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The **Consul Curling Club** would like to say **THANK YOU** to the following for your generous donations:

In memory of "Jeannine and Doug Wagner"

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To each and all of my "South Run/Road Run" customers:

It is with mixed emotions that I decided to retire on December 31, 2020.

I started with Blythman Agencies Ltd. in September 1977. In the early 1980's I took over the road run from my dad Art Blythman, and it has always been the best day of my week. I have enjoyed working with all of you and consider you more as friends, than a customer.

On a lighter side.... I have stops where I am dealing with the 3rd generation, and stops where I am dealing with the same person.

Cale will be taking over this run going forward. Cale is the 5th generation in our business. He will continue to serve you as well and probably better than I have. He may need some driving directions until he figures out where everyone lives, no different than when I started.

I will continue to have my same cell phone number 1-306-662-7750. I hope to enjoy a visit with each of you.

Wishing everyone success and prosperity going forward.

Again, thank you all.

Brad Blythman

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Happy Birthday



Celebrating Louis Stetar's 90th Birthday - January 26th!

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Winter in the Hills
Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park - Saskatchewan

Guided Experiences Available:
Limited spaces available. Pre-registration required. COVID-19 protocols & physical distancing in effect. Book online today!
Just some of the many physically distanced outdoor activities you can experience at the Park this winter.
Valid Park Vehicle Entry Permit required to enjoy these free park programs (purchase at the Park Administration Office or Entry Gate).

Snowshoe Hikes:
All hikes are designed for all levels of snowshoe experience. Snowshoes are available forJoin a Park Interpreter from 2:00-3:30 pm on guided snowshoe hike.
Frosted Forest: December 5, 2020. January 1, 2, 30, February 27, 2021.
Discover the forest and the animals that make it home in winter.
If These Hills Could Talk: December 19, 2020. January 16, February 13 & 14, 2021.
Hear stories about the people, past and present, who have made their homes in the Cypress Hills.
Birds in the Hills: December 27, 2020. January 23 & February 20, 2021.
Learn to spot, hear and identify winter birds.
Ice Age: January 9, February 6 & March 6, 2021.
Explore the Park's Ice Age connection; mammoths, moraines and more.



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Stars and Stories:
Explore the night sky and the stories it holds from many cultures around a warm campfire, led by an expert Park Interpreter from 7:00-8:00 pm (7:30-8:30 pm in February and March).
Saturdays: December 12, 2020 through March 6, 2021.
Sunday February 14, 2021.

Doug Steele

Saskatchewan Party MLA for Cypress Hills

Though the year has just begun, your Saskatchewan Party government is already at work to make life more affordable for Saskatchewan people.

This year, a series of new and returning provincial income tax and other tax-reducing initiatives will keep more money in your pocket. All Saskatchewan income tax brackets and tax credit amounts will be indexed in 2021, saving taxpayers an estimated \$15 million.

We know how important it is to support active children in our province, therefore we are reinstating the Active Families Benefit. The benefit is a non-refundable tax credit of \$150 per year, per child to eligible families. Families of children with a disability will receive an additional \$50, for a total tax credit of \$200 per year, per child. In the 2021 tax year, families will be able to claim this benefit to reduce the overall cost of children's activities.



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**Prairie Precision Steel - owned & operated by Colton Backman
Consul, Saskatchewan**

by Susan Pridmore

As many entrepreneurs would attest to, what once was merely a hobby for them turned into a business. Such is the case for Colton Backman. Having been a competitive shooter for a number of years, Colton was always on the lookout for new shooting targets. What he could buy was often sourced from a long ways away and was very expensive. When he absolutely could not find a metal coyote silhouette that he really wanted anywhere, he decided to try making one himself, and well, things just snowballed from there.

He started out cutting the metal by hand then two years ago purchased a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) plasma cutter and that has made the actual cutting much easier, but also made for a steep learning curve with having to learn more about computers and drafting. The majority of what Colton makes is armour works for gun clubs, competitive shooters, military and law enforcement. This includes shooting targets such as plate racks, dueling trees and animal silhouettes plus the stands a person would need to mount them on. He has also branched out into making yard signs, business signs and grave markers. A unique project he recently completed was bullet-proof walls for a military training center which were installed in a building for hostage-rescue training. "Basically I'll build anything anyone can draw up on a napkin!"

Prairie Precision Steel has filled and shipped custom orders to every province in Canada. Quite a few orders have been to shooters in Newfoundland. Police forces that use Colton's targets include ones in Ottawa, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Estevan, Lethbridge, Edmonton, various points in Ontario plus Newfoundland. 90% of the time Colton ships the orders via Canada Post. A couple of bulk orders he shipped by courier out of Calgary in 4000 pound crates. "Business is definitely growing," he says. "I've done more business in the last two months than in the last two years."

Colton moved to Consul in 2017 ("or maybe it was 2016") to help his grandparents, Clare and Carol, on their farm, which he continues to do as well. Check out his website at prairieprecisionsteel.ca. Give him a call - or text him a photo of that sketch you drew up on a napkin! You'll reach him at 306-461-5116.



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