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Village Council is very pleased to announce we have partnered with Student Connections (associated with the University of Regina) to develop a web site for the Village. The purpose of the web site is twofold – firstly to take a step into the 21st century and also to provide a vehicle for residents and future residents to obtain information about our community. Anticipated launch for the web site is September 2008.

In the March newsletter we announced an exciting contest for the residents of Sedley! Put your creativity to the test and create a logo for our Village. The logo can be anything you feel represents the image of Sedley.

Remember keep it simple...too many colors and too many details make it difficult to reproduce effectively.

What's in it for you?	First Prize =	\$250.00 cold hard cash
	Second Prize =	\$50.00 cold hard cash
	Third Prize =	\$25.00 cold hard cash

The winner will be determined by public vote that will take place at our Annual Rate Payers meeting taking place in September. Additional details regarding the Annual Meeting will be provided at a later date.

On June 17th Sedley Volunteer Fire Department was on hand at a controlled burn of the annex of the Sedley elevator. Fire fighters on hand were Shawn Forbes, Dion Baker and Gerard Parent.



It's starting to feel a little bit more like summer with the recent heat we've experienced. In response to feedback received from several residents Village Council is in the process of re-vamping our Swimming Pool Bylaw. Once the new bylaw is finalized a copy will be posted at the Village Office.

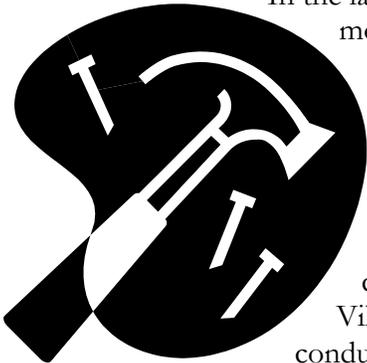
You can expect tax notices to be sent out by the end of June. At the 2008 budget meeting Council passed a motion to raise the mill rate 2 mills from 13.5 mills to 15.5 mills. In addition to this, the Prairie Valley School Division has also raised their mill rate 1 mill from 21.75 to 22.75.

Keep in mind if you pay your taxes by July 31st you'll get the benefit of a 3% discount. The Village Office is not open on July 31st so payment will need to be received by 4 pm on Wednesday, July 30th to take advantage of the discount.

On June 5th Village Council took part in a Village Walkabout. The Walkabout is to identify any work needing to be done by the Village to ensure the safety of our residents and to ensure our roads, sidewalks; culverts, etc. are in good shape. We have identified a number of areas within the village that require attention and we will be actively working through the summer to fix identified issues.

During the walk it was observed there were other areas in which we can enhance the look of our community by cleaning unsightly properties. Over the next few weeks letters will be sent to all those properties with junked vehicles, unkempt yards, overgrown grass and weeds, outdoor storage, etc. We will be requesting the property is restored and then maintained to a minimum standard. If the owner is unable or does not comply with our request, the Village will perform the necessary work and the costs associated with the clean up will be passed on to the property owner.

If you notice something that requires attention please contact the Village Office in writing and it will be discussed at the next regular scheduled council meeting.



In the last issue of Sedley News we indicated a building permit was required for most renovation projects. Some projects that do not require permits include fences, sidewalks, planters; driveways and parking lots; painting, decorating, laying carpet and general maintenance (roofing, windows, siding); swimming pools and hot tubs less than 600 mm in depth; communication aerials and towers unless attached to a building; signs, unless attached to buildings; accessory buildings (garden sheds, etc.) not greater than 10 square meters in area; cabinets. Otherwise permits are required for any construction, repair, renovation, destruction, demolition projects within the Village of Sedley. Some projects will require a professional inspection to be conducted by the Village appointed inspector. Costs associated with the inspector are a straight pass-through cost. Some projects, typically new building construction, require Council approval prior to proceeding with the project.

All projects require a permit **PRIOR** to beginning the project.