

MARCH

Talk of the Town

Important Dates:

March 1st— Balgonie online soccer registration.

March 3rd— World Day of Prayer Balgonie United Church 1:30 p.m.

March 8th — Firefighter & First Responder Open House, Balgonie Fire Station 7-8:30 p.m.

March 13th & 27th — Council Meeting Balgonie Chambers 6:15p.m.

March 17th — St. Patrick's Day.

March 18th — Friends of Hope.

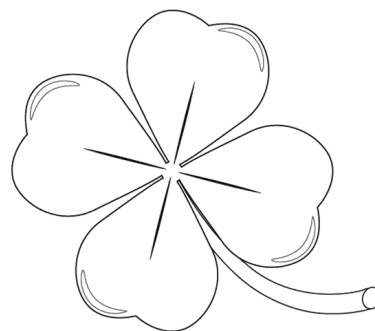
March 30th — The ice in the arena will be gone until next winter.

April 1st — Ladies Night, Balgonie Multiplex 5:00 p.m.

April 12th — Deadline for Lifeguard positions.

April 28th & 29th — Health & Healing Expo Balgonie Multiplex.

**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



BALGONIE

CURLING CLUB

Mar. 4-5 **U15** \$40/team, Contact: Lindsay Waite, 306-771-4283

Mar. 17-19 **SKINS** \$120/team, Contact: Shawn Selzer, 306-536-2531

Mar. 18 **IRONMAN** \$20/person, Contact: Shawn Selzer, 306-536-2531



2017

Event Schedule



**Brad & Ashley are happy to announce
the birth of their son Leo Bradley.**

**Born January 28th, weighing
7 pounds 14 ounces.**

**Proud Grandparents are Ron & Brenda
Gottselig, and Don & Colleen Reynard.**

Thank you to all of our family, friends and community for all of the sympathy and support you have extended toward our family during this time of loss. Your thoughtful presence, prayers, heartfelt words, cards and food prepared for our family will always be remembered with love. Thank you.

The family of Derek Heisler



The Balgonie Early Learning Centre Inc. (BELCI) would like to thank the local community, that has so generously supported the Centre from its' inception on June 1st, 2011, 6 years ago.

As a non-profit organization, BELCI meets its' operational and maintenance costs through child care fees from it's members, provincial government grants, and fundraising monies from various events and sales.

The Centre currently employs 9 amazing full-time staff, 2 fantastic part-time staff, 7 volunteers on its' Board of Directors, and 6 hard-working fundraising committee volunteers. The Centre is licensed for 52 child-care spots, and does its' part to help with the huge need for childcare services across Saskatchewan.

BELCI's goal continues to be providing a fun learning environment, to build strong foundations for our children.

All of BELCI's staff and volunteers look forward to a long future of caring for your children in our home of Balgonie!

Did you know.....

the town has a Facebook page?

For updates on what's happening in the community, checkout our page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Balgonies-Talk-of-the-Town>.

If you would like to advertise local events,

you can call us @ 306-771-2284 or email us

at townofbalgonie@sasktel.net or send us a Facebook message.



Box 310, 129 Railway St.

Phone: 306-771-2284 Fax: 306-771-2899

E-mail: townofbalgonie@sasktel.net

Emergency Number:

306-535-4235

From the Town

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

9:00 to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To Report burnt out street lights, please contact SaskPower.

You can call 1-888-757-6937 or go online to <http://www.saskpower.com>

Big Loraas Bin is dropped off at the Transfer Station the 1st Friday of each new month.



The Low Maintenance Gardening Myth

("Let's Get Real!")

with

Lyndon Penner

Author and

Horticulturalist for CBC Radio Alberta

The idea that we can have more by doing less is very prevalent in our society and gardening is not exempt from this. Case in point: those ads for exercise equipment that promise you can lose 10 lbs a week in just five minutes a day, or those that promise you can cook like a master chef in half the time with none of the mess? It's the same thing with gardening. That can of "wildflower seeds" is not going to magically turn itself into an endlessly blooming, zero maintenance meadow. However, there are still ways (illusions, even) that you can use to create drama, excitement, and a touch of the flamboyant in your prairie garden! Join Lyndon for an informative, fun presentation about how you can be bold and creative in the garden while still being realistic!

7PM Wed. March 8th 2017

Ramada Emerald Park

Space is Limited: Please pre-register with Chuck Brumwell:

wgcgc2011@gmail.com or 306-584-9173

\$10 Visitors Members free

Info: www.whitecitygardenclub.weebly.com/wgcgc-upcoming-events



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT:

The Town of Balgonie will be accepting resumes for Summer Student positions in the Maintenance Department.

Resumes will be accepted at the Town office by fax, email, mail, or in person.

A valid driver's license is a requirement of the position.

Fax: 306-771-2899

Email: Balgonieparkrec@sasktel.net

P.O. Box 310, 129 Railway St. E.

Balgonie, SK.

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Balgonie Soccer Registration

Outdoor Season

Online registration begins March 1st

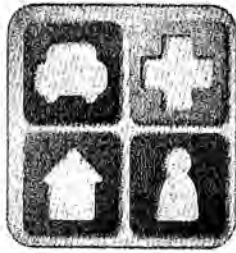
Register online at: **balgoniesoccer.com**

Ages: U4-U19

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For more information visit: balgoniesoccer.com

or Balgonie Soccer on Facebook



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Reminder to Residents

Please ensure all dogs are on a leash while walking them around town, also pick up after your pets during walks. DO NOT drop the leash and let your dogs run to your yard.

Now Available at the Town Office—2017 dog tags—please ensure all dogs have their tags.

The license Fees are as follows:

Female dog over 3 months of age \$20.00

Spayed female dog over 3 months \$10.00

Male dog over 3 months \$10.00



Impound Fees:

Impoundment Charge \$40.00

Housing Charge \$20.00/day or portion thereof for every day held

Fines and Voluntary Payment:

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Voluntary Payment</u>
No Current license	\$20.00
Allowing a dog to be at large	\$40.00
Failure to remove defecation	\$20.00
Failure to keep non-sterilized dog indoors	
While dog is in period of heat	\$20.00



If you have any Questions???

Please refer to the Pet Bylaw on our town website.

thursday evenings at 630pm
at the balgonie public library
new knitters and masters welcomed
for more info email balgonie@southeast.lib.sk.ca
or find us on facebook



Thank
You

Thank you to all of our family and friends for your love and support during this time. The sudden loss of Mom is very difficult and the comfort we have found from all of you is truly a blessing. We deeply appreciate all the visits, kind words, cards, flowers, food, prayers and support. Thank you for thinking of us and sharing your memories of Mom with us. We feel so blessed to live in this caring and loving community.

The Family of Eleanor Rumpel

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS:

Taxes and utility bills may be paid electronically through your online banking website. The payments would be under

**Town of Balgonie Taxes and
Town of Balgonie Utilities.**

(Do not choose Balgonie Water—this payee is a previous business and is not connected with the Town of Balgonie.)

Please contact the Town office to obtain your account numbers.

Electronic payments for utilities and taxes are a convenient way to pay your bills, but they are not

instantaneous. Please allow 2-3 business days before any due date so that your payment is receipted by our office before any penalties apply. The bank requires time to process the payment and advise the Town.

The receipts for electronic payments will be available for pickup, mailed or emailed upon request.

REMINDER:

Garbage and Recycling Carts are to be put out on the street at 7am, and brought in after garbage or recycling collection is complete. If carts are damaged before or after these hours,

**homeowners are responsible
for the charges.**



Town of Balgonie
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Balgonie, SK. S0G 0E0
306-771-2284
townofbalgonie@sasktel.net

TOWN OF BALGONIE EMAIL CONSENT FORM

Dear Resident of Balgonie,

Our office is now able to email Utility Notices, as well as Tax Assessments and Tax Notices. If your household is interested in receiving paperless notifications, please fill out the following form and return it to the town office. You may also scan and email this form to our office at townofbalgonie@sasktel.net with your information.

Consent to the use of e-mail for the delivery of municipal notices includes agreement with the following:

1. Failure to receive an e-mailed municipal notice does not release me from my responsibility to pay any charges specified on the notice, or any penalties, which may be incurred by late payment.
2. I will inform the Town of Balgonie of any change in my e-mail address as soon as possible, to prevent the misdirection of notices and reduce the risk of my not receiving a notice.
3. I may withdraw from email delivery at any time. To do so I will inform the Town of Balgonie, and all notices which were previously e-mails to me will be sent by regular mail.

Customer Name:	
Customer Street Address:	
Customer Mailing Address:	
Customer Utility Account #:	
Customer Tax Account #:	
Customer E-mail Address:	
Customer Phone Number:	

I _____, acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this document and give my consent to the Town of Balgonie, to use my email address for the purpose of administering electronic notices for utilities and taxes. Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

(Signature)

/klp.



In 1989, Valerie Hubbard started working in the Balgonie town office. After 28 years, in a few different roles, we would like to congratulate her on her retirement from her role as Administrator.

Balgonie Playschool Presents:

Ladies Night Out Walking The Red Carpet Saturday April 1

Balgonie Multiplex
Cocktails @ 5:00pm

Dinner @ 6:30pm

Waiter Auction and Dinner catered by The Diner

Fashion Show & Dance

Styled by Bella Chic & Music by Platinum DJ

Cash Bar ★ Midnight Lunch

Door Prizes ★ Silent Auction

\$35 Early Bird Tickets

On Sale February 6th - 26th

\$40 Regular Tickets

On Sale February 27th - March 24th

Buy Tickets or Book a Table: (306) 530-4722 or
nikitodos@hotmail.com

Proceeds go to Balgonie Playschool

Door Prizes are greatly appreciated! To donate, call Tara: (306) 541-5241 or balgonieplayschool@gmail.com

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

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

Qualifications needed:

NLS, Valid Bronze Cross, Current Standard First Aid, & 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,
P.O. Box 310,
Balgonie, SK.
SOG OEO
or

fax to [\(306\) 771-2899](tel:3067712899)

by April 12, 2017



Karen Craigie has been employed by the Town of Balgonie for six years. We would like to welcome and congratulate her on her new position as the Town Administrator.



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ELCIC Lutheran Churches



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Edenwold holds services
every Sunday at 11:00 am.

St. John's Lutheran Church, on the Correction Line Road,
holds services on the 2nd & 4th Sunday every month at
9:30 am.

Contacts:

St. Paul's & St. John's - Pastor John Dut at (306) 487-8442.

Come down to **Balgonie Tavern** on March 17 for some

Just wanted to share a pint of
good cheer and smiles!
Happy St. Paddy's Day!



St. Patty's Day fun with **GREEN**

drink specials and DJ music. Watch our Facebook page
(Balgonie Bar + Tavern) for more information closer to the date.

- Reminder about Wing Nite Wednesday, with wings for \$5.99 and happy hours drink prices.
- Watch for our new Thursday Nite Burger night and Draft Beer Special starting soon.

Balgonie Elks Lodge #572

The lodge is very pleased to announce that we had another 4 members join the lodge at our Feb. 21st meeting.

Our continued focus is creating a Great Family Fun Day for our community on July 1st. More information will follow as the day get closer. Join in the fun and start your plans for your entry into the parade.

The Elks annual poster contest is starting in our Elementary schools the Elks dedicate approximately \$1500 towards the program with all the funds going to the winners of the various poster categories. Check with your children and encourage them to take part.

We are also pleased to support the Balgonie Early Learning Center with a \$500 donation in there quest to purchase an air conditioner for their small gymnasium.

New members are always welcome. Our meetings are held at the Balgonie Multiplex, the third Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be March 21st at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in joining, give Darren a call at 306-591- 3802.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9a.m.-11a.m. to the end of March, the Balgonie Arena is proud to offer 2 hours of walking time for anybody that does not want to venture outdoors. We ask that you please wear proper, clean footwear.

Also, new to the arena, Parents and Tots skating time. This is a 2 hour time slot both days, where smaller children can learn to skate with their caregiver. There are no instructors so please be careful as this is a skate at your own risk time. Helmets must be worn at all times by adult and child. Please check out our Facebook page, or Twitter, to make sure times have not changed or been cancelled.

All information must be received by **March 20th, 2017** to be included in the April 2017 issue of The Talk Of The Town.

Prices for advertising a business:

\$10– Business card size.

\$30– Quarter page ad.

\$60– Half page ad.

\$120– Full page ad.

Local programs & announcements are not charged.

However, you must have a Balgonie Post Office Box # to advertise.

Send all items to :

balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net

No later than the 20th of each month.

Reminder to Balgonie Residents:

Vehicles are not to be parked on the street for more than 24 hours, except weekends and holidays. If your vehicle is not used regularly, you must park it on your own property.

All vehicles stored on your property must be licensed and in good repair. Storage of unlicensed and junked vehicles on your property are considered to be a “nuisance” by Town of Balgonie Bylaws.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

are open to the public. They are regularly scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month starting at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Balgonie Administration Building.

Council meetings are scheduled for March 13th & 24th.



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rory.clark@century21.ca



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BACK TO OUR AMAZING
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on Facebook**



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Type in barcode & pin number – click on login.

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- Learn the status of your requests
- Check if you have overdue fines
- View your personal information (name, address, etc.)
- Change your library PIN

You can also check the status of your account presenting you Library card at any Southeast Regional Library branch of phoning the toll free number 1-888-975-8165



Balgonie Public Library



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Balgonie, SK
S06-771-2332
balgonie@southeast.lib.sk.ca

library hours

Tuesday 3:30pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am – 1:30pm
Thursday 1:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday 1:00pm – 5:30pm
Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm



50+ CLUB

- Next supper on March 15th with the Community Singers as the entertainment
- Memberships are now due for 2017

Bon Voyage to the Canadian National Wheelchair Team coached by Balgonie's own Wayne Kiel. The team members were guests at our January supper, and are leaving for Korea the end of this month to compete in the World Wheelchair Curling Championships. This competition is held in the same venue as the 2018 Olympics. The five person team are from across Canada and were in Regina for a practise session in January.

Good Luck Team Canada – bring home the Gold Metals.

March 3-11, to follow our progress – go to the World Wheelchair Curling Championships 2017 (<http://worldcurling.org/wwhcc2017>) click - teams, schedule or results.

- March 6th is the next monthly meeting @ 7:00 pm

*For information on bookings
At the 50+ Club – contact Wayne/Margaret 771-4230*

50+ Club Crib Winners January 14, 2017

3-way tie	Arlene Deitert & Mary Wolfe	
	Bart & Edna Eliasson	
	Gertie Kramer & Ken Butz	
24 Hands	Lawrence Brisbois	Tim Grubb
	Pat Rosselin (2)	Nesta Ellis (2)
	Sharon Brown	Sherry Beyer
	Gertie Kramer	Vic Neiser
	Bernice Bespalko	Mel Stener
	Marion Woytuik	Agnes Peever

50+ Crib Winners for February 11, 2017

1 st and 2 nd tied	Myrna Belanger & Lisa Butz
	Ed Frisko & Agnes Peever
3 rd – 5 way tie	Mae Karlonas & Marion Jorgenson
	Shirley S. & Bob Champion
	Bart Eliasson & Cliff Huber
	Glennis Koch & Sharon Brown
	Don Leir & Mary Schoff
24 Hands	Father Ed
	Gary Butz
	Bob Champion
	Ed Frisko
	Myrna Belanger

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15th Annual Ladies Night Out & Auction March 18th, 2017

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Appetizer Buffet Balloon Pop 50/50 Tickets

Door Prizes and Much more!

Tickets \$30000 (includes cabaret)*

Cabaret to follow

*Doors open at 6pm program to begin at 7pm

Tickets go on sale February 25, 2017 10am-1pm @ Qu 'Appelle Branch Library
Meeting Room I

Invite the men to enjoy the cabaret at 11pm for only \$10000 at the door.

Tickets available from any board member or call Deb @306-699-7887

Fr. Ed Hengen and

St. Joseph's Parish, of Balgonie,
would like to welcome you to come and worship with us.

Mass times:

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

For information please call 771-2387, email us at
st.jobal@sasktel.net, or visit our website at
www.catholic-church.org/stjosephbalgonie

***"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."*** (Mt. 18:20)



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Open House Recruitment Drive

March 8, 2017

7 pm – 8:30 pm

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Please come to Balgonie Fire Hall

Ask questions, check us out, is this for you?



St. Patrick's Day Mix Up



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Do you have any older pictures from town events throughout the years? If you would like to share those pictures, we would be happy to help. Pictures may be sent to balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net They may also be on a USB stick that we would send back to you. We would like to be able to use them for TBT posts on our Facebook page. Thank you in advance for sharing some town history!



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For more, go to www.pvsd.ca or call:

École White City School
(306) 781-2115

Lumsden Elementary School
(306) 731-3338

For transportation information, contact
Prairie Valley at (306) 949-6566.



French Immersion Questions & Answers

(Source: Canadian Parents for French)

Why should I consider French immersion for my children?

Because it opens one more door for them and for their future well-being. Graduates of a full immersion program can expect increased appreciation of other languages and cultures, enhanced career potential, and a key to learning other languages as well as a more global view of Canada and the world.

Is French immersion for everyone?

Immersion is suitable for children of all academic abilities. French Immersion may present an additional challenge to your child but it is not to be confused with enrichment. It is a program developed for the specific purpose of giving Anglophone school children the opportunity to become bilingual, while still maintaining their English skills. The Immersion method was created for children whose classroom language is not their first language.

Will my children learn the same things as their peers in the English program?

Both programs follow the guidelines of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education. The French Immersion curricula is the same as the English one except for French Language Arts. Only the language of instruction is different.

When is English introduced?

English is introduced in Grade 3. Some school divisions choose to introduce it earlier. Students are exposed to one period a day of English Language Arts. Within a year of two, they should be reading in both languages. Skills in one language can be transferred to benefit the development of the other.

What if my child needs help?

École White City School and Lumsden Elementary School are committed to providing students with the supports that they require. The schools can also provide parents with tips and tricks for supporting their child. Your encouragement and belief in the value of a second language will strengthen your child's learning experience. Canadian Parents for French Saskatchewan supply a book called "Yes, you can Help!" Call them at 1-800-561-6151 for information on ordering a copy.

Will my child have access to bussing?

Bussing will be provided within the designated attendance area. To find out more, contact transportation@pvdsd.ca.

Need more information?

To find out more about French Immersion, contact the school:

École White City School (306) 781-2115

Lumsden Elementary School (306) 731-3338

Thursday, February 23 Fundraising Workshop

Punching Above Your Weight: Raising Funds for Places that Matter

Heritage Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport Heritage Conservation Branch are offering this Fundraising workshop, which will be delivered by The National Trust for Canada.



Whether you are fundraising for a non-profit, participating in a local capital campaign or playing a support role to community organizations working on the ground, there is something here for everyone.

Saving heritage places and making them financially viable is no easy feat, especially when the competition for donations and grants is fierce. Communities and community organizations are under a great deal of pressure to achieve increasing fundraising goals with limited resources on hand. But, there are exciting new approaches to fundraising and new tools that can help us achieve big results even in the smallest of communities.

National Trust staff, Nhanci Wright and Allison Faulkner, along with local panelists, will energize you to expand your audiences, attract new donors, secure grants, and take advantage of evolving fundraising trends. You will learn new strategies, test drive new skills and be inspired by communities punching above their weight.



- Registration is required. Your registration covers workshop related costs, plus lunch and refreshments.
- Heritage SK Members: \$50.00 + GST = \$52.50
 - Non-Members: \$60.00 + GST = \$63.00
 - Main Street (either Accredited or Affiliate) = No Charge (fee is covered by the Ministry of Parks Culture and Sport)

To register – go to www.heritagesask.ca

Friday, February 24 Workshop - Information Session - AGM Registration is required

Everyone has a Role in Reconciliation

SaskCulture Inc. is hosting this workshop in concert with Heritage Saskatchewan.

Keynote Speaker: Eugene Arcand
It's A Call To Action

Eugene Arcand is Cree from the Muskeg Lake First Nation. Eugene spent 9 years at St. Michael's and 2 years at Lebreton Indian Residential Schools in Saskatchewan. He currently serves as a member of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Indian Residential School Survivor Committee and is on the Governing Circle of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Eugene has dedicated much of his time as an organizer of major events with First Nations and Métis communities across Turtle Island.

Workshop Leader: Zoey Roy

This session is for those looking for a meaningful role in reconciliation within their own life, in their workplace, and in their professional career. This workshop will lead participants through critical dialogue and a guided reflection. With engaging and creative strategies we will invigorate your inspirations and ideas and turn them into concrete actions that lead to the path towards reconciliation and affirm how everyone has a role in this journey.

Zoey Roy, an Artist, Educator, Social Entrepreneur and Community Engagement Consultant with Three Things Consulting. Based out of Saskatoon, this Cree-Dene Métis woman is passionate about making our communities more inclusive and she thinks we have what it takes to make it happen.



LUNCHEON PROGRAM

At this Luncheon, Heritage Saskatchewan will honour out-going Board members; plus, a presentation and update will be provided on work being done on the Saskatchewan Index of Wellbeing and the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Heritage Saskatchewan will hold its Annual General Meeting. Nominations for Board positions are accepted up to February 10th; and are not accepted from the floor.

Registration is required. Your registration covers workshop and information session costs, plus lunch and refreshments.

- Heritage SK Members: \$40.00 + GST = \$42.00
- Non-Members: \$50.00 + GST = \$52.50

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Jacqui Shumiatcher Room, Conexus Arts Centre

200 Lakeshore Drive, Regina

8:30 am Registration

9 - 12 am Workshop

12 - 2 pm Luncheon

2 - 3 pm AGM

You're doing a great job supporting and preparing your child for school. You continue to seek information to make good educational decisions—decisions that you hope will help your child flourish in today's global world.

Why not offer your child the benefits of Canada's world-renowned French immersion programs? The advantages go beyond learning both of Canada's official languages. Being bilingual opens doors and produces excellent students and creative thinkers.

Becoming bilingual is a choice; why not give your child the advantages that come with being bilingual?

BEING BILINGUAL...

...IS FOR EVERYONE

Immersion students master French in the same way that they learned English. The process is so natural because French is used as the language of instruction and as a means of communication.

Students learning in French immersion are being taught the same curriculum as those in an English program. French immersion programs start with all or most of the day in French. This helps students quickly learn and achieve the French skills needed to study other subjects in French.

No special skills are required. Children with all types of academic ability can succeed in French immersion, not just above-average students. Studies show that students with lower academic abilities do as well in immersion as they do in English programs. Research also shows that students new to Canada who are English language learners can match or surpass their Canadian-born peers. Every student can have the same opportunities and the advantage is that they all have the potential to become bilingual.

...IMPROVES YOUR ENGLISH
Learning subjects in French does not interfere with English-language development. In fact, it improves it!

Research shows that learning a second language has a positive effect on first-language achievement. Immersion students match and often exceed the English skills of other students by Grade 4 or 5, even though they usually start reading and writing in French first.

This happens because the same language learning skills introduced to students in the first few years of the French immersion program are used for learning English, which is usually introduced between grades 2 and 4. English language skills are also strengthened and maintained because students spend the vast majority of their time communicating in English with family and friends.

...FOSTERS EXCELLENCE & EXCELLENT COMMUNICATORS

Students with two languages can focus more on meaning and pick out the most relevant points from information provided. They are better able to communicate their thoughts and express themselves and can answer open-ended questions more easily than those with only one language.

Bilingual people are also more sensitive to communication and are better able to understand and respond to the needs of others. Their exposure to another culture makes them respectful of differences, and allows them to communicate effectively with people of diverse backgrounds.

...PRODUCES RESULTS

Immersion programs generally produce better French-language results than an English program that offers core French. Early immersion students, however, achieve greater French proficiency than middle, late and partial immersion students.

Early immersion students perform almost as well as francophone students in French

listening and reading comprehension by the end of elementary school. By the end of high school, students are able to work or pursue further studies in French. Studies show that immersion graduates achieved intermediate or higher proficiency levels on Public Service tests.

...OFFERS AN EDGE

Thousands of businesses in Canada operate in more than one language and the numbers are growing. In today's global economy, those who are bilingual can choose from a wider range of national and international jobs that require employees with second-language skills and cultural sensitivity. The Government of Canada alone has more than 70,000 bilingual jobs.

Immersion graduates have more options than other students because they may choose to study or work in both official languages. High school students who studied subjects in French find that they can adjust to university or college courses offered in English. They also report little trouble making the transition to university- or college-level courses in French.

JOIN TODAY!

CPF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Canadian Parents for French is a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that champions the opportunity to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.

1 MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Please note we do not need your child's information — please apply under your own name. CPF member must be at least 18 years of age. You may register up to two adults per household as voting members.

I am applying as a:

- ☐ New member
☐ Renewing Member #:

To find out more about member benefits, value and AMO membership, please visit our website.

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CPF allows one or two adults per family as voting members

Associate Member ☐ \$60.00 ☐ \$150.00
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School or organization

2 CONTACT INFORMATION

Fields marked with an asterisk are required. (CPF reserves the right to cancel any application missing information.)

Member First Name* _____
Member Last Name* _____
2nd Member First Name _____
2nd Member Last Name _____
Organization Name (if AMO)* _____
Address* _____
City* _____ Prov.* _____ Postal Code* _____
(over)



2 CONTACT INFORMATION

(continued)

Preferred Phone# _____
 Additional Phone _____
 Email# _____
 Additional Email _____
 CPF Chapter/Branch _____
 School Board _____
 School Name# _____
 How did you hear about us? _____

3 PAYMENT OPTIONS

(CPF fees for the right to change a fee for ASE changes)

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Cheque (payable to CPF National)

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Your gift in support of CPF is appreciated and appreciated. Due to the cost, we are unable to provide a receipt for the amount of the gift. If you wish to receive a receipt, please contact the CPF National Office at 1-800-361-2447 or by email at info@cpf.ca.

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☐ Your membership provides you with the opportunity to receive educational materials from CPF as well as CPF National's newsletter. Please contact your chapter to receive electronic communication from CPF as well as the CPF National Office.

Please submit form and payment to:

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Contact with us:

Phone: 416-215-2448
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Use CPF to sign up, update your member profile and more.



SUPPORT CPF!

HOW WE HELP

CPF was established in 1977 by a group of parents whose primary goal was to promote and create French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. Currently more than 26,000 are members of community-level Chapters, supported by 10 provincial/territorial Branches and a National Office.

WHAT WE DO

- Sponsor youth summer camps, special programs, contests and activities for French second-language students designed to support their French language learning.
- Influence decision-makers and intervene when programs under threat
- Support parent volunteers involved at the school level
- Inform and provide resources for parents and students at all stages (preschool, elementary, high school and university/college), and on where to find support materials for use in the home, including French books, educational games, computer software and websites.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Teachers know that most parents of immersion students don't understand French. The French immersion program was designed for children of English-speaking parents. If you don't speak French, you can still make your child's French language experience positive.

Be supportive and enthusiastic. Research shows that students whose parents have positive attitudes toward French do better in immersion programs.

Keep in mind that skills learned in English are transferred to French. Read to your children in English, encourage them to write in English, and introduce word games like crossword puzzles, word searches, and Scrabble.

Help your child to use French outside of the classroom: watch French TV, borrow or buy French books and videos, and choose

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A message from the RM of Edenwold



Frame the vision

Starting in March, the RM of Edenwold will be asking ratepayers to, once again, share their vision for the future. Public consultations will be held via stakeholder engagement meetings and online surveys/questionnaires leading to an update of the Official Community Plan.

"Public meetings will be the first of many steps to engage our residents and businesses, in both our rural and urban areas," says Senior Municipal Planner Jana Jedlic. Ratepayers are also encouraged to write letters and send emails to their councillors with their future hopes for the RM. The current Official Community Plan was released in 2010 and the RM has seen exponential growth since.

"We want to hear what is working, what people like and what changes or types of growth they want to see in and for the future," says Jedlic. "The OCP will frame the vision for the RM, which will be implemented through the regulations in the zoning bylaw."

On the path

More walking paths are coming for Emerald Park.

"Emerald Park residents are active residents, they like to walk!" says Planner/Development Officer Paige Phillips. "We heard concerns about safety for those walking along Great Plains Road. Through our relationship with the Ministry of Highways, we were able to secure a commitment from them to work on a pathway design to fit next to the road." Jedlic added that a future phase will see a pathway connection between Great Plains Road and South Plains Road.



Image: DeAnne Bell

On deck in 2017

Currently, three industrial developments are in the approval process with the RM, queries have been made about residential developments north of Highways 1 and 46 and a new washroom/storage facility at the Emerald Park soccer field is in the works. It was announced in October the WCRM158 Waste Water Authority's wastewater treatment project (a cooperative project between the RM/White City) has received approval in principle from both the federal and provincial governments through the Building Canada Fund.

See the license? Shop local!

The December launch of the RM of Edenwold's new business licence program resulted in quick initial take-up with over 100 business licence applications already returned. The information gathered - to date - reveals over 1,637 employees work at RM businesses. For business owners, the RM offers to promote the businesses on their website and hopes to offer business-focused networking opportunities and co-branded print promotion in the future. For the RM, the returned applications result in valuable statistics.

"It helps ensure our record keeping is up-to-date, including employment numbers," Phillips said. "These statistics clearly reveal the RM's growth and help us plan future infrastructure. We continue to research and have conversations about public transportation options. With the information provided by RM businesses, we have real numbers to work with when dealing with provincial and federal agencies." Printed business license certificates will be sent out for local businesses to display.

Celebrating Canada 150

Reeve Mitchell Huber has signed on to be a Community Leader volunteer with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities during Canada 150 celebrations. "The RM has a long and proud history," says Huber. "I believe everyone within the RM is happy to celebrate Canada's milestone anniversary and the part the RM of Edenwold has in that."

Contact us via email: rm158@sasktel.net or phone: 306-771-2522

A message from the RM of Edenwold

Growing, growing, growing

February 8, Statistics Canada's Population and Dwelling Counts from the 2016 census revealed the total population of the RM of Edenwold is 4,490. This is an 8.7 percent increase from 2011 census numbers.

Of that population, approximately one-third reside in Emerald Park. The RM of Edenwold continues to place in the top 20 most-populated municipalities in the province, this year coming in 19th place. "These numbers show we're a destination for business and residents," says Deputy Reeve Stan Capnerhurst. "The RM is attractive for travellers, daily commuters and those looking for new opportunities while providing a place for ever increasing services and shopping for those residing in the area."



Artist's rendering of soccer centre design.
Alton Tangedal Architect Ltd.

Emerald Park soccer centre sponsorship opportunity

The RM is providing an opportunity for the business community to participate in the construction of a new facility called the soccer centre. "The centre will enhance the Emerald Park soccer pitch and will include storage, a washroom and patio," says Senior Municipal Planner with the RM, Jana Jedlic. Five levels of sponsorship and donations-in-kind options are open. Please contact the RM office for

further details. "Sponsorship of this legacy project creates a high visibility option for a business or community group to position themselves as a community booster," Jedlic says.

Snow go

The RM purchased new snow removal equipment in 2016 to add to their arsenal and the benefits to residents is evident. "We have a plan in place to clear as many roadways as we can in priority order," says Derek Hradecki, Manager of Rural Public Works with the RM.



DID YOU KNOW?....

New RM maps showing the new division boundaries are available at the RM office? Cost \$10 for ratepayers.

To pick up yours, visit the RM office at: 100 Queen Street in Balgonie.

"First bus routes so kids get to school on time, then busier arteries and then grid roads." Both Hradecki and Manager of Public Works Wade Hoffman indicate the 2017 year has seen a decrease in calls to the RM office about snow removal from previous years.

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Veseys Bulbs

The 1st Balgonie & Area Girl Guides are raising money for our unit through one of our favorite fundraisers - Vesey's Spring Bulb Sales! Sales will begin March 2nd through to April 14th. Orders will arrive in May.

Please contact Jolene Ursu @ 306-570-9179 or email balgonie1st@gmail.com to get connected with one of our local Girl Guides who would be happy to bring you a catalogue!

Balgonie Natural Health & Healing Expo

Balgonie Multiplex - Balgonie, Sask. (Hwy 364 ~ Balgonie)

Friday - April 28th - 3:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday - April 29th - 10:00am - 7:00pm

Expo Admission \$2.00 (under 12 free)

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RECREATION NEWS

By Shaun McBain

SWIMMING POOL NEWS!

The Balgonie Swimming Pool AGM will be held on March 1 2017 at the Multiplex. If you would like to help out on the Board, please call Penni @ 771-2230 your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



HOCKEY NEWS!

With winter coming to an end, this means playoff for 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!

The months of April, May, June and July the arena will be in full use with the Regina ball hockey league renting the floor Monday through Sunday.



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By Appointment with
Rev Bev Diduck 306-519-4481

Balgonie United Church

Time of Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

*If you would like a ride,
please call by Friday: 771-4303*



World Day of Prayer

Friday March 3, 2017

1:30 p.m.

Balgonie United
Church

Everyone Welcome!
Written by Women of
the Philippines.



**Canada will be celebrating
its 150th birthday this
July. We are looking for
volunteers to help with all
areas of the day's
festivities. If you have any
suggestions on games or
activities, please email the
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Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

The Spring Interviews will be held March 14th & 15th from 4:00 until 8:00 pm. Please sign up for your interview times with Conference Manager, which opens Wednesday, March 1st. The link can be found on the BES website. If you have any questions/concerns, please call the school at 771-2345.

BES Parent Presentation

Topic: Mindfulness

Presenter: Mindfulness Author and BES Teacher – Mrs. Trina Markusson

Where: BES Gym

When: Thursday March 30, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Pre-School Storytimes

Do you have a child who will be attending kindergarten at Balgonie Elementary School Fall of 2017. . . who does not attend Balgonie Early Learning Center or the Balgonie Playschool?

As part of BES's Learning Improvement Plan and our School Community Council, literacy has become a major priority for our students and for our community. We would like to invite your child to the **"BES Storytime"** in our school library.

Story times occur every other month and include picture books read with the children and a fun activity. This is a great opportunity for your child to become comfortable in the school environment, meet some BES staff members and enjoy some great books and activities.

Please call Mrs. Andrea Moroz at the Elementary School (771-2345) if you are interested in bringing your pre-school child(ren) to join our next story time!

Monday, April 10 – 9:15-10:00

Tuesday, April 11 – 1:00-1:45

Tuesday, April 11 – 9:15-10:00

Toiletries Needed

The SLC is collecting travel-sized toiletries for the Cathedral Lunch program. We know lots of families travel over the winter and we would appreciate you bringing back any extra hotel toiletries!

Please send them down to the office and place them in the collection box. Items in need:

- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, **No mouthwash**

Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 School year. Please contact the school with the following information: Name, Birthdate, Address and Phone Number.

Drama Club

Welcome to Agrabah, the city of mystery and enchantment!

Balgonie Elementary school has been dusting off the magic carpets and genie lamps to prepare for their upcoming musical performance of Disney's Aladdin Jr. Many students come together with acting, singing, props, and stage crew to prepare for this performance which is sure to be 'a whole new world'!

Our performance dates have been set for the end of May, so stay tuned!

Come on down, stop on by, hop a carpet and fly, to Balgonie's Arabian Nights!
Ms. Polowich



*Growing People,
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Together*



Celebrate your Community with the Communities in Bloom program

In Celebration of Canada 150 and the 20th anniversary of Communities in Bloom in Saskatchewan, enhance your community and civic pride in six key areas:

- ✦ Tidiness Effort
- ✦ Environmental Awareness
- ✦ Urban Forestry
- ✦ Floral Displays
- ✦ Landscaped Areas
- ✦ Natural and Architectural Heritage Conservation

To obtain more information on Saskatchewan's Communities in Bloom program, contact the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) at 1-800-563-2555 or visit www.spra.sk.ca/cib.



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Celebrate Canada 150 through Communities in Bloom

Communities that look successful are most likely to be successful. Whether a community's specific goals are to increase tourism, generate new economic development or simply to build civic pride, the face presented to citizens and to others is a key factor in achieving those goals.

Celebrate Canada 150 through a program that inspires communities to enhance and sustain the visual appeal of neighbourhoods, public spaces, parks and streetscapes through the imaginative use of appropriate flowers, plants, trees and landscaping, through the preservation of heritage and cultural assets with attention to environmental stewardship.

An integral component is the friendly competition between communities, engaging citizens of all ages, service groups, businesses and associations in a public-spirited effort to succeed and be recognized.

It has been the experience of Communities in Bloom that communities tend to be more successful when they have a broader and deeper "grassroots" involvement including:

- ✦ A true desire to participate based on an appreciation for municipal parks and residential gardens
- ✦ A strong desire to better their community
- ✦ A strong environmental consciousness
- ✦ A sense of heritage and civic pride
- ✦ An understanding that economic benefit is likely to follow
- ✦ Support of the Municipal Government

SPRA invites communities of all sizes, and from every region of Saskatchewan to participate in the provincial Communities in Bloom program and reap the many social and economic benefits that can result. Celebrate Canada 150 with us and celebrate the 20th year of Communities in Bloom in Saskatchewan!

To obtain more information on the Communities in Bloom program, contact SPRA at 1-800-563-2555.

*More than Planting Flowers...
It's About Building Communities!*



With Canada's 150th birthday just around the corner, we would like to show our community spirit, and what better way than to participate in Communities in Bloom? If you are interested in starting up a committee or group, please let our office know. 306-741-2284.

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