## Balgonie's Talk of the Town



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## Town of Balgonie

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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 E-mail Subscription!

Sign up today to receive a link to the Talk of the Town newsletter every month!

Go to: <u>www.townofbalgonie.ca</u> to sign up for the Talk of the Town! You will receive an e-mail as soon as it's available!

Paper copies will still be available at the Town Office, Post Office and Library.

If you'd like to receive a paper copy in the mail, please call us at 771-2284 to get added to our mailing list.



## **On-line Banking - Taxes & Utilities**

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.



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.

When making an on-line payment, allow 2-3 business days before any due date so that your payment is receipted prior to any penalties being applied to your account.

If you'd like to receive your utility and taxes notices by e-mail, please fill out an Email Consent Form on-line.



## Reminder - Snow Removal

We are very fortunate to have great staff to clear our streets and walking paths! This time consuming job is made a lot easier when obstacles (vehicles, trailers, basketball nets, etc.) are moved off of the streets for the grader to come through. Also to please refrain from pushing your snow onto the streets and 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 co-operation and understanding!



## **Plastiq Payments**

How to pay with **Plastiq**:

- Go to www.townofbalgonie.ca
- SA 🌑 DISCOVER @Bank 🏭 🏛 BANK POWERED BY plastiq

pay now

- 2. Scroll down to the right hand side of the screen
- Sign up—create a free account, add who you're paying, and enter your card info
- 4. Plastiq will process your payment and the funds will be transferred to the Town of Balgonie

The fees associated with Plastiq are as follows:

- Standard credit card rate 2.85%
- Debit cards are discounted to 1%

## **OUTSTANDING TAXES AND UTILITIES**

This is a friendly reminder that taxes are due December 31, 2022.

Utilities are also due December 31, 2022. 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.







Visit with Santa! (Remember your Camera!)



Bonfire (with BBQ hot dogs & hot chocolate) Silver Collection



Hay Ride Tour

## Balgonie Annual Sparkle Tour with Festivities Contest

Hosted by your Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders Judged by the RCMP.

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Balgonie Fire Hall 402 Assiniboia Street 5:30pm – 8:30pm Please join us for an evening of Christmas festivities. We hope to see Balgonie lit up for the holiday season!

Judging for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will take place one evening during the week before the sparkle tour. Have your festive decorations ready!



https://www.facebook.com/BalgonieFireDept/

balgoniefire@sasktel.net

## **RECREATION NEWS...** by Shaun McBain

Well, we are almost through November and it appears that we may have another winter as we had last year, with lots of snow and that constant wind. Please be safe during all your travels throughout the holiday season.

Can you believe it? The 33rd Annual Dinner Theater has come to an end. A big thank you goes out to all the countless hours of people volunteering and donating food items. Without all of you wonderful folks, this major fundraiser for our community would not be such a success. **THANK YOU!!!** A special mention to the leaders of the kitchen staff and bar staff and all of their helpers for a job well done! **GREAT WORK**!

Another special thank you goes out to Tumbleweed Theatre for their countless hours of rehearsing and total dedication to theatre. Without all of you, this type of event would not be able to take place in our community.

The final numbers are still being tallied with a few outstanding bills to pay. A total amount will be announced in the next Talk of the Town.



#### Once again, hats off to all of the organizers and volunteers.

The outdoor rink will hopefully be opening soon if the temperature can stay below -10 for a period of time. Once again we ask that the users clear the snow with the scrapers provided. The Zamboni will do a hot flood once a week.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Drive safely while visiting family and friends.





## PUBLIC SKATING / STICK AND PUCK / MOMS & TOTS TIMES 2022/23 SEASON

## **Public Skating**

## **Stick and Puck**

### <u>Moms & Tots</u>

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Thursdays 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Sundays 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

 Mondays
 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

 Wednesdays
 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

 Fridays
 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Wednesdays 9 - 11 a.m.

4:45 p.m.

Public Skating on Sundays may be cancelled due to tournaments Helmets must be worn at all times FOR ALL SHINNY PLAYERS! JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL

## BALGONIE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

## DECEMBER 11 1-3 PM BALGONIE MULTIPLE

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & TREATS, BALLOONS, FACE PAINTING AND MORE, PLUS PHOTOS WITH SANTA!



#### MUSICAL: THE SISTER ACT

The musical is just about ready for show time! Students, staff, volunteers, and community members have been working hard before showtime takes place!

Shows take place on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 pm, Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2:00 pm. Save the dates and come watch these kids shine. Tickets are just \$10/student and \$15/adult.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 10, all members of the Greenall community had the opportunity to partake in the first full school assembly in over two years to commemorate Remembrance Day. The service involved staff and students, community members and leaders, as well as a number of special guests. This event allowed all in attendance to honour and commemorate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



## GRIFFIN ATHLETICS

#### VOLLEYBALL

Griffin volleyball is officially winding down after another successful season for all teams involved! Jr. and Sr. Boys and Girls teams had the opportunity to play in numerous games, tournaments as well as partake in regionals.

Our Sr. Girls have the opportunity to host Provincials, which are taking place at Greenall and Emerald Ridge November 25 and 26.

#### FOOTBALL

Griffin Football finished off yet another successful season in early November winning the 2022 RHSAA 5A Stewart Conference Championship against Sheldon. We are so proud of this group of players, coaching staff, trainers, volunteers, parents, and fans!

#### CAREER FAIR

On November 8, all grade 11 students from Greenall High School attended the See Your Future Career Fair in Regina. The tradeshowtype career fair consisted of over 90 booths and 18 seminars for students to visit to learn more about post-secondary and employment options. There were representatives from colleges, universities, and employers from across Canada and North Dakota. Students were able to ask questions to help with future career planning, engage in conversation directly with recruiters, and learn more about specific programs and careers.

#### THINK ENTREPRENEURSHIP FIELD TRIP

The Entrepreneurship 30 class attended the RDIEC THINK Entrepreneurship event on November 15 in Regina. Students heard from local entrepreneurs and business experts. They learned about various aspects of running your own business, the supports and organizations available to support entrepreneurs, and got feedback for their own mini ventures.







Credit: Wanda Harron Photography

#### THANK YOU!

Greenall staff would like to send a special thank-you to Dr. Randy Gilewich of Regina Dental Group at Normanview Crossing for his donation of toothbrushes, paste and floss to support programming at Greenall High School.





## Balgonie's 50+ Club News

#### Located at 132 Queen Street

Thanks to all who attended our November Supper and joined in the games that night. Special thanks to Dorothy and Ken McLennan for their work in preparing our meal.

Grey Cup Pool Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (\$10) – Kimberly Kiel-Reynolds Half Time (\$30) – Louise Leibel 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (\$10) – Cal Kirby Final (\$50) – Jack Wagman

Margaret Kiel won the free guest supper for next month.

## December meeting date: December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

## December supper date: December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm



This will be a special evening, featuring a fully catered supper at the cost of \$15.00, with music to follow.

Wear something special that night - something with "bling" or something special for Christmas.



SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 18TH, 2023

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our Balgonie community from the Balgonie 50+ Club!





## Balgonie Dance & Twirl



On behalf of the Club & the Board we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Stay tuned for details on our 2023 competitions and recital coming soon!



SLGA LICENSE #582210



Buy tickets from any playschool family or by emailing balgonieplayschool@gmail.com Draw date December 19th



Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

## Balgonie Agencies Ltd.



Monday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> CLOSED

Insurance Broker / SGI Licence Issuer 129B Railway Street ph: 306-771-2243 fax: 306-771-2251 balgonie.agencies@sasktel.net www.balgonieagencies.ca



Have you updated your contact information recently? Please notify the Town Office if any changes have been made to your mailing address and/or phone number.

There are many homes that no longer have land lines, and we have no way of contacting residents should there ever be an emergency. The information is intended for office use only.





## **Christmas Recycling**

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 23rd— January 6th, 2023.



NOTE: Wrapping paper is not recyclable. Please do not place wrapping paper in any recycling bins.

is Club DJ for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Games! Crafts! Bible Story! Club DJ runs every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 at Balgonie Baptist Church Questions?

(306) 771-2545 or club-dj@balgoniebaptist.org **Register Today** at balgoniebaptist.org.

## 2022/23 Garbage and Recycling Pickup

Recycling Pickup
Tuesday, December 13
Tuesday, December 27
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Why not invite your

friends to

join you at Club DJ?

Please have all bins out on your front curb before 7:00 a.m. to ensure pickup.

Club D.



## **Balgonie Public Library**



## every Monday 3:45 - 4:45pm

(except on holidays, and during July & August - even Master Builder's need a break)

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Balgonie Public Library - 129 Railway Street - Balgonie, SK - 306.771.2332

Monday, December 5: CHRISTMAS BRICKS: holiday challenges await

Monday, December 12: SANTA SLEIGH CHALLENGE: maybe Santa needs something more aerodynamic. . . can you help?

Monday, December 19: HO HO HO DESTRUCTIBLE LAB: time for some Christmas themed chaos!

Monday, December 26: LIBRARY CLOSED

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## Whispy Willow DIY Creations

December 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM @ 50+ Club 132 Queen Street





Join Whispy Willow DIY Creations Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Balgonie 50+ Club for a fun night creating beautiful projects from clocks, quote boards, planter boxes, welcome porch signs, serving trays, important dates signs, welcome signs and family name signs. We will teach you how to do the barn board technique using our zero VOC pants from Fusion and Homestead.

#### https://whispy-willow-diy-creations.myshopify.com/

\*\*All attendees must register on line. You must be sure to click complete order to be registered. We will accept e transfer and master card visa for your \$15 dollar payment to secure your spot. The remainder of your project cost must be paid with cash the night of the class. If you cannot attend due to illness we can bring your project and create a DIY kit for you to do at home. Cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to the class for refund. Be sure to wear old clothing as we are painting. Masks are not mandatory but if you wish to wear one feel free to do so. **Call Gwen or Kelsey at 306-539-0986 with any questions**. \*\*



	December 2022		/	SOUTHEA REGIONA LIBRAR	NL Balgo	onie Public L n & Events (	-
Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu I	Fri 2	Sat 3
4		5 Lego Club 3:45 - 4:45 PM	6	7 Paint Night with Whispy Willow DIY Creations! 7:00 PM @ 50+ Club 14	8	9	10
Kid Par	ls Christmas ty!	Lego Club 3:45 - 4:45 PM		Preschool Story Time 10:00 AM			
18		19 Lego Club 3:45 - 4:45 PM	20	21 Mom & Tot 10:00 AM	22	<sup>23</sup> Closed for the Holidays	24
25		26	27	28	29	30	31



#### Preschool Story Time and Mom & Tot

Join us for a story and a craft! Every Wednesday at 10:00 am. A great way to meet other children and parents in the community! December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Party!

Come visit Santa, decorate cookies, enjoy some hot chocolate, Christmas crafting and much more!

> Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Balgonie Multiplex 1:00 – 3:00 PM



#### Lego STEM Club

See what's coming up:

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Bricks

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Santa Sleigh Challenge

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Ho Ho Ho Destructible Lab

\* Lego Club is geared for kids ages 5-12. We ask that kids under 7 be accompanied by an adult.

#### **NEW Library Hours**

#### Effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Monday	2:30 - 7:00
Tuesday	2:30 - 7:00
Wednesday	9:00 - 12:30
	1:00 - 5:00
Thursday	2:30 - 7:00
Friday	l:00 - 5:00

For more information about these programs, call 306.771.2332.

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









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## Season's greetings from the RM of Edenwold Council and staff

Balgonie Town Office 4 Pilot Butte Town Office

White City Town Office Village of Edenwold Office

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All donations support the Regina Food Bank.

## UNTIL DEC 16TH, DROP OFF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS SPONSORED BY



RM of Edenwold, 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, SK



EDENWOLD

The 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge targets municipalities across Canada where there is a potential for homes to have elevated radon levels. If you are an RM resident, drop by the RM office before December 2nd to get your FREE radon kit.

Radon is a radioactive gas. When we breathe it in, we are exposing our lung tissue to ionizing radiation. This radiation can lead to lung cancer.

## Winter Art Classes Register at <u>www.pilotbuttearts.ca</u>

If there are other classes that you would like to have us organize, or if you teach classes, please contact us at: pilotbuttearts@gmail.com

# PILOT BUTTE



Rae Dunn Inspired - Personalized Ornaments Thursday December 8, 2022 6:00pm - 8:00pm Set of 4 - \$31.50 Set of 6 - \$40.50 Set of 8 - \$54.00 Reindeer 9 - \$58.50 Instructor: Chelsey Lemke	TORUY CANATANG CHER- AGE ANGER WAREN KUDI GOME EIRIN LEEDI KURCHAN HUDI GOME EIRIN LEEDI KURCHAN HUDI AGA AN HUTBUC AND EIRIN HUDI AGA EI ANN HUTBUC AND EIRIN HUDI AL UAVAAA PESLEKTE RUSTY HUDI LIS KCHI? SOLIY LEI A SKOL HYDI ANNY DEF CANNE CHERKAT FR
Family Santa Tray Class Thursday December 15, 2022 6:00pm - 7:30pm Cost: \$40.50 Instructor: Chelsey Lemke	E A / S I CH SANTA C A / S A
Beginner's Upcycled Art Saturday January 28, 2023 9:00am - 5:00pm Cost: \$81 Instructor: Maureen Bachmann	
All classes are subsidized by 10% thanks to a generous grant from the Sask Lotteries Community Grant	SASK LOTTERIES
Our Everything For Christmas Sale in November was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported, volunteered, shopped or was a vendor at the event!! We had a fantastic first day but had to cancel the 2nd day due to weather. We plan to do it again next year!	Everything For Christmas Sale November 5 & 6 Pilot Butte School

## Balgonie United Church

\* There will be no Christmas Eve service, Christmas service or New Years Day service. \*

You are invited to join us for Worship and Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.

> Contact Information: Located on Main Street, Balgonie 306-771-**4303**



## St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

**Regular Mass Times** 

Saturday Evening 7:00 pm Sunday 10:30 am

#### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve	7:00 pm
St. Agnes (Pilot Butte)	9:00 pm

Christmas Day10:30 amSt. Agnes (Pilot Butte)9:00 am

- HOLY FAMILY MASS 7:00 pm
- December 30, 2022
- New Year's Eve 7:00 pm

New Year's Day10:30 amSt. Agnes (Pilot Butte)9:00 am

Come join in our celebrations with Fr. Chinh our pastor



(306) 771-2387 https://stjosephbalgonie.ca stjoseph1@sasktel.net



#### Jesus came to give us hope and a future!

Connect with us on Sunday morning as we seek to discover meaning and purpose in life through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

(306) 771-2545 office@balgoniebaptist.org 102 Griffin Road West, Balgonie

Sunday livestream www.balgoniebaptist.org

It would be our privelege to pray for you prayer@balgoniebaptist.org

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Located in the Village of Edenwold.

Services are every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Stewart's contact info:

pastor.stewart@sasktel.net





## 2023 Newsletter Advertising

Advertising in the monthly Talk of the Town is available for local businesses and local owners of businesses who have a Balgonie post office box.

Yearly prices for advertising: Business Card Size - \$96/year 1/9 Page Advertisement - \$250/year

Please call the Town Office at 306.771.2284 or e-mail <u>balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net</u> to book your spot.

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



## - TRANSFER STATION -

The Transfer Station is electronically set up and monitored to provide our Town residents with accessibility day and night. The Town of Balgonie offers on site services at the Transfer Station, but has the added responsibility to ensure that environmental regulations are followed. Municipalities can be fined for burning unapproved items and not properly disposing of items set forth by the Ministry of Environment and the *Clean Air Act*.

The **red Loraas Disposal bin** is delivered on the **first (1<sup>st</sup>)** and **third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Friday** of every month. There is no specific time as to when the bin will arrive on these days. **IF A RED BIN IS UNAVAILABLE, DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS WHERE THE BIN IS NORMALLY LOCATED**. Individuals who leave items which are not permitted will be fined up to \$500.00, and will have their Transfer Station card suspended. The card holder will be held accountable for all occurrences at the Transfer Station whether they accessed the Transfer Station themselves or provided their card to another individual.

Be courteous of others! Although a bin may be available, large items and multiple loads take up the entirety of the bin, making it unusable for other residents. If you have multiple large items, please take them to the Regina Landfill. Home builders/developers are not permitted to use the red Loraas Disposal bin and are required to rent their own waste container bins.

#### Items that <u>may</u> be left at the Transfer Station in their designated areas:

- Scrap metal
  - Propane tanks are accepted in the scrap metal pile.
  - Please remove the freon from fridges and freezers.
- Tree branches
  - Absolutely NO treated or painted wood.
- Compostable materials
  - o Bags or boxes containing compostable materials are NOT to be left in the compost area.
- Oil recycling station
- Cement

#### Items that <u>may not</u> be left at the Transfer Station/in the red Loraas Disposal bin:

- Tires
- Shingles

#### Items you are encouraged to recycle at SARCAN:

- Beverage Containers
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Household Paint
- Non-Beverage Glass Containers (only accepted at Regina and Saskatoon SARCAN locations)

For more information regarding SARCAN's recycling programs, visit <u>www.sarcan.ca</u>.

### TRANSFER STATION KEY CARDS

Key cards are provided to newly built homes that are occupied, and new residents, at no charge. However, if a key card is lost, it should be reported to the Town Office immediately to be disabled. The card(s) will be removed from the system and a new card, if requested, will be provided at a cost of \$40.00.

IF YOU ARE MOVING - we request the transfer station card to be brought in to the Town Office so we can provide it to the new homeowners. Thank you.



Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year!

From the Town of Balgonie Council & Staff



# Santa's Misadventure

One day in the busy holiday season, Santa decided he needed to take a

break. He decided to take a quick vacation to \_\_\_\_\_\_, Santa knew that (place name) he had to pack his \_\_\_\_\_\_ in his suitcase. He even packed his (adjective) (noun).

favorite pajamas which had \_\_\_\_\_\_ printed on them. (holiday item, plural)

He arrived at a hotel, but when he was walking in the door, he slipped on

\_\_\_\_\_, fell, and broke his\_\_\_\_\_! Santa was rushed to the (body part)\_\_\_\_\_!

hospital and given special care. When Mrs. Claus heard the news she

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as fast as she could to the hospital! When she arrived, (past-tense verb) Santa was resting up and eating \_\_\_\_\_\_. She was relieved to see he (food) was healing up nicely! Mrs. Claus pulled Santa's favorite \_\_\_\_\_\_(adjective) (noun) out of her handbag and gave it to him, because she knew it would help him

feel better. When Santa was feeling better, he and Mrs. Claus left the

hospital in their ,\_\_\_\_\_\_and sped back home to the North Pole. (type of vehicle)

Maybe next time Santa will enjoy a "stay-cation" instead!