TALK OF THE TOWN

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 5th December 5th December 12th December 8-9th

DECEMBER

December 14th December 18th December 20th December 23rd 50+ Røgular Møgting
UCW Christmas Party 7p.m.
Council Møgting 6:15 Council Chambørs
Sistør Act Grøgnall School 7p.m.
Døcømbør 10th @ 2p.m.
50+ Suppør
Sparklø Tour 5:30-8:00 @ the Fire Hall
BES Christmas Concert 1p.m. & 7p.m.

From the Town

PHONE: 306-771-2284 Fax: 306-771-2899 E-MAIL: TOWNOFBALGONIE@SASKTEL.NET EMERGENCY NUMBER: 306-535-4235

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

9:00 TO NOON AND 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY TO FRIDAY

BOX 310, 129 RAILWAY ST.

Balgonie Annual Sparkle Tour

Hosted by your Volunteer Fire Fighters And First Responders

December 18

Come and Go

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm



"Get out the lights, wreaths and your yard decorations"

Let's Light up Balgonie for the Holidays!! *Decorate a little or decorate a lot Come out and have a Holly Jolly Time*

Come to the Fire Hall for Wagon Rides around Balgonie to see the house decorations, Bon Fire, Hot Chocolate, BBQ Hot Dogs and a visit with *SANTA*! (Bring your camera if you would like a picture!)

Judging for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be done by the RCMP one evening the week before.

Silver Collection Sponsored by the Town of Balgonie Presented by the Balgonie Volunteer Fire and First Responders



Balgonie Early Learning Centre would like to send a HUGE Thank You to Emerald Park IGA as they have included the Early Learning Centre in their IGA Milk and Me program for



EVAN AMBER LARSEN

Born on October 24th, 2016 to the proud parents of Derek and Amber Larsen. Grandparents Ivan and Judy Larsen, Rick and Barbara Laverdiere, and Great Grandparents Mansel and Joyce Laverdiere!



LADIES NIGHT SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, April 1, 2017 Hosted by Balgonie Playschool Balgonie Multiplex Further Details to Follow at a Later Date



Emerald Park IGA

BES Bobcats shout out THANK YOU FOR THE FREE MILK TO HELP US LEARN to Mr. and Mrs. Zook at Emerald Park IG #igacalciumintheclassroom <u>http://west.iga.ca/stores/iga-emerald-park/</u>

The Zook's have coordinated the generous donation of numerous milk events at our school this fall. By the last day of school prior to the Christmas Break they will have donated 11 schoolwide milk treats to students and staff. These generous deliveries from IGA provided the BES Bobcats a milk per student and staff to help them learn and to build healthy bones FREE of charge.

The grand total for free milk generously provided to BES Bobcats in the Emerald Park IGA Calcium in the Classroom fall program will be 1147 litres (or approximately 253 gallons of millk!).

The BES Bobcats would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Zook for their thoughtfulness, energy and generosity as this provision of milk to students and staff has helped encourage and reinforce healthy beverage choices and energized student learning these past weeks.

BES Annual Christmas Concert!

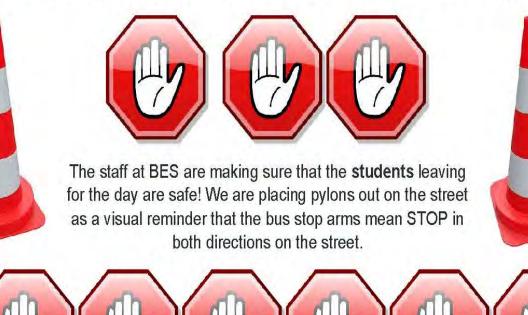
Please mark December 20th on your calendar to attend our annual Christmas Concert! There will be two performances – a matinee at 1:00 p.m. and the evening performance at 7:00 p.m.



From then, till now ...

This year, our Christmas concert, "A Christmas Time Machine" follows the journey of four kids who stumble upon a magical sleigh. The minute they step foot in the sleigh on Christmas Eve, they no longer are in 2016, but wake up in the 1940's! Rather than sleeping cozy in their beds this Christmas, they are transported back in time between the decades. Will they ever get to have a Christmas Eve in their own beds in the present day again?

Working Together to Ensure Student Bus Loading Safety!



Flashing Red lights and/or the Stop Arm on the busses means no travel in each direction. That is why we place pylons on the streets at days end for student safety during bus loading. Thank you Balgonie & Area drivers for stopping and waiting!

<u>Reminder : Utility rates will have the</u> <u>following increase for 2017.</u>						
The utility rates per quarter for the metered premises 2017 will be charged as follows:						
Metered Premises:						
1 2	Water \$ 207.45 (plus overage based on consumption)					
	Sewer \$ 145.23					
6	Lagoon surcharge fee \$ 20.00					
10	Total: <u>\$ 372.68 per quarter, which is approx. \$124.23 month</u>					
Residential Unmetered Premises						
N	Water \$ 228.21 flat rate					
	Sewer \$ 145.23					
	Lagoon surcharge fee \$ 20.00					
	Total: <u>\$393.44 per quarter which is approx. \$131.15month</u>					
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As of December 31, 2016, any outstanding utility invoices will be transferred to taxes, which are considered arrears and will have an extra interest penalty of 1.5% added to them as of January 1, 2017.

PLEASE PAY OUTSTANDING UTILITY BILLS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND WOULD LIKE TO SET UP ONLINE/TELEPHONE BANKING, JUST CALL THE OFFICE TO OBTAIN YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION.

SKYLAR JADE RENOVATIONS WILFRED MOULY Flooring, ceramic tile Merry Christmas and Siding, decks Garage packages or stick frame Happy New Year, Boarding, painting, rumpus rooms, to you and your family. suspended ceilings And more ... From the CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE Town of Balgonie, TODAY! Staff and Council. 527-9978

Reconciliation Celebrations:

St. Joseph: December 7 @7:00pm (with 2 extra priests)

St. Agnes: December 8 @ 7:00 pm (with 1 extra priest)

Christmas Eve: 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm

December 25, 10:30 am

January 1, 10:30 am

Come join in our celebration with Fr. Ed Hengen our Pastor

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)





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.



All information must be received by **December 19, 2016** to be included in the January 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.



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 meeting is scheduled for December 12th.

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.





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Balgonie SK SOG 0E0

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Cell: 306.531.5836

IMPORTANT

2016 Taxes are due by December 31st, without penalty. As of January 1st, 2017, <u>ALL</u> outstanding utility bills will be transferred to taxes with a 1.5% interest rate applied.





Recreation News

By Shaun McBain



Well, we are almost through November and with no significant amount of snow, winter driving has been nice!!

Can you believe it? - The 29th 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 people, 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 issued in the next Talk of the Town.

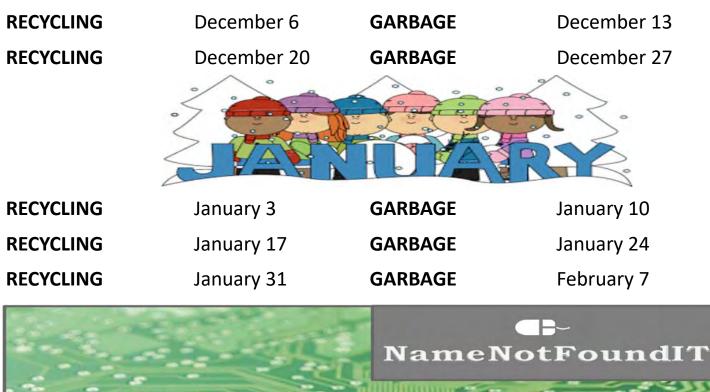
Once again, hats off to all of the organizers and volunteers.

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.



<u>REMINDER:</u> 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, <u>homeowners are responsible for the charges.</u>

2016 BALGONIE WASTE & RECYCLING PICKUP DATES





2017 WASTE & RECYCLING PICKUP DATES



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January 3	RECYCLING	January 10	GARBAGE
January 17	RECYCLING	January 24	GARBAGE
January 31	RECYCLING	February7	GARBAGE
February 14	RECYCLING	February 21	GARBAGE
February 28	RECYCLING	March 7	GARBAGE
March 14	RECYCLING	March 21	GARBAGE
March 28	RECYCLING	April 4	GARBAGE
April 11	RECYCLING	April 18	GARBAGE
April 25	RECYCLING	May 2	GARBAGE
May 9	RECYCLING	May 16	GARBAGE
May 23	RECYCLING	May 30	GARBAGE
June 6	RECYCLING	June 13	GARBAGE
June 20	RECYCLING	June 27	GARBAGE
July 4	RECYCLING	July 11	GARBAGE
July 18	RECYCLING	July 25	GARBAGE
August 1	RECYCLING	August 8	GARBAGE
August 15	RECYCLING	August 22	GARBAGE
August 29	RECYCLING	September 5	GARBAGE
September 12	RECYCLING	September 19	GARBAGE
September 26	RECYCLING	October 3	GARBAGE
October 10	RECYCLING	October 17	GARBAGE
October 24	RECYCLING	October 31	GARBAGE
November 7	RECYCLING	November 14	GARBAGE
November 21	RECYCLING	November 28	GARBAGE
December 5	RECYCLING	December 12	GARBAGE
December 19	RECYCLING	December 26	GARBAGE



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From the staff at Shades of Bliss, Merry Christmas to all!



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

Office Hours:

By Appointment with Rev Bev Diduck 306-519-4481

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Balgonie's Neighbourhood Grocery Store

109 S. Railway St. (Corner of Main and Railway) Balgonie, SK

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 Phone:
 306-771-2037

 Fax:
 306-771-2101

 Post office:
 306-771-2035

 HOURS OF OPERATION:

 Weekdays—8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

 Saturdays—9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

 Sundays—11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

 Holidays—12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

SNOW REMOVAL:

It is important that our graders have access to the entire street after a snow fall. Vehicles can only be parked on the street for 24 hours. It is also illegal to park an unlicensed vehicle on the street.

After a snowfall, please remove your vehicle from the street, until your street has been cleared. Letters will be sent to residences who are not removing vehicles in a timely fashion.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated by the Town and the neighbours on your street.

Please remind youngsters to stay clear of Town snow equipment—It's hard to see and hear while operating this large and noisy equipment. We do not want to see anyone get injured.

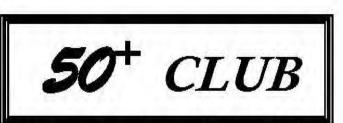
Our Town Staff work especially hard to keep Balgonie streets clear after a snowfall. At times, snow ridges will be left at the end of your driveway by the grader. During heavier snowfalls, these may be larger than other times. Your help in clearing these ridges is appreciated. We are also giving some of our newer employees opportunities to learn all of the equipment in town. It will take some practice for them to master the routes and equipment. Your patience is appreciated while these operators are learning.

Most often the snow will be cleared within 2 days of a snowfall, however

weather conditions and garbage/recycling pickup days may delay this. That being said, residential streets and bays will
be cleared as soon as possible. Our town is very fortunate to have such prompt snow service!!! Some residential areas in other municipalities may only see a grader once or twice during the winter season.

A BIG THANK YOU to those people who help out their neighbours with their snow removal and assist those who need an extra bit of help. It is wonderful to see so many helpful citizens.





Next supper on DECEMBER 14th

Hearts



CAMPAIGN

Collecting WARM SOCKS & WARM FEELINGS for those who need them

Socks are THE most requested item by shelters, but the least donated. PLEASE help by dropping a NEW, warm pair of socks in the box located in the 50⁺ Club foyer by Dec.16th. We will deliver them to where they are needed. THANK YOU!!!!

Eli & Emmett Kiel-Reynolds

(ages 10 & 7)

Next Regular Meeting December 5th at 7:00

For information on bookings at the 50+ Club - contact Wayne/Margaret 771-4230



50+ Crib Winners November 12, 2016

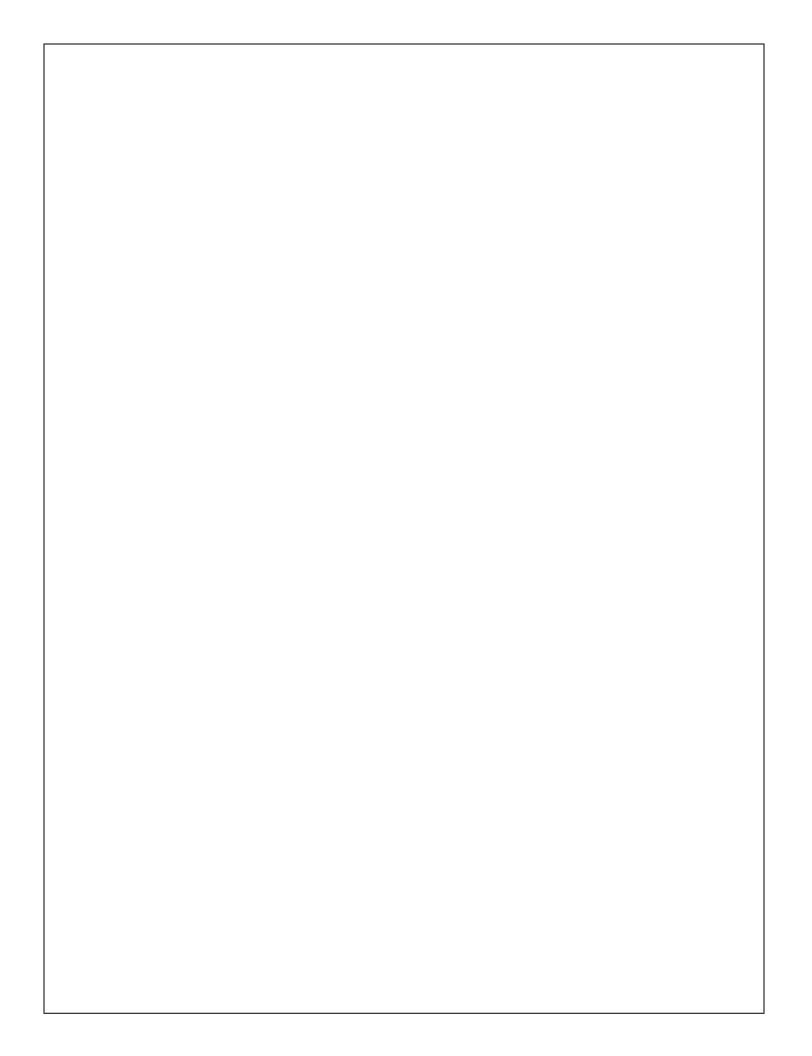
Lawrence Brisbois & Bill Kuffner

2nd & 3rd Tied Vic & Alma Neisner Brian & Millie Zurowski

24 Hands Deanna Radmacher Brian Zurowski Bill Kuffner



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Balgonie Elks Lodge # 572

As a member of the Elks of Canada we are actively involved with charitable activities - on local, provincial and national levels. We take great pride in helping children, and we support programs related to hearing and speech.

We are pleased to announce that our lodge will be donating \$1500 to purchase an Audiometer for the Prairie Valley School Division Student Services Program. The Audiometer although very portable will be based out of the Balgonie Elementary School and use by the Speech and Language Pathologist. The Audiometer will be used to provide hearing screening which will give evidence whether or not a student's hearing meets a minimum threshold necessary for hearing and speech in the classroom.

Other Lodge activities:

Planning is underway for our 2017 Family Fun Canada Day Celebrations and Canada's 150th birthday. Our annual Curling Fun night is will be held on Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested please call Leland (306-540-8895 or <u>Balgonie.elks@gmail.com</u>). Enter as a team or individual; and we will find a team for you. Cost is \$10 per player. Team uniforms are always a great attraction for this activity.

If you are interested in joining our Elks Lodge please call Darren at 306-591-3802.



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Brad Lechner is also a Thrive promoter and a resident of Balgonie for 60 years. He would love to share his Thrive experience with you. If you're interested you can call or text him 306-501-2550. Check out his website: bradlechner.le-vel.com Any questions, we are just a call away.

> A Remembrance Day wreath was misplaced after the service on Nov.11/16. If you had picked up wreaths from the Town Office, and have an extra one, or one that is not yours, please contact the office 306-771-2284. Thank you.

Lean Muscle Support





4-H is celebrating 100 years!

In celebration of our 100th anniversary, 4-H Saskatchewan is planning some exciting events. We will be hosting a gala event on March 25 at the Saskatoon Inn. All current and past 4-H members and leaders are invited. Our keynote speaker will be Temple Grandin and there will be auctions, a great meal and more! Tickets are \$50 and available by calling the 4-H office or online at www.bit.ly/2fh4G4G

Calling all Alumni!

If you were a 4-H member or leader in the past, make sure to register as an alumni with the 4-H Saskatchewan office! We would love to reconnect with everyone! If you register as an alumni this year through our 4-H Forever Centennial Campaign, you will be entered into an exciting draw.

Support 4-H Saskatchewan

Consider supporting the 4-H Foundation through our 4-H Forever Centennial Campaign! This year, anyone who donates to the 4-H Foundation through the campaign will be entered into an exciting draw with great prizes. All cheques are payable to the 4-H Saskatchewan Foundation.

Connect with 4-H







@HaroldTheHare info@4-h.sk.ca







YEARS STRONG



306-933-7727

www.4-h.sk.ca

@4HSask

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 office at townofbalgonie@sasktel.net We would also like to have an organizing committee to help with the planning. Please let us know if you are interested. Thank-you



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Balgonie Agencies Ltd.

Monday Dec 26th CLOSED Tuesday Dec 27th CLOSED Monday Jan 2nd CLOSED

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

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Travel to Scotland and Ireland for 10 days Easter 2018! You will visit the lands that were once home to ancient Celtic and Gaelic tribes and learn how their histories blend comfortable into modern day. You will step into the Middle Ages on Edinburgh's Royal Mile and under the towering spire of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. In Belfast, learn of old conflicts that have given way to an influx of restored 19th-century architecture and a thriving arts scene. During the 10 days, you will visit Titanic Belfast, Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle and the Loch Ness Monster Exhibition Centre among other museums and visitor centers. Sound like an adventure for you? Email <u>Heidi.ostrander@hotmail.com</u> or <u>core.petford@pvsd.ca</u> for more information on pricing and fundraising opportunities!

Please bring items for the Mitten Tree. <u>Socks</u> and new underwear are especially needed. Items will be donated to Carmichael Outreach in mid December.

Please bring items relating to the Christmas Story to decorate the church & hall

Nov 27 Advent 1 Ba	algonie Breakfast
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Dec. 4 Advent 2 Peace Guest Speaker _____

Mon. Dec 5 – UCW Christmas Party @7 PM. For all women.

Bring unwrapped gift for Carmichael Outreach, and a snack to share, a guest..

Dec 11 Ad vent 3 **Love** WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

-Please b ring non-perishable food, and unwrapped gifts for all ages for Carmichael Outreach

- COMMUNION

Dec 18 Advent 4 Joy

Balgonie – POT LUCK LUNCH / PARTY

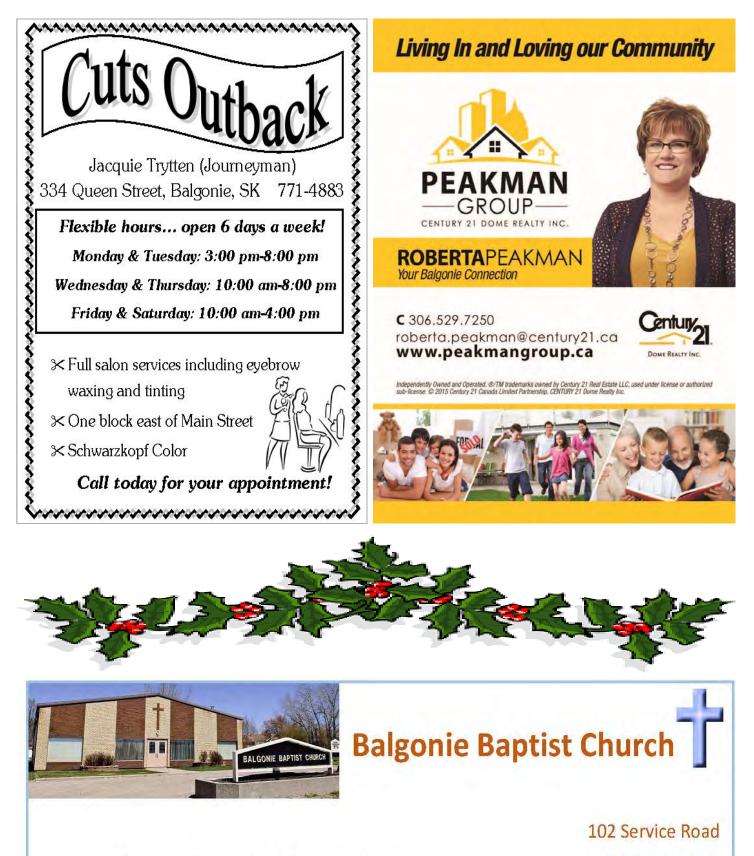
Sat. Dec 24 – <u>Christmas Eve</u>

HAPPY HOLDAYS

McLean 5:30 Balgonie 7:00 (Balgonie followed by party – please bring snacks to share)

NO Church Dec 25 and January 1

<u>Jan. 8</u> – Epiphany



(306) 771-2545

office@balgoniebaptist.org www.balgoniebaptist.org

You are invited to join us for Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.







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:

Garnet Mang at (306) 586-2855 for St. John's

Rodney Koch at (306) 771-4521 for St. Paul's



Greenall High School's Production of



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Music by Alan Menken Lyrics by Glenn Slater

Book by Cheri Steinkellner & Bill Steinkellner

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Additional Book Material Douglas Carter Beane

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

Greenall High School

December 8th, 9th – 7:00pm December 10th – 2:00pm

Tickets : Adults \$15.00 & Students/Seniors/Children \$10.00 Tickets available online from www.greenallschool.ca

> Sister Act is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com



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