energy technologies.

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Excessive profits and inflation squeezing our country

As we face the highest inflation rates in decades and no answers in sight for relief, how can our government continue to deny that it is the wealthy that are raking in the money?

Statistics Canada says corporate profits hit an all time high between October and December last year – \$139 billion in pre-tax profits with almost the same profits from January to March of this year reported. Not bad – only \$277 billion in 6 months!

One economist, David Macdonald, says that economists can tell complex stories about the cause of inflation but he says, “Sometimes it’s straightforward: large corporations with the ability to set prices can ratchet those prices up to pad their profit gains.”

Corporation’s gross profit margins reached a new high at 10.9 per cent in the first quarter of this year. This means that corporations are avoiding being squeezed by high input costs (like gasoline) by passing all those costs, and then some, on to consumers. They’re turning the difference into profit for themselves.

Let’s look at some of the areas that large corporate companies benefit.

Russia’s war on Ukraine has driven global oil prices through the roof and Canada’s oil and gas extraction industry is enjoying its best three months ever in pre-tax profits, which are already at \$12.6 billion since the start of this year.

Grocery stores show prices of meats and vege-

tables, fruit and well, just about everything on the shelf, rising to a point where one-quarter of the people say they are eating less due to the cost of food.

Macdonald says ... “Guess what? Grocery stores booked \$7.3 billion in pre-tax profit in 2021. That’s more than double what they were clearing the year before the pandemic.

“Canada’s big banks are driving a fair bit of this. In the first three months of 2022, they shattered previous profit records, but you didn’t see bank fees go down, did you?”

So why did the federal government only announce in the last budget an excess profits tax to only banks and insurance companies that recorded more than \$1 billion in taxable income in 2021 and 1.5 per cent tax when these companies’ profits go over \$100 million?

There are 51 public companies in Canada who in 2021 made more than \$1 billion in profits and the banks and insurance companies are only 20 per cent of these companies. So what about the other 80% that are raking in the profits?

Statistics Canada will be releasing figures on the levels of income for the population in July. My guess will be some pretty astounding facts resulting from not only the pandemic effects such as the loss of jobs but also from the bankruptcies of businesses as well as personal bankruptcies.

We are on the verge of needing another Emer-

gency Response Benefit such as the one paid out during the pandemic but this one will be created not by a virus but by a strain of wealth that is sucking the life out of many people in this country.

Everyone – including the business conglomerates and the high-tech companies who, by the way all seem to be lucky enough to pass their increased expenses on to those who purchase their products, should be on a level playing field with the rest of us.

Inflation puts a whole new light on the ratio of taxation rates in our country.

Macdonald is a senior economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a non-partisan research institute, and he feels Canada could dedicate those tax revenues to something helpful and practical, such as sending income transfers to those who need it as the cost of living outpaces wage increases.

With profits at a new record high and inflation also at a record high, the federal government cannot continue to leave these piles of money on the table as the cost of living continues to overtake wages.

To remain a democratic country, it is important that all levels are on the same playing field so that the citizens of the country do not become dependent on the government to control or create our individual incomes through government payouts as inflation and corporate profits continue to increase.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

Lingering COVID-19 cases a problem for many

By Murray Mandryk
Political Columnist

You likely haven’t been hearing much about COVID-19 in Saskatchewan of late, which might lead you think it’s no longer a problem.

For most, it isn’t a problem.

Yes, many, many more people have had it —far many more than the 139,000 estimated. This number is likely higher because the government no longer provides easy access to PCR tests and doesn’t count rapid test cases.

But while perhaps the majority of Saskatchewan COVID-19 cases have come during the fifth Omicron, most, fortunately have only suffered through milder flu-like symptoms.

While significantly more contagious than previous variants, we are dealing with a milder version of COVID-19. Moreover, with 80 per cent of the province having received two doses of the vaccine — and some having received triple doses — people are being protected from becoming more seriously ill.

The problem, however, is some people are still getting sick and the sheer volume of people getting sick means some are getting very sick.

It’s why hospitals in this province are now filled to capacity, making it an even bigger struggle for those who have to deal with COVID-19 or its devastating side

effects.

This is the reality for one such dad in rural Saskatchewan who remains fearful as his son in Regina struggles with the aftermath of COVID-19.

“Mike”, the name I used for the father in a recent column in the Leader-Post, has to speak for his son because his son remains too sick to do interviews as he recuperates.

Also, the son — we called him “John” in the Leader-Post story — has a public service job and doesn’t feel that he is in a position in which he can publicly complain.

However, he does have a story to tell.

John went to hospital three times in May — twice by ambulance after passing out at home. But each and every time, he was told he could not be admitted because all the hospital beds in Regina were full.

“He just kept getting sicker and sicker,” the father said.

Despite being off the job because of a work-related wrist injury and despite contacting sepsis from an earlier knee operation, John was an otherwise healthy 46-year-old.

But like many in this province, John, his wife and two young girls caught COVID-19 in early May. For the rest of the family, it was just a few days of flu-like symptoms. For John — who was triple vaccinated; a disconcerting thing, given how sick he became — it was a much,



much bigger problem.

Feeling very weak and ill after having tested positive with a rapid test and feeling weak, John drove himself to Regina’s General Hospital on May 15. Eight hours later, he was given some antibiotics and told to go home because there were no COVID-19 beds available.

He wasn’t even administered a PCR test, as hospital staff told him there was little point because there was no question that he had COVID-19.

John went home, but he didn’t get better. He had increasing chest pains and on May 23 he passed out. That is when his wife called an ambulance that took him to the Pasqua Hospital.

There, he was assigned to a cardiologist

who his father said provided him with good care.

This time, John more strenuously argued he needed to be hospitalized, but to no avail. “At the end of the day, you have to go home because there was no room for you,” his father said.

John again went home, but passed out again the next day. That resulted in a second \$500 ambulance trip — this time, back to the General Hospital.

However, it was the same result —he was again sent home where he has since remained.

His father said his son continues to struggle — a scary reality for the family.

For some, COVID-19 remains very real and scary.

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Farm numbers level out while part-time off-farm work increases

By Elaine Ashfield
Grasslands News

face of agriculture

Over time, farms have been evolving to become increasingly sophisticated businesses that harmonize automation, modernization and production operations. As a result, many farms have consolidated and become increasingly larger both in terms of sales and number of employees. Conversely, smaller and mid-sized farms are declining in Canada, thereby impacting the rural landscape and profile of Canadian regions.

Continuing the trend of farm consolidation from the previous census, the proportion of farms in the top two sales classes increased, while the number of smaller farms declined. The proportion of farms with sales of \$1 million or more in 2020 was 9.9%, up from 7.2% in 2015.

Farms in the top sales classes also account for the largest share of total farm operating revenues and a larger share of total farm employees. For example, in 2021, farms reporting at least \$2 million in sales accounted for 51.5% of total farm operating revenues. This compared with 41.5% in 2016.

Succession Plans

The proportion of farms in Canada reporting a succession plan increased from 8.4% in 2016 to 12.0% in 2021. As was the case in the previous census, farms classified as oilseed and grain farming accounted for the largest share (44.5%) of farms reporting a succession plan in 2021.

From 2016 to 2021, intermediate-sized farms reporting operating revenues from \$50,000 to \$99,999 reported the highest proportional increase (+3.9 percentage points) in succession planning compared with the other sales classes.

Fewer farms and farm operators

The decline in the number of farms was the smallest in 25 years. The decrease in the number of farms resulted in a 3.5% decline in the number of farm operators reported from the previous census. In 2016, there were 271,935 farm operators, and by 2021 the number decreased to 262,455.

At the same time, the number of female operators has increased for the first time since 1991. In 2021, there were 79,795 female farm operators, up from 77,970 in 2016. In 2021, 30.4% of total farm operators were female, up from 28.7% in 2016.

Higher land values may be a barrier

The price of land is an important factor in the investment and management decisions of farms, particularly in an environment increasingly defined by large market players. Strong commodity prices, low interest

rates and a growing demand for housing in urban areas have been identified as contributing factors to the rising value of farmland in Canada.

The reported total market value of land and buildings for farms in Canada increased by 22.7% (in constant 2021 dollars) from the previous census, totalling \$603.8 billion in 2021. The market value of owned land, buildings and fixed equipment increased by 19.1% from 2016, to \$420.9 billion in 2021. The market value of land and buildings rented from others or governments totaled \$182.9 billion in 2021, up 32.0% from 2016.

The market value of all farm vehicles, machinery and equipment increased by 3.9% from the previous census, reaching \$64.4 billion in 2021.

Transformation by sustainable practices

Land practice methods

include in-field winter grazing or feeding, rotational grazing, plowing down green crops, planting winter cover crops, and having shelterbelts or windbreaks. In 2020, 64.5% of farms reported land practices, up from 53.7% in 2015.

Another way Canadian farms have adapted to warmer and drier conditions has been by shifting their focus to more drought-tolerant crops, such as barley. From 2016 to 2021, farms in Canada reported a 24.3% increase in barley acreage. This was the biggest percentage increase among the top 10 contributors of hay and field crops reported in Canada. In 2016, farms reported 6.7 million acres of barley, and by 2021 there were 8.3 million acres.

In response to the growing demand for organic products, the number of farms that reported producing organic prod-

ucts increased 31.9% from the previous census. In 2021, 5,658 farms reported growing organic products. These farms made up 3.0% of total farms in 2021, compared with 2.2% in 2016.

Livestock numbers remaining steady

The pandemic posed many challenges to the Canadian livestock sector from 2020 to 2021. One of the more significant challenges was the early shutdown of meat processing facilities in an effort to contain outbreaks of COVID-19. A labour shortage further challenged the meat processing industry.

Cattle and calf inventories increased slightly from the previous census. In 2021, farms in Canada reported 12.6 million total cattle, up from 12.5 million in 2016. The percentage increase in milk cows, steers and beef cows offset declines in heifers for slaughter, heifers for

dairy herd replacement, heifers for beef herd replacement and bulls.

Farms in Canada reported a 3.4% increase in the number of hogs and pigs from the previous census. In 2021, there were 14.6 million hogs and pigs in Canada, up from 14.1 million in 2016. During the same period, total exports in Canadian dollars for hogs and pigs to the United States increased 27.7%. While the number of hogs and pigs increased, the number of farms reporting hogs and pigs decreased 11.7%, indicating growing concentration within the industry.

The total number of sheep and lambs edged down 0.2% from the previous census, with a total count of 1.1 million head in 2021. Meanwhile, the number of farms reporting sheep and lambs decreased 9.6% over that period. In 2016, there

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FACILITY OPERATIONS MANAGER

About the Position:

This key position is responsible for the overall operational direction of recreation facilities and programming within the Town of Whitewood. This includes leading and overseeing all recreation staff members and working closely with other municipal employees. This position shall ensure the safe and efficient operations of all mechanical and non-mechanical equipment, manage contractors as necessary and work to ensure the general satisfaction of all town residents and users. Job Type: Full-time Permanent (Salary); 40 Hours/Week.

Specific responsibilities:

- In conjunction with local user groups of the Whitewood Community Centre, ensure that activities are scheduled, invoiced and paid for in a manner that is consistent with current policies and procedures.
- Hire and supervise seasonal staff for the Whitewood Outdoor swimming pool
- Plan, prepare, implement and review, in conjunction with local groups, programs, workshops, clinics, seminars and other events that will benefit the community.
- Attention to detail and deadlines
- Organizational and communication skills asset
- Prepare and present monthly and annual reports for council including annual capital and operations budgets.
- Research and apply to local, regional, provincial and federal grants for the Town of Whitewood recreation facilities and operations.
- Provides diagnostic, technical, and hands-on support for complex building issues when required, mentoring Recreation department staff and pursuing externally contracted support when needed.
- Establishes work schedules, procedures, and coordinates activities for all Recreation department staff to ensure the smooth operation of all facilities.
- Ensures regular facility inspections are being conducted and all

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town of Whitewood Council meets at the town office.
Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:

June 21 and July 19 at 7 p.m.

Meetings are held via Zoom.
Please contact the office to get access information 306-735-2210.

GARBAGE / RECYCLING

Residents are reminded that Garbage or Recycling Carts must be out by 7 a.m. on collection days.
Upcoming **Garbage** Date: Wednesday, June 22 and July 6.
Upcoming **Recycling** Date: Wednesday, June 15 and 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10 – Beavertails will be in town and will be in parking lot by the Legion starting at noon.

June 11 – Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates – Ceremony at 2 p.m. with parade to follow.

August 12 to 14 – Food Truck Wars and Street Dance Watch for details.

August 19 & 20 – The Town of Whitewood was the lucky recipient of the Richardson Pioneer Community Celebration, watch for more details.



Classification of farms

Farms classified as oilseed and grain continue to make up the largest proportion of farms in Canada. In 2021, there were 65,135 oilseed and grain farms, accounting for 34.3% of total farms. This was followed by beef and feedlots (20.9%). Meanwhile, 82.7% of total farm area was accounted for by these two sectors, totalling 127.1 million acres.

Large farms change the

Midsummer Scandinavian Festival happening in Dubuc

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

The Melville and District Scandinavian Club will be hosting a Midsummer Festival on June 25 in Dubuc, SK.

The event will feature a number of activities for all ages and have historic Viking artifacts available for viewing. Attendance is by donation.

The festival begins at 1 p.m. with the raising of the Midsummer Pole, which is the central feature of the

festival.

Other events at the festival include Viking games, viewing of Viking and Saami tents, children's activities, and the wife carrying contest.

Viking games include a mock war of Vikings versus children, demonstrations of Norse weapons and fighting techniques, pillow fighting, various children's races, tug of wars, and Klub, a throwing game reminiscent of horse shoes.

There will be a large replica of Viking and Saami tents furnished in authentic style. There will be a tour

of the tents from 3 to 4 p.m. The tents feature a Viking straw mattress where guests can test the mattress and see a copy of the bed found in the Gokstad archeological dig in Norway.

Various Nordic crafts will be exhibited including wood carving, birchbark construction, knitting and rosemaking. Some crafts persons will demonstrate their work.

Children at the festival will be able to find troll toys on the ground for a reward of free ice cream. There will also be a wandering storyteller with a knapsack of books ready to read for the kids in attendance.

The wife carrying contest will be at 4 p.m. and will see participants race through a course carrying their wife. The fastest team to complete the course will win their wife's weight in beer. The event is not restricted to married couples, "Husband" does the carrying and "Wife" is the one being carried regardless of actual marital status or gender. You must be 18 to compete.

During the festival there will be food available for guests, hot dogs, hamburgers, and Scandinavian heart shaped waffles with whipped cream and strawberries.

There will also be a raffle featuring a second-hand Scandinavian sweater worth \$300 new and a cogged lefse rolling pin. Tickets are \$2 or three for \$5; one free ticket for those who purchase an entire booklet.

Guests are encouraged to wear Nordic folk dress or any Nordic clothing articles if they have them. Guests can also wear Viking clothing if they wish but weapons including swords or axes will not be permitted.

Farm numbers level out, Census of Agriculture

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were 9,390 farms reporting sheep and lambs, and by 2021 the number decreased to 8,487.

The total number of chickens in Canada increased by 4.7% from the previous census, for a total of 152.3 million head in 2021, despite a decrease in the number of farms reporting chickens (-1.5%). The increase in chicken inventories was driven by farms with sales of at least \$2 million, where the respective farm numbers rose 27.9%, up from 949 in 2016. Meanwhile, the number of turkeys decreased 27.8%, while the number of farms reporting turkeys declined 17.3% from 2016 to 2021.

Greenhouses on the rise

One development in the horti-

culture sector has been the growth of the greenhouse industry, which constitutes an alternative way to provide a steady supply of fresh produce to local communities.

Farms in Canada reported a 23.2% increase in total greenhouse area from the previous census, to 330.5 million square feet in 2021. Meanwhile, the total greenhouse area for fruit and vegetables was 219.7 million square feet in 2021, which accounted for around two-thirds (66.5%) of Canada's total greenhouse area.

The total area of fruits, berries and nuts increased 0.4%, from 332,812 acres in 2016 to 334,182 acres in 2021. Conversely, the total area of field vegetables decreased slightly to 260,757 acres, down from

270,294 acres in 2016.

More farm operators are turning to off-farm work

The number of farm operators working off the farm increased by 3.8% from the previous census. In 2020, 47.7% of farm operators in Canada reported off-farm work. In 2015, there were 120,665 farm operators reporting off-farm work, and by 2020 the number increased to 125,280.

Of these farm operators, the proportion who worked off the farm on a full-time basis declined slightly from 68.1% in 2015 to 66.0% in 2020, while the number of those working part time off the farm increased from 31.9% to 34.0%.

Melville Community Works

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

**Fort Qu'Appelle
Detachment
Sgt. L.E. Kurtenbach**

*Reporting period:
May 31 to June 6*

The Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP received/created 79 calls for service or investigative files.

Traffic

Eleven files were related to speeding, and two people were stopped for manner of driving. Two people were stopped for non-moving violations such as window tint, vehicle equipment etc.

Two people were stopped for driving without due care and attention. Insurance was also an issue for three people on the road, one of which received a substantial fine.

We were called to one abandoned vehicle near Lipton.

CRIMINAL CODE

General

Police were called to fourteen incidents of Mischief, Causing a Disturbance or a Breach of the Peace; no charges were laid.

Crimes Against the Person/Property

The RCMP investigated four complains of Assault and one of Assault with a Weapon. Two are still being investigated; one has resulted in a charge being laid against a 34-year-old female from Fort Qu'Appelle and the final one did not have enough evidence to proceed to charges.

Two calls were made in regard to theft, one is over \$5,000 and one under. Both are being investigated.

There was one report of Break and Enter to an unoccupied residence near Lipton. Nothing appears to have been taken but some

damage was done. This continues to be investigated.

There were two frauds reported involving people sending money via e transfer or sending money to person over the internet. Both are still being investigated. If you have any suspicions about someone contacting you for money, please contact your local RCMP. We may be able to provide you with some guidance before you send any money.

Two reports of harassing communication were made; one was not founded, the other continues to be investigated. Just so you know; you are not protected by making comments on the internet, or social media. If you make them and they are illegal you can be found and charged.

Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP were called to a report of a possible kidnapping. Regina Police Service located the victims. The responsible party is being sought for investigation and charges may be pending.

RCMP were called to a report of someone pointing a firearm. The person responsible is being sought for interview by police.

Finally, Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP are investigating two calls of Uttering Threats.

General

Two reports of false alarms were looked into. Two calls were made in regard to family act issues.

The Dysart Fire Department went to a call of a structure fire to a house that was not occupied.

Four people were reported missing, all were located safe and sound.

Melville / Ituna

**Detachment
S/Sgt. Travis Adams**

*Reporting period:
June 1 to June 7*

Melville and Ituna detachment area had 104 occurrences over the past week.

Traffic

During this time, Melville and Ituna Detachments responded to 56 reported traffic occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 29 Charges and 20 Warnings.

Mischief/Fraud/Theft

A man contacted the RCMP reporting his son's bike was stolen last night. Bike is black and red 26" Super-Cycle hardtail mountain bike. RCMP continue to investigate.

Multiple complainants of traffic not stopping at three-way STOP on Third Avenue East and Prince Edward Street. Various individuals were charged and warnings given. Detour has now been moved to First Avenue.

A person contacted the RCMP reporting that a dark grey/blue van with tinted windows was seen by St. Henry's Jr. School honking at students. RCMP continue to investigate.

A woman contacted the RCMP reporting that they were scammed out of \$3,500. She explained that they had a timeshare in Florida and wanted to get out of it. The complainant searched online and found the company Lemon Lion Consulting and thought that by paying the fees to them they would be able to get them out of the timeshare. RCMP continue to investigate.

A man contacted the RCMP reporting that the driver's side window of his

blue Chev Trailblazer was smashed out while parked at a local business in Melville. RCMP continue to investigate.

**Indian Head Detachment
Cpl. Richard Kühn**

*Reporting period:
May 30 to June 5*

Kipling detachment area had 59 occurrences over this time period.

Traffic

On May 30 a call of an impaired driver at a business in Qu'Appelle. The driver had left the business, and patrols to find the vehicle were unsuccessful.

Another call on the same day was received of an impaired driver near Sinteluta. Patrols were made and the vehicle was located. The driver was arrested but ultimately refused to provide breath samples.

A hit & run was reported on June 2 to have happened at a business in Wolseley. The investigation is ongoing.

Vehicle on fire was reported on June 3 on Highway 56; it was determined that the vehicle had been stolen from the Fort Qu'Appelle area earlier that date. The investigation is ongoing.

A call of an impaired driver in Indian Head was received on June 3. Patrols were made but the vehicle was not located.

Mischief/Intoxicated

A man was reported to have left a medical facility on May 30 with staff having concerns for his safety. The man was located and returned to the hospital.

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It's A Strange World

In Uvalde, TX, a **teenage gunman** killed at least 19 children and two adults after storming into an elementary school, the latest bout of gun-fueled mass murder in the USA. This was the country's worst school shooting in nearly a decade. The 18-year-old, who was killed apparently by police, also had **shot his own grandmother** before fleeing from the scene, then crashing his getaway car and launching a bloody rampage. There has been all sorts of vigorous discussion about the police reaction, the gun laws/rights in America, the mental health crisis, and other matters of equal concern.

In an even sadder twist, Joe Garza, the husband of a fourth-grade teacher killed in the Uvalde mass shooting, died from a heart attack just two days after his wife, Irma, was gunned down trying to protect children. His family said **he died of a broken heart**. More than \$2.6 million has been raised for the four Garza children in a GoFundMe campaign.

Meanwhile, in Brazil, a 21-year-old McDonald's employee was nearly killed by an irate customer because of a **Big Mac discount not scanning**. Around 2 a.m., off-duty military firefighter Paulo de Souza arrived at the drive-through in a foul mood, impatiently honking his horn. Then when he got to the window, and the coupon which would have saved him all of 83 cents could not be read, he punched server Mateus Carvalho and then entered the restaurant with a gun. Carvalho was rushed to hospital and survived surgery after being shot in his stomach.

Las Vegas is the proving ground for a new Nevada state law **banning "nonfunctional" grass**. It is the first law of its kind in the nation. It is hoped the move will save up to 9.5 billion gallons of water per year. The law applies to ornamental grasses in any spot that someone once thought a green patch might look pretty. Notably, it does not apply to existing yards at single-family homes, golf courses, or parks, all which are subject to different conservation rules. On average, it costs \$9 per square foot to remove the real grass and replace it with fake greenery. Rebates starting at \$3 per foot are being offered, but customers must shoulder the rest. The issue is that outdoor watering accounts for 60% of water usage, and most of that is essentially wasted.

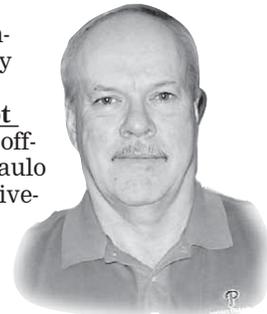
Residents of New York City have been advised to save their quarters for other purposes after the **last freestanding public pay phone** was removed. It was the conclusion of The Big Apple's "planned long goodbye" for these technological relics. The removal process began in 2015 and saw some 6,000 pay phones around the city pulled out, marking "the end of an era." The phones have been replaced by LinkNYC kiosks that now offer free charging, free calls within the US, and high-speed WiFi, as well as transit and weather alerts. There may be other pay phones still remaining of private property.

Oklahoma residents Otho and Grace McEntire spent their entire lives together; in fact, they were married for 70 years. Otho, 89, died April 26 with his wife there to comfort his passing. Grace, 84, followed 16 hours later. Their **joint funeral** was May 3, their 71st wedding anniversary.

The latest decision from **Canada's top court** opened many old wounds. The Supreme Court has declared that consecutive parole sentences are unconstitutional. A 2011 Criminal Code provision had allowed judges to impose parole ineligibility periods of 25 years on each life sentence to be served consecutively for each murder, rather than concurrently. Therefore, if someone killed three people and received three life terms, they might not be eligible for parole for 3x25 years. Now, they can apply for parole after 25 years, no matter how long their sentence is. People, whose relatives have been murdered, feel that the dead person's life has meant nothing. And why would they change it? The Supreme Court said the law violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that guarantees against cruel and unusual treatment because it can deny offenders a realistic possibility of being granted parole before they die.

A trio of teenagers in Wisconsin have been accused of sexual harassment for **refusing to use the correct pronouns** when speaking to another student, who wants to be known as "they/them." I'm sorry if I'm insensitive but I taught English for way too long. Identify in any way that you want but don't use plural pronouns if there is only one of you. We make up words all the time. Someone can invent new pronouns to capture the essence of this situation.

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TAURUS

You'll be overcome by emotion in some circumstances. You'll find yourself in a situation that forces you to make profound changes or encourages you to travel abroad on an enlightening pilgrimage.

GEMINI

You and your significant other must find common goals to live in harmony. You may need to take a step back to see the situation more clearly and move forward.

CANCER

You'll get involved in a rather stressful negotiation. In romance, someone will make a statement that leaves you perplexed; even if you aren't single, they may be insistent.

LEO

You may have to swallow your pride before developing the self-confidence you want. It's not always easy to climb onto a pedestal and find yourself in the spotlight.

VIRGO

One of your children will impress you and fill you with pride, even if it's only by taking their first steps. You'll be successful at work because of your outspoken nature.

LIBRA

If your children have left the nest, you'll decide to put the family home up for sale. It's time to start a new and more exciting life by making some necessary changes.

SCORPIO

You'll go over your budget with a fine-toothed comb. You may decide to take a holiday that brings you great adventure and significant discoveries, either solo, as a couple or with friends.

SAGITTARIUS

You'll be able to quickly react to any situation. It would be wise to consult the people around you. For example, before making a decision, carefully weigh the pros and cons to avoid financial stress.

CAPRICORN

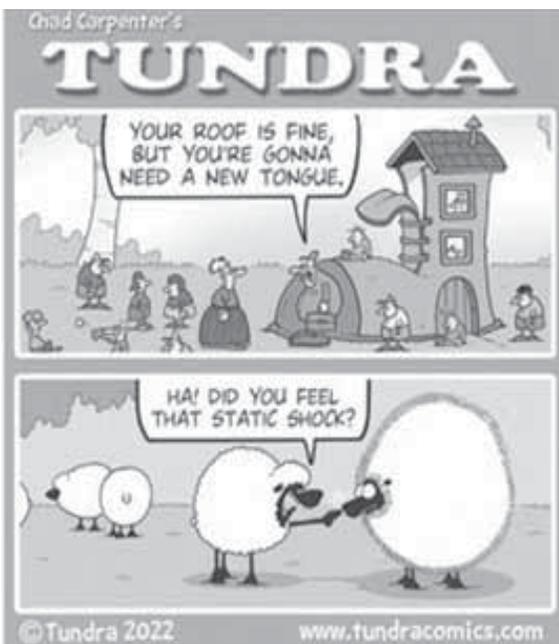
If you're the type of person who questions everything, you may have a dream that shows you what needs to be done in your professional life. You'll have a surprising revelation.

AQUARIUS

You'll be under a lot of stress and need to take a break. You may also be inspired to redecorate or renovate your home.

PISCES

You'll be asked to organize a gathering with some of your friends. Many of your loved ones will invite themselves to your home or another setting for a get-together.



By Jim Barnard

Whizword

"COLOUR YOUR WORLD"

Solution: 14 Letters
(3 Words)

THEME WORDS

- A Alabaster
- B Beige
- C Cedar
- E Eggplant
- G Ghost
- I Indigo
- J Jade
- K Khaki
- L Lilac
- M Magenta
- N Navy
- O Oatmeal
- P Peach
- R Ruby
- S Sage
- T Tangerine
- V Vanilla
- W Wheat
- Y Yellow
- Almond
- Amber
- Amethyst
- Apple
- Black
- Blue
- Blush
- Bordeaux
- Bronze
- Brown
- Burgundy
- Buttermilk
- Cerise
- Cherry
- Clover
- Cobalt
- Cocoa
- Coral
- Cornsilk
- Cream
- Crimson
- Crocus
- Cyan
- Eucalyptus
- Gold
- Grape
- Graffiti
- Gray
- Green
- Mahogany
- Maroon
- Mauve
- Moccasin
- Ochre
- Oldlace
- Olive
- Orange
- Oystershell
- Pearl
- Pink
- Plum
- Polar
- Purple
- Russet
- Rust
- Salmon
- Scarlet
- Seagrove
- Seashell
- Sienna
- Silver
- Slate
- Spring
- Steel
- Sycamore
- Taupe
- Teal
- Terra Cotta
- Turquoise
- Violet
- White

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: TOWER OF BABEL

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Gus Zelinski a pilot with the 'Right stuff'

By Will Chaban
for Grasslands News

Melville resident Gus Zelinski has a long history of flying and overcoming obstacles. He was recently featured as "The Right Stuff" in a monthly newsletter of the Regina chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society.

Throughout the autumn of 1969, Gus took lessons and moved steadily through the training syllabus until the late fall. That's when the shrinking number of daylight flying hours and the long drive from Gus's hometown of Wishart put his training on hold until the next year.

Then, one day in September 1970, fate intervened. Gus had been repairing his family's combine when his father inadvertently started it. Gus lost his right hand.

But not his desire to fly.

The federal Department of Transport (as Transport Canada was then called) was dubious about the concept of a one handed pilot. But Gus was determined and remembers plenty of "back-and-forth" communication about why he wanted and needed a licence.

The feds eventually gave in and Gus resumed training in June 1972, moving to the Regina Flying Club under its new chief flying instructor, Dave Brophy. Gus soloed on Oct. 21 of that year in Piper PA-22 Colt CF-PYB and made his first cross-country flight from Regina to his hometown of Wishart, 83 nautical miles northwest, and then south to Weyburn. Gus earned his private pilot's licence in 1973.

The list of instructors in his logbook from those days is a who's who of important names in the history of the Regina Flying Club: not only Fred Nagel and Dave Brophy (whose talented son Des went on to fly CF-18s, attend the US Navy Test Pilot School and was one medical exam away from training as an astronaut), Martin Sawchuk (later the club's general manager), Dave Biccum and Kelly Hague (who went on to a long career flying helicopters).

Gus noted that Transport Canada was pretty accommodating, though

it insisted he take 12 or 20 additional hours of instruction just to make sure he could handle the controls with one hand and his prosthetic "hook."

For his final fight before certification, a TC inspector came from Winnipeg to Regina, talking long and hard with instructors Nagel and Brophy. At last, the inspector said, "OK, you can keep going." Nagel did the flight test and Gus had no trouble at all. "They gave



GUS ZELINSKI

me the ticket and the rest is history."

Gus's logbook from that point shows him acquiring a string of aircraft starting with Taylorcraft CFOLA, which he bought from a man at Choiceland, near Prince Albert.

Next was another Taylorcraft, CF-RLQ, purchased from a gentleman at Wynyard for only \$2,500. It burned fuel very thriftily. "You could run that airplane for one dollar an hour!" Gus said.

A lesson he learned on those Taylorcraft was that in a crosswind you could slow down remarkably fast by simply opening and holding open the two doors.

It was in CF-RLQ, incidentally, that he had an unusual adventure and "teachable moment".

In late November of 1975, Gus and his wife Dolores were flying near Estevan when a combination of blowing snow and smoke from the nearby Boundary power generating plant badly reduced visibility. Gus remembered the advice of his mentors at the Regina Flying Club. "If you ever

run into trouble, any kind of trouble, don't worry about the airplane. Save your neck first and the airplane later."

That's what he did, setting down on a highway near a gas station!

Two days later, with clear skies and the help of RCMP cruisers that blocked the highway, they were able to take off from the same stretch of road. The lesson: weather can be tricky. "You have to be very, very cautious in Canada because things change so fast!"

Gus is a keen advocate of a book called The Killing Zone, which goes into great detail about the fatal mistakes that other pilots have made.

Bottom line: in an aircraft, "you've got to treat it with respect."

He also salutes his flying instructors over the years for their professionalism and friendliness.

His logbook shows a succession of Cessnas, a back injury that kept him out of the air for about three years, then a long relationship with Cessna 150 C-GFZH. He also has a Taylorcraft under repair in his hangar, and hopes to someday make it flyable.

Most recently, there have been many hours at the controls of Piper PA-22 Colt CF-NQK, a two-seater with its original 108 h.p. engine upgraded to 135 hp. That gives it the power to get in and out of airstrips "pretty dam good."

It uses only five or six gallons an hour. That gives it about five hours of endurance, which is 'just about enough time to be in it.' Gus confessed that one time he took his wife for a flight and was ready to land when he suddenly realized he'd forgotten his prosthetic hook. "I didn't tell her anything," Gus grinned - although Dolores put in "I knew!"

Continued Gus: "I landed, no problem. You adapt to things like that."

About five years ago, Gus joined the Civil Aviation Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) and has been elected as the director for the Humboldt area. Dolores is the



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Emergency landing

In November 1975, a snowstorm caused Gus and his wife Dolores to make an emergency landing on a highway near Estevan in his Taylorcraft CF-RLO. The couple were able to take off two days later with the help of RCMP.

search coordinator deputy zone commander. Earlier, he took lessons to be an aerial applicator and instruction on the Cessna 310 and Apache twins in Saskatoon, sometimes hitching rides in the right-hand seat on West-Wind Aviation aircraft doing "bag runs" (that is, carrying financial data for banks). "The flying was OK but you've got a lot more to handle with twin engines and when you've got a personal partial disability you've got to really work at it..."

He added: "It was a damned good experience, a really good experience. But I always said that unless I win a million dollars, I think my twin-engine flying days are going to be over."

What might be in his future is an instrument rating. After all, flying makes him happy and "hopefully, I want to do another five or 10 years."

In all, Gus now has between 1,200 and 1,300 hours as pilot and probably as many hours as a passenger with other pilots -- "which doesn't seem like much, but if you're using a plane or buying a plane, that's a fair amount."

Pretty good for a guy

who had to convince Transport Canada 50-some years ago that he could indeed fly an airplane - and a reminder to everybody to look at individuals' skills and determination, not at partial handicaps.

"Even now, there are people with, say, one eye. But they have the qualifications to do the work - they can do it! Fifty-two years ago, when my hand came off, I was 22 years old. What people will do in a lot of areas is put you in a closet, forget about you and lock you away. But we've come along quite a way."

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Secret gardening tips

By Patricia Hanbidge

This is the second article in the series on my choice of some of the best perennials to plant in your garden. I have received my order of perennials that are showing colour for a long season of bloom, are well-behaved in the garden and are extremely attractive to butterflies and bees. Luckily for you, I also bought a few extra to share with other gardeners!

A selection of Chrysanthemums (Mums) is one of the best perennials to provide lots of great colour late in the season. However, there is a great difference between the type of chrysanthemum that will bloom in areas that have short seasons as Mums are a type of flower that is triggered by the daylength. It is actually the night length that is important but for some silly reason when plants need a certain amount of dark hours to trigger the bloom we call it "daylength". The confusing world of horticulture and gardening continues! At any rate, Mums are a perennial that blooms late in the season when our nights are getting much longer than the day. Unfortunately, when you live in an area whose growing season is short and it is also a cooler climate, those short days (long nights) are often after we get a killing frost and daytime temperatures are not very hospitable either to growing outdoors. Thus, the Morden series of Mums began and these Mums use not only the length of night but also the temperature to trigger the bloom. So in order to get Mums to bloom prior to the temperature becoming too cold outside, it is necessary to grow "Morden Mums".

I chose a selection of Mums that will successfully give us colour in September most years when most of the other perennials are long past blooming. Unless otherwise stated, they are all about 18 inches (45cm) in height and will spread to about 30 inches (75cm). Read on for what is available and be sure to jump on this opportunity as Morden Mums are not always readily available. These Mums have an upright spreading habit of growth with a very fine texture. This is truly a low-maintenance herbaceous perennial.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium 'Jefbiz' which is also known as the Showbiz Mum was developed with a cross between Morden Fiesta and Morden Canary and has an abundance of lovely light purple pompom like flowers.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium 'Jefdream' or Dreamweaver Mum is a bit larger Mum with a height of 30 inches (75cm) and spreads 48 inches (120cm). It has lovely soft mauve-coloured flowers with flared trumpet-shaped petals on the margins and an attractive yellow centre.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium 'Jefdust' or Stardust Mum produces an abundance of dusty rose flowers with fluted petals.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium 'Jefstorm' or Firestorm Mum is about 22 inches (55cm) in height and spreads 40 inches (100 cm) with outstands deep red petals with an attractive yellow centre.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium

How to Choose and Grow the Best Perennials – Part II



'Jefsurge' or Power Surge Mum has fully double red flowers.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium 'Jef-tail' is about 30 inches high (75cm) and spreads about 48 inches (120 cm) and has outstanding peachy-orange flower buds that open to double blossoms of tangerine that fade to light yellow.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium 'Morden Fiesta' has stunning purple flowers with a yellow centre.

Chrysanthemum x morifolium 'Prairie Lavender' has soft pink to lavender blooms.

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RCMP busy with calls, disputes

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On May 31 A woman was reported to be intoxicated and combative at a residence in Indian Head. Members attended, arrested the woman, and lodged her until she was sober.

Reports were received on June 1 of a suspicious man in Wolseley who was cutting people's grass and trying to sell a leaf blower that might be stolen. Members attended and could not locate the man. The investigation determined that the leaf blower had not been stolen.

Several calls were received on June 1 of a man who was intoxicated and

causing some issues in Indian Head. A member dealt with the man and resolved the matter.

On June 2 a call of a possible domestic in Indian Head. Members attended and determined that the occupants were having a verbal argument and that no criminal offence had taken place.

Several hands tools that were found in Indian Head were turned into the detachment on June 2. One item appears to have "Stephen Frank" engraved on it.

Call of a home invasion on June 3 in Qu'Appelle. Members attended and ar-

rested a man who had broken into a residence and was acting erratically. He was lodged and released, and is facing charges numerous charges in relation to the incident.

Vehicle on fire reported on June 3 near Kendal. Determined that a black Cadillac Escalade had been lit on fire and the five occupants had been given a ride to Carry the Kettle First Nation. Investigation is ongoing.

A call for a wellbeing check on a dog in Indian Head on June 4. Members attended and found that the dog was being treated well.



4-H Jackpot Show

Josey Hanson (Kennedy 4-H Beef Club) was one of the many 4-H members from across the province who were showing their animals at the Jackpot 4-H Show held in Kennedy last Saturday, June 4.

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New pool opens

Over 500 people attended the Melville Swimming Pool grand opening on June 5. Deputy Mayor Vince Thiessen hosted the grand opening, where he was also the first person to go down the two-story tall waterslide at the pool. Deputy Mayor Thiessen is accepting a cheque of \$69,052.46 for the Melville Pool from members of the Melville Lions Club, Jean Tank, Quinton Tank, and Stuart Hughes. (Above)




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Friends and Neighbours: Summer Visitors – Staying Closer to Home

Savouring the past and making new discoveries

By Allison Kydd
Grasslands News

For many, the gradual easing of restrictions has meant a cautious return to international travel, resort getaways and the like, especially welcome during long winters like the one we've just experienced. In spring and summer, however, Saskatchewan too becomes a tourist destination, especially our part of the province, with its combination of big skies, rippling crops and well-treed small towns, each with its own history and reason for being. There's also the novelty of the hidden valley of the Qu'Appelle nearby, where the dip below the horizon always catches one by surprise, revealing more scenic details as one descends.

For some, travel restrictions and higher gas prices have meant a new appreciation for their home province, and they have made a point of vacationing here rather than travelling further afield. In the summer of 2021, Dianne and Rod Sjoberg, who live on an acreage near Saskatoon made a point of driving the whole of the Qu'Appelle Valley from Lumsden to the Manitoba border, travelling close to the river when they could find a passable road. With Arlene and Robin Karpan's *Saskatchewan's Best Scenic Drives* as their guide, they also made other discoveries or rediscovered favourite haunts—after all, Dianne (nee Carlson) grew up in Wapella.

"There are interesting things to see around every corner," says Dianne, "and it's comforting to have a [guide] book in hand."

Neither do the Sjobergs focus on scenery alone. Even during the pandemic, they have regularly included a visit with friends Allison Kydd and



Donald Gray, Ruth Guse and Kevin Whittingham outside St. Peter's Anglican Church, Qu'Appelle, SK

Kevin Whittingham in their itinerary, wearing masks, maintaining appropriate social distance and honouring whatever other COVID concessions were recommended.

Until 2020, Whittingham and Kydd had enjoyed welcoming many visitors—both family and friends—every summer. Among the most regular were friends Donald Gray and Ruth Guse from Edmonton, who visited first in June of 2008, then followed up every year as they crossed the prairies and travelled deep into Ontario. Often, they stopped on their western, homeward journey as well. Since they brought their own accommodation, it was a worry-free visit for their hosts, and the two couples shared meals and



Joyce Kydd, Madge Bennett and Cyril Marten in August of 2013.

reaffirmed their longstanding friendship.

Over the years, Gray and Guse also checked out all the eating places in town and most of the businesses, drove down to the valley, walked to the "Forestry Farm" when it was still open and visited the museum, the Bell Barn and St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Since they share Anglican-Lutheran origins with the Kydd-Whittinghams, they also visited Qu'Appelle's venerable St. Peter's Anglican Church.

Besides relaxed visiting with other couples, Kydd and Whittingham have hosted more ambitious events. Perhaps the grandest occasion was the gathering of Alexander and Jessie Marten descendants in August of 2013. (Some might remember that long-time Indian Head resident Winnie Kerr, who died in 2005, was the eldest of the Marten offspring.) In 2013, however, Madge Bennett (then 98) was the eldest of the remaining siblings, while her brother, Cyril Marten, of Penticton, and her sister, Joyce Kydd, of Whitewood, were in their eighties. All three attended the afternoon affair.

Bennett had travelled from Moose Jaw with her son Wayne of Edmonton, while Joyce Kydd drove her brother, who had been spending a few days as her guest in Whitewood. Other members of the Bennett clan came from Montmartre, Regina and Calgary, etc., while Kydd descendants drove from Saskatoon and White City as well as Whitewood. It was a busy day that involved eating—everyone came bearing favourite dishes—croquet, photographs, hide-and-seek, signing the guest book and visiting both inside and out.

Allison Kydd especially remembers gathering flowers from her garden to present to her aunt. Since it was August, she found delphiniums, cosmos, lavatera, stocks, bachelor buttons, baby's breath, Boston and asparagus ferns (to provide the green) and two or three kinds of dahlias. No doubt Ginger Willow and Babylon Red were among them, as those were her favourites that particular year. When she had made her selections, she soaked old newspapers to wrap around the stems; then added dry newspaper and finally plastic to protect the whole bouquet and prevent drips. With this little ceremony, she felt a connection with all the gardening women who had preceded her, all of whom enjoyed sharing the beautiful things they had grown.

Kydd and Whittingham aren't alone in sharing their Indian Head home with summer visitors. Janet (nee Peet) and Ray Hammond, for instance, who have lived in Indian Head since 1971, are almost constantly entertaining family and friends or travelling to return the visits. The first week in June was a case in point. Janet's sister, Sandra, of Kelowna, spent several days here, and the sisters, true to their farm origins,

busied themselves making refrigerator pickles.

The Hammonds' daughter, Janna Armstrong, of Melfort, and children, Sawyer and Emmerson—Dean, Janna's husband, a high school drama teacher, was working—came to join in the fun. (Incidentally, Sawyer, in grade twelve this year, received word while visiting his grandparents that he would be receiving another scholarship upon graduation – \$15,000 this time.) The Jason Hammonds (including Jason's wife, Shea, and children, Pace and Sasha), of Regina, weren't part of this family reunion, as they were camping at Nickle Lake, but they also make frequent visits to Jason's hometown.

Though the Peet girls grew up knowing the importance of being "productive," they also enjoy sharing what the town has to offer. The Bell Barn is a regular destination for them as well, as is U & K Greenhouses, the Hammond family cottage at Katepwa and the town of Lebreton.

"Every year, we say we're going to climb the hill and visit the stations of the cross," says Janet. Perhaps this will be the year.

Apparently, this will also be the year the Hammonds visit the Big Muddy Badlands near Coronach, another Saskatchewan treasure that's not quite local but still within easy driving distance.

Some visitors to Indian Head come back to explore the haunts they remember from childhood. Some have parents or other relatives still living here. Though many things have changed, there's always something that's familiar, whether it be the library, the Indian Head Museum, the Grand Theatre, or just a face encountered at the grocery store. Others are deliberate about wanting their children to take in the essence of a prairie town, to "get to know their prairie roots."

All in all, Indian Head residents tend to be very good at welcoming visitors. Merchants are friendly and helpful, and everyone from preschoolers to veterans smiles, waves or says hello. Not only are we on our best behaviour with our own guests, many of whom come to enjoy the peaceful and friendly "vibe" every year, but we're happy to extend the same courtesy to outsiders as well. We realize, after all, that what is good for them is good for us, as they all contribute to our local economy when they visit our sights, shop at our shops and stores and eat in our restaurants.

While most of us enjoy guests, some people, such as John and Linda Kort, have such a gift for hospitality they have opened their home to strangers by joining a hospitality exchange called the Affordable Travel Club. There's a yearly fee, but it's quite small, and the Korts have enjoyed both welcoming visitors and being guests themselves, though this wasn't possible during COVID. Since the organization has international members, the possibilities appear to be infinite, rather like a system of bed and breakfasts or air b and b's, but even less expensive and rather more personal.

In fact, there are many such opportunities for those who enjoy making new friends who have interests in common. For instance, cyclists such as Bruce Royer and Sherry Carleton and family would be aware of a hospitality exchange called Warm Showers and described as "a community of bicycle tourists and those who support them."

Though many say bicycle touring is the absolute best way to travel, touring cyclists—as the name of the exchange suggests—are always grateful for the chance to freshen up after miles on the road—not to mention a patch of lawn or backyard on which to pitch their tents. Because our town is right on the TransCanada Highway, Indian Head sees many cyclists every summer—a story for another day perhaps.

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Wolseley teens' poem *Pain*, selected for magazine



By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

A poem by Maggie Beth Bieber from Wolseley High School was published in the spring edition of the Saskatchewan Writer's Guild magazine, *WindScript*.

Since 1983, the annual magazine has showcased a selection of the best prose and poetry by Saskatchewan high school students. Bieber submitted her poem "Pain," which expresses the deep impact of pain with lines like:

*We have no answers yet. The results aren't back yet.
Yet
Yet*

We use the word like a crutch, something to lean on; as though one day soon yet will become a tomorrow, a today. Yet stirs thoughts like the stew my brain has become, more questions than answers, more what ifs than solutions, more worries than hopes, but everything leans on the shaky brittle crutch of Yet.

And our frail hopes depend on it. Because pain is relentless.

After several stanzas, the poem concludes with the affirmation that we must support and encourage one another in order to endure pain.

Bieber's poem was selected for publication in *WindScript*, Volume 38 that will be available in all Saskatchewan high school libraries this fall.

Writer published

Maggie Beth Bieber had her poem *Pain* published in the spring edition of the Saskatchewan Writer's Guild magazine *WindScript*.

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Artwork displayed at the Grand Theatre

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

The Grand Theatre in Indian Head is providing local access to fine arts.

Not only does the theatre offer a wide range of live shows and movies, it's affiliation with the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) enables them to host travelling art shows.

In April, the theatre showcased needle-felt and photography by Ukrainian-Metis artist Melanie Monique Rose.

From June 1 to June 23, a new artist will be featured in the theatre lobby. "East and West: Bridging of Cultures and Art" includes a series of paintings

by Muveddet Al-Katib. The artist moved from her home in Turkey to Saskatchewan after graduating art school, and the work included in this show is intended to represent the way people and their cultures interact and merge with each other.

The pieces were created using mixed media on canvas and incorporate coins, metallic leaf, and other textures. Gold, bronze, cream, and brown colors dominant the paintings.

Al-Katib's work can be viewed during the theatre's regular open hours on Friday and Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m., or Sunday, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Art enthusiasts can also look forward to continued displays at the theatre this fall with "The Stories of Immigrant Women" by Madhu Kumar, in town Sept. 1 to Sept. 23.



Fine art on display

Paintings by Muveddet Al-Katib on display at the Grand Theatre in Indian Head are dominated by gold and bronze hues.

SARAH PACIO | GRASSLANDS NEWS

Pain

By Maggie Beth Bieber
Wolseley High School

*We have no answers yet. The results aren't back yet. Yet,
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We use the word like a crutch, something to lean on; as though one day soon yet will become a tomorrow, a today. Yet stirs thoughts like the stew my brain has become, more questions than answers, more what ifs than solutions, more worries than hopes, but everything leans on the shaky brittle crutch of Yet.

And our frail hopes depend on it. Because pain is relentless. It consumes our life, our thoughts, everything we are. It demands to be heard, to be seen, to be felt until it's over. But when will it be over?

Not yet.

It has the power to slow down time, slow down dreams. Pain lacks the courtesy to ever let you know when it will arrive.

Pain is challenging. It starts as a shriek in a silent room: sudden, short, shocking. It becomes a booming baritone over time. It Builds, and builds, and builds.

When no one is looking. Seconds, minutes, hours pass. Pain crescendos, drowns out the orchestra. Like the baritone, it steals centre stage, impossible to quiet; it will never give it up. Only pills, lots of them, can silence the pain. Medication steals consciousness and leaves a heavy cloud in its wake.

Takes life,

Takes love,

Takes ease.

They all exist among a baritone that echoes through the mountains like wind, morphing these activities from plains to Mount Everest overnight. You move in a thick fog, never knowing if the next handhold is just a loose stone that will send you falling back to Earth.

You feel like a burden. A far cry from the person you were born to be. Friends and family tell you it's not true, but every time you ask for help your dignity crumbles until there is nearly nothing left. You try to laugh as chunks are drilled away, so you make a joke.

You tell everyone you're Fine,

Fine,

Fine.

But it's just a mask. And masked people aren't real.

Worry is the worst sentence you could convict unto others. Worry in the mind is like termites in a wooden castle. It Chews, and chews, and chews,

until all that's left of you is sawdust. Pain continues to mine for the remains of your dignity as termites demolish your mind, but your support reminds you of those less fortunate. Reminds you of those who don't have support. So many of us are tormented, day and night, by pain. Pain is a silent killer. It can't be recognized with the human eye.

A balloon can only hold so much air before it pops, and we can never know how much more someone can take before they pop.

We must be strong. Help each other. Otherwise all we can really count on is the dreaded, shaky crutch of Yet.

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SPORTS

Sask. High School Athletes Association

Student athletes return with medals from Prov.

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

A Kipling student came home from the Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association (SHSAA) Provincial Track and Field championships with a gold medal while another from Kahkewistahaw First Nation won silver and a Fort Qu'Appelle earned a bronze medal.

Close to 70 students from Melville, Indian Head, Kipling, Whitewood, Fort Qu'Appelle, Cupar, Grenfell, Broadview, Lemberg, Lipton, Kelliher, Wolseley, Balcarres and Kahkewistahaw First Nation were amongst 1,500 student athletes that participated in Provincials on June 3 and 4 in Regina. Along with the gold and bronze medal wins, 10 other local students finished in the top eight spots in various events that included nine track events, seven field events, and two combined Quadathlon events. The meet includes Intermediate (Under 15), Junior (under 16) and Senior (16 and over) competitors.

Medals were won by Kipling's Ava Ruthven, Kahkewistahaw's Ellianna McKay and Fort Qu'Appelle's Kyan Hamilton. Ruthven took the top of the podium in the Junior Girls' Javelin event where she finished in first place with a personal best distance of 35.06 metres (approximately 115 feet). McKay brought a silver medal back to Kahkewistahaw after her second place finish in Junior Girls' Discus with a throw of 24.06 metres. Meanwhile Fort Qu'Appelle's Hamilton finished on the podium with

a bronze in the Senior Boys Tetrathlon. "I wasn't sure what to expect at Provincials. But I'd thrown 33 meters at the Track Meet where I'd qualified for Provincials. I decided that I'd be happy if I beat that personal best," said Ruthven.

While they did not get to stand on top of the podium, numerous other local area students with top eight finishes made their schools proud.

Kahkewistahaw's Ellianna McKay not only won a silver for discus but also finished in fourth place in the Junior Girl's Shot Put, with a distance of 8.9 meters.

Melville's Jahred Ciana placed fifth in the Intermediate Boys Long Jump while Lemberg's Jake Mayo finished fourth in the Junior Boys' Tetrathlon.

Kipling athletes to finish in the top eight were Lane Batters, who placed fifth in the Senior Boys 200 meter dash, Joseph Delos Reyes who tied for fifth place in the Junior Boys High Jump with a height of 1.7 meters, and Trae DeDecker who finished in eighth place in the Senior Boys Tetrathlon.

Whitewood's Jessica Raiwet finished in eighth place in the Junior Girls' 1500 meter run and the 3000 metre run and also captured a fifth place finish as a member of the 4x400m relay race. Fellow Whitewood student Wyatt Domoslai also finished in eighth in the Senior Boys Hurdles.

Cupar's Ashton Mohr placed seventh in the Intermediate Boys' Javelin while Kelliher's Carter Horvath finished in seventh place in the Senior Boys 3000 metre run.



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Provincial gold medal
Ava Ruthven of Kipling won a gold medal at the SHSAA Provincial Track and Field meet in Regina on June 3 and 4 where she threw a personal best of 35.06 metres in the Junior Girls' Javelin.

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Men's fastball

Gems defeat Team Sask. in double header match

Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News

The Grenfell Gems men's fastball team hosted Team Saskatchewan U23 for a double header on June 4 where the Gems shone bright and came away with a pair of wins.

Grenfell Gems' player and manager, Tyler Thomlinson, said hosting Team Sask. was a great experience for the local team but it did not come without a few challenges and having to bring in a few old and new players.

"With the nasty weather of May delaying things in the field we were missing a couple staples, but lots of guys

came to fill in. Braden Reiger and Troy Lowenberg made their return to the diamond after a couple years away, and Colton MacPherson from Whitewood came as well. On the mound for game one was Brayden Stewart from Fleming and in game two was Tony Sparvier from Whitewood.

Both threw great and earned wins," said Thomlinson.

Game one was an exciting come from behind victory that saw the Gems climb back from a five run deficit in the bottom of the final inning (seventh) to win the game 8-7 on a stolen home base by Josh Schutz. Game two had Sparvier on the mound where he delivered seven innings of stellar pitching to help earn the team an 8-4 win.



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Out at second

The Grenfell Gems hosted Team Saskatchewan U23 for a double header on June 4 where the Gems won both matches. Game one ended in an exciting come from behind win on a stolen plate.

Indian Head Rockets 'Hall of Fame' induction in August

Submitted
to Grasslands News

The Indian Head Rockets, Indian Head, Saskatchewan, will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame on August 20, 2022, in Battleford, SK.

Jim Robison, the Mayor and businessman in Indian Head, Saskatchewan, in the 1950's, promoted his town at every

opportunity and was particularly enthused about baseball and curling. In 1950 he went to Wichita, Kansas where the National Baseball Congress was located and bought the Jacksonville Eagles, an all-black team on a naval base in Florida, which was part of the Negro American League. They were soon to be known as the Rockets.

1950 was long after Jackie Robinson broke

the colour bar in professional baseball but major league teams were slow in taking on black players. It is estimated that up to 500 black players found their way up to Canada during the 50's, which for many meant higher pay and less prejudice on the part of the Canadian public.

Between the years 1947 and 1955, the small town of Indian Head, Saskatchewan, held some of the largest baseball tournaments

ever held in Canada. For most of those years the town was the home of the semi professional Indian Head Rockets. The first tournament, 1947, attracted a post-war crowd of 10,000 people and was held as part of the July 1st celebrations. It drew 29 teams that included players Max, Doug, Scoop and Reg Bentley, Jim Shirley, Gordie Howe, Emile Francis, Nick and Don Metz, and other well-known players. Broadcasters Johnny Esaw and Lloyd Saunders were on hand to cover the play by play and post-game presentations.

In 1950, the Rockets played 80 games in tournaments, sports days and exhibition contests in Prince Albert, Moosomin and Lacombe, Alberta.

In 1951 Indian Head made it to the Western Canada Baseball League finals losing to Septre in a game at Cairns Field in Saskatoon.

In 1954 semi-pro baseball would see its last season in Indian Head. The Rockets opened the new season against Moose Jaw Mallards, tying 4-4. Regina captured the July 1 tournament.

Ken McCabe said the 7th annual Rockets' tournament was a story in itself. A heavy rain delayed the second day of the 2-day event so tournament officials along with town officials worked to save the games. The town crews worked the ball diamonds and Jimmy Robison contacted baseball promoter Denny Evenson from Regina. Flood lights were brought to Indian Head and set up at the ball park. 6000 fans filled the bleachers and didn't leave for home until near midnight. The Rockets downed Saskatoon Gems 6-0 to take the purse money of \$1200.00.

Rockets' players included Winters Calvin, Tom Alston who then

went to the St. Louis Cardinals and Elijah "Pumpsie" Green who went on to play with the Boston Red Sox. Pumpsie Green said Indian Head was a tremendous experience and that Indian Head was the most enjoyable time of his life. Nat Bates said, "My experience in Canada was the most pleasant refreshing time of my life." Bates noted the most offensive part of his time in Indian Head was that some people referred to them as darkies but quickly added that the people meant no offence and eventually players and the people laughed about it. The players lived above the Dominion Café on Main Street and were often invited to local homes for meals and visits.

Jim Robison was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Individual Category, as a builder in 1993.

The Indian Head baseball tournament was considered a prestigious event in sports and attracted many top teams from near and far.

During these Rockets' hey days there was keen competition between two sportscasters in Regina, Lloyd Saunders of CKCK and Johnny Esaw of CKRM. They provided much coverage for the Indian Head baseball team and were often attendees at the town ballpark, often participating in

various presentations to players.

An important figure in Indian Head's local sports scene for decades was Ken McCabe of the Indian Head Wolseley News, better known among his friends as "Scoop." Eventually Ken organized Saskatchewan's Rural Sports Hall of Fame which includes Rocket memorabilia. Ken died March 21, 2020.

Though relatively short lived, the Indian Head Rockets were a jewel in the crown of Saskatchewan baseball and more of a mention in the history of the game in our province of Saskatchewan.

Tickets are available at 306-446-1983.

New Rockets merchandise

To celebrate the opening of The Rockets Exhibit and Parade Day Weekend Celebrations on June 24th, 25th & 26th in Indian Head, IHM has designed a new set of shirts!

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Also new this year we have added vintage Rockets baseball hats!

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June 10	Balcarres Broncs at Foam Lake Merchants	7:00 p.m.
June 11	Wynaryd Blues at Balcarres Broncs	1:00 p.m.
June 11	Wynard Blues at Neudorf Posse	7:00 p.m.
June 11	Rosebud Royals vs Rhein Rockets (Ituna)	1:00 p.m.
June 11	Rhein Rockets vs Rosebud Royals (Ituna)	3:00 p.m.
June 13	Foam Lake Merchants at Rhein Rockets	6:30 p.m.
June 14	Wynard Blues at Rosebud Royals	7:00 p.m.



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Game #	Date	Away	Home	Location/Time
7	Fri. June 10th	Red Dogs	Pirates	Wind @ 6:45
8	Sat Jun 18th	Pirates	Holdfast	Hold @ 2:00
9	Double header*	"	"	& 5:00
10	Tues Jun 23	Pirates	Braves	Currie @ 8:45

Melville Slo Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Home	Away	Diamond
Wed., June 15	6:30 pm	Cowessess	Crushers	RP1
Wed., June 15	6:30 pm	RAMRODS	Unicorn Stampede	SP2
Wed., June 15	6:30 pm	Hilite Reel 1	Pitches Be Crazy	RP3
Wed., June 15	6:30 pm	Scared Hitless	Whitecaps	RP4
Wed., June 15	6:30 pm	The Reel Hi-Lite	BYE	BYE
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Wed., June 22	6:30 pm	Crushers	BYE	BYE
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Wed., June 22	6:30 pm	The Runs	Unicorn Stampede	SP1
Wed., June 22	6:30 pm	JayHawks	RAMRODS	SP2
Wed., June 22	6:30 pm	Hilite Reel 1	Balls N Dolls	RP4
Wed., June 22	6:30 pm	Scared Hitless	The Bucks	Father Tom

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Sports Column – Darcy Gross

Gross Misconduct

The tough guys of the NHL

They were known by a number of names.

To some they were cement-heads, goons, policemen – all those names are applicable, but the most used one nowadays is enforcer.

In the NHL, it looks a lot like the days of the enforcer have come to an end.

You rarely see fights in the league and the few players who square up and drop the mitts are well known to each other.

It seems doling out knuckle sandwiches isn't such an important job that it can still take up a roster spot, and those who excel in it are going by the wayside.

Back in the day each team had at least one guy who they could count on to even a score or send a message, now teams have to do it in different ways that don't allow for the dropping of gloves and the throwing of haymakers.

Teams who had a few stars would often have a few troublemakers on board to keep their opponents honest. The Edmonton Oilers had Dave Semenko and Marty McSorley, the Toronto Maple Leafs leaned on Colton Orr and before him Tiger Williams and Detroit had Bob Probert, Joey Kocur and Darren McCarty at various times, all tough customers.

These guys played the game in a manner that kept them in the National Hockey League, meaning, when the coach told them to take care of something, he knew his pleas wouldn't fall on deaf ears.

There's a big difference in telling your top scorer to get out there and dent the twine and telling your tough guy to go out and dent some heads – one of them happened every single time it was asked and that's why those guys with lesser skills were able to carve out a decent NHL career.

I don't much care for the term 'goon', because, with a few exceptions, the same guys who could really throw punched could influence a game in a way that a goal scorer couldn't.

He could get guys to look over their shoulder, to listen for footsteps.

According to a few documentaries, these guys were among the most popular players on the team because their mere presence was enough to create more room for the skilled guys and it made you think twice if you were planning on chopping them down or attempting to injure them.

Watching the playoffs this year, the closest we've seen to an old time enforcer is probably the Oilers' Zack Kassian, although he was also good enough to play on Canada's junior team a number of years back, meaning his skill level makes him good enough to play every night, for the most part.

These guys who laid it on the line, who fought and bled for their teammates, who did whatever it took to secure a win, will soon go the way of the dinosaur.

And they did it with a smile and with glee, knowing full well that every time they dropped the gloves, someone was probably going to get hurt in one way or another.

Think of the times you saw Tie Domi laughing after a scrap, or John Scott sitting calmly in the penalty box after doing his job.

In a way, these guys were the ultimate team guys.

To a man, they were the most coachable players on the team, especially when given an assignment. They always had the backs of their teammates and even though they might have gotten the living daylight beaten out of them the night before, they always came back, ready for more abuse, for more punishment.

Many of them self medicated, with different substances, some legal and prescribed and others, not so much, but when the time to play rolled around, they were gladiators and they did what they had to do to help their team win, if not the battle, than for sure the war.

Now that they're all but gone from the National Hockey league, it remains to be seen what happens to the superstars who always had someone to look after them and ensure their safety.

Times change, but it would be difficult to imagine a coach saying that they shouldn't have had a guy on the team who was there explicitly for fighting.

They know how important these guys were.

In the future, there's still going to be guys who can drop the gloves and take a few swings, but they're going to do it out of emotion and not because of coach's orders.

It's the end of an era and many fans will welcome this new gentler, kinder NHL.

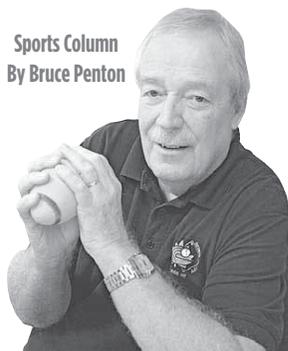
There's no question that those guys – the guys who dropped the gloves and did it for their team – will ascend to legendary status.

After all they gave, it's well deserved.

Woods authors amazing comeback story

By Bruce Penton
Sports Columnist

Sports Column
By Bruce Penton



He's already clearly in the lead for golf's Comeback of the Year award. Now Tiger Woods is hunting even bigger game.

After nearly demolishing his right leg in a February, 2021 car crash in California, Woods' career as a professional golfer appeared to finally be over. 'Finally,' because after numerous scandals, surgeries and advancing age, the car crash and the severe injuries it caused would have been career-ending to most.

Not to Woods, however. With his right leg held together by metal rods, screws and pins, the 46-year-old winner of 15 major championships was hitting balls nine months later, competing in a casual father-and-son tournament within 10 months, and then shocking the golf world by playing in the Masters this past April, 14 months after nearly killing himself with risky and dangerous driving.

That he made the cut at the Masters was astonishing, considering what led up to it. That he completed all four rounds was further testament to his competitive nature. That he made the cut four weeks later at the PGA Championship led many to suggest that the Greatest Golfer of All Time (G.O.A.T.) might be able to come all the way back and continue his march toward Jack Nicklaus's record of 18 major tournament victories.

This week, the season's third major, the U.S. Open, is being played in Massachusetts and Woods has filed an entry to take part. 'Filing an entry' and 'actually playing' are two different things and Woods

may or may not decide he can handle the leg pain and discomfort to walk 36 (or 72) holes and actually challenge for the Open title. He wasn't able to handle the pain at the PGA, making the 36-hole cut but withdrawing after 54 holes following a limping-filled third-round 79.

Nicklaus won his final major, the 1986 Masters, at the age of 46. Woods is chronologically the same age, but far older in terms of physicality. Winning a major is almost certainly impossible this year (he's announced he will play in the Open Championship at St. Andrews, Scotland, in July), but merely competing, and making the cut, makes him an obvious winner of Comeback Player of the Year.

Whether Woods will ever again walk pain-free or without a limp remains to be seen, but what is certain is that he still has the skills to manoeuvre the golf ball better than almost anyone in the world. Golf fans everywhere are captivated by Woods' comeback efforts and it won't be long before he finally drives off into the sunset (at a safe speed, we hope). While the car crash and leg injuries weren't enough to finish Woods' career, advancing age eventually will. Sports fans should enjoy what's left of this amazing ath-

lete's career while he's still able to offer glimpses of it.

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com "Scientists at MIT claimed to have successfully removed painful memories from the minds of mice. Their next big challenge: Toronto Maple Leafs fans."

• Steve Simmons of Sun-media, on Germany's Leon Drsaitl having no hockey countrymen to emulate growing up: "There were no neighbourhood role models to follow. Unless you think you're going to become the next Uwe Krupp."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Border-hugging Aroostook Valley Country Club is a golf anomaly, with its parking lot and pro shop in the U.S. (Maine) and its course and clubhouse in Canada (New Brunswick). Wouldn't that make it a two-country club?"

• CBC Manitoba reporter Bartley Kives: "The sources of Manitoba weather misery face each other in the NHL western final. Colorado Low vs. Alberta Clippers."

• Golf writer Geoff Shackelford, on the surprising announcement that Dustin Johnson was playing in the Saudi Arabian LIV Tour opening event: "Guess the wedding was more expensive than we thought!"

• Bob Molinaro of piltonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "The Stanley Cup conference finals have just begun, with the NHL title round potentially dragging into the final hours of June. Doesn't that make hockey players the Boys of Summer?"

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "In the darkness of Red Rock Casino lanes last night, I believe my un-storied bowling career came to an end. I have been a 140 bowler over two centuries -- last night I bowled 120 and 93. NINETY-THREE. Unlike Tiger Woods, I know when it's time to hang up my rental bowling shoes."

• Headline at theonion.com: "Babe Ruth Comparisons Grow After Hammered Shohei Ohtani Eats 53 Hot Dogs"

• Dwight Perry again: "The Phillies have fired manager Joe Girardi after a 22-29 start. Or as they call it anyplace but Philadelphia, commuting his sentence."

• Tim Hunter of Everett's KRKO Radio, feeling proud after doing 100 pullups in a day: "But I was told that pants don't count."

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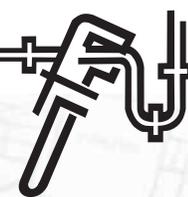
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Safe at first

Whitewood's Asten Arnison is safe at first after his turn at bat during a Minor Ball U9 double header against Rocanville on June 4. Whitewood won both matches.

IH to host hockey development

Submitted to Grasslands News

Indian Head, Biggar and St. Walburg have been selected to host the Adam Herold Legacy Foundation's Hockey and Leadership Development Program in 2022-23.

The Foundation was established to honour Adam Herold, the youngest player killed in the Humboldt bus tragedy. The Hockey and Leadership Development program provides opportunities for Saskatchewan youth to develop and refine on-ice skills as well as their leadership potential.

Each camp includes three full days of hockey and leadership development and are a joint effort between the Foundation and host communities. Communities provide ice and classroom facilities, co-ordinate registration and other support as required while the Foundation provides top level coaches, instructors and other resources for the two weekend sessions.

"We had a great selection of applicants again this year, so it's gratifying to see so many communities interested in the work of the Foundation and what it brings to these rural areas," said

Russ Herold, Adam's dad. "I think a lot of that interest can be chalked up to the positive feedback we continue to receive from the communities where we have already hosted camps so we're very pleased with that."

The 2022-23 camps will take place during the upcoming fall/winter. Since 2018, the Foundation has brought its Hockey and Leadership program to Balcarres, Gravelbourg, Alameda, Montmartre, Torquay, Preeceville, Radville, Naicam, Maple Creek, Langenburg, Carrot River, and Quad Town (Vibank, Odessa, Francis and Sedley).

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SEMFL power rankings

By Travis Longman
Grasslands News

The South East Mens Fastball League began its season a few weeks ago and so far, the league has seen a plethora of phenomenal pitching. There are four power houses in the league and all four have an ace pitcher that gives his team a chance to win every game.

6. The Kahkewistahaw Blue Jays(0-4-0) are winless on the year but they are led by solid pitching. Charles McNabb and Louis Redmond are the club's pitchers. It hasn't been the best start to the season for Kahkew-

istahaw but with those two pitchers taking the mound it might not be long before the Blue Jays take flight up the league standings.

5. Cowessess (1-3) is in a similar position as Kahkewistahaw but because the Royals edged the Blue Jays recently, they sit in fifth place in the standings. Once the club establishes chemistry and play as a cohesive unit the Royals could be the Kings of the league.

The top four teams in the league are interchangeable. The Fleming Jets, Grenfell Gems, Whitewood Falcons and Round Lake Braves re-

alistically could win the entire league.

Fleming currently sits in fourth place with a 1-1-2 record. The Jets are led by Brayden Stewart. He has been his usual dominant self while on the mound. "The bats are struggling a bit for all of us," Stewart says. "We just came away with another 1-1 tie. I'm happy with the way I am pitching and the way the guys are playing defensively behind me."

Coming in third place this week are the Grenfell Gems. The defending champions recently lost 3-2 to Round Lake but despite the loss Jeremy Kenny is still one of the leagues top pitchers; he gives the Gems a chance to win every time he toes the rubber. Grenfell has a 2-1-0 record through three games this season.

There are still two unbeaten teams in the league. Both the Whitewood Falcons and the Round Lake Braves. Whitewood has a 2-0-1 record and are led by Tony Sparvier. "Tony Sparvier is pitching very well," Falcons' Colton MacPherson says. "Our young group is transitioning well from growing up playing baseball."

Taking the top spot in the SEMFBL power rankings (based solely on the league standings) are the Round Lake Braves. Les George and the Braves have been almost unbeatable this season. They have a 3-0-1 record and sit on top of the league standings.



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Golf tourney

Students from Grenfell High Community School participated in a Moose Jaw School Golf Tournament on June 2. Left to right: Andrew Chen, Kayden Piller, and Christian Schnurr.

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Trans-Canada Trail opens through Melville

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

The Melville section of the Trans Canada Trail is officially opening June 19.

Melville is home to a 6.31 km section of the Trail that begins at the Agri-Park Road and runs to Highway 10 on the west side of the city.

The opening event will start at the Water Tower at 2 p.m. and people will be able to explore the trail, walking down the trail towards the Agri-Park, with refreshments along the walk. Special guests will be Mayor of Melville, Walter Streelasky; Kristen Gabora, Trail Development Manager for Central Canada, and volunteers who have helped make the trail a possibility.

The Melville portion of the trail was originally started by Cary Pillar when the trail committee from Ottawa asked if Melville wanted to be part of the Trans Canada Trail. Pillar passed the trail onto volunteer Wally Oucharek because of his experience with cross-country running and knew where the trails could go. Randy Albers and other volunteers joined the committee and effort soon after. Over the past 10 years the committee has been building and finalizing the Melville section of the Trans Canada Trail.

"A lot of people may not know about the trail, and some people might want to just drive into town some day and take a walk, have a picnic," said Albers.

"And here's the trail in Melville to do all that."

Oucharek said that there's lots of health benefits to having the trail in Melville and that he saw lots of people utilizing the trail at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The trail goes through the Melville Regional Park that follows the drainage ditch to Prince Edward Street and then follows a path between Melville Community Works and MCS through an ecosystem that Oucharek developed during his time as a teacher.



Trans-Canada Trail

This section of the Trans Canada Trail starts at the Water Tower and heads East through the Regional Park and continues towards Yorkton.

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The trail then heads west towards the Highway 10. There is another path that brings walkers down Third Avenue through downtown. The trail also features two dirt bridges over the drainage ditch leading to the regional park, which was built through grants received from the Trail Committee and co-operation from the

City of Melville.

The full Trans Canada Trail connects the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans, over 27,000 kilometers of trail connected by walking and canoeing trails.

The Trail extends from Melville heading West towards Westview and East towards Yorkton.

Earlier in April the 2022 federal budget announced that the government was renewing their \$55 million investment into the TransCanada Trail.

Oucharek is hoping that this funding will be used to maintain the trail within Melville.

Book box installed at Broadview campground



By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

The Broadview Lions Club and local library branch are collaborating to provide visitors to the playground and camping area at Celebration Park with access to reading material.

The Lions Club, which maintains the campground, installed a book box near the registration station and bulletin board. The enclosed box includes a display window so that various books are visible. People are encouraged to "Take a book, leave a book," but Librarian Erica Duncan will be checking the box regularly to ensure it is well stocked with books and magazines that have been donated to the local library.

"It's free for everybody and it's a really accessible area," Duncan noted. "I make sure there's a selection of material for everybody, including children's books, westerns, romance books, just a mixture of everything."

The little library will remain at the campground throughout the summer months.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Village of Bangor

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Bangor for the year 2022 has been prepared and is open for inspection by appointment for thirty (30) days from the time the Roll is open. The Roll is available on Wednesday's from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment.

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

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It's too hard to read and follow instructions

By Ray Maher
Grasslands News

Sometimes it is the little things in life that trip me up. For example, I admit to being spoiled by the tap on my debit card. Tapping the machine with my card makes paying for purchases fast and hassle-free. However, after getting a new credit card, the tap was not working, and I needed to insert my card and follow directions. It was no big deal, but it sure seemed to reinforce how comfortable it is to simply tap. Yet, it might be better if it wasn't so easy for me to buy stuff.

I have a troubled relationship with my computer and those who expect me to use it like I know what I am doing. I can find myself needing to stop and read and find out what I need to do to get past a problem. It is no fun to admit that I still have a lot to learn about using my computer. Likewise, I do not thoroughly understand how God's love gets us through difficult situations that we cannot change.

Many are like me because we like the easy situations and are not eager to face challenges that force us beyond what is comfortable. However, life will not leave us without challenges and difficulties. Loved ones may help us when we struggle, but no one can live our

life for us.

Life happens, and we are left to face what we cannot change. Jesus tried to prepare his disciples so they would be ready when he was no longer with them.

His disciples tried to avoid thinking about going up to Jerusalem, where Jesus would die, and how their lives would continue without Jesus. For encouragement, Jesus promised that they would have help in the Advocate or Holy Spirit when he was no longer with them.

Jesus prepared his disciples with these words, "When the Counselor (Advocate) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning." (John 15:26-27) Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that his leaving them meant He would be sending them help. The Spirit of truth would come so they would not be alone and powerless as they testified of Jesus. The disciples needed to witness about Jesus when he was gone because they had lived and worked alongside him. The Holy Spirit would affirm the truth of the disciples' witness concerning Jesus.

Jesus did not want the disciples to stumble when their lives would become

filled with opposition and dangers for witnessing about Him. He wanted them to remember that the Holy Spirit would comfort and strengthen them in their difficult days, and the Holy Spirit would guide them into a further understanding of what Jesus had taught them. The Spirit would confirm to them all that Jesus had said and did.

The truth is that Jesus loved his disciples and all people enough to die for their sins. Life is about believing the truth of God and his love for all. God loves you and has biblical instructions for you to read. Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm this as truth to you.

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Obituary

Gloria Doroshenko
Jan. 18, 1942 - May 19, 2022

It is with great sadness our family announces the passing of our beloved Mom, Gloria Doroshenko. With her three children by her side, Mom passed away peacefully in the early evening on Thursday, May 19, 2022.



Gloria was born in Canora, SK, and raised just north in the hamlet of Amsterdam. Mom had a carefree upbringing, helping look after her younger brother Don, and playing with favourite cousin Tania who lived across the street.

When she was 15, our Mom left her cozy hamlet home to attend high school in Canora. After boarding for a year, she ended up renting a room and lived off sealed containers of our Baba's cooking from Monday to Friday.

Ever since she was old enough to dream, Mom envisioned herself teaching students. Upon graduation, that dream was realized when she attended Teacher's College and went on to a career that spanned 37 years. Prior to that career taking off, Gloria asked a young teacher named Eugene to accompany her to her graduation dance. The date went well; they married July 16, 1960.

After their honeymoon to Yellowstone, Gloria and Eugene began their real adventure teaching together. Mom's first job was educating Grade 1 and 2 students in the town of Mayfair, SK. In 1963, a more permanent move happened when positions opened up for both of them in the town of Whitewood. Mom settled into teaching Grade 1, moving to Grade 4, then finally finding her role introducing education to the area's kindergarten students.

Whitewood proved to be the perfect fit in more ways than one, when Mom and Dad took the next step and began their family, raising their three children, Jan, Sonia and Trevor. Gloria and Eugene also discovered their passion for community, sitting on local service clubs, Mom's being Royal Purple. However, she was pleased to add coaching baseball, organizing craft sales, teas, volunteering at the curling rink, and participating with the United Church Women to the list of tasks she felt made a town just a little bit better. However, they made time for themselves too. Always up for a road trip, Mom and Dad were not afraid to pull their kids across country on vacation. But time spent at the cabin at Round Lake brought out the best memories. The lakeside retreat was also a starting point to countless dances at the halls along Round Lake's shoreline. Dancing with Dad was one of Mom's favourite hobbies.

Retirement finally arrived in 1997, although Mom still realized a desire to instruct by often filling substitute teaching roles. Retirement did eventually result in a retirement lifestyle. Mom and Dad found more time to visit their children. They also found more time to escape their children, and the winter, by fleeing to Arizona on multiple occasions. Mom's favourite place ultimately was Saskatchewan. She created a floral paradise in her back yard in Whitewood, found joy in her circle of friends, and eventually discovered the fulfilling role of Grandma.

Life changed drastically in 2007 when Gloria lost her mother and husband within four months of each other. Mom filled her time with new activities. She practised yoga. She bought herself a kayak. And she decided to try snorkelling in the Pacific Ocean, upon her first trip to Hawaii.

In 2010, Mom began a new journey with John Yeo. For the next 10 years, they created their own adventures. They travelled to both Canadian coasts, ventured to Hawaii, Arizona, Branson, and all corners of our province. Last but not least, Mom found another dancing partner. Mom lost John to illness in 2020. It happened one year after her own diagnosis of multiple myeloma. Mom was fearless in her fight, and refused to let regular chemotherapy treatments hold her back. Even though the pandemic presented its own challenges, Mom mastered FaceTime video chats, enthusiastically explored her new town of Regina, and still helped her kids plant their gardens. And once restrictions lifted, she got back to dancing once again with her friend Floyd Pleckham.

Mom's battle with cancer ended on May 19, 2022. The wonderfully compassionate care of the Oncology Ward and

Palliative Care Unit at Regina's Pasqua Hospital made Mom's final journey as comfortable as possible. Cancer didn't prevail, however. Our Mom won. Hands down. We celebrate her full life, the eternal love of her husband, family and friends, and the desire to dance until she literally cannot dance any longer. Her heart is full. Vichnaya Pam'yat.

Gloria was predeceased by her husband, Eugene; infant son Lyle Eugene; her parents, John and Katie Danyluk; Eugene's parents, Annie and Nick Doroshenko; brother Patrick (Lois); brother-in-law Ernie Strocen; and her partner, John Yeo. She'll be forever remembered by her children, Jan (Bill), Sonia (Mark) and Trevor (Lisa); grandchildren Will and Blake; honorary grandchildren Kiedis and Van; brother Don (Eileen) Danyluk; brothers-in-law Jacob (Sylvia) Doroshenko, Lorne (Sally) Doroshenko and Mervin (Sandra) Doroshenko; sister-in-law Elsie Strocen; numerous nieces, nephews and many special friends.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate Gloria's life on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Whitewood United Church, Whitewood, SK, with the Rev. Barb Wilkins officiating. Scriptures were read by Mark Symchych and Bill Genert, and family memories were shared by Trevor Doroshenko, Sonia Doroshenko and Jan Genert. The music was provided by the group Joyful Noise, featuring Neil Garchinski, Theresa Bradel and Beckie Geisbrecht, and a special musical tribute was offered by Don Danyluk and Karen Danyluk. Interment took place in Whitewood Cemetery with Will Genert and Blake Symchych acting as urn bearers.

The family is deeply appreciative to everyone for the outpouring of kindness, support and love through phone calls, visits, food, flowers, accommodations, hugs and sharing of stories. We would also like to thank the UCW ladies for the beautiful lunch they prepared. Please know that you all touched Mom's life as much as we hope she touched yours.

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



Obituary

Shirley Hassman
Sept. 9, 1940 - May 26, 2022

Shirley Hassman, 81, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Survived by her four children: Rodney (Sandy), Debbie (Steve), Randy and Roger (Crystal); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Harvey, Ron, Oscar, Dale; and sister, Margaret.

Predeceased by brothers Carl and Mervin and sister Grace.

After raising her children Shirley was able to fulfill her dream of travelling the world and was able to visit many countries. Through her travels she did a lot of missionary work and touched the lives of many. She had a very kind and loving heart and will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life will be determined at a later date.



Obituary

John Heistad Murray
Aug. 14, 1942 - May 5, 2022

John passed away on Thursday May 5, 2022, after a brief illness. He leaves to hold his memory dear his beloved wife of 54 years, Heather; his children, Travis (Andrea), Marcelin (Jeff) and Tyler; granddaughters, Kaitlin, Kyra, Emerson and Carys; sister, Anne (Gary) St. Amand and brother, Albert (Marcella) Murray and their families; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends who loved him.



John was born in Foam Lake, Sask. and grew up in Leslie with his parents, Victor and Bernice Murray, and siblings Albert and Anne.

In 1966, John met Heather Oliver at Pop's Pavilion, the dance hall at Fishing Lake he then owned. They were married not long after and began their lifelong partnership, and their family, together in Leslie.

John spent some time in his early years teaching, then working for the Department of Highways. In 1974 he was hired as Project Manager by the Department of Parks and Renewable Resources, a position that took the young family to Melville, Sask. There he and Heather stayed, raising their children and eventually enjoying their retirement years.

John's work with Parks took him all around the province, where he left his mark on many of our provincial parks, including the campgrounds at Good Spirit Lake, which he designed and developed.

In the early 1980s, John purchased additional land at Fishing Lake and developed two subdivisions there - Murray Beach and Pavilion Beach. After spending all week at his day job, he worked weekends and holidays at his lake, pausing only to have a quick chat here and there, rarely sitting down to enjoy the results of his efforts. A generation of children walked the beach in their swim trunks and rubber boots, just like John. The communities at Fishing Lake are an important part of John's legacy.

John was also heavily involved in the Melville community and sat on the Melville Credit Union board and the Melville Foodbank board for a number of years, as well as the Melville Seniors Hall board. John loved bowling and shuffleboard and was an enthusiastic participant at the dances held at the Melville Seniors Hall. John loved dancing with his wife Heather and was ever willing to share a dance with others.

But most important to John was family life. He was as solid and dependable a husband and father as any wife or child could hope for. He was a steady and sober source of sound advice. He was a trusted advisor and teacher to many. He was a devoted husband, who loved his wife above all.

The home John shared with Heather was always open to those who needed help, and he was always ready to lend a hand. To those who sent cards, letters and texts to him in his final weeks, expressing your love and appreciation for his kindnesses, please know that he read and re-read these messages, and they brought him great comfort and happiness.

John will be with us always in the lessons he taught, the memories we will cherish, and the love we will remember.

A celebration of John's life will be held at the Melville Seniors Hall on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 11 a.m., with a light lunch to follow. In honour of John's love of dancing, a dance will be held after lunch.

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Obituary Walter Russel Wuschenny

Nov. 13, 1939 – May 11, 2022

Walter Wuschenny of Ituna, SK passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the Yorkton Regional Health Centre at the age of 82 years.

Walter was born Nov. 13, 1939 to Alex and Katie (nee Plax) Wuschenny on the family farm in the Ituna district. He was the ninth child of 12. He grew up and helped on the family farm learning life values and the meaning of hard work.

At 17 he left school to work for a farmer and at 18 went to work in Regina for the next six years, only coming back to the farm for the winter. He always told us that he lived on unemployment that paid \$38 every two weeks. His first passion though was farming and in 1962 he and Richard bought some land and Richard farmed the land while he continued to work.

On Oct. 10, 1964 he married Mary Lulchak and they began their life together. They raised their children on the family farm and worked very hard to make an honest living. Both had to work at other jobs to subsidize the farming income. Both spent years driving school bus and it was during those years that he became the well respected, kind, and caring man many knew him to be. He was very active in the community serving on the Ituna Hospital Board, Ituna and District Pioneer Lodge Board, Ituna Curling Association, Ituna and District Lions Club, served as a councillor for many, many years in the RM of Tullymet and volunteered as a bus driver for many sporting and school events.

In 1978, at the age of 39, he became a paramedic. He was one of the first of four paramedics in Ituna that enabled the community to acquire an ambulance and have it stationed and staffed within the community. He, as well as Nellie and Mary, provided endless volunteer hours to the community in the years following. In 1987 he took this second passion to Prairie Ambulance in Fort Qu'Appelle, where he became an employee to Jim and Randy How. In 1988 he started Valley Ambulance Care Ltd. and worked effortlessly to build the company into what it is today with the help of immediate family, Mary, Rick, Nellie and Sally, and many staff that he always considered, his extended EMS family. He would share his time, for the next 20 years, between Fort Qu'Appelle and Ituna, dedicating 30 years to the EMS profession while still farming alongside Alex.

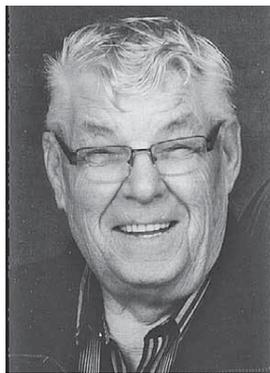
Dad was a hard-working man, but always made time for annual family fishing trips, skidooing, hunting, family get togethers, and spending as much time as he could with his only grandchild, Jaymie. In 1999 a farming accident would change his life on the EMS front line. He continued to manage operations until 2008. In May 2008 he was honored with two awards, The Governor General's Award and the George Beaulac Memorial Award.

In June 2008, after years of spending tireless hours trying to trace his family's ancestry back to the old country, he and Mary, Nellie, Ed and Jean Windysh travelled to the Ukraine. He was unsuccessful at finding any of his roots and always dreamed that one day answers would be found about where the Wuschenny family originated. Following that trip, he retired and moved back to Ituna full time. His retirement was spent mastering Crib and Hearts on the computer, watching wrestling reruns, reading, listening to music, later spending time fishing at Al's cabin and continuing to help on the farm until his health no longer made that possible.

In 2019 mobility challenges forced dad into the retirement home where he resided until his passing.

He will be dearly missed by all who were blessed to have known him – *Rest in Eternal Peace.*

He was predeceased by his parents, Alex and Katie; daughter Cathy, in infancy; grandson Patrick; sisters, Mary (Mike) Patykewich, Rose (Mike) Korsak, Elsie (Doug)



Weighell, brothers, Steve, Joe, Richard, Andrew (Darlene) and Sam (Rose); brothers-in-law, Tony Kowal, Peter (Leona) Lulchak and John Nikonetz; special nephew, Steven; other nieces, nephews and cousins.

He leaves to mourn and cherish his memory: his wife of 57 years, Mary; daughter Sally; son Alex; grandson Jaymie (his dad Martin); great-granddaughter, Ever (her mom Samantha), Nellie, Terry and Marie, Rick, Carly (Mitch) Frank, Marci, Renee, and Dylan; sisters, Anne Kowal, Katherine Morrison and Zonia Wuschenny; sisters-in-law, Pauline and Flaxey Wuschenny and Anne Nikonetz; as well as, many other very special nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and cherished friends.

Funeral service was held Friday, May 20, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ituna. Interment followed in the Sacred Hearth Parish Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Bailey's Funeral and Cremation Care, Ituna and Yorkton.

Obituary Jerome John Salamon

1935 - 2022

Jerome John Salamon of Regina, SK passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at the age of 86. He was the youngest of five siblings born to John and Josephine Salamon. Jerry was predeceased by his two daughters, Wendy Salamon and Deborah Wiggins; as well as many family members and friends.

Jerry will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 60 years, Gwen (nee Fehrenbach); daughter Catherine (Kevin) Chekay; son Tim Salamon; son-in-law Kevin Wiggins (Jill); eight grandchildren, Matthew (Steph), Nathan, Alyssa (Brandon), Danielle (Mike), Kristen (Jordan), Matthew, Bridget, and Charlotte; four great-grandchildren, Isabelle, Dominic, Grayson and Avery; brother-in-law, Howard Fehrenbach; sister-in-law, Terry Fehrenbach; special friends and neighbors of 55 years, Anne and Gordon Hamilton; special cousin, Lou Paquin; as well as many nieces, nephews, family, and friends; and not to forget his beloved cat, Roger.

Jerry was an electrician by trade and a farmer by heart. He worked for Alliance Energy (Sun Electric) for 39 years. Jerry believed in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. He did not waste and always told us if you are going to do something, do it right the first time.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Lebreton, SK. Interment will follow at the Sacred Heart Cemetery with a lunch to follow at the Salamon farm.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be given on his behalf to Grace Hospice, William Booth Special Care Home, 50 Angus Road, Regina, SK, S4R 8P6, where he was lovingly cared for by the staff. A special thank you to Cliff Geiger for your spiritual guidance and friendship while Dad was there. Online messages of condolence may be left at www.paragonfuneralservices.com



Obituary Gladys Irene Schmidt

May 27, 1932 – June 2, 2022

Gladys Irene Schmidt (nee Sikora) passed away on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the age of 90 years. She was born on May 27, 1932 on the family farm in the Stanley Municipality around the Fenwood district.

Gladys attended Greenbush School grades 1 to 10, taking grades 11 and 12 by correspondence with help from the teacher. She completed high school in Melville.

After high school, Gladys attended Moose Jaw Normal School and obtained her Teaching Certificate. She taught one year at a rural school at Rocanville. Her next years of teaching continued at Melville for 14 years.

In July 1957, she married her husband, Harvey Schmidt. Together, they enjoyed farming. They loved their association with the neighbors. They enjoyed many card games, dancing and travelling to Ottawa and Vancouver.

After this, she retired from teaching and became a stay-at-home mother to their two children, Brenda and Beryl. After the children started school, she often subbed. Sorrowfully, their daughter Brenda became ill and passed away in 1977.

In October, 1979, they sold their farm and moved to Yorkton. Here, they continued with the same associations with new neighbors and friends. They also purchased a motor home and did more travelling.

Sadly, her husband passed away in 1982. Gladys lived in their home another seven years and then purchased a condo. She lived there for 25 years.

While alone, Gladys enjoyed playing cards, bowling, dancing at the Seniors Club, golf and crocheted a number of afghans for family members. She took a number of tours travelling to Branson, Nashville, a Caribbean Cruise, Alaska, Orlando, Idaho, South Dakota, a tour of the Western states and Hawaii.

Then some health problems began and she moved to Regina to be closer to her family. She lived at the Bentley briefly and then moved to the Selo Gardens. She loved this place immensely. It offered many entertaining activities that she could enjoy.

Gladys is predeceased by her husband Harvey, September 1982; daughter Brenda, December 1977; father, Carl Sikora 1972; mother, Mary Sikora 1985; sister Audrey Kroetsch 2002; brother John 2013; brother-in-law, Ken Kroetsch, 1990; sister-in-law, Elsie Sikora 1997; father-in-law, Philip Schmidt 1993; mother-in-law, Mathilda Schmidt 2001.

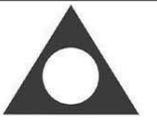
She is survived by her daughter, Beryl (Paul) Procyshyn of Regina and her grandchildren, Ashley Procyshyn of Regina, Nichele Procyshyn of Calgary, and Brittany Procyshyn of Regina; brother, Norman (Rose) Sikora of North Carolina; sister, Grace (Herb) Kurtz of Fenwood, SK; and sister, Doris (Floyd) Thunstrom of Macrorie, SK.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 from the Yorkton Memorial Gardens Family Centre with Rev. Deborah Smith officiating. The eulogy was given by Beryl Procyshyn and Nichele Procyshyn and Brittany Procyshyn shared words of remembrance. The interment followed in the

Garden of St. John, Yorkton Memorial Gardens with Ashley Procyshyn, Nichele Procyshyn and Brittany Procyshyn serving as urn bearers. Memorials donations in memory of Gladys may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation as gifts of remembrance.

Arrangements in care of Bailey's Funeral Home, Yorkton.

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The municipality claims title to the land by virtue of an interest based on the tax lien registered against the existing title to the land in the Land Titles Registry as Interest Number 191994452, 191994496, 191994531, 191994542 and you are required to **TAKE NOTICE** that unless you contest the claim of the municipality or redeem the land pursuant to the provisions of the above Act within six months from the service of this notice on you and, subject to the further provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, a certificate of title will be issued to the applicant and you will thereafter be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to, or in respect of, the land.

The amount required to redeem the land may be ascertained on application to the Clerk, Treasurer or Administrator of the municipality. For any questions about the tax enforcement process please contact Taxservice at 1-877-734-3113.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2022.

Silvia Virgilio, Treasurer
Town of Cupar

A Celebration of Life

for Donald Beaton
(June 14, 1930 - Feb. 12, 2022)



will take place
Sunday, June 12, 2022
from 2 - 5 p.m. at
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The family of Donald Beaton would like to invite you to attend a celebration of life service in his honour. In his 30 years as a part of the Melville and Neudorf communities, he was a counselor, a mayor, a volunteer and a friend. Donald spent his life connecting, helping and working with others to enrich the lives of those around him. We invite you to brighten our lives in our time of grief by sharing your happiest memories of Donald. Let us take some time to be grateful for the years we had and celebrate a very special life. 15-2p

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Garage Sale June 10, 11

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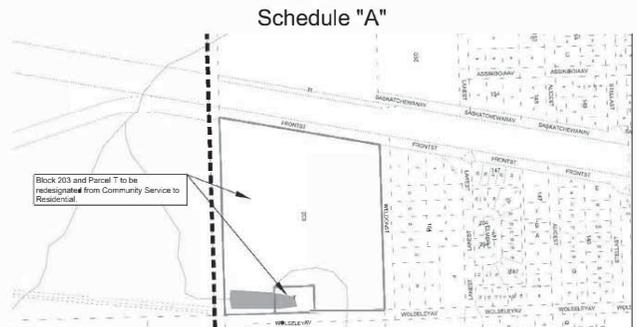


Town of Grenfell PUBLIC NOTICE BYLAW AMENDMENT

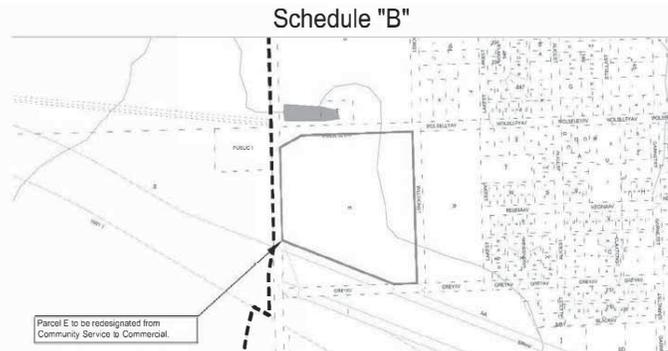
Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Grenfell intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 752-18, known as the *Official Community Plan Bylaw*.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw amendment will re-designate Block 203, Registered Plan No. E1685 and Parcel T, Registered Plan No. AB3887 from Community Service to Residential as shown on attached Schedule A.



The proposed bylaw amendment will re-designate Parcels E, Registered Plan No. 101268783 from Community Service to Commercial as shown on attached Schedule B.



REASON

The reason for the amendment is for future development and expansion within the Town of Grenfell in a progressive manor. Within this, to make the required changes to achieve this goal.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office, located at 800 Desmond Street, in the Town of Grenfell, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at the Town office.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on July 06th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Office Council Chambers 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 Town Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Town of Grenfell this 6th day of June, 2022.

Brenna Ackerman,
Chief Administrative Officer



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

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. 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*.

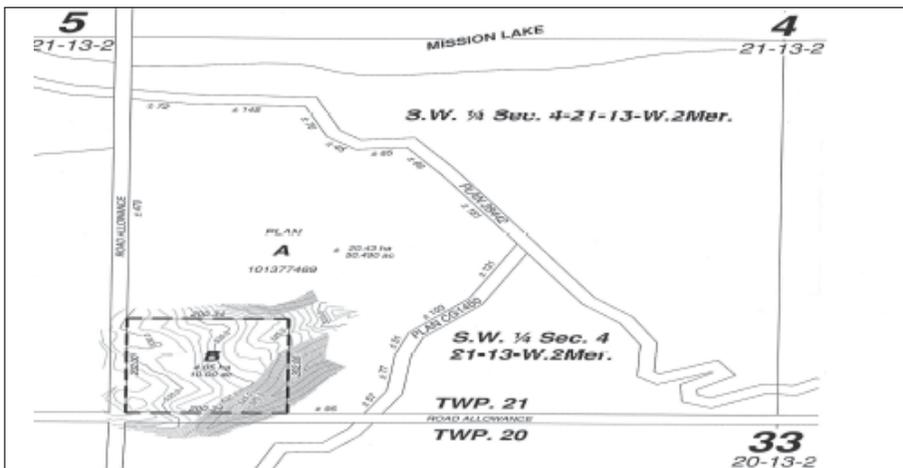
INTENT

The proposed bylaw will:

1. The Zoning District Map referred to in Section 4 - Zoning Districts is amended by rezoning from A - Agricultural to R1- Residential District (Low Density), the portion of the Parcel A, Plan 101377469.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as part of Parcel A, Plan 101377469 in the South West 1/4 of 4-21-13-W2 as shown in the bold dotted line, on the following map:



PURPOSE

The affected land is proposed to be rezoned to permit one (1) residential parcel within this district.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office at 136 Company Ave. south in Fort Qu'Appelle between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 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 June 28, 2022 at 9:15 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 prior to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Issued at the RM of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 this 10th day of June, 2022.

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

Description of Property	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
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LOT 6-BLK/PAR D-PLAN S3794 EXT 2	147140412	\$1,665.48	\$25.00	\$1,690.48
LOT 10-BLK/PAR D-PLAN S3794 EXT 0	110598385	\$3,271.78	\$25.00	\$3,296.78
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Balcarres graduation takes place Friday, June 17

By Judy Hershmilller
Balcarres Correspondent

It was a beautiful warm weekend for the community garage sales to take place. The wind was a factor, but it didn't dampen the spirits of shoppers as they cruised the over 25 households to check for treasures. Appreciation to everyone who participated in the garage sale weekend, and to all those who came to support it.

People who get their mail in Balcarres will notice a change in staff at our post office. Congratulations to Joanne Skjerven on her recent retirement as postmistress. Her helpfulness on many occasions, laughter and wonderful sense of humor will be missed. We wish you many happy days Joanne.

Coming Events

June 11: Celebration of Life Day. Join us in Memory Lane Park from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrate and honour all of our loved ones who passed away during COVID-19 pandemic. A barbecue of hamburgers and hot dogs will follow a short reading by Leanne Lucyk. All proceeds will be donated to Memory Lane Park to commemorate those who passed or were affected by the pandemic.

June 15: Balcarres Golden Age Group birthday party at 2:30 p.m.

June 17: Balcarres Community School Graduation Day. The class of 2022 include Jarrad Starr, Ty Stevenson, Devin Bellegarde, Tianna Starblanket, Teanna Bear, Jasmine Wapemoose, Tyrese McNabb, Trencyce Yuzicapi, Sean Starr,

Jaudence Pechawis-LaFontaine, Willow Keewatin and Dayamond Jack Desnomine.

The graduation ceremony will take place at the Balcarres Community School gymnasium at 2 p.m.

Communities in Bloom - Best Garden Selection

Balcarres has been selected to participate in the 2022 Miracle-Gro Best Garden Selection program from Scotts Canada.

Six yards in the Town of Balcarres will be selected by way of community voting to receive a Miracle Gro package

from Scotts Canada which includes a sign, a Shake'n Feed jug and water soluble plant food to show case the "Best Garden Selection" of our community.

Photos from the selected yards will be featured on the Scotts Miracle-Gro Canada Facebook page, Communities in Bloom website and in presentations during CIB events.

More information on how to vote will be announced later in June.

This is such exciting news and we look forward to showing off the hard work and dedication

that is put in by our residents year after year to make their yards, homes and our town beautiful.

June Ball Schedule

The following ball games will take place at the Balcarres sports grounds:

Saturday, June 11: Broncs Sr. vs. Wynyard, 1 p.m.

U11, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 12:

U13, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15: Broncs Sr. vs Neudorf, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21: U11, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22: U13, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 24: Broncs Sr. vs Foam Lake, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 26: U13, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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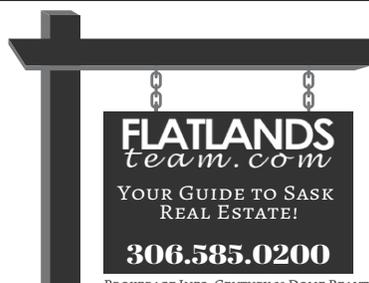
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Fun fashion show held for Melville Thrift Store

By Jacob Miller
Grasslands News

On June 4 the Melville Thrift Store held a Fashion Show and Tea to show off some of the clothes offered by the Melville Thrift Store.

The fashion show was held at Melville Community Works.

Models ranging in age and gender took the stage in different outfits they picked to showcase the many different types of

clothing the thrift store has to offer.

Models for the show were Edna Brock, Louise Tetreault, Elyssa Thompson, Arlene McGuire, Emilia Santos, Evelyn Maurer, Melody Campbell, Saraya Morin, Brea, Shaelyn and Cody Krepavitch, Sean Erhardt, Shaelyn Meyers and Kylie Severson.

All outfits shown during the fashion show

were priced under \$10, and included an assortment of name branded clothes including Nike, Under Armour, Harley Davidson, Roxy, Urban Youth, Michael Kors, Cleo and many more.

The audience was treated to an assortment of snacks provided by Rail City industries and could participate in a silent auction.

All funds made from

the Melville Thrift Store are given to the Melville churches and charities.



Show model Emilia Santos is ready for summer with this dress.



Ready for the town Arlene McGuire and great granddaughter Emilia Santos are ready for a day out.



Strike a pose Sean Erhardt, Edna Brock, and Shaelyn Meyers took the stage during the Melville Thrift Store Fashion Show to model a wide range of clothing and outfits from casual to fancy to active wear. All pieces can be found in store.

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Community, family supports Wolseley thrift store

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News

Family values have always been important to Jessica Genaille but since opening *New to You Bargain and Thrift* in Wolseley, she is able to spend more time with her loved ones while also meeting needs in the community.

The shop opened on April 30 and has been enthusiastically supported by the community. From donating items, to lending a hand with setting up the shop, Jessica said the community has given tremendous support.

The idea for the new business came after Jessica and her daughter Julia were visiting relatives in Wolseley. Julia was diagnosed with a serious heart condition at age 12 and underwent open-heart surgery last year at age 19. Afterwards, Jessica and Julia went to Wolseley for a time of rest and relaxation. They appreciated the community atmosphere so much that they rented an apartment in Wolseley instead of returning to Regina.

An opportunity came to lease a storefront at 103 Sherbrooke Street in Wolseley and it seemed the perfect time to open a thrift shop. Early in the pandemic, Jessica had been working for health services processing COVID-19 test samples but had to leave that job



Enjoying family and community

Jessica Genaille (left), owner of "New to You Bargain and Thrift" in Wolseley, is thankful for the ways the shop enables her to spend time with her mom Maryann (right) and give back to the community.

because of the risk to her daughter's health. Having grown up in a single-parent home and having raised children on her own, Jessica understands the challenges posed by current economic situations. She named the shop "New

to You," since that was how her mom would describe second-hand clothes she received as a child.

"So many people helped us, now we can do the same in a small way," she explained. "It's not just about shopping,

its about making people smile; it's a joy to see them leave with their treasures."

A wide variety of items are available at the store including clothes, housewares, furniture, and books. Some of these were supplied by family members and other donations came from the community. Jessica works hard to ensure items are in good condition and there is a washer and dryer on site, so all clothing is cleaned before it is added to the racks. She continues to accept donations for the shop and if she has a surplus of goods or items that remain on the shelf too long, these will be donated to a shelter in Regina.

After Jessica and Julia decided to stay in Wolseley, Jessica's mom Maryann and grandmother joined them. Before long, Jessica's sister also moved to town with her husband and children. Maryann helps out at the thrift shop every day and Jessica's nieces are frequent visitors.

"They all had enough faith in me and in this town that they came here to do this with me and that's a huge gift," Jessica said. "Everyone is taken care of and we're together, that is the biggest gift – to have that close connection with family."

New to You is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m.

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Wolseley council moves ahead with ad campaign, street paving

Submitted
Grasslands News

Wolseley town council held its regular meeting on May 18 at 7 p.m. with all members present.

Councillor Susan Campbell presented a proposal for a five-week ad campaign with Bell Media/CTV News from June 13, 2022 to July 17, 2022 for a cost of \$6,800 plus taxes. Council made a motion to proceed with the proposal.

Councillor Tim Taylor informed the group that the

roofing contractor is optimistic the necessary work will be done on the Town Hall/Opera House roof before the grant deadline in August.

Councillor Randy Quintyn presented a proposal on behalf of the Lions Club. The club offered to construct a pergola to provide a shaded area at the Beach and Splash Park. The structure is free standing and about 6 ft. x 15 ft., which would not require a building permit. The Lions Club would fund the project, with no cost to the town, but sought council's permission to proceed. Council approved the project proposal.

A quote from Lisowec's Construction Services Ltd.

was presented to council for replacing the existing white picket fence at the Courthouse. Council made a motion to proceed with the treated wood option for fence replacement at a total price of \$3,471.82 plus applicable taxes.

Council reviewed plans to pave streets in the community. They made a motion to proceed with quote from Mobile Paving for the following streets: Pine Street, from Willow Street to Poplar Street (\$56,720.00 plus taxes); Garnet Street, from Varennes Street to RRX (\$60,623.95 plus taxes); and Maple Street, from Willow Street to Poplar Street (\$52,318.69 plus taxes).

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