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Crews kept busy during January storms

■ *Daniel Bushman*

After experiencing above-normal values to begin 2021, a pair of wind storms including an Alberta clipper whipped through Saskatchewan in mid-January, leaving behind icy roads, power outages and other damage.

During the first storm that started to wreak havoc Jan. 13, high winds, freezing rain, and blowing snow created zero visibility on roads, knocked out power and moved and blew apart structures like ice fishing shacks. Motorists were also stranded on highways or in ditches and some were forced to spend the night.

The second storm, while not bringing the freezing rain brought with it high winds and it too created low visibility, icy roads and power outages. It also forced vehicles into ditches and had SaskPower crews busy restoring power throughout the province.

As many residents in the province, including locally, began cleaning up once the first storm blew through, a substantial amount of SaskPower customers were left in the dark. Despite the outages, crews braved the elements and were kept busy as they repaired and restored power.

According to SaskPower, the combination of high winds, rain and snow from the Jan. 13 storm caused widespread outages that impacted over 100,000 customers. As of noon Jan. 14, more than 780 outages had been reported and the SaskPower outage centre had taken more than 54,000 calls.

A few hours later, while some repairs had been made, the challenging weather conditions continued to create issues for SaskPower as 37,000 customers were being impacted by 321 outages across Saskatchewan. At that point, the outage centre had received over 65,000 calls. Because of the high winds, equipment like bucket trucks were unable to head out and be used safely. Due to that, crews were forced to wait for the wind conditions to improve.

As night arrived on Jan. 14, as of 10 p.m., SaskPower noted there were 16,000 customers

being impacted by 384 outages. SaskPower stated the outage count went up because as larger outages were restored, they revealed smaller, more localized outages needing to be fixed. It was also at that point, SaskPower's outage centre had taken over 72,000 calls since Jan. 13.

Due to the excessive damage and unsafe conditions, SaskPower was unable to restore power during the night to places like Kyle, Saskatchewan Landing, Tyner, White Bear, Clearwater Lake, Beechy, Demaine, Prairie Lake Provincial Park, Halbrite, Bromhead, Ralph, and Midale. However, communities like Regina, Davidson, Nipawin, Kindersley rurals and Midale were expected to have power restored that evening. Closer to home in places like Lanigan and Manitou Beach, power was also out.

Despite the conditions, SaskPower crews were able to get an early jump on repairs Jan. 15. As of 5:30 a.m., there were 4,073 customers without power, a much smaller number than the over 100,000 customers when the storm first hit Jan. 13. Less than five hours later, SaskPower stated there were about 4,000 customers being impacted by 177 outages. “We’re still finding damage as a result of the storm, including downed lines and broken poles,” stated SaskPower on its website.

As 5 p.m. arrived Jan. 15, SaskPower's hard work was paying off as about 2,600 customers remained without power, mostly in the Weyburn and Beechy areas. A further update at 9 p.m. on Jan. 15 indicated technicians had been working tirelessly to restore service and at that point, about 200 customers remained without power.

The following day, on Saturday afternoon at 4:45 p.m., SaskPower said all known customers affected by the storm had their services restored. The company indicated some customers could have experienced minor planned outages over the coming days as crews conducted repairs.

(see page 12: **OUTAGES**)



High winds, freezing rain and blowing snow during a pair of storms in January not only created havoc across parts of the province but locally as well. At Manitou Beach, power outages were experienced during the first storm Jan. 13 and then again Jan.

20. Manitou Beach resident Bryan Mierau took these images of SaskPower busy repairing a line at his house during the morning Jan. 20. Mierau said power went out at his house around 7:30 a.m. but was restored a few hours later.

- photos courtesy Bryan Mierau



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RCMP Report

Watrous RCMP seeking assistance to identify male

Watrous RCMP need your help to identify a male for a break, enter and theft that occurred Dec. 31, 2020 at an unoccupied farm yard in the RM of Wood Creek (pictured right).

Suspects broke into the farm house and the shop and stole items.

If you have any information on the incident, you can call 1-800-222-8477 to leave an anonymous tip. If your tip leads to an arrest or charge, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

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Charges laid for possession and trafficking of cocaine



On Friday, Jan. 16 members of the Yorkton RCMP Municipal General Investigative Section (GIS) and Yorkton RCMP Detachment executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) search warrant at an apartment on Bradbrooke Drive in Yorkton.

As a result of the search,

police located 51.8 grams of cocaine and \$1,475 in Canadian currency.

Evidence found during the search resulted in a second CDSA search warrant being executed at another residence on Second Avenue South in Yorkton where 296.1 grams of cocaine was seized.

Between the two searches, a total of 498 individual bags of cocaine were seized, with a total weight of 347.9 grams. This is equivalent to more than 7,000 individual doses of cocaine.

Two individuals have been charged in relation to this investigation: thirty-four-year-old Latoya Pauchay of Yorkton has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine, contrary to Section 5(2) of the CDSA.



- photos courtesy RCMP

She is scheduled to appear in Yorkton Provincial Court Feb. 8, 2021.

A 17-year-old youth of Edmonton, Alta. has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine, contrary to Section 5(2) of the CDSA. He was scheduled to appear in Yorkton Provincial Court Jan. 18.

Pair charged after series of break and enters

Two individuals are facing charges after Saskatoon RCMP and the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) responded to connected incidents on Sunday morning

(Jan. 17).

On Jan. 17, shortly after 8 a.m., Saskatoon RCMP received a report of three break and enters and an assault in the community of Grasswood.

A mid-size SUV was stolen from this area and seen entering Saskatoon city limits. Warman and Saskatoon RCMP detachments, along with SPS and Corman Park Municipal Police were called to assist with locating the vehicle and the individuals involved in the incidents.

Shortly afterwards, SPS Communications received a report of a robbery where a male and female armed with a knife stole the complainant's car, leaving behind the stolen SUV.

Saskatoon RCMP officers located the car abandoned in a back alley in the area of Taylor Street and Victoria Avenue in Saskatoon. The SPS Canine Unit attended to the vehicle and initiated a track and found that the individuals had committed six break and enters within a five block radius.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., both individuals were located and arrested by Saskatoon RCMP, SPS and Corman Park Municipal Police in separate backyards located on the 300 block of 5th St. E.

Twenty-eight-year-old John Tustin and 25-year-old Tabatha Wyllier from Grande Prairie, Alta. are charged with Break and Enter, Robbery, Mischief, Aggravated Assault, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Stolen Property, and Committing an Indictable Offence. The 28-year-old man faces additional charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, breach of court orders, and one count of Assault with a Weapon.

Saskatoon RCMP Forensic Identification Services continue to examine and process the scenes of the break and enters, as well as the stolen vehicles involved in the incidents.

Saskatoon RCMP would like to thank partner police agencies, SPS and the Corman Police Service for their assistance with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing by the Saskatoon RCMP.

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A Q and A with the Telemiracle Reps for the Jansen and District Kin

■ Daniel Bushman

While there will be some changes to this year's Telemiracle, the annual efforts to fundraise for the Saskatchewan tradition will carry on including a 20-hour telethon Feb. 27 and 28 from Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, changes were made to the show and the ways fundraising efforts are being done to ensure safety.

Despite the tweaks, residents in the province are still encouraged to donate and that includes within their communities. Local Kinsmen and Kinettes have been gearing up to raise funds to pass along to Telemiracle in an effort to help people in Saskatchewan every day.

Telemiracle Rep for the Jansen and District Kinettes Terri Hamilton and Telemiracle Rep for the Jansen and District Kinsmen BJ Busby graciously shared a bit about how this year's fundraising efforts will look for the local area and the importance of Telemiracle to them.

Are local Kin members looking forward to Telemiracle this year even though it will be a little different due to the pandemic?

Terri - Always!! It will still be one of the best fundraisers in Canada! I'm currently on the board for the next couple years so I get to see first hand where the money is going to and help people with their applications. It is a very humbling experience.

BJ - For sure. It is a lot of work putting the events on that we do but in the end it is more than worth it.

Due to the pandemic, what different things will you be doing to fundraise and garner support for Telemiracle 45?

A lot of our fundraising this year is online and COVID-19 friendly so we are hoping to get as good a

turn out as normal. The last few years we have donated \$25,000 and over each year from the Lanigan, Jansen and Drake communities so hopefully we can do the same.

Despite the pandemic throwing a bit of a wrench into this year's event, what are the local Kin doing to fundraise for Telemiracle?

BJ - The Kinsmen aren't doing their sled rally this year but are still doing silent hands. The draw for that will be Feb. 5, 2021.

Terri - The Kinettes are doing an online auction with donations from people from around the community. We are accepting donations up until Jan. 25th and the auction goes from Jan. 26th to Feb. 3rd.

My mom has been diagnosed with breast cancer and I am doing an online fundraiser called Terri's bald head which ends Feb. 12th with me getting my head shaved on Facebook live. People can donate to that by visiting <https://telemiracle.micharity.com/campaign/154/terri-s-bald-head>

Along with fundraising efforts, what is the Jansen Kin's involvement for

Telemiracle 45?

Terri - Unfortunately there isn't going to be many people helping with Telemiracle this year due to COVID-19 but since the Jansen Kinettes have two members on the board (myself and Lyndsay L'Heureux) we will be there in capacity for the board and helping with this Telemiracle. Normally we send anywhere from eight to 15 people but that won't be happening this year.

How important is Telemiracle to you and to the Jansen Kin?

Terri - For myself, Telemiracle is one of the main reasons I joined the Kinettes when we first again got started in Jansen in 2015. I have gone to help with Telemiracle every year since.

BJ - Just like Terri, Telemiracle is the main reason I joined the club. To see how the money is used and to see what differences it makes in people's lives makes the work we do very special.

How supportive has the area been over the years?

The communities have been amazing. For a little club in a little town like Jansen of less than 100

people to consistently raise well over \$20,000 year after year, it says right there what kind of not only community support but community spirit! The fact that Telemiracle has helped so many people over the years proves right there what an amazing organization the

Kin is and all that goes with it.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

People wanting to donate to my (Terri's) bald head fundraiser can find the fundraiser page online at: <https://telemiracle.micharity.com/>

[campaign/154/terri-s-bald-head](https://telemiracle.micharity.com/campaign/154/terri-s-bald-head)

For those wanting to make a straight donation to Telemiracle, they can do so online at: <https://telemiracle.micharity.com> Once there, people have to select Jansen and District Kin Clubs Campaign.



Spring Village of Viscount Administrator

Date Posted: January 20, 2021
Location: Village of Viscount
Employment Term: Full time - 40hrs/wk.

The Village of Viscount invites applications for a Certified Administrator for a one-year maternity leave.

Ideally, the successful candidate would train for approximately 2-3 weeks with the Administrator prior to her maternity leave. The potential start date would be between February 1st to February 15th, 2021.

The Municipal Office is located in Viscount, SK and is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Village Office is a shared office with Long Lake Insurance.

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- Experience with budgeting, financial operations, assessment, taxation and general office management;
- Excellent organization skills;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Strong computer skills including experience with MuniSoft programs;
- The Village of Viscount offers competitive salaries and benefits.

Application period will remain open until January 31st, 2021 or until the position has been filled. Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and detailed resume including references, and salary expectations to:

Village of Viscount
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Viscount, SK S0K 4M0
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— tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,
Can you please tell me what to use to remove the glue off the glass that was used to adhere the seal on the wood stove glass door? Thanks, Chris
Dear Chris,
Apply one of the following to the glass: cooking spray, Goo Gone or WD-40. Leave 10 minutes and wipe. Clean the glass well so no product remains.

Dear Reena,
I bought a large container of cream cheese and put one-third in a smaller container. Should I freeze the rest or is it

better kept in the fridge? It would take me over a month to use the small container. Shirley

Dear Shirley,
I am often amazed at how long cream cheese lasts; check the expiry date before taking any further steps. If the expiration date allows you to keep the cheese in the fridge, it should be fine. Foil wrapped cream cheese should last three to four weeks in the fridge. You can freeze cream cheese, but only do so if you have no plans to use the cheese for baked goods such as cheese-cake because the cheese consistency changes after freezing. If you use cream cheese for spreading on toast, then freezing the cheese is no problem.

Feedback from wonderful contributors

Re: Storing Christmas decorations

Dear Reena,
To store Christmas decorations properly, I use the dividers found in wine boxes from the liquor store. I put the dividers in my plastic boxes. The nutcrackers are safe standing up in the larger boxes. I cut the dividers to fit inside smaller boxes for small items. Pauline

Re: Cleaning grout

Dear Reena,
I think that Barbara’s question about cleaning grout is about the actual tile in her shower, not discoloured grout. I had black tile and it looked awful with hard-water splotches. I used a vinegar (or lemon juice) solution to make the tiles shine again. It is important to squeegee the tiles dry after every shower so there will not be any more spots. I enjoy your column! Jeanie

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca

uncomplIcATed - Revisiting Douglas’s Mouseland!



■ by Arlene Martin

In 1944, a Baptist preacher turned politician ran for premier of Saskatchewan and Canada’s political landscape began to change forever. Tommy Douglas had a new vision for the role of government; he believed that it had the responsibility to improve the lives of ordinary people. In Saskatchewan people faced tough times. Farmers were working hard but prices for agricultural products were kept low to help the war effort. And the Depression of the 1930s had left its mark. Most farms still had no electricity and a bad crop could mean losing the farm. A trip to the hospital could mean destitution.

As a preacher, Tommy Douglas had seen the suffering first hand:

“Again and again we would leave some sitting in the hospital waiting room while we went out and borrowed or begged a few dollars here and there till we’d make up enough to pay the bill. In some cases I knew people who simply died. I remember burying a girl fourteen years of age who had died with a ruptured appendix ... I buried a good many people that I knew, some of whom I loved.”

As a politician, he would do what he could to change the system.

Mouseland:

Mouseland was a place where all the little mice lived and played, were born and died. And they lived much the same as you and I do. They even had a Parliament. And every four years they had an election. And every time on election day all the little mice used to go to the ballot box and they used to elect a government. A government made up of big, fat, black cats. Now I’m not saying anything against the cats. They were nice fellows. They conducted their government with dignity. They passed good laws- that is, laws that were good for cats. But the laws that were good for cats weren’t very good for mice. One of the

laws said that mouse holes had to be big enough so a cat could get his paw in. Another law said that mice could only travel at certain speeds--so that a cat could get his breakfast without too much effort.

All the laws were good laws. For cats. But, oh, they were hard on the mice. And life was getting harder and harder. And when the mice couldn’t put up with it any more, they decided something had to be done about it. So they went en masse to the polls. They voted the black cats out. They put in the white cats.

Now the white cats had put up a terrific campaign. They said: “All that Mouseland needs is more vision.” They said: “The trouble with Mouseland is those round mouse holes we got. If you put us in we’ll establish square mouse holes.” And they did. And the square mouse holes were twice as big as the round mouse holes, and now the cat could get both his paws in. And life was tougher than ever.

And when they couldn’t take that anymore, they voted the white cats out and put the black ones in again. Then they went back to the white cats. Then to the black cats. They even tried half black cats and half white cats. And they called that coalition. They even got one government made up of cats with spots on them: they were cats that tried to make a noise like a mouse but ate like a cat. You see, my friends, the trouble wasn’t with the colour of the cat. The trouble was that they were cats. And because they were cats, they naturally looked after cats instead of mice.

Presently there came along one little mouse who had an idea. And he said to the other mice, “Look fellows, why do we keep on electing a government made up of cats? Why don’t we elect a government made up of mice?”

“Oh,” they said, “he’s a Bolshevik. Lock him up!” So they put him in jail.

My friends - I want to remind you: that you can lock up a mouse or a man but you can’t lock up an idea.

(Please understand that I make no claim as representing any Canadian political party. It just seems a great and timely uncomplIcATed story. However, as a Canadian, every time I make a medical visit whether for consultation, check-up or surgery, I am indebted to this man who saw the completion of his dream of free medical services (and pensions) to all Canadians.)

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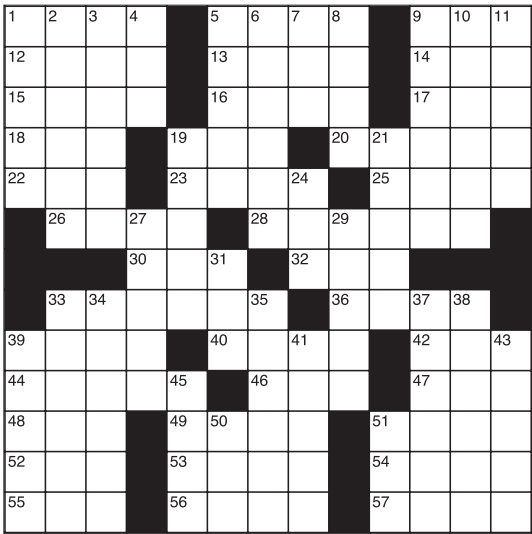
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- ACROSS
1. Cabbage salad

5. Landed

9. Behave

12. Contain

13. Moniker

14. Master

15. Mellowed

16. Variety

17. Handle roughly

18. Took first place

19. Intention

20. Site

22. Record

23. Wound covering

25. Laborer
26. Small salamander

28. In a prying way

30. Disguised

32. Hooter

33. Celestial being

36. Broadcasts

39. Yogi, e.g.

40. College housing

42. Halt

44. Untangle

46. Sharp knock

47. Week part

48. Function

49. Make a living

51. Mr. Ellington

52. Toe count
53. Catch sight of

54. Cake decorator

55. Road bend

56. Makes a dress

57. Confusion

- DOWN
1. Wool wrap

2. "The Blue ____"

3. Exact retribution

4. Join in marriage

5. Caper

6. Nonprofessional

7. Brat

8. Golfers' pegs

9. Request

10. Crevice

11. Hauled

19. Out of bed

21. Ground beef dish

24. Casper's call

27. " ____ Did Our Love Go"

29. Boggy area

31. Defective bomb

33. Stops
34. Shelters

35. Take for a time

37. Diminish

38. Pythons, e.g.

39. Cruel person

41. Speaks wildly

43. Color changers


45. Not quite as much

50. Gorilla or orangutan

51. Faded

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS
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FOR ANSWERS
TO SUDOKU AND
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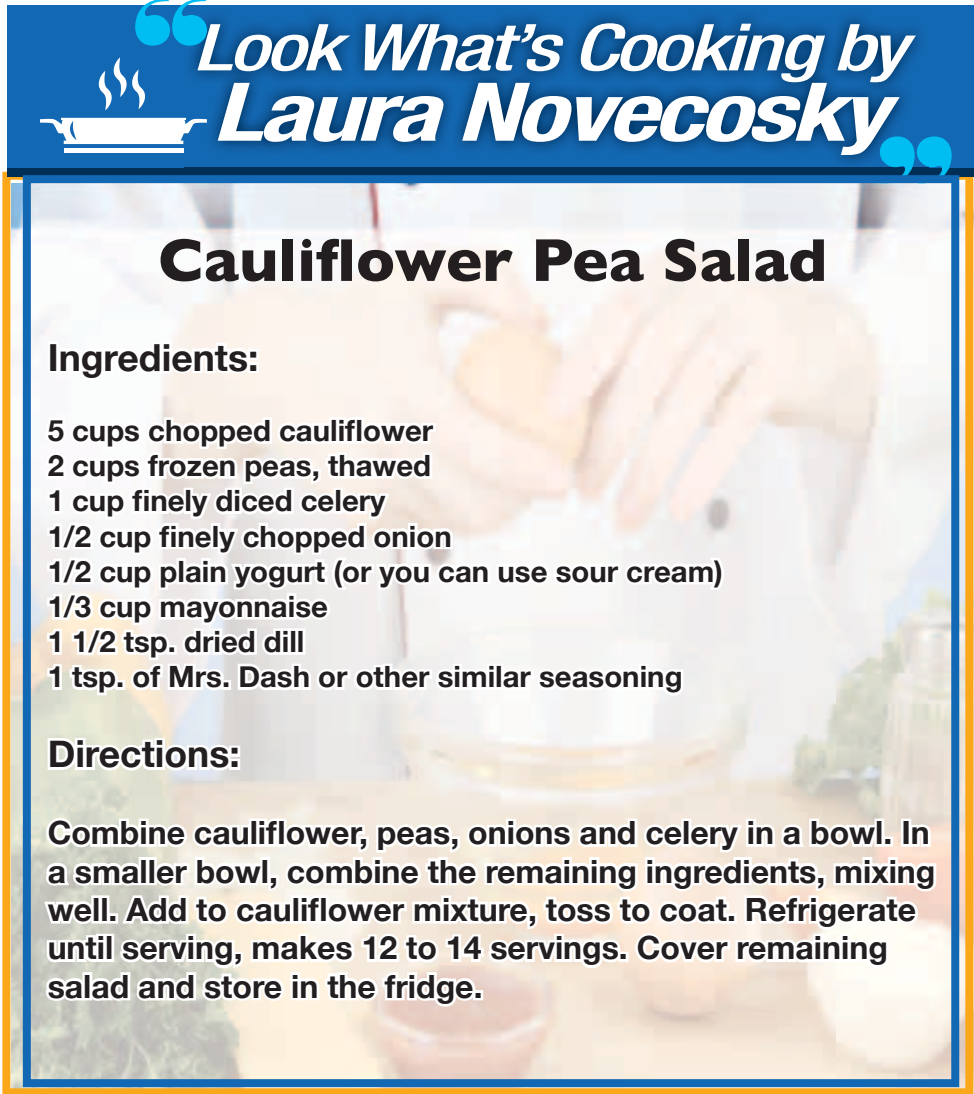
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Q: What do cakes and baseball have in common?
A: They both need a batter!

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Q: Why do porcupines always win the game?
A: They have the most points.

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Q: What part of a fish weighs the most?
A: The scales.

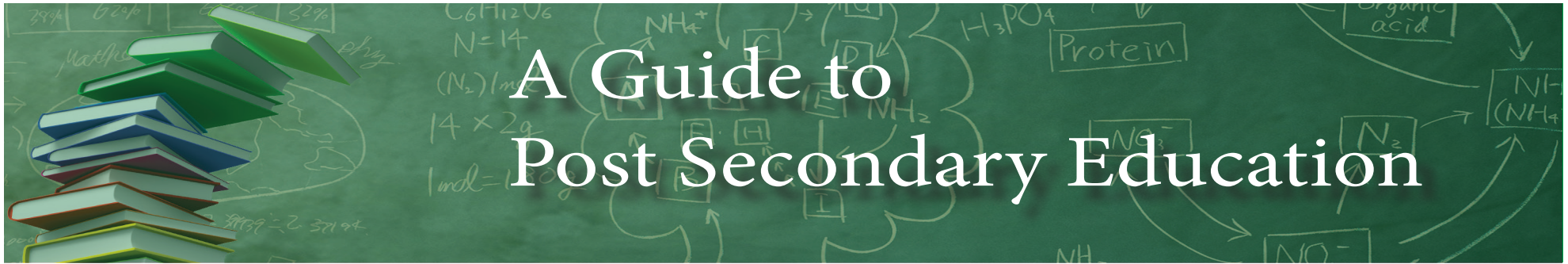


**Look What's Cooking by
Laura Novecosky**

Cauliflower Pea Salad

Ingredients:
5 cups chopped cauliflower
2 cups frozen peas, thawed
1 cup finely diced celery
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup plain yogurt (or you can use sour cream)
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1 1/2 tsp. dried dill
1 tsp. of Mrs. Dash or other similar seasoning

Directions:
Combine cauliflower, peas, onions and celery in a bowl. In a smaller bowl, combine the remaining ingredients, mixing well. Add to cauliflower mixture, toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving, makes 12 to 14 servings. Cover remaining salad and store in the fridge.



MHC adds Agroecology to program mix

Written by the Medicine Hat College

An exciting new program has been added to Medicine Hat College's academic offering, giving students interested in sustainable agriculture an opportunity to become a registered technologist in Agrolology (RTAg), while staying close to home in the southern Prairies.

The two year Agroecology Technician diploma program provides students with the competencies required for producing food, forage, fiber, and fuel using sustainable methods, as well as a range of knowledge in the three E's: environment, economics, and energy using systems theory.

Learners will engage in experiential learning opportunities to gain

real-world experience in designing, monitoring and assessing sustainable agroecological systems, meeting the knowledge, technical skills, and performance competencies required for certification with the Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

"Medicine Hat College is excited to bring this opportunity to learners in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan as the program is well-aligned and serves the needs of our region and communities in terms of offering new streams of employment and alternative ways of doing agriculture," explains the program's coordinator, Brent Smith.

This program uniquely teaches a systems-thinking approach to sustainable agriculture and will equip learners with the knowledge and skills

required for protecting and conserving natural ecosystems, as well as maximizing production systems that mimic natural systems such as perennial crops, diversity, rotations, limited/no till grazing, and many more.

"Agriculture is one of southern Alberta's leading industries, and there is always going to be resources and demand for agriculture because everyone needs to eat," adds Smith. "This program leverages an important part of our region's economic sector and prepares students to find meaningful, long-term employment and a future income stream that's not going to be subject to market forces."

Employment opportunities that stem from the completion of the Agroecology Technician

diploma include agricultural research technician, urban agriculture designer or landscaper, range management consultant or professional, and an environmental consultant.

Graduates will also be equipped with the entrepreneurial knowledge needed to start a business in sustainable agriculture or greenhouse horticulture, or support the takeover of a family agriculture business as a crop or livestock producer.

"An exciting aspect to this program is the innovative and creative opportunities in diversifying current practices and products that will emerge. Students will taught about free food production design systems, low input parks and community spaces,



Photo courtesy of the Medicine Hat College

and drought-proofing and water harvesting that all have a profoundly positive impact on the future of our communities and our environment.

"Additionally, there are all kinds of agricultural products that our region is well-suited to produce that we are currently not taking advantage of, and this program can be influential in creating new industry and bringing subsequent jobs in our region," remarks Smith.

Upon completion of the diploma, the opportunity further exists for

students to transfer to universities offering sustainable agriculture programs.

Applications are now open for this program, with the first intake of students to begin their studies in Fall 2021.

For more information on MHC's Agroecology Technician program or to apply, visit www.mhc.ab.ca. To schedule an appointment with a career specialist or academic advisor, call 1-866-282-8394.

Creative passion becomes profession

Written by the Medicine Hat College

From small town Saskatchewan to beautiful British Columbia, education at Medicine Hat College (MHC) helped pave the way to a career of joy and fulfillment for Myron Campbell.

Campbell is a thriving artist and a professor in the division of Visual Arts at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO). His creative journey began in the Visual Communications diploma program at MHC, which has since become Bachelor of Applied Arts – Art and Design.

"Medicine Hat College is a little gem. I first heard about the institution from my junior high art teacher and after high school, I went to the city to visit a friend who was taking the program. I absolutely loved it there," remarks Campbell.

"Medicine Hat was the perfect size and not too

big which was desirable to me having grown up in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. The facility had high end equipment and 24 hour access - both were unprecedented at the time. The program was well rounded in that I could pursue my own personal art, as well as client-based work at the same time. I knew it was the perfect fit for me."

Campbell acknowledges the program as being influential in shaping him into the artist he is today, crediting the vast array of modalities, skills, and techniques he was exposed to during his time at the college.

"MHC's program is unique in that it offers a real balance of both fine arts training and design training. It's pretty rare to get that balance in a program, and the college does a great job of it," explains Campbell.

"It's an ideal academic pathway for someone like me who can't decide what type of artist

I am on any given day. I was introduced to every medium possible and then built up my practice to what suited me. I received a real broad training which was so awesome."

Campbell praises a professor he had at MHC as a huge inspiration and driving force behind where he is today, a role he strives to fill for the students he now teaches.

"Teaching creative studies is where I belong. My passion for art and creativity has lead me to a place where I'm forever being fulfilled, inspired, and growing as an artist, designer and practitioner."

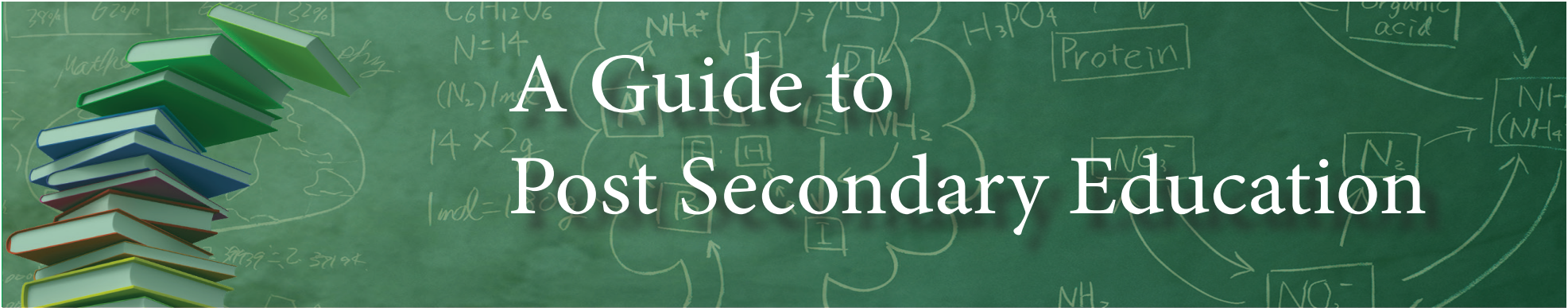
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Carlton Trail College distributes scholarships and bursaries

■ media release

In December, Carlton Trail College was pleased to distribute 43 awards totaling \$39,500 to deserving student recipients. Through its student awards program, Carlton Trail College continues its commitment to provide skills-based, post-secondary education and training for Saskatchewan learners.

“It’s been a challenging year for students to continue their education,” said Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross, Carlton Trail College President and CEO. “More than ever, our college remains committed to providing a range of supports to help students reach their personal, academic and career goals. Our student awards program is one part of this, as we wish all of our learners success in their programs.”

New in 2020 was The President’s ‘Courage to Grow’ scholarship, valued at \$2,000, and open to student applicants demonstrating perseverance and resilience.

Due to public health restrictions, the college was unable to host an in-person event this year to acknowledge student award recipients. Instead, recipients and donors will be acknowledged virtually and through other means.

“Given the impact of the pandemic on our economy, we’re incredibly grateful to our donors,” said Jennifer Brooks, Carlton Trail College Development and Communications Manager. “Thanks to their support, we are able to recognize many students who are pursuing in-demand skills-training programs.”

Scholarships and bursaries are funded through donations from individuals, businesses, agencies and organizations. Donations raised by post-secondary institutions in the province are matched by the government-funded Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS) program.

Appreciation is extended to the following donors: Bourgault Industries Ltd.; Carlton Trail College Staff; City of Humboldt; CMI Terminal Inc.; Coleen Bowman, CPA Professional Corp.; Doepker Industries; Financial Services Staff; Flaman Sales Ltd.; Humboldt Co-operative Association; Humboldt Smiles Dental Studio; Melron Services Ltd.; Michel’s Industries; Midway Co-operative Association; Olymel (Humboldt); Saskatoon Co-operative Association; Schulte Industries; Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross; Tremblay Electric; and Walker Wood Foundation.

Student award recipients are determined through a combination of entrance criteria, academic achievements, the students’ involvement in school and the community, as well as financial need.

Carlton Trail College Awards Listing
Early Application Scholarships. Provided

to students who apply to a program before a specific date.

The Carlton Trail College Early Application Scholarship for Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt (\$1,000) Blessille Bagui Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The Carlton Trail College Early Application Scholarship for Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard (\$1,000) Randi Riess Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard.

The Carlton Trail College Early Application Scholarship for Electrician (\$1,000) Wellingtone Okwiri Electrician – Humboldt.

The Carlton Trail College Early Application Scholarship for Office Administration (\$1,000) Hannah Murray Office Administration – Humboldt.

The Carlton Trail College Early Application Scholarship for Welding (\$1,000) Tristyn Watson Welding – Humboldt.

Performance-Based Scholarships. Provided to students who receive the highest marks in a program.

The Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Madison Hiebert Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Kelsie Bromm Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard.

The Continuing Care Assistant – Punnichy 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Jody Keller Continuing Care Assistant – Punnichy.

The Electrician 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Levi Gudnason Electrician – Humboldt. The Office Administration 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Angela Doherty Office Administration – Humboldt.

The Welding 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Christian Libaton Welding – Humboldt.

The Practical Nursing 2018-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) TBD (Program to be completed 31 Dec. 2020).

The Primary Care Paramedic 2018-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Jesika Rachkewich Primary Care Paramedic – Humboldt.

The Power Engineering 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Dion Mohr-Parker Power Engineering – Humboldt.

Application-Based Scholarships Provided to students who demonstrate merit, need or a combination of need and merit.

The President’s ‘Courage to Grow’ SIOS Scholarship (\$2,000) Kellen Dreger Practical Nursing – Watrous.

The Bourgault Industries SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Aaron Gabriel Aquino Welding – Humboldt.



Carlton Trail College President and CEO, Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross (above left) presents the

‘Courage to Grow’ scholarship award to Practical Nursing student, Kellen Dreger (above right).

- photo submitted

The City of Humboldt SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Rosemarie Baddongon Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The CMI Terminal Ltd. SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Carla Horvath Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard.

The Coleen Bowman CPA Prof. Corp. SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Anne Holmlund Office Administration – Humboldt. The Doepkers Industries SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Braydon Bentley Welding – Humboldt.

The Flaman Sales Ltd./Carlton Trail College SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Makhiya Starblanket Early Childhood Education – Punnichy.

The Humboldt Co-op SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Kent Buan Welding – Humboldt.

The Humboldt Smiles Dental Studio SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) James Bolton Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The Melron Services Ltd./Carlton Trail College SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Nory Jane Dalapus Practical Nursing – Watrous.

The Michel’s Industries Ltd. SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Wellingtone Okwiri Welding – Humboldt.

The Midway Co-op SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Nicole Kelly Office Administration – Humboldt.

The Olymel SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Stephanie Bartel Office Administration – Humboldt.

The Financial Services Staff SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Tori Thoms Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The Saskatoon Co-op SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Melissa Ramsden Practical Nursing – Watrous.

The Schulte Industries Ltd. SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Gabriel Zerbin Welding – Humboldt.

The Tremblay Electric SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Tyson Sakundiak Electrician – Humboldt.

The Walker Wood Foundation SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Amesha Baran Office Administration – Humboldt.

The Walker Wood Foundation SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Ashley Boyko Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard.

The Walker Wood Foundation SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Jazzmyn Guraluk Office Administration – Humboldt.

The Walker Wood Foundation SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Chester Lacorte Practical Nursing – Watrous.

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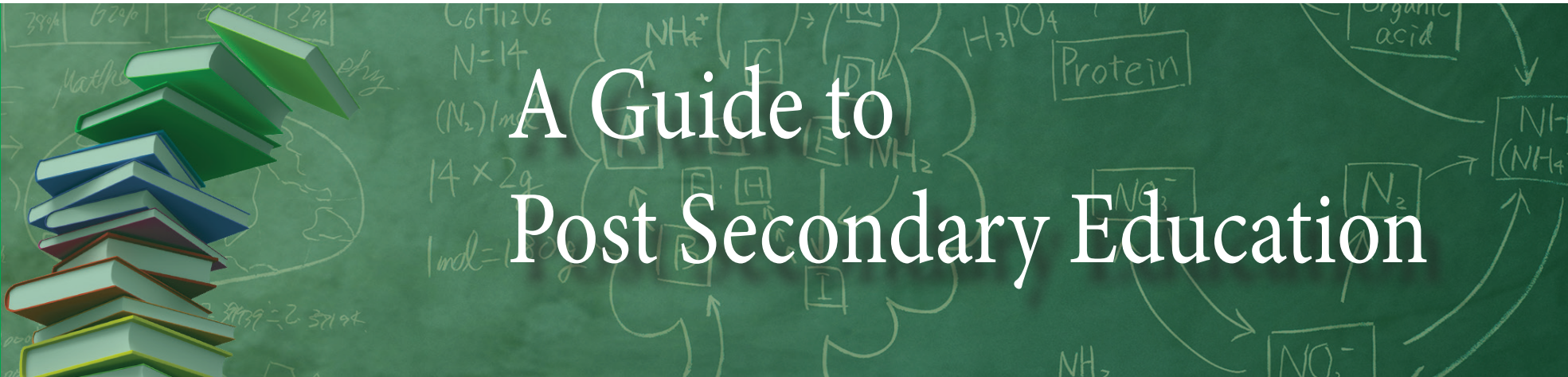
The Walker Wood Foundation SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Jordan Sanderman Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The Walker Wood Foundation SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Debbie Servetnyk Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

In addition to the bursaries announced in December, Elizabeth Zemlak from Elfros was recently awarded the 2018-‘20 Practical Nursing Performance Scholarship. Zemlak received the award once the final marks came in and had the highest average in the program.

Now in the new year, Carlton Trail College stated they are currently accepting applications for the following post-secondary programs: Business Diploma - Year One; Office Administration Certificate; Continuing Care Assistant Certificate; Practical Nursing Diploma; Primary Care Paramedic Certificate; Early Childhood Education Classes; Security Officer Applied Certificate; Electrician Applied Certificate; Power Engineering Technician Certificate; Welding Applied Certificate; Heavy Equipment Operator Training; and Truck Driver Mandatory Entry-Level Training.

Students who apply into post-secondary programs of 12 weeks or longer before the Early Application deadline will have their name entered into a draw for a \$1,000 scholarship.



Getting the most out of your university experience

■ **Matthew Washkowsky**
Student Services Officer at St. Peter's College

Before the coronavirus epidemic spread throughout the world, students looking at their options for post-secondary education assumed they have to study in classes of several hundred while attending a large campus in an urban centre. That option changed for many high school and post-secondary students after March 2020, when students left the comfort of the classroom and delved into the digital world. Both methods offer distinct advantages in certain areas of teaching and learning, but what if there was a way a student could get the advantages of both?

St. Peter's College implemented a new method of teaching for the 2020-2021 terms: hybrid learning, meaning students can attend classes in-person or remotely. Students responded positively to the temporary

change and academic performance continues to match the high-calibre of success that the college has long been known for. Here are three reasons why over 98 percent of alumni recommend starting your USASK degree at St. Peter's College.

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3) Students find it is easy to make friends at St. Peter's College.

The small class sizes and welcoming environment on the rural campus means that students are more comfortable in talking to students they have not seen before. The accessible student lounge, gymnasium, fitness centre, study rooms, and culture at St. Peter's College creates a friendly cohort for students to bond.

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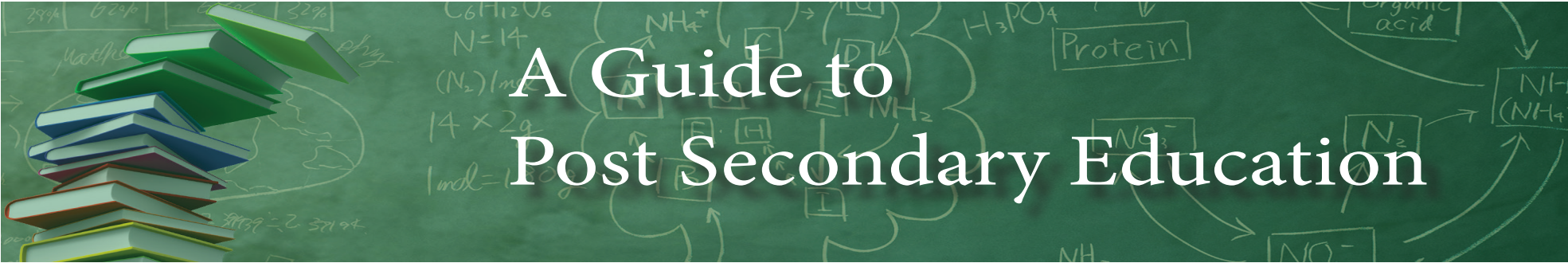
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A Guide to Post Secondary Education

Team effort enhances student experience

Sask Polytech Simulation Centre teams up with Addictions Counselling to give students real world experience.

Written by
Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Ask alumni about their time at Saskatchewan Polytechnic and they'll probably have a story about one special class. For current students in the Addictions Counselling diploma program, that one class may very well be COUN 155-Addictions Counselling Practice.

"Individual counselling is the cornerstone of an addiction counsellor's work, and Addictions Counselling Practice gives students the skills they will need in the workplace," says instructor Joy Friesen. "It's a lab class where students practice the counselling model with each other, but we thought providing them with simulated clients would be an outstanding experience."

Simulated clients? Friesen is referring to actors hired by Sask Polytech's Simulation Centre to portray different clients. Each client

had a different presenting problem, level of motivation and way of sharing their story.

"It's difficult to simulate the dynamic that happens in real life between a client and a counsellor. When students are practicing with their peers or instructors, there's a degree of comfort because you know it's not a real client," Friesen says.

Using live actors to simulate the client-counsellor interaction was designed to give students an opportunity to work through the first stage of the counselling model, while at the same time adapting each client's defense mechanisms, types of storytelling and process of building rapport. Students also practiced building cultural safety and being culturally responsive with clients.

COVID-19 prevented students' from having face-to-face interactions, so Benn Hart and Wendy Wilson, both simulation technicians at Sask

Polytech, stepped up to help develop an experience that was as real as possible.

"With COVID, Sask Polytech had to move a lot of things to virtual platforms very quickly, so it's been really busy in the Simulation Centre," Hart says. "What we do often looks easy, but there's a lot we have to do in the background to make it happen."

The first step was meeting with Friesen to discuss her goals. "This was our first time working with the Addictions Counselling program, so we had a Zoom meeting with Joy to get a clear understanding of what she was looking for," says Wilson. "We hired actors to fit her scenarios and brought them to our simulation centre in Saskatoon, where we could ensure contact and social distancing guidelines were followed. We worked with the actors on their roles and set up the rooms."

Friesen met with the actors to brief them on

the counselling model and the goals of the clinical lab. "I also encouraged them to ad lib. I wanted our students to learn to trust themselves, because a counsellor never knows what a client will say or how they will act," she says.

The simulation rooms were equipped with cameras and the neces-

sary technology to allow remote log in to the virtual counselling sessions. Wilson and Hart provided onsite technical support, while Friesen and her students logged in from their homes. Each student completed a 30 to 40-minute simulated counselling session, followed by feedback from observing students and the actor. Friesen was able to view each session as it happened.

Based on student feed-

back, the virtual counselling sessions were a big success. "Our students loved having this opportunity," Friesen says. "They say it really helped them understand the importance of staying grounded, of building the therapeutic alliance and of meeting the client where they are at. The whole simulation experience was rich in learning and really built their confidence."



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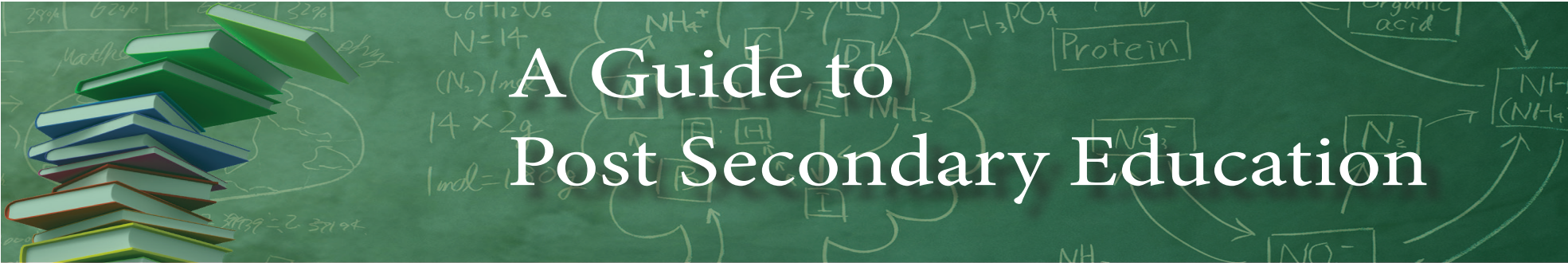


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A Guide to Post Secondary Education

Building connections at Brandon University

Written by the Brandon University

BRANDON, Man. – The past year has shown us how important it is to stay connected with families, friends and our community. Helping students build those strong connections is something that Brandon University does best.

As a growing university with 3,500 students from around the world, BU stays true to its prairie roots with a welcoming spirit and a commitment to delivering quality programs that prepare graduates for the opportunities and challenges of the future. Most BU classes have fewer than 20 students, allowing for a personalized education.

“Having small class sizes is probably what has helped me out the most,” said Elizabeth Glenn, a third-year



Physical Education student. “With professors working with you one-on-one you get to know each other, resulting in an amazing learning experience that helps you grow as a student and a person.”

The connections students make extend beyond the university. Brandon University’s Co-operative Education program offers the chance for students to develop their career skills. By integrating study terms with full-time work terms at jobs related to their academic programs, students in

the Co-op program can earn while they learn.

Brandon University is also a great place for students to take part in world-class research, even at the undergraduate level. Right now, BU students are working with national and international experts on cancer detection, environmental protection, quantum computing and Indigenous health and education.

Extracurricular activities like the Student Leader program and more than 50 clubs and collectives create even more opportunities for

growth and friendships.

“As a recent graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, joining the Student Leader program at Brandon University was one of the best decisions I made,” said Laura Davidson. “This program allowed me to meet many other students from different departments, which allowed me to form everlasting friendships.”

Laura’s not alone. More than 93 per cent of recent BU grads said that BU prepared them to excel. And 98 per cent said they’d heartily recommend BU.

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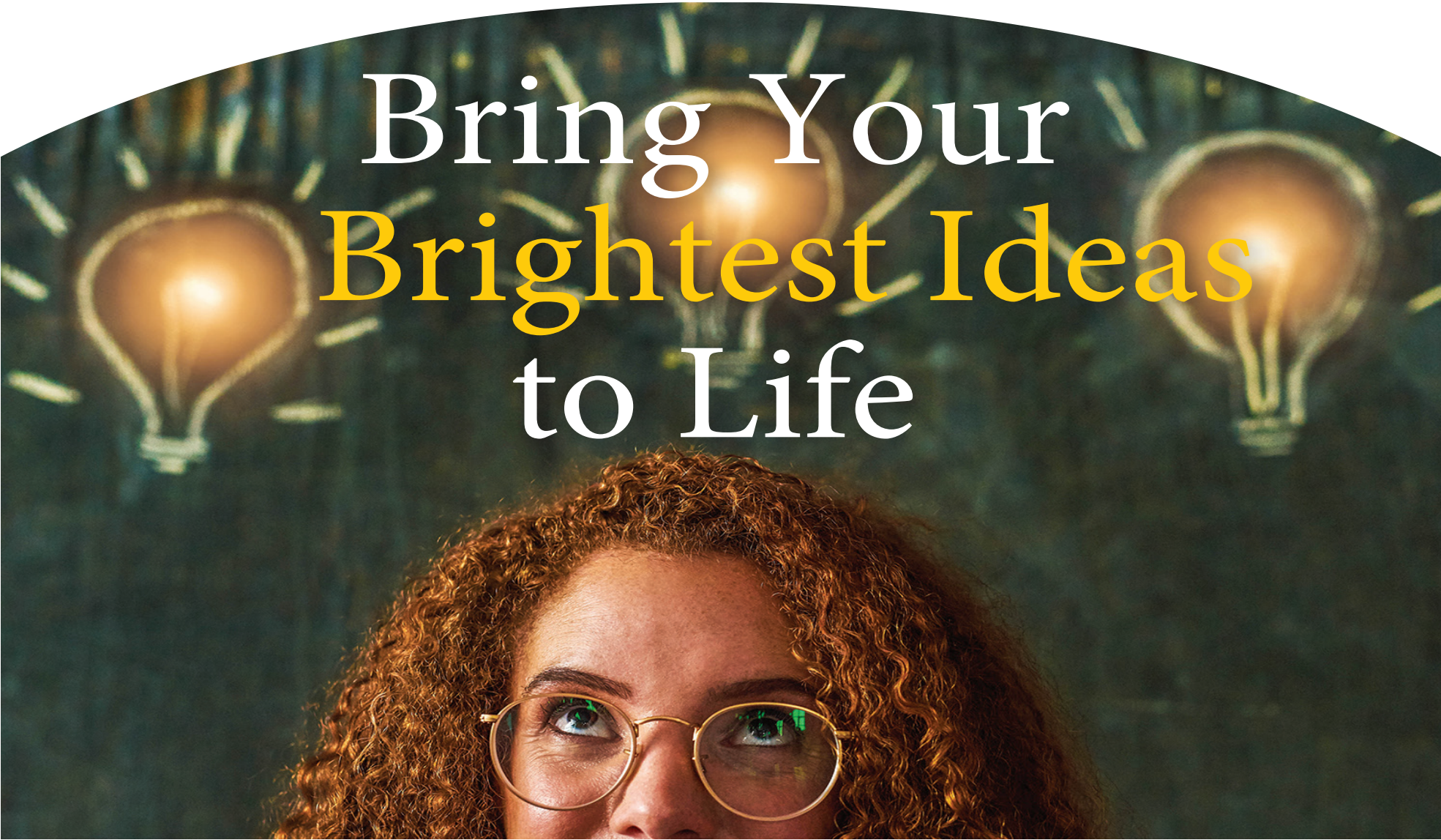
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Curling rink in Lanigan shuts down for the year

■ *Daniel Bushman*

After anticipating an exciting season despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, a difficult decision had to be made to close the Lanigan and District Curling Club for the remainder of the year.

President of the curling club, William Dodd said the pandemic and subsequent regulations implemented by public health and the provincial government not only put a strain on people, businesses and the economy but the local rink as well. “Our rink is no different. It is with a heavy heart that I say, we have decided

to close our doors for the year. Due to the continuing public health order, concerns about public health, and financial issues, we have decided that we will have to shut the plant off for the year. It is not what we were hoping for when we began in October, but we cannot hold on any longer without depleting our remaining finances.”

While the decision was made to close the rink for the remainder of the season, leading up to the final decision, Dodd stressed it was a tough one and not taken lightly. “Our board has been in contact many times since the initial shutdown, and started the year with a very good cleaning and distancing plan in

order to keep our curlers safe. Since the most recent shutdowns, we’ve been discussing the options available to us, but time has unfortunately forced our hand.”

With the announcement of the closure, Dodd extended appreciation to his fellow board members for their dedication and commitment to the rink and to caretaker Ray Loyns for his work to keep the rink and ice in great playing shape.

“We hope that whenever we can return, that you’ll be able to join us. Either as a league player, at a bonspiel, or at an event,” said Dodd who appreciated the support the rink has received by the community over the years. “We look forward to seeing you soon.”

SHA return to play update; province provides funding to junior hockey

■ *media releases*

As Saskatchewan continues to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic and decisions are made as to whether to keep arenas open or closed for the rest of the hockey season, both the Saskatchewan Hockey Association and the provincial government provided a couple of announcements regarding return to play and funding for junior hockey.

SHA General Manager Kelly McClintock releases return to play update:

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, Dr. Shahab, and Minister Merriman announced an extension of the current Public Health Order until Jan. 29, 2021.

On Wednesday, Jan. 13,

2021, during a virtual call with all Provincial Sport Governing Bodies, Ken Dueck from the Provincial Government’s Business Response Team (BRT) announced that there would be no consideration of return to play (games) for at least four weeks and that a return to game play is unlikely to happen before the end of March.

The current state of “training” with eight players 18 years of age and younger will continue.

This certainly was not the news that the SHA, nor all other winter sports was expecting. With the current rate of positive cases per 100,000 people placing Saskatchewan near the top in Canada, the likelihood of things changing before the

end of March is looking bleak.

The SHA is currently reviewing the state of the game and intend on conducting Zone Meetings for MHA, Minor/Female/Senior Leagues within the next two weeks.

Please be aware that the landscape related to COVID-19 in the province can change at any time.

Funding to support junior hockey:

The Government of Saskatchewan announced Jan. 15 funding to support the province’s Western Hockey League (WHL) teams and the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL). This support will help the survival of these leagues and their teams in Saskatchewan in the face of the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our junior hockey teams are a critical part of the cultural fabric and local economies across the province,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Necessary restrictions due to COVID-19 have had a significant impact on these leagues and their teams and this support will help them address these financial challenges.”

The provincial government is providing \$3 million in support to help WHL teams address revenue shortfalls as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. Each of Saskatchewan’s WHL teams will receive \$600,000.

The SJHL will receive \$1 million in provincial support. This funding will be provided to the League.

Provincial government officials continue to work with the WHL, the SJHL and other sports leagues on options for a safe return to play in the future.

“COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on our five Saskatchewan-based WHL teams and we commend the Government of Saskatchewan for providing this assistance at such a critical time,” WHL Commissioner Ron Robison said. “Our WHL Clubs are a vital source of community pride and major economic driver in Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and the support from the Government of Saskatchewan will not only allow the teams to remain viable but will ensure we can continue to provide a

world-class development and educational experience for our players.”

“The SJHL, which consists of community owned teams, has been in a state of uncertainty due to COVID-19 during the past several months,” SJHL President Bill Chow said. “The financial support that has been provided by the Saskatchewan Government creates a more positive outlook for our teams.”

“Hockey is our national pastime and a vital part of our community and others across the province,” Moose Jaw Mayor Fraser Tolmie said. “This provincial government funding is very timely and very much appreciated as we work together to address the impacts of this pandemic.”

Viscount

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Wow, the month of January sure is flying by with lots of interesting weather. I am hoping the month of February is a little better.

Blankets for Canada continues to forge ahead. Blankets and squares are still being made by people working on their own. We have received several blankets (both knitted, crocheted and even quilted) along with bags of beautiful knitted and crocheted squares, (all 8” x 8”, just what we are looking for). We really appreciate all of you who continue to contribute in helping to keep those in need with one of these beautiful blankets! We are always happy for donations of synthetic yarn which we use for joining and edging. For more information, please contact Evelina at 306-944-4820.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week, stay warm and stay safe. Thank you to all who helped make this week’s Viscount news possible.

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The Kinsmen and Kinettes are starting different fundraising projects for Telemiracle. A lot of it will be online.

Terri Ann Hamilton has decided to shave her head to raise \$5,000 for Telemiracle. Maybe other people will do things also.

Get well greetings to Laureen Hamilton and anyone else under the weather.

A vote of thanks to Linda Liebrecht and Donelda Klinger for putting the sermon on YouTube. Pastor Glenn and Pastor Dawn do a good job.

Happy birthday to Garnet Zerbin, Blayke Elke, Gabriel Zerbin, Pat Benson and Louise McBurney and also to my cousin Judy Bach. Happy birthday to two Capricorns - Betty White and Dolly Parton.

Have a good week and I hope there is not too much wind.



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Lanigan Library receives support during pandemic

■ Daniel Bushman

As the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Saskatchewan last March, not only did people have to adapt and adhere to the guidelines set out by public health throughout 2020 but places like the Lanigan Wheatland Library also had to make some changes.

Following the guidelines from Saskatchewan Health Authority and putting an emphasis on safety and the well-being of its patrons, Lanigan Wheatland Library’s Vivian Schmiedge said they had to temporarily close 10 months ago before being able to reopen in a limited capacity.

“In those 10 months, we have gone through many phases of change. Change is not always easy but with guidance from our central office in Saskatoon, the transitions have seemed to have gone seamlessly.”

As part of the transitions, Schmiedge said the local library went from being closed March, April, May and June to reopening twice a week for four hours. Over that time and with support from its patrons utilizing the services in Lanigan, Schmiedge said they have been very understanding. “Patrons continue to follow the guidelines set out by the provincial government as part of the Re-open Saskatchewan plan and to try and make things a little easier and safer, we provided curbside delivery of books.”

Looking to return to a more normal as the latter part of 2020 arrived, on Aug. 31 the library was able to return to regular hours. “We were able to open four days a week (Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). By doing that, patrons can come in and browse our large selection of books. In an effort to be safe, all books that are returned



- photos submitted

are quarantined for 24 hours before being placed back on the shelves. While patrons can browse the books, we are not offering a children’s program at this time. However, for the kids we do offer take and make craft bags and we always have corresponding books to go along with the theme.”

Like adults, children are able to enter the library but Schmiedge noted they must be accompanied by an adult. Computers remain inaccessible and the librarian figured they would probably not be turned on until COVID-19 is under control.

“While this has been a different year, our readership has stayed constant whether it be online reading or physical book reading. We are very appreciative that people are continuing to read and for the support received by the community and surrounding area.”



(from front page: **OUTAGES**)

“Once again, a huge thank you to our customers for your patience while our crews got the lights back on across the province.”

According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, wind gusts reached as high as 143 km/h. at Bratts Lake and 133 km/h. at Yellowgrass during the Jan. 13 event. Gusts also hit the 100 km/h. mark in a number of other places including Saskatoon.

After outages were caused by the high winds, freezing rain and heavy snow during that first storm, another hefty wind blew through the region a week later. Environment and Climate Change Canada issued a wind warning heading into the evening Jan. 19 as SaskPower crews were once again busy. While the outages were not as massive as the previous week, crews were out in different parts of Saskatchewan including within the local region.

According to SaskPower’s twitter feed, starting at 5:35 p.m. Jan. 19, some customers in Regina were without power while almost an hour later, Pennant, Battrum and the surrounding area waited for damage to be repaired. Power was later restored to those places before 10 p.m. while at 12:45 a.m. Jan. 20, those in Cypress Hills Park, Maple Creek and the surrounding area

had power out until close to 3 a.m.

The Weldon area became the next place to lose power as crews were dispatched at 3:02 a.m. and then by 5:16 a.m. had restored services to the majority of customers with the remaining having their power turned on after 2 p.m. as crews repaired a broken pole/crossarm.

Another outage was also reported in Regina, this time in Normanview West after a cable fault. It was restored at just after 9 a.m. while crews remained busy in Regina as they were also sent to repair damage caused by a pole on fire in Regina Eastview.

After a power outage at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach during the first storm it prompted a boil water advisory and eventually led to no water pressure as residents had to limit the use of water consumption due to the resort’s sewer system being affected. While power was later restored, the boil water advisory lasted until Jan. 18 before it was lifted. The following week on Jan. 20 parts of the resort village were once again left without power, prompting another boil water advisory.

Manitou Beach resident Bryan Mierau was spared from the outage that hit parts of the beach Jan. 13 but not last week. At home during the morning Jan. 20 and with the wind howling

outside, an outage occurred at the beach around 7:30 a.m. Not long after things went dark, Mierau looked out his window to find a SaskPower crew near his yard.

Mierau noted after the repairs were made his power was back on by 10:30 a.m. “A wire that connects the north south line to the east west line on the pole very close to home decided to blow off in the wind. The wind has been fierce this past week causing damage as it blows and blows.”

While the warmer weather has certainly been welcome in early 2021, the wind has not been during those January storms.

The most recent storm was not appreciated by Aron Renwick as he made the trek from his home in Lanigan east to Poundmaker during the morning Jan. 20. Leaving for work around 6:30 a.m., Renwick ended up in the ditch and later heard from others they also did the same. “Normally it takes me about 10 minutes to get to work but on Wednesday morning it took 35 minutes.”

Others from the local area heading out on highways early Wednesday morning also found themselves either in the ditch, turning back or on the side of the road to wait out the storm. “It was one of the worst storms I’ve ever seen.”



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