

DECEMBER

Talk of the Town

Important Dates

... Check the following pages for more important dates and details!

December 6—Compost Pickup

December 13—Council Meeting at 6:15 p.m. at 50+ Club

December 19—Light Up the Night—Santa & Fireworks

December 24—January 10—Extra Recycling Bin at Transfer Station

December 24—Office Closed at 12 p.m.

December 27—Office Closed in Lieu of Christmas Day

December 28—Office Closed in Lieu of Boxing Day

December 31—Final Day to Pay Taxes & Utilities

January 3—Office Closed in Lieu of New Year's Day

If you are experiencing a town related emergency during the holidays, please call 306-535-4235.

2021 Garbage and Recycling Pickup

Garbage Pickup	Recycling Pickup
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Tuesday, December 7, 2021	Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Tuesday, December 21, 2021	Tuesday, December 28, 2021

From November 1, 2021—May 31, 2022, compost will be picked up the FIRST Monday of every month.

OUTSTANDING TAXES AND UTILITIES

This is a friendly reminder that taxes are due December 31, 2021.

Utilities are also due December 31, 2021. If they remain unpaid, the balance of your utility bill (including interest charges and registered letter charges), will be added to your taxes.

All outstanding amounts will be subject to Tax Enforcement Procedures.

To remit a payment to the Town Office, please see page 18 of this newsletter for payment instructions.

FROM THE TOWN

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Emergency Number/After

Hours: 306-535-4235

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

All information must be received by the 20th of each month in order for it to be included in the following issue of the Talk of the Town.

Prices for advertising a business:

\$10—Business Card Size

\$30—1/9 Page Advertisement

\$60—Half Page Advertisement

\$120—Full Page Advertisement

Local programs and announcements are not charged; however, you must have a Balgonie post office box.

Please send all items to:

balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net



BALGONIE FIRE CHIEF RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

As of December 31, 2021, Chief Dave Campbell has announced his retirement after 41 years with the Balgonie Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders. In 1980, Dave was 24 years old when he started with the Volunteer Fire Department. There was a 1957 International truck, a 1937 Chevy and 10-12 members.

"We were trying to do a job with not great resources, and trying to do it right, and getting trained and protecting ourselves."

In 1990, Firefighter Dave became Chief Campbell. At that time, callouts were approx. 12-15 per year. Today, the Balgonie Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responds to approximately 80-100 calls a year ranging from fires, car accidents and medical emergencies. In his time as Chief, Campbell has seen many changes. He was responsible for bringing in the Medical First Responder (MFR) program to Balgonie in 1993, allowing Firefighters to become certified to respond to medical emergencies. At that time, EMS response times to our community were approximately 15-30 minutes depending on the time of day and the time of year. Now the Volunteer crew could assist the Town and R.M. residents with fire calls, car accidents, heart attacks, diabetic emergencies, falls, almost anything. The BVFD First Responders were also one of the first MFR crews in southern Saskatchewan to have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine which was bought from Calgary after the Olympic Games. Dave believes that the Fire Department is one big family and, as such, has remained a blended Department of Firefighters and Medical First Responders with approximately three quarters of the Volunteers being dually trained.

BVFD, under Chief Campbell's tenure, has had a large percentage of female members with there currently being six female Firefighters/First Responders, or about 25%. Dave has always said "I don't care if you're male or female, in turnout gear everyone looks the same. If you think you want to do this, come try it out." Dave has always been known as a progressive Chief.

Over the years, BVFD has always been a family under Chief Campbell's leadership. This is not a fire hall but a fire house. "A house holds a family. We are all members of the Firefighting family and as such we are there for each other. This isn't like volunteering to help out at hockey or soccer, this can come down to life and death. We have each others' backs."

Over the years under Chief Campbell's watch, the Fire Department has moved into a bigger fire hall, grown from two fire trucks to three, brought in the First Responder program, grew to 30 volunteers, and is a very well rounded Fire Department ready for whatever the next call might be.

Chief Campbell will definitely be missed by his Firefighting family, not only here in Balgonie but by the Fire Services throughout the Province. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the Department, Dave! Good luck in your future endeavours. Enjoy your retirement!



“LIGHT UP THE NIGHT”



Sparkle Tour Event
December 19, 2021



7 pm - 8 pm



Due to Covid-19, we cannot celebrate the same way we have in previous years. The Balgonie Fire Department has invited Santa to be in attendance in front of the Town Office from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. **The fireworks show will start at 7:30 p.m.**

We encourage everyone to decorate their yards! There will be judging by the RCMP for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place from December 7th – 14th. Please ensure your lights are on in the evenings! Winners will be announced on the Town's Facebook page on December 15th.

Are you missing the sparkle tour just as much as we are? Bundle up and go on your own Sparkle Tour through town with your family and friends! Enjoy the Christmas lights and decorations.

Congratulations, Doug!

The Town of Balgonie is excited to announce that Doug Lapchuk will be stepping up from Deputy Fire Chief to Fire Chief effective January 1, 2022!

Doug found his passion for firefighting at a young age. His Dad, Donald, was one of the founders of the White City Fire Department and this is where Doug took on his very first volunteer role at the age of 16. In 1995, Doug joined the Balgonie Volunteer Fire Department and hasn't looked back since.

"The apple doesn't fall far from the tree" as they say. Doug's wife, 3 sons, and 1 daughter-in-law are all volunteers themselves.

Doug is a Level 2 Fire Service Instructor and is President of the SVFFA. Anyone who knows him, knows he is very passionate and considers all volunteer firefighters in the Province of Saskatchewan as his firefighting family.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to keeping our community safe. We look forward to having you as our new Fire Chief!





Balgonie Early Learning Centre presents...

Rest & Recreation Raffle

Price: \$2 Each

Prizes: 12 Gifts of Christmas

WIN 1 of 12 prize packs, worth over \$200 each

Selling Date: November 29th, 2021 - December 21st, 2021

Purchase Tickets from the Balgonie Town Office & Balgonie Early Learning Centre



You are invited to a
Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24th

Balgonie Baptist Church

**Caroling, The Christmas Story
And a Message**



Christmas
begins with
Christ

Merry Christmas
To: The Balgonie Community
From: Balgonie Baptist Church



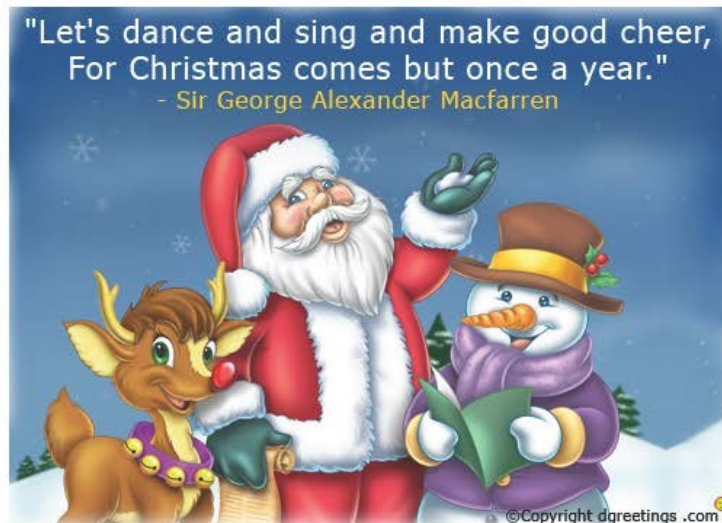
Do you love the outdoors? Enjoy hunting or fishing? Have an interest in wildlife education or habitat preservation? Boggy Creek Wildlife Federation (BCWF) needs your help!

BCWF is a branch of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF), based around the Balgonie area and focuses on habitat conservation, wildlife management and youth education.

BCWF is looking for eager individuals with a passion for the outdoors to help us bring some new ideas to the club. If you're interested in volunteering or becoming a board member, please contact us at boggycreekwildlife@gmail.com. All ages and experience levels welcome.




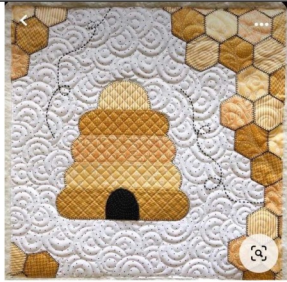




**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year!
A special Thank You to the Town of
Balgonie for your continued
support of our club!**



Pilot Butte Arts "GIVE ART A TRY" Classes

Click on photo or class title for more info if you are viewing this online!

	<p><u>Glass Snowman</u> Thursday December 9, 2021 6:30pm - 8:30pm 3 Bowl Snowman - \$76.50 2 Bowl Snowman - \$55.25 Ages 18+</p> <p>All supplies included.</p>		<p><u>Kids Oil Marker Mugs</u> Tuesday December 14, 2021 6:00pm - 8:00pm \$34 Ages 6+</p> <p>All supplies included.</p>
	<p><u>Moccasins OR Mitts with Betty</u> Thursdays, Jan 13, 20, 27 & Feb 3, 2022 6:30pm - 9:00pm Moccasins: \$148.50 Mitts: \$153.00 Ages 14+</p> <p>All supplies included.</p>		<p><u>Applique Quilting Class</u> Sunday Jan 16, 2022 1:30pm - 5:00pm \$58.50 Ages 18+</p> <p>All supplies included.</p>
	<p><u>Exploding Heart Quilt - Intermediate Class</u> Thursdays, Feb 10, 17, 24 & Mar 3, 10 & 17, 2022 6:30pm - 9:30pm \$72 Ages 18+</p> <p>Supply list on website.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>PILOT BUTTE</p>  <p>LET'S CREATE</p> </div>	

How To Register for Classes:

Website: www.pilotbutte-arts.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pilotbuttearts - registration link in events

All events take place at the Pilot Butte Community Centre

Masks and proof of vaccine are required for all events.

We Need Your Help!

The Pilot Butte Arts Committee has been working hard to bring exciting events to our communities such as the Art Show & Sale, Artist Retreat and all the great classes. With the increasing workload the committee needs more volunteers and would love to have you join us! Volunteers from surrounding communities are welcome as well!!

Email us at pilotbuttearts@gmail.com for more info.

SNOW REMOVAL

Please refrain from pushing your snow onto the streets/neighboring properties. Property owners are responsible for keeping the snow on their own property.

If you would like the snow removed from your property, it is your responsibility to arrange this.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Recreation News

By Shaun McBain

We are almost through November with only one significant snow storm... Winter driving has been nice!

We are hoping the outdoor rink will be opening soon if the temperature can stay below -10 for a period of time. The Zamboni will do a hot flood once a week.

A friendly reminder that all public places in Town are mask mandatory. Please do your part and help stop the spread of Covid-19.

Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe!

CLIP AND SAVE.....

PUBLIC SKATING, STICK AND PUCK AND MOMS & TOTS TIMES FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON

<u>Public Skating Times</u>		<u>Stick and Puck Times</u>		<u>Moms & Tots Times</u>	
Tuesdays	3:30-4:45 p.m.	Mondays	3:30-4:45 p.m.	Wednesdays	9-11 a.m.
Thursdays	3:30-4:45 p.m.	Wednesdays	3:30-4:45 p.m.		
Sundays	12:30-1:45 p.m.	Fridays	3:30-4:45 p.m.		

Balgonie Public Library
is proud to present



and a special jolly guest at our
1st Christmas Celebration

Balgonie Multiplex, HWY 364
SUNDAY, DEC 12, 2021
1:00 pm – 3:00pm

Bring your decorated
Christmas Ball, available at the
library prior to the event, and
help us decorate our Christmas
tree!

****Proof of Vaccination & Masks Required**





***Children may wish to bring a blanket to sit on the floor
closer to Danny Kazam.**



December 2021



Balgonie Public Library Program & Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Craft in a Bag	2 Craft in a Bag	3 Craft in a Bag	4 Craft in a Bag
5	6 Craft in a Bag	7 Craft in a Bag	8 Craft in a Bag	9 Craft in a Bag	10 Craft in a Bag	11 Craft in a Bag
12 Danny Kazam's Christmas Show! Multiplex 1:00 – 3:00 PM	13 Craft in a Bag	14 Craft in a Bag	15 Craft in a Bag	16 Craft in a Bag	17 Craft in a Bag	18 Craft in a Bag
19	20 Craft in a Bag	21 Craft in a Bag	22 Craft in a Bag	23 Craft in a Bag	24 Closed for the Holidays	25 →
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Craft in a Bag!

Each week we prepare a new themed craft for your little one(s) to take home and make! Pick-up a book and have your own story hour at home!

Danny Kazam's Kids Christmas Show!

Join us on Sunday, December 12th for Danny Kazam's Kids Christmas show! The show will be at the Balgonie Multiplex starting at 1:00 PM. A jolly special guest is to make an appearance!



Proof of vaccination and masks will be required.

Decorate the Tree!

We have a beautiful tree, but it needs decorations! Stop by the library to pick-up decorations to colour, or make your own at home! We would love to have the tree full before Christmas comes!



Library Hours

Monday	3:30 – 7:00
Tuesday	3:30 – 8:00
Wednesday	9:00 – 1:30
Thursday	3:30 – 8:00
Friday	1:00 – 5:30
Saturday	10:00 – 1:30
Sunday	Closed

Contact us at 306.771.2332 or balgonie@southeastlibrary.ca

WWW.SOUTHEASTLIBRARY.CA



Can't visit us in person? Check out these great e-resources, all FREE with your library card!



Libby
eBooks,
audiobooks &
magazines



Hoopla
Movies, music,
TV Shows,
audiobooks,
eBooks & comics



AudioBookCloud
Audiobooks



Creativebug
Thousands of
online arts &
craft classes



PressReader
Newspapers &
magazines



Tumble Books-
Interactive
children's books

WE HAVE NEWS!!



AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

It's official!! We are enhancing our Balgonie Elementary School ground by adding a new ninja obstacle course!

This course, plus new seating, will turn our school ground into a **Family FUNspace** to be enjoyed by the whole community!! It will also be a special area for our senior elementary students to access during the school day. Our current play-structure is reserved for junior students only.

1

HERE IS THE PLAN:

The proposed course components.

warped wall! spider climber! monkey swinger! and more!
(Exact final course configuration to be determined)



2

HERE IS THE COST

\$70,000

A HUGE thank you to ALL of our sponsors so far!!!!

We are over halfway there!!!. .help finish it off!!!!!!

\$39,881

\$70,000

3

**HERE IS WHERE
WE NEED YOUR
HELP!!!**

Be A FUNscape FUNder!!!

- *Ain't No Wall High Enough* to stand in your way'?
- Maybe you are more of an *Aiming High* Trapeze Challenger?
- How about a *Go With The Flow* Hang Boarder?
- Which obstacle course component resonates with you??! Don't miss out on your chance to pick one (or several) to help fund! See attached info.

Once we have our project fully funded, all FUNscape FUNders will be permanently recognized on our Board of FUNders which will stand proudly alongside our completed obstacle course.

Let your FUN side shine!!

Need more info? phone: 306.737.0693 **email:** balgoniebobcatsfundraising@gmail.com

How to be a FUNscape FUNder!!

- Which obstacle course component(s) most resonates with you? Which would you most like to sponsor?
ALL FUNders will be proudly recognized on our Board of FUNders which will stand beside the course!!!
- Each 'sponsorship' is a minimum \$100. Donate as much as you would like! (ie. \$1000 = 10 sponsorships for an obstacle. . . have some fun & pick the one that you feel best 'describes' you, your family, your group or your business :)
- size of name on Board of FUNders will be listed with each obstacle in proportion to amount sponsored

NAME (for our Board of FUNders) _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

- ☐ Make your cheque payable to: *Balgonie Elementary School ***
- ☐ E-transfer can be sent to: *balgoniebobcatsfundraising@gmail.com*
- ☐ Return this form and payment to:
- by mail : FUNscape FUNder Box 881, Balgonie, SK S0G0E0
 - by person: Balgonie Elementary School Office

- ☐ YES, I'd like a charitable tax receipt please**
(available for donations \$25 or more)

**** To get a receipt, donation *MUST* be paid
by cash or cheque only ****



Questions?

phone: 306.737.0693

email: balgoniebobcatsfundraising@gmail.com

LET YOUR FUN SIDE SHINE!!

	1 'sponsorship' = \$100	
1. <i>Born Ready</i> STARTING LINE SIGN	<div><div></div></div>	\$700
2. <i>Fast Moving</i> QUINTUPLE STEPS	<div><div></div></div>	\$2700
3. <i>Aiming High</i> TRAPEZE CHALLENGE	<div><div>\$600</div></div>	\$1800
4. <i>It's A Balancing Act</i> BENT BALANCE BEAM	<div><div>SPONSORED!!!</div></div>	\$720
5. <i>Ain't No Wall High Enough</i> WALL PULL	<div><div>\$400</div></div>	\$4200
6. <i>Deft & Dextrous</i> OVER/UNDER HURDLES	<div><div></div></div>	\$1800
7. <i>Go With the Flow</i> HANG BOARD	<div><div>SPONSORED!!!</div></div>	\$5000
8. <i>Just Keep Moving</i> STEPPING STONES	<div><div></div></div>	\$1100
9. <i>Keep your CHIN UP</i> BARS	<div><div>SPONSORED!!!</div></div>	\$800
10. <i>Up & At Em'</i> ROPE PYRAMID	<div><div></div></div>	\$2500
11. <i>All Fun & Games</i> MONKEY SWING	<div><div>SPONSORED!!!</div></div>	\$2000
12. <i>It's Complicated</i> GRID STEPS	<div><div></div></div>	\$2600
13. <i>Webbed Warrior</i> SPIDER CLIMBER	<div><div>\$300</div></div>	\$8500
14. <i>Just Do It!</i> WARPED WALL	<div><div>\$200</div></div>	\$10,000
<i>Free Spirit FUNDER</i> there's no obstacle :) I'd just like to donate \$ _____	<div><div>\$16,610</div></div>	

15. *Sit Back & Relax*

BENCH \$1000 = name or logo plaque mounted directly on bench
☒ **SPONSORED!!!** 1 available: first come first

16. *Just Chillin'* BENCH

\$1000 = name or logo plaque mounted directly on bench
☒ **SPONSORED!!!** 1 available: first come first

17. *All Together Now -* **ACCESSIBLE TABLE:** \$2500

= name or logo plaque mounted directly on table
☒ **SPONSORED!!!** 1 available: first come first serve

18. *In the Here & Now*

PICNIC TABLE: \$2500
= name or logo plaque mounted directly on table
☒ **SPONSORED!!!** 1 available: first come first serve

19. *Friendly Competition* **CHECKERBOARD GAME**

TABLE: \$2500 = name or logo plaque mounted directly on table
☒ **SPONSORED!!!** 1 available: first come first serve

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Mass Times

Saturday Evening 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

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SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

visit St. Joseph Website at

<https://stjosephbalgonie.ca>

Bulletin

or phone the office @ 306-771-2387
email stjoseph1@sasktel.net

Everyone Welcome!



*Come join in our
celebration with
Fr. Chinh, our priest.*



Balgonie 50+ Club Update



Due to Covid-19 concerns, monthly suppers will be postponed until further notice.

A bench has been purchased and placed by our front steps for a visiting spot or perhaps a spot to watch our students go to and from school. Enjoy!

We are pleased to be a FUNscape FUNder sponsor for the Balgonie Elementary School. We sponsored the All Fun & Games Monkey Swing.

Pickleball Update

The Pickleball Club is under the umbrella of the Balgonie Recreation Board and is grateful for the financial assistance the club receives through the Sask Lotteries Program. Funds that are received are used for indoor and outdoor nets, paddles and balls, and a wind screen that will be used next year for the outdoor court.

The Club continues to use the Balgonie Elementary School on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. The Club would like to thank PVSD for the use of the facility as well as the school administration and staff. We are still looking for new members who would like to give it a try. Equipment is provided initially, all that is required is indoor footwear. We are also looking forward to some of our former members joining us once again.

As we want everyone to feel comfortable, and as PVSD has a policy re: vaccinations, and the Balgonie Recreation Board is encouraging the same policy, the Club has decided that proof of vaccination will be required to participate.

The Club will meet December 2nd, 9th and 16th and then not until January 6th.

See you on the court!



GREENALL Update GRIFFINS



@greenallschool

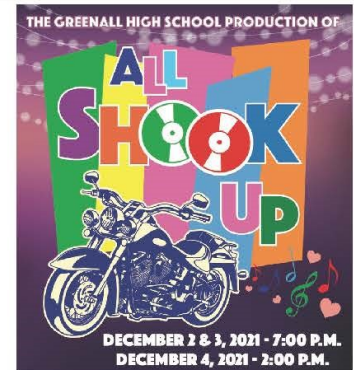


Greenall High School

ALL SHOOK UP MUSICAL

Greenall High School is proudly taking to the stage for their production of All Shook Up. This Elvis-inspired musical involves 65 students and over 20 staff members. Our arts community is thankful to be back in full swing after such a long break from collaborative creativity. Tickets and information regarding all current SHA guidelines are available on the Greenall website. There are limited seats in adherence to SHA guidelines so, get your tickets quickly.

All Shook Up runs at the Greenall gym on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm), Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm) & Saturday, Dec. 4 at 2 pm (doors open at 1:15 pm).



OUTDOOR SCHOOL GRANT



The Greenall Outdoor School program (ODS) is very grateful for the support of the Prairie Summit Shop. The ODS program received the proceeds from the Prairie Summit Run again this year. The donation makes the Prairie Summit Shop a Foundational Sponsor through our Greenall Griffin Booster Club sponsorship program. Through this partnership, the Prairie Summit Shop has donated over \$20,000 over the past 6 years to help support outdoor education at Greenall. Thank you to the Prairie Summit Shop for your continued support!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP 30 UPDATE

Entrepreneurship 30 has been busy! On Nov 2 the class was treated to a special Zoom guest presenter, Sarah McAllister from Go Clean Co. Sarah shared her entrepreneurial story and left the students with many business lessons. The class is now completing board meetings and are ready to start up their mini ventures in class.

Thr33 (pictured at the board room table) will be selling toques and hot chocolate bombs with toques and proceeds being donated to St. Paul's Cathedral. Angels and Halos (pictured in the hallway) will be selling hoodies and bracelets with a percentage of proceeds being donated to a mental health organization. Emerald Gifts (will have a picture after their board meeting Monday) will be selling Christmas-themed gift baskets.



DON MCMORRIS VISIT IN SOCIAL STUDIES 10



FOOTBALL CITY CHAMPS



Thank you all!



The RM of Edenwold welcomed *Hon. Christine Tell* and *Hon. Don McMorris* to celebrate the ground-breaking of the Emerald Park Fire Hall. We are grateful that they were able to attend.

Special thanks go to all our ratepayers, regional Fire Chiefs, and volunteer firefighters from Balgonie, Kronau, Pilot Butte, the Village of Edenwold, and the RM of Edenwold. We'd also like to thank the elected leaders from neighbouring communities who attended, including **Chief Cadmus Delorme** of Cowessess First Nations who attended the function. Your presence at the event was a sign of solidarity and of your commitment towards regional cooperation. Thank you for attending, giving some great speeches, and making the event memorable!

Greetings from Hon. Christine Tell

Thank you for inviting me to attend this wonderful occasion.

I'd like to start by congratulating Reeve Mitchell Huber, R.M. administrator Karen Zaharia, Chief Kevin Dell, and everyone from the RM of Edenwold who worked so hard for over 10 years to make this Fire Hall become a reality.

Today we celebrate the culmination of a major infrastructure project that will enhance public safety for the residents not only of Emerald Park, but also White City, Kronau, Balgonie, the R.M. of Edenwold, and rural areas.

This project is a prime example of making public safety and the needs of your citizens a priority.

This new location will allow fire services to have



greater service delivery in the surrounding area.

This facility is an investment in improving the lives of your residents and future generations – and I have no doubt that this investment will pay off through improved fire services, reduced property loss and prevent critical injury and loss of life.

I want to take this opportunity to say a few words to the volunteer firefighters, both present

and future, in attendance here today.

I want to personally thank you for the time that you dedicate to training and preparing for when you will be called upon to put your skills, and sometimes your lives, on the line.

You are a valued part of this community and residents recognize and appreciate your dedication and the sacrifices you make.

Thank you for committing so much of your valuable time and resources to making your community a safer place to live and work.

Thank you for inviting me to this momentous occasion and I look forward to seeing the new fire hall when it is finished.

Greetings from Hon. Don McMorris

Good afternoon. I am Don McMorris, Saskatchewan's Minister of Government Relations.

On behalf of Premier Scott Moe, and the Government of Saskatchewan, it's wonderful to be here.

I would like to recognize the other dignitaries who are here today: My cabinet colleague the Honourable Christine Tell, Chief Cadmus Delorme of Cowessess. His Worship Frank Thauberger, Mayor of Balgonie. Her Worship Peggy Chorney, Mayor of Pilot Butte. His Worship Dean Josephson, Mayor of the Village of Edenwold. And The RM of Edenwold's Council members.

And of course a big thank you to everyone here for hosting today's



event and taking the time to participate.

Our province continues to make significant investments in infrastructure, job creation and local economies to help communities recover from the effects of the pandemic.

In 2021 alone, the Ministry of Government Relations has announced more than \$202 million in provincial funding under the Investing In Canada Infra-

structure Program to support more than 180 projects across Saskatchewan.

We are gathered today for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the RM of Edenwold's new fire hall. Our government has contributed towards this project by providing \$225,000 through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP).

This new fire hall will improve quality of life for all who call the RM of Edenwold home and will complement other fire services in the region, and position the area for further growth.

I am confident this project, like many others, will make this community a better and safer place.

Thank you.





BALGONIE CURLING CLUB



★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

**Balgonie Curling Club's
U18 Bonspiel
December 3-5 2021**

\$120.00 per team

**3 Game guarantee
Cash prizes for top teams**

**Register with Jackie @ 306-533-8079
Entry deadline Friday November 26th 2021**

Date	Event	Cost	Contact
Dec 3-5 2021	U18	\$120/team	Jackie @ 306-533-0879
Feb. 12 2022	2-6-4	\$20/person	Jackie @ 306-533-0879
Feb. 26-27 2022	U15	\$40/team	Mandy @ 306-533-0865
Mar. 18-20 2022	Skins	\$120/team	Joel @ 306-533-9123
Mar. 19 2022	Ironman	\$20/person	Joel @ 306-533-9123

RENTAL RATES

\$20/hour/sheet

All 3 Sheets
\$300 for 6 hours
\$350 for entire day

Curling rink will supply bar
services if requested for
\$50/night
\$100/day

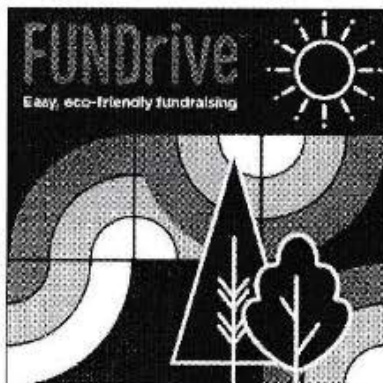
Lounge Space Rental \$20/hour
\$100/day

Contact the Joel at 306-533-9123

REGISTER TODAY - Ladies League
Monday Nights (January – March)
League Rep: Jackie Leibel (306-533-8079)
Email: balgoniecc@hotmail.com

**Mandatory masking and proof of vaccination
required.**

**We appreciate your ongoing understanding,
cooperation, and support.**



FUNDrive® Coordinator

Lisa Yanko
(306) 771-1222
ebs@accesscomm.ca

Our Goal: \$1,000

290 large yard bags of clothes

100 medium boxes of household goods

Collection Dates:

- December 12
- January 9

from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Balgonie Baptist Church parking lot.

102 Griffin Road (entrance on Park Drive)

(306) 771-2545

office@balgoniebaptist.org

Clean out your closets and cupboards for Balgonie Baptist Church!

Balgonie Baptist Church is raising funds for a Syrian refugee family who have suffered thru unthinkable tragedy in their escape to Canada. During their escape they had had one son killed and one permanently injured from bomb attacks in their home country. During their night time escape the family was separated and unfortunately one son was left behind in the chaos. This money will help reunite this family with their son.

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Located in the Village of Edenwold.

The Christmas Eve Service starts at 5:30 p.m.

**Pastor Kaiser and Vicar Patti will be
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Pastor Stewart's Contact

Information:

pastor.stewart@sasktel.net



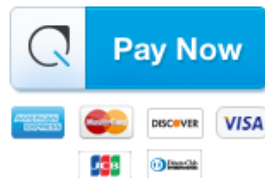
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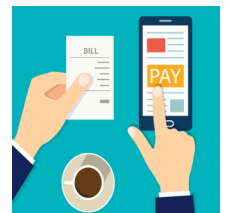


Electronic Payments

Tax and Utility bills may be paid electronically through your online banking service. Please use **Town of Balgonie Taxes** for your tax bills and **Town of Balgonie Utilities** for your water/sewer bills. **DO NOT USE Balgonie Water**—this payee is a previous business and is not associated with the Town Office.

If you are unsure of your account number, please contact the Town Office at 306-771-2284 or townofbalgonie@sasktel.net to obtain your account number.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Loraas Disposal will provide the Town with a large blue recycling bin for extra cardboard boxes and recyclable material over the Christmas season. The bin will be available from December 24th—January 10th, 2022. It will be located on the north side of the road at the Transfer Station.

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