Candidates coming forward

Municipal election day is Oct. 24 and the nomination deadline of Sept. 19 is looming. Battlefords local politicians remain coy about their intentions, but this week two current council members have declared their candidacies.

Derek Mahon is letting his name stand for mayor on the Battleford ballot, while incumbent city councillor Ron Crush is running for a second term on council. Long serving Battleford councillor Bill Halewich has given notice he will not be seeking reelection.

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Labour Day weekend offered up one more chance for fun on the lake, with this trio of Nick Lundquist, Kayla Hawkins and Bryna Jaindl enjoying the thrill of a tube ride on Jackfish Lake just as the sun sinks below the horizon.
In the 4-H cow calf class, grand champion was Toby Noble from the Hillmond 4-H Club, reserve was Bethany Harland from Paradise Hill 4-H Club and Sydney Lake from the Mervin 4-H Club was third.

At the conclusion of the 4-H show all 4-H members had their names entered for a cattle blower supplied by Paradise Hill Farm Supply. The lucky winner was Devyn Richards from the Laslath 4-H Club. Each member received a $50 gift certificate from either the Turtleford Co-op or Paradise Hill Farm Supply.

The Black Diamond Actes Ltd. pen of three commercial bred heifers had 13 entries. Champion pen was won by Carre Livestock of Paynton, Kurt Rae Johner of Maidstone had the reserve and third place pen while fourth place went to Dustin Ballantyne of Liveling.

In the British two-year-old purebred cow with bull calf at side there were six entries. Winners were: grand champion, 4K Land & Cattle Co., Androssan, Alta.; reserve, L & V Red Angus, Chaunv, Alta.; third, 20/20 Angus, Payton; fourth, Rockdell Shorthorns, Lone Rock.

In the European two-year-old purebred cow with bull calf at side there were four entries. Winners were: grand champion, Hoegel Livestock, Lloydminster; reserve, Tyler Farms, Cut Knife, third, Knute Simments, Battleford; fourth, Black Gold Simments, Lloydminster.

In the British mature purebred cow with bull calf at side there were 18 entries. Winners were: grand champion, 20/20 Angus, Payton; reserve, R & R Angus, Neiliburg; third, AnCliff Angus, Edam; fourth, Macnab Angus, Mervin.

The final class of the day was the European mature purebred cow with bull calf at side with 10 entries. Grand champion and reserve champion were both won by BlackGold Simments of Lloydminster. Tyler Farms of Cut Knife picked up third place while Grant Lodge Farms of Edam was fourth.

Diamond 7 Meats of Lloydminster donated and prepared the beef served at our noon dinner for all our competitors and sponsors.

The committee consisting of Randy Noble, Owen Legaarden, Blaine Harland, Harry Lake, Darryl Roach, Jeff Jamieson and Keith LePouult appreciate the support of the competitors and sponsors for bringing such high quality cattle to our show again this year and would welcome any suggestions regarding improving the show for next year.

The Turtleford Co-op donated the use of their corrall panels and supplied the coffee and doughnuts during the show.

13 entries in commercial breed heifer class

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Biosphere Reserve hosts Japanese delegation

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REDBERRY LAKE — Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve (RLBR) recently hosted a delegation from Japan. Nobuhiko Waka-matsu, Ryo Sakurai and Akiko Sakai spent a week learning about the similarities and differences between the RLBR and the biosphere reserve in Japan.

Ryo Sakurai is a PhD degree candidate in the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Florida as well as a technical assistant at the Graduate School of Science and Technology at the Yokohama National University. Nobuhiko Wakamatsu, Ph.D. is a secretariat for the co-ordinating committee for MAB at the Yokohama National University. Dr. Akiko Sakai is an associate professor of plant ecology at the Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences and is also on the co-ordinating committee for MAB.

Countries with a UNESCO designated biosphere reserve can also have an intergovernmental scientific program designed to improve the relationship between people and their environment globally. “The Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme proposes an interdisciplinary research agenda and capacity building that target the ecological, social and economic dimensions of biodiversity loss and the reduction of this loss,” states the website.

Maureen Reed is the vice-chair of MAB Canada and Ryo Sakurai is the vice-chair of MAB Japan. An invitation was extended to the Japanese delegation to visit the Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve as an opportunity to strengthen their knowledge base.

Wakamatsu was funded by MAB Japan while Sakurai and Sakai were funded by their biosphere reserve and research division. Sakurai explained it is common for people to not have specified funding for these opportunities but, in Japan, not having money is not an excuse not to travel and learn.

Maureen Reed is also associated with the School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan and vice-chair for MAB Canada; Vinessa Currie-Foster of Clearwater Canoeing; Rachel Turner, AECO technician and Suzanne Abe, RLBR communications.

José Schimiz, School of Environment and Sustainability, Ryo Sakurai, Nobuhiko Wakamatsu, Akiko Saka Nao Marie Kricsfalussy, delegation from Japan; John Kendrachuk, representing Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve; Maureen Reed, School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan and vice-chair for MAB Canada; Vinessa Currie-Foster of Clearwater Canoeing; Rachel Turner, AECO technician and Suzanne Abe, RLBR communications.

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