

TALK OF THE TOWN

BALGONIE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER VOLUME 8 ISSUE 20 - August 2005
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BALGONIE BUZZ!!

August 6 - Swimming Pool - Family Fun Day

August 6 - Library Science Centre Traveling Space Show

August 17 - 50+ Club Monthly Supper

August 27 - Men Without Shame Cabaret

September 1 - Playschool Registration Night

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Emil Leibel 771-2507
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Glen Dudley 771-4371

MEN WITHOUT SHAME

**At the Balgonie Arena
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

Doors open - 8:00 p.m.

Cabaret 9:00 pm - 1:30 am

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OR \$15.00/COUPLE**

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"Roses Thorns and News to You!"

Many thanks to all my relatives and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, visits, and telephone calls while I was a patient in the hospital. It's very touching to be remembered by all.

Thank you to Balgonie First Responders and Regina EMS.

Thanks again.
June Wagman



Thank you to each and every one of the 64 parade entries and the many participants on those floats who helped to make the 2005 Balgonie Centennial Parade a success.

Congratulations Balgonie, a job well done.

If any one has a videotape of the parade,
we would appreciate a viewing.

Nicole Entner-McCullough



Thank you

It was with great sadness that we laid to rest our father and grandfather, Lawrence Getz. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the community for all the comfort and support, food, flowers and cards. A special thank you to the CWL of St. Joseph's Church for all their work in taking care of the lunch.

'My time has come, my deed is done
I leave the Earth, my heart lives on
Heaven is my home'

We would also like to thank you for the get well wishes for our mother and grandmother, Arlene Getz who is now recovering in the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre.

- Merita, Brenda, Shelley, Sheila, Leanne and their families.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Arlene Getz, Merita and Matt Melnychuk, Brenda and Garth Fink, and Shelley Dugalo, and families on the passing of Lawrence, husband, father and grandfather. Sympathy is also extended to Priscilla and Gerry Keck on the passing of their brother-in-law.

Thank You!

The Balgonie Swimming Pool would like to send a bouquet out to the following:

- Don Favreau for the construction of our new "check-in counter" and the countless other things he manages to get pulled into..... don't you love having a Board Member for a neighbor Don?
- BTC Automotive and Foam Lake Co-op Home Centre for their assistance with our Raffle prizes.
- Balgonie Business Association for donating the Silver Collection from the Pancake Breakfast to the Swimming Pool.
- Balgonie Community Club for their most generous donation!
- Balgonie Elks for their never-ending commitment to our Swimming Pool.
- All of you who have answered the desperate plea for volunteers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Storm Girls Softball

Congratulations for winning the
City Championship in the PeeWee III (C) Division
Thanks for a great season of ball, girls!!!

Thank You!

The Eurotrip 2006 fundraising group is made up of students and their families from Emerald Park, White City, Balgonie and surrounding areas. The group works hard to raise a portion of the cost of the Grade 12 Europe Trip.

We are very grateful to our communities who continue to support us in our fundraising – from Hot Dog Sales in White City and Balgonie (snow or shine) to our recent WC-EP Bottle Drive on a rainy June 15th.

Your generosity reminds us that we are very lucky to live in such great communities!
Extra thanks go to the United Church in Balgonie for hosting our June 4th Sale as well as the White City Optimists and the Pilot Butte Storm for their ongoing support.

If you have any questions about our group or our fundraising efforts please call Carol @ 347-0488 or Shirley @ 781-2894



IMMUNIZATION AND YOUR CHILD WHO IS STARTING KINDERGARTEN

Prior to starting Kindergarten your child should receive a Booster. This Booster can be given after your child's 4th birthday.

If your child has not yet had this immunization please call and make an appointment at:

Balgonie and Edenwold call 771-2522 Child Health Clinic is at Balgonie Elementary School

Pilot Butte call 766-7533 Child Health Clinic is at Pilot Butte Elementary School.

**Your child's vision should also be assessed by an optometrist prior to starting kindergarten. Saskatchewan Health covers the cost of one eye exam per year for children under 18 years of age.*

If you have any questions please call Dawn Overend the Public Health Nurse at 766-7514.

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ATTENTION: NEW FAMILIES TO THE BALGONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Balgonie Elementary School (K-8) will be staffed beginning August 22, 2005.

If you are new to the area and your child is not registered for school, this would be the perfect time to bring her/him in to be registered, obtain a supply list and have a tour of the school.

Classes for the 2005-2006 school year resume Monday, August 29, 2005 @ 8:55 am

We thank you for your assistance in registering your child. The Staff at Balgonie Elementary School

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Step Aerobics will be starting up again in the fall. For information call Heather 771-2891.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Interested in making a little extra money? I need someone to cook some prepackaged meals for a senior. Call Brenda @ 771-2854

HOUSE FOR RENT - Balgonie
1080 sq. ft. 3 bdr. Upgraded with 1 1/2 car garage
Available Sept. 1 \$1000/month
Call 771-2112 or 533-6357

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Caretaker needed for Greenall High School. The successful applicant must be able to work closely with people and maintain composure in many different situations. This job includes general daily cleaning, minor maintenance, some weekend work and security work. Total hours amount to 100 - 130 hours per month. Work will begin on August 29, 2005.

Please send written applications and resumes to:

Ken Bakken
PO Box 176
Balgonie, SK S0G 0E0



Deadline for applications is August 20, 2005. For more information contact Ken Bakken at 771-2278.




Piano and singing lessons. For Information Phone Judith - 771-2950

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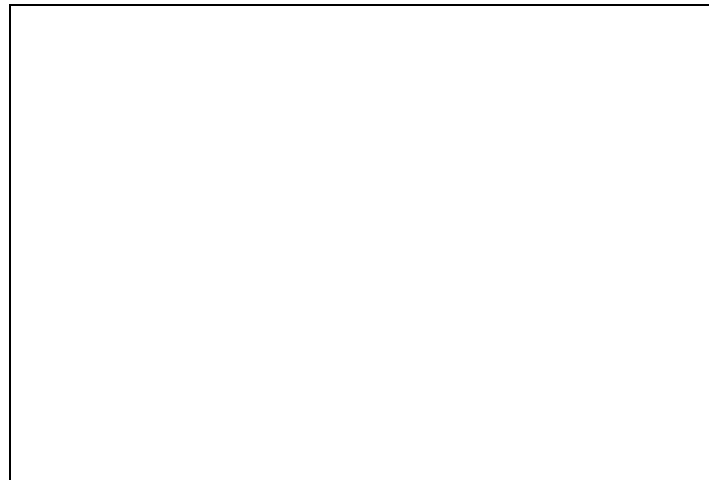


Swimming Pool receives donation of \$910.25 from the Balgonie Business Association

The Balgonie Business Association sponsored the 2nd Annual FREE Pancake Breakfast on July 1st with a silver collection for ~~the~~ swimming pool.

We would like to thank the 800 people who came for breakfast and made a donation towards the pool.

We would also like to send out a HUGE thank you to the volunteers from the local churches and the Knights of Columbus who helped us out



Brian Lane (BBA President), Lorrie Stachowich (Pool President), Leah Jones (BBA Sec/Treasurer)

Thanks again from the Balgonie Business Association

Members are Balgonie Agencies, Balgonie Carwash, Balgonie Shell, Balgonie Tavern and Restaurant, BTC Automotive, Cross Country Foods, Hair on Main, LOCLL Holdings (Lanna and Owen Middleton), Shirley's Beauty Salon, Siebert's Customair, Wayne's Water Shop

"Thank you for supporting your local businesses!"

Balgonie Public Library Branch

Submitted by Dawn Grad



Summer is here! And that means the Summer Reading Program has started at the library. The program is open the children off all ages whether they can read or not, so make sure you come down and register right away. There will be weekly draws for prizes that you won't want to miss. So take a trip to the Balgonie Library to get a log book and the details of this year's program.

Just a reminder that the library will be closed on Monday, August 1st.

Here is what is happening in August

The Space Show

Children of all ages are invited to come to the Balgonie Library on Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m. to see the Saskatchewan Science Centre's traveling space show. It is going to be very interesting, you won't want to miss it. Pre-register by calling the library at 771-2332.

Blast Off Craft Night

Children of all ages are invited to participate in a craft at the Balgonie Library on Tuesday, August 16th, and Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling the library at 771-2332.

Public Access Computers

The library has three public access computers available for one-hour bookings. Access to these computers is free if you have a library card. If you do not have a library card, you can get one at the library for free. To reserve your computer time, phone the library at 771-2332 to book it.

Library Hours

Monday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thursday	3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Balgonie Elementary School Council (BESC)

The Balgonie Elementary School Council (BESC) has completed its first year replacing the local School Board and the Home and School Association (H&S Assoc.). The playground committee has become a sub-committee of the BESC. The BESC continues to provide services that the H&S Assoc. provided previously (i.e. funding some school trips, providing lunch and supervisory services for lunch hours, etc). We have spent the last year organizing the committee and establishing the roles and responsibilities of the council. We continue to provide funding to several services that were previously funded through the H&S Assoc. We have created a Constitution and are members of the Saskatchewan Association of School Councils.

The BESC is made up of 22 members that consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, 11 Members at Large, parent representatives from other schools including Edenwold, Kronau, and Muscowpetung (vacant), one parent representative from the community of Balgonie, two senior representatives from Balgonie Elementary School and one school administrator. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Elections are conducted in September and are one-year terms.

The BESC will be taking a break for the summer. The Executive members of the council will be meeting on Aug. 25, 2005 to finalize details for the AGM. The AGM will be on September 12, 2005.

If anyone is interested in the BESC, they are welcome to attend any of the monthly meetings. If you would like more information, please contact any of the executive:

Noreen Holt (Chair) 771-2863
Twyla Zinger (Vice Chair) 771-4644
Lora Spanier (Secretary) 771-2190
Shauna Machnaik (Treasurer) 771-2809

SGI SAFETY RESTRAINT CLINIC

Balgonie Baptist Church



Sunday Service

Coffee & Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Communion Service will be held on August 7th.

Children's Ministries

Our nursery is available for nursing moms on Sunday mornings. Our Sunday school program is on summer hiatus. We will have a supervised activity in place during the summer for all children ages 5 to 12. Please contact us for more information. We will resume children's ministry in September with supervised classes for children from Kindergarten to grade 6. Please contact us for more information

Wednesday Prayer Time happens at 7 PM weekly at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. This ministry may be suspended for summer. For more information please call the church.

NEXUS Youth is a Christian ministry for all young persons in grades 7 to 12 held regularly on Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM. We have youth from a wide range of backgrounds attending. We are taking a break for summer. Call "*Pastor B*" at the church information about *NEXUS* resuming in September as well as for specific schedule times, events and further information.

Summer VBS will take place at our church from the week of August 8th to 12th. All children registered for Kindergarten to grade 6 this September are welcome. There is no charge. Please pre-register your child by calling the church.

Linger Longer Lunch is our monthly family time together. We meet for lunch after church on the last Sunday of each month for a potluck meal and a chance to catch up with each other. This is an excellent time to meet us and get to know us. Our first *LLL* will be in September on the 25th. See you there.

Church Office: 771-2545 Pastor: Brian J. Munro
Email: balgoniebaptist@sasktel.net
Website: <http://balbapt.sasktelhosting.net/>

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

ORDINARY SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 6 p.m. - Confession, Mass 7 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - Mass

On June 25th we held the SGI Safety Restraint Clinic held at the Balgonie Shell. We had 15 cars come through and all the car seats had to be adjusted. From minor adjustments to major, like car seat being in car accidents and some expired car seats having to be replaced. We have saved 15 children from being hurt or killed if they were ever in a car accident.

Did you know if you got into an accident leave your car seat in the vehicle and SGI will replace it with the claim. If you take it out they will not replace it!

We held a draw at the end of the clinic and Congratulations to Salah Ahmed from Regina who won a forward facing car seat, Susan Walter from Pilot Butte who won a Booster, Nicole Quito- Saurer from Edenwold who won the 2nd Booster, Kevin Stevens from Balgonie who won the Alpha Omega 3 in one car seat.

Thank - you to everyone who came to the drive thre w car seat clinic. Many Thanks to the Balgonie Shell for letting use part of the parking lot, RCMP for being in attendance, SGI for being a Major Sponsor and Safety Squad Team and Wal - Mart!

If you missed out on our Car Seat Clinic please go to www.sgi.sk.ca

Thank - You
Tammy Leach.

Balgonie Agencies Ltd.

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and
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Portage Mutual, Blue Cross

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Report from the RM of South Qu'Appelle

On June 27th council met with the planning consultant to discuss and approve the final draft of the Basic Planning Statement and the Zoning By-laws. There will be an open house at the RM office on July 25th from 3 pm to 7 pm, during which time ratepayers may read these documents and ask questions.

The RM centennial pins are now available at the office at no charge to ratepayers, and at a cost of \$2.00 for non-ratepayers.

The regular meeting of council was held on July 6th. The owners of a gravel lease attended and an agreement was reached for the RM to purchase the lease.

The minutes of the Edgeley hamlet board were received. Various hamlet matters were discussed including the flooding in the area of the lagoon, the pending engineers' report on the water system (required by provincial statute) and the disposal of rubble from the demolition of the curling rink.

Copies were received of a letter by ratepayers and the reply from the minister of highways regarding the reclassification of the Lajord grid and the subsequent removal of the Lajord highway sign. The RM will apply to the department of highways for the road to be returned to its original grid status.

Two development permits and three building permits were approved.

The administrator advised council of the dates of the fall sessions of the municipal leadership program.

Councillors will register for any sessions they wish to attend. One day training sessions on the new Municipalities Act will be held for administrators and elected officials in September and October. Councillors were encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

The administrator informed council that tax notices will be sent out at the end of the month. Also enclosed will be a newsletter containing important information for ratepayers.

It was decided that councillors, the administrator and the operators will take their annual road tour later in July.

Various items of correspondence were received, including crop reports, policing reports, Regina Health Region report and a report from Ralph Goodale, MP. For further information, ratepayers should call the office at 699-2257.



Balgonie Playschool Registration

It's time to register for the Fall Session of playschool!! Please have a parent or guardian register you for another fun filled year! Our teachers are excited to meet you to teach you new and exciting things.

Registration will take place
On Thursday, September 1, 2005
At the Balgonie Baptist Church (Main Street)
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

One Class - \$85.00

Two Classes - \$155.00

*Children must be 3 years old by December 31/05

*Children must be potty-trained

Session: Week of September 12/05 to the week of December 12/05.

Postdated cheque payment available on request (Full payment or Post-dated cheques MUST BE SUBMITTED on the night of registration in order to hold your spot.)

Remember you need your health card, doctor and emergency contact numbers (Please arrange for childcare as the playschool is small).

Balgonie Playschool Executive 2005-2006

Chairperson - Anita Ikert

Vice-Chairperson - Lori Donais

Treasurer - Carrie Kiel

Secretary - Helen Mroczko

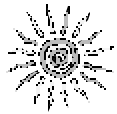
Fundraising Coordinator - Jodi Eberle

Public Relations - Darla Russill

Rec Board Rep - Nicole Dech

Member at Large - Tricia Syrota

News from the pool



What a great July! Things at the pool have been great and that is all thanks to you! We appreciate your support, whether its in the form of a family pass, swimming lessons, or just getting out there and enjoying the pool!

This said, there are still times when we definitely **Need your help!** As some of you may remember, there was a time that the pool was in a dire financial situation. We sadly saw a summer go by with **NO POOL!!** A group of very dedicated volunteers stepped up and re-opened the pool, paid off the back debt and replaced some very expensive equipment.

However, as time goes by memories fade, people move away and new families move into town that are not familiar with the history. The Pool Board continues to strive to make ends meet every summer, and to do this, fundraisers are constantly being planned, researched and implemented. One of our consistant and much needed source of revenue is brought to us through the ELKS Club of Balgonie and involves working a Bingo once every 5-6 weeks. The pool is required to send 6 workers to these bingos.

In a town of this size, it shouldn't be too hard to find 6 people should it??

Unfortunately, we all have time restraints and of course too many demands on our coveted down time.

If you are in a position to help out with the odd bingo (we don't mean every one), please **please** call Lorrie at 771-2313. Your name will go on a list and you will be called on a rotational basis.

Now for the fun stuff!

This BBQ along with some really nice lawn chairs and a childs swing set are being raffled. Tickets are available at the guard shack. Be sure to pick yours up today.

A special Thank You to Foam Lake Co-op & Home Centre, and BTC Automotive for your support in our raffle!

Speaking of Thank You's – thanks to all of you who attended the BBQ at the Pool on July 1, we were a bit overwhelmed but I think we did a pretty good job of keeping up with demand! Thanks to all who stood in line and all those who helped flip those burgers! Watch for more BBQ's at the pool – signs will be posted.

Our 2nd annual **Family Fun Day** is slotted for **August 6th**, weather permitting. Be sure to come out for some wet and wild fun!

Pool Hours for the Month of August are:
1:00pm to 8:00pm daily

Please call Melissa at the pool if you are interested in Swimming Lessons – 771-2342.

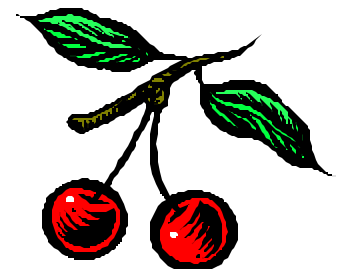
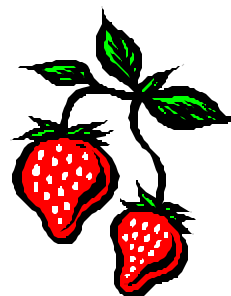
That's it for now, and remember:

Keep your cool, jump in the pool!



Country Breeze Farm (formerly "Willing to Pick" Berry Farm)

We have
Saskatoons and Raspberries
to pick or purchase now..



Call **Diana** at **771-2890**
for an appointment.

BALGONIE CURLING CLUB



Canteen Operator:

The successful tender for this position will be responsible to maintain a clean facility and to keep it clean as per Sask. Health & Safety Board rules and regulations. As a Curling Rink we have league curling Monday to Thursday as well as bonspiels Friday to Sunday. There will also be numerous rentals of the facility during the curling season. Any and all tenders to operate the canteen and the amount of your tender will be accepted until September 1st, 2005. Mail your tender to the attention of The Balgonie Curling Board, Box 275, Balgonie, Sask. S0G 0E0.

Bartender:

The successful tender for this position would be responsible to keep the bar and lounge area clean and tidy. They would also be responsible for ordering and stocking the bar supplies glasses, ice etc. as well as operating a cash register and doing some simple bookkeeping. They will need to be open for all the league curling and be available to work some bonspiels on the weekends. Any and all tenders to operate the canteen and the amount of your tender will be accepted until September 1st, 2005. Mail your tender to the attention of The Balgonie Curling Board, Box 275, Balgonie, Sask. S0G 0E0.

Icemaker/Caretaker:

The successful tender for this position would be responsible for ice installation as well as maintenance of ice throughout the year. They would also be responsible for cleaning and maintenance of the waiting room and washrooms. Any and all tenders for caretaker/icemaker, and the amount of your tender will be accepted until September 1st, 2005. Mail your tender to the attention of The Balgonie Curling Board, Box 275, Balgonie, Sask. S0G 0E0.



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HAIR ON MAIN

Corner of Main & Rail way

Steph will not be available for appointments from Sept. 1 to 12th.
Vicki will be in on Wed & Thurs during that time

Store Hours

Tues 1 pm to 9 pm Fri 9 am to 4 pm
Wed 1 pm to 9 pm Sat 9 am to 2 pm
Thurs 9 am to 5 pm Closed Sun & Mon

771-2844

Balgonie Community Justice Committee



Tammy Leach – Chairperson
771-4225

balgoniejustice@hotmail.com

Lori Balzer – 771-4629

Chad Gottselig – 771-2854

Alan & Melanie Jacobs – 771-2147

Brian J. Munro – 771-4659

Barry Zitaruk

locking mechanisms or quick release grates (in the case of ground floor or basement windows). Remember safety is always more important than security. Things can be replaced. People can't.

Summertime Security and Safety

The summer months are always a good time to take a look around your property and see if there are improvements you can make to help keep your family and property secure. The good weather also is a boon if you decide to do any upgrading to your home that requires a bit of construction or landscaping.

Look First

Have a walk around your property. Are there trees and shrubs that could be used as cover while someone tries to gain access to your home? Pay special attention to basement and ground floor windows. Those shrubs may be pretty but they can be pretty inviting if they are overgrown.

Check out your property at night as well as in the day. Are there dark or “blind” spots that could allow someone to open a window or door unobserved? If you have security lighting now is the time to test it. If not, maybe this summer is the time to install some floodlights with motion sensors. Low level walkway and deck lighting can also make a difference when thieves are checking out possible targets. The rule is that well-lit properties are far less likely to become targets of vandalism or theft.

Finally, are there any temptations that are calling out to burglars to make your home their next target? Expensive audio/video equipment that can be seen easily from outside or computers placed near windows may prove too tempting to pass up. Unsecured RV's like motorcycles, quads, boats and bicycles may also attract trouble. Remember out of sight means out of mind. Lock it or lose it!

Locks, Bolts and Bars

Take some time to check out your locks and doors. Most simple locking door handles are easy for a thief to beat. Installing deadbolts is a proven way to burglar-proof your property (as long as you remember to use them). Windows and sliding patio-style doors are a source of vulnerability to burglary in many homes. Often homeowners will opt for a simple bar placed in the sliding window or door track to deter potential thieves. While inexpensive and reasonably effective, these home made devices can be a source of danger if you need to exit the home quickly, as in the case of a fire or other emergency. A better solution is to install easy to release

Take a Rainy Day

Everyone wants to be outdoors when the weather is fine, but it doesn't shine everyday. Take one rainy day to check out your home inside. Are important papers in a locking file cabinet? Have you finally acquired enough jewelry to warrant a small safe? Are your firearms properly stored? Do your smoke and CO2 detectors work? Does your insurance provide adequate coverage for all of your belongings? Are your major belongings marked in some way so they could be identified if they were stolen then recovered? Do you have an inventory of your belongings on file somewhere?

Security Systems

These days, electronic security systems have become increasingly popular. There are a wide range of products and services to choose from, more than we have room to cover here, but there are some tips to help you make better choices.

Firstly, long term contracts and purchasing equipment should be avoided. Canadians move, on average, once every four years or so. Getting out of a contract is a hassle you can best avoid by not getting into one in the first place. If a contract is required, make certain you know the stipulations. Yearly agreements with clear opt-out clauses make the best sense. Also owning the equipment doesn't make much sense when new technology makes current equipment obsolete quickly.

Do you want simple security or more comprehensive home monitoring? Current technology allows some security providers to monitor your home for evidence of fire or other problems. Take the services you want, not what the company rep says you need. This is really about making yourself and your family feel more secure.

Ask for references, especially when it comes to installations. Many security companies sub-contract their installations to private contractors. Ask for references from customers who use the security system and ask for separate references for the installers. Ask questions about how helpful the company has been with set up and technical problems. Ask about promptness of service. Ask about how satisfied the clients are. For installers' references, ask about how the installation went. Were the workers on time? Did they work efficiently and carefully? Did they clean the work area? Were they fully prepared for the specific installation as well as a few unforeseen issues? Were there deficiencies that needed to be

corrected? Was the job finished on time? Ask everything you can think of and get more than 3 references for the installers. Real professionals will have no problem providing them and will also have satisfied clients. And as with all things when you are spending money on improving the security of your home remember, "Quality doesn't cost, it pays in the long run."

While security systems and monitoring can provide a level of peace of mind for homeowners, statistics show that proper burglar-proofing of your property plus having a neighbour or family member watch over your property when you are away is still the most effective way of deterring burglary and vandalism. Even so, individual homes remain statistically vulnerable to property crime when there are no community-based programs in place as well to deter crime. If the steps listed above are taken along with the implementation of community-based security initiatives like **Citizens on Patrol Programs** or **Neighborhood Watch Programs** the reduction in property crime in a community can be dramatic. So finally the most effective thing you might do to protect your own property is to take some time to volunteer to help protect your neighbours' too.

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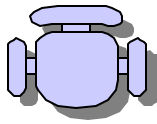
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From the Chair

Well our Centennial Celebrations for July 1st looked initially with the down pour that they would need to be cancelled but “Mother Nature” came through with flying colors and provided a great day. The pancake breakfast, parade, bbq at the pool, pool activities, kid’s games, ball games, horseshoes, supper, dance and fireworks were all well attended. There were between 750 and 1,000 people who attended the various events. I wanted to extend my congratulations to all of the community groups that orchestrated the various activities for the day and my congratulations to the people of our great town and area, which came out and supported the day.

I wanted to remind everyone that as the rain slows down and the nice weather starts that we need to ensure we are obeying the by laws with in the town limits. Any unlicensed motorized vehicle (mini bikes, dirt bikes, pocket bikes, scooters) are illegal to be driven on public property. That includes the area along the railroad tracks, ditches, etc.. The RCMP are enforcing the by law and anyone under 16 without a license for driving a motorized vehicle could face a large fine for driving one of these vehicles on town streets, back alleys, or anywhere inside the town limits. I know these vehicles are fun for the kids and adults to ride but please find an area outside of town on property where you have permission to ride so that you can enjoy the time you have on that vehicle and not need to worry about getting fines. The summer is for everyone to enjoy.

As I write this we are half way through the summer holidays for our kids and there are still activities for them to do throughout August. The Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church will arrive in Mid August. The Swimming Pool offers swimming lessons and the tennis courts at the high school are always open and used. It was good to see last week some kids having a pickup game of football on the field at the high school as well. Pickup games of all types allow the kids to be more creative. I remember all the times that my friends and I used to play football, baseball and hockey as pickup games. Those games were always more entertaining and allowed for the kids to increase their skills without a lot of structure. Keep up the games as you never know who will come along looking to play.

As part of our centennial project the upgrades to the Multiplex should be completed in the next month or so. If you haven’t had a chance to check out the paint job inside the hall it looks great. The air conditioning is on order and will be installed sometime in August or early September to make the building much more comfortable and versatile for use.

The last item for this month is a call to anyone interested in joining an organization called Citizens on Patrol. This group will assist in monitoring activities around the community and being extra eyes and ears for the RCMP. This will not require anyone to make arrests but to be observant and provide details back to the RCMP to assist them in making arrests. Please contact myself if you are interest in providing 4 hours once a month or so to patrol around our community and help keep order. We also need to get 6-7 people to form the board committee that will assist in running this organization. Citizens on Patrol is a program sponsored by the RCMP and is running in numerous communities around us. We are looking for input from all age groups 16 and up. Please call an offer your time for this worthwhile endeavor that will help to keep our community safe.

Hope your having a great summer and until next month!

Yours Truly,
Mayor Tim Sterzer

RECREATION NEWS

BY SHAUN MCBAIN

Looks like Saskatchewan Environment's predictions for 'another summer that never was' is incorrect. Yes I know it is not our typical Saskatchewan summer, but is sure is a lot better then last year.

The swimming pool is the place to be with all this hot weather. If you need to cool down you know were to go. Let's have a safe and enjoyable summer at the pool. During the month of July we had a few groups of people wanting to cool down after hours at the pool. If residents see or hear any noise coming from the pool after hours, please do not hesitate to call the R.C.M.P. at 780-5560. For any one of these groups who left personnel items behind while cooling down after hours can contact me at the Town office.

The trip of the month winner for July was Chris Metz of Balgonie. Congratulations Chris!

Our sports ground canteen is still in need of dishcloths, utensils, tongs, flippers, etc. Thank you to Brenda Gable for some of these donations. If anyone has any extra kitchen supplies that they are not using, we would love to take them off your hands.

Balgonie celebrated Saskatchewan's birthday on Friday, July 1st. The entire day of events was a total success. Thank you to all the volunteers that put a fantastic day together for our residence and surrounding area. And to all residence that were able to hang around for the day. Hats off to all once again!!

The Balgonie Stardome will once again be hosting a live band concert on August 27. This year's band will be *Men Without Shame*. View the posters around the community for ticket prices and deadlines.

That is all for this month and for all the farmers have a safe harvest.

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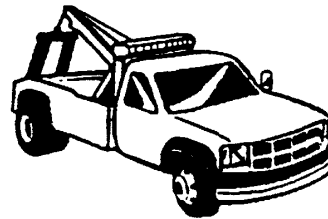
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