W.P. Sandin’s class of 2016 ready for its next adventure


After many years spent in the classrooms and hallways of W.P. Sandin High School, the 29 members of the school’s 2016 graduating class were likely eager to see the end of their high school days, and begin the next big adventure in their lives. Before beginning this next chapter, however, the students were toasted on June 10 by family, friends, and school staff at the high school’s annual graduation ceremony.

In keeping with school tradition, the evening began with a graduation banquet at the Shellbrook Community Hall, which was catered by Neighbourhood Caterers. Aside from the meal, the banquet also gave the students, and their families and teachers, ample opportunity to both reminisce, and look forward to the future.

Following the banquet, the 17 ladies and 12 gentlemen in this year’s graduating class returned to the W.P. Sandin for their graduation exercises, which were held in the high school’s packed gymnasium.

The grad exercises, MCed by teacher Nicole Philp, kicked off with the traditional candle ceremony, during which the graduates, who were all decked out in their finest, passed the light of knowledge onto the next generation of students. This was followed by O Canada, which was sung by Shellbrook Elementary teacher Pam Boettcher.

With the graduates seated on stage, it was time for the evening’s speeches, starting with a greeting from Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division, and board trustee John McIvor. In his greeting, McIvor urged the students to take stock of their high school careers, and ask themselves if they’ve made the most of their experience.

“Grads, you only pass this way once. I hope you’ve given it your all, and taken full advantage of your high school experience,” he said.

McIvor’s advice was followed by a speech from W.P. Sandin principal Harriet Tomporowski, who encouraged the graduates to make happiness a priority in their lives, and to be willing to take chances.

“Happiness fuels success. When we are positive, our brains become more engaged, creative, motivated, energetic, resilient, and productive. So as your adventure begins, be happy,” she said.

“Remember to face your challenges head on. Take risks, especially when they can reap great rewards. Believe in yourself, be a self-advocate and never underestimate what you can do if you set your mind to it.”

Once Tomporowski was finished imparting her wisdom, she and vice principal Brian Linn presented the students with their high school diplomas. Then, the tears began to flow as guest speakers Rhonda Berezowski and Stephanie Kennedy took the stage to bid the graduating class a bit-sweet farewell.

Both Berezowski and Kennedy told the graduates to pursue their passions, regardless of what they might be.

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“Find something you love to do. It’s a very long day from 9 to 5 if you hate your job. If you’re not doing what you love, you are wasting your time,” said Berezowski.

“Remember that success is about building a life you are proud of. It’s about loving what you do, and having a passion for what you do. If you want to be successful in this world, you have to follow your passion, not a paycheque. This will look different for all of you. Take chances, have no regrets. You’ll be glad you did,” added Kennedy.

Fighting back tears, Kennedy and Berezowski concluded by reassuring that grads that they are prepared for whatever life brings their way.

“So far your journey has not necessarily been a bed of roses, but everything that you have experienced up to now has prepared you for the next adventure of your lives. And so, the adventure begins,” said Kennedy.

Wrapping up the speeches, Jared Jewitt delivered a poignant, but humorous valedictorian address that encapsulated the themes of finding happiness by following passions.

“Perhaps the greatest thing schooling has given us, is the ability to see ourselves differently, and be passionate about our greatest desires in life,” he said.

“For many of us, we don’t get to choose how we start this life. Real greatness is what you do with the hand you’re dealt.”

With the evening’s speeches concluded, the audience was treated to a slideshow of the graduating class. The evening concluded with the grand march, which gave the graduates opportunities to dance and socialize with their loved ones.


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Arland Clements passes a candle to the next generation, during W.P. Sandin High School’s 2016 grad ceremony.

Dakota Anderson passes her candle to Evan Anderson at W.P. Sandin’s graduation ceremony.

Graduate Jared Wason takes a moment with the recipient of his candle, at W.P. Sandin’s 2016 grad ceremony.

Graduate Sara Shakul passes a candle of knowledge to her brother, Adam Shakul, at W.P. Sandin High School’s graduation ceremony.

Graduate Alyx Lemaigre passes a candle to the next generation at W.P. Sandin’s grad ceremony.
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Commentary

So where is the best place to live in Saskatchewan: Dog River or Wollerton? Well, the City of Weyburn could make a pretty strong argument in answering that question. MoneySense magazine has just published its listing of the best cities in the country to live in. Ottawa tops the list. And the highest ranked Saskatchewan community is Weyburn. It stood at #28, one place ahead of Winnipeg. Regina was five spots behind.

Moose Jaw ranked 38th, Saskatchewan was #68, Estevan was 97 and Yorkton took the 100th ranking. All told, the magazine ranked 216 communities in the country. It took into account, as you might expect from a magazine dedicated to finances, things such as income levels, unemployment, housing costs, accessibility to health care, crime rates and so on.

When all of these were factored in, Weyburn stood first among Saskatchewan communities as it claimed one top ten ranking – for housing costs – and four checkmarks for being in the top quartile on incomes, net worth, access to health services and healthy population growth.

Both cities are in the province but there is definitely a difference in the markets. In broad terms, the economies in Regina and Saskatoon move in the same general direction. Major influences such as commodity prices affect the entire province and the cities move in tandem.

There are some sectors, though, that are distinctly local such as housing.

StatsCan’s monthly assessment of the cost of building a new house in the country’s major cities shows Toronto and Vancouver with solid increases. But others like Calgary and Quebec City are seeing reductions.

In this province we’re seeing both. The cost of building a new house in Regina is rising right now. Saskatoon is going the other way with the sharpest decline in the country at 2.4 percent when compared to this time a year ago.

This reflects builder attitudes. Regina homebuilders slowed their activity a year ago, allowing the market to absorb excess inventory so prices are again rising. In Saskatoon, the slowdown is happening now as builders offer lower prices to move their product.

Private scans just one of many changes needed to heal healthcare

Imagine, if you will, that you or a loved one suddenly becomes ill, or begins experiencing a seemingly inexplicable and unbearable pain. Imagine, too, that your family physician is unable to determine the cause of this illness or pain, and therefore unable to provide a proper course of treatment without further information from an MRI or a CT scan.

Now, imagine being told that you or your loved one have to wait up to 256 days before you can have this scan done. This means that you or your loved one will have to live with illness and pain for about seven months.

You can stop imagining, because in Saskatchewan’s over-burdened healthcare system this is the reality when a patient’s case is deemed to be “non-urgent” – even though the recommended wait time for such cases is between 30 and 60 days.

And as of Nov. 30, 2015, 6,649 patients in the province were waiting for MRIs, to say nothing of those waiting for other potentially medically essential diagnostic scans.

We’re told that scans like mammograms, CT scans, and MRIs help save lives by detecting problems before they become untreatable, and this is undoubtedly true. Though, the caveat is that one must be able to get a scan in time.

Given this, and the political leanings of the Sask. Party, it’s hard to imagine that anyone was genuinely surprised when Premier Brad Wall took to Twitter to ask Saskatchewan’s health minister today who conformed to talk about choice in health care and the way it sees, you either choose to pay or you choose to wait,” said NDP health critic Danielle Charlier shortly after private MRI services came online this year.

Charlier is certainly correct in her assessment that the Sask. Party has framed the issue of private diagnostic imaging scans as a matter of allowing patients to choose. The party has made freedom of choice the key pillar of their argument in favour of private scans since day one.

But Charlier seems to forget that, under the old system, patients had no choice but to wait. And she also ignores the fact that many Saskatchewan residents made the choice to pay for scans before similar services were offered here, and that they were willing to travel all the way to Alberta to undergo their scans.

Given the choice, it’s hard to imagine the people of Saskatchewan choosing to return to an over-burdened public system that offered them no alternatives to waiting.

Naturally, the NDP’s opposition to private scans doesn’t end there. They also argue that private scans will actually increase wait times for Saskatchewan patients, because the private sector will piggyback off of the public system, and poach public healthcare workers.

To its credit, however, the Sask. Party seems to have thought of this ahead of time, by imposing the requirement that, for every for-pay scan performed, private clinics must also perform a scan free-of-charge for a patient who is currently on the public waiting list.

According to Health Minister Dustin Duncan, who spoke to reporters last week about the proposed private CT scan legislation, 77 for-pay MRIs were performed in the first two months of the service being allowed. Once the 77 free MRIs are factored in, the net result is that 154 patients were removed from waiting lists.

Unfortunately for the NDP, this ideology is currently at odds with the difficult realities faced by Saskatchewan’s public healthcare system.

In the Sask. Party’s 2016-2017 budget, nearly 40 per cent of the province’s spending ($8.6 billion out of $21.46 billion) is being swallowed up by the healthcare system. And with an aging and growing population, it’s likely that healthcare spending will continue to eat up a larger portion of the provincial budget every year.

Despite these large investments, however, a cursory glance around Saskatchewan shows that the province’s healthcare system is strained beyond sustainability. The province continues to struggle to employ an adequate number of doctors and nurses, and rural communities, in particular, face constant threats to their health facilities and hospitals.

By offering private scans, the province can potentially alleviate some of the costs that would have been borne by the public healthcare system, and direct these cost savings towards areas that require more investment, such as front-line staff.

This, however, is only one part of a complex puzzle that the Sask. Party will have to piece together in the coming years, if it intends to get public healthcare off of life support.
Murray Mandryk

Finance minister is fighting mad at deficits

Great athletes get angry after a tough loss. They don’t blame the refs, their teammates or the opposition. Instead, there’s a determination to turn every ounce of frustration into hours of hard work to get better.

Finance Minister Kevin Doherty had that look when he briefed stakeholders before delivering his budget speech. He’s so frustrated with soaring debt that he’s going to implement “transformational change” to find hundreds of millions in savings without reducing services or raising taxes.

Why is Minister Doherty so fired up? This year Saskatchewan projects an operational deficit of $434.4 million in addition to $1 billion in borrowing for infrastructure. The government has promised to hold the line on spending and balance the operational budget next year (although it seems clear it will continue to borrow hundreds of millions for infrastructure in the coming years.)

Moody’s, an international bond rating agency, noted the government released few details about its plan. The government itself said it’s not going to pre-judge where the search for savings will lead. But it provided a few examples.

The government is closing the jail at Buffalo Narrows to save about $1 million per year. The 18 inmates will be moved to other facilities where they can be housed and fed for less money.

But to be fair to both the Sask. Party and the NDP governments, most rural amenities have been well established over the decades.

The real question is whether they remain viable or even fair in a world of increasing public debt, structural deficits and this new initiative outlined in the 2016-17 budget that Wall describes as transformational change.

For example, Provincial Auditor Judy Ferguson noted in volume one of her 2016 report that the province’s long-standing tax rebate for farm fuel – established in 1987 – seems to have little identifiable purpose anymore.

“It has not specifically been determined what the fuel exemption program is designed to achieve (other than reducing taxes for eligible individuals or corporations),” Ferguson’s report stated.

The law governing the act describes eligibility as a “farmer is a person who owns or rents land, controls and is responsible for the operation of a farm” and meets at least one of the following criteria:

• The person must own or rent at least 75 acres (30 hectares) of cultivated land in Saskatchewan, that is used for the growing of cereal crops; or

• The person received gross annual revenue of at least $10,000 from the sale of primary farm products that he or she produced in Saskatchewan.

A person may also qualify as a farmer if he or she is a member or shareholder in a farm organization, such as an agricultural corporation, farm partnership, a farm corporation, farm partnership, a farm corporation, farm partnership, or a farm corporation, farm partnership, or a farm corporation, farm partnership, or a farm corporation, farm partnership, or a farm corporation.

Meanwhile, the public will still be protected. It’s a good example of delivering the same services with less taxpayers’ money.

Of course, the government could have saved $3 million by not paying Skip the Dishes to train its employees to deliver food from restaurants. The government should have slammed the door on that kind of waste long ago. Heaven help the bureaucrats who asks Minister Doherty for that kind of corporate welfare this year.

This commitment to transformational change raises important questions. How many school boards are necessary to teach kids to read? How many health regions are necessary to support the doctors and nurses caring for the sick and injured? How many overlapping programs do our universities and colleges need to offer?

The government is also promising to apply transformational change to the tax code. This is good news for everyone who qualifies for the rebate.

The changes have been one sided.

The government is ending the Active Families Benefit which means parents who feel like they’re spending every evening at the rink or ball diamond no longer have to keep receipts organized for their taxes. However, the government comes out ahead by $5.5 million on the deal.

Applying transformational change to the tax code must create efficiencies without costing taxpayers more money. For example, the government dishes out about $16 million in tax credits for labour-sponsored venture capital funds. Why is the government picking a few favoured funds and giving them preferential treatment? The government needs to close these corporate loopholes and convert them into simple and efficient, broad-based tax relief such a drop in the small business tax rate. (As an aside, last time Saskatchewan trimmed business taxes, revenues from these taxes actually went up as entrepreneurs re-invested and expanded.)

Politicians should also get rid of the tax breaks for political donations. There’s no way to justify giving bigger tax breaks for donations to political parties rather than charities. Closing that loophole would save nearly $2 million.

The discussion of transformational change hasn’t quite extended addressing the boom-and-bust cycle that keeps hitting Saskatchewan. It’s never been more obvious that we cannot continue to count on resource revenues. We’ve spent years talking about creating a heritage fund that puts resource revenues into a long-term savings account; now we need to do it.

Can Minister Doherty deliver on his promise of transformational change? Absolutely. In fact, if this plan had been set in motion last year we could have beaten the deficit already. Families and businesses across the provinces are tightening their budgets in this tough economic environment – the government can do it too. And previous debt slayers such as Ralph Klein overcame much tougher challenges. Minister Doherty has put his political life on the line to balance the operational budget next year and he can do it.

Todd MacKay
Prairie Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

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For W.P. Sandin High School graduate Haley Harms, a childhood dream of becoming a large animal veterinarian came one step closer to coming true recently, when Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart named her as a recipient of one of the province’s four agriculture scholarships.

“It is encouraging to see the passion these youth have for the agriculture industry,” said Stewart at the scholarship presentation last week. “They will play a significant role in continuing our stewardship and sustainability story for future generations.”

Harms’ runner up scholarship, which was awarded based on a three-minute video she submitted about the future of agriculture in the province, netted her $2,000 towards her upcoming studies in the fall.

In an interview with the Shellbrook Chronicle, Harms said that it’s always been her dream to work with cows, cattle and poultry, and that she hopes that working as a vet will help ensure the health of these animals.

Looking towards the future of agriculture, she said that the success of farms like the ones she was raised on depends on the next generation, but that more needs to be done to cultivate an interest in agriculture among the province’s youth.

“People just aren’t seeing it as a viable career source right now. They’re always looking into these new up and coming industries like solar power,” she said.

In total, $10,000 in scholarship money was awarded, Avonlea student Sheldon Daniel took home the grand prize of $4,000, thanks to his video submission about how technological advancements help the agriculture industry feed a growing population.

Meanwhile, the remaining scholarships were awarded to Rose Valley’s Autumn Lawson, and Theodore’s Kaitlyn Kitzan.

For more information on the scholarship winners and their selections, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/thinkag.

The year-long legal odyssey of Michael Rudolph, the Shellbrook man accused of stabbing a fellow student at W.P. Sandin High School on May 15, 2015, appears to be nearing an end.

Rudolph, 20, was in Prince Albert Provincial Court on June 10, where he was scheduled to be sentenced on one of his charges, and spoken to on the second. The proceedings were set to resume later in the year.

Shellbrook man accused of stabbing a fellow student at W.P. Sandin High School on May 15, 2015, appears to be nearing an end.

Gunn, who is accused of falsely representing himself to his victim, has been in custody since being arrested by Shellbrook RCMP shortly after the stabbing occurred. The stabbing at W.P. Sandin sent Rudolph’s victim to hospital with what were described at the time to be “serious injuries.” Both W.P. Sandin and Shellbrook Education School were put on lockdown for part of the day, and exterior doors were locked and monitored while classes continued.

According to the RCMP, the girl was stabbed while exiting a classroom, and Rudolph was later seen leaving the school. He was reportedly arrested without incident at a Shellbrook home an hour after the incident occurred.

His victim, who hasn’t been named to protect the privacy of the family, made a full recovery in the weeks following the attack.

In other court proceedings, Mayview resident Vernon Gunn, who is accused of falsely representing himself to a peace officer in Mayview on Nov. 27, 2015, was back in Shellbrook Circuit Court Point Court on June 7, after a failure to appear at a May court date had resulted in a warrant being issued for his arrest.

After hearing arguments from both parties, the presiding judge agreed to move Gunn’s matter to trial, setting the date for Sept. 6 in Shellbrook.
It is to the point almost every day on the calendar has been assigned a “designation” by somebody.

The three levels of government are always slapping on it’s ‘a something day’ on the calendar, and when they aren’t organizations and groups are quick to do it in their stead.

At some point I suspect having a designated day actually had people lifting their heads out of a good book, or away from the television screen long enough to be aware the day had been given some added significance.

But that was many years ago, and today I doubt many blink at the mention, instead they keep posting about the untimely shooting of a gorilla that could have endangered a child, or they are posting cat pics with some sily saying all over social media.

It is now a bit of the boy who cried wolf phenomenon. Do it too often and people eventually stop paying attention.

The result is some industries which deserve some additional recognition at times get lost in the general malaise.

A case in point is agriculture.

The sector is about as vital as there is. Outside of air and water there is nothing we require more than food to survive.

We are generally beholding to nature for our water and air, although we hold a responsibility to protect the quality of both, but the agriculture sector is crucial in terms of food production.

The agriculture sector comes under a lot of scrutiny today, taking heat for the use of fertilizer, weed and insect control chemicals, genetically modified crops, and more and while I might argue much of the concern is unjustified, I’ll leave that alone for the time being.

Instead, I’ll just remind that the concerns are generally brought by people sitting down to rather bountiful meals every day, with the food on the plate still rather reasonably priced given how critical it is to survival.

So a day that reminds people of the importance of the overall farm sector is not a bad idea, even if it gets lost in the crowd of many designated days.

Canadian agriculture representatives recently announced February 16, 2017 will be Canada’s Agriculture Day – a time to celebrate and draw a closer connection between Canadians, our food and the people who produce it.

“T"he world eats and many people don’t automatically make the connection between what’s on their plate and the competent and care that goes into raising livestock, growing crops or processing food,” said Crystal Mackay, in a prepared release.

Mackay is CEO of Farm and Food Care Canada, a national charity committed to building public trust and confidence in food and farming in Canada.

In the 1930s, more than 90 per cent of Canadians had a connection to agriculture. Today, it’s less than three per cent, according to Statistics Canada census information.

“Every link in the food production chain – from the farm to the grocery store and restaurant – plays a vital role in bringing food to your table every day,” said Mackay, who organized the summit. “Canada’s Agriculture Day is an opportunity to get involved, celebrate and be a part of the conversation around food and farming.”

Candace Hill, manager of Agriculture More Than Ever, said Canada’s Agriculture Day compliments the industry-led initiative that has attracted over 470 partner organizations and 2,100 individuals and 470 partner organizations and 2,100 individuals.

And therein may lie the key to raising the status of Agriculture Day to one where people outside the industry become aware and engaged. If those involved in the sector can create compelling events around the designated day for people to learn more about the importance of the sector everyone can benefit.

Society most certainly needs agriculture, but the public also needs to better understand the industry in order to better trust and respect the efforts of farmers.

Water quality and herbicides

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One aspect of crop production that can sometimes be overlooked is water quality for spraying and the effect it can have on herbicide performance. When considering water quality it is important to assess the bicarbonate level, water hardness, turbidity and pH.

In the case of bicarbonate content, sometimes referred to as “Alkalinity”, high amounts of bicarbonate ions can make some herbicides hard to mix and can inhibit the activity of particular herbicides such as Group 1 “dims” and 2,4-D amine. Levels of bicarbonate ions that can affect activity vary by herbicide. However, an example is the guideline for clotholm which suggests that activity can be reduced if the level of bicarbonate ions exceeds 500 ppm.

The solution to a high bicarbonate issue is to add small amounts of nitrogen containing fertilizers such as ammonium sulphate (AMS) at 1 per cent by volume, or liquid Urea Ammonium Nitrate (UAN) at 0.5 per cent by volume.

Hard water is caused by high levels of positively charged minerals such as calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), iron (Fe), zinc (Zn) or others. These cations can bind to herbicides like glyphosate (all) or 2,4-D amine (Ca, Mg), reducing their effectiveness. Guidelines for the use of hard water (Ca and Mg) with glyphosate suggest that levels below 700 ppm can be used for spraying, the ideal range is usually between 6.5 and 7.5. Water with a pH between 6 and 8 can still be used without an additive but some products may degrade if leftmore than 2 hours in the tank. Most herbicide formulations contain buffers that will adjust the spray solution to the ideal pH and only in the case of extreme pH water will a pH modifier be required. To determine the pH requirements for individual products, consult the product label.

For more information on water quality and herbicides please visit the government of Saskatchewan website at www.saskatchewan.ca or contact Kim Stonehouse at 306-878-8807 or the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.
Another winner from new prairie garden author

By Randolleet Vangool

With book number three – *Native Plants for the Short Season Yard – Lyndon Penner is establishing himself as the latest prairie gardening guru. Unlike his previous books, which may be great primers for novice gardeners, this book may appeal to more seasoned gardeners who are looking for something more challenging to experiment with in their gardens.

In Section One, Lyndon explains why we may not find any native plants in our local greenhouses. Yes, demand may not be there, but notably, importantly the most coveted plants may be slow to establish and therefore won't be a good choice for the average consumer looking for "instant gratification." For example, Lyndon mentions a native fritillaria which blooms only for one week in May. "Fritillaria which blooms only on the plains why we may not find these in some cases, small plants) suppliers.

Section Two of the book deals with the plants themselves and includes an extensive listing of native plants, divided into sun and shade subsections with each subsection arranged alphabetically by botanical name (with their common name in brackets). Lyndon goes beyond the descriptive and talks about each plant's native habitat in addition to its use by animals and by First Nations. For each species, he outlines optimum growth requirements and often includes companion plants that appear with it in the wild. If cultivars and hybrids are available, he might recommend those to you because of wider and brighter available colours, better growth habits and more adaptable to growing in your garden. As usual Lyndon's humour shines through the pages with little gems like "Just as the cowparsnip (Heracleum lanatum) is neither a bear nor a parsnip, beargrass (Xerophyllum tenax) is neither a bear nor a grass." Section Three deals with potential threats to native plants and their habitat and how we can help intervene when things go awry. He discusses plants that we should avoid in our gardens, but also acknowledges that some plants that may be noxious weeds in British Columbia may be perfectly fine to grow in our prairie gardens where conditions are not as hospitable and danger of spreading is minimal.

In Section Four, Lyndon interviews friends and acquaintances he has met along his exploration of native plants in the wild over the years. They include a photographer, a seed collector and native plant grower; and a native healer and keeper of traditions who grew up in Jasper National Park. These and others share their secrets and successes with native plants and provide different voices and encouragement.

Lastly, Lyndon devotes a section on lists, including his bucket list of plants he knows about but has never quite captured in bloom. He also includes lists of plants that are bee-friendly, butterfly-friendly, hummingbird friendly, etc.

All in all, this book was a joy to read and a welcome addition to my favourite bookshelf for future reference.

*Native Plants for the Short Season Yard* is published by Brush Education Inc. (www.brusheducation.ca) and is available at your local bookstore and online. Happy reading. [PS-Lyndon Penner will be giving number of workshops (including one on gardening with native plants) at the University of Saskatchewan during Hort Week, July 2 - 9. See https://ecode.usask.ca/gardening/hortweek, email master.gardeners@usask.ca or call 306-666-5546 for information on more than 30 classes and workshops on a wide range of gardening topics (some of them free)].

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Drivers urged to be cautious, as work on Highway 3 between Holbein & Shellbrook begins

Drivers travelling along Highway 3 from Holbein and Shellbrook will have to get used to the presence of work crews, orange construction signs, and flashing lights over the summer, as work on road improvements officially got under way Monday morning.

The work comes with a price tag of $9.2 million, $2.5 million of which comes from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure’s Safety Improvement Program, and it will cover 18 kms of Highway 3 starting just east of Holbein, and continuing through Shellbrook.

The work includes widening and paving of the highway, as well as the installation of 15 culverts, and the addition of safety features, such as improved lighting and designated turning lanes. But Shellbrook, in particular, will see the benefits of these enhancements to the safety of Highway 3.

"There are also some safety improvements being made to about 3 kms of Highway 3 going through Shellbrook. These include the widening of the road, and constructing a median and intersection treatments," said Sonja Orban, a communications consultant for the Ministry of Highways, back in May.

According to Orban, the work on Highway 3 was deemed necessary through a consultation process that was undertaken by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure in 2013. Following a safety review, meetings with local stakeholders and town residents, it became clear that improvements to the highway were needed.

Prior to the commencement of construction, Orban said that the project was expected to wrap up in September 2017. However, it’s only the first of two projects being completed on Highway 3 this year.

"Starting in late June, provincial road crews will be busy grading about 1.2 kms of highway just 4 kms west of Shellbrook. This section of highway will also be widened and paved, and the work is expected to be completed by October.

"Construction crews will keep one lane open to traffic most of the time during construction for the continuous flow of traffic, but motorists can expect delays," said Orban.

"Drivers should watch for work zones, and follow the signs for their safety, and the safety of those who are working," she added.

Information about the conditions of highways can be found through the government’s Highway Hotline by calling 1-888-335-7629.

Highlights of an RM of Shellbrook council meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook no. 493, which was held in the council chambers of the municipal office in Shellbrook, Sask., on Wednesday May 4, 2016.

Present were Reeve Robert Ernst and Councilors Lyle Muller, Earl Stewart, Sean Helm, Derwin Joelson and Doug Oleksyn, and Administrator Karen Beauchesne.

Joelson: That we approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting as presented. Carried

7:50 a.m. - Councillor Muller entered the meeting. Carried

Stewart: That we approve the oral reports of council as presented. Carried

8:35 a.m. - Councillor Helm left the meeting.

Joelson: That we approve the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of April, 2016 as presented. Carried

8:45 a.m. - Councillor Muller declared an interest and left the room at number 14 of the list of correspondence.

8:47 a.m. - Councillor Muller returned to the table after number 18 of the list of correspondence.

Stewart: That we accept the list of correspondence as presented. Carried

Muller: That we table discussion of the Draft 2015 Financial Statement from the auditor until our next meeting, until such time as council has had time to go over the statement more thoroughly. Carried

Oleksyn: That we authorize signature of a contract with Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure to provide mowing services for summer 2016 at the agreed upon quote of $78.00 per hectare.

Crumwell - 7 mills - Land Minimum $300 lmpr. Minimum $450. Milled

Holbein - 6 mills- Land Minimum $50 lmpr. Minimum $350. Carried

Muller: That we give first reading to Bylaw 5-2016, the Mill Rate Bylaw, at this meeting. Carried

Stewart: That we read Bylaw 5-2016 a second and final time. Carried

Joelson: That we change the date of our regular June meeting to Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Carried

Stewart: That we approve James and Wendy Johnson that the R.M. of Shellbrook can build a driveway to access their property on SW 16-49-03-W3 at this time. Further, that we advise the R.M. cannot allow the well driller to drive on the oil surface road while the road ban is in place, and recommend they access via private property.

Carried

9:05 a.m. - Councillor Helm returned to the meeting. Carried

Stewart: That we adjourn. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Father

Even if you’re six-foot-four and he’s only five-foot-ten, your father will always be taller than you - someone to look up to. He has large hands so he can hold everything that comes out of your pockets - strong shoulders so he can pull a sled - and big feet to scare mice so your mom can come off the table.

He has a firm voice and means what he says; and a warm heart that holds laughter and tears.

Your father’s the guy who looks at you and your rowdy friends fishing even if there’s a great game on t.v.

He’s the guy who likes to hear you say: “Hey Dad! Got a wrench I can borrow”, even if he knows you’ll forget to bring it back.

Your father’s that old-fashioned guy who doesn’t mind being called “Dad” - the guy you can always look up to.

Maybe now’s the time to return the wrench - the hammer, pliers and chisel too.

- By Cecile Small
Hardy perennials, recent introductions

By Sara Williams

For many, gardening is a competitive sport. Some brag that theirs is bigger, better, brighter or bloomier (ok, not a real word, but it fits in the sequence). Others like a challenge and go to extremes to grow what others find impossible on the prairies. While others are connoisseurs or collectors – these gardeners like to have something that no one else has: rare and/or expensive. And lastly, there are the ones that need to have the latest and newest. These latter gardeners may be in interest in the following recent introductions:

Tall bearded iris ‘Mallory Kay’ (Iris germanica)

‘Mallory Kay’ is a lightly scented, dark cherry red iris, 80 cm or more in height. Iris hybridizer Larry Johnson introduced it in 1989. Its green sword-like foliage remains attractive throughout the growing season. Bearded iris have graced prairie gardens almost since European settlement. Their demands are minimal: full sun and well-drained soil. They are easily divided every 3 or 4 years. This is best done after flowering in late June or early July. Deer resistant.

Siberian iris ‘Concord Crush’ (Iris sibirica)

Native to central Europe and Asia, Siberian iris are very tough and do well on the prairies. With large, vibrant blue, “ruffled” double flowers in early summer, ‘Concord Crush’ is 70 cm or more in height with narrow blue-green, grass-like foliage. Unlike the bearded iris, Siberian iris do best in full sun and even moist soil well amended with organic matter. Once established, it is easily divided every 3 or 4 years. Introduced by Bob Bauer and John Coble in 2009. Deer resistant. A 4-inch mulch layer will retain soil moisture.

‘Autumn Fire’ showsy stonecrop (Sedum spectabile)

In the same group as the well known ‘Autumn Joy’, ‘Autumn Fire’ was selected for its tight growth habit, thick succulent blue-green foliage, and more brightly coloured dusky-rose flowers which deepen to a red rust. Although the species is native to China, ‘Autumn Fire’ is a Quebec Noresco Nursery introduction. It’s taller than ‘Autumn Joy’, with sturdier, less floppy stems. Once mature, plants have a height of 50 cm and a spread of 40 cm. Blooming in late summer and early fall, it also provides winter interest. Plant in full sun and well drained soil. Drought-tolerant once established. Easily divided once established.

Hosta ‘Empress Wu’ (Hosta)

If you want an enormous focal point, ‘Empress Wu’ will be your hosta of choice this season. With an impressive mature height of 110 cm and a spread of 120 cm, it’s hard to beat and is considered “the largest hosta known in the industry.” But it may take up to 5 years to achieve its mature size. Named after an Empress of China (604–704AD), it has thick, dark green, deeply veined leaves and forms an enormous clump with reddish-violet flowers in August. Hostas do best in shade in evenly moist soil well amended with organic matter. Mulch to retain soil moisture. It was bred by Brian and Virginia Sklaggs and patented in 2005.

All these should be available at your local nurseries. Or, come and be selectable at the Saskatchewan Perennial Society’s Spring Perennial Plant Exchange and Sale. Here members share plants from their gardens as well dainties and a cup of coffee or tea (and, of course, some garden gossip). For the sale part, these and several other select perennials (e.g. Bob and Fernleaf poppies, hydrangeas, eleuthra, etc.) will be available at bargain prices. The Plant Exchange and Sale will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo starting at 6:30 pm. While this is a member-only event, anyone welcome to be selected at the door for just $5.

Sara will be discussing more of her favourite perennials in her workshop, “Perennials: The Enduring and the Fleetish” during the University of Saskatchewan Hortweek in July. For this full program of more than 30 classes and workshops on a wide range of gardening topics (some of them free), go to https://cpe.usask.ca/gardening/hortweek

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Murder and Secrets: theme for the 2016 Blaine Lake historic site

By Vivian Barwell

It is said that every town, every culture, and possibly every family has a dark secret. An event that occurred but is either a shamming or mystery so it remains buried in the past.

As the Doukhobor Dugout House prepares for its annual theme ‘Murder and Secrets’, site owner Brenda Cheveldayoff focuses on a particular historical event relevant to Doukhobor culture that, to this day, remains an unsolved mystery.

‘Murder and Secrets’ focuses on the events leading up to the train explosion of October 29, 1924 that killed 65 year-old Peter Vasilievich Verigin, a Russian immigrant that inspired Doukhobor folklore. As with any historical event, learning the details of the events leading up to the death of Verigin. Ewashen’s research revealed was that Peter Verigin will appear sporadicall- y in newspapers. As the story develops, visit www.doukhobordugouthouse.ca for more details on the annual theme as they follow the guide through the provincial and national historic site.

The provincial and national historic site’s official opening will take place on July 2. Site tours will continue at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm every Saturday in July.

Guests will be greeted by volunteers in period costume and guided through the site. In a recent survey of 2,461 Canadians, when it comes to driving traffic to automotive websites, or visits to a dealership, print and online newspapers rank highest. They outperform TV, radio, magazines, autoTRADE, Kijiji and social media.

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W.P. Sandin’s class of 2016 ready for its next adventure

Jared Jewitt delivers his valedictorian speech.

W.P. Sandin principal Harriet Tomporowski addresses the grads.

Madison Bourgeault accepts her diploma from W.P. Sandin principal Harriet Tomporowski.

Jasmin Otet accepts her diploma from W.P. Sandin principal Harriet Tomporowski.

Jared Jewitt accepts his high school diploma from principal Harriet Tomporowski.

Jasmin Otet accepts her diploma from W.P. Sandin principal Harriet Tomporowski.

Graduate Hailey Harms passes a candle to Alexis Banda at W.P. Sandin's graduation ceremony.

Garret Feige accepts his diploma from W.P. Sandin principal Harriet Tomporowski.

Graduate James Reddekopp passes a candle to the next generation at W.P. Sandin's grad ceremony.

Braydon Saam-Derr passes a candle to Kaelee Saam at W.P. Sandin's 2016 grad ceremony.
71st Regional 4H Show

By Dave Hyndman

The Spiritwood, Northern Spirit, Leoville, Big River and Medstead 4-H Clubs held their 71st annual Regional 4-H Show and Sale in Spiritwood on June 5 and 6, under a quite different format. The Show took place at the Ag Barns on Sunday and Monday, and the sale was held at the Spiritwood Auction Mart on Monday. Prior to the sale, a beef on a bun supper was held, also at the Auction Mart, followed by the presentation of awards. The judge of the show was Jimmy Wright of Rapid View.

The Northern Spirit Club was named the Most Efficient Club, unseating the four-year reigning spirit of the Spiritwood Club. They were presented with the Innovation Credit Union trophy by Carrie-Lynn Denis, Account Manager of the Union. The trophy was sponsored by Clarence Beebe.

Daymon Senum of the Spiritwood 4-H Club had the Grand Champion 4H Steer. He received the trophy sponsored by Wingertner Farms and a jacket sponsored by Spiritwood Home Building Centre.

Daymon Lepage of the Leoville club had the Grand Champion 4H Steer. He received the trophy sponsored by Wingertner Farms and a jacket sponsored by Spiritwood Home Building Centre.

Daymon Lepage had the Grand Champion Female, for which he received the jacket sponsored by Roberta Wasden. Dalton Wasden had the Reserve Champion Female, for which he received the banner sponsored by Amuck Simmentals.

Grand Champion Ewe with Lamb (Fruit Basket) – Michelle Cote, Northern Spirit.

Big River 4-H Club.

Canadian households are under a lot of financial strain. Statistics Canada says household credit market debt such as consumer credit, mortgages and non-mortgage loans rose to a record of $1.93-trillion in the first quarter of 2016. Nevertheless, Statistics Canada also reported the debt levels of Canadian households decreased to 165.3 per cent for the first quarter of 2016 from 165.4 per cent of the fourth quarter a year prior. In dollars and cents, this works out to $1.65 in credit market debt for every dollar of disposable income.

“Consolidated Credit recognizes many Canadians are strapped for cash, so in an effort to alleviate some of the cash crunch, Consolidated Credit offers the following tips:

1. Downsize your lifestyle. Take a walk through your home and physically look at your belongings. If you have clothes you hardly wear or clothes with the price tags still on it, it is a perfect time to hold a garage sale. Not only will you declutter your life you will make some extra cash on the side.

2. Stop with the shiny new purchases. Impulse purchases can make you feel good in the moment however they add up over time. Keep money in your pocket by limiting your impulse purchases. Grab a calculator and add up all of your impulsive purchases. You may be shocked at what you see — remember those purchases could’ve been extra money in your pocket. Don’t blur the line between needs and wants.

3. Download a budgeting app to get your finances in order. Create a budget and stick to it. You can manage your household finances on the go, right from your smartphone. When you understand how much money you have coming in and where it is going out, it is easier to take back control of your household finances.

4. Save for a rainy day. Every little bit helps. If you can afford it, you can start to put away 10 to 15 per cent of your paycheque in a savings account. If you are unable to do that, aim for 5 per cent. The point is to start saving today before it’s too late. For added convenience, impulse purchases may feel good in the moment however they add up over time. Keep money in your pocket by limiting your impulse purchases. Grab a calculator and add up all of your impulsive purchases. You may be shocked at what you see — remember those purchases could’ve been extra money in your pocket. Don’t blur the line between needs and wants.

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Big River Home Building Centre.
Spring filled with activity at Canwood Public Library

Left: On Wednesday April 13 at 2 p.m. Hilda Gaboury displayed samples of her exquisite Swedish weaving and patchwork quilts. Hilda demonstrated weaving technique and instructed patrons who wished to try. If anyone is interested in learning this craft, contact Judy Stempien at the Canwood Public Library.

Right: The Rogaland Rosmal Lazy Susan raffle, held on May 3, was won by Doris Wideon-Bazley of Canwood. The Lazy Susan was generously donated by Cathy Atkinson.

On April 30 at the 2015 annual general meeting at the John M. Cuelenaere Library in Prince Albert, Canwood’s Public Library received one of two Wapiti Branch Awards, in appreciation of community service. Due to extra events at our library, we now have four extra public service hours. Pictured is librarian Judy Stempien, holding Canwood’s award.

On Wednesday May 11 at 2 p.m. local gardener and greenhouse grower Chris Pease discussed gardening tips, and techniques for transplanting, managing weed and insect infestation, and enhancing general plant growth. Patrons present also discussed gardening ideas that successfully worked for them.

Happy Father’s Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th
Our Restaurant will be serving a great Buffet with:
B.B.Q. RIBS, TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES, CHINESE FOOD, SALAD & DESSERTS
For take out orders & reservations call
Shellbrook Chinese Restaurant
306-747-3405 18 Main Street
(Across from ScotiaBank)
Open 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

‘ARTISTS IN BLOOM’
Honeywood (Dr. A. J. Porter)
Heritage Nursery Inc.
Provincial Heritage Site
Parkside, Sask.
Sunday, June 26th
10 am – 5 pm - $5.00/person
Showcasing Regional Artists & Craftspeople
Entertainment, Tours, Food, Refreshments, Gift Shop
Potted Lilies & Assorted Perennials For Sale
Contact: honeywoodn8@gmail.com
honeywood-lilies.ca - Ph: 306-747-3307

The Library sponsored a $50 for purchases from Chris’ greenhouse, which was raffled off on Friday, May 20. Canwood’s Helen Edlin was our winner. Pictured is librarian Judy Stempien, who is presenting Helen with her gift certificate.
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Leask 306-466-4498
Sat., 11:00 am  -Worship
Pastor Scot Manly
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ROV 92.1 FM
Broadcast on
306-747-3305
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ABBOT CHURCH
Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Lorne Valuck
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PRAISE & WORSHIP
Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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EVANGELICAL FREE
Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-468-2278
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Leask - St. Andrew's
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Tuan Doan
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitehorse
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass
Fr. Tuan Doan
Eucharist Celebrations
Muskeg
Sunday, 3 p.m.
St. Joseph's - Shoal Lake
Mass - 11 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - 11 a.m.
St. Joseph’s - Delaronde
Mass - 11 a.m.
St. Albert’s - Shoal Lake
Mass - 11 a.m.
Mistawasis
Sunday, 3 p.m.
Fr. Tru Le

PRESBYTERIAN
Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11 a.m.
Rev. Bev Shepansky

ANGELIC CHURCH
Leask - St. Andrew's
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service
Pastor Dave Whalley

SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST
407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Dave Whalley

UNITED CHURCH
Big River
1st & 2nd Sundays
at Anglican Church
All Other Sundays - 10 a.m.
Shellbrook - Knox United
Sun., 10 a.m. Worship
Pastor Dave Whalley

MONNONTINE
BRETHREN CHURCH
Blaine Lake Grace Church
109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Pastor: Rick Schellenberg
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Worship

In Memoriams
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ODEGAARD – Mrs. Theresia 1929 - 2016
On Tuesday, June 7, 2016, Theresa Odegaard passed away peacefully in Mont St. Joseph’s Home, Prince Al- bert, at the age of 87 years. Theresa will be missed and is lovingly remem- bered by her six children: Julie Lutter (Reinhold) of Edmonton, AB, Pat Lingel (Allan) of Saskatoon, SK, Connie MacLeod (Cameron) of Cold Lake, AB, Kim Odegaard of Edmonton, AB, Lynn Schiele (Lyle) of Sum- merland, BC, Scott Ode- gaard (Diane) of Cochrane, AB; her 12 grandchildren: Aaron Lutter (Tangerine), Tyson Lutter, Travis Lutter and, Terry Lutter (Matthew McDonough), Carla Baiswurt (Jason), Paul Gib- son, Brandon MacLeod, Sheena MacLeod (Adam Neiman), Cara and Danielle Schiele and Benjamin and Maxime Odegaard; and 5 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Christine Haldorson, her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Hans and Nora Odegaard as well as many nieces and nephews.

Theresa was predeceased by her husband, Walter Odegaard; her parents, Anna and Arvid Lidstrom; a niece, Cindy Haldorson; and a grandson, Neil Gib- son.
Theresa was well known in the community of Canwod. “Grandma Theresia”, as she introduced herself in Canwod in later years, was a friend to all and involved in many community events. Canwod was the town she knew as a child and was her home in retirement, before she moved to Mont St. Joseph’s Home in 2012.

Before moving into Canwod, Theresa lived in Blue Heron with her husband, Walter and her family of six children. The first few years they lived in the back of the Blue Heron Store until a house was built. She was busy those years – the store, school meetings, driving kids to activities and socializing in Blue Heron Hall.

Theresa met Walter after he came home from the Second World War. She in- vited him to her graduation dance and their romance led to marriage. Walter and Theresa moved to Canwod in 1950, after Theresa finished Business College. This was her father’s wish that both his daughters have post-secondary education so they could take care of themselves. She passed this value onto to her 6 children who all went on to post Sec- ondary education.

Theresa put her business diploma in accounting to use, first working at Eaton’s in Prince Albert and then running the Blue Heron Store, post office, the truck- ing business and the liquor in- come tax. In 1979, she used her business skills in the CIBC bank in Canwood.

After Walter passed away in 1983, she took over the business. She also kept busy with activities in Canwood and Blue Heron: singing in the choir, church activities and helping out with social activities. She served on Church council, helped with Museum; she helped with bus trips.
Theresa did travel back to Sweden. The first time was in 1950, after Theresa finished Business College. This was her father’s wish that both his daughters have post-secondary education so they could take care of themselves. She passed this value onto to her 6 children who all went on to post Sec- ondary education. She served on Church council, helped with Museum; she helped with bus trips.

Theresa lived a full life. We remember her as being very smart and the person to have on your team when playing board games. She loved music, reading and playing cards. She was a good friend to all around her. Even as Alzheimer’s disease took away her memory, her speech and eventually all her health, she remained a happy per- son, affectionate and still singing songs. She will be missed.

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

The Funeral Service for Theresa took place on Mon- day, June 13, 2016 at 11:00 AMFrom the Zion Lutheran Church in Canwood, Sask. Following the service there was a time of lunch and fellowship in the Canwood Elk’s Seniors Room.

Interment followed at Prince Albert Memo- rial Gardens. Family and friends wishing to send pri- vate on-line condolences are welcome to visit www.beau- lacfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were en- trusted to the care of Blue “Lac” Funeral Home, Shell- brook.
Golf fans are looking for a No. 1, anxious to crown a dominant successor to Tiger Woods.

So who will it be? The trio in contention for that title have been batting it around like a ping pong ball and what’s happened is that the pro game is three times as interesting as it was when Woods was the overwhelming favourite just by teeing it up.

This week’s U.S. Open at Oakmont, located in a suburb of Pittsburgh, should help to clarify the situation, but you never know, a no-name like Lucas Glover or Michael Campbell might come along and shock the world, too.

Still, as 15th of the world’s best tee it up in the most important tournament in the United States starting Thursday, all eyes will be on the big three — Jason Day of Australia, Jordan Spieth of the United States and Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland.

In 2014, McIlroy moved to No. 1 by winning two major titles, giving him four by the age of 25. Then he messured up an ankle playing soccer in 2015 while Spieth turned dominant, winning two majors, finishing in the top four in the other two and winning the Tour Championship, pushing aside McIlroy and moving to No. 1. This year, Day has taken over top spot in the Official World Golf Ranking, winning the final major of the year in 2015 and posting six top 10s, including three victories, so far in 2016.

It’s fun to be a golf fan these days. Day, Spieth and McIlroy are all personable and likeable, and all three are coming off victories prior to last week’s Memorial at Dublin, Ohio. Day was the winner at the Players Championship; McIlroy won the Irish Open — the ‘fifth major’ in his world — and Spieth won in his home state of Texas by taking the Colonial in late May, eliminating all the negativity associated with his meltdown on the 14th hole at Augusta in April that handed the green jacket to Brit Danny Willett.

Now that McIlroy’s ankle is fixed, Stpie’s psyche is repaired and Day seems comfortable sitting in the No. 1 world-ranking spot, what could be more exciting than watching how the showdown at Oakmont plays out?

The big three seem to be peaking at the perfect time.

The winner, said a wag at golf.com, will be Jordan Mclayd.

Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: “Tom Brady is appealing his fourth-form deflategate suspension. You get the feeling Brady will be retired and perhaps dead and this thing will still be going on in the courts.”

Cote again: “Canada beat Finland 2-0 to win the world hockey championships in Moscow. ‘We’d rather have the Stanley Cup back,’ said Canada in unison.”

Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Twitter, poking the Toronto Raptors, among other Eastern Conference teams: “Watching Warriors-Thunder Game 6, I am reminded that the Cavs advanced to the NBA Finals by surviving a junior-varsity playoff schedule.”

Randy Turner of the Winnipeg Free Press, on Twitter: “The optimism of Bombers opening camp always reminds me of the times Lucy asks Charlie Brown if he wants to kick the football.”

Headline at TheOnion.com: “Michael Phelps’ fiancée gives birth to healthy 6-pound tadpole.”

Comedian Argus Hamilton, on the NFL awarding the 2021 Super Bowl to L.A.: “Everbody out here agrees it could bring some much-needed traffic to Los Angeles.”

Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com: “Nationals bell-cow Bryce Harper is the leading All-Star vote-getter in both leagues. Imagine how much more popular he’ll be when he gets his batting average over .424.”

Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Twitter: “Many of my followers want to know why I’m not watching Stanley Cup finals – I am DVRing and plan to watch ’em during the Summer Olympics.”

Comic writer Alex Kaseberg: “Great time for Northern Cal sports. The San Jose Sharks in the Stanley Cup final; the Golden State Warriors are in the NBA finals; the San Francisco Giants are in first place and the Oakland Raiders have had no players arrested in the off-season.”

Ian Hamilton of the Regina Leader-Post: “A South Korean convenience store has come up with ice cream that it claims can cure hangovers. If Seoul gets a football team, Johnny Manziel may have found a new home.”

NBC’s Jimmy Fallon, on ESPN televising the Scripps National Spelling Bee: “I watched it, and ESPN was the only word all night I knew how to spell.”

Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: “A 55-year-old Norwegian woman was bitten by a shark off Corona Del Mar, Calif., but experts say it was just ‘an exploratory bite.’ ‘Now why didn’t I think of that?’ said Mike Tyson, smacking his forehead.”

Care to comment? Email brucepenton0893@yahoo.ca
Grade 11 students in the leadership class at W.P. Sandin High School put the fun in fundraiser last Wednesday, when they hosted a barbecue and children's carnival at the school in an effort to raise money for the people affected by the Fort McMurray wildfires.

Though organizing a community event is part of the curriculum for the leadership class, the students gave it no less than their all, grilling up 350 burgers for hungry patrons, and raising more than $1,000 for Fort McMurray.

They also put on an exciting carnival for students from Shellbrook Elementary, who were able to dunk the older students in the dunk tank, play basketball, dig for treasure, and get their faces painted, among other activities.

More impressive still, they managed to make the fundraiser such an unqualified success, despite the fact that they had to compete with a free barbecue being hosted by a healthcare workers union.

For Nicole Philp, who teaches the leadership class, it was a proud moment to see her students work so hard, and to see the community support them in their efforts.

"Any time we can engage the community with things we're doing in the school is a win-win for both parties," she said.

"It was rewarding for me to see this group of grade 11 students work together and plan something that they were passionate and felt strongly about. It was good to see them... pull something off that turned out to be so successful."

The Fort McMurray wildfire, which was nicknamed the beast by fire fighters, has been raging in and around the oilpatch community since May 3. At its peak, the blaze covered more than 504,000 hectares, destroyed 2,400 homes and buildings, and forced about 90,000 people to flee their homes.

As of the last update, however, rain had helped fire crews contain the fire, and it had stopped growing. Additionally, some Fort McMurray residents were being allowed to return to their homes.
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