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## Silvertips ring in new year with weekend split



After a speedy rush, Shellbrook's Dorin Canaday sneaks one through the five hole of Spiritwood goalie J.R. Bussiere. This was the Silvertips' fourth goal in the first six minutes of the game.

After capping off 2018 with a 5-0 loss to the Edam Three Stars, a 14-2 victory over the Radisson Wheatkings, and a 10-3 win against the Perdue Pirates, the Shellbrook Silvertips looked to be in good shape heading into the 2019 portion of the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League campaign.

Not only this, they were given an easy opponent to kick off the new year, in the form of the 2-6-2 Spiritwood Timberwolves. Facing off against the Spiritwood squad in front of a strong home crowd on Friday evening, the Silvertips didn't disappoint, cruising to a one-sided 12-2 win.

As was the case for much of the first half of the season, the Silvertips started the scoring early, this time on a backhanded rebound by Jody Blais that came off of a breakaway rush. After this, the goals came easy for the Tips, who managed to go up 4-0 less than six minutes into the game.

Following Blais' game opening marker, Matthew Kutnikoff buried one on the power play, after the Silvertips applied some serious pressure in the offensive zone. Then, Nathaniel Martin managed to corral a loose puck in front of Timberwolves netminder J.R. Bussiere.

Moments later Dorin Canaday

notched the fourth Tips goal, scoring on a blistering shot that slipped through Bussiere's five hole.

With victory already in their sight, the Tips may have taken their foot off the pedal for a moment, as the Timberwolves were able to regroup throughout the remainder of the opening frame, and begin to string together some offensive opportunities.

Despite being caught on their heels, the Tips managed to hold off the Timberwolves' assault until late in the frame, when a shot by Taylor Paddison slipped through a screen, and the five hole of netminder Jory Segberg.

After a rough end to the first frame, the Silvertips came out with renewed energy in the second and third periods and reclaimed momentum in the match, tallying another four goals in each period while allowing just one more Timberwolves goal by Jordan Henri.

After 60 minutes, Jody Blais emerged as the offensive leader for the Tips, earning a hat trick and tacking on a single assist.

Meanwhile, Dorin Canaday and Nathaniel Martin each earned two goals and a helper, and Shane Pickett notched a goal and two assists.

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# Van Eaton pushing for Shellbrook ambulance bay

When it comes to saving a life, every second counts.

But for residents of Shellbrook – or those who reside in other nearby communities, or in rural areas – who may face a medical emergency, a lot of seconds can elapse before an ambulance arrives on scene to provide life-saving emergency care.

Indeed, with most ambulances that serve the Shellbrook area coming out of Prince Albert, the average wait time for emergency services is about 30 minutes.

That's 1,800 seconds, and that's only under ideal road and traffic conditions.

If roads are snowy and icy, or the ambulance is delayed at the railway crossing at 2nd Avenue and 15th Street in Prince Albert, or if the emergency occurs at a rural

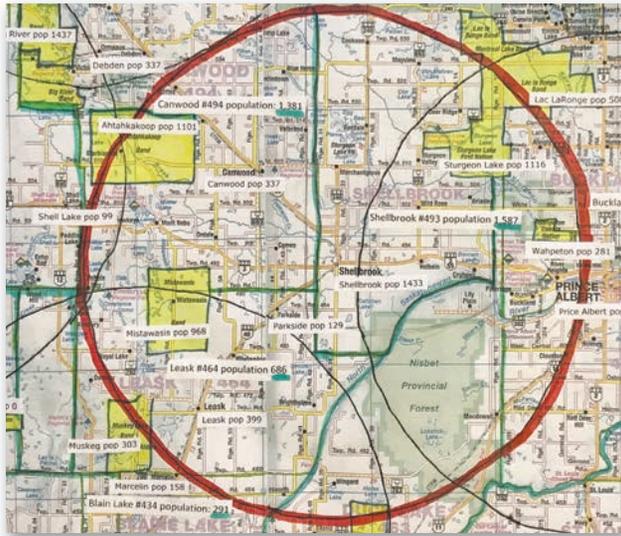
property that's difficult to locate or access, many more precious seconds can tick by.

And each of those seconds can mean the difference between recovering, recovering with debilitating disabilities, or, in more serious emergencies, death.

Making the wait time more problematic, is the fact that Shellbrook and rural residents also end up paying significantly more for their ambulance rides.

According to Parkland Ambulance's own figures, the base cost for an ambulance ride is \$325 for residents under 65, and, thanks to a senior's subsidy, \$275 for residents over 65.

However, residents outside of Prince Albert must also pay a fee of \$2.30 per kilometre. For a trip from Prince Albert to Shell-



**Within the red circle, there is no ambulance base. With the closest base being in Prince Albert, that means Shellbrook and area residents can expect wait times of at least half an hour for emergency services. Jim Van Eaton is hoping to change that.**

brook, that means an additional \$200 per ambulance ride.

Having devoted much of his life to improving healthcare services for Shellbrook and the surrounding area, Jim Van

Eaton considers the current state of ambulance service inexcusable.

"The seniors don't seem to understand... they're helping to pay every senior subsidy. To me it's a criminal thing the way it

is, and we've got to change it," he said.

"The response time isn't good, and the cost to the taxpayers... young people can't afford a \$550 ambulance ride if they need it," he added, noting that some people will drive themselves to hospital rather than call for an ambulance, putting their health in further jeopardy.

To solve the dual problems of unacceptable wait times and costs, Van Eaton is hoping that he can convince the provincial government to establish an ambulance depot in Shellbrook.

But in order to do that, he says he's looking for help and support from others locally.

"I'm trying to get enough help so that we can convince the government that its [ambulance] response time is not ac-

ceptable to Shellbrook. Hopefully I can get the R.M.s, the towns, the Chamber of Commerce and everybody to write letters," he said, adding that he's already received some support.

"I have a letter from the doctors telling me how bad it's been for them 500 metres from [Parkland Integrated Health Centre], and having to wait half an hour if they have somebody who needs an ambulance right at the hospital."

On a personal level, Van Eaton says he knows of at least a few people who have had to endure excessive wait times for ambulances, but he's hoping that others will share their stories with him.

Anyone wishing to share their stories can send letters to: Jim Van Eaton, Box 730, Shellbrook, Sask., S0J 2E0

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Elsewhere, Parker Turned chipped in with a goal and a helper, while Cody Belair, Josh Elliot and Matthew Kutnikoff each provided single goals.

In the assists column, Jayden Skauge and Braydin Turner each had three, Brendon Beaulac, Nick Martin and Brett Mason had two, and Easton Neufeldt, Shayden Smith and Tory Stewart had one apiece.

After being handed an easy W to ring in 2019, the Silvertips should have easily made it two in a row

against the middling Glaslyn North Stars. But instead, the offence sputtered for just the second time this regular season, and the Tips were handed a 5-2 defeat.

Brendon Canaday led the offensive charge in the losing effort, earning a goal and an assist on the evening. Brendon Beaulac netted the other Tips goals, while Jody Blais, Devin Dicus and Jayden Skauge



**Shellbrook's Matthew Kutnikoff takes a feed in front of the Timberwolves goal and slips one past Spiritwood netminder J.R. Bussiere. This was just one of 12 Silvertips goals on the night.**

each had a single assist.

With the weekend split, the Silvertips are tied for second place in the SPHL standings with a 7-2 record. They're just behind the 9-1 Battleford Beaver Blues.

This weekend will be another doubleheader for the Tips, who will host the Meota Combines Friday evening at 8:30.

Then, on Sunday evening, the team heads to Radisson for a rematch against the Wheatkings. Puck drop for that match is slated for 5 p.m.



**Despite appearing to be down and out, Shellbrook's Parker Turner uses his reach to corral a loose puck in front of the Spiritwood goal.**

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# Report from the Legislature

A new year is a time for optimism and renewal— and here in Saskatchewan we see encouraging signs that our best days are still to come. Despite the challenges facing our energy sector, people continue to see Saskatchewan as a great place to live, work and invest.

In addition to the 16,000 new jobs over the past year, which gave us the best rate of job growth in western Canada, Saskatchewan grew by 3,841 people in the latest quarter. This represents the 50th consecutive quarter of population growth — the longest sustained period of population growth in Saskatchewan since quarterly records started being kept in 1971.

Saskatchewan's record growth has strengthened our province and allowed your Saskatchewan Party government to make



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important investments to improve health, education, infrastructure, and the overall quality of life for all people who call Saskatchewan home.

There is always more to do. For example, we have heard that too many rural areas still have poor cellular coverage and slow internet service — so we're working to fix that.

The Wireless Saskatchewan initiative is our plan to improve

wireless services, with Phase 2 of that plan addressing 100 rural communities that had no cellular coverage or fringe service at best. The deployment of small cellular sites will improve the level of service by next year. High-speed internet and cellular connections are incredibly important to all of us, and this initiative will greatly benefit many residents, farms, and businesses who call rural Saskatchewan home.

The first 50 towers will be completed and operating by March 31, 2019 with remaining new small community towers functioning by March 31, 2020.

Meanwhile, major infrastructure investments continue in larger urban centres. The new Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon, and The Regina By-



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pass are all on track to be completed later this year.

In addition to these major projects, our government recently announced a \$9.6 million investment in major improvements to the Winnipeg Street overpass in Regina. The new overpass will significantly improve connections among the city's major arterial roads, providing more efficient commutes and supporting the growth and devel-

opment of our capital city. The investment in the Winnipeg Street overpass is part of more than \$37 million in direct provincial infrastructure investments for key City of Regina projects in the last two years alone.

At the end of the holiday season, many of us are starting to plan — or at least think about — our summer getaways. Starting in April, visitors will be able to reserve campsites for in Saskatchewan provincial parks on a new and improved online reservation site. The upgraded site enhances the overall visitor experience and increase seasonal bookings.

This year, seasonal campsites will be moved to the online reservation system. Due to high demand for seasonal sites, a queuing system will be used to ensure a fair process. For seasonal

campsites, customers will only be able to book for one person in one campsite with one payment. Reservations for seasonal campsites will open Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 a.m.

Group campsites will also be added to the online reservation system this year. Starting on Thursday, April 4, sites can be booked online year-round or through the call centre up until October. School and youth groups will continue to book by calling the parks directly.

Nightly reservations for 2019 campsites will open at 7:00 a.m. Monday, April 8. Staggered launch dates and a queuing system will be implemented again to help provide the best user experience possible during reservations.

For additional details on fees, and seasonal and group campsite reservations, visit [www.saskparks.com](http://www.saskparks.com).

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Volunteers will assist the staff with activities and set up for such. Duties include assisting with crafts, shopping trips, birthday parties, special functions, music therapy, exercise programs, bowling groups, horticulture, painting, baking, etc. Programs change periodically.

Shifts: 9 a.m. — 12 p.m. or 12:45 p.m. — 4 p.m. Monday — Friday

Friendly Visiting — Whispering Pine Place — Canwood (306) 468-2900

Duties include visiting residents on a one-to-one basis or in small groups, chatting, playing cards, reading, sitting outside with residents, portering residents, taking residents to functions, shop-

ping trips, walking residents and Elders.

Shifts: 9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. — 8 p.m. daily

Monday — Sunday: Flexible: Once or twice per week.

*If you are interested in this or any other Volunteer service position, or if you have a particular skill or talent you would like to share with the patients, residents or clients, please call your local health care facility to apply. You can also reach the Volunteer Services Department at (306) 765-6010, by email at [volunteers@paphr.sk.ca](mailto:volunteers@paphr.sk.ca) or*

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The seating capacity of the restaurant is approximately 40 to 50. The monthly lease is \$400.00 (including water & sewer), payable on the first of the month and a damage deposit of \$1,000.00. The natural gas and power would be the responsibility of lessee. As per the lease agreement, the tenant would also be responsible for acquiring a tenant legal liability and contents insurance package.

Our Committee will be accepting applications until January 17, 2019, and are looking for details such as:

- Any relevant previous work experience
- Hours of operation
- Any business ideas you may have to make it viable (specials, steak nights etc.)
- Any other information you can provide
- Must have at minimum one relevant reference, preferably two
- Applications may also be subject to a credit check

All the equipment is there from a grill with 4 burner stove, deep fryer, buffet table, some pots, dishes, cutlery, etc. These are there for the tenant's use, however, if any of the smaller items are broken (cups, dishes) the Village will NOT be replacing them, that will be up to the tenant. We also reserve the right to inspect the building periodically to determine if any repairs are needed.

The tenant will also be responsible for ensuring that the business meets all health codes as required from the Public Health Inspector and apply for licensing with the Public Health Office.

As you see, everything is there for someone to walk in and start a business. Lessee would be required to stock supplies and carry out the business plan.

If you have any questions, or are interested in viewing the building, please do not hesitate to contact the office at (306)468-2016, Bob 306-468-7942 or Larry (306)468-7069.

Sincerely,  
Erin Robertson  
Administrator



## Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship

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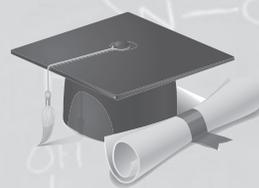
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Nominations close March 31, 2019



## “Midwinter elsewhere”

I am currently not in Spiritwood, so I don't know what is going on, apart from the wailing and gnashing of teeth regarding the lousy weather many are complaining about. Bus cancellations, snow-covered highways, drift-packed grids, and so forth. Not the kind of weather that makes going back to school following a holiday much of a holiday.

I see it as Karma taking a swipe at the people who think that melting/thawing temperatures in December and January is a good thing. There is no perfect world, of course, but if there ever gets to be one, I would recommend the Minister of the Weather make it impossible for the mercury to rise above -10 in the winter and stay at that level until such time as the sun is high enough in the sky to sustain temperatures above the freezing mark for 24 hours straight.

We almost saw the sun today. It rose, of course, and the sky was clear in the morning, but the mountains to the southeast where the sun comes from were blocking its rays from brightening up the place.

We could tell the sun was shining somewhere because the mountain tops to the west looked bright and pristine.

But in the valley, we didn't get any of it. By the time the sun rose, the clouds had reappeared and that was it.

But the weather is better than it was. Just a few days ago, winds were so strong on Highway 22, the famed “Cowboy Trail”, that they hit 181 km/hr. There are signs at Nanton and the junction to the Crownsnest Highway that give wind speed through the foothills on the 22. One of the signs was blown over by the wind.

The winds had subsided to about 80 km/hr the day we left Calgary for Fernie. We didn't take the 22 because traffic was backed up at a spot due to an “incident”. We had no information about the incident. It could have been a flipped semi at the intersection, or a collision. Lord knows there was plenty of both over the previous few days.

We woke up the next morning to about four inches of heavy wet snow on the vehicles and elsewhere, - with the Fernie snowplows out in full force. As an aside, they have the same annoying reverse-gear-beep-beep-beep that the Spiritwood equipment has, only it starts about 4 am. How do I know? Well let's just say...

So, unable to get to a Timberwolves game, I made up for it by going to a game featuring the Fernie Ghostriders hosting the Kimberley Dynamiters. Both teams are among the 30 in the Junior “B” Kootenay International Junior Hockey League (KIJHL).

I had kinda thought that this would be bush league hockey, with lots of hacking and possibly some fights, but I was sorely mistaken. The game was fast, clean, with very few penalties, even fewer than your typical senior game.

The real entertainment for me, though, was the crowd of about 1,200 people, standing room only. The place was packed, and I happened to find a seat with one of the end zones blocked off from view. I got a better look when a couple of guys left to get more beer and I could slide down the row until they got back.

The section I was in was full of young people, many of them Australians and New Zealanders, who came up with a few interesting chants to spur on the home team. Or, rather to poke fun at the visiting Dynamiters.

About a dozen of these “cheerleaders”, each with a shoe in hand, chanted “Shoes off if you hate Kimberley”, a cheer that didn't resonate with those on the other side of the rink, some of whom had made the trip from Kimberley with their team.

Another chant was “Kimberley's a girl's name.”

Fun time. The game went into double overtime and ended in a 2-2 tie.



## Hockey cyberbullies do disservice to Team Canada

Given that Canada is essentially one giant ice surface for much of the year, it only made sense that hockey would become our country's official winter sport.

In the same way that baseball is as American as apple pie, hockey is as Canadian as maple syrup.

Hockey is a sport we're intensely proud of, and a sport that fuels our competitive spirit. But, above all else, hockey is a sport that we expect to do well in, regardless of who we're facing off against.

More often than not, it seems that the Canadian hockey teams representing our country on the global stage meet our lofty expectations of them, and give us (stereotypically humble) Canadians something that we can brag about.

Sometimes, though, it feels as if some Canadians view anything less than a gold medal or a championship trophy as a last place finish, or something that Canada, and the players representing our country, should be ashamed of.

Case in point, this year's IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship tournament at which Canada failed to bring home a medal for only the second time in 21 years.

As has become tradition, Team Canada racked up a solid record in the preliminary round, with its only loss coming to the always tough Russians. But then, in a nail-biter of a quarterfinal match up, Team Canada came up short in overtime against Finland, ending its World Juniors run far earlier than anyone anticipated.

To the players and coaches on Team Canada, the defeat (on home ice, no less) was likely one of the most devastating losses they'll endure throughout their hockey careers. But it's also a loss that many hockey fans across Canada seem to be taking far too personally.

Bearing the brunt of Canadians' outrage over Team Canada's failure to bring home a medal is the team's 19-year-old captain, Maxime Comtois, who hails from Longueuil, Que.

After Canada was awarded a penalty shot early in the overtime period of the quarterfinal match against Finland, Mr. Comtois was tapped to win the game for Canada but came up short, paving the way for Finland to advance to the semi-finals.

And since Canada's early exit from the World Juniors tournament, Mr. Comtois has been bombarded by hundreds of negative comments on his social media channels, which range from criticism of his failed penalty shot attempt, to

wishes for him to commit suicide or contract HIV, to anti-Francophone sentiments.

Regardless of the content of these bullying comments, they're all profoundly un-Canadian, and something that we, as a nation, should condemn and be deeply ashamed of.

Competing at the World Juniors level is not something that most Canadians will ever have the opportunity, or the skill, to do.

It's no joke.

It takes thousands upon thousands of hours of training, regardless of which country you're suiting up for. And when you're playing against some of the top young talent in the world, sometimes all that training just won't be enough. Sometimes it will just come down to an unlucky bounce – or,

in Team Canada's case, a stick malfunction followed by an unlucky bounce.

Whatever the outcome, the young men and women who suit up for Team Canada, and represent our country with pride, deserve to be praised for their efforts, not cyberbullied by arm chair athletes – though, there should also be room for constructive criticism, for that is how each of us learns from our mistakes and improves.

Were the comments targeted at Maxime Comtois the only instance of a young Canadian athlete enduring harassment for not performing to the impossibly high standards of Canadian hockey fans, it might not even be worth writing about.

But Canadians have a special relationship with hockey, and, far too often, that relationship brings out the worst in some of us – just think, for instance, of how many stories one can read about an argument or a brawl breaking out over something as inconsequential as a minor hockey game, during any given hockey season.

We live in an age in which all of us are fully aware of the potentially fatal consequences of bullying, and we should be striving to set a better example for future generations of hockey players and fans.

There is, simply put, no excuse for this kind of behaviour.

In the wake of the cyberbullying endured by Mr. Comtois, perhaps we all need to take a step back, and remind ourselves that, at the end of the day, hockey is a game. It's meant to be competitive, sure, but more than that it's supposed to be fun.

Yes, losing may suck. But it's not something that we should take to heart.



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## Carbon tax a political fight in 2019

It didn't take long for the great carbon tax fight to start in 2019, although it can be argued that it never really ended.

It has just carried on from 2018 and years previous.

The difference now is 2019 is a federal election and the carbon tax is an issue that both of the major Liberal and Conservative combatants see as a winner for them.

So batten down the hatches, folks. We are in for a lot of politicking on the carbon tax.

The nonsense started rather early on New Year's Day, with federal Liberal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna tweeting the following: "This year, it will no longer be free to pollute anywhere in Canada, as we put a price on pollution to cut

emissions. Our resolution is to stay focused on you, and every Canadian who works hard to make tomorrow better than yesterday, and this year better than the last."

It was a message filled with as many half-truths as political sanctimony.

For starters, if the Environment Minister was so determined to put a cost on pollution, she might start with a federal levy on the city of Montreal for the sewage it is dumping into the St. Lawrence River.

But, at the risk of adding to the already-too-excessive cynicism out there, one doubts federal Liberals are as truly determined to make polluters pay as they claim.

If they were, logic dictates they wouldn't be quite so eager to of-



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fer Canadian families rebate so they can simply keep their gas tanks filled and, thus, keep polluting.

At the very least, it suggests that the Liberals' true first priority is re-election. They know that taxing voters without a rebate would put their electoral chances somewhere at the NDP's unelectable level.

Sadly, they also know full well that sacrificing a few Western seats

in Alberta and Saskatchewan where the bulk of oil-producing jobs are is likely to have little impact on Liberal chances of securing a second-term that will be determined by votes down east.

That said, is it any more cynical than what we have heard from Andrew Scheer's Conservatives, who have yet to put forward a discernible plan to combat GHGs because ignoring an issue is always easiest?

Yet it seems Conservatives have few problems playing footsy with the climate-change deniers who choose not to accept the fact that GHGs are a major cause of man-made warming of the planet.

But, like McKenna, Scheer and the Conservatives have wrapped their carbon tax posi-

tion around the notion of "fighting for the little guy" – the people who control their politicians' fate when they go the polls later this year.

Not even willing to take New Year's Day off, Scheer and federal candidates and Senators held a Jan. 1 press conference at Regina's Giant Tiger discount grocer and took square aim at the extra 4.65 cents a litre we will be paying on gas when the carbon tax comes into effect in April.

Scheer offered no credence to the Liberal government rebate that will be especially beneficial to the working poor.

Some might argue that this is a natural extension from past Conservative arguments of protecting the livelihood of oil-industry

workers that Trudeau and the Liberals are roundly ignoring.

But there was something cynical about Conservatives driving their Lexuses in the Giant Tiger (a chain which a Conservative MP's family owns) for this announcement. New Democrats, in particular, were already noting the above.

After all, the Conservative record on supporting the working poor hasn't exactly been great.

And while Scheer and company do deserve credit for standing up for laid-off oil industry workers, it's hard not to notice that big, profitable oil companies are still among the biggest financiers of the federal Conservatives.

Expect to see a lot more of this, folks. It is an election year.

## YOUR TWO CENTS

### 2018 gives Canada at least one thing to be proud of

Dear editor,

While the general feeling among Canadian seems to be that 2018 was a write-off, it's important to remember that were some very important successes last year, especially for the world's worse off. While the topics of immigration and refugees often flared as an ugly and divisive topic, it's important to recall that the vast majority of refugees spend their lives in permanent camps.

It's hard to imagine a more desperate and impoverished life, yet in 2018, G7 countries, the World Bank, and the European Union committed \$3.8 billion to reduce barriers and improve access to quality education for the women and girls

in conflict and crisis situations. Of this, Canadians can be proud of our commitment of \$400 million.

Education means that refugees and the displaced have at least a chance for bettering their lives when situations improve in their home countries. Minister [Marie-Claude] Bibeau (Minister of International Development and La Francophonie) deserves credit for supporting a future for these individuals, as educating girls is the best, most sustainable investment there is in global peace, stability, and prosperity.

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# Hockey Day shows strength of community: Moe



**Premier Scott Moe is no stranger to speaking at Hockey Day in Shellbrook, having shared duties with Roger McComas in 2016.**

Despite being arguably the busiest man in the province, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe says he penciled a speaking gig at Hockey Day in Shellbrook into his full calendar "at the first opportunity."

No stranger to talking at events in the community, the Shellbrook product will be handling MC duties at the Sports Awards Banquet the evening of

Saturday, Jan. 19, and he says Hockey Day remains as important in its fourth year as it was in its first.

"It's a great cause to raise money to make major improvements to the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, not only to make it more efficient, but to make it more sustainable for generations to come," he said.

"I've seen it throughout

my lifetime; in the winter time, people gather at the rink."

While agreeing that the fundraising aspect is a key part of what makes Hockey Day so important to the community, Moe says the banquet, in particular, is a great opportunity for everyone to get together to celebrate achievements in sport, and the local heroes who make sports and rec-

reation opportunities in Shellbrook possible.

In this way, he says, Hockey Day in Shellbrook is a symbol of the strength of rural Saskatchewan.

"I've had the opportunity to travel across the province more than I ever have [over the past year]. It's so reassuring to me to see the strength of community that we have in community after community after community, right across Saskatchewan" he said.

"Shellbrook is just a shining example of that."

Having been raised in Shellbrook, Moe is familiar with the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, and even recalls putting at least a few of the thousands of volunteer hours that have gone into keeping the facility alive.

However, he says that one of his fondest memories of the rink comes from the inaugural Hockey Day in Shellbrook, at which he learned all about the Herculean volunteer

effort that went into building the rink in the first place.

Then, of course, there are also the lessons he learned while out on the ice.

"Some of the fondest memories I have of being in the rink are just being on the ice, and being part of winning and losing teams.

"Both of them build character, for you as an individual, and for you as part of a team. That's what I've learned from my time in the rink."

With the future of some small-town rinks increasingly in question, Moe feels it's important that future generations have the opportunity to learn the same lessons that he learned while on the ice in Shellbrook.

"As we move forward, it's imperative for us to continue to work together to ensure that we have, not only a healthy and vibrant place to gather, but a healthy and vibrant place

for our kids to compete."

Moe adds that events like Hockey Day in Shellbrook are proof that small town communities are strong, and that they're already putting in the work to keep their rinks alive.

"Rural communities are, for the first time in decades, starting to experience some growth over the last number of years, and that's something that we want to see continue.

"That's what drives me in the work I do, and it's what drives volunteers in communities across the province."

Given his positive outlook on the future of rural rinks, Moe says he's looking forward to Hockey Day in Shellbrook being an overwhelming success.

But beyond that, he's looking forward to mingling with people from Shellbrook and the surrounding area, as well as recognizing those who have "given so much back to the rink, and to the next generation."

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.  
St. John's - Shellbrook  
Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Chris Dean

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Pastor Doug Hope  
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Shellbrook  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor David Bodvarson  
306-747-7235  
Canwood  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Glenn Blazosek  
306-468-2138  
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Pastor Lorne Valuck

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Big River - Sacred Heart  
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass  
Whitefish  
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Victoire  
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Fr. Michael Fahlman  
Eucharist Celebrations  
Muskeg  
Sunday, 3 p.m.  
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook  
Mass - Sunday - 9 a.m.  
St. Henry's - Leask  
Mass - Sunday - 11 a.m.  
St. Joseph's - Marcelin  
Mass - Saturday - 7 p.m.  
Mistawasis  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 1:30 p.m.  
Fr. Phong Tran

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11:00 a.m.  
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## New year brings new questions for ag sector

As we embark on a new year, it is always a time to contemplate what the world of agriculture may evolve to become?

One thing that does seem likely to occur moving forward is that big corporations will increasingly decide what farmers produce, and perhaps more concerning will increasingly be telling producers how to operate their farms.

The consumer has always had some level of control in regards to what producers purchase by their collective buying habits.

If consumers shy away from buying romaine lettuce for months after a food scare, farmers will get the message and reduce production.

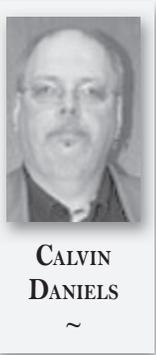
On a larger scale supply-and-demand has always been a key factor in the crop-

ping intentions of farmers, or on how many replacement heifers they decide to keep on the cattle side of things.

But for the most part business has had limited forays into telling producers how to operate their farms.

That is changing. Recently, McDonald's, the biggie in terms of fast food restaurants, released a new policy on antibiotics that will affect cattle producers in North America, Europe, Brazil and Australia.

The chain has always had the power to influence things on the farm. When they were selling the McRib, a pork-based sandwich, the demand for pork increased, and a corresponding price bump was often the result. That is the influence of a major chain using more of a particular product than they normally do.



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The latest directive for the chain is not about influencing the supply/demand chain by altering its menu, but is about moving to a more defined and stringent set of regulations regarding how much beef they purchase has been raised on the farm.

The company's new policy is supposed to be designed to encourage producers to adopt an approach to antibiotic use where critical antibi-

otics for human medicine are used as a last resort or never used at all. That means phasing out use of the highest priority critically important antimicrobials, as defined by the World Health Organization.

Given issues with bacterial resistance to certain drugs the policy has some obvious merits.

But back on the farm, producers are going to find they have to change their prac-

tices if they want to sell into the supply chain headed to McDonalds.

Whenever a tried and true regiment of antibiotics is changed, it leaves two questions for producers, are the alternatives as effective? And, equally important, will the use of alternative controls cost more?

The cost factor is certainly a valid concern because it is highly unlikely McDonalds, or any other company look-

ing to impose new regulations on farm production have any interest in increasing what they pay for product to offset any added production costs.

That will be the concern of producers moving forward. Even when the regulations appear strongly based on the goal of human health, should farm producers pay the added costs, or should business and consumers pay more to ensure the safety they seek?

## Christmas Hampers help families in Shellbrook and area



**By Dave Bodvarson  
Chair, Shellbrook and District Ministerial**

Once again Shellbrook and area pulled together to bless some 35 families with Christmas Hampers.

I am always amazed

at the generosity of the churches, schools, community groups, individuals, and businesses that support our Christmas endeavour.

It takes a small army of people to put the hampers

together and we are grateful for those that gave of their time to help those less fortunate.

Our Ministerial and area Food Bank appreciates everyone who offers their generous support.

## The Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact of the month



Can you name this mystery artifact that's on loan to the Shellbrook Museum from Wilbur and Pat Grayston? If so, you may be just about the only person who can.

That's because neither the Graystons, nor anyone else, seem to know what it is, or what it does!

This puzzling piece of history is about four feet in length. The handle and shaft are wood, and the shaft has seven sides, with one side being much longer than the others. At the opposite

the handle, there's a metal tip.

Given the perplexing nature of this object, anyone wishing to guess is welcome to use whatever means necessary to solve the riddle.

The artifact is currently available for viewing at the Shellbrook Library, where you can put your guess into a draw for a book from the Library's deposits. In the absence of a verifiable correct answer, a winner from the most creative answers will be selected instead.

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# Gingerbread House Building Contest a big, tasty hit at Shellbrook Public Library

**By Dian Campbell**

Family and friends gathered to build gingerbread houses at the Shellbrook Public Library this December.

More than 45 people (15 groups) registered for this Christmas ac-

tivity, and for a chance to win Library mugs full of Christmas goodies.

The Library supplied a gingerbread house kit, including gingerbread house pieces, icing and candy for each group.

Participants were encouraged to bring whatever other candy/edible supplies they wanted to use to make their own unique creation.

Students of all ages, along with their friends and families, used their imaginations to build

festive gingerbread houses with winter landscapes, nativity scenes, and even Santa on the roof.

Once completed the houses were put on display at the Library

Patrons visiting the library got to see the

wonderful display and to cast a vote for their favourite.

More than 100 patrons voted, with the winning result being a tie between the Clark Family and the King

Family.

We are very proud of all our students who entered the contest, and are looking forward to hosting another gingerbread making activity next year.



**The King family: Ashley, Jocelyn work together on their house, which ended up tying for first place in the contest.**



**The Clark family: Crick, Chayton, and Koteja work on their entry. They ended up tying for first place in the contest.**



**The Shellbrook Library's inaugural Gingerbread House Building Contest saw a strong turnout, with 15 entries and 45 participants. Additionally, more than 100 library patrons voted.**



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# Major rink grant coming down the pipeline

With the second phase of its rink renovation project set to begin at the end of the upcoming hockey and curling seasons, the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee has received some good news to start 2019.

After more than a year of back and forth negotiations with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities over a possible \$750,000 Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program grant, the committee will soon

begin to see some of the money roll in.

Though the contract has yet to be finalized due to the holidays, project manager Amund Otterson was able to confirm that the first disbursement, worth \$300,000, will be coming to the town of Shellbrook at some point in the first quarter of this year.

Meanwhile, the next \$300,000 chunk of grant money is expected to come after the committee completes phase two of its rink

renovation project, which includes the installation of new doors (already started) as well as a new rink floor, and new boards.

Then, the final disbursement of \$150,000 will come in 2020, upon completion of the project's final stage.

This last phase, says Otterson, will include the installation of a 100 kW solar panel array, as well as a number of other energy conservation measures – completing the solar panel array portion, at least, should be made easier now that the town of Shellbrook will soon be reclaiming possession of the former Parkland Terrace nursing home property.

Though there's some relief to be had in knowing that this grant funding will finally be coming through, Otterson says that the committee was always confident that it would receive the grant, and has treated it as part of its budget.

That means, he adds, that the amount of money required to complete the remainder of the \$2 million-plus project is still "significant," and that fundraising efforts for the project, such as the upcoming Hockey Day in Shellbrook on Jan. 18 and 19, will need to continue.

"We continue to apply for government and corporate funding as programs



**The Shellbrook Recreation Complex may soon have a new name, depending on the outcome of ongoing grant negotiations. In the meantime, though, the town of Shellbrook will be receiving the first \$300,000 of a \$750,000 FCM grant in the first quarter of 2019.**

evolve and emerge," he said.

On the corporate side, the committee is awaiting a counteroffer on a potential \$75,000 grant that would include a 10-year naming rights deal for the Shellbrook Recreation Complex. While the company offering the grant also wanted naming rights to the new Olympia ice resurfacing machine that is expected to arrive later this year, Otterson says the committee has already committed to other advertising opportunities on the machine.

Elsewhere, due to the energy efficiency improvements already made at the rink, the committee was

able to apply for a \$4,500 energy efficiency grant offered by SaskPower. And even more grants will become available, once the solar panels are installed.

Most recent, however, was a \$40,000 grant from the Northern Lights Community Development Foundation (NLCDF). Of that, \$30,000 has already been disbursed, and the remaining \$10,000 will be awarded upon completion of phase two of the renovation project.

What's more, Otterson says there could be more where this funding came from.

"We can apply for additional funding from the

NLCDF for further project funding as this overall project progresses. There are quarterly intake of applications," he explained, noting that this will depend on available funding, as Shellbrook is technically outside of the NLCDF's catchment area.

On that front, though, he adds that the Shellbrook Recreation Complex's regional importance could help it obtain more funds in the future.

"It certainly does not hurt that we have forged some partnerships with the Sturgeon Lake First Nations both at the Rec. Center and the Hidden Hills Golf Course."

## Leask Legion presents Remembrance Day awards



The Leask Legion recently presented awards for Remembrance Day posters, poems and essays to students from Blaine Lake School and Leask Community School.

Top picture (left to right) - Blaine Lake School - Anna Sherstobetoff, Ariken Wilson, Valerie Priestley, Iyana Boissoneau, and Emma Greyeyes, missing - Dakota Delorme

Bottom picture (left to right) - Leask Community School - Sara Verbonac, Kari Jean Dorion, Brienne Grenier, Dakota Skwark, Seth Lafond, Maddison Nelson, Charlie Bowering, Taylor Henderson, Wyatt Henderson, Ayden Trafford, and Valerie Priestley, missing - Ava Chmil, Ryan Sanderson, and Jeneva Penner



# HOCKEY DAY In Shellbrook

### Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 - 3:00 pm School & Community Skate
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm Tremblay Classic
- 7:00 - 7:45 pm Skate Club Showcase
- 8:00 - late Silvertips vs Edam ThreeStars  
\*Beer Gardens & Smokie Sale

### Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 - 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast @ Rink
- 8:00 - 11:30 am Initiation Hockey Tournament
- 11:30 - 2:00 pm Shellbrook Elks Alumni Game
- 2:00 pm SHELLBROOK RINK GROUP PHOTO**
- 2:30 - 5:00 pm AAA Midget Females  
\*PA Northern Bears vs Melville  
\*Commentator: Roger Millions
- 5:30 pm Sports Awards & Banquet  
\*Emcee: Premier Scott Moe  
\*Guests Robyn Regehr & Roger Millions  
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## OBITUARIES

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*Donald Arp*

ARP - Donald  
1939 - 2018  
Donald Joseph Arp,

beloved husband of Margo Arp, passed away in Calgary on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the age of 79 years.

Relatives and friends were invited to Prayers at Southland Funeral Chapel, 5006 - 48 Avenue, Taber, Alberta on Friday, December 28, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 5009 - 48 Avenue, Taber, Alberta

on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. Burial followed at the Taber Memorial Garden. Condolences may be forwarded by visiting our website at [www.southlandfuneral.com](http://www.southlandfuneral.com).

Besides his loving wife Margo, he is survived by his children Christopher Arp of Ottawa and his children Dylan and Kyle; Alan (Catriona) VandenBroek of Sherwood Park and their children Rebecca, Lucas and

Cayman; Brenda Murchison of Taber and her children Cody and Alexander; Kim (David) Bekkering of Taber and their children Andrew B., Natasha, Samuel, Ashton, Andrew W., Tyler, Joshua and Maya; Michael VandenBroek of Calgary. He is also survived by his siblings Louise Rochon, Suzanne Robb and Paul Phillipe; brothers-in-law Willem (Tanya) Spruyt and Jack (Barb) Spruyt; sister-in-law

Mary (Leonard) Etheridge as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased mother Vera Phillippe (nee Arp); grandson Mark Willcock; father and mother-in-law Willem and Wilhelmina Spruyt.

Don had a vibrant love of life and had so much to look forward to; he will be greatly missed. We take comfort knowing he is reunited with his predeceased love

ones, especially Mark, by the Glory of God through our Lord Jesus.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes in Don's name may be made directly to the Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre, 118 - 8 Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 3Z8 ([www.lethbridgepregnancycentre.com](http://www.lethbridgepregnancycentre.com)).

Arrangements in care of Southland Funeral Chapel, Taber, Alberta. Telephone: (403) 223-8778.

*Vera Bischler*

BISCHLER, (Salekin)  
Vera

October 18, 1924 - December 16, 2018

With heavy hearts and a deep sense of loss, the family of Vera Bischler, a much-loved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother announce her passing. She has been awarded her much-anticipated "wings." Vera was born in Altario, Alberta and moved to rural municipality Blaine Lake, Sas-



katchewan with parents Tina and James Salekin as a very young child. She, along with her sisters, spent their days working at tasks that would test the backs of strong men doing chores such as stooking wheat sheaves, harnessing horse teams and stacking bales of hay. At 12 years of age, Mom worked as "hired help" for local farmers while her dad took her pay check of \$5 a month! Ottawa School

was Vera's place of learning and recreation until grade 8. She left to work as waitress and baker's helper in Saskatoon where she learned the art of wedding cake decor thus creating many hundreds of fabulous tiered cakes in the ensuing years. One of her favourite memories was working as a fruit picker in the Okanagan Valley alongside many dearly loved cousins, aunts and uncles. When a tall young man named August Bischler saw her walking with her sister at the Wynyard ferry picking berries, he said "I am marrying that girl! He made his dream happen on October 18, 1945. They farmed in Silvergrove District and then Leask until 1963 when they moved to Saskatoon because that was where their three daughters would get "first-class" edu-

cation. Mom boarded university students and created everything from bridal gowns to bedspreads from morning until night on her trusty Phaff sewing machine. There are very few from Leask or Saskatoon who have not had clothing sewn or repaired by our seamstress mother! Her bountiful garden produce was served most generously on the groaning kitchen table to her much blessed family, relatives and friends. She was, in one word, inspirational in everything that she accomplished. Trinity Lutheran Church was her faith home where she worked tirelessly and with joy in service to her Saviour. She remained in her home following her dear husband August's passing, serving her community and all those in need until 2007 when

health dictated a lifestyle change. She experienced "retirement" at Caleb Manor but always managed to be there for anyone who needed her loving interest. Failing health determined that she move to Prairie Springs Care Home and then Luther Special Care Home where she continued caring for others, staff and residents alike. She is lovingly remembered and terribly missed by her daughters Shirley (Jim) Kirstein, Edith (Don) Mac Allister, Dixie (Chris) Brann as well as by her cherished grandchildren Christy (Stéphann) Stef/Grégoire, Ryan (Ty) Stef and great-grandchildren Tina Faucher, Jett Stef and Steele Stef, soulmate sister Katie Hoehn and dear brother Peter Salekin. She was predeceased by her parents, brother

Fred Zameruk, sister Olga Woloshyn and her loving husband August. We trust that the richest of Blessings are now hers at the end of a life exceedingly well lived. Vera's family wish to thank all the staffing members at Caleb House, Prairie Springs Care Home and Luther House for all the loving care she received over the past years. A Visitation will be held open to all who wish to remember her from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Jan. 14 at Park Funeral Home 311 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon, Sask. There will be a private Celebration of Life held at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 8th Street East, Saskatoon on Jan 15th at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations to Trinity Lutheran Church on 419 Ave E North, Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7L 1S1 are truly appreciated.

*Shelley Colleen Brad*

BRAD - Shelley Colleen Brad (Stene), late of North Battleford. July 29th, 1958 - December 23rd, 2018.

It is with great sadness that the family of Shelley Colleen Brad (Stene) announce her untimely and unexpected passing on Sunday, December 23rd, 2018 at the age of 60. Shelley was born in Prince Albert and spent

much of her life in the Shellbrook and Prince Albert area. Shelley obtained her Bachelors of Arts majoring in Psychology in 1980 from the University of Saskatchewan. She later moved to the Battleford area in 1998 and worked in a variety of job fields with her most recent job being at the Battlefords Interval House. Shelley

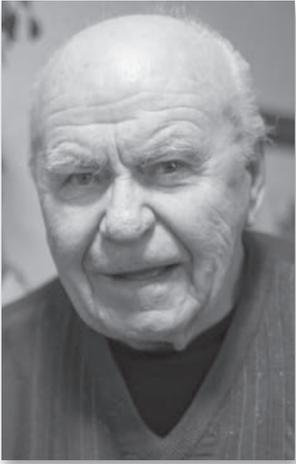
enjoyed telling stories and had a strong love for all animals especially cats. Shelley lived for and deeply loved her two sons and later her two grandsons. Shelley will be deeply missed and remembered by her mother Mary Stene, sons Tyler and Curtis (June) Brad, grandsons Izaac and Phoenix, and many friends and associates.

Shelley is also survived by her ex-husband Harold Brad, sisters Luella (Irwin) Gatzke and Inez (Ross) Larson, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Shelley is predeceased by her father Minard Stene and grandparents Christian and Laura Skotte. Services will take place on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook, SK, followed by lunch in the church hall. Interment will be held at Wildrose cemetery in Holbein, SK. Arrangements in care of Shellbrook Funeral Home & Crematorium. Brian and Bev Stobbs, Renée Phaneuf - Funeral Directors. [www.MacKenzieChapel.ca](http://www.MacKenzieChapel.ca) 306.763.8488.

## OBITUARIES

~  
*Frank Zawada*

**ZAWADA - Frank**

Frank Zawada, of Saskatoon, SK, formerly of Shell Lake, SK, passed away on December 19, 2018, at the age of 87 years.

Frank was born in Prince Albert, SK, and attended school there until Grade 8. His parents bought a farm near Shellbrook, and he spent the remainder of his school days biking the 5 miles to and from town.

After graduation, he discovered that being an office

clerk at the R.M. office was not for him, and he was convinced to try teaching. He attended Teacher's College and accepted a position teaching at Temesvar, south of Spiritwood. While there he met the love of his life, a fellow teacher named Jean Atkinson. They were married in June of 1956 and immediately took up teaching positions in Shell Lake. Jean handled the Grade 1/2 room and Frank taught Grades 7 and 8.

Frank's career moved into high school teaching, and he became principal in 1967. After over 32 years of teaching, he retired in 1985.

But he retired only from teaching. Frank had become interested in beekeeping, and his hobby of raising honey bees, and later leafcutter bees became a full-time career, including alfalfa farming. He continued with that until 2013, when Frank and Jean moved to Saskatoon.

Frank was curious about everything, and he was in-

involved in so many different activities and community projects that it is hard to count. He helped create Memorial Lake Regional Park and its golf course, he and a partner started what is now the Resort Village of Big Shell, he led the Shell Lake Rover Scouts, he was part of the community groups that built the Shell Lake arena and curling rink, he was a village councillor for several years, and he competed in ski jumping events and helped build jumps around Shell Lake. That is just a partial list.

One of his most unique hobbies was taxidermy. He wanted to make a rug from a bear he had obtained hunting, and took a correspondence course that involved mounting everything from squirrels to coyotes. Our house, garage and sheds were always full of the products of his work, whether feathered, furred or scaled. Many around Shell Lake and the province still have trophy fish on their walls

which he prepared.

Some of his proudest accomplishments were the results of beekeeping. He sold products internationally, including into the Soviet Union, and his honey won awards at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

In 1979, Frank's half-ton was struck by a semi truck, and he suffered a broken neck. He spent more than 2 months in hospital (the first sick days he used in more than 20 years of teaching), and returned to school by the end of the term. The accident caused permanent mobility problems but he never complained. While his athletic days were mostly over, he just

turned to new interests, particularly those which helped his community.

Although Frank and Jean spent more than 55 years in Shell Lake, they seamlessly transitioned into life in Saskatoon at Preston Park II. Frank continued many old friendships and developed new ones until his passing. He never lost his sense of humour, or his "what can I help with" attitude, and was always participating in any way he could.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean, son Craig (Dianne Martin) and grandchildren Daniel and Kate, son Ross and granddaughter Rocio, daughter Lana Chuhaniuk (Dale) and daughter

Bev. He was predeceased by his parents John and Anna, brothers Joe and Stan, and sister Sophia.

A Celebration of Frank's life was held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at Shell Lake Lion's Hall, with Delores Beaulac officiating. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir & Lori Saam, Funeral Directors, Spiritwood, SK. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Frank can be made to a charity that is meaningful to you.

~  
*Katherine Haugen*



were always cakes or cookies on hand. She made the BEST buns and cinnamon buns. She prepared a lot of food over the years for family gatherings. She made cabbage rolls and strudel but also had to learn how to make lefse, thin bread and other Norwegian dishes (including lukefisk). Mom liked to experiment and try new recipes.

She spent time sewing, knitting, crocheting, painting and doing other crafts. She enjoyed all the crafts that she did at WPP as well.

When the grandchildren arrived, they loved to have them at the farm. She loved to see the great-grandchildren and to hear what they were doing. They traveled to Jesse's hockey games even when they didn't always feel the greatest.

When they moved to town she joined the Community Choir. She really enjoyed singing as well as the socializing. She was also a part of the 1st St Birthday Club and the ELW. The Lutheran Church was a very important part of her life. In the later years when she had more time and didn't crochet or knit as much she did a lot of reading.

Later on they were able to do some travelling. They enjoyed meeting new people, catching up with friends or relatives and seeing the sights.

Katherine leaves behind to mourn her passing her children: Myron (Jeanette) Haugen, Marcel Haugen,

Glenda Davies and Donna (Raymond) Wyatt, grand and great grandchildren: Michelle (Craig) Garrett and their son Joshua; Jasmine Haugen and her children Jesse and Isabella; Denise Rennie and her children Gillian and Carson, sisters: Helene Ferster and Hildegard Butz, sister-in-law: Eleanor Fenske and numerous nieces and nephews.

Katherine was predeceased by her husband: Elwood Haugen, parents: Fred and Emilie Butz, parents-in-law: Matt and Hilma Haugen, son-in-law: Edward Davies, great-grandson: Kion Haugen, sisters and brothers: Laura (Karl) Strelau, Frank Butz, Hedwig Butz, Edith Butz, Emma (Fred) Kingsland, Elsie (Mike) Sommerfeld, John Butz, sister and brothers-in-law: Frances (Ernest) Mumm, George Fenske, Ted Ferster.

A Service of Remembrance was held Monday, December 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. from the Canwood Community Hall with Pastor Dan Haugen officiating. A Private family interment will be held at Dry Creek Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations in memory of Mrs. Haugen may be directed to the Zion Lutheran Church, Canwood SK or Whispering Pine Place - Activity Dept. Canwood, SK. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eleanor Person of Eternal Memories Funeral Service & Crematorium, Canwood, SK.

~  
*Mary Bruce*

**BRUCE - Mary Ellen Bruce**  
(nee Ernst)

Mary Bruce, late of Prince Albert, passed away on January 3, 2019 at the age of 86 years. Mary was born on January 16, 1932 to Paul and Gertrude Ernst of Sturgeon Valley where she grew up with her 5 brothers. She was a member of 4-H in her youth where she learned the value of hard work, she carried this with her well into her 70s. Mom would tell us of the hardships of growing up as a young woman back then, but always included the good times and fun she had growing up on the farm. On June 16, 1950, she married Milton Bruce and they lived on the farm in Deer Ridge while raising their

8 children. Our Mom spent most of her time in those years planting huge gardens, sewing, tending to the raspberries and chickens and making sure that we were all fed. She loved to cook and was famous for her buns. Mom worked at the Provincial Forestry Farm in Spruce Home and this was a joy to her as she worked with plants, met new friends and enjoyed lots of laughs with the crew. In later years, Mom lived in seniors homes in Prince Albert, Weldon and Kinistino. As dementia took control of her life she began residing at Mont St. Joseph Home in Prince Albert. The family feels truly blessed that Mom was able to spend the last two years there and wish to sincerely thank the Staff for their above and beyond love, compassion and care she received at Mont St. Joseph Home. Mary will be lovingly remembered by her children: Richard (Elaine), Dale (Eileen), Jim (Edna), Don (Charlotte), Leroy, Wanda Robillard and Candace (Calvin) Johnson; her 24 grandchildren; her 2 great-grandchildren; her 2 great-great-grandchildren; her 2 brothers: Lewis (Mamie), Ervin (Donna) and Jack (Doro-

thy); her sister-in-law: Bertha; her son-in-law: Lyle Vaughan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by: her husband: Milton; her daughter: Bonnie Vaughan; her grandson: Dennis Vaughan; her son-in-law: Vince Robillard; her parents: Paul and Gertrude Ernst; her in-laws: Rupert and Mary Bruce; her brothers: Howard and Ralph and her sister-in-law: Sophie. Visitation will take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, 300B-300 Marquis Road, Prince Albert. Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Deer Ridge Hall, Deer Ridge, SK, with Deacon Eldon Danielson as Officiant. In lieu of other tributes, donations in memory of Mary may be made to the Mont St. Joseph Foundation, 777 28th St E, Prince Albert, SK. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tracy-Lynn Lenchuk, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

## 'Greek Freak' the biggest breakout star of 2018

It's a bit strange to say a five-year National Basketball Association veteran had a breakout season, but it was in 2017-18 that Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks suddenly thrust himself into the top tier of NBA players.

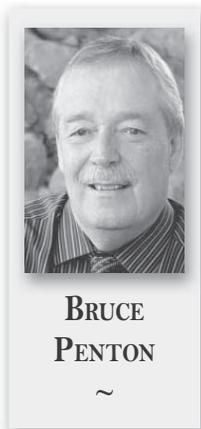
LeBron? Sure. Steph Curry? Of course. Kevin Durant? Yep. James Harden? Yes. But this giant from Milwaukee, Antetokounmpo, whose surname is the bane of headline writers and late-night sportscasters, is also among the most difficult to stop. His 26.9 points-per-game average last season, along with his 10 rebounds a game suddenly had every basketball fan going to great pains to learn the proper pronunciation. It turned out his nickname, Greek Freak, became his go-to monitor. This 6-foot-11 native of Athens, chosen 15th overall in the 2013 draft, was suddenly all over the evening highlights packages, slam-

ming in dunks, grabbing rebounds at both ends of the floor and dominating games as the Bucks became relevant, and a power, in the Eastern Conference.

For the average American sports fan, Antetokounmpo was one of last year's breakout athletes, joining a handful of others:

- Shohei Ohtani: The Japanese baseball star, the first player since Babe Ruth to be both a threat on the mound and at the plate, had a stream of press clippings prior to his arrival in Anaheim. And even though he missed a good chunk of the season due to injury he lived up to those clippings, posting a 4-2 pitching record with a 3.31 ERA, and slamming 22 homers with 61 runs-batted-in and a .285 average.

- Naomi Osaka: A virtual unknown in the world of women's tennis in January, Osaka became the first Japanese athlete to win a



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Grand Slam event, taking the U.S. Open in a controversial final when her opponent, Serena Williams, became embroiled in a rules-violation dispute with the referee. Osaka, 20 at the time, had won the women's singles title at the Indian Wells (Palm Springs) tournament in March. Osaka has lived in the U.S. since she was three years old. She is currently ranked fourth in the world.

- He may be no Jacobs, Koe or Gushue, but John

Shuster was on top of the curling world in February when he guided his U.S. team to a gold medal in the Winter Olympics in South Korea. It was a big breakthrough for Shuster, joining the world's elite, and also for U.S.A. curling.

- The next football superstar? It looks like rookie quarterback Patrick Mahomes of Kansas City Chiefs, who late in the season appeared to be on pace to threaten Peyton Manning's single-season record for touchdown passes (55). Rookie-of-the-year? Yes. MVP? Possibly. Super Bowl winner? We'll see.

- Headline from the onion.com: "Should The NFL Prohibit Players From Appearing In Hotel Security Footage?"

- Pete Blackburn of CBSSports, on Twitter: "NHL should make Arizona and Florida play a seven-game series to decide who has to move to Houston."

- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "On Jan. 26, Canada's first event that combines curling and cannabis. And of course they're calling it ... a bongspiel."

- Comedy writer Brad Dickson, after Oklahoma QB Kyler Murray won the Heisman trophy: "Which I attribute mostly to the difficulty of spelling 'Tua Tagovailoa.'"

- Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "Nick Foles is the best Philly sub since the cheesesteak."

- Dwight Perry again: "Just wondering: Shouldn't American Standard be sponsoring a bowl?"

- Hunt's Ketchup, via Twitter, after signing Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes as a "brand ambassador": "Who else would you rather have passing you the ketchup?"

- NFL Memes, on Facebook, after the Raiders signed mistake-prone QB Nathan Peterman: "Is it

possible to drug-test an entire organization?"

- Patti Dawn Swanson in the River City Renegade: "Canadian Football League outfits are dumping coaches, scouts and management at an alarming rate. I don't know if the CFL is still a professional sports league or a thrift store."

- Philly media veteran Al Morganti, on Twitter just before Christmas: "Again, just a reminder: If your live Nativity scene is missing a donkey, he is working as a referee at the Eagles game. Should be back by nightfall."

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on Twitter: "Clemson will not have star Dexter Lawrence for CFB playoffs after the DT tested positive for a banned substance. Maybe Lawrence was just trying to prove he is NFL-ready?"

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

## U19 Rangers honoured with year-end awards

After a strong 2018 fastball season, the U19 Shellbrook Rangers gathered one last time over the holidays to bid farewell to the year, and hand out some well-deserved awards to players, as well as some thank yous to the people who made the season possible.

The celebration, held at the Shellbrook Curling Club lounge, opened with a prayer and blessing from Vanessa Horner, a warm welcome to all in attendance, and a pot luck style meal.

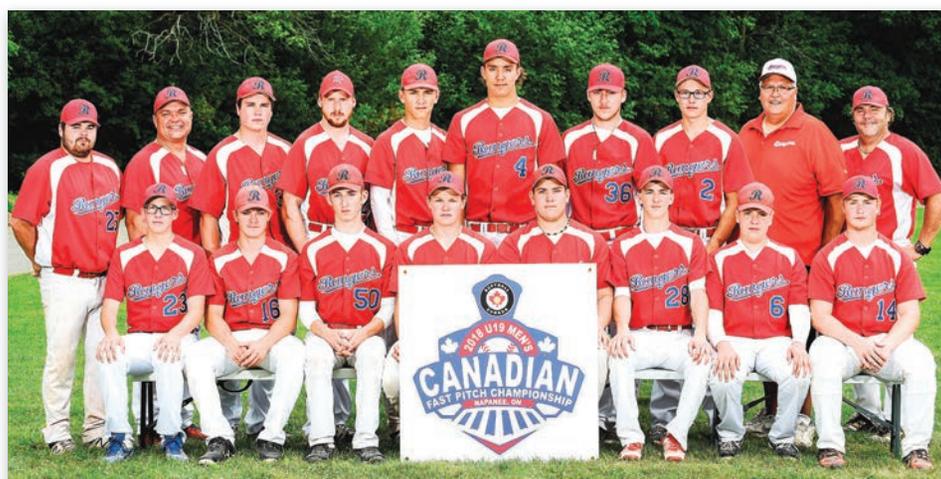
Then, after a look back at how the Rangers' season went, it was time to get into the thank yous, starting with a big show of gratitude to Larry Brossart, who sponsored the team and also served as an umpire throughout the season.

Appreciation also went to team cook and volunteer Brenda Campbell, videographer Vanessa Horner, photographer Emma Storey, travel coordinator and driver Rhonda Miller, bat boy "Big Nolan," and nutrition coordinator Jolene Skauge.

Other thank yous, still, were said to Hannah Miller and the town of Shellbrook staff for keeping the Shellbrook Sports Grounds in great shape, and to Canwood Regional Park, the Dry Creek Penguins, and Trevor Kvinlaug for allowing the team to use their facilities.

Last but not least, was a thank you to the team moms and dads.

"Your work is unheralded and you did what needed to be done," said coach Ty-



rone MacPherson. "The organizing and host committees for Team New Zealand and Team Canada made those days two of the most successful ever at the Shellbrook Diamonds. You should be honoured for your role in 2018."

With the thank yous done, the Rangers' captains were called upon to give a special presentation, while the team's coaches shared comments about veterans who will not be returning to the team next season, including Easton Neufeldt, Dylan Kvinlaug, Jared Renz, Ryan Smith, and Jayden Skauge.

Then, it was time for the awards, beginning with the Parkland Meats Award for the top defensive player, which went to Zack Lomsnes. Up next, Shayden Smith was recognized for being named an All Canadian

third baseman for his outstanding performance at the U19 Nationals in Napanee, Ont.

Moving on, the Ken Lomsnes Award for the top offensive player of the season went to Ryan Smith, while GTM Enterprises Coaches Award, which recognizes leadership and commitment to the team and the game, was presented to Jayden Skauge and Easton Neufeldt. Then, the Trevor Miller Sunlife Award, recognizing overall contributions to the team, went to Dylan Kvinlaug.

This season also saw the introduction of two new awards, starting with the Jim Wiloughby Award, sponsored by TJ Disposals. This award goes to the player who best embodies commitment, service, and responsibility to their community, and it was presented to Ryan Smith and Sam Miller.

Rounding out the awards was the Tony Thompson Award, sponsored by Larry Brossart and Vicki MacPherson. This award honours the pitcher who made the most significant contribution to the team, while demonstrating humility, courage, and commitment.

The winner of this inaugural award was Dylan Kvinlaug.

To recap the U19 Rangers' season, the team managed to complete a rigorous 59 game schedule – the team's 60th match was weathered out – competing in men's level competition in the PA Men's Sportsmen's League.

The team also participated in tournaments in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and exhibition games against Saskatoon and area men's teams, and competed as a U19 provincial team, finishing third in the province and qualifying for Nationals.

Across the season, the Rangers finished with a 26-30-3 record, including an 8-9-1 record in league play, which was good enough to make the playoffs and finish in fourth place. At nationals, the team finished in 8th place, after being eliminated by the Belmore Sting out of Ontario.

In other highlights from the season, the Rangers hosted the touring New Zealand Academy Team on Father's Day in front of a home crowd of more than 350 fans. With strong performances, the team managed to claim 5-2 and 9-4 victories over its international guests.

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**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Monday 3 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 11 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon  
**LEASK:** Wapiti Library Hours: Tuesday 1 pm - 5:30 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm.  
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# A new year in the landscape

By

**Patricia Hanbidge**

It is now 2019 and another year is behind us. If you are one who does not go away to somewhere warmer, then you might be spending some time curled up in a warm chair and maybe dreaming of spring.

With new beginnings it is an opportunity to reflect on the past year, but also to plan for the upcoming year.

For gardeners, it is a

chance to take the time to look at what worked well over the last growing season and of course what didn't!

If you happen to be a gardener that found that not much worked – don't worry there is still hope! Each of us will have had different experiences that reflect our tastes, styles and of course the level of expertise we have as gardeners.

Winter is a blessing as



it allows us more time to pause and reflect about what we wish to

change in the garden as spring approaches.

Remember that a good

landscape will suit your specific needs.

If you remember that some things were not working that well, then now is the time to begin planning.

Most people want a landscape that is beautiful, requires only a small amount of maintenance and of course does not require endless amounts of money! If your landscape did not fulfill all your dreams, then right now is the time to start to make changes.

The first step to creating the landscape of your dreams is to think specifically about your space. Think about what it is you want to achieve.

I like to compare this step to planning a vacation. In most cases, we have a pretty good idea where we would like to go for a holiday and what we want to achieve or do during that holiday time.

When planning a landscape, you also need to determine your destination which is to create a beautiful and functional landscape. Take a bit of time to think about everything but the plants and consider what you wish to do in your outdoor space.

Create yourself a checklist to help determine what your personal landscape goals may be.

Remember that each one of us will have different needs.

Do you need a space to entertain? Do your children need a play space? Do you have a dog? Do you want to grow your own vegetables?

Try to think about anything you might want to do in the landscape and then prioritize those needs as very important to not so important.

This is the first step in the design process and will help to prioritize the functional elements of your landscape. This is an integral step to having a landscape that really works for you.

Your landscape can be whatever you want it to be. The amount of space or size of your landscape does not matter. How complex your landscape is and how much maintenance it requires will depend on your time and level of interest in gardening.

This step is of course only the first of many needed to create a beautiful and functional landscape that truly fits your needs. However, it is that first most important step that creates the foundation that you are able to build upon.

Watch upcoming columns for more landscaping tips or if you are looking for more assistance with your landscape – register for one of our upcoming landscape design classes at the School of Horticulture.

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