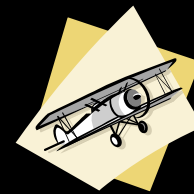


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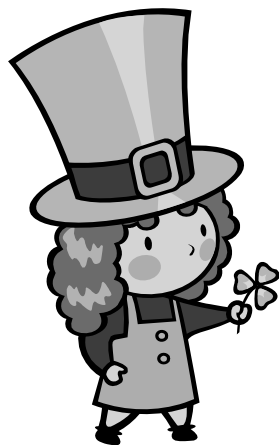


MARCH 2011

## IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS . . .

- February 28—Ball Registration evening—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Balgonie Stardome
- March 1—Ball Registration evening—7:00-9:00 p.m. — Pilot Butte Recreation Centre
- March 2—Ball Registration evening—7:00-9:00 p.m.— White City Communiskate
- March 7—Balgonie Branch Library's AGM—7:00 p.m.
- March 9—Interchange Functional Design at Hwy #1 & #46—Open House—  
Balgonie Multiplex—4:30-7:30 p.m.
- March 23—Soccer Registration and AGM—Balgonie Multiplex—6:30 p.m.
- March 26—Balgonie Curling Club Wind-up—Call Gerry 530-2560
- April 2—Stardome Arena—Mortgage Burning Party—Balgonie Multiplex—6:00 p.m.

### HOW TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER



To submit an article, announcement or advertisement for the Balgonie monthly newsletter, please email [balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net](mailto:balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net). If you do not have access to email, you may drop off your submission to Balgonie Agencies, 129 Railway Street (phone 771-2243).

You must have a Balgonie Box # to advertise in the Balgonie Newsletter. Prices are: \$10-business card size, \$30-quarter page; \$60-half page or \$120-full page; please send information in Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word or JPG.

Final deadline for April issue is March 21, 2011. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



## CONGRATULATIONS

Matthew & M.J. Deans Beynham—  
Twin Girls born on January 21, 2011.  
Mayzie was 6lbs. 9oz.  
and Lily was 8lbs. 3 oz.  
company for their three brothers.

## THANK YOU

A huge “thank you” to our wonderful friends, neighbours, and family for your cards, gifts, phone calls, prayers, visits, and acts of kindness during my recent hospital stay. Your love and concern is greatly appreciated. I am now recuperating at home!

Sincerely, Dennis Rumpel

We deeply appreciate all of the phone calls, cards and expressions of sympathy received after the passing of our father, father-in-law and grandfather, Jan Okroj.

Sincerely,  
Chris & Gene Baumgarten  
and Family

## GET WELL WISHES!

Tony Kessel  
Ken Fahlman  
Mike Schriener  
Grant Wagner



## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES!

Sheryl & Del Morgan—Her Mother  
Evelyn & Brian Rumpel—Her Sister

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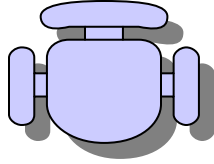
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March 2011



# FROM THE CHAIR

Mayor Tim Stenzen

The month of February started cold and looks like it will end cold. As true Saskatchewan people we tough it out and wait for the better weather. It will be small solace that by the end of March, a scant 31 days, we will be basking most days in above zero temperatures.

The first report for this month will feature the upcoming construction project for the new water treatment plant and reservoir. We have had numerous setbacks to the project and changes in designs that have delayed the start date. The final report from the engineers with the documents related to tendering the portions of the project should be in the hands of council by the end of February and early March. The overall project is set at 7.8M with 1/3 coming from federal, provincial and municipal governments. The council has been working to minimize the costs to the residents of Balgonie by saving money into the capital account for infrastructure and through changes to the water rates for consumption. It is not a perfect scenario by any means but the best method that we have available to us to spread the costs over a longer term for everyone. The other options we had were local improvements which we felt were a dramatically harder hit to low income families and seniors, one large rate hike on the water and sewer billing which again affected the low income and seniors more drastically than other ratepayers or the structure we have chosen which is lower increases in the water rates over the past few years and continuing for the next three years. The operating costs will also increase over the life of the treatment plant from what we have today, so there were a number of extra factors to take into account on how we operate, fund upgrades and fund any future replacement. If you have any questions about the project feel free to talk with a member of council.

The winter sports are starting to wind down for the month of March but one thing is heating up and that is the mortgage burning party for the StarDome. This magnificent facility has been a boon to the reputation of Balgonie in hosting events both locally, provincially and nationally. The past 10 years has seen our community host four curling events for the provincial or southern championships – with more to come, host broomball events for provincial and national titles and many tournaments for hockey and ringette. Through the hard-work, vision and dedication of a group of people this facility went from a thought, to a vision, to a plan, to fundraising, to reality. That was no small feat for a community of what was then 1,000 people. We have doubled in size over the past 10 years in large part due to the facilities we have in our community and in particular because the StarDome is one of the best ice rinks in the province (in my humble opinion). Check out the date and come join us for a great evening of celebrating the entrepreneurship of local residents both present and past. Be a part of the fun on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

The next item for this month is a reminder that all of the summer sports are starting to take registrations for their sport. If you are new to the community or surrounding area please call the town office to find out when the sport you or your children may be interested in participating in will be holding their registration night. We attract residents because of our facilities but we keep them because of our activities. I know that some of the sports still require volunteers to help run them, provide coaching or general assistance. If you would like to help out I am certain that the organizers for each sport would be more than willing to accept assistance. If you don't know who to call contact the town office at 771-4343 to find out how to register or volunteer.

The last item for this month is to talk real quick about the safety within the community. The past year has been relatively quiet on a number of fronts. There are still issues with driving behavior across all spectrums of ages, unlicensed vehicles driving on the streets and back alleys and snow machines not taking direct routes in and out of town. There are also at large animals and other issues still occurring but the focus from the RCMP will be on education for the driving offenses and a focused ticketing campaign to try and curb all behavior. If you see any problems within the community please call the RCMP to report it. They cannot see any trends for items that go unreported and the more reports they receive the quicker the action will be to curb the behavior. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our community safe.

Until next month!

# BALGONIE SENIORS CLUB NEWS

## FEBRUARY CRIBBAGE RESULTS

### 24 HANDS

Bill Kuffner

Donna Schmuland

Tony Huber

### 1ST PLACE WINNERS

Tony & Agnes Huber

### 2ND PLACE WINNERS

Lizzy Geiss & Ida Partridge

### 3RD PLACE WINNERS

Elmer Miller & Bill Kuffner

## *HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTRE*

Sat., March 5, 2011—Cribbage

Mon., March 7, 2011—Pot Luck & Meeting

Wed., March 16, 2011—Monthly Supper

Shuffleboard each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**INTERCHANGE FUNCTIONAL DESIGN AT  
HIGHWAY #1 & #46**

## **OPEN HOUSE**

*An open house will be held on March 9, 2011  
at the Balgonie Multiplex Community Centre  
from 4:30—7:30 p.m. regarding the  
Interchange Functional Design  
at Highway #1 & #46.*

*Everyone Welcome!*

### **POTENTIAL FLOOD RISK!**

Let us remind residents that with all of the snow which has fallen this winter; please be aware that there is a risk of flooding which may come with the melt!

Please ensure snow is removed away from your home and snow is removed from the roofs of your homes.

Take the necessary precautions to reduce the risk of flooding!



### **SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

The Town is now looking for students who are seeking summer employment. You must be returning to high school or secondary school in the fall of 2011. Please submit your Resume to the town office by March 22, 2011 or fax it to 771-2899. A valid driver's license is a prerequisite.

### **FABRIC COVERED BUILDINGS**

**This is a reminder that fabric covered buildings are not allowed in the Town of Balgonie!**

### **DOG LICENSES ARE HERE!**

Female dog over 3 months—\$20.00

Spayed female dog over 3 months—\$10.00

Male dog over 3 months—\$10.00

### **UTILITY NOTICES**

Reminder that a penalty will be added to your current utility bill sometime on March 2, 2011.

Please do not leave paying your bill until the last minute, you may find yourself with a 2% penalty added to your invoice!

On-line payments accepted!

### **VEHICLES**

**Please ensure vehicles, trailers, etc. are moved off of the roads so that our town personnel can perform a proper snow removal job!**

**Thank you for your co-operation!**



# RECREATION NEWS

By Shaun McBain

## **SWIMMING POOL NEWS!**

The Balgonie Swimming Pool AGM was held on February 23, 2011. If you would like to help out on the Board, please call Penni @ 771-2230 your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## **BRONCOS MINOR BALL NEWS!**

Minor ball registration will be held at the Stardome on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **HOCKEY NEWS!**

With winter coming to an end, this means playoff hockey, Ringette and Broomball is in full swing. This time of year is what all sports players work hard for to try and win championships. Good luck to all players - play hard, and let's bring home some banners!

## **ARENA NEWS!**

As many of you may have noticed, new flooring has been installed in all of the dressing rooms at the arena. A big thank you goes out to the Hounds and Generals recreation hockey teams for their assistance with the installation of the matting.

## **BARTENDERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of bartenders for the upcoming wedding season! If your group is interested in making money please give me a call at 771-4343.

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

# BALGONIE CURLING CLUB

The curling season comes to an end in March. Come out and watch some exciting playoff action.

March 4-6 is the Skins Tournament with the Iron-man on March 5th in the evening. To register or for more information please contact Lindsay at 536-4632.

A big congratulations to Mandy Selzer and her team who placed 4th at the Provincial Scotties in Outlook. Job well done!

Our club windup will be on March 26th. For more information, please call Gerry at 530-2560.



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# BALGONIE SWIMMING POOL

The Balgonie Swimming Pool Board would like to thank all of the individuals and businesses who supported us this year with the Community Calendars. It is greatly appreciated!

## Summer Employment—Lifeguards Needed

The Town of Balgonie is seeking individuals to fill the position of manager and lifeguards.

Qualifications required:

NLS, Valid Bronze Cross,  
Current Standard First Aid and CPR C,  
WSI would be a definite asset.

Wage is based on qualifications. Resumes along with copies of all current levels of certification may be sent to Town of Balgonie, Box 310, Balgonie, SK, S0G 0E0 or fax to (306) 771-2899 by April 15, 2011.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

# ***STARDOME ARENA*** ***“MORTGAGE*** ***BURNING”*** ***PARTY***

OUR STARDOME ARENA HAS NOW BEEN PAID OFF—COME AND  
CELEBRATE WITH US AT THE BALGONIE MULTIPLEX ON APRIL 2, 2011!

- ♦ FREE ADMISSION
- ♦ 6:00 P.M.—FREE BEEF ON A BUN & SALADS
- ♦ - \$2.00/DRINK
- ♦ - D.J.
- ♦ MANY PRIZES AND GIVE AWAYS

Come out and help us acknowledge the many hours of hard work and dedication people, past and present, put into planning and building this wonderful facility Balgonie has



For Information Call: Shaun 771-4343

**Town of Balgonie**

Minors accompanied by guardians are allowed to participate until 9:00 p.m.

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## **BUFFALO PLAINS TAE KWON-DO**



**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!**

**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.**

**This session will be finished by the end of March, and a new session will be starting the beginning of April. We welcome registrations during any regular class time.**

**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.**

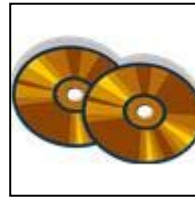
**Contact Information:**

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

# BALGONIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A big Thank You to Heather Entner for painting faces at the Valentine Preschool Storytime - it added so much fun to the day and the kids loved it!

Come to the Library and check out our Author of the Month for March - Jeanette Oke. She is a Canadian author, of international renown of inspirational pioneer fiction.



The library has several NEW Audio books on CD – if you have not yet tried one they are a great to put on while travelling in your car or to try at home – check one out today! Or try a Downloadable audio or e-book from the website [www.southeast.lib.sk.ca](http://www.southeast.lib.sk.ca). Great for IPods, MP3 players, or readers such as Kobos or Kindles.

Local artist Caroline Brisbois will be displaying her art in the Library during March. The Library is honored to showcase local talent.

Mark your calendars! The **Annual Balgonie Garage Sale** is June 4, 2011. Remember to call the Library to register – all proceeds raised stay in the community and are used by the Branch to help purchase new DVD's, Audio books, Adult, Youth and Children's books, etc. Support your local Library (and declutter at the same time!) – Call the Library at 771-2332.

## Library Hours

Monday 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Tuesday 3:30 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am – Noon

Thursday 3:30 – 8:00 pm

Friday 1:00 – 5:00 pm

# THE BALGONIE BRANCH LIBRARY

Will be holding its

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MARCH 7, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.**

at the Branch Library - located at the corner of Railway St & Queen St, in the same building as the Town Office and the RM Office.

The meeting is open to anyone to attend.

Is there something you would like to see at the Branch Library – Programs? Books? Your ideas are always appreciated. Come check us out. New Board Members are always welcome!

A few hours a year is all that is needed.



# 1st Balgonie Beavers & Cubs

Well, boy have we been busy since our last article. The past few months both groups were busy with the Christmas party (which included a visit from Santa), a trip to STC for a tour (with a ride on a bus from the bus depot to the United Church), a Cub & White Tail Beaver trip to the Regina Kalium Observatory & ending February with our annual Lord Baden-Powell Birthday Celebration & Supporter Appreciation Supper. With that being said, we would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our Supporters for their continuing support of Scouting & our Beaver & Cub programs. Without them, we wouldn't be able to run the kind of programs that we run.

Balgonie Fire Department  
Balgonie Library  
Balgonie Recreation Board  
Balgonie United Church  
Corrie Burski  
Cross Country Foods  
Integral Drafting  
Magic Needle (Tina Szeles)  
Prairie Diamond Farms  
Sherwood Coop (Quance St)  
Scouts Canada  
Town of Balgonie  
Wascana Flower Shoppe  
Ken Younghans  
Colleen & Darren Zimmer

and, of course, the parents & the residents of Balgonie.

March is going to be busy. The Beavers will be working on their Beaver Buggies in preparation for the 2011 Wascappella Area Beaver Buggy Bash March 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as making chili, going for a bonfire & wiener roast at the Zimmer's, swimming at the Sandra Schmirler and participating in our annual Winter Camp at the Regina Wildlife Federation. Busy Beavers they are! The Cubs are continuing their work on the Red & Green star badges, earning their Cub badges, will be swimming with the Beavers at the Sandra Schmirler and participating in our Winter Camp. They have also just started work on their Kub Kars in preparation for the Kub Kar races in April.

Our March bottle drive has been pushed forward to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please watch for notices in your mailbox that week. We appreciate your continuing support.

That's all for now. Until next month...

Larry McIvor  
Scott Holtzman  
Cyrus Crook  
Darcie Lozinski and Group Committee

# BALGONIE SOCCER

**Registration Night and AGM for Wednesday March 23, 2011**

**at the Balgonie Multiplex**

**Registration from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**AGM will immediately follow Registration**

It may seem like a long time before the outdoor season starts but before you know it, it snow is gone (maybe), the sun is shining (hopefully) and the kids are outside playing soccer! Watch for registration forms to come hope **early in March** with the elementary school children. Additional forms for the high school students can be obtained from our web page [www.balgoniesoccer.com](http://www.balgoniesoccer.com)

**Registration deadline is March 31, 2011.** Fees will go up after deadline date. Our team lists are turned in April 1 so that scheduling can begin, therefore late registrations will be limited to availability of space on existing teams.

To understand the importance of registering on time, we'd like you to know that the number of teams in each age group depends upon the number of players registered on the deadline date. We don't want the size of the team too big (players get less playing time) or too small (if players are missing one game there may not be enough to field a team and that is unfair to the coach and other players). Therefore, **please register your child/ren early so you don't have disappointed player/s.**

**Interested in refereeing this coming season? Please call Jeff Thurman @771-4531.**

**Parents please consider coaching or assistant coaching – without a coach we can't have a team. It would be very sad if that team your child was on didn't have a coach and was not able to play.**

**The Balgonie Soccer Board is looking for additional members. If you are interested in helping out please attend the AGM (at the Balgonie Multiplex) on March 23 following registration.**

# 2011 OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SOCCER REGISTRATION FORM

Registration fee is \$40.00 Cheques payable to **BALGONIE OUTDOOR SOCCER**

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE – 31/MARCH/2011\*\*\***

Registrations AFTER this date considered ONLY if there is space on the team

**\*\*\*LATE REGISTRATION fee is \$60.00 \*\*\***

- Season starts late APRIL, EARLY MAY\*\*\*

\*Players **MUST** wear shin pads **UNDER** their socks **NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED\***

**Volunteers ARE required for the following positions or we will NOT have a team:**

**COACH \_\_\_\_\_ ASST. COACH \_\_\_\_\_ REFEREEING \_\_\_\_\_**

**Age as of 31/July/11:**

**6 & under \_\_ 12 & under \*\*will link with Regina if too few Triangle teams\*\***

**8 & under \_\_ 14 & under**

**10 & under \_\_ 16 & under \_\_ 18 & under attending high school**

**\*\*\*14 – 18 age groups will be interlocking with Regina\*\*\***

Player's Name Female/Male (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Box # \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Hosp. # \_\_\_\_\_ Emerg. Contact # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Day Month Year \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee paid by: Cash (amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque (# & amount) # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional registration forms can be obtained from our website

[www.balgoniesoccer.com](http://www.balgoniesoccer.com)

Mail forms & a self addressed, stamped envelop to : Balgonie Soccer, Box 415,  
Balgonie, Sask., S0G 0E0

**Athletics Waiver: Please read before signing**

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and release by the Balgonie Soccer & Triangle Area Youth Soccer Associations, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, waive any claims to which I may become entitled for injury or damage and release the board and all other organizers or organizations assisting in the event from claims or damages or injury suffered by the above participant as a result of participation in or travelling to or from events.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Bernie Mroczo 771-4730, Jeff Thurman 771- 4531 or [www.balgoniesoccer.com](http://www.balgoniesoccer.com)

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