Farmers say good bye to harvest season,
hello to potentially long and cold winter

A convoy of combines and haulers from Thunder Ridge Farms caused a back up on the highway just outside town as they headed back to Leask. With winter just around the corner farmers throughout the area are still hard at work wrapping up their harvest operations for the season.

On Tuesday, Thunder Ridge Farms caused a back up on the highway just outside of town, as 12 combines and six haulers proceeded in a convoy bound for Leask following operations that involved combining more than 1,700 acres of land.

But according to the government of Saskatchewan’s Weekly Crop Report for the period from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, unfavourable weather conditions, including a brief cold snap and touches of frost and snow, have delayed harvest operations for some farmers.

These conditions follow a long, cold winter, as well as a colder summer, both of which contributed to farmers, like semi-retired Shellbrook farmer Ron Ferster, having to postpone seeding their fields.

Despite the unexpected weather, Ferster, whose farm specializes in canola and wheat, as well as barley, oats and peas, says the vast majority of farmers in the Shellbrook area are done harvesting operations, and their yields haven’t been too adversely effected.

“Our yields were average for this year, and prices are lower than last year, which is never a good thing. It’s going to be a break-even year because of prices. But if prices come back up, everyone will make a little money.”

The drop in crop prices is due primarily to a large American soybean and corn crop this year, says Ferster, adding that Canadian farmers just have to follow the market trends set by the U.S. He adds, however, that there is some possibility for certain crop prices to rise.

“The American wheat crop isn’t as good, so there’s potential for market increase there. They don’t grow much canola, so we have a niche market, and they don’t grow a bunch of peas, so we have an edge on them. We are very diversified, but they still influence our markets because of their corn.”

With most forecasts pointing to another especially long, hard, cold winter. Ferster says there’s not much to do but hope for the best.

“We do as much as we can in the fall. If we have another three weeks of mild temperatures, we’ll be preparing our soils for planting in the spring, and that speeds up the process. The last three years we haven’t had that opportunity. But if it’s a cold winter, we just sit there and suffer and work through it.”

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Winter is coming... If the falling mercury, touches of frost and occasional falling of snow weren’t indication enough of this fact, the opening of flu clinics in the region earlier this week no doubt was.

Yet, with snow no longer in full swing, many in the province will choose to forgo getting vaccinated, a decision that Dr. Khami Chokani, medical officer of the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region, says has consequences for everyone.

“It’s important that people get the flu shot to protect themselves from getting ill with the flu, and to protect their loved ones and friends from getting it. If they don’t get the flu, they won’t pass on to others,” he explained.

“By getting the flu shot they will contribute to developing a herd immunity, so that those who are frail and children under six months who can’t get the flu shot are also protected,” he added.

Chokani says that people typically avoid getting the flu shot because they don’t feel like making the effort, they don’t like needles, they don’t like the idea of something being put in their bodies, or because they rarely get sick and don’t feel the need to get the shot.

For those who dislike needles, he recommends FluMist, a relatively new method of administering the flu vaccine that just received public funding from the provincial government. Unlike the traditional flu shot, FluMist is inhaled through the nose. It is most effective in children aged 2 to 17, and will be made readily available later in the month.

“The vaccination, in either form, is very effective in not only protecting people from getting the flu, but also, it reduces the signs and symptoms of the flu,” he said. “If you’ve ever had the flu and you’ve never had your flu shot, you feel really ill. You feel like someone has used an 18-wheeler to drive over you and then reverse back over you.

He explains that the flu, like any virus, can take on many forms and will alter its strain slightly throughout flu season, presenting a challenge to doctors as they try to find the best match to the current strain of the flu virus in order to ensure that the vaccine is as effective as possible. He adds, however, that getting vaccinated will help the body identify the flu strain and respond appropriately, even when it does change.

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Saskatchewan people can be proud that our province is strong and moving forward. Our population is growing, our economy is leading the nation and our future is brighter than ever as our young people are choosing to stay, start their careers and raise their families.

This is a time of year when many of us reflect on the things for which we are thankful – our health, our families, our friends and quality of life. Our government’s pursuit of growth gives us a greater ability to invest in these things and take care of one another a little better than we could before. We see this in many ways, including the construction of a Children’s Hospital.

After years of planning, fundraising and design, our government is fulfilling a promise to build a state-of-the-art maternal and children’s hospital in Saskatoon.

With the support of our $295.5 million investment, this will be a hospital made in Saskatchewan, for Saskatchewan.

Starting in 2017, the 176-bed facility next to Royal University Hospital will provide medical services for children and expectant moms. The hospital will offer state-of-the-art neonatal intensive care and will include Saskatchewan’s first dedicated pediatric surgical suite. It will help recruit and retain the best pediatric and maternal health care specialists and give our families the safe, efficient and effective Children’s Hospital they have long deserved.

We are thankful for all those who have given their time, talents and financial contributions to breathe life into this project and we thank those who continue to work tirelessly to see it through to completion. They are a testament to the Saskatchewan spirit and their contributions are a shining example of our provincial motto Multis e gentibus vires: “From Many People’s Strength.”

Saskatchewan is blessed with wide open spaces and many rural and remote areas where people live, work and enjoy our province’s natural beauty. With this in mind, it is essential that we continue to make emergency medical services even more responsive than they’ve been in the past. We have been able to do this through STARS helicopter air emergency services.

Our government and the people of our province have believed in and supported STARS from the beginning. Thanks to the continued support of our people and community partners, this emergency service continues to save lives. Just recently, Potash Corp provided $27 million to fund a new AW139 STARS Helicopter, medical equipment and new home base. We thank them for their continued support of the work STARS Air Ambulance does in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan is home to 26,000 kilometres of provincial highway that is key to connecting our people with the places they need to go and our products with markets around the world. Our highways are busier than ever and, as another construction season winds down, a number of paving projects are nearing completion. By the end of the season we anticipate more than 300 kilometres of repaving on our busiest highways, including 1, 2, 6, 11, 16, 39 and 48, will be completed along with upgrades to 150 kilometres of rural highways across the province.

Our government is preparing for further grading, paving, repaving and road repair in 2015. We are also committed to new passing lanes, the widening of highways and the construction of new bridges, culverts, and bypasses. We understand there is more to do which is why, since 2008, we have invested $4.3 billion in transportation infrastructure – $2 billion more than the previous government invested between 2001 and 2007.

Although some highway projects have wrapped up, contractors and crews will continue working as long as weather permits. Please remember to exercise care and caution, obey the signs and slow down to 60km/hr in work zones to ensure that we all get home safely.

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**Small's Shorts for Seniors**

By Cecile Small

**The Green Stuff Between My Teeth**

I was out for coffee with my cronies the other day when one of them asked:

“What’s that green stuff between your teeth?”

After picking at it for a while I said:

“That’s what my wife keeps putting on my plate.”

We all chuckled a mite, but then we got serious.

Seems I wasn’t the only one who’d been put on a diet.

Some of us had been coerced into joining a diet club.

Some of us were being monitored by a doctor.

Some of us had been given tasks.

Although I kept showing up with green stuff between my teeth,

I had it pretty good.

I was on a “one day on, one day off” kind of deal.

I didn’t mind it so much, except that on my “off” days, my wife watered me like a haw.

What is boiled down to is that on off days I was allowed more of what kept sticking to my teeth.

I put up with the nonsense for a while,

But when the wife started bringing home that bread with all the little seeds in it I drew the line.

It was bad enough having stuff hanging on to my teeth.

Having it make its home underneath was a whole new kettle of fish.

Didn’t bother the wife any.

She still has her own teeth.

We went to see the doc.

He was really happy.

I had lost 5 pounds, probably because I kept worrying about my teeth.

Stress can do that.

The wife had lost 15 pounds.

Probably because she kept watching me.

Nosiness can do that.

I’m not dieting anymore.

Thanksgiving, I had written up the menu.

Turkey with all the fixings and no green stuff in sight.

The wife went to visit her mother.

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**Shellbrook RCMP report**

Over the past month Shellbrook RCMP have issued 66 traffic tickets for traffic related offences under the Traffic Safety Act of Saskatchewan.

As well, four impaired driving charges under the Criminal Code have been laid. An impaired driving charge is a criminal code offence and upon a conviction a minimum $1000.00 dollar fine and a loss of your driver’s license for one year will be the punishment.

The RCMP is committed to traffic safety through key partnerships, education and enforcement. Please be responsible when driving a vehicle and make the right choice not to drink and drive.

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Serve your community.
There’s still so much history left to make

It’s been 85 years since the famous ‘Persons Case’ - a crucial benchmark in Canadian legal history that saw women finally recognized for what they are and always have been since the beginning of our time on this planet... People-

This landmark decision would finally grant women all the same rights as their male counterparts. Or that was the idea, anyway. But 85 years later, as we “celebrate” Women’s History Month and look back at all that has happened since that fateful day, we should be cognizant of just how much history we still have to make if we, as a country, wish to live up to the promise that court ruling was supposed to offer our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters.

According to 2013’s Global Gender Gap Report by the World Economic Forum, Canada currently has what should be considered by all Canadians to be a failing record when it comes to gender equality.

Canada was ranked 26th out of all countries for which data was received, placing it three spots ahead of the United States, but well behind the Scandi-navian countries, and even behind countries like Cuba and Lesotho, which has been cited repeatedly by the United States Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor for use of torture, poor prison conditions, and even the abuse of women and children.

It may true that Canada is one of the top countries in terms of educational attainment for women, but we’re failing elsewhere. The report ranks us 49th in terms of health and survival, an abysmal ranking that places us behind the U.S., where the mission of Republicans of late has been to deny women as many fundamental healthcare rights as possible. We were ranked equally poorly when it comes to political empowerment, falling into 42nd spot.

While we continue to rank a respectable 9th place when it comes to economic participation, and women continue to make up more than half the workforce, we still have a long way to go when it comes to income equality as well.

In its most recent Gender Income Gap Report, The Conference Board of Canada gave Canada a C grade when it comes to income equality, citing the fact that there’s a 19 per cent income gap between men and women in the country. Canada has consistently been given a C since the 1980s, suggesting that relatively little is being done to narrow the income gap, all despite our laws against gender-based discrimination.

Although this alone should be evidence enough of the myriad milestones that still need to be reached before we can truly celebrate Women’s History Month, it’s far from our worst failing. For a law is easy to write or change, but the mentality of a nation is something that must be molded.

The hard truth is that almost nothing has changed with regards to how we see and treat our women. To far too many of us, they are still objects for gratifica-
tion, and as such, it’s no shock that the familiar refrain of, “She was asking for it” have become all too common in the media of late.

To put it simply... No woman, regardless of how she dresses or behaves, is asking to be harassed, assaulted, raped or murdered. But still, women continue to be the victims of the majority of crimes in this country, and we’re all too eager to blame the victim.

So before we celebrate Women’s History Month, and before we congratulate ourselves, let us think on the history that has yet to be made, and strive to make it together.

Great grandma and grandpa are working but their kids might be opting for retirement.

A detailed breakdown of the job numbers from last month undertaken by the editor of Sask Trends Monitor turns up a very intriguing development. The number of people over the age of 65 taking on a job is rising – actually it’s one of the fastest growing demographic segments in the workforce. But the perce-
tage of people between 55 and 64 with a job is declin-
ing.

August was the first time that happened in more than a decade. A closer look at the numbers suggests the decline was in full-time employment and it was a direct result of retirement. The number in this cohort rose so the pool was larger but the proportion of those working fell...in other words they left the workforce principally from health care, the wholesale trade and IT.

Intriguingly, however, the number over the age of 65 who are working or looking for a job continues to increase. And it’s a good thing because without them, the labor shortage would be even more acute.

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After taking a month off, we returned to car dealerships in a big way this summer.

Figures on sales of new vehicles in July have just been released and they show quite a departure from June’s performance. Back in June, dealers were wondering what was happening. The number of units leaving lots had fallen from the five-and-a-half thousand range to just under 5,000 in the month. That was a decline of roughly ten-percent.

We saw a similar track back in February when things were slow – likely because of the tough winter conditions – but after a slow start in March, sales rebounded back to a more normal level.

It turns out that history repeated itself this summer. June was slow and then July rebounded – back to the 5,500 units range.

The bulk of volume in this province falls into the truck cat-

egory. This includes SUVs as well as half-tons. They account for 70 or 75 per cent of the units leaving dealer lots. July produced similar a result: signs that consumer confidence has not soft-
ened, it’s just that we’re a little streaky in our buying patterns.

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A new economic forecast has Saskatchewan in a rare position - the bottom of the pack.

The economists at BMO Bank of Montreal have just updated their quarterly forecast for the provinces and it has Saskatchewan expected to expand by only one per cent this year. That matches Newfoundland as the two fall behind everyone else.

Interestingly, though, next year the bank sees a strong rebound for Saskatchewan with growth of 2.7 per cent, second best in the nation behind only Alber-
ta. The primary reason for the fall this year is the grain crop. After last year’s record output, we have seen the crop fall back to more normal or below normal levels. That has kicked a dint in the year-over-year compari-
son.

Even so, Saskatchewan is still in positive territory for the year which points to the strength of the remainder of the economy which more than offset the drop from a record grain harvest last year.

Despite the pullback in GDP growth, however, new job cre-
ation remains buoyant with Saskatchewan slated to be second to Alberta both this year and next.

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Despite signs that we may be reaching a bit of a balance in the labor market, a new report from StatsCan is suggesting the exact opposite. Saskatchewan, it turns out, has the tightest labor market in the country matched only by Alberta.

StatsCan has developed a different way of measuring the balance between supply and demand in the labor market by calculating how many unemployed people – those who have worked in the past year and are presently actively looking for a job – there are for every job opening.

Clearly, based on this report, it is a seller’s market.

Saskatchewan has 2.4 people available for every unfilled job. In other words, employers have only two or three people to choose from when seeking a new worker. Conversely, those looking for work will only have to outpace one or two others to get a job.

Compare that to the national average which has six people available for every vacant opening. And in Newfoundland, the number is five or six times higher than Saskatchewan with roughly 14 unemployed people for every job opening.
A reminder of rural dangers

Murray Mandryk ~

Rising cost of tuition in Saskatchewan

Dear Editor,

The price of a university education in Saskatchewan jumped more than anywhere else in Canada for this school year, and students in Saskatchewan’s universities now pay the second-highest tuition in the country.

According to numbers released by Statistics Canada, average undergraduate tuition has been hiked by 4 per cent in Saskatchewan compared to last year, while graduate tuition fees rose by an average of 5.2 per cent for Saskatchewan students. Both these numbers outstrip every other province.

Tuition for Saskatchewan’s students is now the second-most expensive in the nation, second only to Ontario’s universities.

The high cost is hard on students, and it’s not good for our labour market moving forward. This province needs more skilled professionals like nurses, engineers and teachers – so we need students to be able to afford to choose Saskatchewan, and be able to afford to make it all the way to graduation. But, instead of this government making it a little easier for young people and families to afford that, they’re making it harder and harder.

With the high and rising cost of living Saskatchewan people are now dealing with, many are forced to factor in high rent, food, and utility bill costs when considering a university education.

On top of tuition, mandatory fees for undergraduate university students also rose more in Saskatchewan than in any other province, according to Statistics Canada – up 14.5 per cent compared to 2.8 per cent nationally.

Saskatchewan should be a great choice for Canada’s youth, looking to start their education and their career, but this government is making a mess of the basics. In addition to doing very little to address the high cost of living, this government is driving up tuition prices – our students and our province deserve better.

Warren McCall
NDP post-secondary education critic

The mission in Iraq

Dear Editor,

ISIL represents a real and present threat to the Middle East region. It has ruthlessly and systematically killed thousands throughout Iraq and Syria – innocent civilians, ethnic and religious minorities, humanitarian workers, and journalists – displacing hundreds of thousands more in their wake. Both the security threat and the urgent humanitarian crisis created by ISIL require international action.

The question is not whether Canada can contribute to this effort; we must. The question is this: in the context of a wide-scale, international effort to confront ISIL, what is the most effective contribution that Canada can make?

The Liberal Party of Canada believes that our efforts are best devoted to the humanitarian side of the equation. Displaced Iraqis who have been forced from their homes at the hands of ISIL need our help. Canada is uniquely positioned to be a leader in the humanitarian efforts in this region. In addition, we can and should facilitate the resettlement of Iraqi refugees here in Canada. We also have unique capabilities that should lead us to focus our time, personnel, and financial resources on non-combat roles such as strategic airlift, training, and medical support.

We have repeatedly said that there is a clear line between a non-combat and combat role in Iraq. If the Prime Minister wants to take Canada across that line, he must make the case to Canadians as to why this is a necessary step for our country. The Prime Minister did not make this case. For this reason, the Liberal Party opposed the government’s motion to go to war in Iraq.

However, now that the decision has been made to send the brave men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces into harm’s way, they have our—and all Canadians’—full and unwavering support.

Marc Garneau, MP
Liberal Party of Canada Critic for Foreign Affairs

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Kinsmen pay it forward with donation to Foundation

The Shellbrook Kinsmen recently paid it forward with the presentation of a $2,500 cheque to the Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Foundation Inc.

The donation, the funds of which were the result of the Kinsmen’s regular fundraising activities, bring the group’s total contributions to the foundation to just under $10,000.

“We’re always looking for something to put money into, and the Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation Inc. is a great project,” said Brad Dupuis, a member of the Kinsmen.

“We jumped on this cause because we wanted to help kick-off the Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation in the right way, and we figured $2,500 was really good start,” he added.

While the donation is not slated to go to any specific need, Murray Kasun, treasurer of the foundation said there are many designated funds people can donate to, including furniture, long-term care, acute care, and programs such as addiction counseling and prenatal care.

“We’re still looking for ongoing donations to the foundation to update equipment that the Ministry of Health won’t provide funding for, as well as for things for residents and special care to enhance the lives of people who use the facility,” he explained.

The Kinsmen have a long history of donating to medical causes. Their annual Telemiracle, which kicked off in 1976 and provides assistance to the people of Saskatchewan in the form of special needs equipment and access to medical treatment, raised more than $5,000,000 this year.

Sask job market roars back to life,
StatsCan says

While September saw the leaves of trees begin to fall, the same cannot be said of what happened to the job markets, both in Saskatchewan and Canada-wide, as the economy blossomed back to life.

The national unemployment rate dropped to 6.8 per cent, the lowest it’s hit since December, 2008, and the economy added about 74,000 jobs from September of last year, most of them full-time positions.

Saskatchewan was one of the biggest beneficiaries of this boom, adding 7,000 jobs in the past month - 4,900 full-time and 2,100 part-time positions - and more than 19,000 jobs over the past year. Meanwhile, the province’s unemployment rate was 3.5 per cent, down from 4.2 per cent in August.

The performance of Saskatchewan’s job market was bested only by that of Ontario’s. The province added about 24,700 new positions to its economy over the past year, but its unemployment rate remains at 7.1 per cent, a drop of only 0.3 percent over August.

“Adjusted to the [different way of measuring unemployment] in the United States, the unemployment rate in Canada was 5.9 per cent in September, the same as the US rate,” said Statistics Canada in its latest job numbers report.

“In the 12 months to September, the unemployment rate in Canada edged down 0.2 percentage points, while the rate in the United States fell 1.3 percentage points.”

StatsCan added that the last time the economy added such a large number of jobs was May 2013 when it created 89,500 positions, the majority of which were full time.

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For a moment this week I was pretty sure I had somehow slipped back a year, or two in time. I was browsing a farm newspaper website and there was an article about Canadian durum producers lamenting the lack of competition for their grain in Canada, and how prices south of the border were often double those here. It sounded very much like the complaint often pointed toward the Canadian Wheat Board when it was the single desk seller for wheat, durum and export barley in this country.

The CWB was the great barrier to competition. The CWB was the reason Canadian durum producers were often double those here. The CWB was the great barrier to competition. The CWB was the reason Canadian durum producers were often double those here.

Now, more than a year out from the federal government ending the CWB’s single-desk selling authority, durum producers seem to be exactly in the same place.

An article about Canadian durum producers lamenting the lack of competition has been published. The article states that durum producers are looking toward the future, while the CWB is still the major barrier to competition.

Agriculture is a long-standing industry with new ideas. The stories date way back; but not everyone may understand agriculture's story and how we came to be where we are today. Sharing stories is about capturing the audience's attention, making it real, personal and relevant to the audience. October is Agriculture Month in Saskatchewan – a great time to look towards the future. Those roots alive but also those roots, it's important to keep understanding to help us grow. To help people to understand is to have a conversation with them, they deserve a thoughtful explanation; there are no silly questions.

Agriculture's story is real. Saskatchewan agriculture provides safe and healthy food, offers alternative fuel sources and leads to the development of medicines and vaccines, all while ensuring a strong and stable provincial economy. Agriculture is a major contributor to the Saskatchewan economy, employing more than 50,000 people and accounting for 5.7 per cent of the provincial GDP. Our province is a major contributor to the Canada with $11.7 billion in exports during 2013. It's the many successes of the agriculture industry, while helping others understand and appreciate modern agriculture. This October, the theme is thinkAG – celebrating the diversity of career and entrepreneurial opportunities within agriculture. Saskatchewan’s agriculture and agri-food sector offers endless possibilities for youth. With a growing world population to feed, the demand for well-trained graduates has never been greater. This October, take action to positively promote agriculture. Share your story. Agriculture's story. For more information on this or other livestock related topics, please contact Alicia Sopatyk, Regional Livestock Specialist in Tisdale at 306-878-8847, the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377, or visit our website, http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/. For information on the Ministry’s Agriculture Awareness Unit, please contact Shelley Jones, 306-787-4323 or awareness@gov.sk.ca.
SGI consulting public on driver demerit and discount program

SGI is asking for public feedback on the Safe Driver Recognition (SDR) program. The public can share their views at www.sgi.sk.ca.

Under the SDR program, if you have a good driving record, you will be in the safety zone on SGI’s safety rating scale and earn a discount on your basic vehicle insurance. If you have at-fault crashes or driving infractions on your record, you may find yourself in the penalty zone where you are assessed demerit points and financial penalties for each chargeable incident you are involved in.

“We value customers’ opinions and it’s important to get their input before updating the program,” said Andrew Cartmell, President and CEO of SGI. “SDR affects all drivers – they all get rated on the scale based on their driving history. So it’s important that we know if the program is still meeting their needs and whether they think any changes should be made.”

SGI is asking customers to consider:

- Increasing the financial penalty per demerit point (currently $25/point) – Initial feedback indicates customers want tougher penalties under SDR, but it’s unclear how much tougher of an increase to the financial penalties customers are comfortable with and what they think of the corresponding impact on rates.
- Growing the maximum discount, offset by harsher penalties (currently a maximum of 20% discount) – Customers gave feedback indicating they would like a higher maximum discount.
- In order for SGI to offer this, the cost to provide the higher maximum must be offset by harsher penalties or higher base rates.
- Increasing the threshold for an at-fault crash to garner demerit points (currently damage costs of $305 or more) – Customers and stakeholders like the Highway Traffic Board indicated they don’t believe a minor fender bender should make drivers lose the 6-points assigned to at-fault crashes. Currently, any collision where the damage cost is less than $305 doesn’t result in any demerit points for the customer; however, even very minor damage often exceeds that amount.
- Assigning demerit points to regular speeding tickets – Currently only more serious speeding offences (e.g., speeding in a school zone, speed too fast for conditions, speeding in excess of 15 km/h over the limit) make drivers lose points under SDR; regular speeding tickets aren’t assigned points. As speeding is one of the most - if not the most - common traffic offences, this would mean more customers would either lose part of their discount or face a financial penalty.
- Platinum zone – Customers that are at +11 or higher on the safety rating scale are considered platinum customers. Their discount remains 20%, but they have a cushion that shields them from the effects of future driving incidents. Currently the top end of the platinum zone is at +19 so customers can potentially have one at-fault accident and one traffic offence before they start to lose part of their discount.

The consultation closes on Oct. 31, 2014. The information gathered will be used to make recommendations by the end of 2014.

Money tips to keep up with the golden years

Leading up to retirement, many of us wonder if we’ll have enough money to do everything we still want to do, especially with a reduced income. Financial planning experts say an important first step is to track lifestyle and spending before retirement to get an idea of what’s possible when we leave the workforce.

“Start by recording all expenses for a month or two to get a realistic picture of your spending habits,” says Raymond Chun, a senior vice president at TD Canada Trust. “There are many tools available, from a simple pen and paper to a detailed smartphone app, so find one that’s simple to use and best complements your lifestyle.”

Next, he says, try to identify the activities and corresponding expenses that will change after retirement. These could include reduced spending on commuting, eating out, and professional attire – but should also account for new costs as well, like those associated with leisure activities, hobbies and travelling.

To wrap it all together, look at how your available income will change after retirement. While you may no longer have a regular pay cheque coming in, you’ll have new sources of income, such as pensions and Old Age Security, as well as investment income and withdrawals from savings, including RRSPs and RRIFs. Armed with this information, balance the anticipated spending against expected income.

“Even if it takes some adjustments to align your expected spending to fit your anticipated income level, the bottom line is to watch your bottom line,” said Chun.

More information on how to budget and track spending is available at www.tdcanadatrust.com/budget.

Elks donate to golf course

Ron Hollowell presents Larry Ritchie of Hidden Hills Golf Course with a cheque for $800 - the profit realized from the Shellbrook Elks’ 2014 hockey reunion. The organizing committee of the reunion would like to express appreciation to the Hidden Hills Golf Course and its staff, who provided a pancake breakfast.

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Contested conversations

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Nancy Carswell (middle) poses with Stephen Lewis Foundation employees

Grandmothers groups gathering momentum

Shellbrook Grandmothers for Grandmothers (G4G) member Nancy Carswell attended the September 26-27 Prairie Region Grandmothers Gathering 2014 hosted by the Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Saskatoon.

Friday evening, Ida Mukuna Nambeya, Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) field representative from Zambia, and Yasmin Mussa, Grandmothers Campaign Office at the Stephen Lewis Foundation, presented the powerful video The African Grandmothers Tribunal: Seeking Justice at the Frontlines of the AIDS Crisis. This poignant documentary follows three grandmothers from Uganda and Swaziland as they prepare to testify at the groundbreaking international African Grandmothers Tribunal, held in Vancouver, Canada in September 2013.

The film shines a light on the urgent need to provide better protection for the human rights of African grandmothers, who have stepped in to care for orphaned grandchildren.

Carswell found her Saturday sessions worthwhile but was really impressed with "Sowing Seeds- Grandmothers Campaign Presentations for Children and Youth" presented by Alison Flensburg of the G4G Saskatoon group. Carswell notes, "Alison and Claire Brown, both G4G retired teachers, have ingeniously used a simulation to teach students about the effect of the pandemic on children.

They have researched four different countries and created a role-playing simulation that inspires empathy as characters gain or lose resources. My character lived in Malawi. She was not fortunate enough to have the benefit of the support of a grassroots organization so at the end I felt I could not have survived the loss of yet another resource."

The Shellbrook G4G is preparing items for the Shellbrook and District Arts Council's Christmas Craft Bazaar to be held at the Shellbrook Community Hall on Saturday November 8.

As well as AIDS Angels and Granny Pail Slings, the G4G has a limited number of tiny dolls made in Namibia by the Matukondjo Dolls Project. For more information about the Shellbrook G4G, the Gathering, Sowing Seeds, the Bazaar, or contact Nancy Carswell at 306-747-3769.

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Students from Wild Rose Public School raised more than $17,000 for their school during their annual Walkathon.

The Walkathon has been a major annual fundraiser for the school for more than 35 years, and principal Graham McGregor said this year’s event was the most successful ever, raising more than $12,000 for a school of just 93 children.

McGregor credits the success of this year’s Walkathon to the willingness of the whole community to get involved.

“The fact that it’s a Walkathon is probably not as important as the community spirit that lives in this area. I think we could put whatever name we wanted on it, and it would still get the same kind of support because people here are supportive of education, the building and the things we do here. They know the money goes to a good cause, and that is used positively in children’s education,” he said.

He adds that pledges come in from students, parents, and grandparents and people from all walks of life, noting that, on top of hosting a free pancake breakfast, Scotiabank has agreed to match the first $5,000 raised for the school if more than $2,100 was raised.

McGregor himself promised to let students duct tape him to the flag pole if they raised more than $9,000, a decision he says was worth it.

“The amount of work the kids put into going out and getting the pledges and the community support we have, it’s well worth me getting strapped to a flag pole,” he said.

The money raised will go to support initiatives within the school, as well as curricular and extra curricular trips, including swimming lessons, downhill skiing, and trips to attend performances at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert.

“Providing these opportunities outside the classroom is very important to the students’ education and their overall literacy,” he said.

The difference one hour can make in quadrupling your risk of stroke

What will you do with the extra hour when the clocks fall back this season? More and more research is saying we should get more sleep.

With almost one-third of Canadians above the age of 50 not getting enough sleep (six hours, or less than six hours), many may be unknowingly putting their health at risk, according to research.

One study in particular found people aged 45 and older with a normal body weight who get less than six hours of sleep a night, are four times more likely to suffer from stroke symptoms. What’s more, if they have a heart condition called atrial fibrillation (AF) and are above the age of 55, they’re at an even greater risk of stroke. In fact the risk of ischemic stroke (a blood blockage to the brain) increases by three to five times. Lack of sleep has also been linked to other serious health issues, like heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

So how can you keep yourself from falling into bad sleeping habits this fall?

Hit the sheets at your usual time: Train your brain by keeping your sleep pattern consistent – don’t deviate from your regular bedtime.

Get into a pre-sleep routine: Resist the urge to watch an extra hour of television by finding activities that help you wind down. For example, take a warm bath, listen to soothing music, or read. Avoid activities that may prevent you from falling asleep right away, such as exercise or drinking caffeinated beverages.

Speak with your doctor: If you’re around the age of 55 or older, speak with your doctor to determine your risk of stroke due to AF in addition to other serious illnesses like heart disease. If you have AF, ensure you’re getting the treatment that provides the best protection from all types of stroke.
Thanksgiving is an important time to both celebrate what we have and be thankful for it. As Canadians we are often infinitely more wealthy than many people in other countries in our world. Yet even in Canada, there are people who go hungry every day. Families who have to choose between paying their rent or buying groceries. Canada is a land of great wealth, but that means most things are pretty expensive and anyone on a low or fixed income can face some difficult decisions. This is why food banks still exist in our nation: to help provide food for those who can’t afford it. It’s a big job, considering almost 850,000 Canadians access food banks each and every month, and 90,000 of them do so for the very first time, each month. In Saskatchewan alone, nearly 10,000 kids (age 0-18) eat food that came from a food bank because their parents/guardians couldn’t afford to buy food.

There are 25 registered food banks in Saskatchewan, and there is one in Shellbrook. The Shellbrook Ministerial Food Bank is a very thankful food bank, too. Over the week leading up to Thanksgiving, two groups collected food to donate to their local food bank.

First, Shellbrook Elementary School asked children and their parents to bring non-perishable food items to the school for the food bank as an act of thankfulness. School Principal Dwayne Tournier said both staff and students were pleased to participate, and to give something back at this time of year. The school collected 225 pounds of food, including canned and dry soups, rice, pasta, pasta sauces, easy prep items such as Mac & Cheese and other side dishes, canned meats, canned fruits & veggies, and even a few cake mixes and cookies.

The second group that contributed to food bank shelves before Thanksgiving was the Shellbrook Community Garden. In its first year in Shellbrook, the Community Garden is a volunteer co-operative of folks who enjoy or want to learn about gardening. Garden space has been made available in behind the new integrated health complex, and volunteers planted, watered, weeded and harvested when they could get together, often in the evenings. Organizer Laura Cleveland contacted the food bank a few weeks before Thanksgiving and offered some of their fresh, locally grown produce to the food bank.

This included spaghetti squash, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes and onions, all fresh from the garden. When asked about the donation, Laura said, “It’s nice to see the community coming together and helping each other in times of need.”

Yes, the food bank has a lot to be thankful for. Community support is essential to any charity or community group, and the Shellbrook food bank certainly has it. The food bank can be reached at 306-747-4027.
Mike Clements says accepting that his condition is beyond his control helps him keep smiling.

It takes a particular type of fortitude to stay positive and battle any type of cancer. For 28-year-old Shellbrook native Mike Clements, fighting cancer has already meant having to muster up this kind of strength on more than one occasion.

Clements’ battle began Oct. 30, 2011 when he had a seizure while driving. Shortly thereafter, he was diagnosed with what is known as an extraxentricular neurocytoma, a rare type of brain tumour that in his case was resting near the motor cortex region of his brain — more specifically, the part that controls the right side of the body and his speech centre.

“It’s a rare type that my doctors told me they had only seen in about four people before, and they still don’t really know much about it or what to do with it,” Clements explained as I spoke to him briefly on the phone from his sister’s home in Okotoks, Alta.

With radiation and chemo therapy ruled out as treatment options due to the location of the tumour, Clements’ only choice was to undergo brain surgery just a few days before he was set to turn 26.

While not all of the tumour was able to be safely removed, the surgery was a success. Clements had won his first battle with cancer, but would need routine MRIs to monitor the remainder of the tumour for any signs of regrowth.

Not content to just sit back and watch life pass by following the first round of his fight, Clements looked to return to normalcy by getting his driver’s license reinstated and heading back to work as soon as possible. But within only nine months of returning to his life as he had known it, Clements’ July 2013 MRI showed that the tumour in his brain was growing again, and his neurosurgeon informed him that he would be dealing with his condition for the rest of his life.

Rather than rush into another risky brain surgery which would require him to be awake while surgeons mapped his brain, Clements and his family opted to postpone surgery and seek alternative treatments that would help his body heal and fight the tumour naturally, including a 15-day healing program at the Living Foods Institute in Atlanta.

The investment seemed to pay off, when in December 2013 results from his latest tests showed that the tumour had stabilized and stopped growing. But just as hopes were high yet again, Clements’ seizures returned, and despite the addition high-dose IV vitamin C therapy, which cost $175 per treatment, to his efforts, a second brain surgery proved to be ineffectual.

Clements says, however, that instead of bringing his spirits down, the news that he would have to undergo a surgery that could leave him paralyzed or with a speech deficit only made him realize how much he had to appreciate in life.

“Right then I decided to live my life to the fullest each and every day. It didn’t matter where I was or who I was with, I found happiness and joy in the simplest little things everywhere around me. I got to spend lots of time with family, reconnect with old friends and meet new friends.”

He adds that his new outlook in life also meant taking on new activities, like long boarding, surfing and overnight camping trips.

“I pushed my limits and put myself in situations that I never would have done before.”

Clements says the biggest fight of his life came with his second surgery on Sept. 2, which would end up being an eight hour process that would require him to stay awake the vast majority of the time.

“I imagine this, for eight hours I had my head locked in a vice, strapped down on a table and all I could see was a tunnel vision of the right side of my body and the anesthesiologist’s face. I remember asking two hours in how much he had removed and he said 30 percent. I asked again, not too much later, and joked how I was like a kid in a candy store wondering ‘how much farther.’

The jokes came to an end shortly after this, however, when Clements says he felt losing in and use of his right hand. He could sense from the reaction of his surgeon that something bad had happened. He says that this was the darkest, most harrowing moment of his battle so far. A moment when he lost hope and feared that he’d lose all the activities he’d come to love, and have to depend on others to care for him.

But in the end, not even this could keep him down.

“My mind started to imagine all the people in wheelchairs who are paralyzed that have gone on to do great things like motivational speaking or writing a book. I thought ‘maybe I could do that.’ I basically accepted it on the table, made plans, and moved on. My perspective shifted to ‘What can I be grateful for?’

With this new outlook, Clements soon found something to be grateful for, when, for reasons that his doctors still can’t explain, Mike Clements enjoys a swim with his dog just two days prior to his second surgery. He regained use of his right hand again.

“It was very weak but it was back. I could see it in the doctors faces that they were extremely relieved, because they couldn’t explain it. This moment is hard for me to explain in words, but it was the happiest I have ever been in my life.”

Surgeons were able to safely remove all but five percent of the brain tumour. Currently, Clements is continuing to rehabilitate his hand and is waiting on follow-ups with his medical team.

Clements credits his positive attitude to all those who have offered him support through this emotionally, physically and financially challenging time.

“T’ve really felt the support from everybody I’ve ever met just helping out and caring. It really keeps me motivated, and it’s the greatest feeling.”

Support has come, partially, in the form of a gofundme page — a website similar to kickstarter — that has seen more than $20,000 in donations to date.

Additional support will come from an upcoming benefit dance on Oct. 25, organized by Jason McComas and Adam Brad, a couple of Clements’ friends, the night will include a silent auction, with items donated by local businesses and residents, a dance with a DJ and a midnight lunch.

“Over the past few years there have been a few other individuals in town with health issues. Benefit dances have been successful for them. Mike has been battling his condition for a few years now, so we figured it was time that we put on one of these events to help him out,” said McComas.

“We’ve started to get some of the items for the silent auction coming in, and the response has been positive there.”

Clements says the ongoing support is something he will always be grateful, adding that, while he can’t plan too far ahead for the moment, he plans to live his life like there’s no tomorrow.

“Understanding my situation with my health, I feel like I need to get out there and seek new adventures while I can. I’ve already started that by doing small hikes in the mountains nearby. I’m going to continue doing that, and keep trying new adventures. I really feel like it will lead to great things.”

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For our second year now, we are running an AWANA kids club in Parkside. The two churches partner together to do this, and it’s great fun for kids and leaders alike. We play fun games, learn some Bible verses, and talk about what the Bible means in our lives. I often get the privilege of sharing with the kids about the Bible and what it means in our lives. It’s fun, but it’s a challenge to find ways to explain things that make sense for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students.

So this past week, we talked about LEGO. We have 3 boys in our family, so naturally we have more than a little LEGO laying around. For that matter, some of it was mine when I was younger. So, how can you turn LEGO into a lesson about the Bible? Well, I’ll tell you.

The Bible is a big book. In fact, it’s more like an anthology. The Bible actually has 66 different books in it, each with different stories, histories, miracles and teachings. The lives of so many people make up part of the scriptures that it’s almost impossible to count them all. So when our AWANA kids do Bible memory verses, they learn the Bible 1-2 verses at a time. Yet there are thousands of verses in those 66 books, so they only ever learn tiny bits at a time. But with something as big as the Bible, you have to start somewhere! Which is where LEGO comes in.

When I got my first LEGO set as a boy, a house was the first thing I tried to make. We didn’t have fancy LEGO like they do nowadays, with light sabers or space ships. No, in my day, we had bricks. Lots of bricks, and not a whole lot else. I counted myself very fortunate to have two windows and a door to use in my construction project. I did, however, run into a few challenges mostly surrounding the aforementioned door. I kept putting the same shaped bricks directly above the door, without anchoring them to anything else. It was symmetrical, but not very strong. The Big Bad Wolf would have loved attacking that house, because a good sneeze could knock the door in. After watching me struggle with it for a bit, my dad came over and showed me how important it was for the blocks to be anchored onto each other. A tower of only one shape breaks much more easily than staggered, interlocked, supportive pieces. Just like real bricklayers alternate their patterns, the same thing works with LEGO.

So too, the different verses and accounts that make up the Bible stand much stronger when they all stand together. You can only build with LEGO one brick at a time, just as we can only learn one piece of the Bible at a time, but over time both can turn into pretty amazing things!

Violet Bernice Snell

SNELL – Violet Bernice, May 20, 1928-October 8, 2014

Violet Bernice passed away peacefully at the Big River Nursing Home on Wednesday October 8, 2014 at the age of 86 years. After months of struggling with her illness, Bernice slowly lost her courageous battle.

Bernice and her husband were blink ranchers, and they also did commercial fishing. In later years, she was a teacher’s aide at the Dore Lake School. Her passions included curling and gardening. She always took great pride in her yard and flowers. She will always have a special place in the hearts of all those who loved her and she will be sadly missed by her family.

Bernice will be lovingly remembered by her son Ken (Karen) Snell, their children Charma (David) Larre, Paul (Angela) Snell, Jonathan (Sabrina) Snell, and their families; her daughter-in-law Simone Snell and her children Shawn (Amy) Snell and Jeffrey Snell; her sister-in-law Helen Tallis, and her family; and her niece Doreen Devito and her family. She was predeceased by her husband Robert Snell, her son Bob Snell; her parents Jacob & Eleanor Belfry; her sister and brother-in-law Gloria (Orville) Horan; her sister Jean Belfry; her brother Keith Belfry; Robert’s parents Andrew & Josephine Snell; Robert’s-brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Clarence (Claudia) Snell, Betty (Earl) Reid, Lloyd Snell, Terry (Frank) Vachon, and Bill Tallis; her niece Alvia Hughes; her great-nephew Joshua Hughes; and her nephew Burton Horan. Memorial Service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2014 at the Big River Legion Hall, Big River, SK with Deacon Beaulac officiating. Memorial donations in Bernice’s memory may be directed to the Big River Health Centre. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit berniecalfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau “Lac” Funeral Home, Marianne Turcotte, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK
The Ryder Cup used to be a cakewalk for the United States. Automatic. If one word could be used to describe their biennial competition against Europe, it was ‘dominant.’

Now, in the wake of the latest Ryder Cup installment, the word associated with the Americans also starts with a ‘D’: Disaster.

Not only did the Americans get whipped 16-5 to 11.5 to run their winless streak on European soil to 21 years, but the subtile to the American, councilor Banda was ‘Mutiny on the Bounty.’

Team captain Tom Watson, chosen by the PGA of America to lead the U.S. for the second time, is beloved in Scotland thanks to four of his British Open titles coming on Scottish soil. This turn of events at Gleneagles in the Scottish Highlands looked like a perfect fit — Watson leading his troops on his beloved Scottish turf.

But troubles started early. Some said Watson, 65, was out of touch with the younger generation. When he made his three captain-pick selections, the second-guessers quickly took to quibbling, suggesting the choice of Webb Simpson was at least out of place. The Europeans, meanwhile, are always like one big happy family, but it's easy to take that approach when you're winning the other Cup. The Euros are 9-4-1 since 1985, but the Americans hold a commanding 25-12-2 lead overall. In 1979, the United Kingdom (down 21-31-overall) was allowed to extend its player selection to all of Europe, so it would help to focus on what had been a terribly one-sided competition.

Now, the pendulum has swung swung back. The Euros, led by McIlroy, Rose, Stenson and Kaymer, are powerful; the Americans are punting, and looking for answers. They have two years to figure things out before the next Ryder Cup extravaganza at Hazeltine in suburban Minneapolis.

• Bruce Penton


Water infrastructure work blocks off Main Street and Railway Avenue

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