

Kenaston Crossroads

October
and
November
2015



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Kenaston Fire & EMO
Fire Prevention Week is
October 4 – 10.



**Check Your
Smoke and
Heat Alarms**

**Kenaston
Seniors**

**Welcome
Newcomers
to our
Community**



**New Members
Welcome**

Harvest Wind-Up featuring Jeffery Straker Saturday, October 17 at Kenaston Place

Cocktails: 5:30;
Supper: 6:30;
Entertainment:
8:00 pm.
Tickets \$30.00
each - from
Kenaston
Branches of
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306-252-2131



Get YOUR Tickets!
Proceeds Support Kenaston Place
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Have U seen the new DLC?

It's not a house. It's not a hospital. It's not a figment of your imagination. The large, beautiful Mindful Grey and white building that now stands to the south of Kenaston School is in fact the new Sun West School Division's Distance Learning Centre.



This 15,000 square foot facility is well on track to be completed by December 2015 at which time the school's 40 employees, which include an amazing team of teachers and support staff, will move in. Offices, recording studios, packing and shipping facilities and a variety of multi-teacher open concept work spaces span the two floors. "At the moment, we have some teachers working from Kenaston School and some at the curling rink. We are all looking forward to having the whole team under one roof! At the same time we can give Kenaston staff and students their school back," said DLC Principal Jade Ballek.

And while DLC teachers are patiently waiting for construction to wrap up, they are busy responding to current distance education demand. "We have over 115 courses registered for the 2015-16 school year which represents over 2500 students across Saskatchewan. About 500 of those students reside in Sun West School Division while the others are learners from outside the region that are looking for educational opportunities not currently available to them at home," said Ballek. "We've grown 75% over last year and that's really exciting for us."

To learn more about the people leading DLC and their work, go to the Kenaston webpage for the full length version of this article.

Submitted by Tanya Ringdal - DLC Communications

Kenaston Korner by ML Whittles:



This summer saw a flurry of activity in our community starting with a general Village clean-up of overhanging tree limbs and bushes which were obscuring visibility for drivers and impeding our walking traffic. Road signs have been replaced; gravel has been laid and graded a few times; we continue ensuring the water shut off valves are in working order; grass was cut all summer and generally we looked GOOD.

Many of our sidewalks are past their 'good for' date. At this time it is cost prohibitive to replace the sidewalks, but yet, something should be done before they disintegrate even further. The Village Administrator did a little research and advised that a few small urbans were having asphalt laid over their existing sidewalks. A test block was laid on 3rd Street the beginning of September. The asphalt is 1/3 the cost of a cement sidewalk and we hope to budget for 3 blocks next year if approved. This would continue until all the sidewalks are rejuvenated in this way. New sidewalks will have to wait until some of our other infrastructure needs are addressed, but they are on the list.

The same company that laid the sidewalk also used hot mix to fill those horrible pot holes we all lived with this summer. Council wishes to thank you for your patience and will see that pot holes get on the 'to do' perpetual spring maintenance list. The hot mix should last a few years but the good word is – the asphalt company will be here again next year if we move forward with the sidewalks. In a perfect world, this is the goal.

There are a few water meters left to be installed this fall and Sheldon will be around when he can. Next year is the last of our 3-year plan for new water meters for the community. If you have not yet received yours, its a'comin.

That is all of the visible work which has been accomplished this summer and on behalf of Council we wish to thank Sheldon and Bryce for the awesome clean-up job they did for us. Behind the scenes Council has put their energies towards sustainability and infrastructure.

As we are all aware we have had another waterline break which has been fixed, but not without its problems. Council wishes to thank our Administrator, Carman Fowler, Councillor Leon Tomlenovich and Sheldon for going the extra mile to see that water disruption was as limited as possible. Infrastructure, water and sewer issue are at top of our list, and will continue to be an ongoing discussion at the Council table.

In order to move forward a 'Community Plan' is a MUST. To the Village, this includes a plan for the infrastructure, service agreements for any developers that come our way, business and housing retention and development. The Distance Education
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Centre and Sun West School Division is an important partner in developing this Plan, as well as our two surrounding rural municipalities. We have been fortunate for retain the services of Tim Cheeseman. Tim is a senior community planner who was employed by the provincial government for many years and is now an independent consultant. He was and is continuing to work with both Emerald City and White City; two cities who have grown exceedingly quickly and had many growing pains as well. Council thanks WaterWolf for providing this expert to our community. Consultations should begin in the next week or two, depending on everyone's busy schedule. I would suggest that anyone who fails to plan, plans to fail.

Finally, but no less important, on behalf of the Village of Kenaston, we wish to thank the Honourable Lynne Yelich for her tireless work over the years on behalf of us, Saskatchewan and Canada. You hold the key to our community and our hearts. Thank you.

*We are here to work with you and for you.
Your Humble Servant - M.L. Whittles—Mayor*



Kenaston Fire Department urgently needs volunteer men and women for day or night time responses. Please contact Ken Remmen 306-252-2767 or Gene Whitehead 306-252-2245

Kenaston Seniors Club

Kenaston Seniors welcomed community new comers at the summer BBQ.



The Seniors Club invites seniors to come and join in the activities including coffee Monday mornings & afternoons. Contact members for information on exercise.

Next Wellness Clinic is Monday Nov 23 from 9am to noon.

Staff from Affinity Credit Union brought snacks to morning coffee to kick off Seniors Week which is Sept 28 to Oct 3.

Submitted by Colleen Sekulich

School News: Kenaston Preschool. If you have a child born in 2011 and would like to register them for preschool please contact Reagan Prpich 306-252-2525

Kenaston Minor Hockey teams will be selling H5 Dough TOGO for team fundraisers. Please contact players or parents for details.



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Church News: Starting in the next few weeks, St. Andrew's Cemetery Committee will be constructing a stone grotto in the cemetery. The intent is to create a sacred space for the entire community to enjoy. Hopefully, it will offer a place to sit, reflect and pray to those who visit the cemetery.



In an attempt to link the past and present, stones will be brought from the farms in the area to be used to build it. Anyone wishing to bring stones is welcome to do so. There is a well marked area for them to be put. Stones from watermelon size to fist size are best.

Joy Pavelich and Lynn Yelich travelled to Croatia and brought back the statue which will be housed in the grotto. It is a gift from the Pavelich/ Schmit family in gratitude for the beautiful resting place for Eric Schmit who passed away in 2013.

If you are interested in contributing towards the cost of the grotto it would be appreciated. Please send donations to Linda Purves, Parish Council Chairperson, Box 213 or Theresa Owen, Cemetery Treasurer, Box 252, both Kenaston, SK, S0G 2N0. Tax receipts will be issued. *Submitted by Patti Hertz*

Village News: There is a yellow Community Living clothing bin located by the Water Treatment Plant for all Village and R.M. residents. This bin is for any used clothing donations. The proceeds from the clothing collected supports intellectual disabilities.

Reminder to all Village residents—when there is a power outage or other situation causing the water to be off, there is an automatic Boil Water Advisory issued by our Environmental Project Officer once the water has been turned back on. All updated information regarding the advisory will be posted on the website at kenaston.ca and the Kenaston facebook page or you can contact the village office at (306) 252-2211 during regular office hours of Monday to Thursday.

Residents of Kenaston **are asked to provide an email** address or cell phone number to Village Office for contact during any emergency cases that may arise regarding water related matters or boil water advisories? You can send to kenaston@sasktel.net

Kenaston Businesses: Be sure to check out the online Kenaston Business Directory for a complete list of Kenaston businesses. We like to keep this list updated as much as possible. **Contact Glen if you would like your commercial or home business information added.**

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