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Hockey Day continues to exceed expectations



Carrying on an important Hockey Day in Shellbrook tradition, members of various groups that make use of the rink gathered on the ice for a group picture on Saturday afternoon.

Though all the elements seemed to be lined up in favour of Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019 failing to recapture the success of its three predecessors, something amazing happened.

Despite the sub-zero conditions outside, and the fact that Hockey Day in Shellbrook was entering its fourth year (making it long in the tooth for a small-town event), the community came together at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex over the weekend to exceed the Hockey Day in Shellbrook Committee's modest expectations of raising \$50,000.

Indeed, though some final calculations need to be made, the current

estimates put the total raised in the neighbourhood of \$80,000, bringing the total raised by Hockey Day in Shellbrook over the past four years to an impressive \$400,000 – and, of course, the vast majority of this money has gone towards ongoing repairs at the rink.

"It was a really great weekend. We were a bit nervous with the temperature because it was colder than I can remember it ever being, and we were a little nervous that it might affect attendance," said Hockey Day in Shellbrook Committee member Stephanie Gosselin.

"But we were so pleasantly surprised.

The rink seemed even busier this year than last year."

As is always the case with any major event, not everything can go according to plan. And, at this year's Hockey Day in Shellbrook, the planned street hockey tournament that was to take place right outside the rink had to be cancelled due to the extreme weather.

Calling this development disappointing, Gosselin says the upside is that the committee has a solid template for next year's Hockey Day in Shellbrook, and should be prepared to make it happen regardless of the weather conditions.

More importantly, though, the cancellation of the tournament failed to

detract from all of the excitement happening inside the arena.

As has become tradition, the Hockey Day festivities kicked off with an afternoon community public skating session for students from Shellbrook Elementary School, and the community.

As the afternoon gave way to evening, the students of W.P. Sandin High School took to the ice against their teachers and members of the community in the annual Tremblay Classic – a thrilling match that saw the students claim just their third victory in 16 Classics with only five seconds remaining on the clock.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on Jan. 21 at the council chambers of the municipal office in Shellbrook. Present at the meeting were Mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lyle Banda, Bruce Clements, Lois Freeman, David Knight, Kathleen Nording, and Amund Otterson, as well as the town's administrator Kelly Hoare.

Mayor Tomporowski called council's regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the meeting. Council then carried a motion to adopt the minutes of its Dec. 17, 2018 regular meeting, and with no business arising from said minutes, council reviewed and approved the payment of regular accounts and payroll deposits.

Then, it welcomed a trio of delegations, starting with Jim Van Eaton who was there to continue his advocacy efforts to have an ambulance bay established in Shellbrook.

Van Eaton's argument is that the wait time of at least 30 min-

utes for an ambulance to come to Shellbrook from Prince Albert is unacceptable. Van Eaton also feels that the cost of \$2.30 per kilometre, or at least \$200 per ambulance trip, is far too high for most people to afford.

For this reason, Van Eaton was seeking council's support in the form of a letter that he intends to present to the provincial government. Van Eaton is also seeking letters of support from the general public. All letters can be sent to: Jim Van Eaton, Box 730 Shellbrook, Sask., S0J 2E0.

Council agreed to provide its support, then bid Van Eaton good evening.

Up next, council welcomed Mark Klaassen and Randall Johnson from the Shellbrook and Districts Chamber of Commerce, who were there to broach the subject of setting up a CCTV or security camera system for the town.

Per the Chamber's vision, the system would be used to monitor the access points to the community, and ideally serve as a deterrent to criminal activity and pro-

vide peace of mind to residents.

Though Klaassen conceded that the Chamber had just started to research the topic, his early cost estimates were in the neighbourhood of \$15,000. Council expressed interest in exploring the topic, but noted that a number of legal questions would need to be answered before any action was taken.

With the Chamber's presentation complete, council moved on to welcome Christine Miller, who was in attendance to provide an update on the proposed dog park for the community. Miller reported that the group behind the initiative is halfway towards its fundraising goal.

Miller and council also discussed an area near the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course, where the town is developing land along the new road to the hospital, as a possible location for the park. Both parties agreed that it would work well.

With no further delegation, council moved on to provide its oral reports, beginning with the

public works report from councillor Banda. Of note, Banda reported that he'd heard concerns from Happy Hearts Daycare regarding a proposal to open up the road past the facility. The Daycare also expressed concerns about vehicles speeding in the area. Council discussed the idea of not opening up the road, as well as the possibility to putting a three-way stop in the area to slow drivers down, but made no final decisions.

In the hospital and clinics report, councillor Otterson shared the good news that Dr. Kosarnia, the physician taking over Dr. Nguengo's clinic, has passed his SIPPA program and received his medical license. Dr. Kosarnia is expected to open his clinic Feb. 4.

With nothing further to report, council moved forward with new business, and began by passing a motion to confirm with the Ministry of Government Relations that a proposed subdivision within the R.M. of Shellbrook to the south of town will have no impact on the town's develop-

ment plans.

Up next, council carried a motion to approve boundary alterations for Block 100. The alterations will see two mobile home-approved lots along 2nd Avenue East divided into three, as they're serviced for three lots.

Later, council discussed a correspondence from the Lake Country Wildlife Federation regarding a proposed expansion of its building to the north. Council was in agreement that no decision can be made without consultation with the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course.

Rounding out the meeting, council carried a motion to alter its vacation policy to read that employees who have worked with the town for 20 years will be eligible for six weeks vacation, as well as a motion to reverse utility account charges on an account for a property to which it recently assumed the title.

Having no further business, council set Tuesday, Feb. 19 as its next meeting date and adjourned the meeting.

Hockey Day continues to exceed expectations

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Up next, skaters from the Shellbrook Skating Club took the opportunity to seize the spotlight, and dazzled the large crowd at the arena with a selection of routines, including a new synchro routine choreographed by Michelle Fortin.

Headlining Friday night's action, the Shellbrook Silvertips hosted the Edam Three Stars.

And, though they went on to lose a nail-biting 8-7 match, nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of the home crowd.

Starting early Saturday morning, the Hockey Day action kicked off with a pancake breakfast, and an I.P. tournament.

Once that was done, it was time for more headliner-calibre action, as former Shellbrook Elks suited up for the first time

in many years to compete in a friendly match, and the Midget AAA Prince Albert Northern Bears female squad – including Shellbrook's Brooklyn Anderson and Debden's Rhea Peterson – topped the Melville Prairie Fire 5-2.

With no more action at the rink, the festivities moved to the Shellbrook Community Hall for the annual Sports Awards Banquet, which was MCed by Premier Scott Moe and featured guest speakers Robyn Regehr and Roger Millions.

Though she struggled to choose a highlight of

the weekend, Gosselin says that Regehr, in particular, seems to have been a good choice for Hockey Day.

"He just really resonated because he's from a small town. He owns farmland, and his wife is from a small town. He just seems super down to earth, and really related to a lot of the people in the crowd."

Once the speaking was done and the awards were handed out, it was time for the banquet's live auction, featuring auctioneer Jordan Clarke. In keeping with the tradition established

by the first three Hockey Days, this auction was a resounding success, raising about \$22,000 on its own.

Then, the star-studded evening conclude with a dance headlined by Lisa Moen.

Gosselin says that none of this weekend, and none of the previous Hockey Days, could have happened without the strong spirit and generosity of the community.

"We couldn't do this without the generosity of the volunteers, the sponsors, and people who come out to participate in the events at the rink – people who might not normally come to the rink just coming down to watch a game, or have a piece of pie," she said.

"I'm amazed at the con-

tinued success of Hockey Day, and just how people come together. It really is the epitome of being in a small town in Saskatchewan to see how a community of 1,500 can raise so much money year-after-year in support of the arena."

With at least two more Hockey Days planned for years to come, Gosselin says the Hockey Day Committee will be meeting soon to discuss plans for next year.

Though it's too early for any plans to be in place, she says the committee's goal will be to introduce something creative or unique to Hockey Day, to give people reasons to keep coming back into the rink.

See all things Hockey Day on pages 8-15

Shellbrook Curling Club's Annual Open Bonspiel

Friday, February 8th &
Saturday, February 9th



For more info or to register contact:
Gayle @ 306-714-0027

St. Andrew's Anglican Church will hold a

Valentine Bake Sale

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Friday, February 8th

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Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is off to a strong start in 2019.

Despite challenging world resource prices and national headwinds, Saskatchewan pulled through and created nearly 11,000 new jobs this past year.

Our province has seen strong job gains for the fifth month in a row, and it's particularly encouraging to see significant growth in full-time employment.

Mosaic recently signed an agreement with China's largest agricultural inputs company to buy even more Saskatchewan potash. Meanwhile, Husky has announced a new SAGD project in Spruce Lake using industry-leading thermal extraction processes to



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recover heavy oil and reduce emissions. Both projects are great news for Saskatchewan's resource industries.

The start of another new year brings growing opposition to federal government policies that are hurting our

resource sector in Saskatchewan. In fact, hundreds of people recently braved bitterly cold conditions to participate in a Rally for Resources at the Legislative Building in Regina. Those in attendance voiced their support for greater market access for Western Canadian oil.

Addressing the root cause of the current energy crisis won't happen until market access is enhanced and investor confidence is restored. Your Saskatchewan Party government is standing up for Saskatchewan by fighting the imposition of a carbon tax, Bills C-69 and C-48, and calling on the federal government to build pipelines so our energy



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sector can regain certainty and receive fair value for Canadian resources.

Without new pipeline capacity, demand for rail transportation will continue increasing to record levels, which will increase transporta-

tion costs for Western Canadian oil producers as well as all other rail-dependent industries, such as mining and agriculture.

Unless pipeline access to Canadian tidewater ports can be secured, producers will be forced to continue to sell into a glutted United States market that routinely prices Canadian oil at a significant discount to the world price.

A lack of market access leads to price discounts that are estimated to cost Saskatchewan's oil producers billions of dollars in revenues per year, and cost the Government of Saskatchewan hundreds of millions in lost royalties.

This has to change.

While the federal government has promised to force a carbon tax on Saskatchewan in 2019, our government will be fighting back in the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. Our constitutional court challenge of the federal carbon tax will be heard next month.

Saskatchewan is starting the new year from a position of strength with a growing population, a growing number of jobs, and a three-year plan that remains on track to balance the budget. In 2019, we will continue to stand up for our province's economy and resource sector in order to maintain and build on the quality of life Saskatchewan people expect and deserve.

R.M. of Shellbrook replacing culvert in Sturgeon Lake area

Though much of the province is in grips of a deep freeze, the R.M. of Shellbrook is currently in the midst of replacing a culvert in the Sturgeon Lake area, near the T-junction of grid roads 693 and 788.

The culvert replacement is being handled by Calgary Tunneling, with Mocon as general contractor, and Deputy Reeve Derwin Joelson overseeing the project.

Assuming all goes well, the replacement is expected to be completed by the end of March, and will cost the R.M. about \$1.5 million.

While that hefty price tag might curl a few ratepayers' toes, R.M. of Shellbrook Reeve Doug Oleksyn says that the work is necessary.

"The culvert is be-

ing replaced because the existing culvert has come to the end of its lifetime, and it was just the right time to do the culvert," he said.

"In the wintertime, there's a low water level, so that gets rid of a bunch of problems, except that you're working in extreme cold."

Conceding that the project would have cost less had the R.M. opted to excavate the area and replace the culvert, Oleksyn says the decision to bore drill in a new culvert was made in order to avoid months of road closures.

To help pay the larger bill, though, he adds that it was essential for the R.M. to have funding lined up. And, given that part of the project is taking place on Stur-

geon Lake First Nation land, Oleksyn said it was important to involve the band in the project.

"We were able to make use of multiple funding sources. Some of it will be Gas Tax, which is spread over existing Gas Tax funds, plus stuff spread over four to five years, and some provincial funding that we also qualify for," he explained.

Currently, the plan for the project is to begin with a four-inch pilot hole. Once workers are certain that the hole is straight, it will be expanded to a 36-inch hole, then to a 72-inch hole.

By the end of the proj-

ect, there will be two six-foot culverts in the area, both at the same level as the existing one.

This, Oleksyn says, will add stability to water flow.

"The existing culvert, with its usefulness being depleted, has actually started to bow. That would mean decreased water flow. As these are installed, that will add stability to water flow."

Once the project is completed, Oleksyn says that the existing culvert will be dealt with "over a period of years."

One option being explored is the installation of a smaller culvert within the existing culvert, followed by some



The \$1.5 million project to replace this culvert in the Sturgeon Lake area is just beginning, but should be done by the end of March.

grouting to ensure it stays straight.

Oleksyn also adds that a sleeve could be inserted in the culvert to protect the structure.

The R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493

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**The Town of Shellbrook
is hosting a meeting on
Wednesday, January 30th, 2019
@ 7:00 pm at the Community Hall.**

**Discussion topics: Lake Country
Co-op proposed development and
proposed changes to our water &
sewer rates bylaw**

Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who gathered the food and helped pack the 2018 Christmas Hampers. Through the generosity of: the many volunteers, businesses, churches & Green Leaf Hutterite colony, clubs, schools, and many individuals in Shellbrook and area, the hampers this year were very generous. The support was overwhelming. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, large or small, in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need, to receive some love and support.

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“Grandpa in Training”

In the event you haven't noticed, I've been away. We were out in Fernie looking after our teenaged grandchildren, and getting trained to be devoted loving grandparents.

Well, they're not really teenagers yet. They're six and three (very close to four), but anyone who has ever had a three-year-old knows what it's like to have kids that can be pleasant and agreeable one minute and impossible the next.

The three-year-old, Marchbug, is just about finished with that stage of life where desires are articulated through whining, crying or other means, usually at ear-splitting volumes. She is becoming increasingly capable of using her words.

The day starts with breakfast. Actually, my day starts with coffee, but Marchbug starts off with breakfast.



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“What would you like for breakfast?” That's how I start breakfast. I learned the hard way that preparing something and putting it in front of a child is not the way to do it. You're best to try to cajole her into picking what it was that you wished to prepare in the first place.

Sadly, that never works. Whatever you want her to have for breakfast will be the wrong thing. And it makes no sense to run through a list of possible breakfast options until you hit the right one.

So, she has trained me to wait until she tells me what she wants, and then I get it for her. Unless it's pancakes, in which case

I have to work to deflect her. Thank goodness for Eggo waffles.

Following breakfast, it's getting dressed time, and even at three, she needs no help. Correction, she needs help, but she has trained me not to help her unless she specifically asks for it. Surprisingly, even for three she seems to have developed a pretty decent eye when it comes to selecting clothes she wants to wear for the day.

Getting ready for school comes next. Actually, everyone calls it school, but it is actually daycare. It's called school because she learns stuff, and big sister goes to school, and what big sister does, little sister has to do, too.

Getting dressed for “school” can be an adventure, too. Jacket? No, sweater. You'll be cold. Sweater. OK, zip it up. Now jacket.

She learned a neat trick from big sister: lay the jacket on the floor, arms outstretched. Stick your arms in the arm holes and lift the jacket up and over your head. Voila. Jacket is on.

Mitts? No. Boots?

We are out the door in almost record time, with me carrying the backpack and lunch kit. She has trained me to stand back as she climbs into the truck and into her booster seat. I made the mistake once of picking her up to put her in the truck, and the air raid siren went off. I only did it once, and we were never in that big a hurry that she couldn't get into the truck when she was darned good and ready.

The morning conversation was always the same.

“Why are the lights still on?”

“Because it's still dark out.”

“It's only a little bit dark.”

Usually, I had no answer that would satisfy her.

We would get to the centre, unload from the truck. A couple of times, she sat there with a smug little self-satisfied smile because she had unbuckled her seatbelt herself. And whereas I wasn't allowed to lift her into the truck, I was allowed to lift her out of it and set her on the ground, and off we'd go into the building.

She had trained me to take her parka and sweater off and hang them up and fish her shoes out of the bottom of the cubby while she took off her boots.

Done. Repeated at the end of the day. Repeated the next morning.

That was the three-year-old.

Did I mention they also had a dog?



The food of the future keeps getting stranger

Though the characterization is an unfair one, science fiction literature is often considered to be the domain of pale-skinned, overweight nerds and geeks who still live in their parents' basements.

These stereotypes of science fiction fans are everywhere in popular culture, and in recent years their overuse has spawned counter-efforts to re-brand so-called “geekdom” as “cool”. However, what gets lost in this pointless effort to label and dichotomize things, is the fact that science fiction has a lot more to offer than the epic spaceship skirmishes and lightsaber battles that its most commonly reduced to.

True, you'll occasionally run into the mindless, action-driven schlock (the same drivel that you can find in any other literary genre, one might add), but science fiction also grapples with complex social, political, cultural, and ethical questions that society has yet to even confront, much less discover answers to. And sometimes it's even successful in predicting future events or technological innovations.

Among the issues that science fiction commonly tackles is the question of feeding a massive, and growing, global population that consumes more than the planet can produce. It's a complicated matter, and one that we should all be giving ample consideration to, given the United Nations' prediction that the world's population will soar to 8.6 billion people from 7.6 billion over the course of the next decade.

Fortunately, in just the past month, we've witnessed headlines that suggest that people are already beginning to consider how difficult it will be to sustain Earth's swelling population, and looking for solutions before the problem becomes unmanageable.

Back in December, a small Israeli start-up called Aleph Farms created the world's first lab-grown steaks, produced without the needless death of an animal.

The company's CEO, Didier Toubia, concedes that the steaks, which took two to three weeks to produce at a cost of \$50 per steak, have a ways to go before they can completely mimic the taste and texture of their conventionally prepared counterparts. Even still, he says that it could be just a matter of three or four years before lab-grown meat, often referred to as “clean meat”, appears in restaurants and grocery stores.

What's more, Aleph Farms is far from the only company



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trying to create “clean meat” products, and some of its cohorts are already years ahead of it.

For instance, Just, a San Francisco-based food company, has reportedly cracked the code to “grow” chicken nuggets from a single chicken feather (and some plant-based proteins to give the product similar nutritional value to conventional meat) and was anticipating making its first commercial sale by the end of 2018.

To some, the idea of food developed in a secret laboratory will no doubt be inherently terrifying – much like the prospect of GMOs continues to instil fear in many people.

But is it truly any more horrifying than the reality that 50 billion animals are factory farmed globally each year, and live short, often miserable

lives, to satisfy our appetites?

The truth is that a growing global population means a growing demand for all types of food.

And considering that farm animals are estimated to account for 14.5 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions globally, and that more than 45 per cent of Earth's land surface is used for grazing or growing these animals, we desperately need to focus our efforts on making all food production processes more ethical, efficient, and environmentally sustainable.

In other news out of a science fiction novel, though, Chinese scientists announced last week that they had successfully grown cotton sprouts on the moon. The plants were reportedly contained within an “earth chamber” inside the country's Chang-e 4 lunar probe – the first vehicle to land on the far side of the moon – and are the first to have been grown “on the moon.”

Though any truly valuable applications of this biology experiment are years away, it's undoubtedly an impressive accomplishment. One with broader implications for the possibilities of future space travel.

However, like all scientific breakthroughs of any significance, it also comes with a number of ethical questions (the topmost being whether or not it's ethical for humans to one day seek out other planets for their resources, when they have yet to master living harmoniously with the planet they were given).

Between lab-grown meat and moon cotton, though, these are undeniably fascinating times to be alive.

And, after this, who's to say what the next thing to move from the realm of science fiction to science reality will be.

Proposed SUMA resolution could hurt you

**Written by:
Brad Brown**

We've greatly enjoyed getting to know you over the past 10 months.

Since last March we have published multiple original and/or exclusive articles on the various local angles around cannabis legalization, the Regina Bypass project, White Butte RCMP matters, and rural crime town hall meetings.

It's been our humble privilege in that time to provide coverage to your community of Jared Legien's Memorial Cup run with the Regina Pats, the Bears' elementary school division basketball championship, the Pilot Butte Rodeo, Kim Hewalo at the Calgary Stampede, the Prairie Storm (both on the ice as well as the organizations many connections to the Humboldt Broncos bus crash), White Butte Broncos minor baseball, Greenall Griffins football, and the Griffins' first-ever provincial high school volleyball championship.

We have provided advance or follow-up coverage of the Pilot Butte Lions' annual car show, Plainsview Credit Union's annual general meeting, the Pilot Butte-iful Art Show, the Light Up Pilot Butte contest, a local \$100,000 lottery winner, donations to local community projects and the opening of a new grocery store.

We've happily listed your upcoming events, and proudly included your local volunteer fire department in our annual fire prevention week edition, your local elemen-

tary school in our annual Christmas edition, and your local high schoolers in our annual graduation issue.

And this coverage has been received extremely well in the community. We hear from you guys. A lot.

Last week we learned that your town council wants to put all of that, and so much more, at risk.

In a resolution that has been put forward for vote at the upcoming Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association convention (Feb. 3-6), the Town of Pilot Butte is asking SUMA to lobby the provincial government "to review the public notice requirements and expand the methods of communicating with our taxpayers to include consideration for the use of email, municipal websites, social media and other electronic notifications available to a municipality."

Their stated reasoning: That "newspapers are no longer available in all municipalities" and that "electronic notifications are an acceptable method used for a variety of messages."

So what is the town really asking for?

On its face, the proposed resolution seems to be asking for accommodations that are already in place.

It doesn't outright specify removing the provincial requirement for municipalities to publish public notices in a local newspaper.

Yet it's the only reasonable conclusion, since there's nothing in the cur-

rent legislation preventing any municipality from already using digital means to publicize their public notices in addition to the local newspaper. (The RM of Edenwold, Town of Balgonie and Town of White City, to name just a few examples, have already been doing this for years.)

In a Friday conversation with The Forum, Pilot Butte mayor Peggy Chorney explained that she sees the motion as both a nod to rural communities that are not currently served by a local newspaper and a contingency plan for communities that may not be served by one in the future.

"We're not anti-newspaper," she said, expressing concern over how many residents of smaller communities would see local notices if legislation required them to be placed in the nearest city newspaper.

Regardless of the reasoning, know this: A "yes" vote at SUMA to Pilot Butte's motion, in conjunction with a successful lobbying effort afterward, will have a profoundly negative impact on the free flow of information in your community, local employment opportunities, the health of your local business community, attendance at local events, preservation of local history, and recognition of your friends' and neighbours' accomplishments, to say nothing of your own voice in town.

REALITY CHECK

As shell games go, this one's a doozy.

The reality is that, even

with a number of closures in recent years, there are still very few communities in Saskatchewan unserved by a local newspaper.

(In Pilot Butte, for example, you can find our paper every single week at the Domo, Pilot Butte Confectionary, library, town office, Dosu Wok, Subway, Broncos Pub and Grill, A&D Fresh Market, White Butte Pharmacy, Giggles, Hot Shades Salon and the Blue Rooster Cafe. If you prefer to receive The Forum in the mail each week, you can also subscribe for barely \$1 a week.)

The reality is that a 2018 AdCanadaMedia study showed that Saskatchewan residents were nearly twice as likely to respond to government advertising in print editions of their local community newspapers than on websites and social media combined; and that over 75 per cent of Saskatchewan residents still have "significant trust" in the print edition of their local community newspaper, compared with under 23 per cent for social media and barely 26 per cent for other websites.

The reality is that, between 2008 and 2013, circulation among free community newspapers (like this one) actually rose by three per cent in Saskatchewan.

The reality is that Facebook, to name just one online platform, has repeatedly changed its algorithms in a bid to force users to pay to have their content seen in the first place, and then lied after-

ward about the number of people who saw it.

The reality is that email or text distribution of said notices can only be done by individual opt-in, and further that — unlike electronic communications — you can still access your local newspaper even when the power or Internet goes out.

And the reality is that 53 per cent of Canadians used ad blocking software online in 2018.

A WEAKENED COMMUNITY

So if access, readership and trust in the information presented in newspapers remains exponentially higher, what gives?

Recently I heard a story about a council elsewhere in the province that objected to its local newspaper publicizing an upcoming discussion about a financial matter, with the council instead preferring to post its public "notice" on the front door of its office the day of the discussion.

Unfortunately, some governments — at all levels — do not like to be watched by even the most objective observers. But that's not democracy. That's authoritarianism.

I don't believe that's the case in Pilot Butte. I'm happy to take the mayor at her word that council is not "anti-newspaper" and that they would welcome more coverage of town matters. Can the same be said for every municipality across the province? Probably not.

This leads to the distinct possibility that local governments with the

option to withhold a revenue source may use it as a threat to induce favourable news coverage. Some may also try to justify it as a cost-saving measure, despite the total annual cost of these notices comprising one-tenth to one-twentieth of a percent (or less) of the total budget in many municipalities.

And while the basic concepts of transparency and accountability should be paramount, there are financial implications that cannot be ignored either.

Make no mistake — the collective revenues generated through the publication of these notices, for many papers, adds up to something significant. Losing it would, beyond a shadow of a doubt, force some newspapers to cut staff, and/or reduce their coverage areas — hampering their ability to cover your local communities.

Other, smaller operations yet could close entirely.

In many ways, the Pilot Butte resolution could also be seen as a self-fulfilling prophecy.

These are not small considerations, but lest you believe this is only about a handful of newspaper owners themselves, think again.

This revenue helps newspapers create local employment, expand coverage of community news and events, and provide donations and sponsorships to local organizations. On that level it can be seen as an investment in your own community.

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Elks top Melfort 8-4 in provincials opener

After being crammed to the rafters for two days chockfull of Hockey Day in Shellbrook Action, the Shellbrook Recreation Complex was once again overflowing with community support, as the Midget B Shellbrook Elks took the ice for their first provincial match-up against the Melfort Mustangs.

As always, provincials work in a two-game total point series format. And with a raucous home crowd cheering them on, the Elks came out flying, with an eye to building a solid, if not insurmountable, series lead before the heading to Melfort for game 2.

Though not necessarily insurmountable, the Elks got their series lead in the form of a dominant 8-4 victory.

Helping build that early lead for the Elks was Dallas Galloway, who sped past Melfort defenders on an offensive rush, corralled his own rebound, and sent it straight to the back of the Mustangs' net.

Sam Miller and Rylan Moe drew assists on the goal.

Not content to be stymied, the Mustangs pulled even moments later, capitalizing on some strong offensive zone pressure, and a few failed attempts by the Elks to clear the puck. Aiden Hanson earned the goal, on assists from Logan Lamontagne-Klenk and Cole Nickeson.

Gaining the advantage of a power play later in the frame, the Elks made the most of the opportunity, as Corbin Long tapped in a three way feed from in front of Mustangs goaltender Kyle Friesen. Adam Horner and Gavin Naharney drew assists on the play.

Following this up, Riley Crawford-Beauchesne scooped up a rebound in front of the Melfort goal and tapped it home, with assists from Jordan Smith and Naharney on the play.

Using an Elks penalty as a rallying point, the Mustangs got right back in the match to end the first period, courtesy of a goal by

Benjamin Rokochoy. Brendan Clarke drew an assist on the play.

In the second period, it was the Mustangs who came out charging. The visiting team was able to put the Elks on their heels in the early going, before Jagar Stephens slipped one through netminder Jacob Feige to knot the game up at 3-3.

Though the Elks would struggle with penalties throughout the second, they were able to string together three consecutive goals to rebuild a respectable lead over the Mustangs.

The first came shortly after a strong penalty kill, when Adam Horner took a long stretch pass and tucked it home after a beautiful last-minute move. Naharney assisted on the play.

Moments later, the Elks managed to get some solid pressure, and Derek



Shellbrook's Riley Crawford-Beauchesne celebrates an early Midget Elks goal.

Deck made the most of it, scoring on assists from Crawford-Beauchesne and Smith. Then, almost immediately after the ensuing faceoff, Galloway scored his second of the evening, unassisted.

Having a mountain to climb, the Mustangs took the first step on a goal off of an early rush by Sean

Usselman. Gage Bacon earned an assist on the play.

But that first step was as close as the Elks would let the Mustangs get, as Horner would net his second of the evening during a prolonged stretch of Melfort penalties. Rylan Moe drew the lone assist on the play.

Adding one last insur-

ance marker, Horner earned himself a hat trick on the evening, getting assists from Miller and Galloway on the play.

With the win in game 1, the Elks are in good shape heading into game 2 in Melfort, which is scheduled for Friday evening.

Puck drop for the game is set for 8:45 p.m.

Proposed SUMA resolution could hurt you

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Economically, your community's population can be directly tied to the number of local job opportunities. The number of people employed in your community can be directly tied to the health of your local business community. The healthier your local business community is, the more social and recreational opportunities you'll see for residents to come together. And the more information your residents have about their community, the better they will feel about calling it home.

Also know this: Without a local newspaper, stories like many of those we've mentioned above will never be told — at least certainly not in your community newsletter, on the town's Facebook page or by the big-city media next door. There's a big difference between letting people know an event happened and giving it context. Your own voice in the world will be greatly diminished, and you will largely hear only what the local government wants you to hear.

When we launched in 2015, our stated mission was to inform, connect and advocate for the communities we served. Almost four years later, none of that has changed. And in an age of digital fatigue and rampant fake news online, the importance and relevance of a local newspaper to the communities it serves has actually never been higher.

If a strong newspaper is a reflection of the community it serves, so is a weakened one.

And if there's a discussion to be had with SUMA about the relevance of local newspapers in 2019, it should have started in a conference room, not with a potentially-damaging resolution that was so quietly put forward.

If you value your local newspaper at all, do your town a favour and let council know you'd like them to withdraw their resolution.

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Brad Brown, Owner/Publisher
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Spring planting plans must be flexible

With the new year off and running farmers can begin, in earnest, to plan what they will plant this spring.

Actually in today's agriculture much of the planning in terms of cropping choices is longer term in nature, with what will be grown on a specific piece of land often predicated by what was grown there the previous years, the chemicals used in the previous years, and the plan for the land in the future.

But a plan needs to be flexible in terms of cropping options because there are a number of variables well beyond the ability of the producer to control which can come into play between harvest and planting each

cropping cycle.

The most obvious of course is the weather.

Last fall across most of the Canadian Prairies the harvest season was extended to the first snowfall for many producers by unusual weather.

The extended harvest will mean many producers did not get the prep work for 2019 carried out that is usual in terms of post-harvest, pre freeze up operations including fertilizer applications, and straw control. Those operations will now be pushed to this spring for many putting added pressure on for the weather to be good in the prime weeks for seeding.

If the weather does not



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cooperate what producers will plant is likely to change if a time crunch transpires.

It's the same scenario in terms of moisture conditions.

The fall was extended by rain, but in most areas we are not talking a deluge. Rather it was constant showers that stopped har-

vest.

So far this winter snow conditions are not excessive either.

What will that mean for moisture conditions in the spring?

That remains to be seen as a lot of snow can fall from mid-January to whenever winter decides to come to an end, and of course what early springs rains might come our way as well.

Past the always present impact of weather on cropping decisions farmers have to be watching the business

news these days to see exactly what might transpire in terms of international trade because of politics.

Politics have become the real bugaboo for farmers.

At one time politics influenced the farm sector when countries fought for trade market share with subsidies that put a wrench into the works of normal supply and demand economics.

Today the situation is less about subsidies and more about sanctions.

The issue of course is that the current sanctions which

pop up to often impact the movement of farm products are not directly related to agriculture; an example being China in a snit over the arrest of a Huawei executive in Canada on a U.S. warrant which has that country threatening Canada with sanctions which could include limiting agricultural trade.

With such uncertainties in play, producer planting plans may be set today, but could well need adjustments before the wheels turn in the spring.

Spiritwood hosts gathering of Parkland Association of Rural Municipalities



Premier Scott Moe was in attendance at this year's Parkland Association of Rural Municipalities gathering, and took part in a Q&A session.

By Bevra Fee

Every year, the Councillors for RMs in the area – formally known as the Parkland Association of Rural Municipalities – gather in the central location of Spiritwood to discuss common topics of interest and to compare notes on budget allocations, best practices, capital equipment and administration issues.

Comprised of Rural Municipalities from Buckland to Medstead, and from Round Hill to Big River, all points in between are encompassed and attend the half-day meeting.

Held on Jan. 16 this year, the Spiritwood

Rec Centre Mezzanine was the venue with the RM of Great Bend No. 405 acting as host.

Guest speakers presented on topics ranging from landowner rights with Cst. Jay Slack fielding questions, to bylaw enforcement services with Yvonne Prusak and bulk purchasing with Tyler Hannermann presenting.

Mr. Richard Porter delivered an update from the North Central Transportation Planning Committee, and the day wrapped up with an informative session of Q&A with our Rosthern-Shellbrook MLA, Premier Scott Moe.

Kaiser club donation benefits PIHC long-term care

On Jan. 15, the Shellbrook Pioneer Kaiser Club presented the Ladies' Health Care Auxiliary with a cheque for \$300, for the purchase of fine dining tablecloths for all tables in the nursing home.



These were ordered and received in time for Christmas, and many special occasions coming up. Appreciation to all who play Kaiser. We are grateful for your support of the Auxiliary.

Pictured: Mary Stieb (kaiser player and auxiliary member), Esther Lehman (resident), Norma Dahl (auxiliary member), and Trina Chamberlain (recreation coordinator).

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Regehr shares lessons in hard work, humility

From the kids playing shinny on small backyard rinks to the kids skating in big city arenas, there's no shortage of young Canadians who dream of one day playing in the NHL and hoisting the Stanley Cup.

A special few achieve the former, and even fewer achieve the latter. And, sometimes, in the process of becoming highly successful (and highly paid) athletes, those who reach the summit lose sight of where they came from, and how they got to where they are.

Throughout his storied

NHL career, long-time Calgary Flames player Robyn Regehr certainly reached the pinnacle of hockey success – including a Stanley Cup championship with the Los Angeles Kings in 2014.

But while he shared guest speaking duties with retired Sportsnet announcer Roger Millions at the Hockey Day in Shellbrook Sports Awards Banquet, it quickly became clear that he hadn't forgotten his rural Saskatchewan roots.

Though technically a product of Rosthern, Regehr is

unique among NHLers in that he's one of the few players in the league's history to have been born in the southern hemisphere.

His parents, Ron and Edith, served as Mennonite missionaries in Brazil, where they had both Robyn and his brother Richie.

Growing up in Brazil, and later in Indonesia, Regehr says he was lucky for the opportunity to see the world at such a young age.

"I realized how fortunate I was when we did move back

to Rosthern," he said. "I realized a lot of kids didn't get the chance to have those experiences."

Once his family moved back to Rosthern, Regehr's life settled into normalcy for a small-town prairie kid, meaning 6 a.m. wake up calls for hockey practices and games.

But as Regehr advanced through minor hockey, he found himself having to travel to Warman to compete at a higher level, and then, later, to Prince Albert in his second year of Bantam – where he



Former Sportsnet announcer Roger Millions grills Robyn Regehr during the Hockey Day in Shellbrook Sports Awards Banquet.

played with the Prince Albert Mintos under then assistant coach Jim McComas.

Only 15 at the time, Regehr opted to travel to Prince Albert from Rosthern every day, rather than make the move to the city. This meant missing a lot of school, but Regehr says he always had the unflinching support of his parents.

For this reason, he says one of his first thoughts upon winning the Stanley Cup with the Kings in 2014 was of how he shared it with his family.

"They're the ones that got up at 6 in the morning on weekends to shake me out of bed. They're the ones that worked the bingos for fundraising in Prince Albert. They're the ones that really made all of the difficult sacrifices, both financially and with time," he said.

"I know I can never repay what they did. But to see the joy that my parents had with that, it was a very special experience, and I'm very fortunate that we had that opportunity."

Of course, Regehr's path to the Stanley Cup wasn't a straight road. In truth, his career was almost derailed on July 4, 1999, after he broke both his legs in a head-on collision caused by an impaired driver.

Though his doctor told him he had come within inches of severing his patellar tendon, and never being able to play any sport again, Regehr says the thought of not playing hockey again never even entered his mind.

"I just thought, 'What do I need to get up and do today?' Some days it was two steps forward, one step back. Some days it was two steps backwards. But the next day, I got up and tried to reach my goals," he said.

"You can wish and hope to become better, but unless you actually put the work in, it doesn't happen."

While most would struggle to recover from the emotional and physical trauma of such an event, Regehr says he was fortunate to be surrounded by an incredible support network. What's more, he says the process of recovery better prepared him for a future in the NHL.

"That experience changed my life," he said. "Eighteen, 19, and 20 year olds, especially high draft picks, they think that they don't always have to try. But for me it was different."

"When I came out of that whole experience, I wanted to make the most of that."

It was during his recovery process that Regehr says he received a call from the Calgary Flames, who were interested in evaluating how far he'd come.

Travelling to Calgary with the expectation of staying for a week, Regehr ended up staying in the city for 11 years.

From there, Regehr had a career that took him to a World Championship with Team Canada, the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin Italy, the Buffalo Sabres, and finally the Stanley Cup with the Kings.

Despite this, Regehr says he still longs to return to his rural roots.

"My wife will never move to a farm in Saskatchewan, unfortunately. But I would be here in a heartbeat."

"I love being out on the farm. Coming together for supper at harvest, there's almost nothing better than that."

While farm life may not be in the cards, Regehr hasn't chosen to go quietly into his retirement, because he feels it's important that his two sons see him working and continuing to be a productive member of society.

Along with two business partners, Regehr manages the Alberta-based firm Blueline Oilfield Rentals.

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Silvertips' Hockey Day slump continues against Edam

When a hockey game is referred to as a showdown between two goaltenders, one's first thought is that it was a low-scoring affair that saw the netminders turn away nearly every scoring opportunity.

Though far from a low-scoring affair, The Silvertips' Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019 headliner game against the Edam Three Stars was still a showdown between goalies. It just came down to a question of which goaltender least resembled Swiss cheese.

That's because, considering the sky-high score total for the game, the shot total on the night was remarkably low. The Silvertips, for instance, managed seven goals on the

strength of just 16 shots. The Three Stars, meanwhile, cruised to a victory by netting eight goals on 27 shots.

As the Tips have often done over the course of four Hockey Day matches, they started strong in front of a massive home-ice audience. Nathaniel Martin kicked things off for his team, scoring on a feed off of a lightning-fast rush.

Unfortunately, though, the Tips were unable to sustain this pace, and it wasn't long before Edam took control of the match, courtesy of a beautiful top-shelf wrist shot from Mitch Wall.

With the Tips a man down, the Three Stars would take the lead on a

goal by Keegan McBride that came courtesy of an unlucky bounce. Then, to cap off the period, Wall would net his second goal of the evening after executing a textbook chip past a Shellbrook defender and scoring on a perfectly placed wrist shot.

In the second frame, the Tips discovered their second wind en route to knotting things up at 3-3 on goals by Martin and Devin Dicus.

But instead of giving the Tips some much-needed momentum to take control of the game, the flurry of goals instead kicked off a scoring race that the Three Stars got the better of – thanks, in no small part, to a hat trick marker by Mitch Wall, which put



Silvertips captain Nick Martin makes a diving poke check attempt to thwart an Edam scoring opportunity. Despite his heroic effort on this play, the Tips went on to lose 8-7.

his team up 7-6.

Coming into the third frame with work to do, the Silvertips appeared to be up to the task, but it was Edam that struck first, with Mitch Wall sinking his fourth of the evening on some over-aggressive play by the Shellbrook defence.

Brett Mason would manage to pull the Tips back within one goal after burying a shot from Edam's doorstep. But, despite having no shortage of opportunities, that was as close as the Tips would get, as they dropped yet another Hockey Day in Shellbrook match by an 8-7 score.

Nathaniel Martin and

Brett Mason were the offensive leaders for the Tips on the evening, earning two goals and an assist each. Meanwhile, Shane Pickett had a goal and two helpers, and Devin Dicus and Matthew Kutnikoff each scored single goals.

In the assists column, Josh Elliot pitched in with three and Cody Belair had two. Dorin Canaday and Jody Blais both had one assist apiece.

The Tips' Hockey Day in Shellbrook game was sponsored by Lake County Co-op, which hosted Astroballs during the first intermission, as well as a guaranteed \$500 50/50 draw. That 50/50 pot climbed to \$587.50

and was won by Ashton Barden.

Apart from this entertainment, the headliner match also included smokies and a beer gardens.

After the loss at Hockey Day in Shellbrook, the Tips now sit at 9-3 in the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League standings, and are four points behind the first place Battleford Beaver Blues.

Their next match will be a road game against the Beaver Blues on Friday, Jan. 25. Puck drop for the match is at 8:30 p.m.

The following night, the Tips will face off against the Meota Combines on the road. Puck drop for that game is 8 p.m.



Shellbrook's Parker Turner rushes in on the Edam goal en route to a solid scoring opportunity.

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Local sports heroes honoured at Sports Awards



The Bantam Shellbrook Rangers, coached by Tricia Bell, Drew Ferster, and Sheldon Moe, were this year's recipients of the Wendell Harris Memorial Trophy, recognizing the team of the year. Presenting were Krista Moe and Stacey Tanchuk of Shellbrook Pharmacy, the sponsor of the awards.

Though it's only a town of about 1,500 people, Shellbrook is a community that has always punched above its weight class when it comes to sports.

Indeed, Shellbrook's winning legacy as a sporting community is one that towns and cities of all sizes could easily be envious of. And, no matter where you go in the world, you're likely to find that the dedication and work ethic of Shellbrook and area players, coaches, managers, and volunteers are nearly unparalleled.

It's this dedication and work ethic that led so

many teams and athletes to have successful seasons in 2018, including a Westerns gold medal for the U16 Bantam Rangers, a Sask. Winter Games gold for figure skater Ashlyn Schmitz, a league title for Drew Ferster's Peewee hockey team, and a U12 provincial title for coach Deanna Ledding's Shellbrook Heat, among too many other accolades to list.

It's these types of accomplishments, and accomplishments from across the decades, that were celebrated when members of the local and area sporting community gathered at the

Shellbrook Community Hall for 2019 Shellbrook Sports Awards gala.

"These successes would not be possible without volunteers, coaches, athletes, and builders – the work behind the scenes with Shellbrook Minor Sports, the Rink Board, the Steering Committee, Hockey Day in Shellbrook, the golf club executive, Parkland Minor Ball, the Silverfins, and the list goes on," said awards MC Trevor Miller.

"The amount of hours put into sport in this community is immeasurable."

In an effort to streamline the awards presentation, Miller jumped right into the first award, the Wendell Harris Memorial Trophy for the team of the year, which this year went to the aforementioned U16 Rangers.

Coached by Tricia Bell, Drew Ferster and Sheldon Moe, this team's list of accolades date back to the 2016 fastball season, when the team won provincial gold in the U14 B division. They then followed this up with a second provincial gold and a Westerns silver in the



Ryan Potts and Gage Helm, grandsons of Bob Potts, accept the Memorial Builder Award on his behalf. Bob Potts was given the honour in recognition of the key role he played in building many of Shellbrook's recreations facilities, including the golf course, and the rink.

2017 season.

This past season, after coming up just short at the U16 provincials and earning a silver medal, the team was still able to compete at Westerns. There, it won gold, overcoming a number of stiff challenges, and making some impressive comebacks.

"It was a true team effort," coaches said of the win. "They displayed good sportsmanship and camaraderie, along with solid offence and defence. It was a great way to end the season."

Up next, the Memorial Builder Award, which posthumously honours members of the community who dedicated time and effort to make sporting opportunities possible, went to Bob Potts, a man who had a hand in the construction and or maintenance of nearly every recreation facility within Shellbrook.

Always willing to donate his time, and his equipment, Potts played a major role in the construction of the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook golf course, the Shellbrook Recreation Complex

(both the original hockey rink and the curling rink), as well as the rodeo grounds.

He also helped dig the hole for the Kinsmen/Kinnettes Pool, and assisted with the landscaping of the track at W.P. Sandin High School.

And, while he donated his equipment to the jobs, he still paid his workers for their time, and even gave work to local boys so that they could stay in the community and play hockey.

"Bob was looked upon with a great deal of respect by his peers in his time. His willingness to use his own heavy equipment and his dedication to help improve the recreation facilities in our community was remarkable," said those who nominated him for the award.

Potts' grandsons, Ryan Potts and Gage Helm, accepted the award in his honour.

Up next, the Athlete of the Year Award was presented to Devin Rask. A Shellbrook area product who grew up playing hockey on his family's backyard rink, Rask played in Shellbrook from age five up until he went to play AAA in Prince Albert.

From there, his hockey career took him almost around the world, and saw him win no shortage of titles and accolades, including a Viking Cup with the SJHL's Notre Dame Hounds in the 1997-1998 season, and a Royal Bank

Cup and a 100 point season with the Yorkton Terriers in 1998-1999.

At the college level, Rask continued to see success and further accolades playing for Providence College in the NCAA's Division 1 Hockey East. During the 2000-2001 season, one of those accolades included being second in scoring Hockey East, behind only eventual NHLer Brian Gionta.

Beyond university, Rask played for the AHL's St. John's Maple Leafs, attended the St. Louis Blues rookie camp, and played two seasons with the Hannover Indians in Germany.

Currently living in Connecticut, where he's maintaining the tradition of having a backyard rink, Rask is the co-director and U16 Head Coach at Mount Saint Charles Academy.

"Hockey has been a part of his life for as long as he can remember. It has given him many special memories, carried him around the world, and made friendships that lasted a lifetime. The toughest part for him is that even though hockey has provided him with many blessings in his life, it also took him away from his home where he grew up."

Accepting on Rask's behalf was Jeff Rask.

Continuing with the evening's awards, the next prize, the Builder Award, went to Duane Storey.

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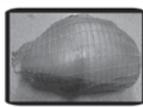
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"This year's winner is the poster boy for the builder award. He has either coached or managed almost every Shellbrook Minor Sports team his children were a part of," said those who nominated him.

Storey was recognized for always going the extra mile, both in front of and behind the scenes.

During the 2013 ball season, he worked hard for the Bantam provincial team, and even provided the team with the Rangers warm up jackets that can now be seen around the area.

Then, when the U19 Rangers introduced a community outreach and learn to play program this past season, he was the person to make all the necessary connections.

And then, of course, there are the innumerable titles and accolades won by teams that he's been involved with over the years.

"He works tirelessly

on and off the field as a coach, manager, and organizer. He does many of those 'awkward' jobs, like securing sponsors and funding.

"He is committed to the entire program, not just his own club. He thinks of all levels and ages when we talk about development."

Up next, the Volunteer of the year award went to Amund Otterson, who, over the past couple of years, has been serving as the project manager for the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee's efforts to repair and upgrade the Shellbrook Recreation Complex.

Though technically a paid position, rough estimates are that Otterson has put an additional 600+ volunteer hours into the job, and that there are still many more to come.

"He has put his heart and soul into this project. We couldn't have done it without him,"



Duane Storey was selected as this year's recipient of the Builder Award.

said those who nominated him.

"Not only does he volunteer with the steering committee project, he also helps wherever he is needed. If he thinks he can save the rink some money, he will take on the project and do it himself."

Closing out a star-studded and nostalgic evening, the Dry Creek

Penguins were inducted into Shellbrook's Sports Hall of Fame.

Formed in 1949 by Lloyd Culey, who taught at the Dry Creek School near Canwood and felt local boys could benefit from having a ball team to play for, the Dry Creek Penguins have built a winning legacy over the past 70 years.

It's estimated that 220 players have suited up



Jeff Rask accepts the Athlete of the Year award on behalf of his brother Devin Rask.

for the organization over the years, with some of them even being third generation players. And over the years, the players have tacked on the miles, competing across Saskatchewan, as well as in Alberta and Montana.

The team's accolades over the years include a Klondiker Senior A tournament championship in Edmonton, and provincial titles in 1975,

1982, 1989, and 1998.

"Players have travelled many miles in order to go to practice. This shows the dedication of the players throughout the years," said those who nominated the team.

"If there was a choice between playing ball game and almost any other function, the ball game generally won out."



Amund Otterson was selected as this year's recipient of the Volunteer Award. In particular, he was recognized for his work as project manager of the Steering Committee's rink renovation project.



Local and area members of the Dry Creek Penguins ball team were honoured, as the organization was the recipient of the Hall of Fame award.

Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019 is in the books!

We are so excited to announce that over **\$80,000** has been raised to help with the renovations to our arena.

To date, since 2016, Hockey Day in Shellbrook has contributed more than **\$400,000** towards this project.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, guests, and volunteers and are very appreciative of the level of commitment from supporters like you.

This amazing total would not be possible without you!

THANK YOU

and see you in 2020!

Please like and follow us on FB and Twitter for updates and photos from the event.

 Hockeydayinshellbrook

 @sbhockeyday1617

Skating club dazzles at Hockey Day showcase



While solo routines wowed the crowd, it was a synchro number, choreographed by Michelle Fortin, that stole the spotlight during the Shellbrook Skating Club's Hockey Day showcase.

True to its name, Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019 had plenty of hockey action for fans to take in over the weekend.

But during the event's opening night, it was the young and highly talented skaters of the Shellbrook Skating Club who seized their opportunity

to steal the spotlight, participating in a dazzling showcase that has become as much a part of the Hockey Day tradition as hockey itself.

Once again, Shellbrook Skating Club coach Tasje Sharron said she was extremely proud of her ladies, and felt that they

put on an impressive display.

In what has already been a busy season for the club, Sharron says that continuing to participate in Hockey Day in Shellbrook is important, because it's an opportunity to showcase the talent and value that an-

other group of rink users brings to the facility.

More than that, though, she says the showcase greatly benefits her skaters.

"It gives our StarSkaters an opportunity to have the ice to themselves to do their programs in front of a crowd, which is always a great learning experience before competition," she said.

"It's good to have the exposure."

This year's showcase included solo routines from ten StarSkaters, including Tegan Naumann, Marvail Philp, Mya Cyr, Jessica Sharron, Allison Lamotte, Emmalynn Lamotte, Rayne Cyr, Ashlyn Schmitz, Erika Stene, and Julia Schindle.

Closing out the show, five of the club's Ad-

vanced CanSkaters took to the ice to show off their skills, then nine StarSkaters delighted the crowd with their synchro number.

In particular, Sharron said she was proud of the work her StarSkate girls put into the routine, which was choreographed by Michelle Fortin.

With the Hockey Day Showcase done, the figure skating season will only get busier for the club's 50 members, as the higher level StarSkaters will be completing their testing in Prince Albert this weekend.

"We are constantly working towards a few goals, whether they are of a particular test, jump or spin element, and we are always refining the programs to help make them their best," Sharron said.

From a competition perspective, the skaters will be taking part in the Carrot River-Churchill Regional Competition at the Art Hauser Centre in Prince Albert on Feb. 16 and 17. After that, it's off to the Winter Classic (formerly the Jean Norman Competition) in Saskatoon from March

1 to 3.

In an exciting addition to the season, the Shellbrook arena will be playing host to the Municipal Hail Insurance-Saskatchewan Stars on Ice Road Show on Sunday, March 10.

The full-day event will feature some of Saskatchewan's top figure skaters, including the Shellbrook Skating Club's own Ashlyn Schmitz, who will be skating with her pairs partner Tristan Taylor. There will also be a CanSkate session, and some group numbers from local skaters.

Sharron says that the club will be looking for families to billet the Road Show skaters, with a minimum of two skaters per home, and that more information will be available as the date approaches.

Closing out the figure skating season on March 24, the club will host its year-end showcase, which is not to be missed. That show will begin at 1 p.m.

Anyone looking for more information on the Shellbrook Skating club, can contact Tasha Cyr at shellbrookskatingclub@yahoo.ca.

PUBLIC NOTICE R.M. of Big River No. 555

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 intends to consider the adoption of a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

A—Agriculture District: To provide for the primary use of land in the form of agricultural development, associated residences, limited single-parcel agricultural residential development, location-dependent natural resource development and other uses compatible with agricultural development.

F—Forest District: To provide for the management of extensive areas of forested Crown Land using sound integrated resource management principles and techniques and recognizing a wide variety of resource uses.

CR1—Low Density Country Residential District: To provide for low density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

CR2—Medium Density Country Residential District: To provide for medium density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

CR3—High Density Country Residential District: To provide for high density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

LR1—Low Density Lakeshore Residential District: To provide for low density lakeshore residential development and other compatible development in specified areas with standards for such development.

LR2—Medium Density Lakeshore Residential District: To provide for medium density lakeshore residential development and other compatible development in specified areas with standards for such development.

RMH—Manufactured Dwelling District: To provide for comprehensively planned manufactured and modular dwelling residential development and other compatible uses.

RPM—Park Model Residential District: To provide for comprehensively planned park model trailer residential development and other compatible uses.

C1—Resort Commercial District: To provide for resort commercial development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

C2—Highway Commercial District: To provide for general commercial and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

M1—Industrial District: To provide for light industrial, heavy industrial and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

RD—Restricted Development District: To provide for the protection of easements within the Tranquility Shores Development.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw also contains updated and new general provisions that apply to development throughout the Rural Municipality. Provisions include but are not limited to:

- Definitions;
- Administrative procedures including development permit requirements, application fees and application process;
- discretionary use permit requirements, application fees, application process and evaluation criteria;
- identification of potential flood prone areas in the RM; and
- special regulations and standards for signs, home based businesses, farm based businesses, campgrounds, staff accommodation as an accessory use, public works, bed and breakfast homes, vacation farms, custodial care facilities, residential care facilities, personal care homes, service stations, gas bars, above ground fuel storage tanks, accessory uses and buildings, outfitter base camps, tourism base camps, dugouts and manure storage pits kennels, auction markets, truck stops, satellite dishes solar collectors, wind energy facilities, wind farms, forestry, dwelling groups, temporary work camps, transloading facilities, park model trailers, recreational vehicles, manufactured and modular dwellings, outfitter outpost camps, permanent work camps, temporary work camps, parking cannabis retail stores and cannabis production facilities.

AFFECTED LAND

All land within the corporate limits of the R.M. of Big River No. 555 is affected by the new Zoning Bylaw.

Maps are available to view online at www.crosbyhanna.ca/downloads

YOUR PROPERTY MAY BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY PROVISIONS IN THE NEW ZONING BYLAW. PLEASE CHECK THE FULL VERSION OF THE BYLAW, AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW OR PURCHASE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE OR FOR REVIEW OR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING website:

www.crosbyhanna.ca/downloads

REASON

The new Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development in the R.M. of Big River No. 555.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the proposed bylaw at the **R.M. of Big River Municipal Office, located in the Big River Community Centre at 606 1st Street North, Big River, SK**, between the hours of 8:30 AM —12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available to individuals at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

RM Council will hold a formal public hearing at **3:00 PM on March 7th, 2019 in the board room in the Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North in the Town of Big River** to hear any person or group that wishes to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Municipal Office before the hearings.

Issued at the R.M. of Big River No. 555 this 17th day of January, 2019.

Donna Tymiak, Administrator



Marvail Philp executes an impressive glide during her solo routine.



Advanced CanSkaters got their turn in the spotlight, and delighted the crowd with some of their many skills.

Students score rare win in Tremblay Classic



Grade 12 students accept the Tremblay Classic trophy on behalf of their team. From left: Zach Bell, Jennie Anderson, Corbin Long, Matthew Collins, Makenna Bloom, Sam Miller, Kyle Skavlebo and Rayden Stieb.

Over the past 16 years, the Tremblay Classic, an annual fundraiser hockey game between the staff (and members of the community) and the students of W.P. Sandin High School, has become a rich source of entertaining action, and more than a few games that have come down to the wire.

Named after local teacher Bryan Tremblay, following his sudden passing in 2013, the Tremblay Classic has been one of the school's biggest annual fundraisers, with the proceeds from admissions, raffle prizes, and on-ice games traditionally going towards the Kinsmen Telemiracle.

Over the past three years, however, the money raised has gone back to the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, to help raise funds for its much-needed repairs – those repairs have now entered their second phase, which will include the installation of new boards and a new ice surface.

Helping to kick off a frigid Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019, this year's Tremblay Classic brought all the hallmark excitement of the 15 previous installments of the showdown, and it also lived up to the moniker of "nail biter."

What was different about this year's Classic, though, was the fact that the plucky student squad managed to best the teachers, a feat they had accomplished in just two out of the previous 15 games.

That said, the game didn't start the way the students would have liked, as James Meyers took a feed from

Curtis Bloom and deked out student netminder Kyle Skavlebo to put the staff team up 1-0 in the early going.

Later in the frame, Devon Thorpe, always a thorn in the students' sides, gave the staff squad a two-goal lead, after refusing to be denied a goal.

After these few early stumbles, the students did manage to string some solid scoring chances together, but they were stymied by a strong showing between the pipes for staff goalie Kris Moe.

In the early going of the second period, which closely resembled the first, the staff took a three-goal lead on a marker by Trevor Miller, and perhaps thought they had put the game out of reach. But the determined student squad wasn't ready to roll over just yet.

Scooping up a loose puck in front the staff goal, Corbin Long buried a beautiful backhand to begin a three-goal streak for his team. Next, Sam Miller netted the second marker, making the most of a quick rush, and shoveling a backhand shot into the top shelf.

Then, a few short minutes later, Sam Miller scored his second of the night by tapping home a rebound that was basically sitting on the goal line.

With the score essentially reset at 0-0, the game became a back-and-forth shootout, with the teachers once more drawing first blood on a goal from Jody Smart, who was aided in his effort by some soft student defence.

The student squad re-

sponded with textbook one-timer off a perfect feed, netting Corbin Long his second of the night. But the staff responded almost immediately, with A.J. Ahenakew tapping one through the five-hole.

Rounding out the shooting gallery that was the second frame, the students tied it back up after Cameron Stene buried a rebound from the doorstep.

Energized after a strong

showing in the second, the student squad did something they hadn't managed to do throughout the first 40 minutes of the game: they took the lead, courtesy of a hat trick marker by Sam Miller.

The teachers would respond in kind, however, with Curtis Bloom knotting the game back up, and Murray Willoughby putting the staff squad back on top.

After coming up short on a penalty shot opportunity, the student squad would redeem itself, as Corbin Long tied things back up to earn himself a hat trick on the night.

Once again, though, the staff team responded; this time on a goal by Darryl Kress.

With time winding down, Sam Miller would earn his fourth goal of the evening on a shot that rode up the goalie's stick and into the back of the net. Then, just five seconds before the buzzer sounded to send the game to overtime, Burk Gosselin buried a shot off a breakaway to send the students to their first victory in years.

Following the loss, the staff team now boasts a Tremblay Classic record of 13-3.

As has become tradition, the game saw the stick of Brian Tremblay presented to the MVP of the student squad. This year, those honours were shared by the student goalies, Kyle Skavlebo and Jacob Feige.

And while the most exciting action was on the ice during the game, this year's Tremblay Classic, like so many others before it, had no shortage of entertainment between periods. The

first intermission featured a puck toss for a \$25 Co-op gift card, which was won by Cohen Tait.

Meanwhile, the second intermission featured a puck shoot for a loonie stick, and the post-game activity was a sock toss, sponsored by Shellbrook Chevrolet, for a 43" TV. That prize was won by Marissa Skavlebo.

This year, 132 pairs of socks were sold for the sock toss. And continuing the Classic's history of success, the game raised \$627 for Hockey Day in Shellbrook.



Kyle Skavlebo and Jacob Feige accept this year's MVP awards from teacher Joanne Tremblay.

VILLAGE OF PARKSIDE

Public Notice: Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Adoption

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council for the Village of Parkside intends to consider the adoption of a bylaw under section 29 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* (PDA), to adopt a new Official Community Plan (OCP) and adopt a new Zoning Bylaw under section 46 of the PDA.

INTENT: The OCP provides outlines the municipal vision for future land use planning in the Village and includes local land-use policies to assist decision makers in achieving this vision. It establishes balanced growth and associated servicing considerations within the Village and region. The OCP would be adopted by Council, and all future land use decisions shall be consistent with the OCP. However, the OCP is a changing document, and amendments may be made in response to changing conditions in the municipality. The second proposed bylaw known as the Zoning Bylaw will implement the policies of the OCP and establish the regulations for future growth and development within the municipal boundaries of the Village. Included are specific zoning designations to which specific permitted and discretionary uses are assigned. The Village's Interim Development Control Bylaw would be repealed and replaced by the new Zoning Bylaw.

AFFECTED LAND: The affected land is legally described as all lands located within the jurisdiction of the Village of Parkside. Specific Land Use Designation and Zoning Districts will be assigned to all lands within the Village and will be mapped.

REASON: The reason for the adoption of the Official Community Plan is to:

- 1) Ensure that the Village of Parkside remains a safe and sustainable community in the future.
- 2) Promote diverse and affordable housing options for various demographics within the municipality to maintain a high quality of life for all residents. It is important that local communities attract and retain permanent residents and families.
- 3) Regional collaboration allows for the preservation of environmentally, culturally sensitive areas, local water resources, and development opportunities for collaborative and complementary infrastructure and land uses. The retention of local amenities ensures the high quality of life and promotes recreational and tourism opportunities.
- 4) Encourage and facilitate economic diversification to establish a stable local economy built off agriculture and value-added agribusiness, consumer and tourism opportunities.
- 5) The identification of specific areas within the region for particular land-use development ensures appropriate compatibility between different types of development. These designations are regulated through the municipal Zoning Bylaw that reflect a particular character and community-inspired values, which preserve and enhance local identity.

The reason for the adoption of the Zoning Bylaw is to control the use of land for providing for the amenity of the area within the Village's jurisdiction and for the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality. The Zoning Bylaw includes the following zoning districts that provide standards for development within specific areas within the municipality:

- 1) **R1 - Residential District:** which is intended to provide for low- to medium-density residential development and other compatible developments.
- 2) **C1 - Commercial Core District:** which is intended to provide for general commercial development, and other compatible developments.
- 3) **C2 - Highway Commercial District:** which is intended to provide for highway commercial and light industrial development and other compatible developments.
- 4) **CS - Community Service District:** is intended to provide for municipal facilities, recreational areas, health and/or education facilities, and other compatible development.
- 5) **UH - Urban Holdings District:** which is intended for lands held for subdivision prior to rezoning to accommodate specific forms of development.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Village office on Tuesdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding any statutory holidays. Draft copies of the proposed bylaws are available from the Village office (hard copies at cost). Digital copies of the proposed Future Land Use Map and Zoning District Map will be available at www.northboundplanning.ca/public-notification. The Village office is located at 02 Main Street in the Village of Parkside.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 2019, in the Village of Parkside Heritage Centre located at 219 2nd Avenue West in the Village of Parkside to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received by the undersigned by February 21, 2019. For additional information, please contact Gwen Olson, Village Clerk at (306) 747-2235 or villageofparkside@yourlink.ca.

Issued by the Village of Parkside this January 14, 2019.

Gwen Olson
Village Clerk

Former Elks retake ice in thrilling alumni game

Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019 was host to a game that was both for the history books, and from the history books, when former Shellbrook Senior Elks from across the organization's history suited up to take part in an exhibition match.

For Shellbrook Elks fans of all ages, it was the first opportunity to see the senior team take the ice, since the team folded after the 2015-2016 hockey season.

And though most of the players hadn't competed on the ice in a while, they didn't leave the fans disappointed, scoring a combined 25 goals through 60 minutes of fast-paced action.

The Shellbrook Elks White squad got the action started early in the first, with Ryan Robin scoring on a quick snapshot right through Elks Black netminder Devon Spencer.

The Elks Black team pulled even minutes later, on an eerily similar play orchestrated by Chris Walter.

Then, Jeff Willoughby would give the Blacks the lead after taking a feed off of a Whites turnover and burying it behind Whites goalie Kris Moe.

This would signal a complete reversal in momentum, as Jeff Rask would pull the Whites even by chipping a puck in after a Blacks turnover, and Claude Dupuis would follow up to push the Whites ahead.

Rounding out a high-



Former Shellbrook Elks from across the organization's history showed up to make it one heck of a game, and a major highlight of Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019.

light reel-worthy period, Marshall Harris would put the Whites up by two – and unknowingly set the pace for much of the rest of the game.

If the first frame wasn't filled with enough action, the second period saw both teams double down on the goals, scoring a combined total of 11 through 20 minutes.

The Blacks were able to pull within one after Derek Klein buried a rebound, but once again the Whites would retaliate. This time, on a pretty deke and a tuck in the net by Jody Blais.

Picking up where Blais left off, Jason McComas buried another goal for the Whites off of the ensuing faceoff. But this would only spur on the Blacks, and a defensive lapse by the Whites would allow Travis Keyowski to make the most of a centering attempt by a teammate.

Following this up, Derek Klein netted his

second of the evening, snapping a quick penalty shot through Whites goalie Kris Moe.

Keeping the two-goal pattern alive, the Whites would respond with two goals of their own. The first came off the faceoff after the penalty shot, and was netted by Curtis Bloom, and the second was scored by Sheldon Moe.

Desperate to keep the score close, the Blacks would close the gap on a slow squeaker of a shot from Kevin Larsen. Then, Derek Klein earned himself a nifty hat trick to pull the Blacks back within one.

Within minutes, the Whites managed to undo all of this hard work, as Tyson Turgeon pounced on a rebound and an out of position goalie to rebuild his team's lead. Moments later, Jody Blais would net his second goal of the afternoon.

Continuing where they left off in the sec-

ond period, the Whites would tally two more goals to start the third frame, including a hat trick marker for Jody Blais.

The Blacks would respond in kind with a goal by Mason Wallin, but it seemed that every time they scored, the Whites had an answer. Scoring the responding salvo for the Whites in this case was Claude Dupuis.

Gifted with another penalty shot, team Black's Quinn Tait made no mistakes, burying a beautiful shot past relief goalie Kristin Cromartie. But Tyson Turgeon would do the same with a penalty shot for team White, restoring White's lead to five goals, and earning his second goal.

With the seconds quickly ticking off the clock, the Whites would manage to net one last goal. Then, Mason Wallin would score his second of the afternoon

for the Blacks, making up for a penalty shot he had missed moments earlier.

Unfortunately for the Blacks, this last goal only sealed a 15-10 defeat at the hands of the Whites.

Speaking to some of the former Elks after the reunion game, all had nothing but positive things to say about the experience, both on and off the ice. They also had memories to share.

Jason McComas (on the game): A lot of the talk during and after the game from both players involved and people watching in the crowd was that the game was faster and better than many anticipated it would be. Taking into consideration that most of the players aren't on the ice that often anymore I think the game was a great success, and that's a testament to the quality of players that suited up for the Elks

over the years.

Curtis Olsen (on what he misses most about being an Elk): You'd just always enjoy going to the rink. Even just going to a Tuesday night practice, it was something to look forward to being around that team. And we turned that into a lot of success on the ice.

Mason Wallin (on the importance of senior hockey in Shellbrook): The Silvertips play great hockey, too. It's great we still have a senior team in town. Without a senior team, your rink suffers. Any team you have in town, they're paying the fees and providing good hockey for people.

The roster for team White was: Kristin Cromartie, Claude Dupuis, Jordan Clarke, Jeff Rask, Sheldon Moe, Josh Peterson, Tyson Turgeon, Craig Valette, Drew Ferster, Curtis Bloom, Brett Robillard, Ryan Robin, Jason McComas, Marshall Harris, Nick Martin, Jody Keyowski, Jody Blais, Brendon Canaday, Neil Schatkoske, and Kris Moe.

The roster for team Black was: Tim Aug, Floyd Cook, Travis Keyowski, Trevor Miller, Chris Walter, Scott Moe, Jeff Willoughby, Walter Hintz, Derek Klein, Mason Wallin, Chris Thompson, Quinn Tait, Brad Creary, Trevor Ernst, Brock Fitch, Kevin Larsen, Curtis Olsen, Shane Callaghan, Matt Swaby, and Devon Spencer.



Ryan Robin celebrates a goal for his team with Brett Robillard, during the Elks alumni match.



Brett Robillard narrowly misses on a scoring opportunity from right in front of team Blacks goal.

Snaps from a successful Hockey Day in Shellbrook



A puck in the corner made for one heck of a fight when the AAA Midget Prince Albert Northern Bears hosted the Melville Prairie Fire.



Premier Scott Moe enjoys conversation with special guests Roger Millions and Robyn Regehr at the Hockey Day Sports Awards Banquet.



Kids found no shortage of creative ways to get around, when Shellbrook Elementary School had its community skating session.



Exciting plays like this scoring opportunity came often during the Elks Alumni game.



An I.P. player attempts to make a pass in front of a crowded opposing goal.



Debden's Rhea Peterson goes hard after the puck during the PA Northern Bears game.



Shellbrook Skating Club member Ashlyn Schmitz executes a daring spin during her solo routine.



Artie the Aardvark was a big hit when he stopped by the rink during Shellbrook Elementary School's community skating session.



A Saturday morning I.P. tournament, coupled with a pancake breakfast, brought folks to the rink early Saturday morning.



Staff player James Meyers made one heck of a move to open the scoring at the 16th annual Tremblay Classic.



Staff and residents of PIHC got in on the Hockey Day excitement, as well, donning the jerseys of some of their favourite teams.

Brain injury presentation held at Canwood Library

On Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m., Wapiti Regional Library's Canwood Branch welcomed Sask. Health Educator Jennie Knudsen who did a very interesting presentation on brain injuries.

Jennie led a discussion on the different lobes of the brain and how one could be affected if an injury oc-

curred to certain areas. Interaction between attendees regarding concussions, aneurysms, strokes, and coping with the stresses of brain injuries, were some of the topics covered.

Hand outs included: How to maintain a healthy brain, the signs and symptoms of a con-

cussion, a "Gotta Brain Getta Helmet" hand out for children and adults, plus a pamphlet that gave an overview of Sask. North Acquired Brain Injury Services that are available.

Most importantly, we were reminded that a brain injury should be reported and checked out by a doctor.

Refreshments were served with continuing discussions on brain health.

Sask. Health educator Jennie Knudsen provided an informative presentation on brain injuries.



GOOD NEWS

WHAT'S YOUR GIFT?

Dave Whalley (R) First United Church Big River

God has given everyone gifts in their lives. Gifts come in many forms. Some gifts we have—and some gifts we don't have. To me, wisdom is knowing what gifts we do have, and then using those gifts to benefit our world. Also, wisdom is knowing what gifts we don't have, and encouraging other people that do have those gifts, to

use them for the benefit of our world.

Sometimes I wish that I had the gift of music, and could lift up the spirits of all those around me with music, but I do not. I do wish that I had the gift of a photographic memory, but I do not. Those two gifts would make my job as a minister so much easier! There are times when I have focused my heart and mind on the gifts I do not have and that has led me to feel infe-

rior and worthless. There are other times, when the lack of gifts has led me in the other direction - they have led me to think of the gifts I do have, and how God has gifted me and prepared me to use those gifts for the glory of the Great Spirit.

The twelfth chapter of 1st Corinthians is an important chapter, as the Apostle Paul writes at length about the giftedness of the individual, and the giftedness of others.

Each person has an assortment of gifts. These gifts are given to us by the Holy Spirit, who is in each and every one of us. The Creator has given us those gifts for one purpose. That purpose, is for the common good of all people and the world.

The spirit chooses which gifts we have as individuals, such as:

--The gift to rejoice in ourselves and in others; which is to pray for ourselves and others.

--The gift of caring for ourselves and others.

--The gift of service to ourselves and others.

--The gift of praising ourselves and others.

These are just some of the gifts that we have been blessed with, but there are many others. Some gifts are more difficult to recognize, more ordinary in their appearance, but they have a huge impact on our lives and others, over the long term, and often they fail to receive the recognition that they deserve.

Third Avenue United Church in North Battleford was my home church when I was in high school, and it was a little bit like the church in Corinth.

--It had people with visible gifts of prayer.

--It had people that spoke more than one language.

--It had people with inspiring musical and singing gifts.

--It had people to inspire those around them to new heights of commitment to the church.

That church also had many other people who were quieter and less visible, who had different gifts. When I think about it all, I know which gifts stood out to me at that time in my life.

As I reflect on those days

at Third Avenue, I now know, that without all the gifts being offered and used by the church, the church would never have grown and the ministry of the Great Spirit would never have positively touched as many lives as it did, and still does today. Each gift of an individual has its place in our Christian faith.

Just before Christmas, two years ago, our two grandsons got a kitten for a pet by the name of Taz. While we were visiting there this past summer, I was watching Taz chasing his toy mouse across the floor. All of a sudden, Taz got the urge to lick his hind leg as he was running across the floor. When Taz stopped, and lifted his hind leg to lick it, he fell over. So, you will ask me, "What the heck does that have to do with the gifts that we are given by God?"

Well, actually, that image has everything to do with the gifts that we are given for God's use in our world. You see, we need all four legs, if our church is going to grow and flourish.

--We need the leg of Biblical prophecy.

--We need the leg of Biblical scripture and teaching.

--We need the leg of prayer

--We need the leg of caring for ourselves and others.

That is, if we want our church to stand and be vibrant today, and in the future, we need all four legs. If we lose one of those legs, the church will implode and disappear, just like the church in Corinth.

Each gift is important to our faith, and we need our brothers and sisters to give willingly of their hearts; for without them, we will fall down, just like Taz.

My friends, when every one of us knows what gifts

God has given us, and we use those gifts for what the Creator wants us to use them for, our purpose in life becomes clear. The task of walking together, working together, and praying together, will bring the ministry of Christ to life with love in our church. Each of us will shine with the joy of God's presence in our own lives. Other people will see what we have, and they will want it too. The love of God will be on all our faces, and our faith will be self-evident.

We have so many gifts that we can claim and celebrate, as individuals and collectively, as a faith community, as we let God's Spirit shine within us and through us. We all have enough smarts to know that we can't reach out to those who are missing from church, if we disrespect those who are hurting, and emphasize our shortcomings.

When we as Christians share a common direction and a sense of community, we will attract others to our fold. Again, I stress, we have all the gifts that we need, to take God's message to those who are not in our faith communities.

You see, all we have to do in order to attract those who are missing from church, is to demonstrate to our community and to our world that we are using the gifts we are given, to the utmost of our ability. We do share our gifts, but Paul is telling us to be more aware of our own talents, and use them more for the glory of God, not our own glory.

That seems little enough of a price for us to pay, to win more people to God, and minister to one another. God is love, and when we are sharing our gifts of God with each other; we are sharing the love of God with others.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion - Canwood
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

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside
10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Doug Hope
306-747-3572
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
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Lorne Valuck

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Currently meeting in
homes on Sunday morning
& Wednesday evenings
Parkside 306-747-2309
Leask 306-466-4498
Marcelin 306-226-4615

EVANGELICAL FREE

Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Michael Fahlman
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
2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Phong Tran

PRESBYTERIAN

Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
Broadcast on
VOAR 92.1 FM
Pastor Scott Manly
306-747-3305

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Service
2 p.m. Service 2nd Sunday
of the month
Diocese of Saskatchewan
Synod Office 306-763-2455
and leave message.

UNITED CHURCH

Shellbrook - Knox United
Sun., 10 am - Worship
306-747-3434
Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

MENNONITE

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

Lightning not just good – may make history

Break up the Tampa Bay Lightning!

The best team — by far — in the National Hockey League is making a mockery of the competition this year, losing only eight times just past the halfway point of the season, and are threatening to rack up a history-making point total.

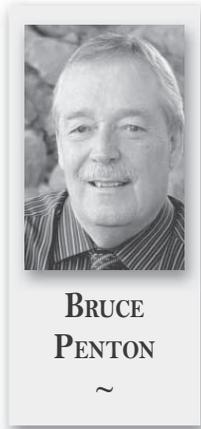
Back in 1976-77, the Montreal Canadiens accumulated 132 points, a standard never beaten. (Detroit Red Wings, in 1995-96 came closest, one point back.)

The Lightning, meanwhile, were on pace after 45 games to post 131 points. Pick up the pace by just a hair and, voila!, the record could be theirs. (Montreal's from 42 years ago would still be a more impressive stat, however, since it was done in an 80-game schedule, two fewer than NHL teams play today.)

So who's working the magic for the Jon Cooper-coached Lightning?

Nikita Kucherov makes the offence go, leading the league in scoring and, after 100 points last year, is en route to around 130 this year. Brayden Point, the Calgary native and former Moose Jaw Warrior, has emerged as great reward for a third-round pick, sitting solidly within the league's top 10 scorers and contributing almost half of his goals (12 of 29 through Jan. 11) on the powerplay. Steven Stamkos rounds out the Lightning's big three with 24 goals in 45 games. Ondrej Palat, Tyler Johnson and Alex Killorn round out the best top six forward unit in the league. Through Jan. 11, the Lightning had scored 60 more goals than they've allowed, equalling the total they accomplished all of last year, when they had the best record in the Eastern Conference (by two points).

On the blueline, Tampa also has the reigning



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Norris Trophy winner, Victor Hedman, along with other all-star calibre defenders such as Ryan McDonough and Anton Stralman. The 'no-weakness' lineup extends through the net, where Andrei Vasilevskiy is among the league's top talents.

There's concern of course, that going all out for a full 82 games chasing history could have negative repercussions in the playoffs. Last year's Stanley Cup finalists (Washington and Vegas) finished fourth and

third in their respective conferences.

Injuries are always the wildcard in playoff scenarios, but assuming the Lightning stay healthy, come this spring they could be chasing history as well as the Stanley Cup.

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Golfer Thomas Bjorn marked his European team's Ryder Cup victory by getting a butt tattoo. There was an awkward moment in the process when some guy yelled 'get in the hole.'"

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Chargers guard Forrest Lamp gave each of his teammates — drum roll, please — lamps for Christmas. Unfortunately for the Packers, teammate Davon House didn't think of it first."

• Pablo Torre of ESPN, not impressed with the Lions coach boasting a degree in aeronautical engineering: "Matt Patricia seems to belong to

the Wile E. Coyote school of rocket science."

• Randy Turner of the Winnipeg Free Press, on Twitter: "The unique part about Regina hosting an NHL Jets game is when the players will have to yell "TRACTOR!!!" and stop the game every few minutes just to keep traffic moving."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on the U.S. college national championship football game: Tua Tagovailoa (Alabama) sure looks like an NFL quarterback tonight. Unfortunately the QB he looks like is Mark Sanchez."

• Jack Finarelli, (thesportscurmudgeon.com), laments that if Andy Reid of the Chiefs fails to win a Super Bowl, "he would be consigned to the "Hall of Very Good Coaches."

• RJ Currie again: "From the ironic files: Eagles backup QB Nick Foles achieving near sainthood in Philadelphia, the city that fa-

mously booed St. Nick."

• Dwight Perry's 'criminal of the week': "An Oklahoma woman is facing fines up to \$2,400 after she bragged about killing a deer out of season on the dating app Bumble. The potential suitor she was trying to impress turned out to be McIntosh County game warden Cannon Harrison."

• Dwight Perry again: "The College Football Hall of Fame says it will add the Goodyear Blimp as an honorary member. Making it the biggest air-filled immortal since the basketball hall inducted Dick Vitale in 2008."

• Seattle baseball fan Darren Rawie, via Twitter, on 2019 marking the 50th anniversary of the ill-fated Pilots: "And with all the offseason moves, the Mariners have blessed us with our third expansion team."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Shellbrook Curling Club hosts senior women's qualifier

In what turned out to be a bit of happenstance, the Shellbrook Curling Club earned the opportunity to host the 2018-2019 Affinity Credit Union Senior Women's Qualifier Bonsel #2, and the event just so happened to coincide with the Hockey Day in Shellbrook festivities.

This meant that both the Curling Club lounge and the Shellbrook Arena were filled to capacity, as five of the top senior women's teams in the province vied for one of four available slots at Provincials from Jan. 18 to 20.

"We were happy with the turnout, as some locals came out to cheer on the teams. The upstairs was steady with folks milling about from the Hockey Day festivities on both Friday and Saturday so they too had the opportunity to take in some curling," said the Curling Club's Tricia Bell.

As one of the main local organizers of the event, Bell says that it's always beneficial to the club to host Curl-Sask events, because it helps get the club's name out there.

"It is certainly beneficial for our club to host these events as it brings in teams from all over the province, so they get to experience what great

facilities we have to offer," she said. "We have excellent ice conditions and provide them a very welcoming experience that they sometimes do not receive when in larger cities."

While conceding that hosting these types of events isn't a guaranteed money making endeavour for the club, she adds that the hope is that the competitors did leave a few dollars behind at the lounge, and at local businesses and restaurants.

Though the action on the sheets was the main attraction for the curlers and curling enthusiasts, the curling club did treat the teams to a luncheon between Saturday's round robin draws, with some generous help from Shellbrook Bigway's Chrissy and Jody Lanovaz, and luncheon sponsor Affinity Credit Union.

This, Bell explains, gave the club yet another chance to promote itself, and the community, as Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski and Curling Club president Paul Beaulieu were tasked with saying a few words.

Beyond that, though, it was all about the curling action, which Bell says was made possible by Ron and Debbie Cripps.

"We could not host these events



without the commitment of our ice makers as Ron and Debbie Cripps did spend a lot of their weekend there getting the ice prepared before each of the draws. We're so glad to have their commitment," she said.

After three days of competitive curling, the Lemberg, Sask. foursome of skip Kim Hodson, third Heather Walsh, second Sheila Jarocki, and lead Keri-Lynn Schikowski emerged undefeated at 4-0.

Just behind them was skip Peggy

Fernquist's team out of Saskatoon with a 3-1 record, and Merle Kopach's rink, also from Saskatoon, atop a three-way tie at 1-3.

Claiming the fourth and final provincial qualifier spot was Jacquie Swiderski's foursome from Christopher Lake, which topped skip Connie Rayner's team from Swift Current.

This year's Senior Women's Provincial Championships will be held in Rosetown, Sask. from Feb. 27 to March 3.

Highlights of an R.M. of Leask council meeting

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 which was held in the Leask Municipal Office on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Cantin at 9:30 a.m.

Present were Reeve Len Cantin, administrator Judy Douglas and the following Council members:

Grant Thiel - Division 1; Real Diehl - Division No. 2; Gordon Stieb - Division 3; Ed Musich - Division 4; Robert Girod - Division No. 5.; and Clarke Gossen - Division 6.

Gossen: That we adopt the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of Nov. 9, 2018. Carried

Stieb: That we remit payment of \$4,500 plus taxes for additional audit services for the 2017. Carried

Girod: That we approve the list of accounts for approval Cheque #11974 to #12029 and Direct Payments 426-447 for

a total of \$329,704.00. Carried

Musich: That we approve Council's remuneration Cheques #11027-11032 for a total of \$5,361.46. Carried

Stieb: That we approve payment of the payroll cheque # 418-425 for \$12,958.79, #431-436 for \$10,019.03; #11009-11026 for \$15,179.02. Carried

Diehl: That we receive the Budgetary Control report for November 2019 and December to date. Carried

Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Devon Donohue gave his report including: looking into internet costs, security system, and jaws of life. Repairs are being done to the fire truck. Mutual aid agreements, training, level of service expectations and fire fighters meeting items.

That we accept the fire chief's report as presented. Carried

Superintendent Vince Mitchell gave his report including: quotes for capital equipment,

maintenance work being performed, winter staff, road conditions and maintenance.

Girod: That we approve payment to Bucks Place for \$601.48. Carried

Delegation, 1:20 - 1:35 p.m.: Dami Reiter attended the Council meeting to request a donation of \$600 to the Marcelin Library. Council referred this item to her to check with the Village of Marcelin regarding the Lotteries fund money that we allocate to the Village.

Diehl: That we accept the public works report as presented. Carried

Delegation 2:10 - 2:30 p.m.: Marcel Baynton, our weed control officer attended the meeting to give his yearly report.

Gossen: That the reserve accounts be corrected to reflect the proper 2017 year end balances as follows:

- Municipal Reserve: \$27,829.92
- Fire Department Capital Reserve: \$20,754.28

• Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove: \$46,807.08

• Reserves - Building: \$8,624.00

• Reserves - Machinery: \$188,616.00

• Reserves - Linear Assets: \$249,498.15. Carried

Diehl: That we rezone Parcel G Plan 92B06722 of NE 03-46-08 W3 from Lakeshore Development District to Resort Commercial District. Carried

Diehl: That we read for the first time, Bylaw No 6/2018, a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 in the Province of Saskatchewan, to amend Bylaw 6/92 known as the Zoning Bylaw. Carried

Stieb: That the planning report, as presented by Joan Sanftleben, be received. Carried

Girod: That the Administration report be accepted as presented. Carried

Musich: That we provide \$2,000 for a water heater for the arena from funds in the Municipal Reserve fund. Carried

Stieb: That we agree to pay 50% of the arena insurance and utilities as well as provide grading and snow clearing in the parking lot for 2019. Carried

Musich: That we permit Morley Rudolf to haul over primary weight (75,000kg) until Feb. 28 on designated, approved routes in the municipality. Carried

Stieb: That the regular Council meetings for 2019 be set as follows: January 9, February 13, March 20, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 20, December 11, 2019 commencing at 9 a.m. Carried

Diehl: That the we engage Jensen Stromberg, Chartered Professional Accountants, Saskatoon, Sask. as our auditors for the 2018 audit at a rate of \$7,000. Carried

Gossen: That we table renewal of the waste management contracts from Loraas Disposal until further information is available. Carried

Gossen: That the municipality refrain from pursuing the acquisition of the rock on and near the property line of the Crown Hill gravel pit and the Department of Highways gravel pit. Carried (4 for, Cantin and Musich against)

Stieb: That we apply for the Beaver Control Grant for 2018. Carried

Gossen: That we approve the Sask Energy main extension to serve Lot 1-10, Blk 4 Pelican Cove, SE 26-48-08-W3; File: WR #288959. Carried

Diehl: That we approve the in kind report as presented for the Eco Action program that provided funds to support Mistawasis First Nation address impacts of flooding in 2014. Carried

Gossen: That Len Cantin be appointed to the Leask Museum Board for 2019. Carried

Girod: That the correspondence be received and filed. Carried

Diehl: That this meeting adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Shellbrook and Spiritwood curlers hit the big ice

Team Wasden and Team McNabb got an invitation to curl not only on the "Pinty's Ice" In North Battleford, but also with four of the professional curlers.

On Jan. 13, Dalton Wasden and Aleah McNabb from Spiritwood, along with their teammates, got invitations to spend a hour and half alongside Colin Hodgson (team Carruthers), Bruce Mouat (team Mouat), and Anna Hasselborg and Agnes Knochenhauer (team Hasselborg).

They learnt strategies, skills and how to play the game. After there was lots of time for pictures and visits. The teams were all given free jackets and tickets for the mens final game that morning.

Alongside Dalton was Brennan Stockmanski, Spencer Fox, and Burk Gosselin all from Shellbrook, curling out of Spiritwood.

Aleah's team was Ava Beausoleil, Brylee Jeffries, Kaylee Graham, and Sydney Winterholt, curling out of North Battleford.



Dalton Wasden alongside teammates Brennan Stockmanski, Spencer Fox and Burk Gosselin, and mentor Anna Hasselborg.



Local participants, and mentors, took part in a curling session held on the Pinty's ice in North Battleford on Jan. 13.



Aleah McNabb alongside teammates Ava Beausoleil, Brylee Jeffries, Kaylee Graham and Sydney Winterholt, and Agnes Knochenhauer.

Heritage rose trials

By Bernadette Vangool

My experience with roses in Saskatchewan has been gained from growing them in my home garden in Saskatoon as well as in the Heritage Rose Garden at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo. Generally, they have done better in my own garden, as I have well drained soil generously amended with compost at the time of planting. It is in a bit more sheltered location and I can irrigate when needed. My own roses are pruned in spring as well as through the growing season, with the removal of dead blooms and problem branches as they appear. With typically three weeks between working visits to the Rose Garden in the Park, problems become out of hand before they are dealt with. The evaluation below is of the heritage roses which have survived at the Park.

Spring Bloomers

'Hazeldean', a yellow rose introduced by Percy Wright, 'Prairie Peace' a yellow-peach blend introduced by Robert Erskine, and 'Suzanne', a pink rose introduced by Frank Skinner, will probably do well in many gardens and soil conditions. These roses flower in spring, although

'Prairie Peace' re-blooms sporadically throughout the growing season. Unfortunately, they all sucker profusely and require a diligent gardener to keep them in line.

Rosa Glauca, known as the red leaf rose, is grown as much for its foliage as its flowers. Its distinctive leaves vary from blue grey to burgundy depending on light conditions. The five-petal flowers are pink with a white centre. It does well at the Rose Garden, suckering somewhat but not invasively.

Continuous Bloomers

'Dr. Merkley', introduced by Frank Skinner, blooms well in spring and sporadically the rest of the season with a profusion of pink blossoms. It does well both in my yard and at the Garden, spreading by suckers, but easier to contain than the spring bloomers.

'Pink Masquerade', a Robert Simonet bred rose, is the only true climber that I have grown. Its thick canes grow straight up against our trellis at the Garden. The thorns are the size of a good-sized nail, so it needs to be kept trimmed to the trellis to prevent injury to passersby. With beautiful pink blooms,

it does very well.

The Pavement roses have very fragrant, beautiful blooms and large rose hips at the end of the season. While not bred in Canada, these hardy roses do well in our region. They can be cut down to almost ground level in spring and by mid-season will form a hedge if planted about 1 meter apart. At the Garden, I prefer these to have more height, so I usually prune them back a bit (but not to the ground) and remove diseased or dry-looking canes. These are great performers and perfume a large area which is nice when they are grown with other roses that have little or no scent.

The Bugnet roses are slightly scented, Rosa rugosa types. 'Therese Bugnet' is pink, 'Louise', 'Marie' and 'Reta' are pink in bud but open white. Beautifully formed shrubs, they do very well at the Forestry Farm gardens.

'Louis Riel' has similar foliage to the red leaf rose, but with blooms composed of five white, rounded petals. Introduced by Stanley Zubrowski, it does very well at the Rose Garden.

'Helen Bland', a Percy



"Suzanne" roses. Image credit: Bernadette Vangool

Wright introduction, is the only rose at the Garden without thorns. Pale pink, it attracts lots of pollinators and is a survivor.

'Scarlet Ranger', another Percy Wright introduction, performs very well at the Heritage Rose Garden. It does not sucker, has no die-back and blooms continuously, but its scarlet blooms are somewhat imperfect. This is perhaps why it was never been picked up for wider distribution.

'Hansa', which I inherited when I bought my house in

1981, is still hanging in there despite major neglect on my part. It has beautiful, fragrant purplish-red roses.

Bernadette Vangool is a long-time member of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society.

This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; saskperennial@hotmail.com). Check our website (www.saskperennial.ca) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/saskperennial) for a list of upcoming gardening events.

How to improve circulation



The human body is a complex, efficient machine. One highly important component of that machine is the circulatory system, which sends blood, oxygen and nutrients throughout the body.

In perfectly healthy bodies, blood, oxygen and nutrients circulate throughout the body without issue. However, several conditions, including obesity and diabetes, can contribute to poor circulation, which is not a stand-alone condition but rather a byproduct of another serious health issue.

According to the health information site Healthline, when the circulatory system is not working at optimal capacity, people may experience tingling, numbness and throbbing or stinging pain in the limbs. Pain and muscle cramps also may result from poor circulation, the symptoms of which vary depending on the causes.

For example, someone whose circulation issues are a result of peripheral artery disease may experience different symptoms than someone whose circulation has been compromised by

diabetes.

Because issues affecting the circulatory system are complex, it's important for men and women to learn how to address such issues if they suspect their systems have been compromised.

- Visit your physician. Poor circulation results from various health issues, so people who think they are dealing with poor circulation should not try to address the issue on their own. Rather, the best way to improve circulation is to visit a physician the moment you note a symptom. Doctors will confirm if patients are experiencing circulation issues and diagnose what's causing those issues. Doctors also will work with their patients to devise a course of treatment for the issue that's causing their poor circulation.

- If necessary, lose weight and keep it off. Obesity is one of the conditions that can contribute to poor circulation. So many people who are diagnosed with poor circulation may be advised to lose weight and keep the weight off once it's been lost. A 2009 study published in the International Journal of Cardiology found that losing weight helped obese women improve their circulation. A healthy diet that includes fish like salmon that is high in omega-3 fatty acids, which have been

shown to improve circulation, can help people lose weight and maintain healthy weights going forward.

- Consider yoga. A 2014 review of an assortment of peer-reviewed studies found that yoga can have a positive impact on risk factors for cardiovascular disease. A low-impact exercise, yoga can compress and decompress veins, potentially improving circulation. It takes time to master yoga positions, but even beginners who cannot fully perform poses during a yoga regimen can benefit from doing the exercises to the best of their abilities.

Poor circulation is a byproduct of various conditions. Once a condition has been diagnosed, patients can help themselves by taking various steps to improve their circulation.



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Carl Pilkey

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December 24th, 1933 - January 14th, 2019

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father and dear friend. Carl passed away suddenly on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at the Dr.

F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital in Moose Jaw, SK.

Carl was predeceased by his wife, Anne; son, Brian; parents, Frederick and Elsie; and sisters, Alma Timbers and Irene Bacon. Carl will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by his sons: Dale (Laurie) and their daughters Allison and Nicole; Evan (Corinne) and their son Landon; Terry (Cathy) and their daughters Caitlyn and Meghan; granddaughter, Risa (Derrick); great-grandchildren, Blayne and Cooper; grandson, Jeremy (Kerry); as well as his loving caregivers, Lita Genilazo and Marivic Alfonso. He will also

be greatly missed by his brother, Ken; sister-in-law, Mary McCready; many nieces and nephews; plus many, many friends.

Carl migrated west from Stouffville, Ontario as a teenager along with six friends. In 1954 he married the love of his life, Anne Skarpinsky in Moose Jaw. Anne and Carl made their home in Moose Jaw, Pangman, Assiniboia, and finally back in Moose Jaw. Where ever they lived, they made great friends, had many good times, and lasting memories. Carl was involved in numerous business ventures over the years, many of them very successful. From

construction laborer to entrepreneur, no matter what the venture was, he always saw a way to achieve beyond what others thought was possible. Some of his businesses include - Inland Construction, Leeville Construction, Frontier Construction, Cardinal Construction, Dura Structures, and Home Hardware.

In addition to his business ventures, he had multiple real estate developments and holdings throughout western Canada. From hospitals to schools, his companies had a hand in constructing many of the legacy buildings in southern Saskatchewan and Alberta. Above all, he valued most his business partners who became life-long friends. Carl was passionate about giving back to the community. He served in civic politics for 25 years, of which 16 years were as Mayor of Assiniboia. He served as both Kinsmen District Deputy Governor and President of the Kinsmen Club in Assiniboia. He served

on a number of corporate boards as well as community boards, primarily in the health service sector. In 1992, his achievements were recognized by the government of Canada when he was awarded with a Commemorative Medal in recognition of significant contribution to compatriots, community and to Canada.

Carl loved to entertain, so much so that he built a patio and garage designed around his barbecue. The Pilkey door was always open and all were welcomed. Carl was an avid Roughrider fan, a 47 year season ticket holder, and attended several Grey Cups with family and friends. Carl loved to fish, both for the sport and maybe more so, for the camaraderie. He went west coast deep-sea fishing annually, and more frequently to his favorite Saskatchewan fishing holes, Waskesiu and Dore Lake. He loved to travel and live life to the fullest. His love for travel was evident as he frequently traveled

throughout Canada, the US, and the world. Right up to his last day he was planning his travel itinerary for the upcoming year.

A Celebration of Carl's Life was held on Monday, January 21st, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Church, 1550 Main St N, Moose Jaw, SK. Pastor Barry Taylor officiated and interment has taken place at Rosedale Cemetery. A Visitation for Family and Friends was held on Sunday, January 20th, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Moose Jaw Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carl's name may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Sask, 2360-2nd Ave, Regina, SK S4R 1A6, or STARS Air Ambulance, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570, Calgary, AB T2E 8M7 <https://foundation.stars.ca/SK-donatenow>. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. James Murdock, Funeral Director 306-693-4550 www.moosejawfuneralhome.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Books, Movies, Magazines, Children's Section, Internet, Printing, Study/Meeting Space, Proctor Service, Community Programming. Hours: Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm; Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Regular Library Hours - Tues. 1 - 5 p.m., Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 4 pm & Friday 1 - 5 pm. Storytime: Fridays 2 pm. Play cards the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. Crafter's Choice the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

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.

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library is open Tues. 10:30 am - 5:30 pm; Thur. 2 pm - 8 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

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SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., Jan. 25, Trolls; Fri., Feb. 8, Beautiful Boy; Fri., Feb. 22, Incredibles 2. Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

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It is with heartfelt sadness that the family of Harry Pease announce his passing on January 4, 2019 at the age of 89 years. Harry was born January 4, 1930 in Moose Jaw, SK to Ernest and Lily Pease.

In 1951 he met Chris and they wed February

22, 1952. They moved to Buckland in the spring of 1952 and took up grain and poultry farming. They farmed in Buckland until 1980 then moved to Canwood in the spring of 1981 to farm there until 1996. Harry and Chris retired to their acreage just east of Canwood. They were able to travel to Yuma for the winters for the next 19 years. Everyone was always welcome at their home and the dinner table. Family and friends have many fond memories of visits and celebrations. Harry's hearty laugh and ready smile were contagious.

Harry is lovingly remembered by his wife of 66 years, Chris, daughter Yvonne (Lance), sons Elvin, Lyndon (Tracy),

Darwin (Sharilynn), Robin (Deanna), 13 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, sister Sharon (Casey) and brother Read (Barbara).

A Celebration of Life was held at the Elk's Hall in Canwood Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Doris Wi-deen-Bazley officiating. In lieu of other tributes, donations in memory of Harry may be made to the Canwood Curling Club.

Those wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Donna Lovberg - Director (Shellbrook 306-747-2828).

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Mitacs funding sparks student innovation

Pilot project advances applied research for industry partners

Five Saskatchewan Polytechnic students are tackling bullying and creating augmented reality systems with innovative new applications they've developed through applied research projects.

The students, enrolled in the Computer Systems Technology diploma program, are the first polytechnic recipients of Mitacs funding in Canada, thanks to a new pilot project recently opened to Canadian colleges and polytechnics. Mitacs is a national, not-for-profit organization that has designed and delivered research and training programs in Canada for 19 years. Working with polytechnics, colleges, universities, 4,000 companies, and both federal and provincial governments, Mitacs builds partnerships that support industrial and social innovation by funding student research internships.

"This was a trial to find out how well polytechnics and colleges could take advantage of this program, and the results turned out to be a win-win for both the students and their industry partners" says Dr. Terry Peckham, research chair with the Digital Integration Centre of Excellence.

Students Chris Nguyen, Draden Sawkey and Rafael De Luna part-

nered with the Restorative Action Program (RAP), a non-profit group that works with Saskatoon's public and Catholic high school divisions. RAP provides local high schools with facilitators who offer students counselling, conflict resolution and leadership skills training.

Peckham says RAP needed a new system to measure the effectiveness of their program. "Until our students became involved all RAP could do was use anecdotal evidence, so we've started the process of building a system to track and quantifying some of those results."

He adds that no one in the field has addressed this challenge. As a result, "within a few years they will probably become the leading re-

search base for this type of interaction with high school students throughout the world."

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Mitacs funding sparks student innovation

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"We were very impressed with the entire process," says Winston Blake, RAP's executive director. He says RAP originally approached Sask Polytech with the idea of digitizing their current system, but the

students explained why a complete overhaul with real-time, quantifiable data would better serve their needs. "The students were able to educate us about how technology can work within the context of our program," says Blake. "They helped us understand

the availability of current technology to actually meet our needs."

The other Mitacs grant supported a partnership project with Glacier FarmMedia (GFM). The students, Corey Janzen, Luke MacNeil and Rafael De Luna, were tasked with creating an augmented reality application for GFM's Ag in Motion outdoor farm expo, held annually near Langham. With a three-day show that has over 450 exhibitors and 30,000 visitors, Ag in Motion had a very specialized need for a custom app.

By downloading the app onto their cellphones, expo attendees gained access to wayfinding information, event details and schedules, bonus information about crop varieties, the inner workings of farm machinery and much more. In return, GFM's exhibitors (and GFM themselves) gained crucial insight into the attendees' interests and behaviour, such as how many attendees walked by each booth, how many stopped and for how long. "There are all sorts of wonderful types of tracking information that the exhibitors get, and Ag in Motion needs," says Peckham.

Ag in Motion plans to continue development of the app, with enhancements coming forward each year.

The impact of these applied research internships is mutually beneficial for students and industry partners. Industry partners gain access to cutting-edge technologies that lead to measurable outcomes, while the students gain knowledge that is very difficult to obtain in a classroom setting.

"The skill sets the students learn are incredibly valuable," says Peckham. "Our students were able to impress the clients enough that they're coming back for more work, and the companies get to move their applied research projects forward that they weren't able to move forward before."

Wheat genome blueprint accelerates innovation

**Written by
Sarith Peiris**

Breakthrough research in creating a comprehensive blueprint of the wheat genome will bring disruptive innovation to wheat breeding, predicts University of Saskatchewan crop scientist Curtis Pozniak, whose team played a key role in the successful international wheat genomics project.

"The wheat blueprint will enable us to decipher the genetic basis of important traits in wheat, such as genes responsible for resistance to fungal diseases and pests. That is the disruptive part. What took years to do before can now be done in a matter of a few weeks," said Pozniak, a wheat breeder at the Crop Development Centre (CDC) in USask's College of Agriculture and Bioresources.



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Wheat genome blueprint accelerates innovation

New knowledge generated by the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium over the past 13 years is expected to have a huge impact on global food security, with the planet's population projected to reach 9.6 billion within three decades.

"From a breeding perspective, the blueprint will enable us to develop DNA markers for breeding. These markers will allow us to improve the efficiency of selecting important traits, which will ultimately help produce better wheat varieties over the long term," Pozniak said.

The next step for the US-

ask team will be to lead the 10+ Wheat Genome Project—a larger-scale international initiative to sequence more than 10 cultivated wheat varieties from the main growing areas across the globe.

"We are very excited about this project. The idea is not use just one genome sequence, but make a comparative analysis of many sequences simultaneously," Pozniak said. "To understand what genes do in wheat plants, you need multiple sequences so you can start comparing to really appreciate all of the differences. You can then associate these differences with important traits we



University of Saskatchewan crop scientist Curtis Pozniak.

select in breeding programs."

Andrew Sharpe, director of genomics and bioinformatics at USask's Global Institute for Food Security and co-lead with Pozniak

on the wheat genomics research, is also excited that the new project will yield a lot of data on genomic variation that will help the agriculture industry respond to environmental

changes.

"We're hoping to work out all the different gene variations that could have an impact on traits," Sharpe said. "Basically, we will end up with a catalogue of variation and how it impacts a crop in the field."

Because the CDC has been involved from the beginning of the wheat genome project, researchers here have the benefit of a two- to three-year early access to the information, he said.

"You will see that reflected in the new varieties that ultimately come out of the breeding pipeline," Sharpe said.

"By helping with selecting the most optimal plants in a breeding cycle, you end up with better performing cultivars being generated quicker than they were. That's important, particularly in a changing climate," said Sharpe.

Kirby Nilsen, a recent USask PhD graduate and now an assistant plant breeder at CDC, is among the first researchers worldwide to use the blueprint to develop pest-resistant wheat crops. He used the genome sequence to identify genes responsible for solid wheat stems, which act as a barrier to sawfly damage.

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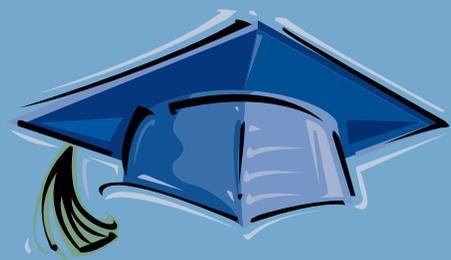
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Key services and scholarship provide life-changing support

From the time Caitlin Chometa began her journey with Saskatchewan Polytechnic it's put her on a positive path.

"It's changing my life," she said.

Caitlin was taking a year off

after high school with plans to begin her post-secondary education when the sudden loss of the father figure in her life altered her direction.

"I was very close to him and when he passed away it

made me think of what I really wanted to do with my life."

Caitlin began researching options and arrived at Sask Polytech, where Student Services introduced her to a wide array of possibilities.

"Sask Polytech has amazing programs," she said. "They told me about programs that I didn't even know existed."

Student Services assisted her in making the decision to enroll in the two-year Library and Information Technology diploma program, making sure the program was the right fit for her. Student Services also assisted Caitlin in filling out forms, accessing grants and getting settled into student life.

Caitlin is hearing impaired

and contacted Accessibility Services for support. Accessibility Services is committed to ensuring that equal access for students with disabilities is provided at Sask Polytech. Accessibility Services assisted Caitlin with accessing grant funding for technology that aids in her learning. She has also been impressed by the mental health supports provided to students. The passion and enthusiasm of her instructors also impresses Caitlin.

"Everyone I've encountered is so happy and positive about their jobs," she commented. "It makes me excited to be here and it makes me want to work harder."

Caitlin was this year's recipient of the Viterra schol-

arship. This award is for a registered Sask Polytech student with a permanent disability. She shared her Sask Polytech experiences at the Saskatoon Business & Industry Dinner.

"I didn't know how I was going to be able to pay for school. This scholarship has made the world of difference to me," she said. In addition to the funding aspect, the award has been a big boost to Caitlin in intangible ways.

"It has given me more confidence and reassures me that I'm going in the right direction." Caitlin can't say enough about Student Services and the support she has been given. "They really have gone above and beyond to help me."



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COUNCILS PUSHING FOR LESS TRANSPARENCY

Proposed resolution could mean the public will not be informed about public notices

Some town and city councils in Saskatchewan would like to end the practice that requires public notices to be published in community newspapers. Instead, they want you, the public, to rely **ONLY** on their websites and on electronic social media or emails to inform you. This means it will be up to you to regularly go and check to see if there is anything new you need to know before it is forever removed from public display.

Publishing public notices in newspapers is vital to the democratic process of a community. In most cases, the newspaper is also the only printed record of history for a community. Once printed, it can't be altered, erased or hidden.

“Public access” does not mean “public notice.”

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- Employment Opportunities
- Proclamations
- Annexation Intentions
- Changes to Fees and Charges
- Approval of the Municipal Budget
- Council Remuneration

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