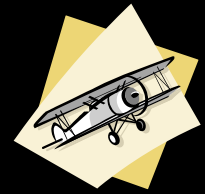




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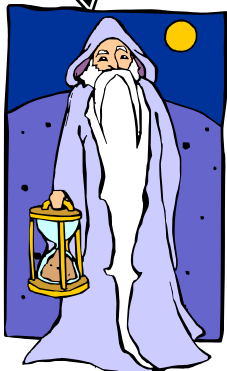


JANUARY 2011

## IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS . . .

- Jan. 1 - FIRST DAY OF 2011—HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- Jan. 1 - No Cribbage at Seniors Centre.
- Jan. 3 - No Monthly Meeting at Seniors Centre.
- Jan. 3 - Balgonie Town Office—Closed.
- Jan. 4- Library Reopens.
- Jan. 10 & 12- Tae Kwon-Do Registration.
- Jan. 19 - Seniors Monthly Supper.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## THANK YOU!

*A big thank you to the Balgonie First Responders who came out twice to our place giving, not only great care to Archie, but also looking after me. Your care and compassion are without a doubt first class!*

*Archie & Pat Lovelace*

Our sincere thanks to the Town of Balgonie, family and friends for your thoughts and prayers after the passing of Priscilla, also a special thanks to the First Responders for all of their care and attention provided to Priscilla during her illness.

Gerald Keck & Family

Thank you to my GREAT neighbours for clearing my driveway out when it snows. I am very thankful for all of your help and appreciate it a lot.

Angie Kardash

## NEW BABY

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*Donna Strudwick*

*Irene Vollman*

*Emil Leibel*



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# BALGONIE SENIORS CLUB NEWS

## DECEMBER CRIBBAGE RESULTS

### 24 Hands

Gary Butz  
Brenda Oliver  
Gert Wagman

### 1st & 2nd Place Winners

Elmer & Ida Miller  
Ron Brucker & Deanna Radmacher

### 3rd Place Winners

Linda & Gary Butz

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SENIOR CENTRE

*Sat., January 1, 2011—NO CRIBBAGE  
Resumes First Saturday in February*

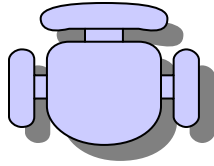
**Mon., January 3, 2011—NO MONTHLY MEETING**

**Wed., January 19, 2011—Monthly Supper**

**Shuffleboard each Monday evening 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!**



JANUARY 2011



# FROM THE CHAIR

Mayor Tim Sterzer

Happy New Year! It is now 2011 and the past year went by very quickly. I hope that while you are reading this month's column that you haven't broken any of your resolutions and will keep them for the entire year. Your town council, administration and maintenance staff have worked in 2010 to ensure that our community is one of the best places to live, work and play. We welcome your feedback, expression of concerns and ideas on how we can do things differently. This column will focus on a highlights of 2010 and items to watch for in 2011.

The Water Supply Project has been ongoing for the past two years in a planning mode – location of new source of water to add capacity, treatment requirements, location, sizing and other factors being considered. The engineering and planning have been worked on for most of 2010, once the approval to proceed was provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The final planning will be done in the first few months of 2011 with tenders for the construction portions going out in the late winter, early spring time frame. The key item to note is that the water rates will be adjusted going forward to provide a capacity to pay back the funds that will be borrowed, and the future water rates will also include an uplift to put money aside for future capital upgrades to the system and/or maintenance. The current council is working to minimize the impact to residents, but there will be an impact. The overall budget for the project is \$7.8 million and the share that the Town is responsible for is one third of that number \$2.6 million. We have been budgeting/saving some reserves to assist with our portion of the expense but there will be some borrowing required and thus the rate changes.

Council has been working on updating the development and service contracts and fees for future development applications, since the current versions were put in place back in the 1990s. The new contracts and fees will ensure that future developments provide for the funds needed to cover their portion of any capital upgrades (water project), recreation facility maintenance or expansion, and other key factors being outlined by our planning consultant. The current council will not approve any new developments until the new contracts and fee structures are in place and nor will any new development be approved unless the developer provides that appropriate compensation for any increases in capacity to current services required by that development. This is a shift from previous contracts in that we always had extra capacity and the development fees were only covering maintenance portions and not extra capacity requirements. The town has never funded or been the bank for a developer that has developed in town. There have been cases where property was exchanged for lack of fee payment or other breaches of the contract but the infrastructure in a new development (water and sewer lines, roads, curbs, etc) are the responsibility of the developer and there warranty provided by the developer for that infrastructure for a period of time after acceptance by the town engineer. If there are deficiencies found in the infrastructure located within a new development, they are required to be fixed first before acceptance will be granted.

The last topic for the month is an update on the Star Dome facility. If you haven't heard yet the facility which has been open for the past 11 winter seasons is officially had the last mortgage payment made. There will be a celebration of this occurrence once the winter sports are wrapped up. The costs to run a facility of this type have grown over the past number of years with demand charges from SaskPower for the startup process in the fall, higher energy rates for recreation facilities for heat and light and general maintenance to the building. We have been working for the past six months to upgrade the facility to make it more energy efficient (low flush, timed faucets, digital programmable thermometers) along with upgrades to the waiting room and walking areas. There are still further upgrades to be planned and normal maintenance that will be required. Council will also ensure that there will be a capital fund in place for the facility for any unexpected costs (new plant, construction, etc). I know that there is a certain expectation now that there is no mortgage payment that the recreation board will be flush with cash. That may be the case but we need a full season of normal operations to determine what level operating costs are being incurred, expenses and upkeep required and what the cash flow, in general, looks like. Once a full year of operation has occurred, decisions can be made on how to best utilize any excess revenue that may be present.

It was a busy 2010 with the various projects on the go and 2011 doesn't appear to be slowing down. We accomplished a great many things in 2010, but many projects are carrying over to the new year, and many more will start in 2011. I will continue to provide updates as I can on all projects that are in progress. Council and staff thank you for your support in the efforts to make Balgonie a community of choice, and a community where you want to be.

On behalf of council, administration and maintenance I would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year.

**COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2011**

**JANUARY 10 & 24**  
**FEBRUARY 14 & 28**  
**MARCH 14 & 28**  
**APRIL 11 & 25**  
**MAY 9 & 23**  
**JUNE 13 & 27**  
**JULY 11 & 25**  
**AUGUST 8 & 22**  
**SEPTEMBER 12 & 26**  
**OCTOBER 10 & 24**  
**NOVEMBER 14 & 28**  
**DECEMBER 12 & 26**  
**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

**2011 OFFICE HOURS**

Mon., January 3, 2011—Closed all day

**BASIC SNOW REMOVAL RESPONSE PLAN**

- 1st Priority—Main Roads (i.e. Main Street, Railway, etc.)**
- 2nd Priority—Secondary Roads (Hyde Street, Maple, etc.)**
- 3rd Priority—Alleys (done on a time permitting basis)**  
**(See detailed plan)**

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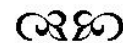
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## **SNOW REMOVAL RESPONSE PLAN 2010-2011**

1. From Town shop, travel east on South Railway with the blade on the south edge of the roadway, pushing the snow to the north (continue entire length of South Railway; to the east until you reach the dead end).
2. Turn on to Burton St., go south to Qu'Appelle Street.
3. Head west on Qu'Appelle Street all the way to Main Street.
4. At Main Street, turn north and go to Railway, turn around and go south up Main all the way to the #1 Highway.
5. Turn around and come back down Main going north to Assiniboia Street.
6. Turn east on Assiniboia go to Hyde Street. Turn around and head west back down Assiniboia all the way to Highway #364.
7. Then go to front of fire hall and clean in front of doors.
8. Turn around on Highway #364 and come back to Terra Nova Drive, and head down Terra Nova to the Service Road.
9. Head out to Westview, go down Westview Drive and head down Greenall Street to Leibel Street, turn around and follow same pattern back in to Gottselig Bay.
10. Stages 1-9 should be clear by 7 a.m., if the snowfall occurred late in the day before and through the night, this will require starting at 4:30 – 5:00 A.M.
11. Once this is all complete, the grader can then continue to plow the remaining streets in a North-South fashion, two stripes per roadway.
12. While the grader is doing stages 1-9, the snow blower is going down to Wiest and Curry Bay and will do one swipe around outside edge of each bay.
13. Blower will then proceed to Willow Bay and Oak Bay and do one swipe around each of these bays.
14. Blower will then proceed to Westview and clean out Wagner Bay, Marwood Bay, Simpson Bay and Leibel Bay totally.
15. At this point, the blower can return to all the bays and clean out totally.
16. The blower can continue on to Hyde to clear streets for easy bus exits.
17. Once all of this is complete, the blower can then assist the grader on side streets.
18. The person will go with Skidsteer and clean both the school parking lots and sidewalks.
19. Then proceed to clean around the Town office and sidewalks in front of store.

**BACK ALLEYS ARE ON A TIME PERMITTING BASIS!**

**This plan is subject to change without notice!**

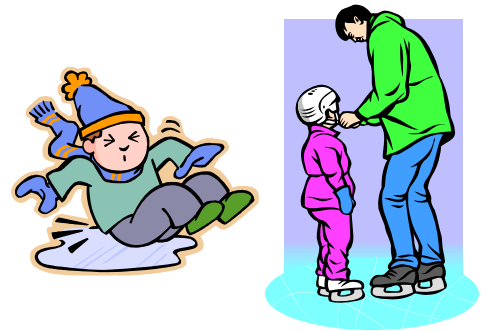
# RECREATION NEWS

By Shaun McBain

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We hope everyone had a safe and festive holiday season! Let's make 2011 another great year.

The outdoor arena is now in full swing. Just a reminder to all users - there are snow shovels provided for clearing the ice surface. Please put scrapers back when you are finished with them. The Zamboni will flood the ice once a week. There is no set day for this. The lights will turn on around 5:30 p.m. and turn off at 9:30 p.m.



If the weather is above zero for a few days, please refrain from using the arena so we do not damage the ice. Please be courteous to others who are also using the facility.

Final numbers are in for the Dinner Theatre. Payouts for the groups are as follows: This money helps offset operating and capital projects for all of these groups.

Fire Department	\$6,818.33
Multiplex	\$6,818.33
Rec. Board	\$6,818.33
Early Learning Centre	\$6,818.33
Curling Rink	\$6,818.33
Pool	\$9,818.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,909.98</b>

**BE CAREFUL AND HAVE FUN!**



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## *news release*

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Over the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23 Bronze flower vases were stolen from the graveyard at Regina Memorial Gardens. The vases screw into the head stone at the base. The vases are approximately 12 inches tall and 3 inches wide. The vases have a "Pebble" texture on the sides.

**If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact the Regina RCMP Detachment at 780-5560 or your nearest police service. If you wish to remain anonymous, please contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, \*8477 on Sask-Tel Mobility, text TIP206 plus your message to CRIMES (274637), or submit a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com) Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and calls are not traced or recorded. If your information leads to an arrest or a case being cleared, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.**

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Detachment Contact:

Cst A. Morse  
Investigator  
"F" Division  
(306) 780-5560

# **R.C.M.P. NEWS (cont'd)**

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**2010-12- 13**

**Between October 22, 2010 and December 4, 2010, there were several thefts from vehicles and damages to vehicles and property which occurred during night hours in Balgonie. Among items stolen were a Garmin GPS, a Sirius Satellite Radio, a large quantity of hand tools, a nail gun, power tools and loose change.**

**There were a number of vehicle vandalisms during the same time period. A car was spray painted; car tires were punctured with nails. Property damages included spray paint to a mailbox, a chopped off deer leg left in a mailbox, yard decorations damaged.**

**To date no suspects have been located. All persons spoken to had not heard or seen anything suspicious during the night. The public is advised to remove items of value from their vehicles and lock their doors.**

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**Detachment Contact:**

**Cst B. BIDULKA  
Investigator  
(306) 780-5560**

# **BALGONIE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the members of the Balgonie Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders! Please keep safety in mind during this holiday season. Trees need to be watered regularly to prevent drying out and becoming a fire hazard. Traffic in town and on the highways is busier this time of year so let's all take an extra couple seconds to make sure we are following safe driving habits.**

**Thank you all for attending the Sparkle Tour and thanks to those who decorated. Congratulations to the winners.**

**Dinner Theatre was a huge success again this year. The Fire Department received \$6,800.00 from the event. Dinner Theatre is the biggest fundraiser for our department as well as other groups around town. Thanks for your support. Our major project with this money was improving and upgrading our "Jaws" system. We now carry the Jaws of Life, which are needed in case of a person being trapped in a vehicle. Being situated at the junction of three major highways – 1, 46, and 10 – these tools are very important for the safety of travellers and local residents.**

**The Fire Department and First Responders are always looking for new members willing to make a commitment. We offer lots of in-house training as well as travelling to the semi-annual fire school put on by the Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighters Association. Joining the department is a good way to give back to your community and helps keep other residents safe. If you are interested in becoming a member, meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the fire hall, or email [balgoniefire@sasktel.net](mailto:balgoniefire@sasktel.net).**

**Thanks for your support throughout 2010, and we look forward to serving you in 2011!**

# CHORAL SINGING

**Bal-Eden Singing Stars and United Voices** choirs accept new choristers throughout the season.

**Bal-Eden Singing Stars** is open to students in Grades 4 – 6. We meet every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. at St. Paul's Church in Edenwold. First rehearsal in January will be held January 6. Registration is \$30.00 (covers cost of music). We currently have choristers from Balgonie, Edenwold and McLean communities (so we love car pooling!).

**United Voices** is open to students in Grades 7 – 12. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. at Balgonie United Church in Balgonie. First rehearsal in January will be held January 11. Registration is \$30.00 (covers cost of music). We currently have choristers from Balgonie, Edenwold, Emerald Park, and Montmartre communities (so we love car pooling!).

For more information or to register, please contact Pam Frigon at 771-2510 or e-mail [gpfrigon@xplornet.ca](mailto:gpfrigon@xplornet.ca).

# BALGONIE PLAYSCHOOL

Balgonie Playschool is accepting late registrations for the winter session. Please call Lee @ 771-4248 for more information on class avail-





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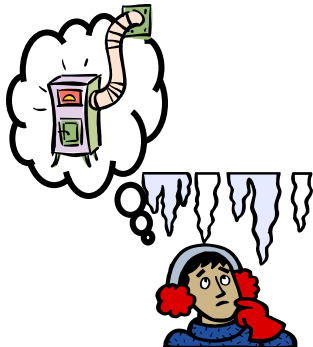
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## BALGONIE SWIMMING POOL

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We will soon be calling for the Community Calendars. If you are new to the town and would like a calendar, you may call Penni at 771-2230 and I would be happy to get you on the list. The calendars will be going up in price to \$10.00.

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## BUFFALO PLAINS TAE KWON-DO



### **REGISTRATION January 10<sup>th</sup> AND 12<sup>th</sup> 6:15 - 7:30 AT BALGONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Have you ever watched Jackie Chan in action??? Want to learn some of those moves? Then come out and see what Tae Kwon-Do is all about!

A new session is starting in January. Registration will be held on Monday, Jan. 10 and Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 6:15 to 7:30 at the Balgonie Elementary School.

Tae Kwon-Do is a recreational family orientated program that increases your fitness, coordination, flexibility and self-discipline but also teaches a very important skill - self-defense. Our Head Instructor Mr. Shannon Phillips is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt, a seven time Canadian champion and has numerous medals from Pan Americans, Can-Am's and World competitions. He makes the class fun and enjoyable while the participants are learning kicks and patterns, learning how to spar, and are getting into better shape.

**Cost for a 3 month session:** \$90.00/participant, \$80.00 for the second participant and \$70.00 for any further participants that register within a family. All new members are subject to a one-time membership fee of \$15.00.

**When:** Classes are every Monday and Wednesday at 6:15 to 7:00pm for beginners and 7:00 to 8:00pm for color belts.

**Where:** Balgonie Elementary School Gym

**All ages are welcome to join. Even if you are not sure what this is about, but are interested, come and try a class or two. This is an excellent and fun way to get in shape and learn self-defense skills. You don't need to be in great shape to join – this is a class for all ages and fitness levels. Parents are encouraged to register with their children.**

**Contact Information:**

**John Barabe 781-0132, Mr. Phillips 565-8144, Master Norman 525-0005**

# **BALGONIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Library will reopen after the Holiday break on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

During the month of January the Library will be having the Annual Book Sale. This sale will include a far ranging variety of books. Some of these books were kindly donated by Library patrons; others were weeded from the Library book shelves. The books are selling for a price of .25 cents a book or a bag full for a loonie. Make sure you visit the Library in January to purchase the best selection for that winter reading by the fireplace.

Literacy Week is January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup>. On Family Literacy Day – January 27<sup>th</sup> spend some fun time with your family reading a book, baking some cookies or playing a board game. The promotion of literacy and numeracy can be fun and enjoyed by the entire family. Special bookmarks are included in the Talk of the Town.

Author of the Month for January is Robert Munsch. He specializes in children's literature but can be enjoyed by everyone. The Library has a great selection!

Thank You to all the Moms and Grandmas who made the Preschool Storytime a great success. Santa Claus was our special visitor and the children received candy bags.

The Library is looking for new Board members. If you are interested in joining, the next Board meeting will be held in February. We are always interested in new ideas for promoting the Library. Please call the Library at 771-2332 for further information.

**Have a safe and joyous New Year's!**



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*Wishing everyone  
all the best for 2011!*

*Kenton, Leah and Elaine*

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