



Back Row L-R: Leonard Wegner (MHC, Facility Manager), Lisa Gerlinski (Patients First) Bonnie O'Grady (Twin Rivers Health), Muriel Conacher (Twin Rivers Health), Connie McCullock (Pine Island Corp.), Gail Twedt (Maidstone's Dynamic Red Hatter), Lloyd Holmes (Pine Island Corp.), Greg Donald (Pine Island Corp.) Front Row L-R: Lois Pike (Dynamic Red Hatter), Lori Donald (Patients First), Brandi Reinehart (Patients First)

Patients First

"Patients First" is a newly formed group made up of caring and compassionate Maidstone Health Complex staff. The purpose of the group is to enhance the quality of care given to patients at the Maidstone Health Complex by raising funds to purchase much needed equipment.

But don't let their shiny new name fool you!

This group is not new to fundraising for their community. They were responsible for organizing the "Big Bike" for Heart & Stroke in the community of Maidstone for the last several years.

This year, however, the group decided they wanted to do something different. Something that would have a direct impact on the facility they know and love. They decided to raise funds for XY track lifts at the Maidstone Health Complex.

"Patients First" members, Lori Donald and Brandi Rhinehart, explained that the benefit of the XY track lift system is that it would allow staff to provide better care for patients and cut down on injuries to staff members. It was a win-win scenario.

The campaign for XY track lifts would run for several years until enough money was raised to purchase a lift and then they would work towards purchasing one for another part of the facility. The goal for the first year was \$5000.00.

The group organized a

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bake sale, silent auction, summer basket raffle, and of course, barbeque.

It goes without saying that the community of Maidstone is like no other! When a need is identified, everyone does what they can to support. Community members donated, purchased, baked, barbequed, and ate. Even when the skies opened up and threatened to wreak havoc on the events, the cars still kept on coming to support this incredible fundraiser.

When the dust settled (ok - there may have been too much rain for dust!) "Patients First" had raised a whopping \$16,176.85!!! Over three times their initial goal.

Significant contributors to this total include: Maidstone's Dynamic Red Hatters, KJM Welding and Farms, Maurice Oddan, Alexander and Patricia Jack and Maidstone Group Home Society.

On June 9th, shortly after the barbeque wrapped up, "Patients First" organizers sat down with Twin Rivers Health Care Foundation Board members to discuss a partnership.

The result of this meeting was that Twin Rivers Health Care Foundation would purchase an XY track lift for the palliative care side of the facility and "Patients First" would purchase an XY track lift for the acute care side of the facility.

On June 22, "Patients First" member, Lori Donald, received news that put the icing on the cake. Maidstone's Pine Island Corporation was going to purchase the third and final XY track lift that was needed in the facility.

To conclude: "Patients First" is just that - a group that puts patients first, and engages their friends, family, local businesses and other organizations in the community to invest in

Maidstone Health Complex. What an incredible accomplishment for this group and the community!

Story and photos submitted



Brandi Rhinehart demonstrates new XY Track lift.

CropMax Meeting

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Brentt Becker gave a quick presentation on Bio-Sul Premium plus, which is a sulphur fertilizer product that CropMax retails and custom applies. It is a unique product in the sense that it diverts two bi-products from landfills; organic waste from the food industry, and elemental sulphur which is a bi-product of the oil and gas industry. A short video found on line at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-sNfIAgeMs> explains interesting facts from the sustainability side of Bio-Sul just to help put it into perspective.

Bio-Cycle will divert 500,000 tonnes of organic waste from landfills in 2018. To provide some perspective - The entire city of Calgary produces about 60,000 Tonnes of organic waste per year. Since Bio-cycle has started collecting waste the landfills in Calgary went to reduced days of operation because there is far less waste to get rid of.

-80% diversion from landfills in municipalities where they operate

-95% landfill diversion in commercial sectors they operate

Worldwide, one-third of food (or about 1.3 billion tonnes), produced for human consumption is wasted. In North America, more than 30 per cent of fruits and

vegetables not attractive enough for consumers are rejected by supermarkets.

Did you know, Canada's food waste equals \$31 billion each year?

Following Brentt's presentation, Derek Squair from Agritrend discussed the grain markets and the global oversupply of many commodities. He talked about his prediction for next year's seeded crop acres and a band for prices if things continue as they are.

Lastly Phil Bernardin from Engage Agro presented about some new

products coming online. In particular their PGR - plant growth regulator which is on track to be approved by the terminals and educating growers of the advantages that it could provide.

That wrapped up the CropMax winter meeting. The company and producers who attended were pleased with the interest shown and plans are already underway for their next meeting.

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Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

Aquarius shows that it can be your own emotions and perhaps inner-fears or insecurities that can cloud your perception at this time... With a retro Jupiter in your 10th House there can be no let-downs in your personal honor or integrity... You're

likely to experience rapid advancements, but you cannot allow that to go to your head and let your standards slip... You'll see gains very soon, but this is nothing in comparison to how extravagant the future is looking!!



Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

Pisces deals very strongly with what you truly believe in the depths of your heart and soul... This energy is there to help lift you to much higher levels of status and position... The key to this is to realize that you also need quite a bit of "quiet time" when you can rest, relax and un-plug... The key right now is to take things as they happen and let the actions of others be more of a guide than what they may be saying... Your own words must be your bond!!



Aries Mar 21-Apr 20

Aries shows you are moving into what looks like a very prosperous new cycle... Retrograde Jupiter shows there are still some emotional/personal issues that still need to be resolved, but from then on it looks like clear sailing for Aries... The idea

right now is to focus more on "quality" rather than "quantity"... This energy works like the hour hand on a clock, you do not really see it moving, because it's movements are so smooth and precise... Great Chart!!



Taurus Apr 21-May 21

Taurus has an energy that is here to remind you that your past happened as it did to bring you to this moment in time... Both the good and the bad... With all those planets moving into your 12th House of Sorrows there can be

a tendency to be way too hard on yourself... Right now it's all about learning the lessons, making adjustments and now moving forward... There is a lot of fate and destiny involved in this energy so do not take needless risks and chances.



Gemini May 22-Jun 21

Gemini has an awesome element of freedom that is beginning to shine through and this energy has the capacity to turn many of your hopes and dreams into rock solid realities... It isn't an "Instant Karma" kind of vibe, in fact

there can be a few delays or even "set-backs" that happen first (Jupiter Retro) but you cannot allow anything to break your faith... This energy begins to bring you to much higher levels of vitality and exhilaration. Not easy, but worth it!!



Cancer Jun 22-Jul 22

Cancer has a way of lighting up that inner fire and determination within you... But before you go getting all kinds of "John Wayne" you would be wise to step back and strongly consider the effects you are having on others... Especially

when pursuing your hopes and dreams... This is not the time to be a "bull in a china shop"... This energy calls for style, grace and elegance in all that you say and do... What you do and say should be done with a First Class quality!



Leo Jul 23-Aug 21

Leo is totally focused on teamwork as that is the biggest requirement of your own personal success because a big part of your current challenges are for the benefit of others that are able to witness the odds that you have had to

overcome... All those planets are in very sensitive areas of your chart right now... The hardest part appears to be not caving into your own "reasons and excuses" to give up, or give less than your absolute best... Don't be that guy... Shine!



Virgo Aug 22-Sep 23

Virgo has an energy that is trying to move you more into "the public eye" and for many of the other signs that would be great news, but Virgo usually prefers to work in the background and be more "the power behind the throne"... But

this energy is also very personal and it intended to bring you face to face with your real potential... What good are talents and abilities if they cannot be shared with others? Stay in the moment and avoid getting too far ahead of yourself.



Libra Sep 24-Oct 23

Libra has an element of "terminal overload" where there are just so many ideas, thoughts, tasks, duties, schedules or whatever for your brain to process at one time... Sorta-kind of like it is one person against the world... After you

snap yourself out of your "woe is me" you will start to see how all the pieces actually fit together... The key is to take things one step at a time and finish one task before moving onto the next... The need to verify statements, facts and figures.



Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

Scorpio has an uplifting edge to it right now but it also has a bigger requirement to it too... It's like when a dream comes true, the question becomes "what comes next"... What does "Happily Ever After" really mean to you?... This chart shows

success is almost assured unless you do something really bone-headed to screw it up... hehe... The key is found in your partnerships/relationships with others... This can lead to a very passionate and exciting time!



Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 22

Sagittarius realistically has no limits to how far these transits can take you... Luck, wealth and even fame seem to be calling out to you... It isn't just what you do, but how you do things and the vibes that you send out that causes others just to feel good by

being around you... There will be some restrictions because your planet ruler Jupiter is retrograde, but that seems to be more of a "timing" thing to make sure events happen at the right places at the right times.



Capricorn Dec 23-Jan 20

Capricorn has an energy that can cause you to question yourself and what is the right path to follow towards a brighter future. A lot of it has to do with memories from the past re-surfacing and the other can be about being

unsure what you really want. The wild part about this chart is that it is there to help you answers those inner questions. Anything is possible for Capricorn, you just need to focus on serving the needs of others in the things that you do.

Cryptogram Solution from last week

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