

Talk of the Town

Balgonie's Community Newsletter
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September 2009 Issue

Balgonie Buzz...

September 1st – Playschool Orientation at the Baptist Church at 7:00 pm

September 10th – Dance & Twirl Registration from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Multiplex

September 14th & 16th – Tae Kwon Do Registration from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the Balgonie Elementary School

September 15th - Beavers & Cubs Registration at 6:30 pm at the Balgonie United Church on Main St

September 17th – Ringette Registration from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Pilot Butte Rec. Centre

September 22nd – Free Try Ringette Night from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm at the Communiskate Arena in Emerald Park

September 29th – Balgonie Elementary School Community Council Annual Meeting at the Balgonie Elementary School Library at 7:00 pm



To Contact Us:

To submit your article, announcement or advertisement, please email

balgonienewsletter@yahoo.ca . If you do not have access to email, you may drop off your submission at Balgonie Agencies, 129 Railway Street (phone 771-2243).

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Roses, Thorns, and News to You

Thank You...

Thanks to everyone in the community for all the calls, cards and hugs of love and support given to our family after mom's (Dorothy Kydd) passing. Balgonie is such a great place to be!

Shauna & Randy Dolter and family



We are truly overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and compassion shown to us after Lorne's sudden passing. Thanks so much for the flowers, calls, food donations and kind words and deeds. Lorne would want us all to remember the good times and laughter we shared with him. His wit and sense of humor will be a lasting memory for everyone who knew him.

A special thanks to the Balgonie First Responders who were so kind, caring and helpful.

Also thanks to Rev. Greg Grace of the United Church, pianist Mary Jackson and all those who provided and served the lunch after the funeral.

Sincerely, Shirley Willson & Family

Get Well To...

Margaret Fetsch
Trina Laverdiere



Sympathy To...

Shirley Willson – her husband Lorne
Curtis Willson – his father
Erna & Ken Hemphill – her father
Don & Dot Wishart – his sister

Penny Piper & Family – her husband Ken Artman

Ferne Harding - her husband

Ruth and Dennis - her dad

Erna and Ken - her dad

Roger - his dad

Carla and Jeff - her dad

Rick and Sheila - his grandpa

Cole - his great grandpa

Bobbi and Dave - her grandpa

Jenessa and Joshua - their great grandpa

Congratulations To...

Chris & Vicky Amiridis – A baby girl

Cory & Tammy Petford – A baby girl

Calvin & Lynda Dovell on their 50th
Anniversary

Allan & Tammy Bray on their 25th
Anniversary

Tony & Louanne Kalaman on their 25th
Anniversary

Trent & Janet Erhardt on their 25th
Anniversary



It's A Girl

Big sisters Alexis & Jayden are happy to announce the birth of their sister MicKenzie Jensen, born on July 14, 2009.

Proud parents are Tammy & Corey Petford. Proud grandparents are Leone Petford, Greg Chamberlain, Greg & Debbie Clarke.



Chris & Vicki Amiridis, along with big brother Niko, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Sofia, born on July 13th. A big thank you to all their friends & patrons for the cards & gifts following her arrival.

Classifieds...

For Sale

Shuffleboard Table for sale - size is 9ft. long and 2 ft. wide \$50.00.

Sealers for sale - 2 quart - \$3.00 a dozen, 1 quart - \$2.00 a dozen and pint size - \$1.00 a dozen. Call 771-2863 after 6pm.



Employment Opportunities

Ice Maker: Position would run from October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

Responsibilities would include making ice and maintaining it throughout the season; also includes caretaking duties. Submit applications along with wage expectations no later than September 15, 2009 to:

Balgonie Curling Club, Box 275, Balgonie, Sk, S0G 0E0

Lounge Worker: Position would run from November to March. Responsibilities would include working during evening league nights and on weekends when bonspiels are running, tending bar and keeping lounge area tidy. Submit applications along with wage expectations no later than September 15, 2009 to:

Balgonie Curling Club, Box 275, Balgonie, Sk, S0G 0E0



Lease Opportunity

Are you or your group looking for a way to earn some extra money?

The Balgonie Curling Club is looking for individuals or groups who would be interested in leasing/running the canteen area during the 2009—2010 curling season.

Tenders can be submitted to:

Balgonie Curling Club, Box 275, Balgonie, Sk, S0G 0E0



Piano Lessons

Registrations for Fall Piano or Singing lessons. Adults welcome. Phone Judith Cayer at 771-2950.

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Submitted by Dawn Grad

The Summer Reading Club has come to an end. The Balgonie Library Staff would like to congratulate all of the kids who participated in the program, as well as the

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We had a great summer. Thank you to all our patrons who came out to the pool this season.

The Balgonie Swimming Board would like to once again say Thank You to the following.

THANK YOU to the organizations, the businesses, and the individuals that donated to the pool this year. We really appreciate your generosity and your support.

THANK YOU to the Town of Balgonie and their hard work this season and to the board members who put in many, many hours to keep the pool open.

THANK YOU to our lifeguards who did a great job of teaching swimming lessons, keeping our kids safe, and the pool running smoothly:

Micaela, Alison, Tracey, Dillon, Danielle, Brennan, and Janelle.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT THE POOL!!!

children, join us for a story and a craft. This is a drop-in program, so there is no need to pre-register.

Public Access Computers

The Library has three public access computers available for one hour bookings. These computers are free to use for all patrons who have a library card. If you do not have a library card, you can get your first one for free at the library. Please call the library at 771-2332 to reserve your computer time.

Library Hours

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



BALGONIE SWIMMING POOL

The pool has closed for yet another season.

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mile radius of Balgonie or home farm.

Indoor Soccer



Indoor soccer season is fast
approaching. Registration forms will
be given to each elementary school
child in early September. Additional
forms will be available from our
website www.balgoniesoccer.com
by mid September.

BALGONIE PLAYSCHOOL



ORIENTATION

Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00pm

Parents and registered children are invited
to attend an orientation evening at the
Baptist Church.

If you've missed our registration evening,
late registrations will be accepted space
permitting. Please call Angie at 771.2838

1st Balgonie Beavers & Cubs

It's time to start another fun filled year with the 1st Balgonie Beavers & Cubs. Come out to the Balgonie United Church for Registration Night on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. The meetings will be held every Tuesday at the United Church starting September 22nd at 6:30pm.

If you are new to the area & would like to have your child enrolled, please feel free to call Darcie Lozinski (771-4648) or any of the Leaders (listed below) if you are unable to attend registration night or have any questions.

The sale of Trails-End Popcorn will be the first fundraiser for our Beavers & Cubs starting in September. This is our major fundraising event for the year. This delicious popcorn makes for a great Christmas gift, stocking or basket stuffers (yes, Christmas is 3 months away). Our first bottle drive will be held in October. Please look for more details in the October newsletter. If you



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would like to purchase some popcorn & support our Beavers & Cubs, please feel free to contact any of the Beavers, Cubs or Leaders.

These fundraisers are important, as all the money we raise goes towards camping, outings, crafts, etc... We look forward to your support with these events.

If you are looking to volunteer with a great group of people & kids, we are in need of some positions that need to be filled. They are Group Commissioner & Fundraising Coordinator. We are also still in need of someone to fill the position of Cub Leader, after the loss of ours last summer. If you are at all interested in filling any position, please contact Darcie or attend registration night. You will have tons of support & paid training is available.

We can't wait to start another great year filled with camping, outdoor activities & loads of fun!!!!

Our Beaver Leaders this year are Larry McIvor & Cyrus Crook.



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Balgonie Curling Club

Curling News

The 2009—2010 curling season is just around the corner. The season runs from late October to March. This year the Balgonie Curling Club will be offering variety of different leagues.

The Leagues will be as follows:

Super League—Monday Nights
(Oct.— Dec.)

Ladies League—Monday Nights
(Jan.—Mar.)

Mixed League—Tuesday Nights

Open League—Thursday Nights

Junior Learn to Curl —Wednesday
Nights

Senior League—Tuesday & Friday
Afternoons

To register or for more information for a particular league or leagues contact to following people:

Super League: Tim Baber
586-7110

Ladies League: Michelle Wudrich
771-4115

Mixed League: Alvin Selzer
771-2358

Open League: Derrick Weslowski
771-4748

Junior Learn to Curl: Tim Baber
586-7110

Senior League: Carol McGarry
781-2086

Curling Fees are as follows:

Super League: \$440/team

Ladies League: \$90

Adult: Once a week \$180
Twice a week \$260

Student: Once a week \$100
Twice a week \$145

Family : \$425
(Must all live at same residence)

Junior Learn to Curl: \$60

Senior: Once a week \$100
Twice a week \$150

Frosty Friday Adult Curling— guaranteed 10 games; will be done on available Friday evenings. Random team draws every Friday.
\$50/person For more information contact Michelle Wudrich— 771- 4115

Ice Rentals are also available, costs are as follows: \$225 for 6 hours; \$350 for full day; \$15 per sheet per hour.

If you require the use of the bar the prices are \$50/night or \$100/day.

BUFFALO PLAINS TAE KWON-DO



**REGISTRATION September 14th AND 16th 6:00 - 7:30
AT BALGONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Everyone is welcome to attend our Demonstration Class–
Wednesday Sept. 16th 7:00 – Balgonie Elementary School Gym**

Have you ever watched Jackie Chan in action??? Want to learn some of those moves? There will be an open house which will include a question and answer session, **and a patterns demonstration by the head instructor**. Please come out and see what Tae Kwon-Do is all about. **Everyone is** welcome!!

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 4th 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.**

Regular classes will also start on Sep. 14 after you have registered so please come dressed appropriately (eg. sweats and a t-shirt, or a dobok for colour belts).

Contact Information: John Barabe 781-0132, Shannon Phillips 565-8144, Master Norman 525-0005

Balgonie Dance & Twirl

Balgonie Dance & Twirl will be offering classes in the following disciplines:

Tap

Jazz

Baton

Musical Theatre

Combo (dancers age 3 - 6)

Technical Ballet (1/2 hr class - no competitions)

- We are pleased to welcome back our dance instructors: Brooke Claffey, Melanda Shay & Shandi Kuntz
- each class is 3/4hour in length and will be held one day per week.
 - Classes will be held on Monday or Thursday evenings.

Registration

September 10, 2009 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Balgonie Multiplex

Please bring your used dance shoes, batons and dance outfits to be placed for sale during registration. Please label with your name, phone number and price.

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If you have any questions, please call:
Nicole Dech - 771.4632 or Chara Blair - 699.7211

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Buffalo Plains Ringette



Buffalo Plains Ringette Association

Invites you to...

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All ages are welcome.

Tuesday, September 22nd

6:45pm - 7:45pm

Communiskate Arena, Emerald Park

All you need is skates and a helmet

For more information and to register online go to:

www.cometryringette.ca

and go to the "Come Try Ringette Events" icon



RINGETTE REGISTRATION

Thursday September 17th

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Pilot Butte Rec. Centre

For more information contact:

Ken Nagy : 781-0260 or kjnagy@sasktel.net

Leeann Potetz-Moore : 789-5719 or r.lmoore@sasktel.net



1ST BALGONIE

Beavers and Cubs

Registration Night

Date : September 15, 2009

Time : 6:30 PM

Where : Balgonie United Church



We welcome all girls and boys



BEAVERS
aged 5-7

CUBS
8-11 yrs old

Bring on the Adventure!

Enjoy Nature Like Only We Can

SCOUTS CANADA

If you have any questions please call Darcie at 771-4648



Balgonie Elementary School Community Council Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and elections for Balgonie School Community Council will be held at

Balgonie Elementary School

on

Tuesday, September 29th, 2009

7:00 p.m.

at

**Balgonie Elementary School Library
Balgonie, SK**

For more information contact Barb Lawrence, Principal
at Balgonie Elementary School

Phone: (306) 771-2345 E-mail: barb.lawrence@pvdsd.ca

Parents and guardians of students attending Balgonie Elementary School and School Division electors residing in the school catchment area may stand for election to the School Community Council and vote in the election. Nominations of parents and community members interested in standing for election must be submitted on the official form and will be received up to the time of the election. Nomination forms are available from Balgonie Elementary School and can be returned to school prior to the election or be presented at the election.

Come join us in creating a School Community Council, which will enhance student learning and make a difference in our school and community.

The Balgonie Elementary School Community Council:

- **Provides advice to the school, Board of Education and other community organizations and agencies,**
- **Membership includes five to nine elected parent and community members, principal of the school, a teacher and senior school students,**
- **Develop shared responsibility for the learning success and well-being of all children and youth and,**
- **Is a way to engage parents in school planning and improvement processes.**

A School Community Council is required in every school; legislated into existence.

Successful schools are made up of more than just teachers, principals and students.

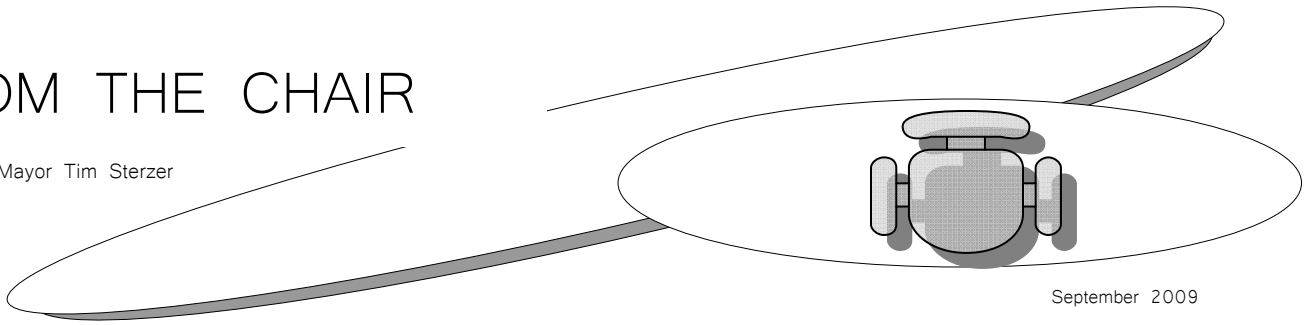
Successful schools also rely on parents and communities to help them be the best they can be.



**THE WORK OF THE BALGONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS PURPOSEFUL AND
COMMUNITY-BASED THAT FOCUSES ON IMPROVING
STUDENT LEARNING**

FROM THE CHAIR

Mayor Tim Sterzer



September 2009

The weather at the end of August was more indicative of summer weather and the early part of the month was more indicative of fall. Somebody needs to fix the weather pattern so that we can get back to normal. I also wanted to provide a reminder early in the column that with our upcoming fall elections (4th week of October) I will again be running for the Mayor's chair. The water infrastructure project that was announced is just starting, in the upcoming months and I want to be around to see this project to completion. I look forward to your support over the next three years as we upgrade the infrastructure and continue to plan for the future.

Speaking of normal, the schools will both be back to operating normally early this month. They have a later than usual return, but there will be the same if not more students attending. The students returning will mean a couple of things over the month of September. As drivers, pedestrians and residents we need to make sure we are paying attention in the morning and in the evening. The area around the schools is a hub of activity from September to June and we want to make sure that everyone gets to and from school safely. We also need to become diligent again in cracking down on poor driving habits. This is not targeted at the young adults attending school but at all drivers. I have personally seen many adults ignore four way stop signs and other rules of the road. If you witness any poor driving, please utilize one

of the record sheets and call the RCMP. All issues need to be reported to the RCMP for their response. The town office, administration or council members cannot report what you have seen, as that will elicit a no response from those contracted to enforce the law. We must be responsible for our own actions and we must be willing to stand up to poor behavior of any kind (driving or otherwise).

I was asked the other day what by-laws are in place for ATVs and Dirt Bikes. My answer is there isn't one as the provincial statute covers those machines that are not licensed. I understand the thrill of riding them and the enjoyment they can bring but they are not allowed by provincial law on public roads, access ways, service access roads or even to go from point A to point B, within town limits or out of town. The liability from the town's perspective is not a risk we want to take on by creating a bylaw contravening provincial statute. Please respect your fellow residents and trailer your vehicle to an area where you have permission to ride. The onus is on you; and the RCMP are enforcing the provincial statute which constitutes fines and possible seizure of any vehicle.

The fall and winter sports will soon be ramping up. Most of them have already had registration nights and will soon be underway with practices, games, etc. If you haven't registered your child or yourself for

a particular program or sport, or are unsure of what is available as you are new to town, please contact the recreation director for information at 771-4343.

The last item for this month is a quick update on the water upgrade project. The final stages of the land acquisition for the new well site will be completed over the month of September. That has gone slower than anticipated due to shortage of surveyors to mark out the area and thus the delay in getting that information to Land Titles for the change of ownership. The pump test and other items relating to our water allotment increase will also be taking place in September/October time frames. The allocation will provide for any future growth requirements, and the increase in storage space and treatment will provide a solid foundation for the next forty years. The initial treatment plant and storage were built in the early 1960's, there was expansion of the storage and well capacity in the 1980's and now there will be upgrades and increased capacity started in 2010.

The foundation will be in place to ensure that the residents of our community will have safe, drinkable water for years to come.

Until next month!

Recreation News

By Shaun McBain

Where did our summer go? It feels like the kids were just getting out of school for their summer break! With saying that, I am sure some parents are happy school has begun again for another year. With saying that, it so begins, all of our fall and winter activities. Watch for details in the newsletter for registrations for indoor soccer, dance, hockey, broomball, canskate and ringette.

*The Balgonie Dinner Theatre is fast approaching with the dates being November 6&7 and November 13&14. The box office will be held at the Multiplex on Sunday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Ticket prices this year are again \$35.00 each. This year's play is called **Clothes Encounter**. You will be getting a phone call in hopes that you can donate a food item. The drama club has already begun rehearsing for this year's production.*

Please return your Sask Lotteries Grant forms to the Town office by mid-September.

The pool is now closed for the season. It was a mixed bag of weather this summer; however, the pool did well. A big thanks goes out to all board members and lifeguards. You all did a BANG up job!

Trip of the month winners for 2007/2008 are as follows:

<i>Early Bird</i>	<i>Lorrie Kydd</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Dan Cristo</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Scott Waller</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>Darcy Baber</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Brian and Beverly Lane</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Lavern Sveinbjornson</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>James and Deana Watson</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Al Jacobs</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Derek Benko</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Neil and Crystal Park</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Lavern Sveinbjornson</i>

Congrats to all and the new tickets are now for sale. Contact any arena board member or Bison hockey player.

TALK FROM THE TOWN



**ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE OF
TALK FROM THE TOWN**

- RCMP
- Trailers
- Alleys
- Balgonie Heritage Court—
Board Members Required
- Municipal Election—Oct.28
- Setting up Direct Payment
Utility Accounts
- Permits—Time Requirements



BACK TO SCHOOL!

R.C.M.P.

Residents, please be advised that the RCMP office is no longer located in Balgonie. Their office is now situated in a strip mall in Emerald Park. The number to reach them at is still 780-5560.



ALLEYS

We would like to remind residents that alleys are not dumping grounds for junk. Alleys are town property and must be kept in a tidy manner.

Please clean up the alley if you have been using it as a

TRAILERS/RVs

PLEASE REMOVE TRAILERS—UTILITY, RECREATION AND MOTORHOMES OFF OF THE STREETS AND OUT FROM THE ALLEYS. PARK THEM ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY OR STORE THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE.



BALGONIE HERITAGE COURT

Balgonie Heritage Court requires a Board of Directors to ensure this complex continues to be a valuable asset to our community. See the Nominating Form attached. If you or someone else you know would like to be part of this valuable board, please fill out the form and return it to our office.

2009 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Municipal Election will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at the Balgonie Multiplex. Information regarding Nomination Forms, Candidate requirements, Elector requirements and withdrawing nomination forms follows this portion of the newsletter. Please read carefully!

More information will follow in next month's newsletter.

DIRECT PAYMENT REMINDER

This is just a reminder that when you are setting up your direct payment accounts and you deal with the Royal Bank, remember to set up your utility account as “Balgonie Utilities” and NOT Balgonie Water.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

For residents wishing to build a new home, deck, accessory building, basement development, addition, renovation, etc. you require development permit and building permit applications for each project. Our office can send the information to you by email or you can come into the office to pick up the forms.

All forms must be filled in completely and returned to our office; they are then passed onto our building inspector and our development consultant for their review and approval. If documents conform to all by-laws, etc., they then come back to our office, we then complete the documentation and issue the permit. At that time, the resident applying for the permit is then called and is able to pick up the permit and pay for it. Work can then begin on the project. Our current bylaw states the following prices:

New residential building—developed living area—\$4.85/m²; along with the permit fee is a \$500.00 refundable occupancy deposit

Accessory Building or Deck—\$75.00

Basement Development—\$150.00

Addition—\$300.00

Renovation—\$150.00

If the project is started without the permit being issued, there is a possibility that a “stop work” order will be placed on the project and releasing this order takes even longer.

The development/building permit application and approval process takes approximately 2-4 weeks; so therefore, leave yourself enough time to get your completed applications reviewed and approved. Please do not expect the process to take only a couple of hours or even days. It is not possible! Please be patient and be prepared!!!

Development not requiring a permit:

- the single storey accessory building or structure being constructed is less than 9m².
- fences and gates (ensure fences are placed just inside your own property line—height regulations are specified in detail in our Town's Bylaw—please call the office for more info.).
- maintenance or repair of any building or structure not including structural (windows and doors are considered structural) alterations.



**Don McMorris,
MLA**

**Indian Head -
Milestone**

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