

Lexie Culham
2010 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Lexie Culham's musical gifts have inspired generations of musicians and enriched events of all kinds in the community of Cabri. Known for her kindness, patience and expertise she has cultivated the creative talents of both young and old, encouraging those in her community to share their love of music with both family and friends. Her contributions to her community include:

- Pillar of the Town of Cabri and District music programs including lessons, accompaniment and entertainment
- Volunteer musician, Royal Canadian Legion, Cabri Branch
- Accompanist for the Cabri Brass Band festivals and concerts
- Organist and pianist of the Cabri United Church since 1952
- Director and pianist for the Ecumenical Teen Choir
- Volunteer musician for the Cabri School music programs
- Assistant and accompanist for the Cabri Community Choir
- Pianist and entertainer at the Cabri Health Care facility
- Participant and organizer for many music festivals, concerts and recitals

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Cabri

David Delday
2010 Recipient
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David Delday has worked to not only strengthen the community of Kindersley, but to celebrate Saskatchewan's unique heritage and history becoming involved with numerous groups and organizations with the goal of preserving Saskatchewan's agricultural traditions. He has also spent countless hours drawing awareness to the issue of eye care, and was instrumental in the purchase of much needed diagnostic equipment. His many achievements include:

- Councillor, RM of Hillsburgh
- Provincial chair, member and host family area representative for the International Agricultural Exchange Association
- First chair, West Central Regional Agricultural Council
- Under his leadership, Worker's Compensation Insurance became mandatory in Saskatchewan for farmers hosting foreign youth
- Instrumental in forming the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Visual Research and Equipment Foundation of Saskatchewan, raising more than \$980,000 for the purchase of equipment for eye clinics in five Saskatchewan cities
- Instrumental in organizing annual clinics in schools to diagnose amblyopia
- Grand Master and member, Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F), Noble Grand and member, Goose Hill Lodge #108 of the I.O.O.F., and member of the Masonic Lodge
- Chair and volunteer, Kindersley & District Museum
- Chair and board member, Kindersley Credit Union
- Member of the Knox United Church, Netherhill and St. Paul's United Church, Kindersley, serving as board trustee, choir member, Sunday school teacher and a volunteer to several committees and events
- Member, Kindersley Centennial Planning Committee
- Member, Saskatchewan Agriculture's Conservation Board
- Member, Netherhill School Board and Secretary, Minor Lake School Board
- Member, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and the Kindersley Growing Project
- Committee member, Caleb Village Senior Housing Complex
- Committee member, Salvation Army Thrift Store
- Volunteer , 4-H Light Horse Club, the Arabian Horse Club and the local Standardbred Racing group

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Kindersley

Maurice Filson
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Maurice Filson's spirit for volunteerism has been felt in communities across southern Saskatchewan, through his involvement in sport, cultural and heritage organizations in Lafleche, Woodrow and Regina. He has worked with a number of charitable organizations to benefit those in his community. His accomplishments include:

- Councillor and Reeve for Wood River Rural Municipality #74
- Chair, South Central RM Association
- Chair and member, Lafleche and District hospital board, raising funds for the Area Wellness Centre
- Chair, Wood River Library Board
- Chair, Grid Road Grant Sharing Board for the RM of Wood River, Pinto Creek and Gravelbourg
- Chair and member, Woodrow Wheat Pool Committee
- Instrumental in the building of the Woodrow hockey arena and curling complex and member of the Lafleche and District community rink board
- Instrumental in the building of the Lafleche and District Museum
- Board member, Lafleche Volunteer Fire Fighters, involved in building a new fire hall
- Board member, Wood River School Division, serving on the Salary Negotiating Committee
- Member of the board for the Guiding Light Home for children in Assiniboia
- Member, Woodrow Cemetery Board
- Member, Woodrow Co-operative Board
- Committee member, Lafleche and District history book, 1905 - 1980
- Member, Wood River Old Timers' Association
- Member and chair, Woodrow United Church board
- Member, Sunset United Church and serving on its Community Outreach committee
- Member, St. John's Masonic Lodge, Assiniboia and the Assiniboia and District Shrine Club

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Helen Hellegards-MacFarlane
2010 Recipient
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Helen Hellegards-MacFarlane has shown exemplary dedication to the Town of Kamsack. Spearheading revitalization plans, she has focused her efforts on community improvements such as planting trees, cleaning up green spaces and tending to community gardens. Her service to the community includes:

- Town Councillor
- Led the Kamsack *Revitalization Initiative* that saw additional lighting installed on main street, planting trees, cleaning up green spaces, placing hanging baskets and improving the main entrance to the community
- Initiating and planning with Environment Canada the cleanup of a northern petroleum oil site
- Instrumental in fundraising over \$60,000 for community projects and improvements
- Instrumental in the upkeep of the Trackside and CN Gardens and had a rail caboos moved to the gardens, complete with a deck and performing stage
- Instrumental in organizing a memorial monument at the Kamsack Cenotaph acknowledging military service of aboriginal people that fought in World War I and II
- Instrumental in the Communities in Bloom initiative with Kamsack placing first in the provincial category in 2009
- Instrumental in the creation of community signage recognizing Russian pioneers and their contributions to the town
- Instrumental in developing area river land into a park, donating not only her time, but money to plant trees, shrubs, flowers and grass, complete with bathrooms, barbecue, fire pit, picnic tables and flags, dedicating the park back to the community in honour of her parents
- Member of the Eagle Stone Lodge
- Member of the Playhouse Theatre Committee

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Kamsack

Krishan Kapila
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Retired physics teacher Krishan Kapila has devoted his life to community leadership with an emphasis on multi-culturalism. He has committed his life to the ideal of bringing those of different faiths who reside in Saskatchewan together with the goal of creating mutual respect, awareness and appreciation for one another. His contributions to his community include:

- Founding member and first president of Multi-Faith Saskatchewan, committee member for Regina Multi-Faith Fairs and the Annual Dinner of Understanding and Recognition
- Founding member and past president of the Regina Multi-Faith Forum
- Founding member and first president of the Hindu Samaj (Society) of Southern Saskatchewan
- Founding member of India Association and past president of India Canada Association of Saskatchewan
- Past director, Saskatchewan Science Centre
- Past director of the Saskatchewan Association for Science Fairs Inc.
- Catalyst for the expansion of science fairs in the province
- Past member of the RCMP Commanding Officer's Diversity Management Committee
- Past committee member of the Multicultural Initiative Fund and Cultural Advisory Committee of SaskCulture
- Spearheaded events for Saskatchewan's 75th, 80th and 100th Anniversaries and the City of Regina's Centennial
- Awarded: Saskatchewan Centennial Medal; Provincial Cultural Volunteer Award, Saskatchewan Council of Cultural Organizations; Mayor's Community Volunteer Award, Cultural Diversity, Regina; Volunteer Award, Silver Anniversary, India Canada Association; and the Award of Merit, Saskatchewan Science Teachers' Association.

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Regina

Emil Leibel
2010 Recipient
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Emil Leibel has served as a representative to the province's cattlemen and dairy producers of Saskatchewan. It is a commitment that is only eclipsed by his dedication to his church and his home, the community of Balgonie. His contributions to his community and province include:

- President, Saskatchewan Dairy Association and opened a dairy museum in North Battleford
- First president of the Balgonie Multiplex Planning Committee
- Founding director and member of the Balgonie Community Singers
- Secretary treasurer and member of the Saskatchewan Milk Producers' Association
- Secretary treasurer and member of St. Joseph's Cemetery Planning Committee, planning layouts, organizer of perpetual care, maintenance, instrumental in obtaining more land and developing additions in accordance to government regulations
- Exalted Ruler and charter member of the Balgonie Elks Lodge
- Organizer for the Balgonie Animal Breeder's Co-operative
- Representative to the Quality Control Guidelines Committee for Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- Member, Balgonie Community History Committee
- Member of the organizing committee for the 100th anniversary for the Church of St. Joseph
- Member, Knights of Columbus
- Member, Balgonie Winter Festival Committee
- Representative, National Milk Recording Committee for Saskatchewan
- Representative, Saskatchewan Livestock Board
- Representative, University of Saskatchewan Dairy Barn Committee
- Representative, Horned Cattle Fund Committee
- Awarded: Award of Service, Parish of St. Joseph's; Life Membership, Saskatchewan Dairy Association.

Telephone: (306) 771-2507 Balgonie

Jean Mahoney
2010 Recipient
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Jean Mahoney has shown a clear dedication to both her community and her church through her involvement with the Catholic Women's League of Canada as well as numerous projects with the Archdiocese of Regina. She has worked to not only improve the spiritual wellbeing of the community but also its mental and physical health. Her contributions to church, health care and community are as follows:

- National president of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
- Chair and member of the Board of Regents for Campion College
- President and a member of the board of directors for the Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home
- President and board member of Catholic Family Services
- President, Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association
- President, Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan and Catholic Health Ministry Saskatchewan
- Presidents, board of directors for Regina's Mobile Crisis Inc.
- Charter president of the Saskatchewan Nurses' Foundation
- Chair, Task Force of Health Care Reform
- Pastoral volunteer for Regina General Hospital
- Member, University of Regina Senate
- Member of the board of directors for the South Saskatchewan Hospital Complex
- Member, Provincial Health Advisory Committee
- Member, Circle of Support and Accountability
- Awarded: Canada Volunteer Award, Government of Canada; YWCA Women of Distinction Award; Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal; Papal Awards - the Dame Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great and The Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice by Pope Benedict XVI

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Regina

Betty Lou Palko
2010 Recipient
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By combining her passion for education and community spirit with a positive attitude, Betty Lou Palko has worked tirelessly to put the issue of physician recruitment and retention to the forefront of her community becoming an outstanding civic figure in Hudson Bay in the process. Her contributions to her community include:

- Councillor, Town of Hudson Bay
- Chair and member of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee
- Chair, Trust Advisory Board
- Chair and co-chair of the Town of Hudson Bay Reunion and Homecoming
- Chair and member, Hudson Bay Museum Board
- Chair, Friends of Larry McDonald, a non-profit group raising funds for the community
- Past president, secretary, treasurer of the Hudson Bay curling club
- Founding member, Hudson Bay and District Assessment and Referral Services
- Founding member, Citizens on Patrol
- Instrumental in developing a partnership with the high school to deliver Meals on Wheels
- Member, Northeast Regional Victims Services
- Member, Hudson Bay Health Services Advisory Board
- Organized a peer support group for youth
- Organized a Friends for Life suicide prevention group
- Organized a Students Against Drinking and Driving program
- Volunteer to have homes ready for new families who immigrated from Ukraine
- Volunteer in all aspects of the community's activities, welcoming receptions, coordinating accommodations, celebrations and functions
- Member, Communities in Bloom and instrumental in developing a group called Green Thumbs
- Awarded: Spirit Award; Paul Harris Award, Hudson Bay Rotary; Saskatchewan Centennial Medal; 2005 Hudson Bay Citizen of the Year; SADD Pioneer Award and Lifetime Membership; Innovation Award from the Canadian Mental Health Association; and the National Award for Community Awareness from the Addictions Awareness Society; Saskatchewan Justice Victim Services Recognition Award.

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Hudson Bay

Albin Zubot
2010 Recipient
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Over the years Albin Zubot has immersed himself in all aspects of the Town of Burstall volunteering for a number of clubs, committees and organizations. He has single handedly taken on many community projects such as the upkeep and maintenance of the local swimming pool, arena, curling rink and water treatment plant. In doing so, he has earned the utmost respect from his community, never denying anyone his time, advice or a helping hand. He has served his community in the following ways:

- Chair and treasurer, Burstall Swimming Pool Association
- Chair and treasurer, St. Michael's Church
- Chair, Minor Ball Association
- Chair, Lions Club
- Volunteer project manager for the community water treatment centre
- Volunteer engineer for the community swimming pool constructing a solar water heating system
- Volunteer coach for minor league baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball
- Volunteer coach for table tennis for the Saskatchewan Winter Games
- Volunteer in the construction and maintenance of community ball diamonds
- Volunteer helping with the maintenance for Burstall's curling rink, arena, golf course, St. Michael's Church, and providing pool maintenance for more than 25 years
- Fundraising to keep community recreation facilities operating

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